



Cisco's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Community Partners

Working with social innovators to multiply the impact of local efforts

Cisco and the [Cisco Foundation](#) partner with nonprofits, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and community-based organizations to carry out many of our [Corporate Social Responsibility programs](#). We support organizations that share our vision with funding, expertise, and technology through our [Support for Nonprofits](#).

For a geographic representation of many of our partnerships, please visit our [Global Impact Map](#).

Access to Education Partners

Cisco identifies partners with innovative, technology-based programs that improve student performance and engagement particularly in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) studies and among underserved communities. [Learn more](#).



[Citizen Schools](#) (United States)

Cisco employees have numbered among Citizen Schools' largest contingent of "Citizen Teacher" volunteers. Since 2009, 125 Cisco employees have led 10-week student apprenticeships to expand the learning day for children in low-income communities.



[FIRST](#) (Multinational, including United States)

Cisco supported the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) programming expansion in Yuma, AZ. We supported 20 new FLL teams, impacting 228 underserved students by inspiring them to become science & technology leaders and innovators.



[Generation YES](#) (United States)

Generation Yes (aka GenYES) is an integrated program that uses student technology leaders (STLs) and project-based learning to develop IT Skills in students and support IT staff in schools. In a Cisco supported project in 25 Yuma,

AZ schools, these 537 STLs provided 2,161 hours of support to 223 K-12 teachers -- saving the district an estimated \$50,000 over a 6 month period.



Gooru Learning (*United States*)

Cisco supported development of a free search engine for easy access to teacher-created lesson plans, content, and assessments. The program encourages teachers and students to interact with each other while learning.



KQED (*United States*)

Cisco is supporting the development of a free, practice-based tool for teachers to develop digital media literacy skills to more effectively teach communication and technology skills.



MIND Research Institute (*United States*)

Cisco cash grants have supported the conversion of math instructional software to an online format, extending its reach from 12,000 elementary students to over 1 million. Language-independent animations help all students develop critical thinking, reasoning, and mathematical abilities.



New Teacher Center (*United States*)

Cisco has supported NTC's Teacher Assessment Tool project and its online mentoring solution to create "induction programs" that accelerate new teacher effectiveness.



Science Buddies (*United States*)

Cisco has supported Science Buddies' efforts to provide a dynamic, engaging stream of STEM-related content to students, focusing in particular on female and underserved populations.



Teach For All (*Multinational, not including United States*)

A Cisco connected collaboration has helped Teach for All members in 40 countries share and collaborate to expand educational opportunity.



Teach For America (*United States*)

With Cisco product donations and expertise, TFA streamlined its infrastructure, increased efficiency, and reduced travel costs by more than \$896,000 per year..



War Child (*Multinational, not including United States*)

Cisco supports the Connect.Teaching program in South Sudan - an initiative that improves children's learning through an innovative, tablet-based teacher professional development program. The project currently involves 150 teachers

with the aim to improve learning for 7500 children.

Economic Empowerment Partners

Cisco partners promote economic self-sufficiency by bringing technology to underserved populations, and providing access to information, skills, and financial products and services.

[Learn more.](#)



Anudip *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco supports Anudip's efforts to provide technical training, life skills coaching, and IT-based employment opportunities to low-income women and youth in India.



Digital Divide Data *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco product and cash grants have helped Digital Divide Data replicate their innovative Impact Sourcing model across Asia, Africa and the United States. The organization provides technology skills training, professional development, employment and higher education opportunities to young women and men in emerging economies, as well as to veterans and military spouses in the United States.



Freedom from Hunger *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco supports Freedom from Hunger's efforts to improve the financial and social performance of the microfinance industry by using distance learning to strengthen the core competencies of field staff from microfinance institutions.



Good World Solutions *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has invested in the development and deployment of Labor Link, a mobile technology platform that increases transparency in global supply chains. Workers can report anonymously on working conditions and receive information on wage and work-related issues, training, and financial literacy.



Grameen Foundation *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported Grameen Foundation's Progress out of Poverty Index -- a unique measurement tool for organizations that serve the poor -- and its TaroWorks initiative, which provides cloud-based, mobile-enabled services to nonprofits and social enterprises.



Kiva *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco has supported the Kiva Labs and Kiva Zip Initiatives to help more people access loans for agriculture, water and sanitation, clean energy, higher education, health, and information and communication technology.



Living Goods *(Canada)*

With Cisco's support, Living Goods has developed and implemented a mobile technology platform to increase the scale, efficiency, and effectiveness of its micro-entrepreneur network in Uganda and Kenya.



Microfinance Information Exchange *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco product and cash grants have helped Microfinance Information Exchange promote transparency in the microfinance sector, using technology to provide objective, qualified, and relevant performance data and analysis.



Opportunity International *(Multinational, not including United States)*

With Cisco support, Opportunity International is designing and delivering mobile banking products and training to low-income people in Africa who lack access to financial products and services.



Women's World Banking *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported the Center for Microfinance Leadership, which serves executives of microfinance institutions (MFIs) dedicated to expanding access to financial services for women.

Critical Human Needs Partners

Cisco makes strategic investments where networks can make a difference in the speed and efficiency of organizations meeting critical human needs such as food, potable water, shelter, and disaster relief. [Learn more.](#)



Akvo *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported development of the open-source Field Level Operations Watch (FLOW) tool, which enables organizations to gather and evaluate water-related data via mobile and technologies. This tool is currently being used by over 258 organizations in more than 40 countries.



American Red Cross *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco partners with the American Red Cross to respond to disasters with employee giving campaigns and volunteers who provide food, water, shelter, and relief services to people affected by natural disasters.



CARE *(Multinational, not including United States)*

One of Cisco's strategic disaster response partners, CARE provides emergency response and rehabilitation services for individuals and families, and addresses

long-term solutions to poverty.



[Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology](#) *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported the development and distribution of new and existing knowledge and training products and services for those implementing water and sanitation programs in underdeveloped communities.



[Community Solutions](#) *(United States)*

Cisco has supported the 100,000 Homes Campaign to find homes for vulnerable chronically homeless people across the country.



[Community Technology Alliance](#) *(United States)*

Cisco has supported the development of a mobile app that provides homeless outreach workers with advanced tools to assess, address, and map the needs of chronically homeless individuals.



[Feeding America](#) *(United States)*

Cisco support for a new transportation management system has streamlined services for a network of 200 member food banks for a projected savings of US\$1.5 million over 5 years or 12 million meals.



[Habitat for Humanity](#) *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco provides cash grants and matches employee volunteer time with a cash contributions to help this global organization eliminate poverty and homelessness with affordable housing.



[Housing Trust Silicon Valley](#) *(United States)*

Cisco has supported the Affordable Multifamily Lending Program, enabling the construction of rental properties that will be permanently affordable for low income residents.



[InSTEDD](#) *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco has supported development of Watchfire, software that uses GPS, voice, and text messages to identify disaster response volunteers in half the time and better deploy expertise in the first critical moments of a crisis.



[Lu'ma Native Housing Society](#) *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported the expansion of the Community Voice Mail service to include homeless individuals in Canada, enabling them to connect to vital resources.



NetHope *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco has helped build organizational and information technology capacity to improve coordination and effectiveness of international humanitarian and conservation organizations.



Safe Water Network *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco has helped Safe Water Network develop and expand its suite of tablet-based operational and management tools to supports its network operators and local partners in providing access to affordable and safe water in underserved communities.



Ushahidi *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco has supported development of the Ushahidi platform, an open-source, crowd-sourced mapping and content management system to improve collaboration and coordination of disaster response and relief efforts.



Water for People *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has helped Water for People initially develop the Field Level Operations Watch (FLOW) tool which is now managed and iterated by Akvo (see above). We continue to support their development of monitoring and evaluations tools such as the EF Tracker.



World Food Program *(Multinational, not including United States)*

Cisco has supported development of the World Food Program's Mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (mVAM), which uses mobile technology to track food security trends in real-time, providing critical data to support humanitarian decision-making.

Additional Partners

Cisco occasionally supports organizations outside or across our investment areas when we discover highly innovative uses of ICT or an opportunity to scale the impact of our support for nonprofits.



Network for Good *(United States)*

A founding partner, Cisco has supported the expansion of Network for Good's Internet-based resources to help nonprofits raise funds, communicate, and strategize.



South African Education Trust *(South Africa)*

Cisco Scholars enables high-potential, disadvantaged Black South African students to attend the [African Leadership Academy](#). [Innovation Hub/Coachlab](#) matches college graduates in technology fields to real-world entrepreneurial opportunities.



TechSoup Global *(Multinational, including United States)*

Cisco and TechSoup Global work together to connect nonprofits and public libraries with donated and discounted technology products for social benefit across the globe.