

What is IDEX?

International Development Exchange (IDEX) is a San Francisco-based non-profit that partners with community groups in Asia, Africa and Latin America working for positive social and economic change. Together with our partners, we promote economic development and the alleviation of poverty; leadership and rights for women, workers and indigenous people; fair trade; youth empowerment; food security; and sustainable agriculture. We also actively educate the U.S. public about the challenges facing impoverished and marginalized communities in our focus regions.



Since 1985, IDEX has channeled over \$2.6 million to fund more than 500 projects initiated at the local community level that create positive social change and economic advancement for community members. With support from IDEX, partners built 15 healthcare camps and a hospital in Rajasthan, India, serving 40,000 mineworkers and their families. In Guatemala City, Guatemala, 2,500 families gained access to running water, electricity and paved roads. The Empowerment Village, a safe house in Hwange, Zimbabwe, opened to support, counsel and shelter thousands of girls subjected to sexual violence. These projects—and dozens more each year—are initiated by the communities that benefit from them. Ultimately, they improve the lives of tens of thousands of people.

“When you make a gift to IDEX, you know that you are doing good, not only in the broad sense of helping others and building a more just world, but also in making a good investment. I don’t think being good can get any better.”

*Kim Klein
Grassroots Fundraising Journal*

“People need to feel that they have the power to solve their own problems, otherwise they lose hope just waiting for the next handout to come. We base our work in mutual problem-solving with community members, in building their capacity to fend for themselves by working together.”

*Estela Barco, Administrative Director
IDEX partner DESMI, Chiapas, Mexico*

“Some of the most innovative work in economic justice is done by the partner organizations of IDEX around the world.”

*Kavita Ramdas, President & CEO
Global Fund for Women*

“Back in 1988, my high school anti-hunger group looked all over for a group to donate to and decided that IDEX was the best way to go. I’ve been a donor ever since, and while I can’t think of many other good decisions I made back then, that was definitely a great one!”

*Peter Furia, IDEX Donor
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*



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The IDEX Partnership Model

IDEX builds partnerships on the understanding that local organizations and the communities in which they are rooted know the best solutions to the problems they face. For development to be successful and sustainable, the community itself must have ownership of it. To that end, IDEX supports our partners in three ways:

GRANTMAKING

IDEX distributes at least \$13,000 in grants per year for an average of three to six years to each partner. Fundamental change at the community level is gradual and long-term funding secures the success of our partners' work.

ALLIANCE BUILDING

IDEX provides our partners access to U.S. resources such as the media, activist groups, funders, research and information. IDEX facilitates the exchange of ideas among partners addressing similar issues.

US PUBLIC EDUCATION

IDEX brings the voices of our partners and their communities to the U.S. public through conference presentations, community events, speaking tours, print newsletters, e-mail updates and our website.



Critical Issues

FOOD SECURITY

Worldwide, 840 million people lack sufficient food and up to 18 million die annually from hunger. IDEX supports local, sustainable food security projects to combat hunger. Food security means not only having access to safe and nutritious food now, but gaining skills and resources that will guarantee that access in the future.



FAIR TRADE

In the global economy, profits rule and small-scale producers suffer. IDEX contributes to changing this paradigm through fair trade programs that ensure a living wage, just prices, traditional and sustainable production methods, and safe working conditions for small-scale farmers and craftspeople.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

Many indigenous people experience discrimination and economic marginalization based on their ethnicity. IDEX initiatives work to overcome the barriers to civic participation indigenous people face, including poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition.

MICROCREDIT

IDEX fosters programs that provide small, low-interest loans along with training and education to entrepreneurs to initiate their own income-generating ventures. Microcredit is a community investment and ensures that the impact of IDEX grants continues beyond their initial year.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Many conventional agricultural techniques negatively impact cropland, the people that work it, and the surrounding environment. IDEX promotes sustainable and organic agriculture as an economically viable alternative.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Over 900 million women around the world live in extreme poverty. IDEX helps women build self-sufficiency and self-esteem through women's cooperatives and training programs, and empowers women by strengthening political and economic participation.

YOUTH ACTION

Youth living in poverty experience alienation, abuse and isolation. IDEX supports young people's efforts to gain skills and education, create opportunities, and strive for a better society.

YES! I want to support IDEX

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 \$1000 \$500 \$250 \$100
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