In 1991, FXB pioneered the FXBVillage Model, a time-bound, sustainable and holistic methodology that simultaneously tackles the five drivers of poverty eradication: nutrition, education, health, housing and income. The FXBVillage Model provides a multidimensional solution to allow participants to permanently escape extreme poverty.

Download the FXBVillage Toolkit and Planning Guide at usa.fxb.org/toolkit.
HOW DOES IT WORK?

Working closely with local administrative authorities and community leaders, FXB selects the most vulnerable households who demonstrate a willingness to achieve the program’s objective of becoming self-sufficient.

80—100 FAMILIES (ABOUT 600 PEOPLE) ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN EACH FXBVILLAGE

FXBVillage provides integrated support in nutrition, health, education, and housing to meet participants’ immediate needs while building their income capacity to become economically self-sufficient. Instead of lending, FXB provides startup capital complemented by financial literacy training, which enables participants to secure a portfolio of income generating activities before accessing microcredit.

FXB partners with the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, the only university-wide human rights center promoting the advancement of cross-disciplinary research and policy, to strengthen FXB’s monitoring and evaluation system through the FXB Field Education Internship Program. This unique program harnesses the FXB Center’s rigorous research methodologies and academic expertise in human rights and FXB’s 27-year impactful trajectory in providing the poorest of the poor families with the tools and support they need to become self-sufficient.
FXBVillage program is community-based.

- Each staff member who works in FXB’s country offices is locally recruited. They work with community leaders, stakeholders and relevant associations to tailor the FXBVillage program to local needs while maintaining its core elements.

- In order to create a broader impact beyond the direct program participants, FXB organizes training sessions for the community on topics such as hygiene, nutrition and healthcare.

As participants’ abilities to meet their basic needs increase, FXB gradually lessens financial support to encourage self-sufficiency.

This makes the FXBVillage program remarkably low-cost.

$125 — $230
AVERAGE YEARLY COST PER PERSON

FXB

The Path to Self Sufficiency

Year 3: Achieve Stability & Autonomy
FXB covers 50% of program’s cost; participant covers 50%

Year 2: Build Skills, Knowledge & Ability
FXB covers 75% of program’s cost; participant covers 25%

Year 1: Establish a Healthy Foundation
FXB covers 100% of program’s cost
FXB currently operates 16 FXBVillage programs in Burundi, China, Colombia, India, Mongolia, Rwanda and Uganda, empowering the most vulnerable communities around the globe.

FXBVillage programs induced marked improvements related to economic security, health, nutrition, and access to safe water and sanitation.

FXB beneficiaries were multidimensionally less poor than their peers, even three years after graduation.

The FXBVillage Model has been recognized by UNICEF and UNAIDS as a "Best Practice."

"Offering education, healthcare and, above all, the hope of a brighter future, FXB has made a significant impact in the lives of thousands."

— KOFI ANNAN
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

"There are millions of people who could ultimately benefit from the FXBVillage program and the followers it generates."

— AMARTYA SEN
Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences and Harvard University Professor