

Stevens Initiative



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YEAR IN REVIEW

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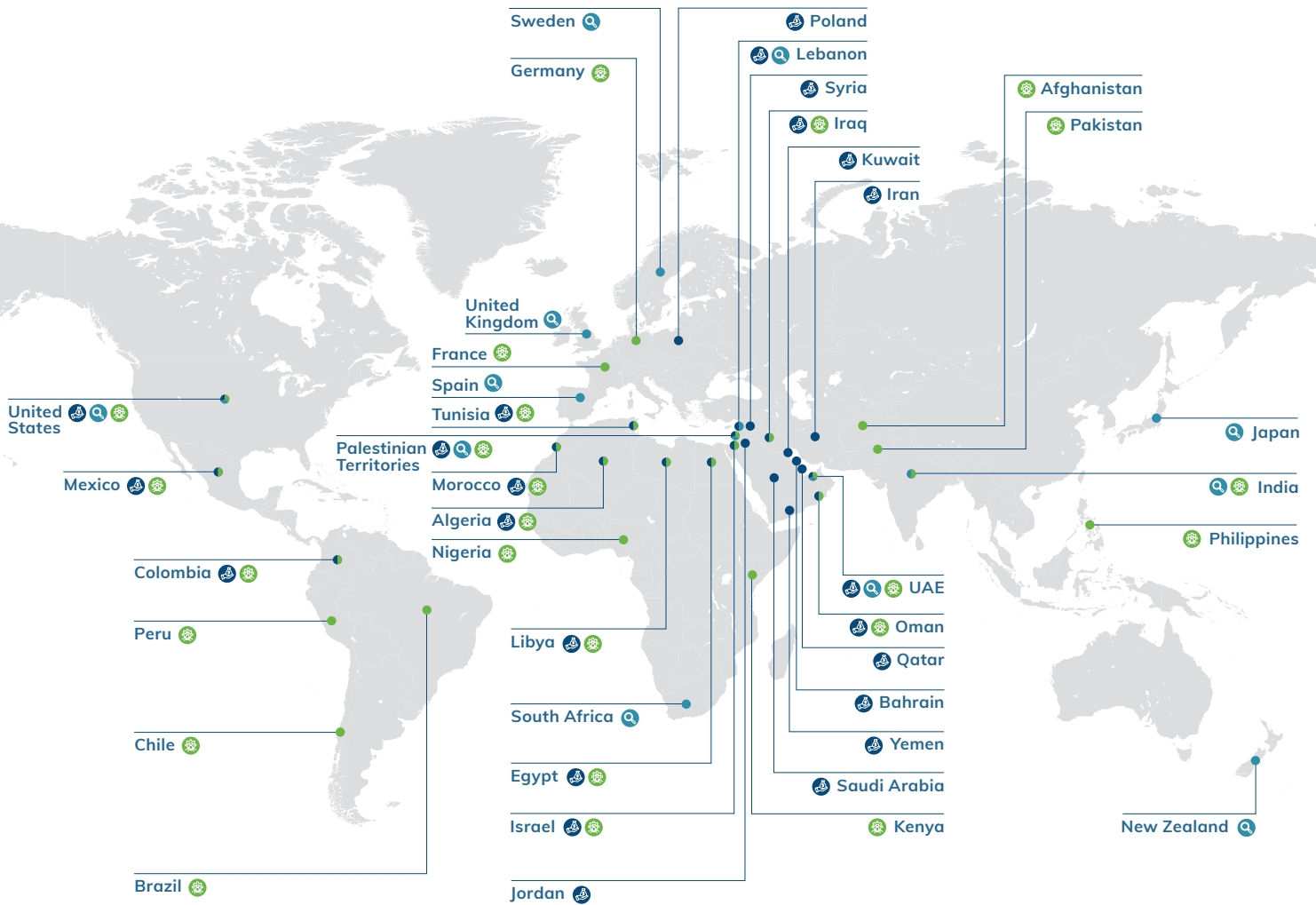
*Learn together today.
Lead together tomorrow.*

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Where We Work



Partner Spotlight

The Stevens Initiative cannot do this work alone. Through the support of the **U.S. Department of State**, the **Bezos Family Foundation**, and the **governments of Morocco** and the **United Arab Emirates**, we have made leaps and bounds in our dedication to growing the field of virtual exchange throughout 2023.



Programs offered
1,111 hours of
virtual exchange activities



630 facilitators
prepared to lead virtual
exchange



85% of participants
recommend their virtual
exchange



280 new institutions
and partners adopted our
virtual exchange programs

LOOKING AHEAD

The momentum generated in 2023 to **strengthen our strategic partner network will carry forth in years ahead**. Investments being made now and in the future reflect a revitalized strategy of connecting partners at every stage of virtual exchange—from recruitment, to program design, and implementation, continually generating increased demand and creating a resilient ecosystem of support that can meet it.

Forging a steady pipeline of partners will contribute to our ultimate goal of serving the most important people in the field: youth participants.



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Your Voices

Our alumni network has grown to more than **30,000 young people** who are leveraging the skills and friendships developed during their virtual exchange to impact their communities around the world. **Here's how:**

ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

We closed out our inaugural cohort of the Stevens Initiative Alumni Fellowship and welcomed a second cohort in early 2023. Across both groups, **37 Fellows** embarked on a yearlong intensive program aimed at shaping exceptional virtual exchange alumni into even more dynamic leaders. Fellows developed projects that address real-world challenges, **benefitting over 200 people around the world** — demonstrating that the impact of our programming extends beyond the youth we directly reach and flows into their communities.

Learn about the 2022 Fellows' community **PROJECTS**.

HEAR FROM ALUMNI



The Fellowship reinvigorated [my] desire to actually live and work abroad. Each session was a jolt of energy and was unmatched compared to my daily life. I am [now] more empathetic toward others, knowing everyone has a life and journey to live that I may not understand.

— LILY PAYTON, 2022 FELLOW



[I'm excited] to build connections and network with people across communities and cultures, develop my skills learned from my virtual program, and practice them in order to be a good leader and benefit my community.

— Lana Bahr, 2023 Fellow



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We are working toward the day when every young person participates in a virtual exchange.
Join us!

Ways to Engage ▶

Join
A PROGRAM



Mobilize
YOUTH PARTICIPATION



Attend
AN EVENT



Apply
FOR A GRANT



Train
FOR VIRTUAL EXCHANGE



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