With 1.2 billion youth between the ages of 15 and 24, today’s young people comprise the largest generation in the world’s history. Globally aware, culturally competent, and socially inclusive, young changemakers have the ideas, passion, and motivation to address society’s most pressing challenges and create a more equitable world for all. Working in 120 countries, the global Y Movement is uniquely positioned to leverage the collective strength of these young leaders. With the support of partners like you, YMCA World Service works with YMCAs worldwide to create opportunities for more young people to lead positive change and advance equity in their communities.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, young leaders at the Senegal YMCA raised awareness of disease prevention methods in remote rural areas, distributed PPE to people in need, visited vulnerable neighbors to conduct wellbeing checks and provided childcare for street children.

The Ann Arbor YMCA (MI) teamed up with their global partner, the Albay YMCA, Philippines, to create C.A.R.E. for Climate, a youth-driven leadership program to act on climate change locally and globally. They mentored 20 youth and mobilized 720 young people in climate projects.

To support unaccompanied children at the U.S./Mexico border last year, the YMCA Mexico Homes for Migrant Youth served 1,525 migrant children by providing basic needs, life skills education, recreation, counseling, and legal aid.

To address the need for family stability, the East Jerusalem YMCA provides ongoing vocational training and seed funding to help women and young people start their own business. Sustainable income helps families and is reinvested in the community.

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