

CHOOSING AN NGC GLOBAL PROJECT



Prior to your Team Meeting:

- Ask Team Members to go on to the **NGC website** to view all Global Projects.
- Team Members should download and print out the Project Snapshot of the Global Project they absolutely love. Members can totally download more than one – We know it's hard to choose just ONE of the amazing projects available. An example Snapshot is attached so you know what you're looking for.
- Remind Team Members to bring those Snapshots to the next team meeting.
- Ask for volunteers to bring some snacks/candy/soda to the next team meeting.

At the Meeting:

- As Team Leader, bring enough stickers to give each Team Member 5 stickers. Those little color star or dot stickers work perfect and can usually be found in any grocery or dollar store.
- Now collect all Project Snapshots.
- Eliminate any duplicate projects.
- Hold up each Project Snapshot and ask members to say a few words describing the project and why it's so amazing to support as a team.
- Tape each Snapshot to a wall of the room creating a sort of "Project Gallery".
- Give each member 5 stickers and provide these directions:

"In order to make sure we select a Global Project in a fair and transparent manner we've each received 5 stickers. We're going to take some time to let everyone take a last look at the Snapshots taped on the wall (*while snacking on some food*—Much thanks to the volunteers that brought the treats!). Put the stickers directly on the Snapshot(s) you prefer. You can put all 5 stickers on one Project Snapshot. You can put one sticker each on 5 Snapshots. Basically, you can put any combination of stickers on a project – But each of us has only 5 stickers. When everyone has used his/her stickers we'll count up which one has the highest number of stickers and that will be our chosen project."

Congratulations, you've chosen your project!

Ask members to download the full Project Profile description from the **NGC Project Menu** on the website. Consider posting the link on your team's Facebook group.

AND, in order to officially chose your project and stay registered as an active NGC team, make sure to then fill out the **Global Project/F.A.CE. Goals Form** on the NGC website.

What if it's a tie between two or a few projects?

Great question! Well you can definitely do another round our two of using the sticker method of voting. Or, you can do a show of hands. You have to come up with a solution as a group, so bring that question to your team.

One word of advice—Teams in the past that choose to support more than one project at a time, have expressed how challenging it is managing multiple projects and communicating to others about their efforts. It's just a lot to take on. Think realistically now so not to get really overwhelmed and discouraged in the future.

(Note: This kind of activity definitely may not be necessary for every team. It may be very easy for your team to come to consensus – Or perhaps you have another method of choosing a Global Project. Some of our returning teams actually narrow project choices down to two or three and then put the final choice up to a school wide vote. This is an excellent way to immediately get an entire school involved from the very beginning.)

Good luck and remember to submit your Global Project/F.A.CE. Goals Form!

Project Snapshot:

AFGHAN INSTITUTE OF LEARNING

Location: Afghanistan

Partner: Creating Hope International

Website: www.creatinghope.org

Summary of project:

The women and children of Afghanistan have suffered three decades of war and civil strife. The Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) was started to support community led educational centers for women and girls. Currently, AIL supports 38 centers across Afghanistan. Most of these centers are in rural areas where there is very little access to education. AIL's goal is to provide women and children with a comprehensive education and health services so that they can support themselves and enhance the quality of their lives. Funds for this project will be used to support 300 students for six-month classes. The cost for each student is \$30.

Funds for this project:

100% of funds will support AIL. For every \$30 NGC Teams raise one AIL student will attend six months of studies.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu



Afghanistan Info:

Population: 33,609,937
(July 2009 est.)
(compared to USA's 307M)

28% of the population above age 15 can write
(CIA World Fact Book)

53% of the population lives below the poverty line
(CIA World Fact Book)

132,246 people are displaced each year due to drought and instability
(World Bank)

