Global Grassroots’ Women + Water Leadership Institute is a program that provides specialized training to women entrepreneurs. Participants are trained to design and operate water ventures that provide access to safe, clean water.

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**Our Solution**
- Number of change leaders: 24.
- Number of women trained: 650.
- Cost per change leader: $25,000.
- Cost per trainee: $100,000.

**IMPACT OF A GLOBAL GRASSROOTS WATER VENTURE**

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**A Hub for Education**
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  - Hygiene & sanitation
  - Water purification
  - Gender-based violence
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  - Human rights
  - HIV/AIDS prevention
  - Family planning
  - Nutrition

**Keeping Girls in School**
- In their first year our teams have seen an average 69% decrease in youth missing school for water collection.
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- Average miles traveled: 3400.
- Average people served per venture: $8.

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**Eliminating Sexual Exploitation**
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**Empowerment & Wellbeing**
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