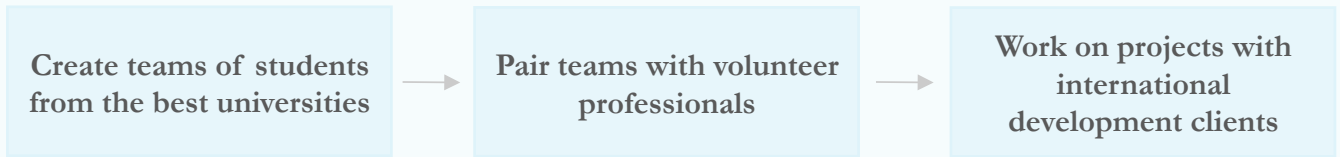




DSO is a volunteer international development consultancy where top talented students and professionals work together to help clients tackle global challenges.



How are volunteers empowered?



DSO members work on client projects and internal projects. Before each project begins, impact criteria and measurement procedures are identified to determine the sustainable advantage our work creates.

Through project experience and mentorship each DSO member grows professionally across multiple dimensions. Team members also receive 1 on 1 mentoring focused on professional growth and goals.

Through our network of prestigious students, professionals, and clients, each DSO member can receive guidance, discover professional and personal growth opportunities, and access to experts across various domains.

Working with DSO has been an unparalleled learning opportunity to apply business skills and classroom knowledge to help nonprofit clients. And perhaps more importantly, it has provided me the chance to grow as a leader and develop deeper connections with a group of like-minded individuals passionate about international development. Through working with mentors who are experts in their fields to collaborating with visionary nonprofit CEOs, I have been able to make a tangible impact and take my leadership and business capabilities to the next level.

*Lauren Swartz,
Student*

*Saurabh Sanghvi,
Professional Volunteer*

Working with DSO, has helped me grow as a professional, mentor, and manager. DSO provides each professional with autonomy to lead a team with their own style, while being part of an amazing community of students and professionals from prestigious companies and universities. Furthermore, during my time at DSO, I have been able to accelerate my professional career and make a significant impact in the developing world as well as the professional development of my students. In my opinion there is no better feeling than seeing your students and clients succeed because of some of your work.



Sustaining our Projects

30
students

15
engagement
leads

7
projects

3000
service
hours

1
mentor for
every student

Funding a project takes \$3000

Recruit engagement leads
Cost: \$250/EL

Our project teams have between 1-3 ELs. To recruit ELs we reach out to personal networks, post on job boards, and attend events and conferences related to International Development. Each EL is interviewed by 3 DSO ELs to ensure they meet DSO's EL criteria.

Each semester ELs and students host a recruiting event on campus to recruit more students to join DSO. The cost of this event currently does not cover any airfare for ELs or leadership team members. Each student receives 2-3 interviews to ensure they meet DSO's student criteria.

Recruit students
Cost: \$750
(event: \$500 + marketing materials: \$250)

Match client + define project
Cost: \$250/client

DSO wants to work on clients making impactful changes in the International Development space. For DSO to providing meaningful impact, the client must require work that matches the skills and passion of the DSO team.

When projects start the entire team gets together for initial ideations of their project. These events allow teams to think bold before narrowing their focus to specific workstreams.

Ideastorm event
Cost: \$250/client

In-person meetings
Cost: \$750 (\$10 per team member)

To ensure adequate progress and foster a collaborative team culture all project teams have in-person weekly meetings. We cover the costs of team member commute and food for these meetings.

After the project is completed we host post-mortems to debrief on the project experience. At these events we discuss team feedback, client experience, and look into areas of improvement.

Debrief on project
Cost: \$500 for event costs

On-site visit
Cost: \$1500/person

On-site visits are imperative in helping the team understand the true problem they are solving, learn cultural and social barriers, and witness the impact and importance of their work. DSO believe this step is critical to the team experience but currently does not have the funds to cover or subsidize team travel.



Getting involved with DSO

DSO is a volunteer international development consultancy where top talented students and professionals work together to help clients solve the world's puzzles.

If you would like to get involved consider volunteering your skills, providing the organization with a donation, or referring clients, students, and professionals who may be interested.

How to help

Skills

DSO teams consist of volunteer students and professionals that contribute 5-10 hours a week. Students receive hand-on work experience and mentorship from seasoned professionals. Professionals can apply to be engagement leads to get a chance to work on the world's largest challenges while growing professionally. They also can apply to be mentors that contribute 1-2 hours a week sharing their expertise on a certain topic.

Email us at inquiries@dsoglobal.org if you are interested in volunteering as a student, engagement lead, or mentor.

Donations

DSO is non-profit organization where all professionals and students are unpaid volunteers. We use general DSO Funds to pay our administrative staff (accounting, legal), taxes, and operating expenses. Our operating expenses include recruitment costs, office supplies, team retreats, meeting costs, and software tools (e.g., CRM System). Our goal is to cover all DSO related volunteer costs.

Donate at dsoglobal.org/donate.html

Referrals

Tapping into our talented network has been our most effective way of scaling DSO. If you know students, professionals, or clients who you think would be good fits for DSO refer them to us.

Email your referrals to inquiries@dsoglobal.org.