



What We Do

Bridges to Community

Economic Development



Bridges supports economic development by setting up community-managed funds that provide interest free loans to community members for small businesses and agricultural.

Bridges conducts diagnostic studies with communities to better understand their economic potential, and facilitates workshops and trainings for entrepreneurs and community leaders to ensure successful business endeavors.

At a glance...



- Community funds provide small farmers with over \$18,000 in small loans each year to purchase tools, seeds, and other inputs
- More than \$30,000 each year from the community fund is available as interest free loans for businesses such as corner stores, chicken coops, and cacao



Founded in 1992, Bridges to Community develops poverty alleviation strategies with local communities in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic in four distinct, but overlapping, program areas: health, education, housing and economic development. The development projects Bridges works on provide over 800 volunteers with service learning opportunities each year.