

MISSION, PRINCIPLES, & PROGRAMS

Edge of Seven supports sustainable building initiatives that create access to education and economic opportunities for girls, women, and rural communities across the globe.

Seven Principles

BUILD CAPACITY – Create a greater ability in ourselves, our partners and the communities in which we work. We believe that fundamentally people have an enormous capacity to learn and grow and we seek to fill it. Build Capacity and build ownership.

TRANSFER POWER – Push power to others. Give it away. Reinforce. Ensure that people know that they control the outcomes and can influence change. Take back power only when necessary. Repeat. Transfer power and you get the outcome of empowerment.

PLAY ON STRENGTHS – We do not have all the answers, and we have much to learn from the communities where we work. We value collaboration in everything we do, which is why all of the projects that we support are initiated at the local level.

LEVERAGE – Important changes in our world often start with one individual. Our goal is to spark growth in knowledge, spirit, and opportunity for the girls and women we serve, as well as ourselves and our partners.

FOCUS ON GENERATIONS – We focus on two generations forward not just today or tomorrow. When we understand that we are building for the future, our projects, organization and outcomes become ones that will last – true sustainability.

COLLABORATE – Work together. Not apart. We work by laboring side-by-side and in unity towards a common goal and outcome. By working in groups, we demonstrate how to share leadership and work to create an emergent property (outcome) of ownership and empowerment in the groups/people we work with.

LEARN – Always. Learn. Build Knowledge. We start with monitoring and evaluation but go beyond. We see ownership, sustainability, and empowerment emerging from learning.

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LEARN

Always.
From everyone.
About everything.



Programs

Community Catalyst Program – We work through funding, technical support and systems creation to develop sustainable communities across the globe by building needed infrastructure. Edge of Seven works closely with developing communities to create better access to education, health, and/or economic opportunities, particularly for girls and women. This community-based collaboration often leads us to an infrastructure project where we can develop a community resource that

represents a successful system. A well represents a water system that operates for the long-term. A school building represents an opportunity for girls to get a quality education. A girls school dormitory represents access to an education because it eliminates long-distance travel every day for that student. We carry out our work through collaborations with local NGOs and community councils because it builds ownership, investment and leverages our donors' dollars to go even farther.