



**Global  
Communities**



## About Global Communities

Global Communities works at the nexus of humanitarian assistance, sustainable development and financial inclusion, reaching millions of people with community-based programs in more than 35 countries to advance positive, lasting change. In 2020, Global Communities merged with Project Concern International to increase the impact of proven programs by expanding our technical expertise, knowledge-sharing and geographic footprint.

### Our Mission

**Global Communities brings together local ingenuity and global insights to save lives, advance equity and secure strong futures. We achieve this mission in collaboration with a wide range of public and private sector partners, including communities directly affected by poverty, disasters and conflict. Global Communities envisions a world of expanded opportunity, where crises give way to resilience and all people thrive. We work to build this better world with a spirit of constant innovation and a commitment to confront historic barriers to dignity, equity and inclusion.**

### Our Approach

Our approach prioritizes nimble, evidence-based program designs, using the lens of inclusive development and equitable growth. We leverage learnings across humanitarian assistance, sustainable development and financial inclusion to ensure the strength and impact of global programs. Global Communities supports communities at the forefront of their own development and centers the voices of historically marginalized communities, actively striving to dismantle structural inequities everywhere we live and work.

### Our Expertise

Our highly skilled global team brings decades of experience and deep roots in hundreds of communities around the world to their life-changing work. Global Communities partners directly with local leaders, governments, international organizations and the private sector to deliver solutions to urgent challenges while also building resilience for strong futures. We work every day to:

- **Deliver emergency response and enhance resilience through humanitarian assistance with a focus on protection.** Our work includes food assistance and shelter for families facing disasters as well as strengthening food security and market systems to ensure sustainable recovery.
- **Advance sustainable development by partnering with communities as they build resilient, healthy lives.** In communities affected by climate change, our work strengthens sustainable agriculture and water management. We support job training and market linkages to protect livelihoods and promote health and nutrition alongside mothers, children and adolescents. The lens of gender equity and social inclusion is applied to all of our work worldwide.
- **Expand opportunity through financial inclusion.** We support families, entrepreneurs and community-based businesses as they drive job creation and economic growth. Our work includes offering loans to small- and medium-sized businesses unserved by traditional banking or left out of the formal financial sector, as well as serving as a vehicle for impact investors.



## Our Story

Global Communities works in the Americas, Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia, partnering directly with communities in more than 35 countries.

Global Communities was founded in 1952 as the Cooperative Housing Foundation, and until 2012, was known as CHF International. Today, it works with communities worldwide to bring about sustainable, impactful changes that improve lives and livelihoods.

Global Communities merged with Project Concern International (PCI) in 2020. Founded in San Diego in 1961, PCI grew from working in health on the U.S.-Mexico border to a global development organization driving innovation from the ground up to enhance health, end hunger, overcome hardship and advance women and girls, resulting in meaningful and measurable change in people's lives.

Since March 2020, Global Communities has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, adapting programming and launching new projects to focus on handwashing, reliable health information and behavior change communications across our humanitarian assistance, sustainable development and financial inclusion portfolios. Global Communities provided multilingual, multicultural contact tracers and community-based information on COVID-19 vaccines in country contexts as varied as the United States and Botswana.

## In 2020 we:

- supported more than 4.4 million people in more than 3,200 communities as they built strong, healthy futures.
- developed over 190 public-private partnerships and trained more than 22,000 people to help them improve their livelihoods.
- loaned or facilitated almost 60,000 loans worth over \$249,000,000 to entrepreneurs, homeowners and small and medium enterprises
- served 16,711,841 meals to 300,107 primary school students
- 629,294 female economic empowerment self-help groups
- reached 7,744,104 people with COVID-19-related risk reduction or mitigation messages