Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%¹

BETTERING A NATION’S YOUTH AND FUTURE

Navigating childhood isn’t easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually – and face challenges at home, in school, and from peers – youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately, students in New Caledonia are gaining valuable skills to carry them confidently through school and into their futures through Lions Quest, the signature youth development program from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Not long ago, New Caledonia wasn’t among the more than 100 countries in which the social and emotional learning program has helped millions of students gain skills to manage emotions, achieve goals, and build positive relationships, and that has helped educators become more effective. That all changed with more than US$27,000 in grant funding from LCIF.

“We shared the proven benefits of Lions Quest with leaders from government, education, and youth associations,” said Ghyslaine Troisgros, Lions Quest director in New Caledonia. “They quickly approved program implementation and identified schools for early adoption.” LCIF grant funding, coupled with donations and service of Lions, helped introduce Lions Quest to 25,000 elementary school students and 80 educators.

“Our children’s future is brighter,” said Troisgros. “Thank you, LCIF and Lions.”
For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many youth in this part of the world face daunting challenges, manifesting in stark realities like these:

4 in 10
12-17-year-olds rate their school as unsafe
in Indonesia¹

60%
of New Zealand 4th graders report being bullied at least monthly⁴

13%
of children aged 9-16 report being cyberbullied
in Australia²

>8 in 10
Vanuatu children experience violent punishment²

THAT’S HERE. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:

1 in 3 students report being cyberbullied; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence⁵

2 in 3 students in 160 countries worry about violence in and around schools⁷

Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated⁸

Schools with positive school climate practices like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying⁸

LCIF AND LIONS Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety¹⁰. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS
develop/expand the program
UP TO US$150,000

LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
launch/reactivate the program
UP TO US$15,000

LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS
introduce the program to a community
UP TO US$1,500

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES