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UNITED4CHANGE CENTER®

for International Development
& Global Citizenship



Promoting social justice and peace

Through collaborative partnerships we empower marginalized groups, creating conditions for self-directed, dignified, and sustainable human existence.



THE CHALLENGE

All people are worthwhile, significant, and deserving of healthy, peaceful and productive lives. However, many people around the world are marginalized and excluded from such fundamental rights. These vulnerable groups are usually located in isolated and fragile communities, where access to essential resources, institutional support, economic opportunity, and conditions for sustainable peace seem out of reach. Too often, this results in violence, strife, perpetual conflict, oppression, and extreme poverty.



WHO WE ARE

We are social entrepreneurs promoting social justice and peace through collaborative partnerships that empower marginalized groups, creating conditions for self-directed, dignified, and sustainable human existence. In genuine partnership with community leaders and the beneficiaries of our initiatives, we seek to create conditions that build and strengthen the resilience of marginalized groups in fragile communities.



WHAT WE DO

We work side-by-side with beneficiary communities and individuals and partner organizations in strengthening local resilience and capacities in ways that are sustainable and that affirm and dignify those we serve.

While we have developed many highly both effective and sustainable. Our work is guided by local conditions, cultures, and concerns. It has become abundantly clear that meaningful change is best realized when beneficiaries are fully engaged in respectful ways and when they experience ownership of the initiatives we seek to support.

People have a fundamental right to determine their vision and destiny. We are also guided by relevant evidence within the literature and from the practice of others and valuable input from partner organizations.

**We work alongside these groups
to strengthen their resilience
by engaging our partners in
highly collaborative ways**

WHAT WE DO

U4C works with fragile communities to design and deliver innovative, tailored & holistic programs focused on the following priorities:



When sufficiently literate, women can be equipped with leadership skills so they can play an active role in their communities. U4C creates a platform that enables women & young people to rise and fulfill their abilities and talents. They learn how to lead or become better leaders and achieve active participation.



U4C works with women and other groups at-risk so they can help themselves and those around them. They learn how to read and write with customized curriculum and textbooks, based on their needs and culture. U4C works with local educators to develop the curriculum.

WHAT WE DO



More than 60% of fatalities in vulnerable communities occur due to the lack of information. U4C designs campaigns and workshops on how to access/utilize scarce healthcare resources. Our priorities include Maternal-Child Health, HIV, Domestic Violence, and social determinants of health that so often underlie inequities in health and well-being.



U4C designs the courses based local needs, native culture and potential for community - specific economic diversification. U4C has found that creating supportive environments for women to thrive economically results in sustainable positive changes for their entire communities. The U4C Entrepreneurship Program focuses on training groups, especially women in different skills and entrepreneurial education so they can start and manage their own microenterprises. Participants are generating products which are sold both locally and internationally. U4C's goal is to help women achieve personal prosperity while diversifying local economies.

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WHAT WE DO



Sustainable Peace & Peacebuilding

Our work focus on peace education and peacebuilding initiatives understanding that conditions for sustainable peace are far more than the mere absence of conflict. If the underlying causes of conflict are not sufficiently addressed and remediated, conflict will recur. The primary goal of peace-building is to establish positive, sustainable conditions that encourage peace in societies once beleaguered by any form of violence.



Water & Sanitation

Water4All QBL: U4C commits itself to continuation of the legacy of service of the Quaker Bolivia Link (QBL) in the U.S., U.K., and Bolivia. U4C has enjoyed its close partnership with QBL in achieving access to safe water and good sanitation for isolated communities in the impoverished Altiplano Region of Bolivia. Our shared work is enabling indigenous communities to survive and thrive, enhancing public health, economic productivity, and preservation of local culture.

WHAT WE DO



Food Security & Environmental Sustainability



U4C is committed to work in addressing the challenges of achieving environmental sustainability and food security in fragile communities and groups that have been facing physical, economic and socio-political challenges due to climate change, limit food production and/or access.



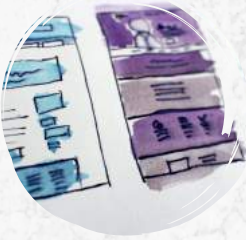
Humanitarian Emergency Response



U4C offers its platform to respond to pressing emergency conditions such as hunger and lack of essential supplies among fragile groups, during a Pandemic like COVID-19 and/or a refugee crisis. Our efforts are targeted at tactical relief efforts, as well as addressing systemic underlying causes. U4C also provides resources, information and support to our field partners as well as to the communities we work with.

HOW WE DO IT

U4C pursues its mission in several ways:



We design and deliver innovative projects based on the U.N. 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the Positive Peace Framework (Institute for Economics & Peace) and the Design Thinking model.

We develop community-specific strategic partnerships while collaborating with local and international NGO's, academia, the private, and the public sector.



We support leadership among social impact practitioners and youth focusing on peacebuilding and sustainable peace. These leaders are involved in the design and implementation of innovative projects.

We seek to maximize social impact by strengthening local capacities and connecting the communities we serve with support from philanthropic and global development practitioner partners through a life-changing experiences in our Service Abroad programs and collaborative projects.



OUR PARTNERS

We enjoy partnerships with mission-aligned organizations and/or Rotary Peace Fellows within or proximal to the communities with which we work. We have partnered with Edge Philanthropy LCC in conducting academic research on collaborative practices between charitable organizations.

Our experience, sharpened by this research has helped facilitate highly effective inter-organizational collaboration in serving communities. U4C is committed to fully engaging the knowledge, networks, and resources of our partners while avoiding costly and unnecessary duplication of capacities, resources, or effort.

BOLIVIA

Unidos Para el Cambio, U4C-Bolivia
Fundacion Quaker Bolivia Link (QBL)

KENYA

Women Arise for Positive Change
(WAPC)

COLOMBIA

María Antonia Perez,
Rotary Peace Fellow

MEXICO

Salud, Arte y Educacion (SAE)

ARGENTINA

EXO S.A. Soluciones Tecnológicas

UNITED STATES

U4C Houston

TANZANIA

Albino Peacemakers Arusha
& Makiba Women Group

AFGHANISTAN

Humanitarian Assistance
Empowerment Organization
(HAEO)

CUCUTA / VENEZUELA

Hope for Venezuela Refugees Project

RWANDA

Health Clinic Dr. Ntlyamira Charles

NEPAL

Kum Gurung, Rotary Peace Fellow

ECUADOR

EXO S.A. Soluciones Tecnológicas

PALESTINE

Reem Chunaim, Rotary Peace Fellow

GUATEMALA

Gabriela Rivera / María Julia Moreyra, Positive
Peace Activators

PROJECTS

BOLIVIA

Literacy, Adult Education, leadership & skills training, healthcare campaigns, microenterprises development, peace education for young leaders, COVID-19 relief and prevention. Water & Sanitation in indigenous communities: WATER4ALL QBL in Bolivia.

MEXICO

Peace & Economic Development: "Chocolate, Mole & Mushrooms for Positive peace in the Mixteca Oaxaquena, Mexico"

COLOMBIA

Economic Development and Fair Trade by supporting microenterprises and cooperatives.

ARGENTINA

Access to Healthcare & COVID-19 relief and prevention.



GUATEMALA

Addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment.

TANZANIA

Women empowerment, economic development, COVID-19 relief and prevention.

KENYA

Women empowerment and economic development; Supporting women-owned microenterprises and cooperatives. Healthcare Initiatives

RWANDA

Access to Healthcare & COVID-19 relief and prevention.

AFGHANISTAN

Access to Healthcare & COVID-19 relief and prevention.



CUCUTA/VENEZUELA

Food security, COVID-19 emergency relief and support Venezuelan refugees in Colombia (Cucuta)

UNITED STATES

Economic Development, women empowerment and micro-enterprises development for low economic and minorities in Houston.

NEPAL

Supporting women-owned microenterprises and cooperatives.

ECUADOR

Projects: Access to Healthcare & COVID-19 relief and prevention.

PALESTINE

New initiative: Youth economic empowerment



A woman with a joyful expression is seated at a white sewing machine in a workshop. She is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored shawl with stripes of pink, blue, green, and orange. Her hands are positioned near the machine, which is stitching a piece of light blue fabric with a white floral pattern. In the background, another woman in a pink cardigan and a dark patterned skirt stands near another sewing machine. The room is filled with sewing equipment and bright lighting.

"I feel strong, confident and with no fear..." - Antonia - CECAP Quime, Bolivia

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