Poverty Solutions for Today

Founded in 1997 with a $6,000 grant from Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus, today Grameen Foundation is a global leader in developing innovative solutions for the poor. Through cutting-edge digital technology and self-help approaches, we promote sustainable solutions to the financial, agricultural, and health challenges facing poor communities. We work with partners in 26 countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America to reach the world’s poorest people, with a focus on women, who accounted for 94% of people served in 2015-16.

“With organic certification of my coconuts, I hope to pay for my grandkids’ schooling.”

Maam Tem Artemia
FarmerLink, Philippines

From the Field: Serving Rural Communities

FarmerLink in the Philippines: We’re helping coconut farmers grow more, earn more, and stand strong through the storms that batter their islands. Through digital technology, field agents, and a network of partners we’re connecting farmers to advice, financial services, and better markets.

Supporting Women in West Africa: We’re teaching financial literacy through women’s savings groups, and using digital technology so the women can open formal accounts. We’re using the same groups to teach health. Josephine used her group savings and health knowledge when pains arose during her pregnancy. A prompt diagnosis quite possibly saved her life.

“My life has improved. I tell my friends: You should join a savings group, so we can all help each other.”

Kotine, Burkina Faso
Mission

Enable the poor, especially women, to create a world without hunger and poverty.

Our Impact

- 23 million people have gained access to small loans, savings accounts, and other financial services.
- Nearly 6 million people have received health education and services via mobile technology and savings groups.
- 470,000 farmers in Africa and Latin America have used mobile tools to increase productivity and income, and to connect to markets.