Our Identity
AVSI-USA is a non-profit organization created in 2000 to work with individuals and communities in developing countries to restore dignity and build resilience in the face of poverty and marginalization. AVSI-USA is a member of the AVSI Foundation, a network of 36 organizations worldwide which share the same vision and method. Created in 1972, AVSI Foundation carries out development cooperation and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Our Mission
AVSI-USA works with individuals, communities, partners and donors to restore dignity and build resilience in the face of poverty and marginalization. AVSI-USA sustains long-term partnerships with local organizations, jointly designing projects, raising funds and implementing activities in the areas of education, early childhood and youth development, economic livelihoods, health and nutrition. AVSI-USA connects people across borders, creating opportunities for solidarity and friendship.

Our Vision
AVSI-USA works for a world where the person, aware of her value and dignity, is the protagonist of her own integral development and that of her community, even in crisis and emergency contexts.
People for Development: a Unique Approach

Focus on the Person - We start from the value of the person who is never defined by circumstances in which she lives or by social categories.
Starting from the Positive - We consider the person always in her family and community context, seeking out and valuing local resources as a starting point.
Working together - We accompany and let ourselves be accompanied, recognizing that we all share the same human experience.
Development of Civil Society & Subsidiarity - We involve all stakeholders, facilitating active participation of beneficiaries, service providers, partners, donors and the private sector.
Partnership - We learn from experience and capitalize on lessons learned.

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