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Reaching the world's hardest to reach

The Reach Alliance conducts field studies and provides on-the-ground solutions for the world's hardest-to-reach people all while training the next generation of leaders.



As our world grows more globalized and complex, communities will face more unconventional problems. Add climate, public health and economic challenges to the mix and it becomes clear that the hardest-to-reach people in the world—mothers with disabilities, undocumented migrants, children in temporary housing and others—need a new kind of global-ready leader who knows how to co-create sustainable solutions at the local level.

The Reach Alliance at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy trains such leaders. Founded at U of T, the alliance draws top students from nine universities in eight different countries and deploys them, along with their academic mentors, to underserved communities around the world—places where data is scarce and people contend with converging crises.



If we're serious about eliminating poverty in all its forms everywhere, we need to bring disciplines together. We need to make students the engine of change because they are our future leaders. And we need to demonstrate to the world how to reach people who are under-served for geographic, administrative, or social reasons.

Joseph Wong Founder, Reach Alliance Vice-President, International, University of Toronto

Research teams work with locals to develop and execute plans that tackle these problems. The Reach Alliance harnesses the Munk School's interdisciplinary expertise: examples include using biometrics to provide cash assistance for Syrian refugees in Jordan and a case study on community-led blue carbon initiatives in Kenya. With its scalable models and diverse strategies, the Reach Alliance is positioned to deliver outsized impact where it's needed most.

Your support will allow the Reach Alliance to extend its reach even further and continue offering vital support to communities left behind by the complex forces of globalization.

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