

# global partnership program

"I am now a completely changed person. I am very proud of everything that I have achieved and overcome." - a camper

## Overview

The Global Partnership Program is an innovative initiative, run by SeriousFun Children's Network, which works in collaboration with other international organizations to serve children with serious illnesses in Africa, Asia and South America. The goal of the program is to reach children in places where resources are often not available for camps throughout the year.

Global Partnership Programs are locally designed, culturally appropriate programs that excite, inspire, and empower children to regain a sense of optimism, possibility, and hope.

## Model

Global Partnership Programs are based on partnerships with non-profit organizations in the countries in which the programs take place. The goal of this partnership model is to develop organizational relationships that will lead to an independent and sustainable program within a 3-5 year time frame.

Global Partnership Programs are high impact/low cost

programs with a psychosocial intervention delivered through the vehicle of a summer camp and year round follow-up program.

The objective of GPP is to educate, motivate, and empower children living with HIV and AIDS and other life-threatening conditions to become productive citizens by:

- Rekindling their spirit of joy and curiosity
- Teaching them how to make informed decisions
- Immersing them in a supportive community with exemplary role models

SeriousFun staff is responsible for supporting the local medical and program teams from the initial planning steps through camp operations.

Local medical partners coordinate the medical oversight including: camper recruitment, medical staff coverage, and medical supplies for each program.

Local program partners coordinate the planning process including: recruiting staff, arranging for a camp venue, designing and delivering staff training, purchasing program supplies, and managing overall logistics.

## Impact

The Global Partnership Program has served more than 19,400 children and trained more than 2,800 local staff members.

The Paraguay program, launched in 2011, was the first Global Partnership Program to serve children with cancer.

There are currently 12 Global Partnership Programs, including seven programs in Africa, three programs in Asia, one program in South America and one in the Caribbean.

There are three new partnerships planned for 2014 in India, Kenya, and Mexico.

