# **Technical Assistance**

Since 1979, Trickle Up has helped over 1.5 million people living in extreme poverty and vulnerability advance their economic and social well-being. To help graduate the next 1.5 million, we are providing implementing partners with the technical expertise to address the needs of the world's most vulnerable people.

# **Graduating Out of Poverty**

Trickle Up's approach, called Graduation, is a deliberately sequenced and time-bound program that combines careful participant selection, market research, coaching, savings, training, and livelihood planning to build a ladder of support for participants to rise out of poverty. With over 335,000 participant households having graduated out of poverty since 1979, Trickle Up's work has spanned the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

## Hand in Hand

Trickle Up's global impact would not be possible without its 38 local and global implementing partners, from community based organizations and national governments to international NGOs.

# 38 PARTNERS

20 COUNTRIES

**ASIA** Bangladesh, India, Vietnam



#### **MINISTRY OF PLANNING** | Paraguay Trickle Up and the Ministry are improving cash transfer and food security programs through a Graduation intervention targeting ultrapoor indigenous households and people living with disabilities.

Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador,

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Nicaragua, Mexico, Paraguay

**AMERICAS** 

### AFRICA

Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe



**UNHCR** | Various

Supported by the US Department of State's BPRM, Trickle Up has worked with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, since 2013 to adapt Graduation to its operations in various contexts, working with local staff to help refugees in Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan, and Zimbabwe. **CONCERN** | Bangladesh Trickle Up is working with Concern to empower ultra poor women and youth through social protection mechanisms and financial inclusion.

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# **How We Support Partners**

Trickle Up supports implementing partners through various technical assistance services that span a threephase process: research, design, and implementation. Throughout an engagement, Trickle Up adjusts its technical assistance to proactively evolve around a partner's mandate and approach. This is key to providing consistent, coordinated, and cohesive technical contributions.

RESEARCH

#### FEASIBILITY STUDY

Conduct desk research and key informant interviews with various stakeholders to assess the viability of implementing a Graduation program in the target location

#### **RESEARCH & LEARNING**

Design, support, and/or implement research and learning initiatives

#### PROGRAM DESIGN

Lead implementing partners and stakeholders through the design and adaptation of the Graduation Approach for their specific context

#### LOCATION

Identify the appropriate geographic target for implementing the Graduation pilot

### COACHING

Lead design or adaptation of current coaching materials to meet the specific needs of participants and coaches in each context

### **SELECTION & TARGETING**

Utilize selection and targeting methodologies to identify potential participants

#### SAVINGS

Design and adapt informal savings and lending methodologies to meet specific needs of target population

#### CONSUMPTION SUPPORT

Leverage existing social support services and collaborate with the partner to appropriately channel consumption support

#### LIVELIHOODS ROADMAP

Outline a full livelihoods roadmap, including appropriate employment opportunities, to ensure participants' continued self-reliance and resilience

#### **MONITORING & EVALUATION**

Adapt and develop M&E systems to support Graduation programming

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING & SUPPORT**

Provide regular remote and in-person support to implementing partners to discuss programmatic successes and challenges, offer feedback on technical documents, support the design of monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning initiatives, adapt training materials, provide initial and follow-up training to partner staff, and jointly explore additional avenues for funding

#### PHASE OUT & SCALE UP

Based on lessons learned from the Graduation pilot, assist the implementing partner in scaling up the approach, as Trickle Up simultaneously phases out. Through a smooth transition, the partner is equipped to fully execute future Graduation projects.

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**IMPLEMENTATION**