Counterpart has always been about bringing unlikely partners together. From our inception, when a priest and a movie star came together to make the world better for people in the South Pacific, to today, where our work in 28 countries focuses on bringing together citizens, governments, and partners from around the world to help build stronger communities. Every program that Counterpart touches incorporates social inclusion; simply put, we work to make sure that all people — women, youth, people with disabilities, war veterans, and more — have a voice in making their communities stronger, more open, and more equitable for everyone.

WE BRING UNLIKELY PARTNERS TOGETHER TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.
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Dear Counterpart Community,

One of the big lessons we’ve learned in the development sector over the last decade is that doing good is not a solo endeavor. At Counterpart International, we know that solving any challenge requires unlikely partners to join hands around a common challenge and create a solution that works for all. It’s Counterpart’s mission to be the catalyst for these unlikely partnerships. Through your continued support, we are able to achieve that mission, developing leaders, organizations, and networks along the way.

In this year’s Annual Report, we take you on a worldwide journey, stopping in 10 countries to see the challenges that required forming these unlikely partnerships, and the solutions these partners are creating together. You will find community leaders, government officials, private companies, radio stations, security forces, farmers, researchers, and more — working together for the good of their communities and countries.

In these stories, you will likely find a cause dear to your heart, whether climate resilience, protecting communities against conflict, empowering women, keeping girls in school, improving health outcomes, or holding free elections. Counterpart’s model of accountability and social inclusion delivers results for many across sectors.

There are two common denominators in these partnerships. In every case, those closest to the problem are at the center of designing the solution. And the solution ensures that even the most marginalized have a voice and are included in the process — women, youth, people with disabilities, the LGBTI community, and indigenous peoples. Every voice counts.

We take this opportunity to thank you — our funders and donors, our collaborators, and our thought partners. You all are our valued counterparts in our mission to ensure communities around the world have the resources and opportunities to drive their own destinies. Thank you for a great 2017!

Warm wishes from the world-wide Counterpart team —

Raul R. Herrera
Chair of the Board

Joan Parker
President and CEO
In recent years, Niger has faced severe and sustained security challenges from Boko Haram and other violent extremist groups. These insurgencies have driven widespread internal displacement of populations, disrupted economic activity, including farming, and interrupted delivery of education and health services. While working to combat these threats, Niger’s Security and Defense Forces and the Government of Niger have struggled to earn and maintain the confidence of its citizens.

Through our Participatory Responsive Governance (PRG) program, funded by USAID and the Swiss Cooperation Agency, Counterpart is facilitating community-driven efforts to mitigate drivers of conflict and strengthen governance, particularly in the health, education, and security sectors. As part of our work to bolster the security sector, Counterpart has fostered an unlikely partnership of citizens, military, and government leaders to promote stability and create an inclusive and effective strategy for strengthening Niger’s democratic institutions. For many community participants, this has been the first time they felt empowered to engage their counterparts in the public sector.

Counterpart had the distinction of being the only NGO invited to a key meeting of the Niger Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Interior in February 2017, where they finalized the government’s Security Communications Action Plan. Counterpart staff bridged the gap between the citizens and the military, sharing for the first time that security remained a priority and a concern of Nigerien citizens, a theme that Counterpart has heard time and time again in public dialogue sessions hosted throughout the country.

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Counterpart and our local partners sought to address how Niger’s security forces and local media could effectively communicate with each other to keep citizens informed. A media mapping was conducted in four target regions of Niger in June 2017, indicating where the military needed to develop and expand their community outreach programs, and where the local media needed to strengthen their capacity to accurately cover security issues. As a result of these findings, a media training workshop was organized in August for over 20 key participants from national and local media, civil society, Parliament (National Assembly), the National Police, and other agencies.

On their own initiative, the participants formed permanent working groups to continue their progress, secured full government support for their role in communicating security developments to Niger’s citizens, and joined forces to work together to strengthen Niger’s nascent democracy. Counterpart will continue to facilitate civilian-military dialogues and public forums to promote the power of all Nigerien people to make their voices heard in the country’s critical peace-building effort.

“This is the first time I have seen an NGO taking an interest in security with a highly participatory approach.”

National Gendarmerie Commandant Moussa Mounkaila Siddo
The people of Afghanistan face numerous challenges that threaten their security and well-being and undermine the democratic vision for the country. Women and minorities often encounter additional barriers due to limited access to education. Counterpart’s Afghan Civic Engagement Program (ACEP), funded by USAID, has worked with young civil society leaders in all of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces since 2013 to ensure a more inclusive government in which all citizen voices are heard.

In 2017, Counterpart sparked a new community initiative for early childhood education when ACEP, together with its local partner, the Solidarity and Assistance Organization of Afghanistan, hosted a community dialogue for residents of rural areas of Paktika province. This was the first time the people of Paktika had ever participated in this kind of a conversation with one another. Education is an instrumental building block for communities to become engaged citizens — often leading to the accountable, inclusive communities needed in a peaceful and stable society.

During the forum, one of the community participants, Hazrat Omer, discussed the inadequate educational opportunities in his neighborhood. “A building for a boys’ school was built a year ago near our village, but due to a lack of interest among the residents and security concerns, it was closed — ending learning opportunities for the young people,” explained Omer.

Forum participants were interested in exploring avenues to re-open the school, so Omer mobilized a community awareness campaign to broaden his community’s perception of education. Within a matter of weeks, Omer recruited friends and neighbors to support his campaign; they went to neighboring villages and eventually garnered enough public interest that the district and regional authorities provided support for re-opening the school.

Just as the boys’ school graduated its first class of students in 2017, Omer also set out to build community support for a girls’ school — which became equally successful and earned government support. Learning to value early childhood education, the Paktika community continued to convene for recurring dialogues, formally creating an advocacy committee to regularly meet with the district authorities.

Because the communities themselves are fully invested in these schools, their children are much more likely to continue going to school over time — long after the life of the program. As the Afghan people continue to face political and security challenges in the midst of ongoing conflict, Omer’s commitment to helping the next generation secure a brighter future will make both his community and Afghanistan as a whole stronger.
increased availability of capital for lending to farmers. The partnership largely targets indigenous Mayan women, who have historically been marginalized in Guatemalan society. Counterpart’s work is helping to break through barriers to credit, markets, skills, and so much more to support this vital community.

In 2017, Counterpart measured the progress that Guatemalan farmers had made since partnering with MICOOPE. The results exceeded even the most optimistic expectations. With the new credit options from MICOOPE, we found a significant spike in demand for agricultural loans, mainly from women farmers. Women farmers initially only made up five percent of all loan applications. In 2017, the rate of women applying for agricultural loans increased to 37 percent. Time and time again, we’ve seen that when the poorest women have the right support, they can chart a path forward and invest in their families’ futures. This partnership makes that possible.

This astounding increase suggested that women were particularly motivated to respond to the new opportunity to grow their businesses. It also underscored how women had not historically been fully included in the Guatemalan economy. As a result of Counterpart’s USDA Food for Progress program, Guatemalan women farmers, their families, and their communities are benefiting from new access to credit, capital, and opportunity. Their increased agricultural productivity will help address Guatemala’s food security challenge.

Counterpart’s experience in Guatemala with Food for Progress illustrates what we have learned over decades of working with local women changemakers: when you provide new opportunities to women, women multiply the impact of those benefits by investing in the well-being of their families and their communities.
MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL FEEDING IN SENEGAL

In Senegal, approximately 17 percent of households face food insecurity and malnutrition. School feeding programs like Counterpart’s U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) McGovern-Dole Food for Education program in the Saint Louis region of northern Senegal are critical to providing adequate nutrition for early childhood development. In 2017 alone, Counterpart distributed more than 7.48 million school meals in northern Senegal, bringing our total to date to 15 million, increasing school enrollment and improving attendance — particularly among girls — along the way.

Part of this success is due to the partnership that Counterpart has forged between schoolteachers and health workers — an unlikely pairing in Senegal historically. Together, these important partners are distributing de-worming medication and vitamin A supplements, strengthening the impact of school feeding efforts on child health. Worms prevent children from being able to properly absorb nutrients. By providing de-worming medication, Counterpart is enabling school meals to properly strengthen children’s bodies, allowing them to better learn and focus in school.

De-worming medication must be administered every six months for effective treatment and prevention. Counterpart initially gave the USDA supply of de-worming medication to the Government of Senegal, but the government only had the capacity to administer de-worming medication once per year due to inefficient distribution systems. Exploring alternatives, Counterpart decided to work with local community health centers to create a de-worming schedule for the 270 schools in Counterpart’s program. Establishing a relationship between the schools and community health centers, Counterpart helped local nurses visit the program schools to distribute de-worming medication and vitamin A supplements, reaching the children at the recommended rate of twice per year in 2017.

This successful effort created community ownership and showed the Government of Senegal an alternative way to work with the local health centers to efficiently distribute medications and supplies to their citizens. The Government of Senegal welcomed this grassroots approach, which complemented its broader initiative to decentralize public service delivery.

Counterpart has helped communities in Senegal raise healthy, educated children for more than ten years. From early childhood health interventions like these to building sustainable infrastructures like community gardens, we are helping to feed, educate, and inspire the next generation of leaders in Senegal.

Counterpart is doing an amazing job in feeding school children in northern Senegal.

Therese Faye, National Director of the Senegal National Agency for Early Childhood Development
With a revving of motorcycle engines, the voter registration caravan rolled out from the election commission headquarters onto Avenue Claudel Lubaya. The noise brought hundreds of residents out to the curb to witness the spectacle. The caravan crisscrossed the neighborhoods of Kananga, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), as megaphone-wielding ‘criers’ called on the people to register to vote. Over the next few hours, community groups in the caravan vehicles handed out more than 20,000 informative flyers to people along the way.

The launch of the Kasai voter registration caravan in September 2017 was cause for celebration in the community and for Counterpart’s local partners, who work to improve the effectiveness of voter registration activities.

After a controversial national election in 2011 and a repeatedly delayed timeline for new elections, the Congolese government’s voter commission (the Commission Electorale Nationale Indépendante, or CENI) made the long-awaited announcement that new elections will take place in December 2018. With this announcement, the Congolese people are more eager than ever to make their voices heard in a credible democratic election.

When CENI originally started the voter registration drive in the central DRC in May, the two western provinces of Kasai and Kasai Central were excluded from the campaign due to widespread security concerns, including the destruction of several public and church buildings. Local CENI offices had been vandalized, and one of the independent election agents was killed. Nearly one million Kasai residents were displaced from their homes because of the violence.

Fortunately, security conditions had improved sufficiently by September for CENI to reopen voter registration centers. Counterpart sent a team to Kananga to work with the CENI to organize a caravan of young people to coincide with the launch of voter registration in Kasai. The unlikely partnership between the electoral commission and DRC youth was only one aspect of Counterpart’s strategy for civic engagement. Counterpart also partnered with local civil society groups to plan three citizen forums to provide information to historically marginalized communities about the voter registration process. Counterpart Kinshasa launched a three-month radio campaign informing citizens about the opportunity to register to vote. More than two million Congolese citizens across 20 provinces have been reached by Counterpart’s caravans and other direct outreach, and an additional 10 million have been reached by the radio public service announcements encouraging people to attend citizen forums. Voter education forums and registration drives are critical to help citizens of this young democracy learn why their vote matters and how to make their voices heard through the democratic process.

"It was a fantastic idea to organize this citizen forum in this town that was the most affected by the violence. Now the local residents understand how important registering voters and participating in the electoral process is to preserving the peace."

Joseph Mputu, the Provincial CENI Executive Secretary
GLOBAL PROGRAMS: INNOVATION FOR CHANGE

Innovation for Change is a network of seven South-South “Hubs,” managed by local activists and leaders in human rights, that Counterpart is supporting to create their own solutions to issues around closing civic space. One of these priority issues is the lack of access to funding for organizations fighting to protect citizen rights in the Global South.

Access to international funding is critical to the survival of civil society organizations in South Asia in particular. In recent years, funding to civil society has become more difficult to access as international governments roll out new regulations to limit foreign support. As funding dries up, CSOs working to protect civic space are struggling.

To address this problem, the Innovation for Change (I4C) South Asia Hub is working to train local activists through the region about innovative fundraising models for CSOs, including online fundraising, crowdfunding, community fundraisers, membership program models, and partnerships.

Through a 2017 workshop around this topic, participants learned about the design of sustainability models and cutting-edge fundraising trends in a training that was tailored to each organization’s context and specific country’s challenges. “The training was an eye opener,” said Karma Wangchuk from the Tarayana Foundation of Bhutan, a participant in the event. For Wangchuk, the event was important because civil society in Bhutan faces the challenge of an oversaturation of CSOs — with new ones added to the mix every year. This, he said, has led to duplication in programming and ever-increasing challenges in attracting donors.

Counterpart’s training gave him the motivation and tools to develop a new sustainability plan for his NGO. “After returning [to Bhutan], I considered implementing membership programs for my organization,” said Wangchuk. In the weeks following, he successfully recruited 190 new members, each contributing a minimum of $2 - $4 per month. By Wangchuk’s calculations, if 1000 members donated annually, his organization would generate an additional $37,000, adding a new level of sustainability to its work. This unlikely partnership between a small CSO in Bhutan and innovative financing experts will enable Tarayana to do more to help its community: enhancing access to health and basic water and sanitation services, increasing access to education (primarily for young girls), and creating jobs and microcredit opportunities for the rural communities that need them the most.

Tarayana is just one example of an organization strengthened through I4C’s innovative locally-led model of partnerships, collaboration, and learning. As civil society continues to shift and respond to threats to civic space, Counterpart and I4C will continue to share cutting-edge tools and techniques to help support activists working to protect the citizens that need it the most.

HIV/AIDS PATIENTS IN MALAWI BOOSTED BY INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

While significant progress has been made in the global fight against HIV and AIDS, about one million people in Malawi still live with the HIV virus and require access to vital health services. In 2017, Counterpart helped one local faith-based HIV/AIDS service organization connect to major international donors and scale up its operation to reach 35,000 more Malawians with life-saving healthcare and resources.

The Lilongwe Diocese Catholic Health Commission (LLCHC) historically received funding directly from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, but in 2009, it evolved from a church-funded program to an independent health commission. The commission was not prepared for this institutional change. After LLCHC received rejection letters in response to seven proposals to outside donor groups for funding, Counterpart’s Supporting the Efforts of Partners (STEPS) Project in Malawi brought LLCHC into its network of 27 local civil society organizations. STEPS helped LLCHC identify its performance gaps and develop a strategic growth plan, including a five-year road map, based on this assessment.

“There is no one who can do it for you,” said LLCHC’s Health Secretary. “With the support of STEPS through USAID, LLCHC is now one of the role models among other local organizations as they are now learning organizational management policies from LLCHC,” said the organization’s Health Secretary.

Within a year of its work with STEPS, LLCHC successfully secured three new grants from large international donors to expand its life-saving work. Together, these grants from Oxfam, ActionAid, and Plan International enable LLCHC to reach more Malawians with health services while preserving its community-based approach and faith-based roots. The unlikely partnership of a hyper-local, faith-based organization with some of the world’s largest funders should significantly decrease the rate of deadly HIV/AIDS infections in Malawi over the next several years.
In Morocco, people with disabilities have historically been marginalized, ostracized, and forgotten. The White Dove Foundation is one organization fighting to change that. Central to their strategy has been deploying external relations to demystify disabilities and bring the community out of the shadows. Their most recent efforts have been to create a novel partnership — with the media sector — to raise the voices and visibility of people with disabilities. This effort has been foundational to changing mindsets and in turn will transform how people with disabilities are seen and accepted in Moroccan society.

It has been reported that more than 70 percent of people with disabilities in Morocco receive no formal education. Abdelmalik Asrih is one of the lucky exceptions to this rule. With limited support in place for people with disabilities in his hometown in northern Morocco, Abdelmalik was determined to help make lives better for people like him in his own community.

Abdelmalik and a group of dedicated volunteers established the Association La Colombe Blanche, or White Dove Association, to advance the rights of adults with disabilities throughout the Tetouan region. White Dove set up a series of town hall meetings, speaking with stakeholders throughout the community to build partnerships with other organizations. Gaining momentum and eager to help people outside of Tetouan as well, White Dove worked with government officials to advocate for improved accessibility for people with disabilities, including access to medical services and employment, to improve laws protecting people with disabilities, and to work with local, regional, and national media to combat the stigma their community faced.

Through Counterpart’s Civil Society Strengthening Program (CSSP), funded by USAID, Abdelmalik and his colleagues received training throughout 2017 on world-class management techniques, communication outreach strategies, accounting practices, project management, donor reporting, and other strategies to take their important work to the next level of impact.

Eager to spread their message even further, Abdelmalik partnered with media organizations throughout the Tetouan region, helping to place people with disabilities in positions throughout the industry, both on air and behind the scenes. The benefits of this unlikely partnership have been twofold: creating new job opportunities for people with disabilities where they didn’t exist before, and breaking down stereotypes and barriers in the broader community.

While the White Dove Association has lofty goals to break down barriers for people with disabilities, they are more empowered than ever to lead a dialogue on the unique needs of this population at both the regional and national levels. Counterpart is proud to support disability rights advocates like Abdelmalik and the White Dove Association in leading the change they want to see in their communities and their countries.
UNLIKELY PARTNERS

SOCIAL INCLUSION

OUT OF THE SHADOWS: PROMOTING LGBTI RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR

In 2017, Amnesty International reported that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) people face “epidemic levels of violence” in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. Since 2012, 136 LGBTI people in El Salvador have fled the country in search of asylum, and local transgender rights group COMCAVIS Trans reports that at least 28 transgender people in El Salvador were brutally attacked in 2017 alone. Most of these crimes went unpunished.

In 2017, Counterpart carried out a series of dialogues with minority communities across El Salvador, including LGBTI groups. LGBTI participants expressed concerns about the lack of job opportunities, abuse and discrimination by authorities, rape and sexual abuse, and the risk of violence. Together, they identified a need for more employment opportunities, human rights training for municipal authorities, and improved healthcare services for LGBTI people in El Salvador’s public health system. Counterpart supported the development and the launch of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex Policy — the first anti-discrimination policy achieved through the Project’s dialogue process. This initiative is an important milestone in the journey toward equal social inclusion for LGBTI people in the country.

To further raise the visibility of the emerging LGBTI community, Counterpart and our local partners celebrated LGBTI Pride month in June 2017. Most notably, Counterpart helped bring 345 LGBTI people from El Salvador’s rural provinces to attend the March for Diversity in San Salvador. LGBTI people in El Salvador had never come together as a national community in this way, as the security risks have historically been too great. This “safety in numbers” mentality is new to the LGBTI community in El Salvador, and Counterpart is excited to encourage these partnerships and this feeling of community by gathering so many groups throughout the human rights community together. While these efforts might not be “unlikely” in a different context, these partnerships were unimaginable in El Salvador even just a few years ago — until Counterpart and our partners on the ground made this work possible.

“This social participation in the Diversity March is important for those in the LGBTI population that live in territories far from the capital, so they can realize they are not alone,” said William Hernández, Director of Asociación Entre Amigos, a local LGBTI partner.

Counterpart also helped Bianka Rodriguez, a leader of COMCAVIS Trans, travel to World Pride in Madrid, Spain, the largest LGBTI pride event in the world. At World Pride, Bianca spoke forcefully to the international community about the challenges the LGBTI community faces in El Salvador. Bianca’s trailblazing work received significant media coverage at home in El Salvador, where the LGBTI community applauded her achievement.

These efforts have laid the groundwork for another convening of the LGBTI community and a comprehensive national policy for LGBTI rights. From community dialogues to national conversations, Counterpart will continue to support the LGBTI community in its progress toward the country’s Collaborative Roadmap for human rights — a historic undertaking for El Salvador and for its people.

“With the financial support of Counterpart International...I learned new practices and development approaches for LGBTI rights from other societies that will help us learn how to replicate those positive results with my community.”

Bianka Rodriguez, a leader of COMCAVIS Trans
A decade-long boom in exploration of Mozambique’s natural resources has rapidly impacted the country’s environment and society, including threatening coral reefs on Mozambique’s northern coast and encroaching on Lake Niassa, a critical freshwater resource. Mozambique requires robust environmental monitoring and governance to reconcile economic development with biodiversity and ecosystem conservation.

Counterpart’s Parceria Cívica para Boa Governação (PCBG) program, funded by USAID, played a key role in two unlikely partnerships in 2017: compelling the extractive industry association to agree to new work practices, and mobilizing local and international civil society actors to advise the Government of Mozambique on updating the country’s Conservation Law.

In 2011, Haiyu, a Chinese mining company, began harvesting heavy sand in Nampula province in northern Mozambique. Over the years, community advocacy groups voiced their concerns about the company’s impact on environmental degradation.

“Haiyu had destroyed our natural resources that were a lifeline to most members of the community,” said João Victorino do Rosário, a member of the Morrua Community Committee in Nampula. “Trees were cut, grass burned, and members of the community were barred from accessing their gardens,” he explained.

To address these concerns, Counterpart partnered with the Associação Nacional De Extensão Rural (AENA) to promote transparency and accountability among the extractive industries in Nampula. Counterpart helped the affected communities form Community Committees for Natural Resource Management and worked with AENA to relay the communities’ concerns directly to the mining company. AENA helped Haiyu develop a social responsibility plan that committed the company to address the environmental impact of heavy sand extraction and support the communities’ own development priorities. As a result, vast tracks of community-grown vegetation have been restored, and citizens are regularly consulted by Haiyu on development initiatives.

Taking this effort a step further, Counterpart spearheaded a process to revise Mozambique’s Conservation Law. Working with the National Administration for the Conservation Areas (ANAC), research data was consolidated, and two technical working groups were formed to discuss taxes and offsets in biodiversity and the management of conservation areas. Counterpart also forged a partnership between civil society and local government groups, including representatives from Mozambique’s Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development, to advocate for these positive changes. Working together for the first time, these stakeholders developed policies that benefitted all parties and incorporated internationally accepted standards around No Net Loss and Biodiversity Offset principles.

The intense advocacy work conducted by Counterpart and its local partners throughout 2017 resulted in Mozambique’s new Conservation Act, which was approved by Mozambique’s Council of Ministers on November 21st, 2017. The new law provides guidance around protection, restoration, and compensation for negative impacts on biodiversity caused by extractive industry activity.

Counterpart’s collaborative efforts not only resulted in legislative change, but also supported the emergence of a national community of environmental advocates. These changemakers will go on to tackle more challenges and pursue more opportunities for conservation and development in Mozambique for many years to come, protecting some of the world’s most unique ecological treasures.
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FARMERS AND FISHERS ADVOCATE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

As one of the countries in the world most affected by climate change, the Dominican Republic has committed to improving coastal climate resiliency. Counterpart’s Coastal Community Resiliency Program supports youth and local organizations developing community-owned strategies to protect their ecosystems. Our Fisheries and Marine Conservation project in Montecristi National Park helps communities work with the park service to promote responsible fishing practices, enabling families to earn good incomes while also conserving natural resources. Counterpart’s program is a prime example of the change that can happen when unlikely partners — government, community groups, farmer associations, networks of private schools, and NGOs — come together around a common goal: improving and protecting the environment for the next generation.

In 2017, with the generous support of the MacArthur Foundation, Counterpart’s Social Sector Accelerator helped local fishers and rice farmers adopt sustainable harvesting practices that both increased their incomes and supported the coastal environment, specifically the restoration of coral reefs and mangrove areas.

For over 100 years, the Montecristi area community has been dependent on fishing, for both food and income. Counterpart worked with AgroFrontera, the Punta Cana Fisherman’s Association, and Dominican rice farmers in 2017 to address a problem that had been negatively impacting the environment in the Dominican Republic for decades. Rice farming has always been a very water-intensive agricultural pursuit, often causing environmental contamination from pesticide-laden water runoff. Through AgroFrontera and Counterpart’s intervention, rice farmers received new technology that utilized less water and prevented over-fertilization and over-use of pesticides. As a result, rice farmers saved money and increased their output, and stopped polluting the coastal area in the process.

Already, the coastal environment is showing new signs of resilience following these significant changes to the area’s harvesting practices. The farmers’ and fishers’ enthusiasm for their new role in environmental stewardship made our work in 2017 truly sustainable. Counterpart and AgroFrontera supported the farmers and fishers in establishing new value chains and governance structures for these ‘climate-smart’ agricultural practices, connecting every stakeholder in the province to sustainably manage natural resources. This approach affirmed the leadership role and agency of fishermen and farmers themselves.

Taking this partnership another step forward, Counterpart connected AgroFrontera and its local members to the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources so that the farmers and fishermen could educate the government on their initiatives and advocate for more support for sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation.

With these newfound partnerships in place, the Dominican Republic is better prepared than ever before to take care of its precious coastal environments for years to come.
FINANCIAL REVIEW

PROGRAM AREAS

Financial and in-kind donations allowed us to provide program services in three broad program areas to more than 1,800 organizations and the communities they serve in fiscal year 2017. Additional organizations were strengthened by the Social Sector Accelerator, a business subsidiary of Counterpart and a member of the Counterpart International Network.

- Governance and Civil Society Strengthening: $61.7M
- Nutrition, Health and Access to Education: $3.9M
- Livelihoods, Environmental Sustainability and Economic Development: $3.4M
- Social Sector Accelerator: $680,000

REVENUE SOURCES

Counterpart’s generous partners and donors provided $67.8 million in program grants, contracts and contributions for fiscal year 2017, and $1.2 million of gifts in-kind. These grants and in-kind donations helped us implement 38 programs in 28 countries around the world.

- Grants and Contributions: $67.8M
- Contracts: $74,000
- Gifts In-Kind: $1.2M
GLOBAL SUCCESSES

38 PROGRAMS
Empowering citizens to advance civic participation, promote social inclusion, advocate for government transparency, support emerging leaders and identify local solutions to local problems.

28 COUNTRIES
Partnering with individuals, organizations, communities and networks on five continents.

4,544 ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
Receiving capacity building and technical assistance.

308,080 WOMEN AND GIRLS
Participating in trainings, events or leadership workshops.

462,138 YOUTH
Participating in leadership, communications, peace building, and job trainings.

145 SOCIAL SECTOR NETWORKS
Established or strengthened.
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