FXB is an international development organization fighting poverty since 1989.

**MISSION**
FXB’s mission is to provide people living in extreme poverty with the tools and support they need to become self-sufficient and give their children a future.

**VISION**
FXB believes in a world where everyone has a chance not just to survive but to thrive.

**APPROACH**
Poverty is multidimensional. Those who live in this state are struggling with a variety of complex challenges, including malnutrition, poor health, lack of income, illiteracy, inadequate housing, lack of access to drinkable water and adequate sanitation, and poor climate conditions.

Experience shows that a sectoral response to an isolated problem is an insufficient solution to address poverty. Interventions must be integrated and holistic in order to break the cycle of poverty and put people on a path toward self-sufficiency.

**CHALLENGES**
Overcoming extreme poverty remains one of the greatest challenges the world faces today. An estimated 702 million people – almost 10% of the world’s population according to the World Bank – live in extreme poverty, surviving on just USD 1.90 a day.
Community Development
Created in 1991, our integrated Community Development Program FXBVillage brings the extreme poor to self-sufficiency within three years. FXB provides support in the following areas:

- Livelihood development
- Economic emancipation strategy and financial inclusion
- Nutrition
- Health, disease prevention, psychosocial support and resilience improvement
- Education
- Housing
- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- Life skills development and capacity building
- Social cohesion

Education
- Early childhood development
- Access to primary and secondary school
- Vocational training
- Life skills development
- Non-formal education and after-school support
- Women literacy
- Gender equality in access to education

Health
- Nutrition
- Access to quality health services
- Disease prevention
- Access to HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment
- Psychosocial counseling and resilience improvement
- WASH

Protection
- Promotion of gender equality at all levels
- Safe, secure and protective environment for women and children
- Prevention and reduction of all forms of violence and insecurity

IMPACT
18 million adults and children have already benefited from FXB’s presence through all its programs.

Nearly 200 Community Development Programs FXBVillage have been developed worldwide since 1989.

EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS KEY FINDINGS
- 86% of participating families remain self-sufficient several years after the Community Development Program ended. Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa, 2007
- 98% of the participating children regularly attend school.
- 93% of the households eat at least two times per day.
- 89% of the children under 5 years old have normal mid-upper arm circumference measurements.
- Families are able to save about USD 132 per year. External evaluations - Burundi, 2012-2014
- The program induced marked changes in economic security, health, nutrition, access to safe water and sanitation, psychosocial well-being, participation and educational resources.

Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard, 2015

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FXB carries the name of François-Xavier Bagnoud, a helicopter pilot specialized in rescue operations. He dedicated his life to helping others and lost his life at the age of 24. In 1989, his mother Albina du Boisrouvray, his family, and his friends founded FXB to continue his spirit of rescue and perpetuate the values of generosity and compassion that guided his life.
The main goal of our Community Development Program, called FXBVillage, is to fight extreme poverty and allow extremely poor families to reach socio-economic autonomy within three years.

The key driver to break the cycle of poverty over the long run is economic empowerment. FXB provides a small start-up capital and promotes financial inclusion so that program participants can secure a portfolio of Income Generating Activities (IGAs).

The new IGAs allow families to gradually earn enough income to provide for their daily needs and become socially and economically self-sufficient.

As participants' abilities to meet their basic needs increase, FXB gradually lessens financial support to encourage self-sufficiency. FXB families continue to thrive after the program completes.

Created in 1991, our Program simultaneously addresses five predominant drivers of poverty: lack of nutrition, health, education, housing and income.

This integrated approach provides a single response to the multidimensional causes of poverty.

Each Program lasts three years and serves 80 to 100 families (around 500-600 people). Through the delivery of essential services, FXB ensures that families are thriving and children reach their full potential.

Countries of Intervention

FXB currently operates Community Development Programs FXBVillage in Burundi, China, Colombia, India, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Panama, Rwanda and Uganda.

FXB intends to launch programs in other countries including Haiti, Lebanon and Sierra Leone.
Main activities

**Economic Empowerment**
FXB enables families to become self-sufficient in the long term by teaching vocational skills, increasing access to financial savings and microcredits, and providing a startup capital to launch sustainable Income Generating Activities. Women empowerment is a priority.

**Nutrition**
FXB ensures that all participants have access to food security as well as to a nutritious diet.

**Health**
FXB ensures that all participants have access to basic and adequate medical care, hygiene, diseases prevention, Antiretroviral Therapy (ART), psychosocial counseling and resilience empowerment.

**Housing**
FXB ensures that all participants live in safe homes with access to drinkable water and basic sanitation services (latrines, ventilated kitchens, external showers, and hand-washing stations).

**Education**
FXB ensures that all school-age children are enrolled in and attend school on a regular basis through the provision of school fees and materials and that youth have access to vocational trainings. Importance of early childhood development is emphasized to the parents.

**Life Skills Development**
FXB provides community training to create a broader impact beyond the direct program participants. Many topics are covered such as family planning, health, hygiene, gender, environment, abuse, children and women’s rights.

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**Main Results**

- 85% of families reach economic self-sufficiency within 3 years
- 80% of households have savings
- 93% of families eat two times or more per day
- 90% of households have access to health care facilities
- 90% of households are living in decent conditions and have access to improved sanitation facilities
- 90% of children attend school on a regular basis
- Improved participant’s and community’s general life skills and capacities

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FXBVillage programs induced marked improvements related to economic security, health, nutrition, and access to safe water and sanitation.
Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard, 2015

FXB beneficiaries are multidimensionally less poor than their peers, even three years after graduation.
Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative, 2014

“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

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