Glasswing International

Is an innovative non-profit organization, founded in El Salvador, that mobilizes youth and communities to address the root causes and consequences of poverty, violence, and forced migration. We build partnerships across government, private sector and civil society - bringing them together to action, in support of communities.

Our Approach

We harness the power of community to provide children and young people with opportunities that equip and enable them to thrive. We partner with local actors to build ecosystems that foster healing and resilience.

Our Work

Glasswing's work merges a global perspective with local expertise to address the unique challenges of communities. We're local, agile, and responsive, building on existing strengths and resources to deliver high impact, sustainable solutions.

• Build students' life skills through extra-curricular programs and psychosocial support in public schools
• Provide out-of-school, unemployed youth with leadership training, entrepreneurial skills, and access to economic opportunities
• Create safe spaces for girls to build their social networks, education, and financial capabilities
• Train front line workers (e.g. teachers, medical personnel, police) in trauma education and self-care
• Provide humanitarian aid, trauma support, and training for those affected by forced migration in Latin America, as well as migrant youth in New York City
• Mobilize volunteers to transform schools and parks into safe community spaces
• Conduct research and evaluations, and generate evidence to inform policy

Where We Work

- New York City, NY
- Washington, DC
- Mexico
- Honduras
- Dominican Republic
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua
- El Salvador
- Costa Rica
- Panama
- Colombia

Our Impact

Education	Health	Youth Economic Opportunities	Migration	Volunteering
545,892 lives impacted	511,673 lives impacted	331,490 lives impacted	7,190 supported people	150,669 mobilized volunteers

Since 2007, Glasswing International has:
• Directly impacted 3 million+ lives
• Expanded operations to 12 countries
• Grown from 3 to 700+ employees
• Mobilized over $180M for programming
• Worked in over 550 public schools
• Reduced likelihood of reinjury due to violence by 30%
• Improved academic performance and resilience, and reduced student absenteeism

Skoll Awardee | Glasswing International

TED Talk | Mental health care that disrupts cycles of violence

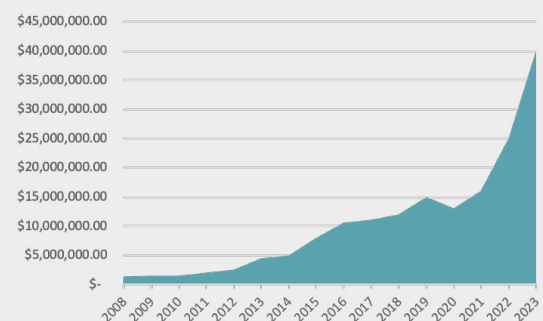Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship Awards

Awards

Audacious Project | TED
Inter-American Development Bank (2018)
Schwab Award for Social Entrepreneurship, World Economic Forum (2023)
Skoll Award (2020)

Recognitions

Ashoka
Aspen Institute
Clinton Global Initiative (2015)
Obama Foundation (2018)
Stanford Social Innovation Review podcast
Tällberg Foundation

Annual Investment in Programs