

HORIZONS OF FRIENDSHIP Horizons

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO END POVERTY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

Snapshot 2017/18: A Year of Achievement

At the end of each year we take a deep breath, relax, and look back at our accomplishments.

Thanks to YOUR generosity, during this past fiscal year we were able to support 16 partners with 19 projects in seven countries. Our work has directly benefited 103,211 people and indirectly, 198,894. That's an achievement we – Horizons, our partners, and you – can be immensely proud of.

Horizon's partners face difficult circumstances to change the conditions in which people live in their communities. (*See Protecting Human Rights in the South on page 1 of the newsletter.*) But they have the spirit and resilience to undertake and succeed at projects that are changing lives.

The many projects we supported last year tackled critically important issues, such as violence against women, food sovereignty and climate change, migration, community health and ancestral medicine, Indigenous rights, and maternal and child health. (*Read about our successes in all these areas on the next two pages.*)

As part of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) project in Totonicapán, Guatemala, we were able to meet midwife trainer Veronica and midwife Antonia, who came to Canada to discuss the issues most pressing to them (*see article on page 3 of the newsletter*). They walked us through their daily lives, challenges and achievements as they work to save the lives of Indigenous women and children. So far, the project has trained 943 midwives in safe birth and delivery and in women and child health. It's also provided essential equipment and medicine to health clinics.

We continue to look for opportunities to unite our partners and their work with the youth of Canada. In 2017, we took a group of local high school students to Nicaragua. During this 10-day experience, they saw firsthand how their school fundraisers are empowering Nicaraguan youth to be environmental and food security leaders in their communities.

As you know, the MNCH project received funding from the government; all other projects were supported with donations from different sources, including YOUR contributions.

As I reflect on the past year, it's clear our partners are doing incredible work. You are a key part of the process. Many thanks for making their dreams possible.

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Patricia Rebolledo
Executive Director, Horizons of Friendship

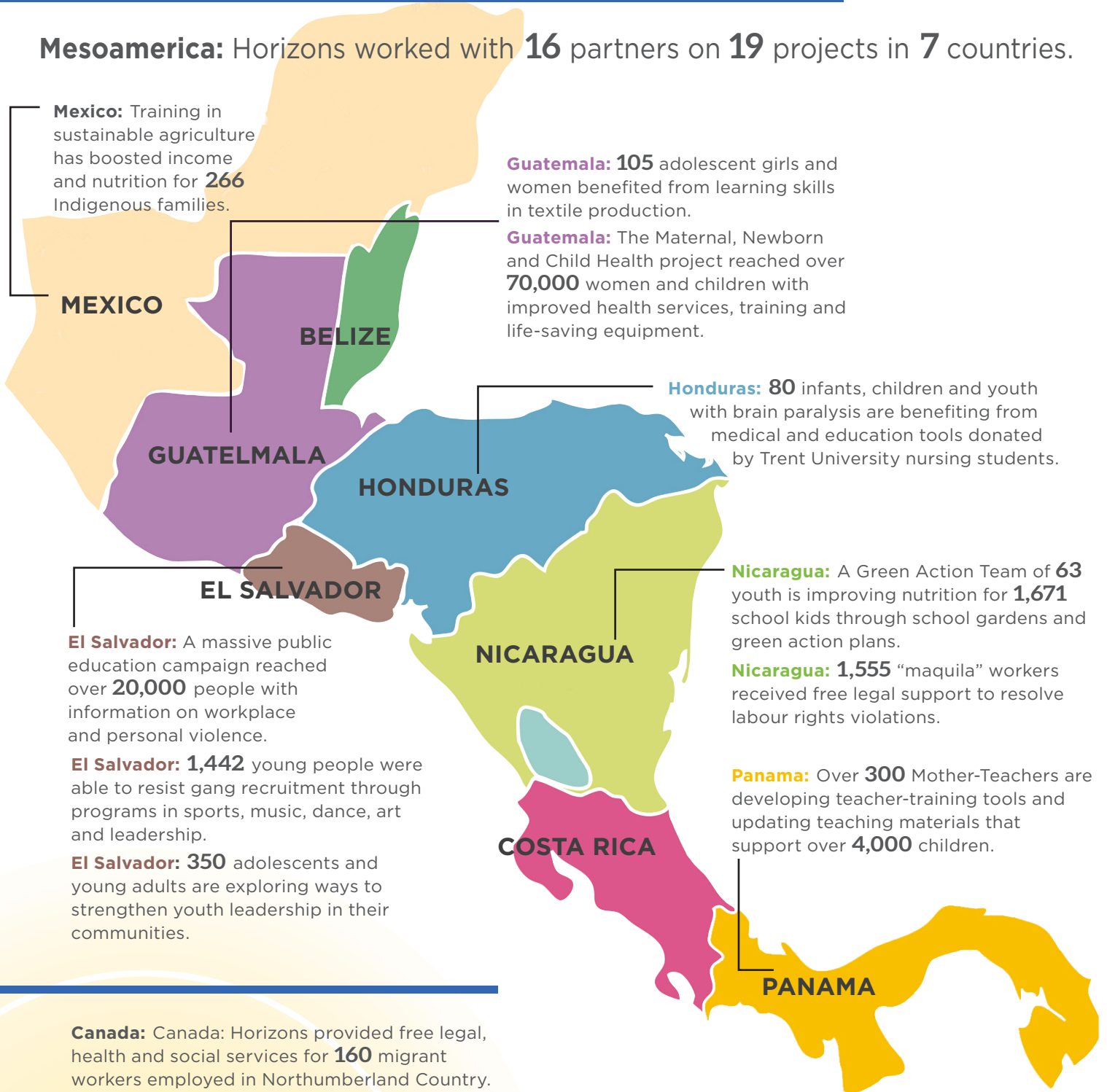


Juana, a young Maya K'iche girl, enjoys sopa de gallo (chicken soup) in her home. Her mother is one of the traditional Indigenous midwives being trained through the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health project in Totonicapán, Guatemala.

HORIZONS

YEAR IN NUMBERS

Mesoamerica: Horizons worked with **16** partners on **19** projects in **7** countries.



Canada: Canada: Horizons provided free legal, health and social services for **160** migrant workers employed in Northumberland Country.

Canada: **1,618** Canadians were engaged on the importance of strengthening maternal, newborn and child health globally.

stories of CHANGE



Candelaria is lifted onto a pickup truck for emergency transfer to hospital, her comadrona, Serapia, (right) at her side.

Candelaria

Verónica Mazariegos, a midwife trainer, has witnessed the transformative change the Maternal Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) project is bringing to Maya K'iche' women and children in Totonicapán, Guatemala. Verónica tells the story of Candelaria Chum, who recently gave birth to her fifth child at home. Helping her was Serapia Gomes, a traditional midwife, or comadrona, who has been attending the training workshops.

Following the birth of a baby boy, Serapia quickly detected a symptom of postpartum hemorrhage in Candelaria, a condition that's a main cause of maternal deaths. "Serapia was able to identify the warning sign because of the training she is receiving," says Verónica.

The comadrona quickly contacted the local Community Health Commission and Candelaria was soon carried on a stretcher to a pickup truck and rushed to Totonicapán Hospital. Both mother and son are now safe.

"The knowledge and equipment being provided through this project is helping save thousands of lives in our communities, just like Candelaria and her boy," says Verónica.



Diego

Diego 16, lives in a dangerous region of El Salvador where Horizons' partner ACUDESBAL (the Intercommunity Association of Communities Working together for the Economic and Social Development of the Lower Lempa) is working with 29 communities to provide sports, music, art, dance and leadership training for marginalized youth ages 7-25 at risk for gang recruitment and vulnerable to increasing violence.

"Soccer is a passion for me!" says Diego. He remembers when participating in activities like soccer was impossible. "When this project began, gang activity and generalized violence were at their height."

ACUDESBAL met with parents, teachers, religious leaders, civil society organizations and the police and invited their direct participation in the project to ensure children were accompanied to every activity and had safe spaces to gather.

The project has had powerful results! Communities have reclaimed spaces for recreation and educational activities, violence and gang activity have dropped significantly, and over 3,600 kids like Diego are participating in a range of sports, arts and leadership activities.

"My life has changed," says Diego. "This project arrived at a difficult moment in my life. I have grown as a person and I feel I have worth to myself and my community."



Nathan

For Nathan Rivera, a 10 year-old living in the outskirts of Panama City, life isn't easy. Nathan lives in Panama's "red zone", a low-income area notorious for gang violence, crime, and insecurity. Local gangs known as "pandillas" actively recruit youth like Nathan. "Pandillas always cause violence in my community. I never feel safe knowing they are around," says Nathan.

As children grow into teenagers and young adults, they make decisions that will impact the course of their life. With the help of Horizons and its local Panamanian partner, OMMA (Organization of Mother-Teachers), children like Nathan are able to attend community care centres to learn and grow. Activities range from math lessons and art classes, to physical education and Bible study; this opportunity works to supplement primary school education and maximize

the potential of children living in insecure areas.

When children have opportunities to learn and grow, they are less likely to turn to gangs for a life of crime. "I want to finish school and find work so that I can help my young sisters," says Nathan. "I want them to live a happy life with no fear."

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FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2018		2018	2017	STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018		2018	2017
ASSETS				REVENUE			
Cash		\$132,807	\$521,461	NGO Collaborations		\$103,756	\$110,900
Investments		207,153	407,350	Monthly Donations		97,767	104,184
Accounts Receivable		75,461	28,299	General Donations		129,265	136,346
Partner Advances		378,000	361,598	Foundations		464,987	205,504
Prepaid expenses and crafts inventories		37,875	18,109	Bequests		30,000	0
Sub-total		831,296	1,336,817	Thrift Shop		99,404	102,503
				Delegations		50,751	46,543
				Fundraising Events		39,477	42,644
CAPITAL ASSETS		115,552	115,421	Major Gifts		7,360	7,086
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS		1,202,680	1,071,696	Rose and Zal Fund		179	4,068
		1,318,232	1,187,117	Trent Nursing Brigades		23,407	0
		2,149,528	2,523,934	Oneness Fund		105,502	84,367
				Endowment Capital Funds		100,000	100,000
						1,251,855	944,145
LIABILITIES				GOVERNMENT GRANTS			
CURRENT				Global Affairs Canada/DFATD - Projects		2,107,626	1,405,366
Accounts Payable		\$12,204	\$25,918	Global Affairs Canada - Administration		252,915	168,644
Deferred Revenue		732,387	1,082,016	Global Affairs Canada - Interest earned on funds		608	1,800
		744,591	1,107,934			2,361,149	1,575,810
				OTHER REVENUE			
				Investment Income		125,196	40,928
				Miscellaneous		5,323	8,274
						130,519	49,202
				TOTAL REVENUES		3,743,523	2,569,157
				EXPENSES			
				Administration		170,373	156,715
				Operating		101,340	98,880
				Program expenses		3,190,266	2,113,341
				Delegations		39,256	26,174
				Thrift Shop		45,596	62,547
				TOTAL		3,546,831	2,457,657
				EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS		196,692	111,500
				Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments		(77,524)	153,915
				EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		\$119,168	\$265,415
NET ASSETS							
UNRESTRICTED		5,464	53,118				
RESTRICTED		1,283,921	1,247,461				
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS		115,552	115,421				
		1,404,937	1,416,000				
Total		2,149,528	2,523,934				

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