



WECO works with grassroots partners to help women and girls worldwide realize their potential through access to education and economic opportunities.

Since 2017, we have distributed \$285,000 in micro-grants to 12 partners in Kenya, India, Cambodia, Costa Rica, and Peru.

In 2025, we provided \$90,000 to 8 partners in Kenya, India, Cambodia, and Costa Rica.

This past year, we advanced girls' education and women's social enterprise by investing in:

Business development, capital, and market access for women coffee producers in Costa Rica.

Community-led education for rural children and emergency food distributions for families in Cambodia.

Sustainable livelihoods for women living in remote villages and menstrual health education for girls in India.

Mentorship for adolescent Maasai girls and a sustainable community farm project for Maasai women in Kenya.





Strengthening Women-Led Coffee Production in Costa Rica

In 2025, we partnered with the Rotary Club of West Seattle to provide women-led coffee cooperative, ASIPROFE, with a micro-grant to help scale their business and grow their revenue stream. Over the past couple years, the cooperative has strengthened their business sustainability as demand continues to rise for both their roasted and green coffee.

This year, cooperative sales and quality control expanded to include new, international buyer negotiations, leading to the **cooperative's first green coffee sale**. The group is also currently expanding their operations, investing in **branding and marketing** with support from young professionals in their communities. In addition, ASIPROFE has invested in infrastructure upgrades including a **new greenhouse**, **improved drying systems**, and **expanded storage and meeting space**.

Rising market prices, increased competition from large buyers, and ongoing climate challenges continue to place pressure on smallholder women producers. Securing sufficient capital to purchase coffee cherries during harvest remains a critical priority for coffee producers in the region, in addition to developing **sustainable exportation strategies**. In 2026, WECO will continue to support women-led coffee producers in building viable enterprises that add value locally and create long-term economic opportunity.

Learn more about our work in Costa Rica this year in our [project newsletter](#) and on our [website](#).



Impact Snapshot

- Since 2023, WECO has helped increase ASIPROFE's output by **78%**
- Every **\$1** invested in the cooperative has generated over **\$3** in additional revenue
- **150+** direct beneficiaries: women farmers, their families, and community members
- In 2025, ASIPROFE processed **44 fanegas** of coffee—around **11 metric tons** of cherries or **2 metric tons** of green coffee beans!



Education, Stability & Emergency Relief in Rural Cambodia

Since 2020, WECO has partnered with local leaders Samuth Muon and Saven Ny to support a community-led initiative in the rural village of Pong Ro, where families face persistent barriers to education, healthcare, and economic opportunity.

What began as a multipurpose community center has evolved into a **vital after-school education program** serving approximately **150 children**. The program supplements public school instruction to help students pass national exams and provides job placement support for older youth as they transition into the workforce, **creating pathways to stability** that would otherwise be out of reach.

Since 2023, WECO has funded **two annual teacher salaries** and provided targeted infrastructure support, including the construction of a front gate and the installation of new benches and tables to create a safer, more functional learning environment.



Emergency Relief + Food Distributions



WECO responds to urgent needs when crises arise, particularly for families living in **extremely remote areas**. During COVID-19, we sent emergency food relief and medical supplies to over **120 families** in Pong Ro and neighboring Ro Kayea village.

Following the 2025 border conflict, increased food insecurity for rural communities prompted WECO to hold **4 emergency food drops** to **150 families** in the surrounding villages of Pong Ro. Read more about this relief work [here](#).



Promoting Women's Livelihoods & Menstrual Health for Girls in India

Our work in India focuses on women and girls living in remote villages, where access to electricity, healthcare, education, and paid employment is extremely limited. Families in Garbhanga rely primarily on subsistence farming and informal economy labor, leaving women especially vulnerable to economic instability, health risks, and isolation. For many, there are few opportunities to earn income safely or consistently.

WECO is investing in two initiatives for women and girls from these forest communities with Parijat Academy. One is a **textile project for 20+ women** to learn skills in handloom weaving and earn a **monthly salary for their work**, producing traditional Assamese garments to **sell in the market for a fair price**. For the past few years, we have funded weaving equipment and materials so the women can generate income and build a sustainable livelihood.

At the same time, we are supporting a menstrual health initiative that produces **10,000 reusable sanitary pads every 3 months**, improving menstrual hygiene and school attendance for girls. This project includes **skills training for Parijat students and teachers** to make and distribute menstrual hygiene kits to **2,000+ women and girls living in 7 rural villages** near Guwahati.

Together, these projects address basic health and economic needs, creating pathways for women and girls to thrive. Learn more about this critical work [on our website](#).



Fiscal Partnerships

- WECO has fiscally partnered with 2 NGOs in India, TARA and Shakti Shalini, helping each organization achieve their mission with the support of US-based donors.
- [TARA India](#) combats child exploitation in communities experiencing extreme poverty in Delhi through response and prevention services.
- [Shakti Shalini](#) supports survivors of gender and sexual abuse, and promotes violence prevention through community programs.





Sustainable Farming & Mentorship for Maasai Women & Girls in Kenya

In 2025, WECO advanced girls' education, mentorship, and community-led farming initiatives in Kenya. We supported a structured mentorship program for **15 adolescent Maasai girls** at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM), facilitating their transition from junior secondary to secondary school.

The program included a **week-long mentorship workshop** in November and **2 school visits** that focused on academic monitoring, high school readiness, career exploration, mental and reproductive health, goal setting, and self-confidence. **All 15 girls** advanced to secondary school, with **zero cases of early pregnancy or dropout**. Students also achieved strong national exam results, including one student who was awarded a competitive scholarship for a full year of academic support.

Alongside these education efforts, WECO invested in sustainable farming and food security for **125 students** and **30 Maasai women** who are survivors of FGM. During an August volunteer trip to the Tepesua School and EcoCamp Complex, our group participated in land preparation, composting, tree planting, classroom painting, and a classroom dedication ceremony.

In December, WECO partnered with the Rotary Club of East Portland and the Laikipia Permaculture Centre to deliver **5 days of sustainable agriculture and soap-making training**, equipping women with practical skills to manage farm plots, grow diverse nutritious foods year-round, and produce marketable products to support household nutrition and income stability. The farm is now planted with organically cultivated crops including **beans, onions, tomatoes, bananas, avocados, and vegetables**, and will support school food programs, village food security, and climate resilience through improved soil health and water retention.

In 2026, WECO will continue to deepen our impact through expanded mentorship, access to education, and ongoing farm support. Read more about our project [here](#).

