

Your Support Will



Launch women-led businesses that deliver solar lighting to off-grid villages in Karnataka, India.



Example:

Renewable energy for a family: \$60



Prevent the spread of infectious disease in Sierra Leone with locally manufactured handwashing stations.



Example:

Handwashing station for a community: \$10



Eliminate the backbreaking labor required to transport water for reforestation projects in Chennai, India



Example:

Water transportation for a family: \$50

In contrast to ‘top-down’ aid organizations, TEL changes lives from the ground up, by empowering underdeveloped communities with actionable information and the freedom to choose the solutions that best suit their needs. TEL’s highly effective role is acknowledged by partners and peers that include MIT CITE, D-Lab, The United Nations, and the Siemens Stiftung. We leverage our means and highly qualified volunteers to the maximum. Yet, as you know, logistical barriers and scarce financial resources continue to block the flow of life-changing solutions to where they are needed most.

Thanks to contributions from generous TEL supporters, this year we have stepped up from providing comprehensive information to actively channeling innovative poverty solutions to developing regions worldwide. The growing number of innovators, organizations and last-mile communities turning daily to TEL for impartial advice and direction is a testament to our impact in shaping programs that address basic human needs in the developing world, such as clean water, education, health care, energy and more.

TEL closes the gap between innovators and those in need—with experience, intact ideals and fresh ideas. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to TEL. With your support for our mission, we can do even more to help the communities that turn to TEL for solutions that can lift them out of poverty.

Karen von Bismarck
Co-founder and CEO
And the TEL Team

TEL at a glance

Mission

TEL is dedicated to bringing communities out of poverty by driving the adoption of innovative, cost-effective and sustainable solutions that improve the lives of people at the bottom of the pyramid



Crowdsource Innovation

We host a crowdsourced database of over 600 innovations in order to connect practical solutions to the people who need them most.

Close the Gap

Through our Project Accelerator service, we help NGOs and communities leverage appropriate technology solutions to maximize the impact of last-mile development