

The Denan Project

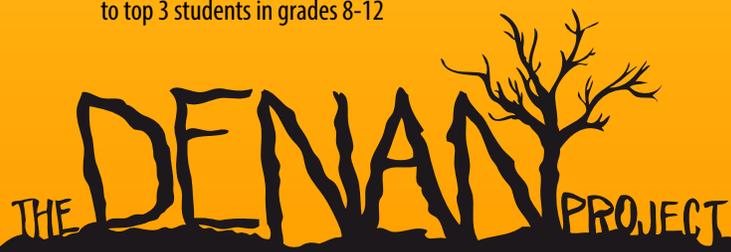
Creating a brighter future from a bitter past

The Denan Project is an **all-volunteer, community-based organization that provides health and development assistance** to under-served people in some of the world's poorest places.

Building on the success we have achieved in Denan, Ethiopia, we have expanded to the Andean highlands of Peru, the steppes of Mongolia, and the Navajo Nation in Arizona. With an initial focus on free, high-quality health care, we **work to empower people to escape poverty by supporting projects in education, agriculture, and micro-lending, and encouraging self-sufficiency.**

Because our Board of Directors pays for all Administrative and Fundraising costs, **100% of all outside donations go directly to people in desperate need.** Through the efforts of our committed donors and volunteers, The Denan Project saves lives and brings hope to so many.

Your contributions make it all possible.



The Denan Project, bringing hope

Denan, Ethiopia

Denan is a small town with a camp for refugees and internally displaced persons located in the Ogaden region of remote southeastern Ethiopia. It is not far from the border of Somalia and 65 kilometers from Gode, the nearest town with electricity. The Ogaden region is populated by ethnic Somalis and has been devastated by drought, famine, and an armed separatist movement. Temperatures soar daily to well over 110°F (43°C), creating some of the most unbearable living conditions in all of Africa.



Here, in 2004, The Denan Project took a step toward creating a brighter future from a bitter past by opening a medical facility to provide qualified medical care to the people of Denan for the first time. Our hospital is the only free acute medical care facility in the Ogaden region, population 6 million. The hospital began as a two-room clinic in an abandoned building, bringing free medical care to the refugee camp and then to people coming in from surrounding towns and even other districts. The clinic is now a 39-room hospital with a trained indigenous staff of almost 40. It is not uncommon for people to walk for five days or more to receive treatment. As of September 2016 we have served more than 230,000 patients, all for free. Addressing the needs of the community, we also now run many programs to promote overall health, including vaccination, pre-natal and well-baby care, supplemental feeding, in- and out-patient TB programs, and polio. We also run education courses on sanitation, HIV/AIDS, breast-feeding, proper use of medicines, and anti-malaria measures, and we support programs to end female genital mutilation practices.

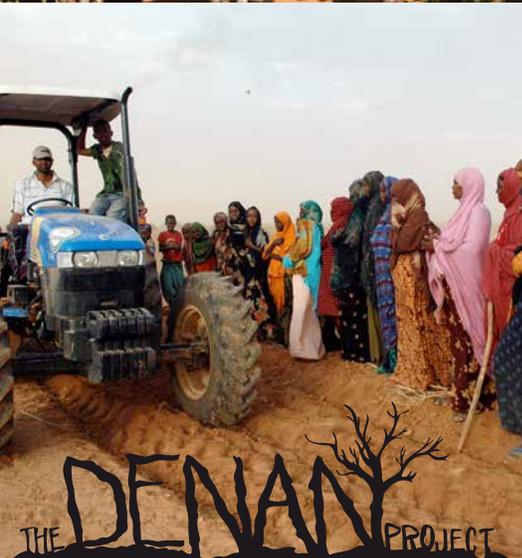
To help alleviate the effects of drought, a recurring problem in the Ogaden region, The Denan Project built reservoirs in five surrounding villages, and purchased a water tanker truck, capable of holding 20,000 liters of water, to service those reservoirs. During the drought seasons of 2008 and 2011, almost 40,000 people relied on our tanker to deliver potable water to their villages. Our water tanker has become an indispensable resource, often serving as the only source of potable water for the area during the worst of the dry seasons and times of drought.

Our Partners:

Organization for Welfare and Development in Action (OWDA), an Ethiopian registered NGO
Local Government Agencies
The Denan Committee of Elders
Nonnewaug High School, Woodbury, Connecticut USA

Uratari, Peru

The Denan Project extended its medical humanitarian efforts to the Andean highlands of Peru by opening a Health Center in the high, remote village of Uratari in 2010. For the first time free, quality medical care is being provided to the extremely poor indigenous communities of the area, where death during childbirth has been all too common. Thanks to all-volunteer



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and saving lives...

construction labor from the residents and surrounding villages, the Health Center was completed and officially unveiled in May 2011. The center consists of examination and treatment rooms, a maternity ward, a doctor's office, a fully equipped dental facility, a laboratory, a pharmacy, an inpatient facility, and housing for key personnel. The staff is fluent in Quechua, the local language. Our ambulance brings our medical outreach team to distant villages on a regular basis. We have also set up micro-loan programs in Uratari and other villages.

Our Partners:

The Municipality of Anta Province
The Community of Uratari and Surrounding Villages
Red Norte (The Health Ministry of Cusco State)

Tariat, Mongolia

Tariat is located on the steppes of Mongolia, roughly 670 kilometers from Ulaanbaatar, the capital. It is the second coldest place in the country with winter temperatures as low as -40°F (-40°C). We support a new hospital built in 2014. Its large and competent staff now consists of five doctors, eight assistant doctors, seven nurses, and four specialized medical personnel. The Denan Project furnishes medicines, medical supplies and equipment, and funds for heating as well as providing advanced training in Pediatrics, Cardiology, and Internal Medicine. Tuition fees for a doctor and dentist have also been provided. In October of 2015 we bought a new ambulance to help to serve the roughly 30,000 people treated each year. We also implemented a fodder-planting program, which will benefit between 500 and 600 families.

Our Partners:

Save the Children Japan-Mongolia
The Ministry of Health of Arkhangai Province

Chinle, Arizona—Navajo Nation

In the Fall of 2015, The Denan Project began working with The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health in Chinle, Arizona, supporting a program in maternal and child health care that supports young Native parents from pregnancy to 3 years post-partum. The program focuses on the three Navajo Nation communities of Chinle, Pinon, and Tsaile, Arizona, where 43% of the population live below the poverty line. Per our funding in the first year alone, 16 medical staff and volunteers will be trained in administering the *Family Spirit* program which, with the teaching of nutrition, health, hygiene, and other critical life skills, will greatly benefit 150 at-risk families and the remote communities where they reside.

Our Partners:

The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
The Navajo Nation



We need you...

How we work

Although we are based in the United States, our vision is global. We adhere to a higher standard, which we call Transparency In Giving. Because our Board of Directors pays for all Administrative and Fundraising costs, **100% of all outside donations go directly to people in desperate need.** Board members also receive no financial compensation of any kind. In fact, when members travel to our program sites, they do so at their own expense.

The Denan Project is proud of its origin as a grassroots organization. Our original mission continues today—to provide free, high-quality medical care first and foremost, and then to plant the roots of badly needed infrastructure so that the local communities can become self-sufficient.

We are an all-volunteer group, and we are determined. We believe in the power of people, of ourselves, and those we help—one community reaching out to help another. We believe it's a model for improving the world.

The Denan Project, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation incorporated in the State of Connecticut in the United States of America

"We were living in the dark and you brought us into the light. We need you not to get tired and don't give up."

—Denan elder

Your gift will make a difference!

Whether in the form of money, time, or resources, we ask that you join our cause and donate to The Denan Project.

We are grateful for funding gifts of any size. Here are some examples of what your donation can provide:

\$100	Medical supplies for 1 day
\$250	6 months of prenatal care for 1 woman
\$250	6 months of well baby clinic for mother and child
\$500	2 meals a day for 1 month for inpatients
\$600	1 month supply of diesel fuel for generator
\$1,000	1 month salary for 8 hospital staff
\$1,500	Medical outreach program for 2 months
\$10,000	Program to fight female genital mutilation
\$13,000	Full hospital operation for 1 month
\$60,000	Medicines and supplies for 1 year

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