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Students Raise Over \$30,000 for Social Change in Six Countries

AP is recruiting Peace Fellows for the summer of 2018!



2017 Peace Fellows at work: Top - [Cynthia Boruchowicz](#) (University of Maryland) with children who have been rescued from brick factories in Nepal. Above - [Vicky Mogeni](#) (The Fletcher School, Tufts University) with relatives of the disappeared, also in Nepal.

We are pleased to report that eight [Peace Fellows](#) from The Advocacy Project (AP) raised \$31,350 for community-based actions in 2017. As a result, 375 students have proper sanitation at their school in Uganda. An ageing widow in Vietnam will be able to care for her son, who is going blind from Agent Orange. Twenty-two refugees from war in the Middle East are poised to sell embroidery in the US for the first time.

These are among the innovative start-ups that were supported by AP last year. Almost 20,000 individuals benefited, and we expect this number to grow as the projects evolve into larger campaigns for social change. If they do, we will have Peace Fellows to thank.

A good example can be seen in the troubled African nation of Mali, where three Fellows - [Giorgia](#), [Refilwe](#) and [Rose](#) - have helped our Malian partner Sini Sanuman to open training centers for survivors of war rape. In 2014 sixty trainees produced 780 bars of soap. Last year 288 trainees produced and sold 34,576 bars and earned serious money in the process. Donors and policy-makers are taking notice.

The impact on Fellows themselves is deep and lasting. [Lauren Halloran](#), (Middlebury Institute of International Studies) helped Patrick Ojok from the Gulu Disabled Persons Union (GDPU) to install an accessible toilet at the Ogul School and [raised \\$2,452.10 for the project online](#). In the process, Lauren learned new skills and derived great satisfaction from a job well done. As she wrote to us recently:

"I just wanted to reach out to say another thank you for a great experience last summer! I keep reflecting on my time in Uganda and everything I learned from AP (and) GDPU. It definitely gave me the confidence to be able to do projects like that on my own. I'm currently working in Mombasa with Search for Common Ground and hoping to find a more permanent job in the area because I absolutely love it here."

Other Fellows from last year also moved quickly to build on their fellowship experience. [Talley](#) interned for a US Senator. [Rachel](#) worked for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. [Jacob](#) placed an article in the New York Times about his work on Agent Orange in Vietnam.

We have recently upgraded our website to better reflect the achievements of past Fellows and [advertise this year's openings](#), which will include new assignments on menstrual banishment in Nepal and child marriage in Zimbabwe. Please join the 169,815 friends who visited our site last year, [check out our fellowship pages](#), and pass the word along to acquaintances who might be up for the challenge. And thank you for your interest and support!



Patrick Ojok and [Lauren Halloran](#) installed an accessible toilet at Ogul School in Uganda

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