OUR IDENTITY

AVSI-USA is a member of the AVSI Foundation, a network of 36 organizations world-wide which share the same vision and method. An international NGO started in 1972, AVSI Foundation continues today its mission of promoting human development with a focus on education, according to Catholic social thought. AVSI Foundation implements over 100 humanitarian and development projects in 30 countries in partnership with private donors, bilateral and international agencies and businesses. AVSI-USA is a non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status.

OUR MISSION

We help individuals and communities to restore dignity and build resilience in the face of poverty and marginalization.

AVSI-USA sustains long-term partnerships with local organizations to enhance capacity and broaden impact 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 that go beyond simple economic support towards enriching life experiences.

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Focus on the Person - We cherish human dignity of each person we encounter. We understand that the individual cannot be reduced to a social category or limitation such as poverty, disease, conflict or disability.

Starting from the positive - Every person and community represents a potential resource for development, regardless of vulnerabilities. We look for local initiatives and solutions and find ways to build on and strengthen those.

Working together - The approach to project planning and implementation starts from a relationship with people. Together we implement activities that empower the local community and can lead to mutual education.

Development of Civil Society & Subsidiarity - The key to sustainability is the capacity of civil society and individuals to respond to needs and opportunities. We recognize and support the creation of local institutions integrated in the social context and we transfer skills and knowledge to enhance their initiatives and delivery of basic services.

Partnership - The challenges of extreme poverty and marginalization are too great for anyone to confront alone. We forge partnerships with public, private, local and international partners in order to create synergies and optimize resources for lasting results.