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TGUP's model of small-scale, low-cost, high-impact projects continues to gain momentum. Here are vignettes of projects recently completed in five countries.

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### Maasai Stoves in Tanzania

Maasai homes in east Africa typically use an open fire for cooking. This results in tremendous smoke and burning risks (25 children per thousand die before the age of five of lung related ailments from inhaling the stove smoke.)



TGUP partnered with the [International Collaborative for Science, Education, and the Environment](#) to install 100 engineered stoves in 100 homes. The stoves reduce smoke and carbon dioxide by 95%, and firewood use by 60%.

The stoves were manufactured by Maasai members of ICSEE, and installed by all-female Maasai crews that are trained and employed by ICSEE.



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### Computer Lab in Nicaragua

The Miguel Angel Orteiz School is in one of the poorest neighborhoods of San Marcos, Nicaragua. Its 20 teachers serve 604 students, from grades 1 – 6. It had 15 year-old computers that had ceased to work two years ago.



TGUP helped fund a new computer lab. It includes 15 computers, 15 desks, 30 chairs and 15 backup power supplies. TGUP's Nicaraguan partner, [Seeds of Learning](#) provided a 100% match of TGUP's funds to make the project possible.

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## School for Blind Girls in India

The Jagrita School for Blind Girls, in Pune, India, has 100 students in grades 1 – 12. It also has a preschool. Working with [Arham Charities](#), TGUP funded the installation of a computerized system for teaching UEB Braille, the most popular braille system in the world. Teachers at the school were also trained in the application which is called Siddh Divyang.



The school is the only blind school in the world's second-most populous country which has a 100% student success track record on board exams.

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## Kiahuko Latrines in Kenya

Latrines are the least glamorous project in human development. Without them, everyone suffers from E.coli illnesses. The latrines at the Kiahuko School in Lamuria, Kenya had become filled so the health department was threatening to shut the school down.



With [Kiini Sustainable Initiative](#), TGUP's Kenyan partner, we built two new sets of latrines to serve the 454 students at the school. There are two structures with four stalls each, for girls and boys. The school will stay open.

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## Science Lab in a Box in Nepal

TGUP's [Science Lab in a Box](#) (SLaB) provides the equipment, instruments,

supplies, and curriculum for high schools anywhere in the world to carry out world-class laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.



The Narayani English Public School in Basantapur, Nepal has 1,600 students. They will all now benefit from a properly equipped science lab and be able to apply to top universities. Thank you to our Nepalese partner, [Little Sisters Fund](#), for their coordination of the SLaB.

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## Final Word

How does the world get made better? Every big change — from science, to anti-slavery, to women having rights, and more — starts with simple ideas.

We focus on two ideas: that we are bigger when we help others (as opposed to the operative ethic of “I’m getting mine, screw you”); and that we’re stronger when we work together (as opposed to the ethic of rugged individualism and suspicion of “collectivist” solutions.) Why these two?

Because the challenges we face as a humanity — climate change, species extinction, ecosystem destruction, global pandemics, and more — can no longer be solved from within the context of the individualistic, competitive ethics that created them. We need something new.

If we are to survive, we must begin practicing **competent, compassionate collaboration**, on a global scale. That’s what TGUP is all about. That’s what you see in the above vignettes, and in all of the more than [250 other projects](#) TGUP has completed.

Yes, it’s wildly ambitious, but it’s actually working. It’s still on a small scale, to be sure. But it *IS* working. And we *need* for it to work. We need to scale it up. Please join us. A better world *IS* possible and *YOU* can be one of its makers.

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