2017: THE YEAR IN NUMBERS
Investing in Children to Create a Better Future

The PaperSeed Foundation believes that children are the seeds of change, and works with locally led NGOs around the world to address the barriers that keep them from reaching their full potential. From our innovative pad project for Kenyan girls to our domestic focus on sustainability, we are committed to finding and empowering locally led initiatives to strengthen education and enable all children to receive a quality education.

We directly impacted over 230,000 children and youth
Together with our global network of NGO partners and business leaders

Where We Worked in 2017:

- China
- Kenya
- Japan
- Sweden
- Vietnam
- Guatemala
- India
- Philippines
- the United States

Our Primary Impact Areas:

- Girls Education: 125,211
- Environmental Education: 134,919
- 21st Century Skills: 4,813
While there is no silver bullet to ending extreme poverty, one thing remains true: educating girls is one of the most effective ways to transform communities. Why?

- **Decreased child marriage:** each year of secondary education reduces a girl’s likelihood of being married as a child by at least 5%
- **Smaller families:** educated girls have fewer children, and are more likely to send their own children to school
- **Healthier population:** Girls who complete primary school are 3x less likely to contract HIV
- **Thriving babies:** children born to literate mothers are 50% more likely to survive past age 5
- **Greater earning power:** even just one year of extra education can help a girl earn 20% more as an adult
- **Reduced maternal mortality:** the #1 cause of death for girls 15-19 is childbirth; education helps girls delay marriage and pregnancy
- **Higher GDP:** If India enrolled 1% more girls in school, their GDP would rise by $5.5 billion

Our impact on this issue is made possible thanks to our amazing community partners:

* **GIRL RISING INDIA** * **GENERATION GUIDERS** * **CREATIVE ACTION INSTITUTE** * **ZANAAFRICA** * **SHAMBALA FOUNDATION** *

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