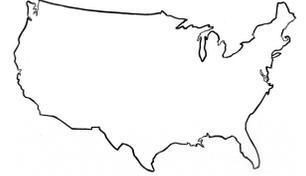


# WORLD CONNECT



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Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Project: Classroom Construction  
Investment: \$10,968

**WHO WE ARE:** World Connect is a U.S.-based global 501(c)(3) promoting locally-driven development across the world. World Connect expands learning within and beyond the classroom by partnering with schools and programs in the U.S. to promote global awareness, enhance cross-cultural communication and understanding, and empower students to believe that they can change the world. Each partnership is stimulated by projects, but driven by engaged and committed students.

**WHO YOU ARE:** A student, teacher, administrator, school, parent, and/or program leader looking to bring our global hands-on service learning program to your students. At World Connect we believe in empowering local leaders to drive change in their communities, a belief ingrained in each U.S. partnership as well. Because every school operates differently, World Connect can be integrated in a variety of ways. We work with you to create an individualized program for your your students and your school or program. Reach out today!

## Student Testimonials

“I found the experience with World Connect very meaningful. I learned valuable skills while raising funds and awareness. These skills are applicable to anything I will want to do in the future and to any dream I will want to see realized. World Connect also gave me the sense that no matter how complex the world is, and no matter how difficult a problem may seem, or how difficult it may be for a single person to take it on, by working together with other communities and people you can actually have a measurable impact. World Connect made me feel connected and empowered.”  
- Morgane

**HOW TO GET INVOLVED:** There are many ways you can get involved with World Connect, learn about global development and global challenges through our projects, connect with local leaders directly, and feel empowered to take action! Choose one of our three partnership models or create your own!



**WORLD CONNECT CLUB:** A World Connect Club can stand on its own or integrate into a relevant preexisting club. World Connect Clubs are led by students and supported by faculty advisors. A World Connect Club is a powerful way to engage an intimate group of students. Members read grant proposals, think about project implementation and sustainability, hone leadership skills, and develop a sense of global citizenship and connection with communities around the world.

**CAMPUS-WIDE INITIATIVE:** Campus-wide initiatives are led by an individual or group (a group of students, teachers, or even a World Connect Club!) who elect student



County: Cambodia  
Project: Clean Water  
Investment: \$10,901

leaders to be the point people to the student body. As in a World Connect Club, students learn about, present, and vote on projects around which to center their education and fundraising efforts. Important lessons about leadership, philanthropy, and cultural sensitivity are built into campus-wide initiatives, inspired by a tangible connection between communities.

**CLASSROOM INTEGRATION:** World Connect can be introduced to students as part of a lesson plan. Teachers find that World Connect can make curriculum tangible and exciting for their students!

## Student Testimonials

“I started working for World Connect when I was in middle school and the organization taught me at a very young age that I could be someone who makes a difference in global issues that I care about, like education and the well-being of children.”

- Lauren

“From eighth grade through high school, World Connect has empowered me to lead, learn, and explore. Because I have been able to choose which projects I’d like to support, my work with World Connect has allowed me to gain a better understanding of the issues I am most passionate about in a very real and personal way.”

- Marina

“To me World Connect represents growth. On a personal level, I feel that joining World Connect in middle school helped expand my world view.”

- Gen

# INSPIRATION

Below are strategies that our partners have used in the past. This section is meant to serve as inspiration for your World Connect partnership! We will work with you to address your specific goals and environment.

**Leadership Lesson:** At World Connect, we believe students have the power to change the world. Using a World Connect project as inspiration, a teacher designs a curriculum around leadership, that culminates with interested students running for leadership positions in the World Connect initiative.

**Global Philanthropy Lesson:** World Connect teaches students how to think sensitively about global philanthropy and service in general, and creates a space for them to form thoughtful ideas about how to be responsible and engaged global citizens. With these themes in mind, a teacher designs a curriculum around global citizenship.

**Grant Proposals:** Students read complete grant applications for projects that interest them. Reading and evaluating grant applications not only teaches students what indicators to look for in a project (feasibility, sustainability, community support, possible rippling effects, etc.), it teaches them what qualities make for a strong application in *general*.

**Discussions:** A teacher arranges time for open discussion about social, political, environmental, economic, or health issues at play in the chosen community or country, incorporating current events.

**Cross-cultural Exchange:** If both communities choose (and logistics permit) to open a channel for communication, classrooms Skype, email, and send pictures and videos to project leaders, creating a space for symbiotic learning and deep connection.

**Speakers:** World Connect will support schools to find interesting and relevant speakers to give presentations—a returned Peace Corps Volunteer or a professor of Global Studies, for example.

**Movies/Books/Articles:** It is often helpful to integrate relevant documentaries, movies, books, and current events into any World Connect program, engaging students through a variety of mediums.

**Fundraising:** Students design and organize a rolling or culminating fundraising event to benefit the project of their choice. Fundraising empowers students to make a powerful and tangible difference in another community while educating their own. Designing fundraisers requires students to think creatively and practically, and structuring them instills responsibility and hones organizational and leadership skills. Some fundraising ideas can be found below.



County: Tanzania  
Project: Clean Water  
Investment: \$2,700

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS

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100% of money raised by students goes directly to projects!

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Country: Senegal  
Project: 83 Latrines  
Investment: \$9,755

**Great Coin Race:** A competition between grades, classes or campuses; students choose a project to support and collect change from family and friends. This is a spirited, inclusive, and team-focused way to fundraise. Student leaders are responsible for reporting on the progress of each team and brainstorming creative initiatives throughout the duration of the coin race to continuously engage the community.

**Raffle:** Student leaders identify and request donation items from local families and businesses, then they host a raffle! Raffle tickets can be sold at a campus-wide event or throughout the year to family and friends.

**Walk-a-thon, Dance-a-thon, Anything-a-thon:** Students collect commitments from family and friends per lap/mile/minute and participate together in a fun campus-wide event! If you are interested in this type of fundraiser, request additional information!

**Bake Sale:** Always a fun and simple way to raise funds!

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