



Community Solutions Program

A Decade of Global Impact

By increasing civic engagement, improving gender equality, advancing environmental conservation, and fostering inclusion in their communities, Community Solutions fellows are at the forefront of sustainable change around the world. Focusing on complex economic, environmental, social, and political issues, CSP fellows partner with U.S. organizations to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges. The CSP network is proud to celebrate 10 years of community impact.

10

Years

748

Fellows

83

Countries

350

U.S. Partners



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A DECADE OF GLOBAL IMPACT

CSP provides community leaders between the ages of 25 and 38 from 99 eligible countries with an intensive professional development experience in the United States. After completing a U.S.-based practicum and leadership coursework, fellows implement a Community Action Project in their home country. CSP fellows have contributed **350,000** hours supporting **129** U.S. communities across **40** states and D.C. during their practicum. Their Community Action Projects have impacted **600,000** beneficiaries around the world.



📍 U.S.

Freda Jones

Transparency and Accountability

During her fellowship with the League of Women Voters of California in 2018, Freda Jones from Papua New Guinea coordinated a civic education program for youth in 10 local high schools. Freda's work contributed to the voting registration of over 5,000 students in Sacramento, strengthening youth civic engagement in California.



📍 Sri Lanka

Dr. Novil Wijesekara

Environmental Issues

Dr. Novil Wijesekara, CSP 2014 alum, has supported nearly 300 youth and religious leader ambassadors for climate change and disaster resiliency through implementing the first-ever youth climate summit in Sri Lanka, organizing the Regional Dialogue for Climate Solutions for South Asia, and facilitating the Pillars of Resilience Training and Interreligious Symposium on Community Resilience.



📍 Tanzania

Getrude Dyabene

Women and Gender Issues

Through her work training police on domestic violence and femicide, engaging student ambassadors against female genital mutilation (FGM) in 15 schools, training magistrates on the handling of domestic violence cases, advocating members of Parliament to amend the Domestic Violence Act, and other community initiatives, CSP 2019 alum Getrude Dyabene equipped over 4,000 individuals to prevent FGM and domestic violence in Tanzania.



📍 Syria

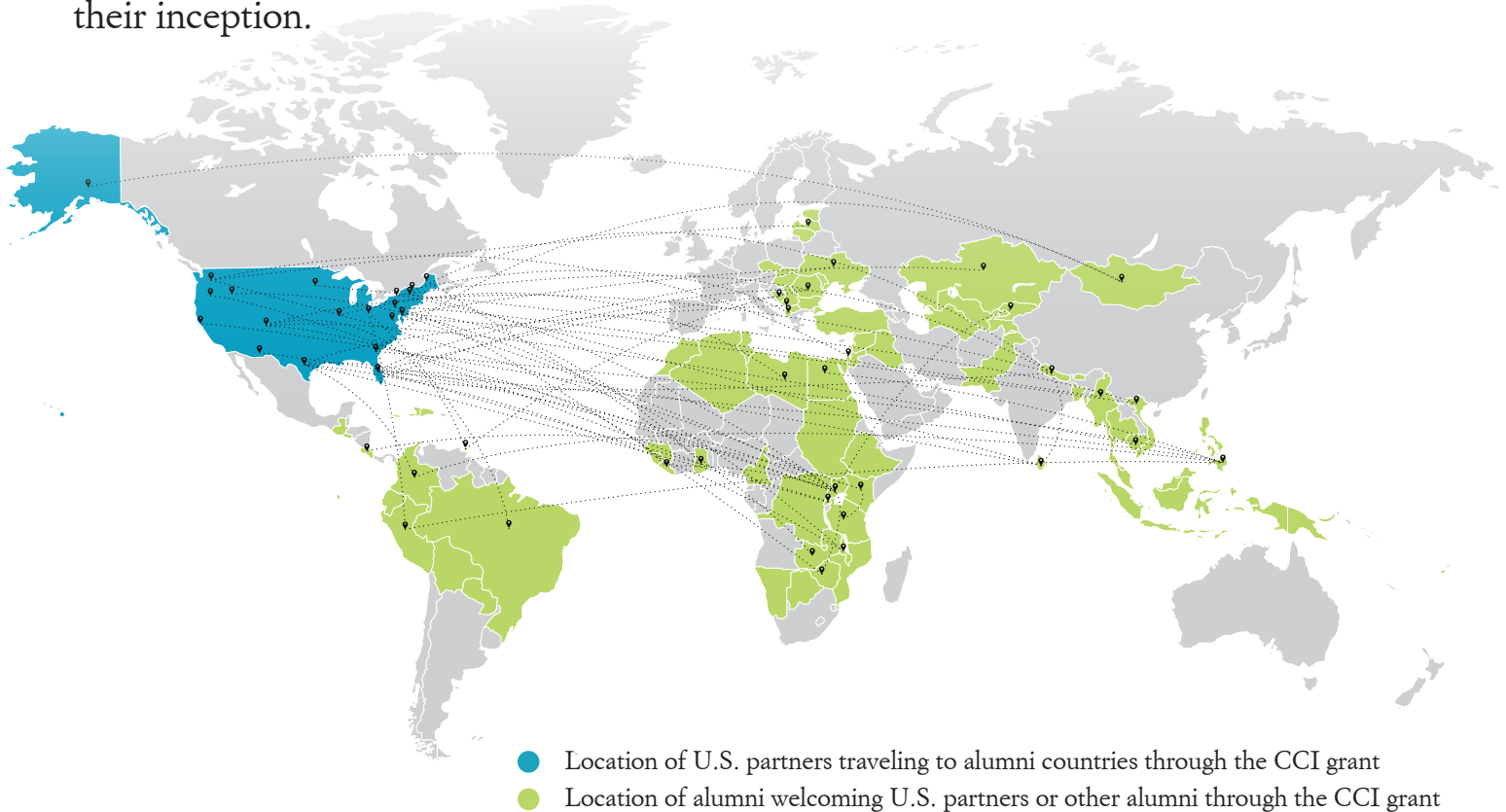
Massa Aboujeib

Peace and Conflict Resolution

CSP 2016 alum, Massa Aboujeib, provided psychosocial support to youth affected by violent conflict by engaging over 600 children who have experienced war trauma in art therapy workshops. In addition to these workshops, Massa published the children's book "How to Live in Peace" in collaboration with her U.S. host organizations, Kids for Peace, exhibiting how kids can contribute to healthy, multi-cultural communities through stimulating their imaginations and engaging in healthy communication.

COLLABORATING ACROSS CULTURES

CSP alumni and partners have implemented **64** Collaboration for Community Impact (CCI) grants. CCI grants support continued partnership among alumni and U.S. partners to further strengthen the impact of CSP's global community. These projects have positively impacted over **7,000** direct beneficiaries across **30** countries since their inception.



Alumni and Partner Spotlight



Utilizing the CCI grant, 2016 Community Solutions alum Abdulsalam Mohammed Daar from Ghana worked with his U.S. host collaborator Michelle Wilson

from Global Ties Akron to further build the collaborative partnership between the cities of Akron, Ohio and Accra, Ghana. The two cities are deepening exchanges to further build business, medical, cultural, educational and civic partnership opportunities, including a fair-trade agreement between the two cities and a university exchange program.



Jeffrey Weisberg of the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding in Florida has hosted fellows from Ukraine, the Philippines, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Paraguay, and Serbia, and traveled to the Philippines and Bosnia and Herzegovina to collaborate with alumni on community impact projects through CCI grants,

contributing to the development of restorative justice and conflict resolution globally.

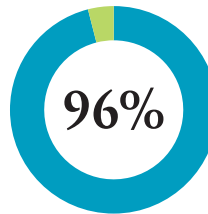
“ [CSP] helps expand the skills, knowledge, and impact our organization and the CSP community can have on the world through dialogue, exchange of perspectives, and intentional design of future projects.

-Jeffrey Weisberg

BUILDING A NETWORK OF INCLUSIVE LEADERS



CSP's leadership approach prioritizes diversity and inclusion through experiential, values-based coursework on ethics, conflict resolution, strategic planning, team and partnership building, and project management.



of fellows over the past decade have reported an increase in their leadership and technical skills as a result of participating in CSP.

Alumni Spotlight



As founding executive director of Himalayan Education And Development, Chhitup Lama, CSP 2015, implements a wide variety of services for people with disabilities in remote regions of Nepal. After his CSP fellowship, Chhitup expanded




his mobile school for children with disabilities in the Himalayas and continues to provide educational and vocational training programs while working to reduce stigma and raise awareness about blindness in his country and beyond.




Following her U.S. practicum in 2014, CSP alum, artist, and social entrepreneur Marysela Zamora-Villalobos from Costa Rica created Nosotras: Women Connecting - a global conference and platform for women leaders who are empowering women and girls by providing mentorship and training to strengthen their leadership and entrepreneurial skills. Nosotras has connected over 5,000 women

leaders and entrepreneurs in Latin America and around the world, expanding to Kenya through a CSP collaboration grant. In 2020, Marysela's project won the "SDG's and Her" Global Award granted by the World Bank, UN Women, UNDP, and Wharton University and the Wharton School Zicklin Center.

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