

## Panacea Challenge 2022

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“Why do I have to walk two hours to get to school?” inquired my little brother. “To be able to learn.” I responded. Everyday thousands of children across the United States and worldwide walk long distances to learn in school. The Panacea of this problem is every corner of the world should see the importance of all children learning. Because I live in the United States, I am so lucky to be able to learn, in a safe classroom, with a trained teacher. The North South Foundation can take an active role in helping all students globally gain access to learning near their homes.

During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, I was placed in a distant learning model. The North South Foundation was extremely helpful to me during this troublesome time. They provided tutoring to help with subjects when I was not in school. Also, they provided extra learning with enrichment activities to keep my brain pushing forward on concepts as to not experience a learning loss.

In my opinion, the best solution for the North South Foundation to assist with equal education for all, would be to provide funding for every child to have access to electricity to power a learning device at home. Many students at my school do not have laptops or tablets. If these students had electricity, internet and devices they could learn from home and not have to walk a long way to learn.