

A group of six young children, three girls and three boys, are standing outdoors. They are all holding red carnations. The children are dressed in casual clothing like hoodies and sweatshirts. The background is slightly blurred, showing a paved area and some buildings. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the top half of the image.

2024 Annual Report

Doing good around the world!

OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

*Find out more about this
cover photo inside.*

Greetings from **Daniel Lepojarvi**

Thank you so much for helping us respond to the needs of the world in 2024.

As you know, 2024 was a year where families faced ongoing war, unrest and conflict. Alongside our partners, we responded to suffering in the Middle East, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti and Myanmar. We worked to bring food, clean water and shelter to families living in emergency situations.

But, through all this conflict we saw something interesting start to happen. We began working to build peace.

We saw our programs shift from responding to the immediate needs of people in crisis situations to helping communities heal from trauma and supporting them towards resiliency.

For example, when the war in Ukraine first began our focus was on getting as much food and water as possible to families trapped in conflict areas. This year, while continuing to care for people's basic needs, we also assisted refugees from Ukraine as they settled into new homes and careers in Poland. There, our partners helped parents access childcare while they started new jobs and helped adults and children receive trauma counselling.

Similarly, in Turkey we helped build a new school for children displaced by the 2023 earthquakes. In Yemen, we helped create jobs rebuilding the infrastructure of communities destroyed by war, including new roads, schools, public bathrooms, and wells powered by solar energy.

In 2024 we worked with over 300,000 people in 110 locations across 44 countries with programs that make a deep, lasting impact.

Thank you for helping us ensure families wouldn't just survive but can thrive for years to come, all in the name of Jesus. Thank you for inspiring Kingdom work around the world.



Daniel Lepojarvi

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Acting CEO & Director of International Programs

The cover image features displaced children after several earthquakes and aftershocks devastated Turkey. While handing out emergency food, water and supplies, our partners gave flowers to women and girls to brighten their day!"

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behind the numbers...



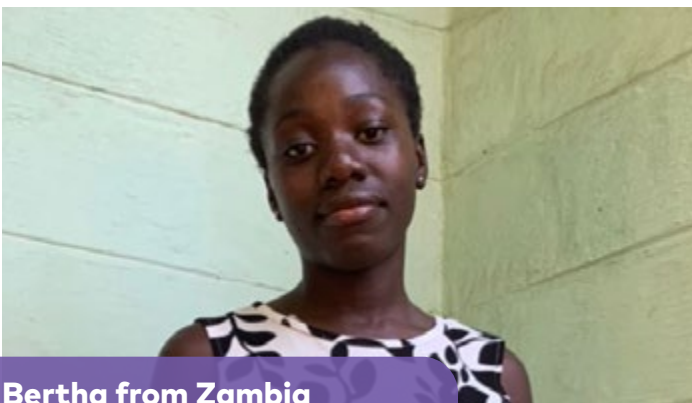
Serke from Ethiopia

Serke became disabled after the conflict in Ethiopia. She earned a small income by making and selling injera, a spongy sourdough flatbread that serves as a staple in Ethiopia. However, it was never enough. Our partner is working with women like Serke, providing counselling to help them heal from the trauma of war and training them to start their own businesses. After training, Serke expanded and grew her income. She now has a stall at the local market where she sells vegetables. Serke has worked hard, using the skills she's learned, to change her life.



Gunavathy from India

Gunavathy's home was filled with standing water after flash floods in the southern part of India. Due to poor drainage in her city, streets and homes were waterlogged and many families had no way to get rid of the water. Gunavathy was no exception, and as water poured into her home, everything she owned was damaged. Our partner in India brought emergency relief packages door to door in the most impacted areas of the city. With this package, Gunavathy fed her family for the next several days as they recovered and worked to restore their home.



Bertha from Zambia

"My mother passed away when I was only 2 years old. My father is unknown to me, so I have grown up with my grandmother. Earning a living has been very difficult for her. She put me in school but soon, was unable to afford the fees. Then, she learned about the ChildCARE Plus program. I was enrolled and, had it not been for the program, I cannot imagine what would have become of me. However, I have now completed my Grade 12, and I am looking forward to college!"



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 our strong partnerships.

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

Empowering men and women to care for their families through job training

- Enabling men and women to earn an income, we provided job training and microloans to 1,800 women in Burundi, 375 women and youth in Kenya, 61 vulnerable youth and women in Zimbabwe, and 2,349 women in Bangladesh.
- Caring for women impacted by war in Ethiopia, we provided 90 women with training, counselling, and capital to start their own businesses.
- Teaching sewing skills, we provided 10 months of training to equip 20 women in South Africa with the skills they need to become independent seamstresses.

Increasing food availability by training local farmers

- Providing conservation agriculture training to increase the amount of food farmers can produce, we worked with 10,792 people in three areas of Uganda. In the Karamoja region, we helped farmers facing drought. In the Kasese region, we equipped farmers experiencing flooding. And in Arua, we worked with refugee families as they farmed small plots of land.
- Working with 100 farmers still impacted by the 2021 earthquake in Haiti, we provided training in good farming techniques and built a warehouse to store seeds and crops.
- Assisting farmers with agricultural and livestock training, we worked with 8,125 people in Yemen and 710 families in Zimbabwe.
- Bringing livestock to family farmers, we provided chickens and rabbits to 360 women in Zimbabwe, taught chicken-breeding and marketing to 50 people in Burkina Faso, and brought goats and chickens to 720 families in Kenya.

Improving the health and wellbeing of communities

- Providing healthcare to communities, we supported a new building project at the Turkana Health Centre in Kenya and covered their operational expenses.
- Caring for the needs of women, we equipped 7,000 girls and women in Kenya with Mensural Health Management training, educated communities on menstruation, taught women to make reusable pads, and trained women to advocate for menstrual health needs by writing to local government.
- Empowering refugees in Uganda, we provided psychosocial support for 4,000 people, helping them heal from trauma and learn to peacefully co-exist with their host communities.
- Bringing food to children in Zimbabwe, we provided 41,911 primary school students in 86 schools with a meal five days a week.
- Bringing clean water to communities, we installed 40 tube wells in Bangladesh and one well in Tajikistan. These wells will serve 10,200 people for years to come.
- Providing holistic development initiatives that impact the whole community, we brought training and employment opportunities to 200 families in Bangladesh, food assistance and community projects to 950 families in Zimbabwe, and preventative health, psychosocial support and skills training to 45,200 people in Kenya.
- Bringing education to young women in India, we helped establish a vocational school for 100 girls each year to provide them with culinary and beautician courses.

By the numbers...

33

PROJECTS

14

COUNTRIES

152,221

PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$2.1M

IN PROJECT FUNDING THROUGH DONORS

The 14 countries you helped in 2024

Bangladesh
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Ethiopia
Haiti
Honduras
India
Kenya
Malawi
South Africa
Tajikistan
Uganda
Yemen
Zimbabwe



Kenya

In Kenya, our partners are training Community Health Educators (CHE), people empowered by the community to assess needs and organize solutions. The community starts looking at their neighbours with new eyes, identifying the needs of families and pooling together their resources to help one another.

One CHE worker visited a pregnant mother with three children. They were living in a dilapidated house, and the children had very poor hygiene. The mother was eight months pregnant and struggling to care for the family's needs.

The CHE committee gathered and mobilized community members to clean and collect garbage around the home. Next, they gathered timber, nails and new roofing materials and built a new home for the family. This home is much better quality and the family, along with their new baby, was very happy to move in. Thanks to the care of the community, families are being helped, shown the love of God, and invited to help others!

Uganda

Joy wasn't always joyful. At 33, she lived in Rhino Refugee Settlement, a camp in northern Uganda that shelters South Sudanese families fleeing the war. Her husband stayed in South Sudan and rarely visited, leaving Joy to care for their six children alone. After experiencing traumatic events, she was left anxious, waiting for her turn to become a victim of violence.

Her anxiety made her angry. She would hit her children and insult them for minor upsets, and she fought with her neighbors at the community wells.

Our partners run a food program in Rhino camp, where community leaders distribute food and identify the most vulnerable families. Part of the training is learning about trauma.

Joy quickly learned she wasn't alone. Hearing about forgiveness challenged her to release her burdens and pour out her anger. She started to talk about her fears and experiences, and turning to Christ, she felt healed over time.

Today, Joy trains families to raise chickens and goats and counsels others to find the freedom she knows is possible.



Bangladesh

Sharmin was married at 13. She and her husband were young and illiterate, with no job opportunities. They struggled and fought often as she tried to raise three boys on a small income. For a short time, she fled to her father's home but was sent back, feeling trapped in a life of poverty and strife.

Our partners in Bangladesh teach a functional education course to women like Sharmin. Graduates form savings and loan groups to support each other's small businesses. Sharmin joined the course and learned about health, nutrition, income projects, social issues, and women's rights.

With 19 other women, she started a savings group, contributing a little each week. She took her first loan to raise cattle, repaid it quickly, and took another to grow maize. With the profits, she bought a van for her husband to start a transportation business.

Today, her boys are in school, and the family has financial stability, no longer in constant conflict.



Providing Help in Ongoing Emergencies

Increasingly, our world is entangled in war, political conflict, drought, hunger and disaster, leaving families in need of the basics for survival: food, clean water and shelter.

Thanks to generous Canadians and our incredible international partners, we are 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. Thank you for helping families in crisis this year!

Responding to some of the world's urgent needs

- Assisting families after natural disasters, we provided emergency food, water and supplies to 500 people in Jamaica, brought tents and blankets to 7,000 people in Afghanistan, gave shelter, medicine and food to 1,800 people in Morocco, and supplied food and hygiene kits to 438 families in Syria.
- Helping displaced children after the 2023 earthquakes in Turkey, we helped build a 5-classroom earthquake-resistant school.
- Supporting families after floods, we brought food and supplies to 686 families in Zambia, 835 people in Uganda, 6,984 people in Kenya, 80 families in Burundi, 3,750 people in India, 345 people in Brazil, and 700 people in Afghanistan. We also helped 33 families in Burundi pay their rent and constructed 25 disaster-resistant structures to house 2,670 flood-affected people in Pakistan.
- Providing food to families facing extreme hunger, we supported 15,020 vulnerable children (13,384 aged 24-59 months and 1,636 children with HIV/AIDS) in Zimbabwe, 1,320 families in Uganda, 208 people in South Africa, 5,100 people in Somalia, 7,850 people in the DRC, 3,000 people in Cuba, and 7,399 people in Yemen.

Caring for refugees and displaced families

- Providing trauma support to children, our partners worked with 250 children each week in a refugee camp in Bangladesh.
- Providing grocery gift cards for essential food items and supplies, we assisted 130 vulnerable refugees in Turkey.
- Providing for families displaced in Ukraine, we brought food, water, shelter, sanitation and transportation to 45,000 people and provided relief packages to another 500 displaced Roma families.
- Caring for Ukrainian refugees, we supported 2,000 people in Poland, 110 people in Croatia, 800 people in Slovakia, and 1,200 people in Romania.

Helping families impacted by the war in Ukraine

- Responding to violence towards Christian minorities in Jaranwala, Pakistan, we helped 50 youth with counselling, job training, and education to hold peace talks within the community.
- Providing mental health support, we assisted 500 parents and children after the earthquakes in Turkey.

By the numbers...

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PROJECTS

27

COUNTRIES

144,978

PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$5.3M

IN EMERGENCY AID

The 26 countries you helped in 2024

Afghanistan | Bangladesh | Brazil | Burundi | Croatia | Cuba | Democratic Republic of Congo | Gaza | Hungary | India | Jamaica | Kenya | Malawi | Morocco | Pakistan | Poland | Romania | Slovakia | Somalia | South Africa | Turkey | Uganda | Ukraine | Yemen | Zambia | Zimbabwe



Pakistan

Chaand lives in Pakistan with his parents, two younger brothers, and a sister with a disability. While writing his exams a mob of 7,000 torched 26 churches and many Christian homes in Jaranwala.

His parents, who worked at a brick-making kiln, became too afraid to return to work. Chaand stepped in to help. Many students, fearing more violence, stopped attending school.

Our partners provided meals for a month and helped families rebuild their lives. This year, we supported a new school where youth could safely learn vocational skills. The program also trains students to lead peace talks to prevent future violence.

Chaand enrolled in Basic Computer Skills, excelling in graphic design and digital marketing. His hard work earned him a university scholarship, bringing his once-paused dreams back to life.

Somalia

Fardowa, a 30-year-old mother of four, once thrived in Somalia, farming sesame, maize, and bananas. She fed her family well and earned a good income, until a devastating drought in 2023 wiped out her crops. With no options left, she sold her fields for a meager price and moved her family across the country in search of a better life.

The journey was harsh. Food was scarce, and when she reached her extended family's city, they refused to help. Desperate, Fardowa turned to begging, feeling deep shame asking strangers for food for her children.

ERDO's partner in Somalia provided cash cards, allowing families to buy food and supplies while supporting the local economy. With this help, Fardowa fed her children and saved enough to start a business weaving jugs to keep water cool in the scorching heat.

Her business thrived, restoring her hope and independence. With food security, Fardowa could build a future—no longer just struggling to survive.



The Democratic Republic of Congo

Josepine's village in the Democratic Republic of Congo was under threat. Armed groups created chaos, killing several family members and injuring others. Fearing for their safety, Josepine and her husband fled with their children to the Kaminga refugee camp—only to face famine.

Her six children stopped attending school. The distance was too far to travel without food for the return journey. Josepine had nothing to give them and couldn't rely on them finding food on the way home.

ERDO's partner in the DRC is fighting malnutrition by providing monthly food packages with essentials like maize flour, beans, oil, and salt. Josepine's family now has enough to eat each day. She says the food saved their lives, lifting the constant burden of hunger.

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 38 locations in 27 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 283 boys and 325 girls who graduated from primary school and the 270 boys and 281 girls who graduated from secondary school.
- Through the ChildCARE Plus program, 26,905 children heard the transformational message of the gospel!
- 71% of the child sponsorship locations offered children extra tutoring outside of school, and 87% of locations taught children about proper nutrition in school.
- 89% of CCP locations offer students extracurricular activities or clubs, including sports, crafts, dances, farming clubs, English clubs, music and art programs, library programs, youth groups, debate clubs, Bible studies or baking classes.
- 97% of students are meeting their curriculum requirements

Improving quality of life for children in need

- Providing specialty assistive equipment, we helped 150 children living with disabilities in Malawi to live more full and active lives.
- Providing an ambulance, we better equipped the Prem Sewa school in India to transport sick students and staff to the nearest hospital.
- Improving the hygiene of girls in Nagpur, India, we helped install 20 washrooms and showers in the ChildCARE Plus school and provided menstrual pads to meet their health needs.
- Improving hygiene in Honduras, we installed 150 biosand water filters and 6 latrines/washing stations in public schools.

Supporting children's health and nutrition

- Providing hot lunches to students, we supported 106 students in Kenya 5 days a week.
- Working with children who have disabilities, we provided therapeutic food and treatment to 600 children and supported 90 of their pregnant and breastfeeding mothers with extra nutrition. We provided alternative protein sources for children who did not respond well to the therapeutic food due to medical conditions.
- Bringing nutritious in-school meals to students in Haiti, we fed 860 primary and secondary students during the week and supported another 10 vulnerable families with food assistance.

By the numbers...

38
LOCATIONS

27
COUNTRIES

7,803
SPONSORED
CHILDREN

\$3.7M
IN MINISTRY TO
CHILDREN THANKS
TO FAITHFUL
SPONSORS

The 27 countries you helped in 2024

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

*A Restricted Access Nation is a country where the gospel is prohibited. Our work and partnerships in RAN locations are not publicized.



Brazil

At 13, Mary moved to the Home of the Good Shepherd, our ChildCARE Plus location in Brazil, after being abandoned by her mother. She struggled with rejection and mistrust but worked hard, taking extra courses, including a manicure course. There, she learned about God's love and was baptized.

At 18, she reunited with her mother but was rejected again. After becoming a mother herself, Mary chose forgiveness. She and her partner moved back to the town, returned to church, and, after completing Alpha, dedicated their lives to God and got married.

Today, Mary works at her former teacher's salon, doing manicures and pedicures. This year, she stepped into the role of teacher, leading the manicure course she once loved!

Zimbabwe

As a young boy, Milton resigned himself to a fruitless life. He did not believe he would have a future. After his father died when Milton was in grade 3, his family struggled. But, out of his struggle, he began making art.

When Milton attended the Village of Hope (VOH) school in Zimbabwe, our child sponsorship partner, he was not a top student. Still, he refused to give up. After graduating from primary school and starting high school at the Cornelius Hope Academy, Milton kept learning and growing. Eventually, Milton won provincial and national art awards at the Art Gallery of Zimbabwe and moved to South Africa to become a professional artist.

This past year, Milton travelled back to Zimbabwe to attend the career fair at VOH, encouraging others to pursue their dreams. He encouraged current students to remain focused and to not look down on their gifts and talents. He is forever thankful for the program and the hope it gave him.



Bangladesh

Niloy consistently ranks first his class. While he's only in grade 3, he scored 96% overall in his classes this year. He is a bright, caring boy who encourages the other students in his class to work hard and do well.

However, for a long time Niloy thought he'd never get the chance to attend school. His father is a carpenter from a rural area. Niloy's uncle, who has been physically disabled from birth, also lives with the family. While his father makes a small income, he struggles to cover the family's needs.

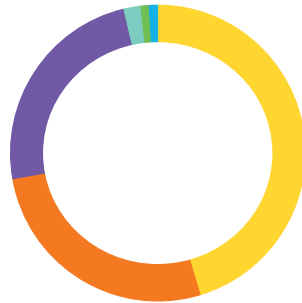
Thanks to the church in Bangladesh and Niloy's child sponsor, he attends school and is thriving. Niloy understands his family's situation, and says, "When I grow up, I will earn enough to build a house for my parents where they will never have to struggle for food." Niloy's dream is to become a police officer when he grows up to serve his family and the people of Bangladesh.

2024

Financial Information

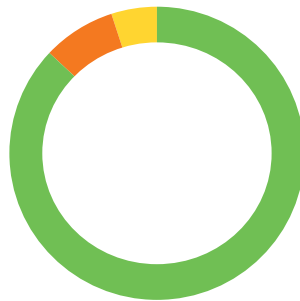
Revenue Sources

- Child Sponsorship: 35%
- Churches, Corporations & Individuals: 34%
- CFGB & GAC Grants: 26%
- Other: 3%
- Bequests: 1%
- Grants & Foundations: 1%



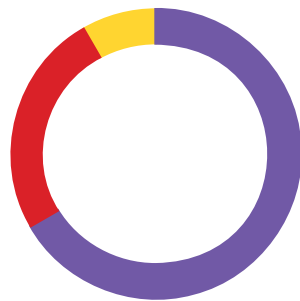
Expenditures

- Total Programs: 83%
- Resource Development: 11%
- Support Services: 6%



Total Programs

- Child Sponsorship: 34%
- Crisis Response: 47%
- Community Development: 19%



2024 **2023**

\$ 000's \$ 000's

Revenue	2024	2023
Child Sponsorship	4,360	4,398
Churches, Corporations, & Individuals	4,156	4,918
CFGB & GAC Grants	3,252	7,087
Grants & Foundations	73	130
Bequests	83	136
Other	436	425
Total	12,360	17,094

Expenditures	2024	2023
Child Sponsorship	3,779	3,917
Crisis Response	5,304	10,268
Community Development	2,161	1,999
Total Programs	11,244	16,184
Resource Development	1,472	1,148
Support Services	791	753
Total	13,507	18,085

Net Surplus/(Deficit):	2024	2023
Operations	(377)	203
Designated Funds	(21)	(291)
CFGB	(749)	(903)
Internally Restricted	-	-
Total	(1,147)	(991)

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