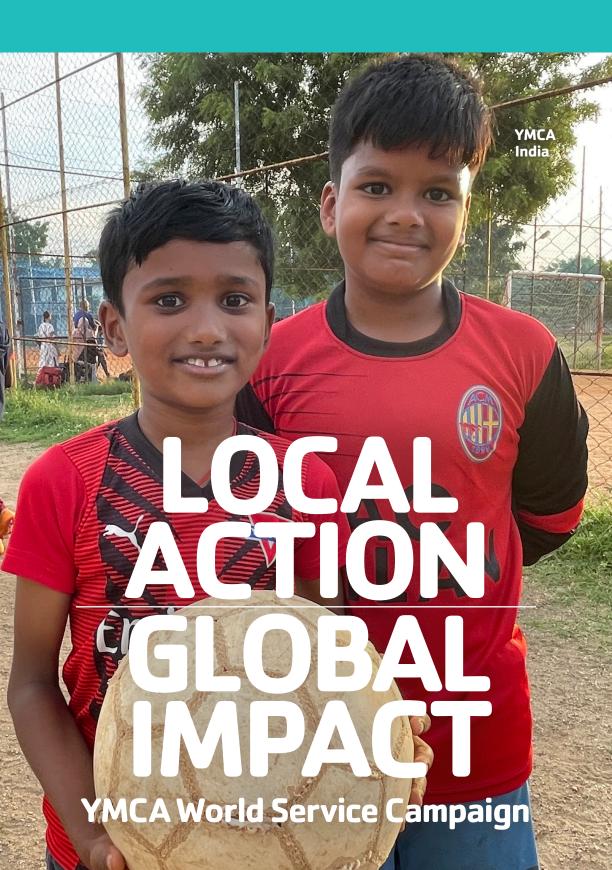


FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY





# A BETTER WORLD STARTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

For more than 180 years, the YMCA has been helping young people overcome barriers and access opportunities needed to thrive and ignite positive change. To do this, we need your help.

Millions of people around the world do not have access to quality health services, education and employment. They face enduring poverty and are increasingly impacted by natural disasters, war, and economic uncertainty.

15%

...of youth worldwide experience mental health challenges.<sup>1</sup>

# OVER 1 BILLION

...children are at very high risk of the impact of extreme weather events.<sup>2</sup>

## 120 MILLION

...people are displaced worldwide, including refugees and internally displaced people.<sup>3</sup>

## 64 MILLION

...young people, aged 15- to 24 years old, are not in employment, education or training, affecting their opportunities for meaningful work.<sup>4</sup>

YMCAs in 120 countries are uniquely positioned to address these challenges. Together, we are working to advance Vision 2030, a shared global YMCA strategy that helps young people and communities to build a better world where every person can reach their full potential.

 $<sup>^{1} \ \, \</sup>mathsf{Source:https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/adolescent-mental-health}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: https://violenceagainstchildren.un.org/content/climate-change#:~:text=Around%201%20billion%20children%20are,affected%20by%20the%20climate%20crisis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: https://www.unhcr.org/us/about-unhcr/who-we-are/figures-glance

<sup>4</sup> Source: https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/number-youth-not-employment-education-or-training-neet-cause-concern



"I am a longtime supporter and fundraiser for YMCA World Service. The work we do is so important, so critical in this time of uncertainty and turbulence around the world. We are a beacon of hope for many peoples and our work is important to sustain that hope."

HAROLD MEZILE
VOLUNTEER AND CHAIR, YMCA ALUMNI WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE

### GIVE TODAY OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

By giving to YMCA of the USA's World Service Campaign, you are helping YMCAs reach more children, teens and young adults with programs and services that enable them to learn, grow, thrive and transform the future of their communities. This vital and flexible support moves the Y's impact forward and creates a better world for generations to come.

Your contribution creates opportunities for young people to create a better future. World Service is overseen by the YMCA of the USA global leaders, who partner with local Y colleagues with a deep understanding of the local communities and needs to create sustainable change.

# YOUR SUPPORT CREATES GLOBAL IMPACT

By giving to World Service, you help YMCAs assist young people to thrive and create positive change. World Service advances Vision 2030, a shared global YMCA strategy to build a better world for all through four key areas: community well-being, meaningful work, a sustainable planet, and social services.



### **COMMUNITY WELL-BEING**

Supporting the health and well-being of all people

#### **YMCA UKRAINE**

In the midst of war local YMCAs in Ukraine are actively providing humanitarian support, social services and education to internally displaced children, families and communities. They are also partnering with a network of YMCAs in 18 European countries for refugee integration and rehabilitation, including camping, education, mental wellness, employment and more. Together, YMCA Europe and YMCA Ukraine have served over 400,000 people since 2022.



### **MEANINGFUL WORK**

Providing meaningful work and education opportunities

#### YMCA MADAGASCAR

The Madagascar YMCA is responding to the challenge of poverty through their "youth entrepreneurship for a better life" program. This program focuses on vocational training in business management, leadership, marketing and communication, career development and financial literacy. As a result, more than 3,100 youth have gained skills to improve their professional journey, daily income, and well-being. In addition, the program facilitated the creation of 1,303 youth-led small businesses.



### **SUSTAINABLE PLANET**

Taking action to sustain and care for our planet

#### **YMCA PHILIPPINES**

Caring for our planet is a shared responsibility of all YMCAs. The Philippines YMCA is growing its environmental work through youth-led initiatives that reduce waste consumption and train positive behavioral change. In addition, they share their expertise with global partners.



### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Humanitarian support for vulnerable youth and families

#### **YMCA MEXICO**

YMCA Mexico, with support from U.S. and Canadian YMCAs, operates a network of YMCA Homes for Migrant Youth to provide safe shelter, meals, counseling and family reunification services to youth and families.





**DONATE** 

donate.ymca.org

**LEARN MORE** 

ymca.org/world-service

**EMAIL** 

worldservice@ymca.net







# LOCAL ACTION FOR GLOBAL IMPACT



YMCAs reach young people in 120 countries to help them create a better world where everyone can reach their full potential with dignity. See their stories below.

# YMCA MISSION: TO PUT CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT BUILD HEALTHY SPIRIT, MIND AND BODY FOR ALL.



### **COMMUNITY WELL-BEING**

"The YMCA provides spaces for community members to meet and discuss problems and solutions for their neighborhood, helping to strengthen peaceful cooperation and community well-being."

#### **ISABEL**

**Program Participant, YMCA Colombia** 



### **SUSTAINABLE PLANET**

"YMCA Sierra Leone focuses on environmental education in 15 schools. We teach children about our planet and how to protect it. We know they will be better prepared to make a lasting difference in their community."

#### **PIOUS**

Project Manager, YMCA Sierra Leone



### **MEANINGFUL** WORK

"Our employment program, featuring hands-on experiences in advanced technology, prepares Romanian and Ukrainian participants for diverse and meaningful careers, including innovation and entrepreneurship."

#### **ALINA**

CEO, YMCA Romania



### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

"Our initiatives support women, children, and individuals with disabilities by providing essential resources and services."

> ISSAM CEO, YMCA Lebanon



**MEXICO BELIZE** 

**HONDURAS NICARAGUA** 

**COLOMBIA** 

PERU BRAZIL

CHILE

**BAHAMAS** 

PUERTO RICO"

**CAYMAN ISLANDS** 

**URUGUAY** 

HAITI

# **THE GLOBAL YMCA MOVEMENT**

COUNTRY with a YMCA presence

**YMCA World Service Support** 

\* With the help of YMCA World Service, YMCA Europe, the regional resource office for 44 national YMCA movements in Europe, coordinates all response efforts to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine, including internally displaced people and refugees who have fled to nearby countries.

## **CONNECT WITH US**

**O** GlobalYMCA

bit.ly/facebook-worldservice

**bit.ly/youtube-worldservice** 



#### YMCA EUROPE\* **GERMANY UKRAINE WORLD ALLIANCE OF YMCAs** MONGOLIA **MOLDOVA SERBIA ROMANIA SPAIN GEORGIA** KOSOVO **PORTUGAL NORTH MACEDONIA** JERUSALEM INTERNATIONAL YMCA EAST JERUSALEM YMCA LEBANON **ASIA AND PACIFIC ALLIANCE OF YMCAs** TAIWAN INDIA **SENEGAL THAILAND** PHILIPPINES SRI LANKA **SIERRA LEONE ETHIOPIA** AFRICA ALLIANCE OF YMCAs **TOGO MADAGASCAR ZIMBABWE**

# SUPPORT YMCA WORLD SERVICE

SOUTH AFRICA

**THANK YOU!** Your charitable contribution to YMCA World Service helps create more opportunities for young people. YMCAs around the world support young people in creating a better future for themselves, their families and communities. To learn more or make a gift, please email worldservice@ymca.net or visit ymca.org/world-service.

"That they all may be one..." John 17:21

# MAKING A GIFT TO WORLD SERVICE IS EASY



MAIL

YMCA of the USA—World Service P.O. BOX 7411037 Chicago, IL 60674-11037







All YMCA World Service contributions are administered by the YMCA of the USA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered in the state of Illinois. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and are acknowledged in writing.

The tax identification number is 36–3258696.

For more information about YMCA World Service, including planned giving opportunities, please call 800 872 9622 or email worldservice@ymca.net

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

YMCA OF THE USA

101 N Wacker Drive Chicago IL 60606 P 800 872 9622

ymca.org 502408 1/25