What people are saying about the Clinton Foundation in communities around the world

CLINTON DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Clinton Development Initiative (CDI) develops and operates agribusiness projects in Malawi, Tanzania, and Rwanda that empower smallholder farmers to increase their economic potential.

"All because of the guidance I got from the Clinton Foundation. I have money and I know how to budget for it. I am a farmer and a role model to some people in my village," she said on inspiring others in her community, "When I joined the Clinton Foundation farmers club, my life transformed."

- Sidonia Chikuse, Smallholder Farmer in Malawi

"My yearly income has increased from $50 to $750. With this extra income, I was able to build a new house with solar panels that bring light into my home, which enables my children to study at night."

- Lucy Banda, Smallholder Farmer Malawi

CLINTON CLIMATE INITIATIVE

The Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) works to address the causes and effects of climate change, bringing together partners to facilitate renewable energy projects and training the next generation of women leaders in clean energy through the Women in Renewable Energy, or WIRE Network.

"CCI is not going to come in and tell us 'You need to go with this technology or this vendor' because they have invested interest in it. We knew we would always be getting the best advice suited for our circumstances, for our size. And just to know that we will really benefit from best global practice. So, I think it has really given us the confidence to push ahead and not keep second guessing ourselves or not looking over our shoulders to say, 'Okay, are we really doing this the right way?' I think this was really tremendous in really putting the wind beneath our sails and helping us to move a lot faster. It helped us understand while this may seem to be a small local step, it really has international significance."

- Dr. James Fletcher, St. Lucia's former Minister of Energy

"As a mentor, I learn and teach. I inspire – and I am being challenged to live a meaningful life and help others do so also."

- Hannah Olmberg-Soesman, WIRE Network member

"Through the WIRE Mentor Network, we're sharing experiences, building confidence and learning about leadership. We're discussing how renewable energy has a positive impact beyond helping the environment. For example, renewable energy can improve lives of women in poorer households, as solar panels can reduce the electricity costs for these families. Most interesting to me is how women in small businesses may also lower their cost of production by using solar equipment."

- Nirmala Nababsing, WIRE Network member
TOO SMALL TO FAIL

Too Small to Fail (TSTF), the early childhood initiative of the Clinton Foundation, is leading a public awareness and action campaign to promote the importance of early brain and language development and to support parents with tools to talk, read, and sing with their young children from birth.

"When I was in the hospital, they gave me a bag with information about the importance of talking to babies...I am putting into practice everything that I have learned so far, and it has worked."
– Maria Azucena Amauricio, TSTF parent in Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Too Small to Fail’s messaging and materials have shifted parents’ knowledge and attitudes. I am immensely grateful to the Clinton Foundation for turning our research into actionable programs that benefit children across the country."
– Dayna Long, Medical Director for the Center for Community Health and Engagement at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland

PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) program is an unprecedented partnership among the presidential centers of William J. Clinton, George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson, cultivating a new generation of civic leaders.

"This program is truly a catalyst for encouraging cooperation, overcoming a partisanship, and increasing civic engagement in our communities I am grateful the impact it’s had on my life and on the community that I serve."
– Dr. Sreyram Kuy, PLS Scholar

"When I first began PLS, Team Rubicon was just Team Rubicon USA. Team Rubicon Global has now launched in five countries, and I think a little bit of that has to do with what I learned through my experience in the program."
– William McNulty, PLS Scholar

ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a partnership between the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association, works with schools and communities to improve nutritional options and exercise opportunities for children across the United States.

"Working with the Alliance is fantastic because of all the support they provide. It’s not just completing the assessment and getting the results. They jump right in full force to help us create sustainable change that’s lasting."
– Leanne White, Project Director, Healthy Schools Healthy Communities

St. Louis Public Schools

"At Buck Lodge Middle School, we take the ‘whole child’ approach and believe that every child should be healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. Through this approach and our work with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation’s Healthy Schools Program, we ensure that Buck Lodge supports good health, and that students learn healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime."
– Deborah Branch, Science Teacher, Buck Lodge Middle School

Prince George’s County, MD
CLINTON HEALTH MATTERS INITIATIVE

The Clinton Health Matters Initiative (CHMI) works to improve the health and well-being of people through health transformation work in specific communities, and efforts to fight the opioid epidemic.

"In building a relationship with one of the local middle schools through projects with the CHMI, Bridgeway has contracted with the school system to embed a full-time mental health counselor into this specific middle school. Currently, in our area, school-based behavioral health services are not provided. We started this individual with Lombard Middle School as a “pilot” project for the 2016 school year and it has proven to be a success! The students see the counselor as an integral part of their school and it has allowed direct access to the students in order to provide services for their mental health needs."

– Stacy Brown
VP of Behavioral Health Services
Bridgeway INC, Knox County, Illinois

"From day one, the Clinton Health Matters Initiative brought an essential perspective and an efficiency that helped us grow our understanding and maximize the reach of this important work. CHMI brings the best out of its partners to make a difference thanks in large part to President Clinton’s tireless advocacy on opioid misuse."

– Shannon Frattaroli,
Assoc. Professor at the John’s Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health,
Assoc. Director for Outreach at the Center for Injury Research and Policy

CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) engages the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world, hosting a meeting where students, university representatives, topic experts, and celebrities come together to discuss and develop innovative solutions to pressing global challenges.

"I wouldn’t be where I am today without the support of the Clinton Foundation, and I am grateful to have benefited from the support of an organization that believes deeply in the power of ideas and individuals to change their communities."

– Donnel Baird, CGI U alumnus

"CGI U gave me the confidence, and the support to build a new organization that supports women in my country as well as in Tanzania and Kenya, to break through limits imposed on them by poverty and injustice."

– Ximena Murillo, CGI U alumna

"The CGI U experience provided me with the direction and resources I needed to found WeThrive, an organization that uses entrepreneurial apprenticeships to empower low-income teens and help them break the cycle of poverty."

– Daquan Oliver, CGI U alumnus

"President Clinton has inspired me to live my best life, as an education advocate and social entrepreneur. Thanks to him, I’m able to pay it forward and help to set a new generation of young people on a path to success."

– Karim Abouelnaga, CGI U alumnus
CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE ACTION NETWORK ON POST-DISASTER RECOVERY

The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Action Network on Post-Disaster Recovery brings together leaders from business, government, and civil society to make commitments that are helping Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, and Dominica recover from last year’s hurricanes and build back more sustainably.

“The biggest challenge, and thank goodness for the Clinton Global Initiative, is communication. You are all sitting here representing your own organizations... and without the Clinton Global Initiative, it has been such a struggle to make connections.”

– Rosie Perez, actress and activist

“Over the years, we have worked hand in hand with the Clinton Global Initiative on a number of projects. From infrastructure investment with the building trades and others to early childhood education. And when President Clinton calls, you listen and you do, and you do more than you think you can.”

– Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers

“The Clinton Foundation has been one of the first partners. They are great at creating alliances. Having someone like President Clinton, who has devoted his post-presidency to disaster-relief, it is great. We need help for everyone, and he’s been great, his foundation. We’ve been working on a project to create the largest farmers market in Puerto Rico, and to create renewable energy.”

– Carmen Yulín Cruz, mayor of San Juan