



About 2,500 deeply impoverished children in Delhi, India, began receiving life-changing benefits for the first time in 2013.

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## Family and Community

From school-feeding programs in Zambia to clean-water and sanitation services for underdeveloped areas in the Dominican Republic, we are able to carry out extensive community-wide initiatives because our centers are strategically located in the heart of underserved areas.

**We operate more than 80 community centers that are staffed exclusively with local professionals and volunteers who understand the specific challenges and needs of the residents.** The centers provide safe spaces for children to play and to study, for youth to engage in skills training and constructive activities, and for parents to participate in personal-enrichment workshops or avail of services that aren’t offered elsewhere in their communities.

When CI built a new center in her neighborhood in Guayaquil, Ecuador, 11-year-old sponsored youth Fernanda said people in her community were so proud they were inspired to make additional improvements. “Everyone joined together to talk about improving the entire block,” she remarked.

Our Youth Councils are contributing

to community development, too. They oversee community-service projects such as environmental cleanup campaigns, funding micro-businesses and repairing houses.

Providing emergency food, water, clothing and temporary housing in the wake of disasters is another way we help families in need. We are able to distribute aid swiftly and efficiently because our centers are well-established in the communities we serve, offering security and stability in volatile areas.

## Partnerships

Collaboration is the key to providing effective, economical humanitarian relief. **That’s why we are committed to securing partnerships and product donations. The additional support allows us to provide more direct assistance to children and their families.**

In 2013, Children International became a TOMS Giving Partner. Through this special partnership, hundreds of thousands of new pairs of TOMS Shoes were distributed to children around the world. The shoes are protecting children and youth from soil-based parasites that enter through bare feet, while promoting regular school attendance and easing the financial

burden on families.

Our collaboration with Planet Water Foundation is further improving the well-being of children, youth and families. Seventy “AquaTowers” are being installed in the Philippines, India and the Dominican Republic at CI community centers and schools in surrounding areas where waterborne diseases are prevalent. Planet Water Foundation is also supplying 10 mobile emergency water systems to CI communities in the Philippines. Our field staff can deploy the mobile units during natural disasters to produce safe drinking water from open sources.

Partnerships lead to educational gains, too. With financial support from the Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF), we launched early childhood development programs at three CI community centers in West Bengal, India. The classes gave children ages 3 to 5 a head start on subjects like English, math, art and music – an advantage that will have “lasting effects well into the later stages of their lives,” says the head of GKF, Mukund Padmanabhan.



Seventy thousand people will have direct access to clean water, and as many as 150,000 will benefit from health and hygiene education as a result of CI’s collaboration with Planet Water Foundation.