



2023 Annual Report

Doing good around the world!

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Greetings from **David Adcock**

Thank you so much for trusting us to respond to needs around the world in 2023.

We began the year by listening to PAOC churches, our donors and child sponsors. We asked how we, at ERDO, can best increase our ministry capacity, deepen our impact and continue to “do good” around the world. We wanted to know what you thought about ERDO and the ministry you make possible.

You called us to stay the course and remain passionately committed to our mission: to reach the most vulnerable as an expression of the compassion of Christ.

This last year we’ve focused on creating deeper roots with local churches, empowering them to be the primary agents of change in their communities. We have seen churches take root and grow in places like rural Uganda around community food programs. We have seen the work and witness of the church strengthen as they care for the needs of their neighbours. Working with churches across the world, we know they are at the centre of community life and help families build a flourishing future.

This report outlines all 122 projects you helped make possible in 2023! It has been a year of extraordinary growth and impact, as we responded to global hunger through new conservation agriculture programs, helped in crisis situations like the earthquake in Turkey and the war in Ukraine, and continued to create a new future for children facing poverty.

Again, thank you for trusting us, for challenging us and for keeping our mission and those we serve in your daily prayers.

With every blessing and much peace,



David Adcock
CEO & Child Sponsor

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The names & faces

behind the numbers...



Raina from Yemen

Raina's husband abandoned their family, leaving them without any support. Raina became a maid, stealing food to feed her children. For extra money, Raina collected firewood to sell in the market, but it wasn't enough. Everything changed when our partners in Yemen brought Raina's family a monthly food basket. She said, "This basket has honoured us and helped so much. It was as if I came out of hell into heaven, out of darkness into light. Praise God. We now eat from the food basket and feel safe."



Betsiha from Ethiopia

Betsiha is blind and worked hard to make a living through her small shop. Unfortunately, during the conflict in Ethiopia her shop and all her goods were destroyed. After she joined the Women's Empowerment program and received psychosocial support to help her deal with the trauma of the war, she decided to start her business again. ERDO is supporting women like Betsiha rebuild their lives after the conflict. Now, Betsiha is restoring her confidence and is empowered to change her own future!



Gabriel from Brazil

Gabriel lives in the Home of the Good Shepherd, our ChildCARE Plus partner in Brazil. Children are brought into the home by the local social service department. After facing much family trauma, the Home of the Good Shepherd helped Gabriel heal. He has become a very sensitive and thoughtful boy. He excels in cooking classes and is always ready to help in the kitchen. Gabriel has also grown in the Lord and strives to make good choices every day. Now, about to embark on an electrical training course, he is excited for what the future holds!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Creating a Lasting Impact for Families

Our mission is to create long-lasting change alongside communities and through the local church. Everything we do is accomplished through these strong partnerships.

When we begin working in a new community, we first determine our long-term goals alongside local leaders. Then, we plan together how to obtain these goals through effective programs. ERDO empowers the community to run these programs themselves and together, we fight poverty and work towards resilient, strong communities.

Empowering men and women to care for their families

- Supporting families through income-generating projects, we provided job training and microloans to 1,800 women in Burundi, 90 war-impacted women in Ethiopia, 375 people in Kenya, 60 people in Zimbabwe, and 2,512 people in Bangladesh.
- Teaching sewing skills, we provided training and equipment to start a sewing school in South Africa and trained 20 women to date.
- Supporting war-torn people in Yemen, we helped teach 1,250 families handicraft, sewing skills and kitchen garden creation to help increase their capacity to support themselves.

Increasing food availability by training local farmers

- Working in 3 areas of Uganda where drought is prevalent, we trained 1,720 families, 10,792 people, in conservation agriculture to increase food production.
- Helping people recover after the 2021 earthquake in Haiti, we trained 100 family farmers, 430 people, to increase crop production.
- Training families in Zimbabwe, we helped 950 families learn conservation agriculture and animal husbandry. Additional instruction was given to help families start and use savings and loan groups.
- Working in rural Zimbabwe, we taught 360 women in 6 communities how to start businesses raising rabbits and chickens.

Improving the health and wellbeing of communities

- Supporting operational costs, we helped run the Turkana Health Centre which serves 12,400 vulnerable people in northern Kenya every year.
- Providing clean water, we installed 30 wells in rural Bangladesh to support 600-750 families and installed 150 household bio-sand water filters in Honduras.
- Restoring dignity, we provided 10,000 menstruation and hygiene kits and training to women in Iraq.
- Providing safety, we helped establish Safe Spaces for children in a Bangladesh refugee camp, where 250 children are part of safe and supervised programs 5 days a week in rotation.
- Feeding children, we brought daily meals to 41,911 primary students in 86 schools in Zimbabwe and supported another 15,020 vulnerable children under the age of five and older children with HIV/AIDS.
- Supporting mothers and children, we fed 600 children in Malawi who have disabilities, 180 children who have food allergies and 90 pregnant or breastfeeding malnourished mothers.
- Educating children, we helped set up an accredited computer school in Rwanda to train 30 students.

By the numbers...

28

PROJECTS

14

COUNTRIES

157,462

PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$1.1M

The 14 countries you helped in 2023

Bangladesh | Burundi | Ethiopia | Haiti | Honduras | India | Iraq | Kenya | Malawi | Rwanda | South Africa | Uganda | Yemen | Zimbabwe



Zimbabwe

Beauty grew up in rural Zimbabwe, where drought and malnourishment are common. As a child, Beauty and her siblings were underweight and very ill. Beauty joined the vulnerable child feeding program, where she was given extra food to support her needs, and she started growing! When she began primary school, she received in-school meals every single day.

Beauty and her siblings live with their grandma and their mom, who work as farmers. At home they can only afford one meal a day, which is not enough for the children. These two feeding programs have saved the lives of Beauty and her siblings, making it possible for them to learn and grow.

Burundi

Associate had a small business in a local market in Burundi. She worked very hard to care for her five children, but often it wasn't enough. She was devastated when she had to withdraw her oldest from kindergarten because she could not afford the school fees. Her husband contemplated abandoning the family, feeling the burden of being unable to provide.

ERDO's Wezesha program brings women new opportunities to grow their businesses through microloans and community savings groups. Associate joined Wezesha and she can now provide 3 meals a day, send her children to school and has purchased a plot of land to build a family home.



Bangladesh

Ten years ago, Sheuli and her husband lost their home and farmland in a devastating flood. Sheuli's husband is a carpenter, but without their family farm, he could not provide for their needs. Sheuli wasn't educated and didn't have many skills, but she searched for an opportunity to support her family.

In Bangladesh, ERDO is working with a partner to educate women like Sheuli, teach them financial literacy and help them build businesses. Sheuli learned to read and write, and was given job training. Sheuli and her husband opened a shop to sell wooden furniture and wooden crafts. Together, they are working to build a new future for their family.

Providing Help in Ongoing Emergencies

Increasingly, our world is entangled in war, political conflict, drought, hunger and disaster. This year, we responded to more emergencies than ever before. Thanks to generous Canadians and our incredible international church partners, we were prepared to help. In moments of incredible need, our goal is to respond quickly with emergency supplies to get families through their most difficult days, help communities recover and become more resilient.

Responding to some of the world's urgent needs

- Rebuilding after Hurricanes Agatha in Mexico, Ian in Cuba, and Fiona in the Dominican Republic, we helped construct disaster-resistant homes, and ensured more families had emergency food support and materials to rebuild.
- Responding to flooding, we brought food baskets and supplies to 750 people in Burundi and supported 2,500 families with food and 500 families with shelter and hygiene supplies in Pakistan.
- Supporting families after Cyclones Freddy and Mocha, we provided emergency food, hygiene supplies and blankets to 150 people and rebuilt homes in Malawi. In Myanmar, we gave 150 families shelter.
- Responding to earthquakes, we built 20 disaster-resistant homes to shelter 80-100 people in Haiti, provided food, water, medical supplies, tents and blankets to 1,800 people in remote Morocco, and supported 19,600 people in Turkey with food, shelter and supplies while helping to rebuild a 5-classroom school.
- Combatting drought and hunger, we brought emergency food to 8,525 families, 45,689 people, in Kenya, Myanmar, Somalia, South Africa, Uganda and Yemen.

Caring for refugees and displaced families

- Working in 5 IDP camps in the DRC, we brought food to 1,430 families, and supported 150 refugees in Turkey with food, shelter and supplies.
- Supporting displaced minorities in Myanmar, we provided psychosocial support for 949 children and their families.

Helping families impacted by the war in Ukraine

- Assisting families living through war, we provided food, supplies, medicine and shelter to 69,110 people in Ukraine.
- Continuing to support Ukraine, we partnered with churches and organizations from Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia to send food, supplies and medicine to another 56,839 people.
- Working with partners in Poland, we helped establish a preschool for 60 refugee children from Ukraine and worked to educate over 30 children in Croatia and Czech Republic.
- Providing food, shelter and supplies, we supported 34,740 Ukrainian and Roma refugees in Croatia, Czech Republic, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia and Poland.
- Supporting children fleeing war, we evacuated 3,000 children with disabilities and continued to care for the needs of 63 sponsored children who had been evacuated to safer countries.
- Helping refugees integrate into a new country, we supported a Polish Life Centre where 2,000 Ukrainian refugees receive food, supplies, coaching to find employment, language courses and counselling.

By the numbers...

53
PROJECTS

27
COUNTRIES

343,438
PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$10.27M

The 27 countries you helped in 2023

Bangladesh | Burundi | Canada | Croatia | Cuba | Czech Republic | Democratic Republic of Congo | Dominican Republic | Haiti | Hungary
Kenya | Malawi | Mexico | Moldova | Morocco | Myanmar | Pakistan | Poland | Romania | Slovakia | Somalia | South Africa | Turkey | Uganda
Ukraine | Yemen | Zimbabwe



Pakistan

Muhammed is a single father living in Pakistan. He has a physical disability, but still works tirelessly to provide for his family. They share a tight bond and, despite their challenges, find joy in their everyday life.

When a devastating flood damaged the family's home, they were left vulnerable, without access to food, clean water, healthcare or protection. Many roads were destroyed making it impossible to go to nearby markets to buy food. ERDO and our church partner brought food and supplies to the family, giving Muhammed peace in the middle of the crisis. Today, he is back at work and able to support his family once again.

Turkey

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey. Responding alongside a local church partner, we brought food, clean water, blankets, tents and winter clothes to impacted families.

Our partners set up distribution centres where families could come and get supplies. One day, a worker saw a woman crying outside the centre. She had walked 5 kilometers in slippers, looking for some dry food and water, but everything had been given out for the day. She knew she would return home to her daughters empty handed.

The worker gave her some clothes and shoes, asking where she lived. He began bringing water and food to her home to help her family. Broken-hearted, the worker said, "When I think of the tears of that mother trying to get water...I can't find the words to express it."



Ukraine

Andriy was a journalist and the pastor of a small church in Kiev. When the war started, Kiev became a dangerous place to live. Andriy, his wife and their three daughters fled to western Europe. There, he started working with one of our partners. Using his church connections, he secured a warehouse in Ukraine and organized deliveries to families in need throughout the country.

Andriy is proud that so many Ukrainians have chosen to help others. He feels that serving people in need unites communities. He is proud to help ERDO and our partners deliver food and supplies to families in need.

CHILDCARE PLUS

Empowering the Next Generation

Through ChildCARE Plus, our child sponsorship program, we are changing the lives of children in need all over the world. Across 41 locations in 28 countries, we are empowering children through education to write a new story for their lives. In many locations, we are caring for children's basic needs, including nutrition, clean water, shelter and healthcare. Children in ChildCARE Plus and many more from the community have access to learn about Jesus where local contexts allow.

Empowering children around the world through education

- We celebrated the 335 boys and 404 girls who graduated from primary school and the 196 boys and 273 girls who graduated from secondary school.
- Through the ChildCARE Plus program, 25,904 children heard the transformational message of the gospel!
- 62% of the child sponsorship locations offered children extra tutoring outside of school, and 85% of locations taught children about proper nutrition in school.

Improving quality of life for children in need

- Providing for children with disabilities, we gave equipment to 150 families in Malawi so they could perform their child's therapy at home.
- Creating a safe space for children, we helped build the Schools of Hope centre in Honduras, where sponsored children will have a place for extra tutoring.

Supporting children's health and nutrition

- Caring for children, we provided monthly food support for 60 sponsored children in Kenya, and helped bring a daily breakfast beverage to 1,269 children in Honduras.
- Ensuring children are fed, we provided a weekly meal to 860 students in Haiti, including students with disabilities who received two weekly meals. We also gave 750 children a snack after Sunday church services and supported 10 of the most vulnerable sponsored children's families with food assistance.

By the numbers...

41
LOCATIONS

28
COUNTRIES

7,698
SPONSORED
CHILDREN

\$3.92M



The 28 countries you helped in 2023

Bangladesh | Brazil | Burkina Faso | Burundi | Cambodia | Democratic Republic of Congo | Dominican Republic | Ethiopia | Ghana | Guatemala | Guinea | Haiti | Honduras | India | Kenya | Malawi | Mozambique | Philippines | Restricted Access Nation | Senegal | Sri Lanka | South Africa | Tanzania | Thailand | Uganda | Ukraine | Zambia | Zimbabwe



Guatemala

Emily's father has Parkinson's disease and her mother always worked hard to care for the family. When Emily was in grade 9, her mother had a stroke which affected her mobility. Emily quickly had to take on more responsibilities at home. For a time, it looked like she wouldn't be able to finish school, but the day she graduated from grade 9, Global Workers Ruth and Hector Aragon called, offering Emily support to attend the William Cornelius Vocational Training Centre.

This year, she graduated from high school with a vocational specialty. She says, "Thank you for letting me remember that dreams can come true with effort and determination."

South Africa

Sphesihle's mother was a sponsored child in South Africa. She grew up without a family and was completely supported by the ChildCARE Plus program. As a student, she became pregnant. After she graduated, the program took care of her child, Sphesihle, so she could work full time. Her ChildCARE Plus family continued to help her. Sadly, she recently became ill and passed away, leaving Sphesihle an orphan.

Sphesihle was taken in by her ChildCARE Plus family who know she is a beautiful gift to the world. She is a happy, healthy little girl who attends school, knows what she wants and was recently in the first graduating class of bakers in a local community program.



Senegal

In Senegal, ERDO's ChildCARE Plus program operates alongside a school for the deaf. Ousmane and his younger brother are deaf from birth and come from a small village. Their father found out about the deaf school and wanted them to attend but could not afford the monthly fees. The school and ChildCARE Plus helped the family, accepting both boys and giving them a place in the dormitory.

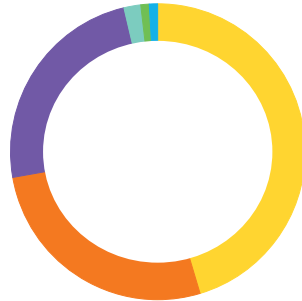
Ousmane was put into grade 1, but his teachers saw how bright he was and quickly moved him to grade 3. He gets involved in all the school activities and supports his brother. Both boys are growing tremendously!

2023

Financial Information

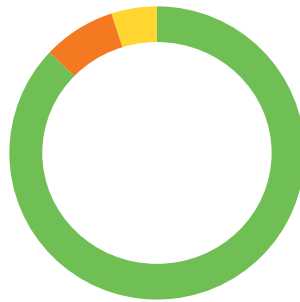
Revenue Sources

- CFGB & GAC Grants: 41%
- Churches, Corporations & Individuals: 29%
- Child Sponsorship: 26%
- Other: 2%
- Bequests: 1%
- Grants & Foundations: 1%



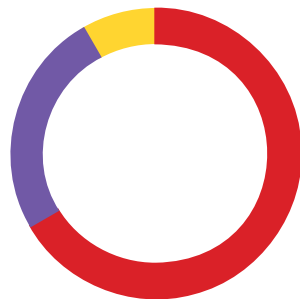
Expenditures

- Total Programs: 90%
- Resource Development: 6%
- Support Services: 4%



Total Programs

- Crisis Response: 64%
- Child Sponsorship: 24%
- Community Development: 12%



2023
\$ 000's

2022
\$ 000's

Revenue	2023	2022
Child Sponsorship	4,398	4,571
Churches, Corporations, & Individuals	4,918	5,920
CFGB & GAC Grants	7,087	3,514
Grants & Foundations	130	218
Bequests	136	230
Other	425	289
Total	17,094	14,742

Expenditures	2023	2022
Child Sponsorship	3,917	4,011
Crisis Response	10,268	6,410
Community Development	1,999	1,390
Total Programs	16,184	11,811
Resource Development	1,148	913
Support Services	753	601
Total	18,085	13,325

Net Surplus/(Deficit):	2023	2022
Operations	203	638
Designated Funds	(291)	1,026
CFGB	(903)	(247)
Internally Restricted	-	-
Total	(991)	1,417

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