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IMPACT REPORT 2019



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear valued partner,

While the WV team is on lockdown and spread across various locations around the world, we have taken this opportunity to compile some data on the impact World Volunteer has achieved over the past years. These accomplishments would never have been possible without the trust, support, and loyal contributions made by students, school administrators, and local partners supporting World Volunteer.

2020 will be a challenging year for the organization. So far, we have not had any known Covid-19 cases amongst our immediate beneficiaries or staff which we are grateful for. For the past few months, our project sites have been quiet and homestay families miss the energy and excitement of having students in their homes. We look forward to the day when we can welcome students back to our incredible communities. Our staff is eager to return to what they love doing: inspiring, educating, and leading students through our programs.

Looking over this report brings us hope for what we might be able to accomplish together in the future. I hope it can bring some light to your day as well.

Stay safe!
David Jonsson



WV PROJECTS



Cambodia
Eco-Bungalow

Cyprus
Precious Plastics

Malaysia
Mangrove Conservation
Batik Village Project

Morocco
Fog Harvesting
Atlas Community Project

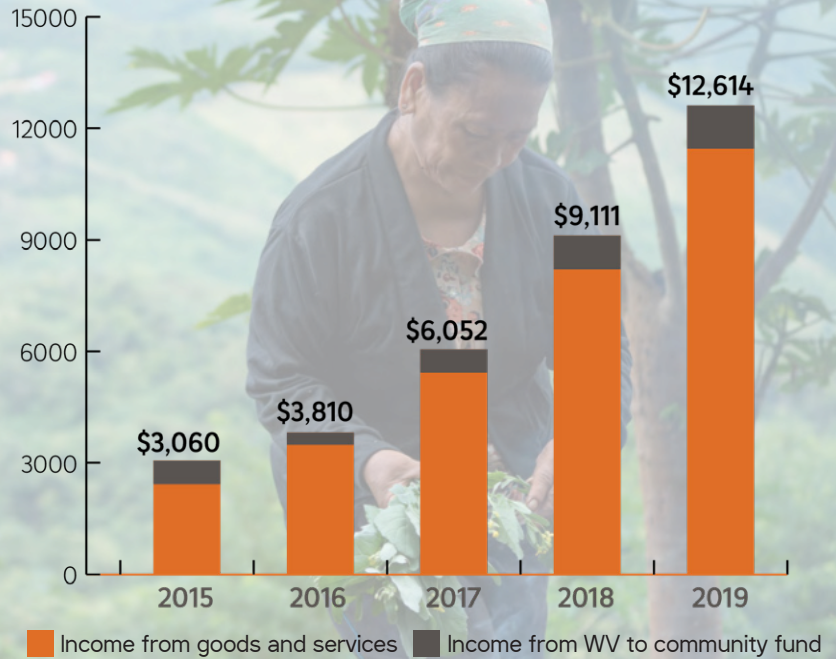
Laos
Eco-Bungalow
Eco-Dormitory

Thailand
Community Center
Artificial Reef Construction
Female Eco-Dormitory



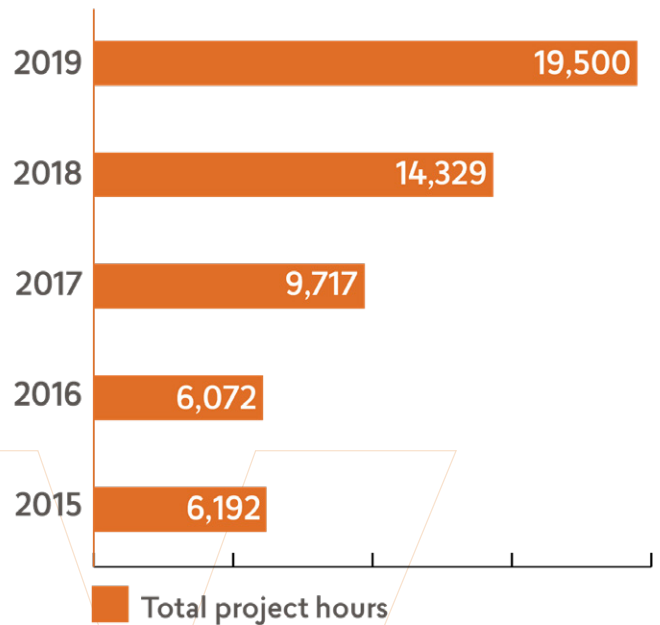
COMMUNITY INCOME

In 2019, \$11,639 USD of income was generated from goods and services provided by the villages and communities where WV works. An additional \$975USD was generated for the villages communal fund. This fund is managed by the village leadership and used for projects that directly benefit the community.



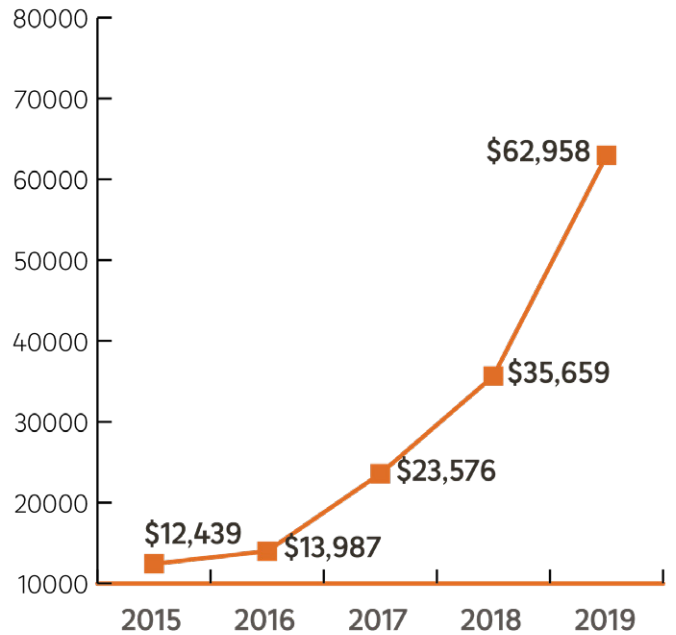
HANDS-ON HOURS

WV's projects require team-work, getting dirty, and more than anything... hard work! Below are the total hours across all our projects.



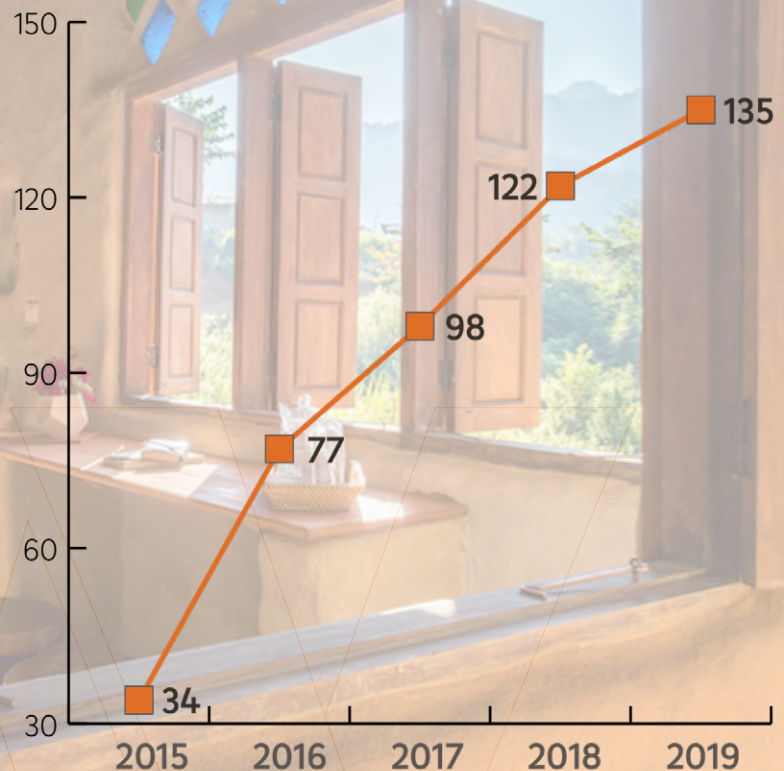
HOMESTAY FAMILY INCOME

In 2019, \$62,958 USD was generated for our homestay families.



BUNGALOW VISITS

In 2019, the total number of visitors staying overnight in one of the eco-bungalows was 135 people. The total number of visitors in total since opening is 446 people.



PERSONAL GROWTH & IMPACT

We strongly believe in the impact that our trips can have on participants and all trips are designed and structured to be educational, exploratory, and hands on. We also include activities/discussions/projects around:

- Teambuilding & team work
- Mindfulness
- Responsible travel
- Local culture & traditions
- Hard work
- Alternative technologies/solutions

Feedback sessions from chaperone teachers, WV trip leaders, and the participants themselves highlight several common areas of growth/change:

- Increase in empathy/compassion
- New appreciation of the small things
- Gratefulness and understanding of the opportunities they have and that not everyone has the same
- Desire to continue helping others
- Understanding that life is possible without wifi or phones

GLOBAL EFFORTS & SOLUTIONS

WV works with community projects across six countries all of which help and contribute to achieving portions of the 169 targets that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals aim to achieve by 2030. The scale and scope of the impact that WV's projects have are small while viewing them from a global perspective. However, a key component to community development is participation and the more people involved, helping, and educated about global issues, the faster the world can solve major problems.



WV trips do just that! We strive to educate participants about the issues our projects address and also that WV takes an environmental approach to development. WV projects require a lot of effort and our larger projects can take up to two years to complete, further demonstrating that everyone can help and contribute and that lasting change takes time and participation.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

NO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

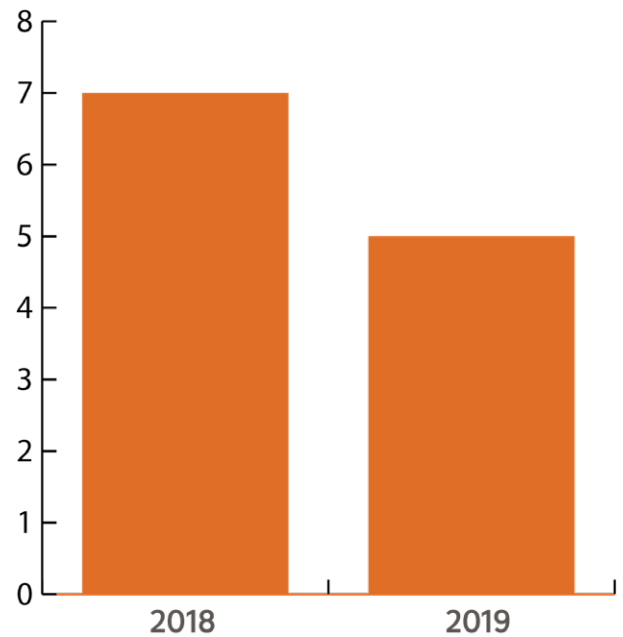
Starting in September of 2019, WV adopted a no single-use plastic policy for all trips. In just those four months, a conservative calculation shows that **more than 3,000 single use plastic bottles have been saved.** All participant's are required to bring their own reusable bottle and WV provides clean water refills at all points throughout the trip.

WV regrets not implementing this sooner, but as an organization we are constantly trying to evolve, learn, and adopt new policies that will ensure we are creating the lowest possible carbon footprint and least amount of waste.

BIOGAS

WV's Nepal project is installing bio digestors in a rural village in Thaprek district. In the life time of just one biogas digester, it offsets roughly 160 tones of CO2 emissions. This simple but effective technology produces methane gas simply by filling one bucket of animal manure & water daily into the digester.

This helps to reduce deforestation, smoke related illnesses, and saves time & money for the families.



IN TOTAL, 13 BIOGAS DIGESTORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED



COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE

WV does not support or bring participants to any organization or tour that is endangering, harming, or further perpetuating harm to any animals. There are very popular attractions that offer shows, interactions, or rides that can look fun and at first glance look like adequate care is given, but in reality is causing tremendous pain and suffering to the animals.

WV's commitment is to only support and work with organizations that are centered around conservation and that put the welfare of the animal first. Before any partnerships, WV's senior staff members meet and thoroughly vet any new organization to ensure our ethics, values, and visions are aligned.

In addition, WV also makes this a teachable moment on trips as trip leaders and guides explain about responsible tourism and highlight issues and trends that participants might not have considered before.



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

During a WV trip, our experienced guides and trip leaders discuss and talk about responsible tourism and choices everyone can consider to make a difference.

Our belief is that when someone is traveling in a foreign country, it's best for the majority of the money spent to benefit and stay in the local economy.



WV strives to only utilize restaurants and accommodation that are locally owned and run for all of our trips. For long running projects such as the ones in Luang Prabang, WV has built strong relationships with local guesthouses & restaurants. For new project locations we do our best to select locally run businesses and if initially that's not 100% possible we will, overtime, find local options for everything.

Not only do we believe this is the right ethical choice to make but it also enhances the experience and allows further insight in the local culture.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

Please enjoy seeing and learning some of the highlights from our projects during a busy 2019!



Community Center, Chiang Mai
Project started: September 2018
Estimated completion: June 2020



First Student Eco-dormitory (Right) & Second Student Eco-dormitory (Left), Luang Prabang, Laos
The first dormitory is complete and there are now 29 students living there.
Project started: January 2017 | Project finished: August 2019
The second dormitory has started with the new structure already built.
Project started: August 2019 | Estimated completion: December 2021



Progress of Teacher Eco-Dormitory, Luang Prabang, Laos
WV's teachers dormitory is making good progress with the first structure completed. This structure will initially be used to hold WV tools and materials and after will be converted to a new teachers office. The land is already cleared and the next step is constructing the dormitory roof and foundation.
Project started: July 2018 | Estimated completion: December 2020

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Eco-Bungalow, Luang Prabang, Laos

This is WV's third completed eco-bungalow! WV was very excited to see this completed and looking forward to seeing guests staying soon. The final phase of this project is the construction of the guides house which was started in 2019 as well.

Project started: May 2016 | Project finished: April 2019

WV has just begun the construction of our Cambodia eco-bungalow! Pictured is the land being cleared and the foundation of the structure being built. WV is very excited to see this project progress and ultimately income being generated for the local community and tourists getting an authentic and off the beaten path Cambodian travel experience!





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