

# Education. Leadership. Technology.



44,000+ lives impacted



4,300 leadership students & teachers trained



273 scholarships awarded



3,800 students attended after-school programs



250+ leadership & teacher trainings conducted



277
international
volunteers
traveled
abroad



\$18M invested in education programs



6,000 students trained thru e-learning programs

## What is Visions?

Visions Global Empowerment ("Visions") is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Irvine, CA that aims to enable sustainable development through education, leadership and technology. Visions is especially focused on enabling social change in communities affected by conflict, poverty, gender discrimination and disability. We envision a world where all people have access to quality education, are empowered to realize their unique aspirations, and are equipped to make positive contributions to our world.

## Where does Visions work?

Visions currently operates in the following countries:

- 1. **Sri Lanka** (since 2003)
- 2. **India** (since 2008)
- 3. **Ethiopia** (*since* 2012)
- 4. Nicaragua (since 2017)
- 5. United States (since 2019)

## What does Visions do?

Worldwide, millions of children face immense daily hardships that prevent them from accessing a quality education or preparing themselves for a meaningful, educated and independent life. Since 2003, we have labored tirelessly in creating educational and personal development opportunities that serve community needs and enable youth to improve their own lives and overall wellbeing. Our main efforts include:

1. **EDUCATION** – Every child deserves the right to attend school and receive a quality education. The educational reality for countless children worldwide, however, is fraught with hardships, shortcomings and neglect. Visions works handin-hand with local partner organizations as 'allies in development' to survey, craft, implement, finance and oversee meaningful education programs that address the many challenges youth face at all stages of their education.



These interventions are customized to the specific needs, culture and realities of each unique community, always with the intention of strengthening local civil society and empowering local stakeholders to ultimately take full agency over this work in the long-term. Interventions may look like a network of after-school learning and empowerment centers for rural youth in India;

a vital set of holistic services for Deaf children at our Awassa Center for the Deaf in Ethiopia; a residential boarding school for girls on a 437-acre campus in the cloud forest of Matagalpa, Nicaragua; or mentorship, scholarships and internships for unemployed youth in Sri Lanka.

**2. <u>LEADERSHIP</u>** – In most countries, personal leadership & life skills development is not part of the standard curriculum or the overall educational experience of youth, especially for those



who hail from underprivileged communities facing hardship and marginalization. Yet, the opportunity to develop these personal abilities and talents is essential to realizing one's full potential and leading a more meaningful life. Utilizing our own curriculum that has been developed, vetted, and adapted continuously since 2003, we aim to shape engaged, informed, and socially conscious youth leaders and global citizens at all levels, including primary & secondary school children, university students, professionals and organizations.

3. TECHNOLOGY – Worldwide, an estimated 750 million people are illiterate, 263 million children are out of school, and hundreds of millions more attend schools in classrooms that are under-resourced with educators that lack proper training. The proliferation of digital learning resources and platforms has transformed the field of education throughout the world, but it has yet to reach the vast majority of those who need it the most. Visions seeks to bridge that gap by addressing the challenges of access to hardware, electricity, internet and instruction, and making high-quality learning content and virtual collaboration



possible through technology. In particular, <u>TabSchool</u> is a major initiative committed to developing and delivering offline, high quality e-learning resources to under-resourced children globally through providing a collaborative, open-source digital platform offering tools for both creating and sharing high quality e-learning content for any language.

# How can I support/get involved with Visions?

- Join us on one of our international service-learning trip opportunities to see our work firsthand
- At home, support our work by spreading the word, hosting events, collecting donations, offering your professional skills, or starting your own Visions Chapter
- Make a tax-deductible contribution or become a monthly donor through our website
- Follow us on social media: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>
- Please email us at <u>info@visionseducation.org</u> for any inquiries or for more information!

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