



PREEMPTIVE
LOVE

IMPACT
REPORT
2019



WE TREAT VIOLENCE LIKE A DISEASE



Stopping the spread of violence with our frontline **relief**.



Protecting the vulnerable from recruitment into violence with our unique **jobs** platform.




Changing the ideas that lead to war with our **community** approach to all we do.

2019 IMPACT



 **151,984** Patient visits

 **50** Homes rebuilt for 300 people

 **4,405** Children provided with education and/or therapeutic play

 **25,950** People served with meals

 **9,000** People served while seeking asylum




 **167** New businesses started

 **290** Workers employed in the global digital marketplace
* 820 IT workers trained through our tech hubs




 **250** Farmers Launched



We build peace in communities shattered by violence and change the ideas that lead to war, protecting the vulnerable and bridging the gap between at-odds groups. Community-based peacemaking is built into everything we do.



**You provided relief on the
frontlines of conflict in Iraq,
Syria, and Mexico through:**

-  food to help families survive
-  shelter to remake home
-  medicine to mend the wounds of war

Relief disrupts the cycle of violence—laying
the foundation for better futures.



Meet Juan.

Shelter to Remake Home

In September, 2019, we met Juan*, an 11-year-old boy who was living in one of the temporary shelters you've been supporting in Mexico. His family is from El Salvador, where his father had a successful career, but the deadly threat of gang violence forced them to flee.

Juan dreams of being a musician and at the shelter, he was gifted with an old guitar—the first he ever owned. Initially shy, he played in quiet corners but his confidence grew quickly and he began playing for others in the shelter—moving through the building and into the courtyard. Fellow migrants from all over the world, shelter staff, and others from the neighborhood who had stopped by for a visit, enjoyed sitting around listening to Juan play and sing from his heart. His gift provided a moment of respite.

He and his family have now moved through the immigration process and are settling into the US. Grateful to have escaped violence in El Salvador, their future is still full of uncertainty. But Juan is hopeful. “God will provide like he always has.”

The women, men, and children at the US-Mexico border are often survivors of violence, poverty, loss, and persistent trauma. They've left their homes and risked everything for safety. Thank you for bringing help and hope to the border. Thank you for standing alongside families as they work to remake home.

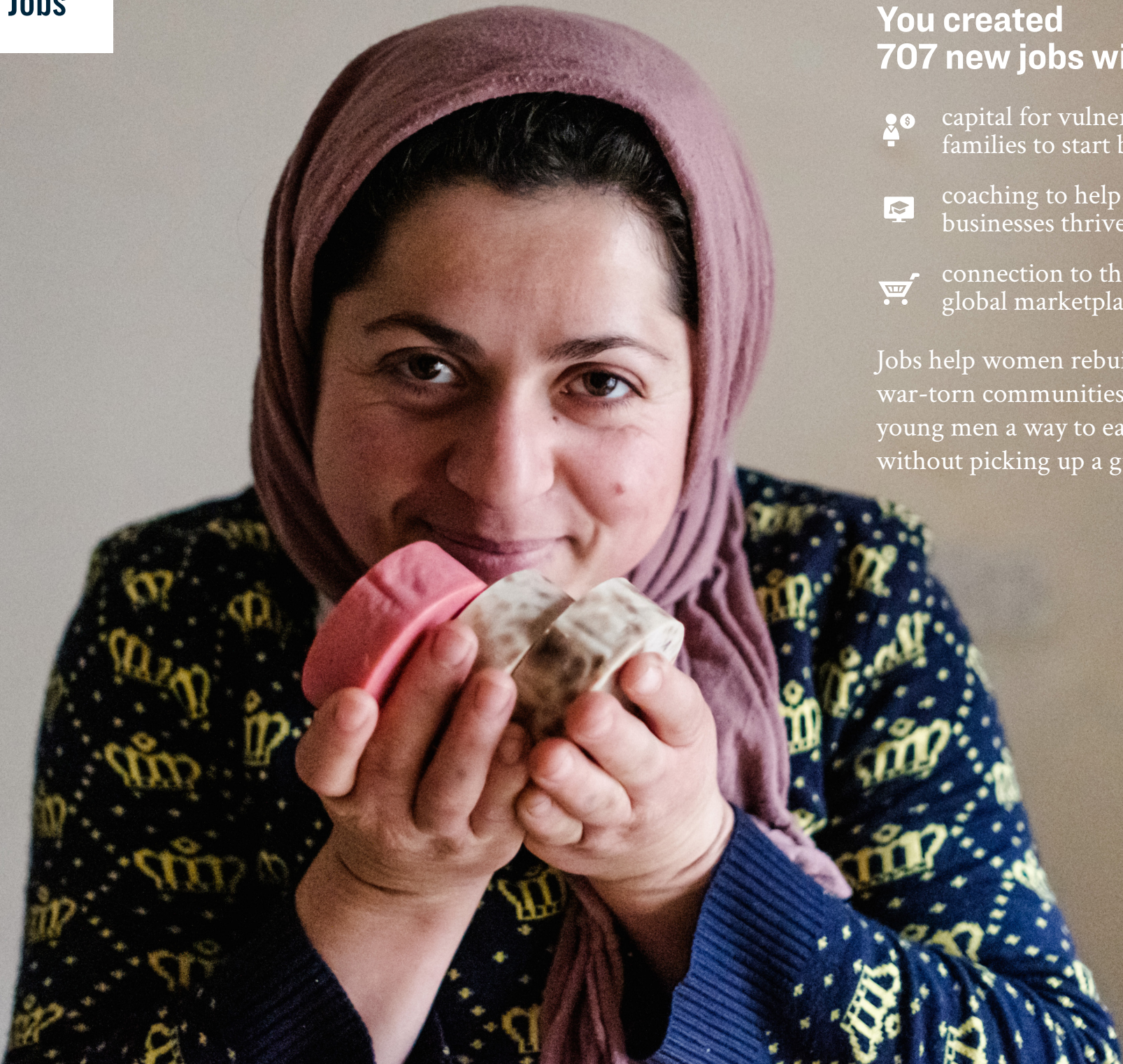
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You created 707 new jobs with:

-  capital for vulnerable families to start businesses
-  coaching to help businesses thrive
-  connection to the global marketplace

Jobs help women rebuild war-torn communities and give young men a way to earn a living without picking up a gun.



Meet Shewa.

Connection to the Global Marketplace

Shewa is a microwork trainee at one of our tech hubs helping young Iraqis and Syrians find work on the digital marketplace. Her mother has struggled to provide for the family since her dad died a few years ago.

Microwork is a burgeoning industry and we are engaging it to help provide income for young people in conflict-wrecked economies. One out of four young adults in Iraq is unemployed. But you've provided Shewa with access to the global digital marketplace through our tech hubs, and that microwork is helping her put food on the table for her mother and three younger brothers. You are making sure her brothers can stay in school, and not have to drop out to look for work. And she's able to work in a field she has a deep passion for—technology.

Shewa is empowered to elevate her own future while creating a future for her family in the process. Thank you for supporting Shewa and other young Iraqis in their vivid dreams of a better life.






**READ MORE ABOUT SHEWA,
MICROWORK, & HOW JOBS END WAR**





You are supporting a global community of peacemakers that reach across enemy lines to change the ideas that lead to war through:

-  cooperation to build diverse relationships
-  content to educate aspiring peacemakers
-  coaching to activate them

In community gatherings across the world, we help heal the past through relationship and education. Because if war is manmade, then it can be unmade...by all of us.



Meet Vjolca.



Cooperation to Build Diverse Relationships

Vjolca came to her first Love Anyway Gathering in Orlando, Florida both curious and nervous.

“As I approached the front door of the house, I noticed a small, black tray adjacent to the doorway. Above it, a sign that read, ‘leave your shoes here’ hung over it on the wall...As a Muslim, leaving your shoes outside was an expectation, but from a good old fashioned American household? This came as a surprise.”

Removing her shoes and entering the space proudly wearing her hijab, Vjolca remembers, “I attended with the intention of defending my race, my religion, and my differences that made me a target for negative, hate-charged attention.”

But in a living room full of strangers, Vjolca found her faith was not something to be defended. Rather, it was something to be appreciated and honored. And while some of the women in the room had never experienced the discrimination she faces in her daily life, she learned that most people don’t share the hate that often overwhelms our social media feeds and television programming. Here, she found unexpected community and healing.

“Preemptive Love embraced me that day, in fact it embraced us all. It gave us the platform to meet and dialogue and experience each other’s daily struggles to work together in a world that aims to separate us. When we are divided, only then can we be conquered...I may have walked in with my feet bare that evening, but I left with my heart full.”

THANK YOU!

Thank you for providing relief, jobs, and community—helping families rebuild from the ashes of war.

You continue to help fast on the frontlines, where bullets and bombs are still flying, to stop the spread of war—giving families what they need to hold on and hold out.

Thank you for providing help that lasts through our Jobs program and reducing the risk of war. The more families earn, the harder it is for violence to spread. Each new job, each new business, has a ripple effect—transforming an entire community.

You are healing the past by building the most diverse community of peacemakers on the planet. Through small, neighborhood gatherings all over the world, you are proving another future is possible.

Thank you for boldly working to end war with us. Together, we can continue mending the wounds of conflict while working to stop the next war before it starts. We could not do this without you—and we wouldn't want to.

