Kenya
Girl in Dadaab Refugee Camp supported by PRM-funded project.
Photo by AVSI Kenya
About the cover photo

Meet Lucas Fernandez Matos, AVSI Brasil staff member. At the time this photo was taken. He was in charge of the Rondon 1 Reception Center in Boa Vista, Brazil, which houses some of the most vulnerable Venezuelan refugees: those accompanying children.

The images of the children who pass through the shelter stay with Matos for a long time. The memory of one little boy, in particular, continues. Keiniel, 7 years old, crossed the border with his mother and two siblings earlier this year.

“He was my shadow. Everywhere I went, there he was following my footsteps. After a while, I would let him hold my clipboard as I made my rounds,” Matos says. “One day I taught him how to make and fly a paper kite. Soon he was teaching all the other children how to make and fly kites.”

Photo by Matheus Felipe Pereira de Souza

Authentic relationships

As we look back and reflect on 2019, our method of work is cast in a new light due to the global pandemic, helping us to appreciate even more what it is that we are all about: relationships, connections, sharing needs as well as a passion for life. Stay tuned for what we learn along the way!

Over the past year we had the chance to affirm that it is an authentic relationship—of respect, concern, and love—that makes the biggest difference in our work. Entire projects are designed around this belief – as seen in the Graduating to Resilience coaches in Uganda (see page 12) who bring this gaze of affection and concern house to house, every week, come rain or shine. Or in Brazil where desperate Venezuelan men, women and children are walking across the border, literally risking their lives to find safety and security and the opportunity to start over again (see page 14) before meeting an AVSI staffer ready with open arms.

As a donor and supporter of our work, your contribution whether financial or other, is part of this chain of relationships. Together we are encouraging AVSI’s “boots on the ground” to stay focused on what matters most with positivity and hope.

Ezio Castelli
president

Jackie Aldrette
managing director

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Who we are

AVSI-USA is a non-profit organization created in 2000 to work with individuals and communities in developing countries to restore dignity and build resilience in the face of poverty and marginalization.

AVSI-USA is a member of the AVSI Foundation, a network of 36 organizations worldwide which share the same vision and method. Created in 1972, AVSI Foundation carries out development cooperation and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

**Vision**
AVSI-USA works for a world where the person, aware of her value and dignity, is the protagonist of her own integral development and that of her community, even in crisis and emergency contexts.

**Mission**
AVSI-USA works with individuals, communities, partners and donors to restore dignity and build resilience in the face of poverty and marginalization. AVSI-USA sustains long-term partnerships with local organizations, jointly designing projects, raising funds and implementing activities in the areas of education, early childhood and youth development, economic livelihoods, health and nutrition. AVSI-USA connects people across borders, creating opportunities for solidarity and friendship.

**Method**
1. To start from the value of the person who is never defined by circumstances in which she lives or by social categories
2. To consider the person always in her family and community context, seeking out and valuing local resources as a starting point
3. To accompany and let ourselves be accompanied, recognizing that we share a common human experience
4. To involve all stakeholders, facilitating active participation of beneficiaries, service providers, partners, donors and the private sector
5. To learn from experience and capitalize on lessons learned

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**Projects funded by U.S. Government**: 8

**AVSI-USA countries**: 14

**AVSI-USA local partners**: 16

**AVSI-USA direct beneficiaries**: 350,000

educational and healthcare institutions and NGOs
From the top
AVSI-USA
President Ezio Castelli visiting a school for deaf children in Kampala, Uganda. Marie L’Hermine (in yellow) in Haiti participating in AVSI’s Annual Meeting on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition. Communications Manager Roberta Alves (in black) visiting a school in Uganda.
Where AVSI-USA works

Africa
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Uganda

Latin America and the Caribbean
- Brazil
- Ecuador
- Haiti
- Mexico

Middle East
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Syria

Asia
- Kazakhstan

Europe
- Romania
- Ukraine

AVSI-USA global presence

AVSI Foundation projects along the years

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Projects: 216 countries: 199 32 33
Projects

The projects shown on the following pages are examples of AVSI’s activities, which contribute to the UN’s Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and fall into the following sectors:

- Environment
- Democratization
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Education
- Child Protection
- Health
- Human Rights
- Livelihood and economic strengthening
- Nutrition
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Vocational training and job creation
- Water

AVSI’s approach in the humanitarian field

Since its foundation, AVSI has responded to emergencies in countries where it operates. For instance, in Rwanda, AVSI started operations following the 1994 genocide and it was among the first NGOs to cross the border with Uganda to support genocide victims with emergency interventions. AVSI’s stable presence in a country stems from providing humanitarian aid.

In 2019, 32.24% of projects were implemented in response to emergencies or situations of prolonged crisis. Provision of food, water, medicines, hygiene and sanitary items, distribution of tents, education and psycho-social support, and the reconstruction of houses and schools are some of the actions taken in places like Syria, Brazil, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Myanmar.

Following AVSI’s method, emergency action opens up a broader perspective. Rebuilding and long-term change happens when people are involved as protagonists of development, even in situations of prolonged crisis. We recognize that people are a part of a community, so we support actions that enhance the resources that already exist in a community through partnerships with local institutions, associations, and organizations. This wider approach makes people more resilient and allows them to become drivers of development.

From the start, each humanitarian action is designed to be part of a longer-term development strategy and enhance the humanitarian-development-peace nexus; today, this is a priority for international cooperation and is essential to AVSI’s approach.
Brazil
A Venezuelan family in a reception center for refugees in the state of Roraima. Photo by Francesco Pistilli.
AVSI and the United States Government

For the past 20 years, AVSI Foundation has worked with the U.S. Government, developing innovative, person-centered programs that have had long-lasting impact on communities. Our dedicated staff brings depth of local knowledge and understanding that results in context specific programming and effective engagement of local actors and resources.

To U.S. Government and other partners, AVSI provides 1) on the ground, local knowledge; 2) capacity and flexibility to partner in different ways; and 3) a strong commitment to the people and, therefore, to quality in everything we do.

In 2019, U.S. Government sources made up nearly 25% of AVSI Foundation global funding base. While these projects are managed directly by AVSI Foundation, AVSI-USA provides crucial support including relationships with the funding agencies and partner organizations, donor compliance, evaluation and research.

See page 25 for more information on the financial value of this portfolio.

Integrated School Feeding and Literacy Program addresses nutrition and literacy in 613 primary schools in Ivory Coast. AVSI’s goal is to improve the quality of education received by children through an integrated set of literacy promotion activities, in parallel with WFP’s school feeding activities. Together with the Ministry of Education (MENET), AVSI is reviewing existing curricula, supporting the revision process currently underway and coordinating a collaborative effort to bring together pedagogical resources for reading instruction. AVSI also carried out a reading assessment of students in project schools, and supports the MENET in training teachers in the reading curriculum, while mobilizing the involvement of the whole community.

Results in 2019

- Reading proficiency level has improved from 8% to 40% for students who demonstrate that they can read and understand a test at their expected reading level
- 127,232 children benefit from reading kits
- 94.4% of teachers in targeted schools attend/are present in school 90% of all school days in the year
- 591 teachers were trained and certified for teaching reading and writing with support from the project
- 30,000 French lesson manuals and 125,000 books have been purchased and distributed
Ivory Coast

Children supported by the Integrated School Feeding and Literacy Program.

Photo by AVSI Ivory Coast
An unbelievable ripple effect

In September, I had the chance to return to Uganda to be together again with the team working tirelessly on Graduating to Resilience.

We celebrated the many accomplishments of the year and tackled the challenges that had arisen with energy and creativity.

The most amazing part of the trip was meeting three of our coaches, the essential front-line of the project. These coaches spoke with so much heart and passion about their job, which is to encourage, guide and cheer on the participants as they envision their future, set goals, struggle to work towards those goals, and love and serve their families along the way. The coaches have also learned to support each other and to take their own dreams seriously. One coach spoke about how, after hearing the lessons on nutrition and diet that she was asked to impart to others, she couldn’t help but put that information to practice in her own life. If all the coaches put themselves into motion in the way that these ones have, the project will have ripple effects which we can hardly imagine!

by Jackie Aldrette
AVSI-USA Managing Director

The Graduating to Resilience Activity is a 7 year intervention that aims to graduate extremely poor refugee households who fled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Ugandan vulnerable households from conditions of food insecurity and fragile livelihoods to self-reliance and resilience. Using a women plus household approach, the Activity methodically builds confidence, increases capabilities, achieve sustainable food security, nutrition and poverty reduction goals through economic strengthening and social asset building activities.

Graduating to Resilience in Uganda

- Uganda, Kamwenge District
- USAID, Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance
- 2017-2024
- 6,365 household participants

Partners
Trickle Up and IMPAQ

Activities
Graduating to Resilience is a multi-sectoral women centered activity where participants receive integrated support such as access to savings groups, farming skills, financial literacy, business plan, a start-up grant for a new business, and coaching where women are assisted in setting goals and work towards achieving them.

Results in 2019
- 5,475 households were progressing well towards graduation and 24 have already met the graduation criteria
- 50% of the target were able to meet the basic needs such health, education, shelter, and safe drinking water
- Food Consumption Score (FCS) for nearly 90% of participating households points to widespread improvement
- Access to food for children 6-23 months was above 95%
- 40% of the participating households and 60% of the target of pregnant women were reached with nutrition education interventions
- Households participating in group-based savings, micro-finance, or lending programs increased from 60.3% to 97.5% through VSLAs
- Participants asset base increased by 98.8% and 82.8% had a good capacity to retain assets when facing shocks
Uganda
Jackie Aldrette meets Graduating to Resilience team during retreat. In the center, one of the families supported by the Activity. Photos by Bershaza Katoorobo
AVSI's approach in the migration sector

1 The person and her dignity
We support people, not numbers or labels (irregular migrants, return migrants, economic migrants, displaced persons, refugees). The dignity of every person is beyond dispute.

2 The person and community
All aspects of a migrating person are considered, including relationships with the community of origin and host communities. Safety is always a top priority.

3 When and where AVSI provides help
AVSI’s presence in numerous countries along the world’s migratory routes allows us to support people at different times: before the decision is taken to migrate, when opportunities to relocate present themselves; during the journey, when integrating into new environments; during the voluntary journey home.

4 Culture and communication
The cultural heritage of the person in transit, and their host community, must always be protected. Proper communication means circulating correct information, which may bridge the gap that can emerge between perception and the reality of the situation.

5 Aspirations and alternatives
A person migrates because of an aspiration for a better life, a desire rooted in human nature, which is a significant factor in the development process. This desire must be taken seriously.

Refugee Education is a multi-year education project for the Somali refugees and the Kenyan host community in the Dadaab refugee camp. The goal is to increase the self-reliance of refugees and preparedness for voluntary repatriation through strategic education enhancement activities. Through this project, AVSI is increasing the quality of education in the camp and host community to keep in line with education reforms in Kenya, and is expanding opportunities for youth leadership and positive development through scouting for both boys and girls.

**Refugee Education**

| Kenya, Dadaab |
| US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) |
| 2011-2021 |
| 16,658 direct beneficiaries and 193,234 indirect, Somali refugees and host community in 2019 |

**Activities**
AVSI provides teacher training opportunities, focused on early grade teachers in refugee camps and host community and supports a quality teaching environment and the integration of refugee schools in the Kenyan system. In 2019, AVSI responded to new education gaps in how education was provided in the refugee hosting areas through scouting activities to access out-of-school children and promote their return to school. Scouting activities also include lifeskills training and community projects. Parents were mobilized to be engaged in their children’s participation in school. Teachers were trained on quality education and assessed on their acquired classroom skills.

**Results in 2019**
- 300 new Scouts were registered and trained in life skills
- 1,322 Scouts (existing & new) participated in community projects
- 10,000 parents were mobilized for sensitization on Somalia education and inclusive education
- 121 teachers were trained on teacher quality circles for the refugee schools
- 88 teachers assessed upon the application of acquired skills at classroom level

This project complements the Brazilian Government’s program “Operation Welcome,” by providing job opportunities, professional and language courses, and social assistance to Venezuelan migrants in Brazil, helping them integrate into new communities and become protagonists of their new lives.

**Welcomed Through Work**

| Brazil (entire country) |
| US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) |
| 2019-2021 |
| 4,890 direct, 17,828 indirect beneficiaries |

**Partners**
AVSI Brasil, IMDH (Institute of Migration and Human Rights)

**Activities**
Building professional profiles of migrants staying at shelters managed by AVSI in Roraima, Brazil, connecting private companies with job vacancies with migrants who have relevant professional profiles, facilitating interviews, coordinating with Brazilian government’s “Operation Welcome” to help people move across the country, providing housing and social assistance for first 3 months in new city, Portuguese and other trainings courses for Venezuelans, professional training courses for low-income Brazilians.

**Results in 2019**
The project began in October of 2019 and the first three months consisted of hiring and training staff, establishing offices, dialoging with the Brazilian Army staff running “Operation Welcome” in Roraima, and beginning to search for companies who could potentially hire Venezuelans.
From humanitarian aid to development: life on the migratory routes

Forced migration often has its origins in humanitarian crises. By the end of 2019, there were almost 80 million forcibly displaced people in the world. The causes are numerous—conflict, persecution, poverty, natural catastrophe and the effects of climate change. So are the consequences: families forced to flee to another part of the country, across the border, or to more developed countries.

Most of the humanitarian aid projects AVSI carries out are in connection to migration. AVSI works in countries of origin to improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons (Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Myanmar) and “potential migrants” (Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Ivory Coast, South Sudan, Syria) as well as to enable people to return home (Haiti, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, South Sudan). We also work in countries of transit (Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon) to facilitate access to education and employment, and in countries of destination to support integration or assisted voluntary return (Italy, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Uganda).

A virtuous production cycle to relaunch a city and its economic fabric for IDPs and returnees to the Nineveh Plains, Iraq

This is a 2 year livelihoods project that aims to create the pre-conditions for economic recovery and the full return of IDPs to their original homes through the reconstruction of farming businesses. The project focuses on livelihoods as a means of immediate humanitarian assistance and a bridge to recovery and sustainable development.

Activities
The project supports 101 family-run small and medium-sized farms and agribusinesses by carrying out restructuring work, providing machinery, materials, livestock and veterinary services and organizing technical training, financial literacy, business development and life skills courses. The project supported the formation of a sector association and the creation of two public gardens. It also supports the Women’s Production Association of Qaraqosh (WPAQ).

Results in 2019
83 farms were refurbished and 23 received support in water irrigation and electrical equipment, this led to 184 direct jobs created on the refurbished farms. 106 farmers received technical and professional training and 100% of the farmers increased their technical knowledge by at least 20%. The Association of Farmers, Livestock Owners and Technicians (AFLT) was constituted by 83 farm members; 72 women received food production training to improve their income generation; 82 farmers received business development services; and 1,089 people used the community garden building social cohesion.
Long-term partnerships

The world is too big a place to go it alone. Our partnership approach to development reflects a way of looking at the world that recognizes complexity, welcomes its manifold gifts, and values interdependence. AVSI-USA is proud to support the work of these amazing partners:

AVSI Ecuador
AVSI Haiti
AVSI Kenya
AVSI Lebanon
AVSI Rwanda
Cardinal Otunga School, Kenya
Crecemos, Mexico
Emmaus, Ukraine
Fundación Sembrar, Ecuador
FDP Protagonists in Education, Romania
Luigi Giussani Institute for Higher Education, Uganda
MASP, Kazakhstan
Meeting Point International, Uganda
St. Louis Hospital, Syria
The French Hospital, Syria
The Italian Hospital, Syria

IMARISHA JAMII: Social-Economic Resilience for Urban Refugees

Kenya, Nairobi

Partner
AVSI Kenya

Activity
Kenya is currently host to some 500,000 refugees, 65,000 of whom live in informal settlements in and around Nairobi. Most come from Somalia, South Sudan and Congo. Refugees in urban settings are among the most vulnerable in the region and women find themselves in a particularly precarious position. Women are often sent ahead without male partners and, thus, must assume the role of head-of-household. AVSI in Kenya is currently working with refugee and host communities to provide relevant market-oriented skills to access meaningful employment and to start income generating activities such as detergent making and roadside snack stands. Imarisha Jamii is a compound of two Swahili words: Imarisha (strengthen) and Jamii (community). The project’s name was chosen to show the need to empower the urban community as a whole – Kenyans and refugees who all participate in the program together.

Results in 2019
A total of 9 community savings groups were organized while 290 young women and adolescent girls received training in livelihoods, were able to meet basic needs.
Kenya

Thanks to Imarisha Jamii project, Fifi has started a small business which allows her to support her daughter and other family members.

Photo by AVSI Kenya
When one is helping another, both gain in strength

There is a saying, supposedly Ecuadorian, which goes, “When one is helping another, both gain in strength.” It is a fitting description of the life I witnessed among AVSI staff, partners and program participants during my visit to the “Republic of the Equator” at the end of 2019.

On the day I visited Fundación Sembrar, a young couple who had fled Venezuela with their daughter was attending the homeschooling workshops, which, in addition to training parents to be teachers, presents various ways to save money at home. Both parents had been in the military, but the situation back home was intolerable. The workshops were an invaluable way to integrate into a new community where they otherwise felt alone.

In addition to the workshops for parents, Fundación Sembrar operates an early childhood center called Ojos de Cielo for 30 of the most vulnerable children from the neighborhood as well as programs for youth. In a neighborhood like Pisulí, with its high prevalence of crime and drug abuse, it’s easy for young people to make bad choices. Sembrar offers other options for the constructive use of time. Here youth can gather in a safe space to meet friends and take advantage of numerous programs and activities from homework help to vocational training.

Later in the day we stopped at the house of Fanny who also received a loan from the savings group to buy a sewing machine and some other materials. She is a seamstress by trade and makes custom clothing and other fashion items that she takes to market. With her income, she supports her household with 2 school age children.

Afterwards, we headed back to the AVSI office in Quito where Yubari, country manager, gave us an overview of the Venezuelan refugee situation as it affects Ecuador. The crisis is set to become greater than that which affected Syria, with over 4 million people forced to leave their homes to date. AVSI is currently working with UNHCR providing humanitarian assistance and is gearing up for the next phase to integrate refugees into the Ecuadorian society through opportunities for jobs and housing, hopefully with funds from the US government.

Let’s return to our proverb, “When one is helping another, both gain in strength.” In Ecuador, I saw a people desirous of building up their own lives and their country; ready to join together with others for a greater good. I met staff, volunteers, board members, instructors, participants and partners who were all thoroughly engaged in their work and learning from each other. If you could take the temperature of the creativity of the AVSI and Fundación Sembrar operations in Ecuador, the mercury would surely be bursting through the thermometer! The political environment, unfortunately, hampers interesting innovation — political, economic or social — sorely needed for large-scale change in the country. Yet history shows that hindrance is not the final word – here I have witnessed a point of hope, and AVSI is proud to be betting on the people of Ecuador!

by Barbara Gagliotti
AVSI-USA Foundations Relations Officer

Educational and Social Reintegration of Persons Deprived of Liberty

Ecuador, Quito

Partners
AVSI Ecuador

Activity
The correctional system in Ecuador strives for the complete rehabilitation and reintegration into society of persons convicted of criminal activity. AVSI Ecuador, together with the Ministry of Justice and Cisco Networking Academy, is working to achieve that goal in the regional prison facility of Cotopaxi. The project aims at training persons deprived of liberty in IT technologies. Subsequent project phases will include the creation of multiservice technology centers that can contract for services in the community, thus creating jobs for people once they have been released. Eventually, the model can be scaled nationwide.

Results
To date, 300 men have been certified in basic through advanced computer skills, some even qualifying as trainers who now teach new cohorts at the facility. In 2019, 15 women were certified in basic computing. In the future, AVSI is working to bring Business Development programs to enhance employability in Information and Communications Technologies.
Ecuador

Barbara Gagliotti (top) with AVSI Ecuador team. A child in front of Fundacion Sembrar. Stefania Famlonga, Sembrar Executive Director, visiting a beneficiary. Photos by AVSI Ecuador and Barbara Gagliotti
Graduating Women-led Households to Social-Economic Resilience

**Partner**
AVSI Rwanda

**Activity**
Inter-generational poverty in rural Rwanda is due in large part to adolescent girls who become mothers at a young age. Facing social exclusion and loss of economic stability, unwed mothers lack the support necessary to continue school and find livelihoods that would allow them to provide for a family. In response, AVSI Rwanda has developed a successful community-based approach to strengthen at-risk women-led households. These inroads, combined with our Graduation to Resilience approach, which has proven effective in neighboring Uganda and Kenya, promise a viable path towards reduced vulnerability, increased well-being, and self-reliance.

**Results in 2019**
This past year, 180 young mothers were recruited and completed individual and household goal setting activities, while AVSI social workers held fruitful dialogues with community authorities and parents to examine cultural norms surrounding girls’ education, gender-based violence and child protection issues. The AVSI team has also made extensive headway in building a powerful monitoring and evaluation system. The program will run through 2021 and includes community savings groups, financial literacy training and technical training in marketable skills.

Rebirth of Quality Education

**Partner**
Luigi Giussani Institute of Higher Education

**Activity**
LGIHE has made great strides in increasing quality education in Uganda by focusing on teacher motivation and critical thinking skills. In recent years, LGIHE has built a strong collaboration with the Ministry of Education and in particular with the Uganda National Examination Board (UNEB) to foster higher order thinking in schools. Working with UNEB, LGIHE conducted an in-depth study of the Uganda Certificate of Education to assess the level of higher order thinking required for the Math, English, Biology, Chemistry and Physics National Examinations. Armed with this information, schools are able to promote instructional methods and assessment approaches that intensify critical thinking ability in teachers and learners.

**Results in 2019**
LGIHE completed its analysis of the level of Higher Order Thinking skills required for UNEB ending exams and conducted test question writing sessions for the national testing board’s examiners. Sessions were also held at 10 schools to teach teachers how to emphasize Higher Order Thinking skills. In addition, 120 Principles and Deputy Principles of Ugandan Teachers Colleges received training in nurturing life skills, including critical thinking, in the classroom. Lastly, 17 school leaders have completed a Certificate of School Leadership and Management granted by LGIHE.

Nutrition, Academics and Sports for Vulnerable Children

**Partner**
Crecemos

**Activity**
Nutrition and good dietary habits are at the center of activities at Crecemos, a community-based organization that integrates academic, nutrition, and social programs for children and their families in marginalized communities of Oaxaca, Mexico. Children receive more than homework help and a hot meal. They participate in regular health check-ups and intensive nutritional and hygiene education. Healthy habits are brought home through the significant number of volunteer moms who participate in programs and at-home cooking demonstration.

**Results in 2019**
Crecemos brought integrated activities including nutrition, exercise, sports, music, dance and a mobile library that provides books and learning opportunities to over 1,600 families.
From the top
Women engaging in productive activities in Rwanda, young teacher practicing what she learned at LGIHE in Uganda, and Crecemos cook interacting with a child after breakfast in Mexico.
Why we donate to AVSI-USA

"My husband and I give to the General Fund of AVSI-USA because of the person-centered mission: the dignity of the human person, the family, woman, man, and child, and the work towards empowering each of them to take charge of their own lives. Local partners know the needs and the solutions, and with AVSI-USA’s support, change happens. We believe in the people at AVSI-USA and that they will stay true to their mission. Through the General Fund, AVSI-USA can mobilize a response to the latest crisis or to those longer-term initiatives led by local partners. We are confident that our donations are going directly to the work and to support the staff of AVSI, and the local partners."

Laura, New York
- General Fund

"We think that AVSI’s method based on the development of the human person, not simply on economic or social outcomes, and its partnership with local organizations are the recipe for a sustainable and equitable growth in the poorest and most torn areas of the world. Most importantly, donating to AVSI educates us to keep an open gaze to the world and to every person and that is the most important lesson we can pass on to our children."

Francesco and Elizabeth, Ohio
- General Fund
"I met Crecemos when I went to Oaxaca to film their center. I made the short documentary ‘The Awakened Heart.’ The question that remained with me since then is: ‘In the most underprivileged social situation, can someone’s gaze on human condition offer a true difference?’ At the center, I met people working side by side with children and families of Monte Alban - people who daily accompany children with malnutrition and families into a prospective of education that allows them to change their way of living. Helping people to help themselves. I offer my contribution to that.”
Simonetta, New York
- Crecemos donor

“There is a certain skepticism about how effective aid is, whether here or abroad, for changing lives and building sustainability. Your method deserves to be better known because it creates more human structures! We feel confident that the work that AVSI does supports the person and their education.”
Sharon, Minnesota
- Crecemos donor

“I support Crecemos because Crecemos lives what I want for myself. The vision includes an attentiveness to reality and an appreciation of beauty. Children and mothers learn how different foods contribute to their health and they learn recipes for sharing that food together. In the midst of difficult circumstances in Oaxaca, the children learn the violin because the instrument challenges their minds and the music enriches their souls. I want to live in the same awareness of my own needs -- especially the need for companionship. My donation is a very small way to support this beautiful work and to affirm something beautiful I desire for my life as well.”
Andrew, Maryland
- Crecemos donor
# 2019 AVSI-USA Financial highlights

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## NET INCOME

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## How AVSI-USA uses your donation

- **89%** Overseas programs
- **8.5%** Management
- **2.5%** Fundraising
AVSI-USA contribution to the success of AVSI Foundation

In 2019, AVSI-USA obtained $326,500 in grant funding from U.S. based foundations for the implementation of projects with AVSI network members in 5 countries.

In addition, AVSI-USA leveraged support from the U.S. Government and international institutions for AVSI Foundation which amounted to 25% of AVSI Foundation’s consolidated revenue of $95,287,057 in 2019. Furthermore AVSI-USA delivered technical assistance on these USG-funded projects amounting to $387,829 in 2019.

As the graph below shows, AVSI-USA is making an important contribution to the diversification of the global funding portfolio of the AVSI Foundation.

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U.S. Department of State
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