



We help communities organize to achieve unity and vitality. Participatory and collaborative, our community development programs demonstrate the importance of involving all stakeholders in identifying and prioritizing their needs.

Each community's needs are unique. From health, nutrition and education to conflict resolution, natural disaster recovery and enterprise development, our work reflects technical diversity as well as the ability to cope with challenging environments. Always looking forward, we build local capacity so that project gains are parlayed into long-term development success.



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Community Development Tools

- **Conflict Resolution & Peacebuilding:** In conflict-affected areas, we foster dialogue among diverse groups and provide an environment that enables citizens to organize for long-term progress.
- **Health, Nutrition & Food Security:** Because food insecurity and HIV/AIDS and other illnesses can be debilitating, we provide services and training to help communities overcome crisis.
- **Essential Public Services & Infrastructure Development:** Whether to fulfill a basic need like that for potable water or to link a community to markets via roads and bridges, we carry out essential infrastructure projects.
- **Economic Stabilization & Development:** We encourage enterprise growth, employment generation and human resource capacity building, which are fundamental to strengthening communities.
- **Illicit Crop Reduction:** Our targeted interventions help vulnerable communities transition from illicit or controlled crop production to legal—and profitable—economic activities.
- **Youth Interventions:** Recognizing that today's youth are the next generation of leaders, we invest in youth capacity building, including leadership and entrepreneurship.
- **Local Institution/NGO Strengthening:** To ensure long-term sustainability, we build the capacities of local development institutions to meet community needs.



Community Development In Practice

SUCCESS STORY:
Mobilizing Iraqi Youth to Ensure Sustainable Communities

Because youth play a vital role in building sustainable communities in Iraq, **ACDI/VOCA's** multifaceted community development initiative helps integrate them into their local communities and economies. In one community rent by violent clashes in the 1980s, we helped build and outfit an arts center that provided more than 40 students with a positive foundation for social and cultural development, and helped them come to terms with their traumatic past. In another, an **ACDI/VOCA**-assisted facility has helped more than 1,000 youth gain necessary job skills. These successes are a small part of our comprehensive effort to strengthen Iraq's communities and boost local economies. In total, we have worked with more than 150 Iraqi communities, completing over 1,400 projects worth \$30 million.

SUCCESS STORY:
Strengthening Bolivian Communities with Micro-enterprise Investment

Since 2001, **ACDI/VOCA** has applied an integrated community development approach to improve Bolivia's social and economic infrastructure. To strengthen the economy of Sapecho, a small town in Alto Beni, we provided grants to 15 local entrepreneurs to launch various microenterprises. To qualify, each recipient provided a 30 percent match and attended trainings in business management and accounting. An unqualified success, the grants program was expanded to 55 more microenterprises and is projected to grow further. "I had an idea," says Salomé Hilario, who opened a juice and snack business with her grant. "They gave me the money to do it. Thank you." Our community development projects in Bolivia have benefited more than 30,000 families in 430 rural communities, improving economic performance, agricultural productivity, health and education.

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True to its mission, ACDI/VOCA employs four and a half decades of technical experience in community development, financial services, agribusiness systems and enterprise development to promote economic growth, improve livelihoods and create vibrant communities worldwide.

With an impressive track record, qualified and committed staff, and highly developed tools and methodologies, we help communities, households, enterprises and industries create sustainable wealth. Whether we are employing value chain analysis, organizing producers for greater efficiency, providing reliable business or financial services, developing capacities, reducing vulnerability, or creating sustainable communities, we empower people to succeed.



After all, when it comes to improving lives, we mean business.



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