



**2020 Annual Report**

Doing good around the world

OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



## Greetings from **David Adcock**

Our role in this world is significant — to follow the call of God to do good, to seek justice and to help the oppressed — especially in such a challenging moment in time. 2020 presented many hurdles, but throughout the year, Canadian donors prayed, became informed and supported those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty and injustice.

**Your prayers encouraged us as we followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and responded to critical needs this year.**

In January 2020, we were acutely aware of the 135 million people around the world facing crisis levels of hunger. We thought about the 1 in 7 people going to bed hungry everyday and we sought new ways to reach the poor in the name of Jesus. When the COVID-19 pandemic enveloped the world, shutting borders and locking down cities, these existing needs increased exponentially.

Requests poured in for personal protective equipment and clean water to stop the spread of the virus. Appeals for emergency food were made as the number of people suffering from malnutrition doubled. Feeding the hungry quickly became our number one priority.

The PAOC established ERDO over 30 years ago as a response to drought and famine in Ethiopia. Since then, we have grown in expertise, seeking out a network of skilled program partners dedicated to increase access to food and water around the world.

**Responding to hunger is what we do well. This year has stretched us, but we believe we have been prepared for such a time as this.**

This past year has not been business as usual and stepping into 2021 presents its own challenges. With your support and ongoing prayers, we can continue to make a lasting difference together, shining the bright light of Christ in our world.

With every blessing and much peace,

David Adcock, CEO



# The names & faces **behind the numbers...**

## Empowering Communities



**PARVATI** is a mother from Bangladesh. Her husband works as a farm labourer. Parvati had to stop working to care for their daughter, Pakhi, when she was hospitalised after drinking contaminated water. Pakhi recovered slowly, and Parvati considered moving somewhere near a well. She had been collecting the family's water from a local pond where villagers bathe, wash laundry and clean their animals. Even boiling the water could not make it safe to drink. In 2020, ERDO placed a tube well in Parvati's village to bring clean water. Parvati's family can stay in their home and now will be healthier.

## Transforming Lives



**DORCASC** is a sponsored child from Burkina Faso. She was born into a Muslim family and is the eldest of three children. When her father died, his parents refused to provide for their daughter-in-law and their grandchildren, abandoning them. Dorcas's mother struggled to care for her family on her own. Thankfully, Dorcas was sponsored to attend school at the age of six. She learned about Christ and now serves Jesus with all her heart. ChildCARE Plus sponsorship provided education for Dorcas and food for the family, lifting the burden of poverty. Dorcas hopes to use her education to become a journalist.

## Responding to Crises



**ABDUL\*** lives in Yemen where ongoing civil war is causing hunger and famine. He is part of a local community group working with ERDO to identify families in need of emergency food. These groups receive peace and reconciliation training to learn how to help their neighbours. Abdul said, "I heard the trainer talk about cooperation, solidarity and brotherhood like I was hearing it for the first time. Before training, I hated Ibrahim (another group member). I was surprised when Ibrahim kissed my head. I cried and felt all the hateful feelings vanish from me." ERDO is not only helping provide much needed food but community health and a sense of hope during this conflict.

\*Abdul's name and image have been changed to protect his identity.



Showing love in lockdown:

# ERDO's response to COVID-19

When a crisis occurs, we have the advantage of working with dedicated international partners and PAOC global workers. With your support, ERDO is able to equip these partners to best serve the greatest needs of people in their communities

## Feeding the Hungry

- Gave emergency food to 150 families in Columbia living in makeshift settlements.
- Provided food packages and hygiene supplies to families in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Uruguay.
- Brought food to Rohingya refugees living in a settlement in Malaysia.

## Protecting Your Sponsored Children

- Provided emergency food and hygiene supplies to sponsored children and their families in Cambodia, the Dominican Republic, Guinea, Honduras and Thailand.
- Installed water tanks in a school in Kenya.
- Brought emergency food to parents of sponsored children in South Africa.
- Gave desks to a school in Tanzania to help maintain social distancing and return kids to school.
- Gave baby formula to 283 children in Thailand.

## Stopping the Spread

- Drilled 10 new wells in Bangladesh to increase access to clean water.
- Set up handwashing stations for 300 families in the Democratic Republic of Congo and 200 families in Haiti.
- Distributed hygiene supplies to 300 households in Kenya and 100 people in Turkey.

## Keeping Staff Safe

- Provided personal protective equipment to 36 programs in Bangladesh.
- Distributed personal protective equipment to healthcare workers in Zambia.

## Bringing Community Awareness

- Trained 4,800 refugees in Uganda on methods to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Provided hygiene training to people living in rural areas of Rwanda, Senegal, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia and Haiti.

### By the numbers...

**40**  
PROJECTS

**28**  
COUNTRIES

**104,157**  
PEOPLE

**\$266,272**  
SPENT

## The 28 countries you helped...

Bangladesh | Burkina Faso | Cambodia | Colombia | Costa Rica | Cuba | Democratic Republic of Congo | Dominican Republic | Ethiopia | Guatemala | Guinea | Haiti | Honduras | India | Kenya | Malaysia | Philippines | Rwanda | Senegal | South Africa | Sri Lanka | Tanzania | Thailand | Turkey | Uganda | Uruguay | Zambia | Zimbabwe

## STORIES OF HOPE



# India

**Our sponsored children in India come from families facing extreme poverty. Many of their parents are migrant workers and rely on travel to earn an income to support their families. During COVID-19 lockdowns, no one could travel, and many families were completely devastated.**

The child sponsorship team in India, led by PAOC Global Worker Frank Juelich and Director Bapu Desai, has been distributing emergency food to the most vulnerable families in the area. They have filled boxes with dry food items, as many people do not have access to refrigeration, and have set up distributions in hard-to-reach rural areas where families are often overlooked.



# Guatemala

PAOC Global Workers Hector and Ruth Aragon knew kids were struggling at home under lockdown. ERDO responded with emergency food, distributing meals right to their homes. The team in Guatemala fed 130 vulnerable child sponsorship families, and started giving food to people who had faced other disasters.

The woman pictured above had her home destroyed in the Fuego volcano eruption. ERDO worked in Guatemala to help rebuild her home and now, we could provide her with emergency food. By creating relationships and being present with people in times of need, we are transforming communities together!



# Honduras

In Honduras, our child sponsorship team, led by PAOC Global Worker Kathy Mizen, makes sure each child has proper nutrition. Many families come from lower income areas where they struggle to feed their children. Child sponsorship provides in-school meals for these students. However, since schools closed during COVID-19 lockdowns, our sponsored children were not being fed.

Emergency food distributions started right away to help 275 child sponsorship families. We were able to provide four food distributions to these families! Walter Martinez, a volunteer in Honduras, was part of those distributions, handing out food to families. "It has always been my desire to serve others," he said. "I am so thankful for the opportunity to do this and share Jesus."

## STORIES OF HOPE



# Kenya

In Kenya we provide a hot lunch for students alongside PAOC Global Worker Janice Foss. These children come from extreme poverty, and the team knows many do not have food at home. Often, the hot lunch meal at school is a child's only daily meal.

In 2020, schools in Kenya were closed as part of the COVID-19 lockdowns. One teacher was walking past an empty school in early summer, and noticed children and families waiting outside. They were looking for food. Volunteers gathered and ERDO helped them put together food packages for families of students who attend this school. Even though a lockdown was in place, we were able to keep helping these kids in Kenya!



# Thailand

Thailand was one of the first countries hit by COVID-19, and the government immediately locked down all provinces. The child sponsorship team, led by PAOC Global worker Matt Price, quickly assessed all their students, making a list of those most at risk. ERDO helped the team create food packages and they distributed eggs, rice, dried food, cooking oil, snacks and soap to help families.

One mother cried when a package of food was delivered to her house. Her two children were starving and there was no food in their home. For families like hers, food arrived right on time.



# DRC

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, we are working with 300 farmers in very rural villages to increase their food production. When COVID-19 lockdowns were declared, our farmers had not even heard of the global pandemic. Living in a remote area, they did not understand how to protect themselves and one another.

Our local partner, The Wezesha Foundation, immediately put together volunteer teams and held training on coronavirus prevention. Using megaphones, they walked down the streets giving out information in several local languages. The team also set up handwashing stations throughout the villages to stop the spread of COVID-19, taking practical steps in small communities.

# This is how you transformed lives in 2020!

## Crisis Response: 54 program locations

172,250 people impacted with \$3.84 million

- Responded to flooding in Uganda with emergency hygiene kits while helping the community plan for future disasters with emergency preparedness training.
- Provided emergency food for 11,000 children in Zimbabwe, 6,400 people in Yemen, 2,550 pregnant and nursing mothers, and other vulnerable refugees in Uganda.
- Provided emergency food vouchers for 1,690 people in the wake of the Beirut explosion.

## Community Development: 40 program locations

202,283 people impacted with \$1.38 million

- Provided business and vocational training for 2,059 women, including 1,500 women in Burundi and 440 women in Kenya.
- Brought clean water to 58,112 people, including installing new wells in Zimbabwe, biosand filters in Honduras and tube wells in Bangladesh.
- Provided school meals for 670 children in Honduras, 1,500 children in Haiti and 19,052 children in Zimbabwe.

## Child Sponsorship: 42 program locations

Almost 8,300 children impacted with \$4.02 million

- Supported vulnerable children in 29 countries worldwide.
- 30,295 children heard the transformative message of the gospel through ChildCARE Plus.
- 607 children graduated from primary school and 360 students graduated from secondary school.

## 2020 Board of Directors

Michel Bisailon  
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## ERDO Leadership Team

David Adcock  
*Chief Executive Officer*

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*Director, Finance & Operations*

Carol Froom  
*Director, Resource Development*

Daniel Lepojarvi  
*Director, International Programs*



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## The 40 countries you helped in 2020

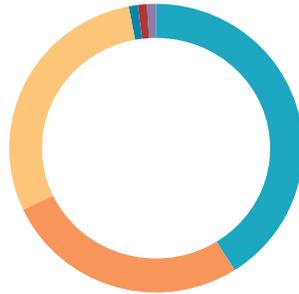
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# Financial Information

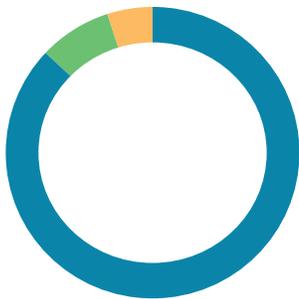
## Revenue Sources

- Child Sponsorship: 42.2%
- Churches, Corporations & Individuals: 27.3%
- CFGB & GAC Grants: 25.4%
- Grants & Foundations: 1.2%
- Bequests: 0.2%
- Government Wage Subsidy: 1.9%
- Other: 1.8%



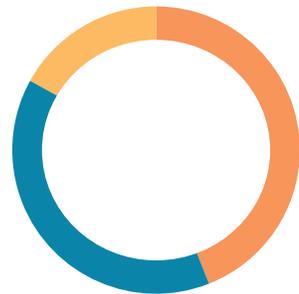
## Expenditures

- Total Programs: 86.7%
- Resource Development: 8.0%
- Support Services: 5.3%



## Total Programs

- Child Sponsorship: 43.5%
- Crisis Response: 41.6%
- Community Development: 14.9%



**2020**      **2019**  
\$ 000's      \$ 000's

Revenue	2020	2019
Child Sponsorship	4,589	4,554
Churches, Corporations, & Individuals	2,960	2,979
CFGB & GAC grants	2,757	3,085
Grants & Foundations	129	142
Bequests	25	66
Government Wage Subsidy	202	
Other	200	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>11,027</b>

Expenditures	2020	2019
Child Sponsorship	4,016	4,101
Crisis Response	3,843	3,807
Community Development	1,376	1,434
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>9,342</b>
Resource Development	849	891
Support Services	572	605
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,656</b>	<b>10,838</b>

Net Surplus:	2020	2019
Operations	302	30
Designated Funds	350	308
CFGB	(446)	(149)
Internally Restricted	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>189</b>

For more information visit [erdo.ca](http://erdo.ca)

## Emergency Relief & Development Overseas

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\* Results reflect ERDO's fiscal year: October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

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