Who We Are

- Established in 1989, FXB is an international development organization which works to create a world where everyone has a chance not just to survive but to thrive.

- Our mission is to provide the poorest of the poor families with the tools and support they need to become self-sufficient and give their children a future.

- Through our FXBVillage Model, we don’t just hand people money. We hand them a multidimensional solution to permanently escape extreme poverty.

- In addition to health, education, and protection programs, FXB currently implements 16 FXBVillages in Colombia, Burundi, China, India, Mongolia, Rwanda and Uganda.
Holistic FXBVillage Model

- Economic Empowerment
- Nutrition
- Education
- Health
- Housing
Graduation Model

The FXBVillage Model

- Health: Healthcare Access and Health Education
- Livelihoods: Startup Capital provided, not loaned
- Skills Training: Managing the Asset
- Safety Net: Food Consumption Support
- Savings Promotion: Access to Savings Account
- Coaching: Life Skills & Encouragement
- Legal Aid: Referrals to legal services
- Housing: Training and support for sanitary living conditions
- Education: Subsidy for school uniforms, fees, and supplies
Definition of Graduation

- Program designed to gradually increase participant’s contribution and involvement

  25% contribution from participants for medical and educational expenses during second year and 50% during third year.

- Self-sufficiency accomplished by the end of the third year
Program Goals

- Strengthen economic capacities of vulnerable families,
- Improve food security among participants and eradicate malnutrition in children,
- Enhance families’ access to medical care and prevention of disease,
- Improve the living conditions of households,
- Enhance psychosocial status of participants,
- Reduce the discrimination of people living with HIV,
- Increase the number of children going to school and accessing vocational training opportunities, and
- Increase the overall knowledge of the community on various life skills.
Capacity Building

FXB builds organizational, community and individual capacities.

• Field offices, led exclusively by local staff and locally registered community based organizations.

• Community-wide training workshops on topics such as hygiene, diet, nutrition, and basic healthcare.

• Build the capacity of the ultra-poor program participants to become self-sufficient and empowered to improve their own lives.
Participant Eligibility Criteria

- Poverty and vulnerability levels
  → Assessed with vulnerability assessment tool

- Motivation or willingness shown achieve program objectives
  → Assessed through interview with family and discussion with community leaders

- Honesty and reliability: reputation of the head of household
  → Assessed through interview with family and discussion with community leaders

- Number of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in the households
  → Assessed with vulnerability assessment tool
Learning from the Data

• A detailed questionnaire is implemented in every participant household at the beginning and end of the 3-year FXBVillage Model.

• Internal Monitoring and Evaluation data: 90% of the households achieve self-sufficiency by the end of the program.
Learning from the Data

• When possible financially and operationally, follow-up evaluations are conducted by external partners in order to assess sustainability of impacts (1 year, 2 years, 3 years and/or 4 years after graduation)

• Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative Evaluation in Uganda (2014): former FXB beneficiaries were less multidimensionally poor than their peers, even three years after graduation.

• Human Sciences Research Council evaluation in Rwanda (2007): participating children enroll, remain and advance in school at higher rates than their peers, and 86% of participating families live above the poverty line four years after the program’s completion.
Learning from the Data

An assessment of the FXBVillage Program in Uganda and Rwanda

• Assessed pre/post changes, at baseline and at the culmination

• Comparative analysis in which the FXBVillage data is compared against national data collected by the Demographic and Health Surveys during the time of the FXB programs, using an asset-based wealth index

• Results in child and adult health status and access to care, household characteristics, food security, economic status, access to education, psychosocial status and well-being.
Key Findings

- **Food security:**
  - ≥3 meals/day from 5% to 88%

- **Health and HIV:**
  - Head of household has been tested for HIV from 77% to 100%
Key Findings

- **Water and Sanitation:**
  - Improved latrine from 67% to 99%

- **Psychosocial well-being among adults:**
  - Communal financial support if needed from 27% to 98%
Key Findings

Schooling:
- School attendance 5-17 years old from 79% to 97%
- Adequate school supplies from 7% to 97%

Household economics and durable goods:
- House Ownership from 57% to 89%
- Participating in IGAs 18% to 68%
Conclusions

- Direct support for basic needs in a graduated and time bound manner stabilizes households.
- Asset transfer, skills training and savings promotion strengthen economic capacity
- Improved individual psychosocial well-being (coaching) and stronger community networks (collective IGAs) strengthen household’s resilience
Conclusions

• Graduation programs such as the FXBVillage Model strengthen communities’ social and economic capacities.

• The program’s aim is to enable households to consistently provide for their basic needs and induce lasting resilience.

• The FXBVillage Model transformed Dr. Jonathan Mann’s health and human rights paradigm into an effective development intervention.
The FXBVillage Model has been recognized by both UNAIDS (2002) and UNICEF (2008) as a best practice.

The FXBVillage Model’s Achievements

- **84,000** people have been lifted out of extreme poverty
- **168** FXBVillages worldwide
- **86%** of participating families remained self-sufficient four years after the program’s end
- **$125-230** can provide one person with one year of FXBVillage support
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