

Bankers without Borders®

Connecting Skills, Passion, and Resources to Fight Global Poverty

The problem is global poverty.

- Nearly three billion people continue to live below \$2.00 a day.
- Globally, microfinance institutions are improving the lives of poor people, mostly women, by providing small loans to create self-sustaining businesses that break the generational cycle of poverty.
- Like typical private sector institutions in rapidly developing industries, microfinance institutions face many challenges in areas such as finance, information management, technology, business development, operational processes, marketing and human resources.
- By improving efficiency and achieving scale, microfinance institutions can empower millions more poor people to improve their lives and those of their families and communities.



The solution is you.

Bankers without Borders®, Grameen Foundation's volunteer initiative, is a global reserve corps of business professionals and retirees from a variety of industries who contribute their time, skills, and experience to support microfinance and technology. These volunteers work to change lives and enable the poor – especially the poorest – to create a world without poverty.

Bankers without Borders® works with companies, associations, higher education institutions, and individuals to match volunteers' skills with the critical needs of organizations serving poor people around the world.

So what are you waiting for?

Bankers without Borders® partners with **companies and organizations** interested in:

- Developing skills-based volunteer programs or sabbaticals for their employees or members interested in serving people in poverty.
- Aligning their strategic business objectives with their corporate philanthropy practices.
- Measuring the social and financial impact of their volunteer efforts.

Individuals interested in volunteering their expertise should complete the **Bankers without Borders®** application and submit their resume. Once approved, you become part of our reserve corps of volunteers, and gain access to:

- Updates on exciting and challenging global volunteer assignments (see below for details).
- Trainings and the latest information on microfinance and related topics.
- A community of people who share your passion for innovative solutions to global poverty.

When you are selected for an assignment, you'll receive a detailed scope of work and specific training and consultation from a GF Project Manager. **Bankers without Borders®** will also provide orientation and support to help prepare you for any international assignments.

There are many ways to make a difference.

Volunteer assignments vary in length, location, and focus:

- **Length:**
 - Some assignments are 1-2 weeks long.
 - Other assignments may require 1-3 month commitments.
 - Others may require multiple hours or days per week or spread throughout the year.
- **Location:**
 - **U.S.-Based:** Grameen Foundation develops products and services that benefit poverty-focused microfinance and technology. Opportunities are available at Grameen Foundation headquarters in Washington, DC, and the Grameen Technology Center in Seattle.
 - **Field-Based:** Volunteer opportunities include assignments with organizations serving the poor, especially microfinance institutions, networks or associations in Africa, Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East & North Africa.
 - **Off-Site:** It may be possible to volunteer from a remote location.



Sample Activities		
U.S.-Based	Field-Based	Off-Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Develop mobile phone applications to spread health information to poor people around the world ■ Conduct a risk assessment of Grameen Foundation and its portfolio of loan products ■ Assist Grameen Foundation support departments (including Human Resources, Marketing & Communications, Fundraising) to execute projects and decentralize operations ■ Support development of sector-changing products and services for emerging markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Help microfinance institutions widen their products and services portfolio, expanding their reach to poorest of the poor ■ Advise institutions on how to expand in a sustainable and profitable manner ■ Build operational capacity by establishing policies and processes that are in line with the best international practices ■ Conduct needs assessments or deliver training to improve human capital practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Edit or translate publications, research, or work products to support knowledge sharing practices ■ Assist in development of robust knowledge management systems ■ Conduct performance testing of new technology products ■ Designing toolkits or training material for donors and supporters of Grameen Foundation

Join us now.

- For additional information on becoming a **Bankers without Borders®** volunteer, please see our list of Frequently Asked Questions at: www.grameenfoundation.org/take-action/volunteer
- For more information about how your company or organization can partner with **Bankers without Borders®**, please contact: BwB@grameenFoundation.org or call (202) 628-3560 ext.139.
- To explore other ways to support Grameen Foundation's fight to alleviate poverty, please visit www.grameenfoundation.org/take-action and or make a financial donation at www.StopPovertyNow.org.