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## Every young person has the potential to change the world.

At the Y, we believe in the unlimited potential of young people to use their ideas, passion and voice for the greater good. **YMCAs in 119 countries share a commitment to empower youth**—from childhood to young adulthood—with the support they need to become changemakers who create a better future for all. This support is critical because in many communities worldwide, young people do not have access to the basic resources and opportunities they need to thrive, such as quality health services, education, employment and opportunities to learn outdoors. The Y is there to fill the gaps and help youth develop into the next generation of leaders who will transform their communities for the better.

But this transformational impact is not possible without the generosity of friends like you. In many parts of the world YMCAs operate in challenging social, economic and political environments and **YMCA of the USA's World Service Campaign** raises critical resources to strengthen their capacity to reach more children, teens and young adults in need. This support is the critical difference to help young people thrive and realize their great potential as changemakers to build a better world.

## CHANGING THE WORLD FOR GOOD YMCA World Service Campaign



## **EMPOWERING YOUTH TO LEAD SOCIAL CHANGE**

For 175 years, YMCAs have nurtured the power and potential of young people to lead change in their own communities and beyond. Your World Service gift supports YMCA programs like these, which provide youth with the tools and opportunities to take action on critical social issues and create positive social change for all.





The Africa Alliance of YMCAs' Subject2Citizen change model helps young people to understand their rights, become civically engaged and promote social justice. Through the **YMCA's Roots for Reconciliation program**, young people from countries historically at conflict with one another are bridging social divides and building peace. The Colombia YMCA's Paza a la Paz ("Pass the Peace") program empowers youth from marginalized communities to lead social change through community organizing and volunteer efforts.

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The Nicaragua YMCA isTheempowering indigenouseduyouth to reclaim theirrepcultural identity andissuovercome discriminationtherby leading social inclusionHIV,and communityto pdevelopment programs.perf

The Ethiopia YMCA educates youth on reproductive health issues and trains them to promote HIV/AIDS prevention to peers through performative arts.

"World Service brings to life the Y's commitment to the young people of the world, who carry with them our hopes and dreams for a brighter future."

-Kevin Washington, President and CEO, YMCA of the USA

## Support YMCA World Service and empower youth to change the world for good!

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GIVE: https://donate.ymca.net CONNECT: @GlobalYMCA #YforAll **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:** Your gift to YMCA World Service creates opportunities for young people to overcome obstacles and create change that will last generations. YMCA World Service funds are overseen by the YMCA of the USA International Group and put to use locally by YMCA staff and volunteers who are trusted leaders with a deep understanding of community need and the relationships to produce impactful, sustainable solutions.