

2025 Annual Report

Doing good around the world!

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Cover photo: A child playing in the school courtyard at a ChildCARE Plus location in Burundi.



A letter from **Daniel Lepojarvi**

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude and genuine excitement for the future of ERDO.

The year was especially meaningful for me. After serving as the Director of International Programs for five years and then the interim CEO, I was honoured to formally accept the role as ERDO's CEO in June 2025. Having worked closely with our global partners and seen firsthand the strength and resilience of the communities we serve, I carry a deep love for our mission of transformation in the name of Christ Jesus.

In 2025, we implemented 105 projects in 40 countries, helping 288,426 people change their lives.

These numbers tell powerful stories — of children sent to school, families accessing food and clean water, communities rebuilding after disaster, and individuals receiving the care and support they need for holistic transformation!

However, it has also been a year of increasing fragility. Acute food insecurity has grown since the COVID-19 pandemic, rising to some 318 million people. 59 state-based conflicts were recorded in 2025 and we know conflict remains the single greatest driver of humanitarian need in our world.

At the same time, global humanitarian funding has fallen — from \$25.2 billion in 2024 to \$18.6 billion in 2025. Malnutrition treatment centres, health clinics, schools, protection services, and support for displaced people are being defunded around the world.

There is a concerning global sentiment: *take care of yourself first. Don't worry about the needs of the world.*

But justice and righteousness are at the heart of the Gospel. Through ERDO's international partners, we actively pursue biblical justice by bringing food to the hungry, shelter to people who have lost their homes, clean water to families with no access, and education to children for a brighter future. We work with the vulnerable every day — with women who have little opportunity to earn their own living, with the elderly who need practical care, and with people with disabilities who face hunger and desperate loneliness.

Caring for the poor may not be the priority of the world but it is the responsibility of the Church. ERDO's work through our global church partners is a testimony of what God's love looks like in practical forms.

Thank you for your compassion, reflecting the heart of Christ in an increasingly broken world, and for trusting us to *"do good, seek justice, help the oppressed, defend the orphan and plead for the widow."* Isaiah 1:17



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How we work...

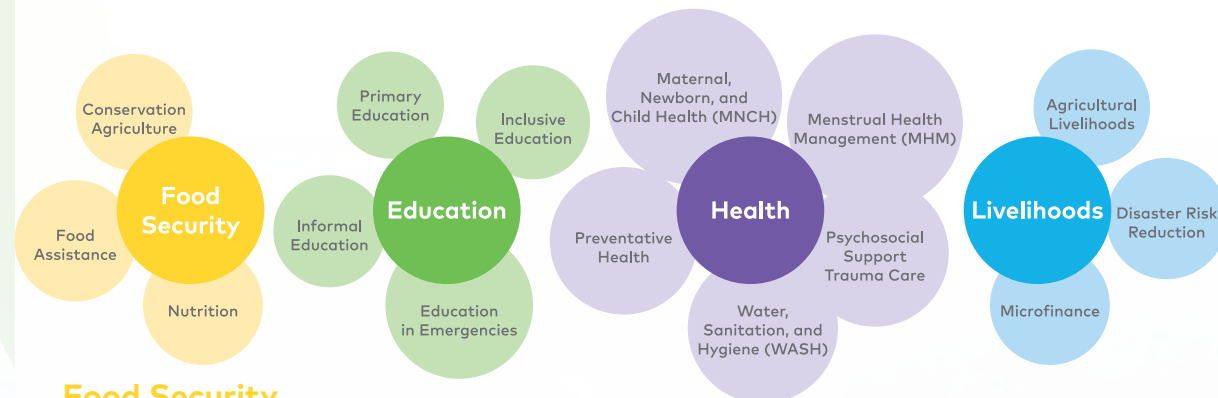
Our Programs

Community Development | Crisis Response | Child Sponsorship

Our Activities

ERDO's approach to our programs is very simple and yet incredibly complex. We put the community and the well-being of families first in order to create sustainable, long-lasting change.

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 projects. We have four main project activities that we implement based on need:



Food Security

ERDO began over 40 years ago by responding to a catastrophic famine in Ethiopia. Ever since, we've worked to increase the amount of food available in communities around the world. We bring immediate food assistance to families experiencing crises and work through longer-term agricultural projects to increase nutrition in communities.

Education

To help break family cycles of poverty, we work with churches and local partners to provide education opportunities for children and adults. When a child can grow up to earn an income, hold a job, and give back to their community, we see poverty begin to break in a nation!

Health

Several of our projects work to improve health in a community through providing access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation. We also help run menstrual, newborn, child and maternal health projects, and we participate in psychosocial and spiritual care projects, particularly bringing trauma counselling to families after a disaster.

Livelihoods

Nothing combats hunger like a job! We work with vulnerable people, bringing training, tools and loans to help people start and grow small businesses. When a person earns a better living for themselves, they are empowered to feed and care for their families.

Cross-cutting Themes

Woven into every project is our desire to do good without harm. Because of this, we recognize our work's impact on the environment, we work to build positive relationships between men and women, and we consider diversity, so we can support the most vulnerable, overlooked people groups in each specific community where our projects are held.



Layering Programs for Lasting Change

Poverty is complex, and meaningful change rarely comes from one single solution. We've seen the greatest impact when our programs work together addressing both urgent needs and long-term development. This approach, layering programs, brings together crisis response, community development and child sponsorship to support families and communities in holistic ways.

When disaster strikes, whether through conflict, drought or natural disasters, our crisis response programs provide immediate relief. Emergency food, shelter and essential supplies help families survive and begin to recover during their most vulnerable moments.

But recovery doesn't stop there. Through community development projects, we partner with local communities to build long-term resilience. Access to clean water, agriculture training and livelihood projects help families increase their income and strengthen food security. These initiatives empower communities to move beyond survival and toward stability and growth, plus, these families will be more resilient in a future disaster.

Child sponsorship adds another vital layer. By ensuring children have access to education, nutrition, healthcare and safe environments, sponsorship invests in the next generation. It gives children the opportunity to thrive while easing some of the pressures families face.

When these three programs operate together in the same community, the impact multiplies. A family recovering from a crisis can begin rebuilding their livelihood. Parents gain new skills and income opportunities while their children receive education and care. Communities grow stronger, healthier and more resilient. Plus, most of our programs are run by local churches, so families are disciplined and shown the love of Jesus through every project and program.

Layering programs allows us to respond to immediate needs while also addressing the deeper, root causes of poverty alongside communities, being led by church and community leaders. Instead of temporary solutions, when we layer programs we create pathways toward lasting transformation.

At ERDO, we believe real change happens when individuals, families and communities are supported in multiple ways. By working across crisis response, community development and child sponsorship, we are helping communities break cycles of poverty for the generations to come.

The countries where we are making a difference.

North America
 1 country
 1 project
 50 people supported

Middle East & Eurasia
 5 countries
 12 projects
 81 children sponsored
 106,302 people supported

Latin America & the Caribbean
 8 countries
 15 projects
 1,752 children sponsored
 6,902 people supported

Africa
 16 countries
 49 projects
 4,079 children sponsored
 127,213 people supported

Asia
 8 countries
 28 projects
 1,921 children sponsored
 40,126 people supported

Country	Child Sponsorship	Crisis Response	Community Development
Bangladesh	●	●	●
Brazil	●		
Burkina Faso	●		●
Burundi	●		●
Cambodia	●		
Canada		●	
Cuba		●	
Democratic Republic of Congo	●	●	
Dominican Republic	●		
Ethiopia	●		●
Gaza		●	
Ghana	●		
Guatemala	●		
Guinea	●		
Haiti	●		●
Honduras	●		●
India	●		●
Jamaica		●	
Kenya	●		●
Malawi	●		●
Myanmar		●	
Pakistan		●	●
Philippines	●		
*Restricted access nations	●	●	●
Poland		●	
Rwanda			●
Senegal	●		
Saint Vincent		●	
South Africa	●		●
Sri Lanka	●		
Sudan		●	
Tanzania	●		
Thailand	●	●	
Turkey		●	
Uganda	●		●
Ukraine	●	●	
Yemen		●	●
Zambia	●		●
Zimbabwe	●	●	●

* A restricted access nation is a country that does not allow for religious freedom, foreign influence or evangelism. ERDO does not publicize specific details of our partners' work in restricted access nations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Creating a Lasting Impact for Families

Food Security

3,980 families fed | 3,130 people trained in livestock management

- To combat drought, flooding, and other climate events, we helped provide conservation agriculture training, tools and seeds to 1,720 family farmers in Uganda, 1,250 families in Yemen, 710 farmers in Zimbabwe and 300 farmers in Zambia.
- Providing animals and livestock training to family farmers, we distributed 540 female goats and 720 chickens to 720 families in ten vulnerable communities in Kenya, trained 50 women in Burkina Faso on chicken breeding and provided pairs of rabbits to 2,360 women in Zimbabwe.

Health

66 tube wells installed | 168 household water filters installed | 9,240 families provided trauma support

- Providing operational support, we helped the Namoruputh Health Centre in Kenya and continue providing primary care to 42,000 people each year. We also helped purchase a hematology machine and construct a canteen for out-patients.
- Helping to bring preventative health to communities, we provided psychosocial support and health training to 9,040 families in Kenya and 200 in Bangladesh.
- Bringing clean water to families in need, we helped install 26 tube wells in Bangladesh for 1,080 families and 40 wells at schools in a restricted access nation.
- Increasing families access to clean water at home, we helped install 168 household biosand filters in Honduras.

Education

7,000 youth trained

- Caring for young girls and women, we provided 7,000 youth with menstrual health management training, teaching about women's health, manufacturing menstrual supplies and supporting people with reusable pads.
- To improve education, we helped construct the Renovation and Hope community centre in Honduras where workshops, nutrition programs, tutoring and discipleship classes will take place.

Livelihoods

622 people trained to earn an income | 86 people provided psychosocial support | 4,301 people provided loans

- Helping people earn a living, we supported over 213 people through income projects in Yemen.
- Teaching sewing skills and providing tools, we helped train 26 mothers in Rwanda, 86 mothers in South Africa and 210 people in a restricted access nation to make clothing.
- Providing psychosocial support and job training, we helped support 87 women who were impacted by conflict in Ethiopia.
- Providing a series of loans to help women grow their small businesses, we helped 1,800 women in Burundi, 62 youth and women in Zimbabwe and 2,439 people in Bangladesh.

By the numbers...

40
PROJECTS

16
COUNTRIES

128,140
PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$2.6M
IN PROJECTS FUNDED



Francine Grows her Business

Francine lives in Burundi with her husband and five children. She sold cassava loaves for just a few pennies each and she couldn't earn enough to support her family.

In Burundi, our local partner supports women like Francine. They first give financial literacy and business training to women, then offer them a series of increasingly larger loans. As they pay off the loans, they can grow and diversify their small businesses.

Francine is now on her sixth loan. Her business has grown from selling cassava from her home to managing a large shop that offers a variety of products. She now earns \$24 a day, which is more than three times the amount she made before we met her!

Each year, 1,800 women just like Francine are empowered to earn their own income and support their families. But the real gift is seeing women help one another. After the loans are finished, women form savings groups to help one another continue expanding their work and ensuring every woman and their family succeeds.

A Kitchen Garden for Jillo

Jillo, a mother of six, struggled to provide for her family. Her farm had lots of potential, but she needed seeds, tools and knowledge to be able to grow more vegetables.

In Kenya, ERDO's partner is working with mothers like Jillo, teaching classes on kitchen gardening or animal husbandry, and providing the tools people need to start. Through this project, Jillo received quality seeds and training on how to plant, care for and market her vegetables for sale. She quickly turned a small portion of her land into a thriving vegetable garden, growing kale, spinach, tomatoes and onions.

"This support changed my life. Now, I harvest vegetables regularly and sell them at the local market. I'm able to buy food, send my children to school and save something small each month," says Jillo. The project has not only improved Jillo's household income but also boosted nutrition for her entire family. Her success has inspired her neighbours to start small gardens of their own.

This past year, Jillo's story has become one of resilience, hope and self-transformation!



CRISIS RESPONSE PROJECTS

Providing Help in Ongoing Emergencies

Food Security

87,497 people fed | 9 disaster responses

- Providing for families living in the middle of conflict, we brought food and medical care to 3,420 families in Ukraine, brought five months of food to 1,097 families in the Democratic Republic of Congo, four months of food packages to 4,055 families in Sudan, six months of food to 2,500 families in Yemen and provided food for 300 families in Gaza.
- To help families recover from disaster, we provided three months of food, water and medical supplies to 105 families who had lost their homes due to bombings in a restricted access nation.
- In response to natural disasters, we supported over 1,130 families in Myanmar with emergency food, clean water, medical supplies and shelter after a 7.7 magnitude hurricane, provided five months of food for 730 families facing drought in Zimbabwe, and provided shelter, snacks, toiletries and meals for 50 people in Manitoba who were sheltering during Canadian wildfires.
- Providing for families living through severe food shortages, we helped bring canned meat and tuna to 3,000 vulnerable people in Cuba.

Education

770 children in crisis educated and sheltered

- Supporting education for Christian minorities, we helped build three large school shelters, providing 9 classrooms in Myanmar for 270 children.
- Providing emergency schooling, we helped educate 250 children in Gaza who were displaced and took shelter in churches.
- Providing safe spaces for children to learn and play, we supported 250 children living as refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Health

7,500 people supported with trauma care | 1,000 household water filters distributed | 5 homes rebuilt

- Providing for people's mental health, we supported psychosocial trauma care for over 3,500 people in Turkey post-earthquake and 4,000 refugees from Sudan living in Arua, Uganda.
- Bringing clean water after severe flooding, we helped provide buckets and water filters to 1,000 families in Pakistan.
- Assisting to rebuild damaged homes, we helped providing building materials including doors, windows, cement blocks and steel rods for five elderly people in Saint Vincent.

Livelihoods

595 people empowered through livelihood support | 3 fields restored | 250 youth trained in school

- Helping restore livelihoods, we provided business training to 250 youth in Pakistan after violence toward Christian minorities and provided jobs to 240 people in Yemen to support community-building initiatives.
- Restoring flooded rice fields, we helped support 105 farmers in Thailand, giving them back their livelihood.

STORIES OF HOPE



A Family Receives a New Home

In Pakistan, after severe flooding, Mithul and his family lost their home. Without money to rebuild, his family of six boys and three girls had no choice but to live in a makeshift tent. The tent offered little protection against the scorching summer heat and the freezing winter cold, making survival a daily struggle.

The harsh living conditions took a toll on their health and dignity, especially for the women and girls in the family. Privacy was a constant concern and maintaining hygiene was nearly impossible. Stray dogs and cats would frequently enter the tent damaging their belongings and adding to their distress. Their space was overcrowded and uncomfortable.

Our partner recognized their struggles. They constructed a disaster-resilient home elevated 4 feet above ground level to protect against future floods. The new home includes a door and two windows to regulate temperature, a veranda, where the family can store their belongings, and a proper washroom, ensuring dignity, privacy and improved hygiene.

"We were hopeless, but now we have a home where my family feels safe. I can focus on earning for my children's future without worrying about their shelter. I hope more families like mine receive the same support to live with dignity and security," says Mithul.

With a safe and secure home, Mithul's family can move forward and plan for the future instead of surviving each day.

By the numbers...

28
PROJECTS

16
COUNTRIES

152,453
PEOPLE IMPACTED

\$4.7M
IN PROJECTS FUNDED

The Difference a Food Basket Makes

"We left everything behind," Amna says, "There was no time to pack. We just ran."

Like many families fleeing conflict in Sudan, Amna and her six children had to walk for hours under the hot sun to arrive at a displacement camp with nothing. Life was not easy. Food was scarce in the camp, and every day became a struggle to find enough food to feed the family.

ERDO partners with a local organization to bring food assistance to refugees from Sudan. Amna received monthly food baskets containing 40 kilograms of sorghum, 5 kilograms of lentils, 1 kilogram of salt and 2 liters of oil. These baskets reach families who are starving, with no other sources of food.

"I felt so relieved," Amna said. "For the first time in a long while, I was able to prepare proper meals for my children. Seeing them eat and sleep with full stomachs made me very happy."

For Amna and many other displaced families, the food basket brought more than just meals; it brought hope, dignity, and a sense of care during a very difficult time.



CHILDCARE PLUS PROJECTS

Empowering the Next Generation

Through ChildCARE Plus, our child sponsorship program, we are changing the lives of children in need all over the world through education. 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.

Latin America and Caribbean

6 locations
1,752 children
5 countries

Eurasia

1 location
81 children
1 country

Africa

22 locations
4,079 children
14 countries

Asia

8 locations
1,921 children
7 countries

Food Security

- **Haiti:** Providing nutritious in-school meals, we supported 860 primary and secondary students each week, while assisting 10 of the most vulnerable families with food supplies at home.
- **Honduras:** We supported 735 kindergarten and preschool students in Honduras with a fortified drink five days a week in school and at home. Our partner also provided healthy snacks and fruit to children aged 5-18 during tutoring and discipleship classes 4 days a week.
- **Malawi:** Providing supplemental and therapeutic food, we supported 600 children with disabilities.

Education

- We celebrated the 340 boys and 353 girls who graduated from primary school and the 153 boys and 203 girls who graduated from secondary school. 88% of our partners reported that CCP students continue to secondary school after graduation from primary school.
- Through the ChildCARE Plus program, 31,065 children heard the transformational message of the gospel!
- 97% of students are meeting their in-country curriculum requirements.
- 94% of CCP locations offer students extracurricular activities including sports, crafts, dances, farming clubs, English clubs, music and art programs, library programs, youth groups, debate clubs, Bible studies or baking classes.
- As part of the CCP program, 73% of sponsored children receive extra tutoring lessons.
- 76% of program partners offer language classes to better equip children for further academic and vocational opportunities. Languages taught include English, French, Spanish and Mandarin.
- 88% of CCP children who graduated from secondary school have access to vocational training or post-secondary institutions in their local community.

Health

- Providing for children with disabilities, we helped provide specialty assistive equipment to 150 children and specialized treatment to another 600 children in Malawi.
- 85% of CCP locations reported that sponsored children have access to food while at school or receive nutrition support through the program.
- 88% of CCP children increased their knowledge on nutrition guidelines in the past year.

STORIES OF HOPE

José Graduates



José lives with his mother and sisters in Honduras, in a small wooden home with a concrete floor. The family has electricity, but no running water. Their house is filled with love — but it's in need of many repairs.

Several years ago, José's father abandoned the family with no word. His mother sells tortillas out of the home and his older siblings work to help support the family.

Before joining ChildCARE Plus, José didn't know if he would graduate high school. He dreamed of continuing his studies but felt the weight of providing for his family. The program gave José school supplies, uniforms, shoes and transportation to and from school.

In December 2025, José reached his dream of graduating and even completed a three-month work placement to get extra experience. He plans to attend university and has one, very simple dream — to find a good job and support his mother, who has sacrificed so much for him.

By the numbers...

37
LOCATIONS

27
COUNTRIES

7,833
SPONSORED
CHILDREN

\$3.9M
IN MINISTRY TO
CHILDREN THANKS
TO FAITHFUL
SPONSORS



Julienne's Future Changes

Juliene was a ChildCARE Plus sponsored child in Haiti until she graduated from Grade 13. She always did well in school and studied hard.

After graduating, she began a program in the Faculty of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine at the State University of Haiti. Her plan was to get a degree in agricultural engineering — a five-year program — but after 3 years of studying, she could not afford to finish.

Thankfully, she received a full scholarship to study agronomy at one of the best universities in Latin America, Zamorano University. She is now in school finishing her degree and studying Spanish at the same time. Thanks to the strong foundation set by ChildCARE Plus sponsorship, Juliene is on her way to changing her future!



Hope for Blessings

When Blessings' father died, she was sent away from her family home. Her mother turned to alcohol and Blessings ended up living on the streets alone, malnourished and at risk of violence.

It was on the streets in Kenya that Pastor Answani met Blessings and learned her story. He invited her to become part of Project of Hope, one of our ChildCARE Plus partners in Kenya.

Blessings was given a uniform, books and supplies, and was enrolled in school. She now has a safe place to study, regular food, new clothing and access to medical care through the program. She attends school every day, has made friends and is healthier, happier and growing in confidence.

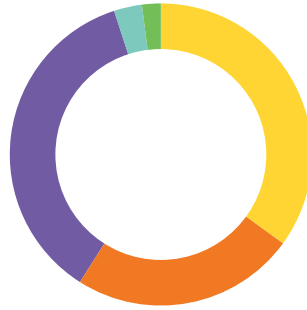
Project of Hope staff continue to pray for Blessings' mother, who visits occasionally and is very proud of her daughter.

ChildCARE Plus literally picked Blessings off the streets and set her on a different path. A girl who had no one to care for her or look after her now has a community that loves and accepts her.

2025 Financials

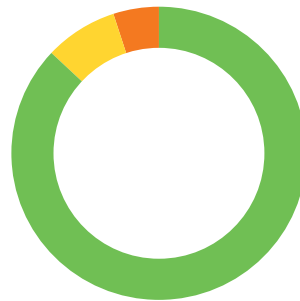
Revenue Sources

- Child Sponsorship: 35%
- Churches, Corporations & Individuals: 24%
- CFGB & GAC Grants: 36%
- Other: 3%
- Bequests: 2%
- Grants & Foundations: 0%



Expenditures

- Total Programs: 83%
- Resource Development: 8%
- Support Services: 9%



Total Programs

- Child Sponsorship: 35%
- Crisis Response: 42%
- Community Development: 23%



2025
\$ 000's

2024
\$ 000's

Revenue

	2025 \$ 000's	2024 \$ 000's
Child Sponsorship	4,351	4,360
Churches, Corporations, & Individuals	3,049	4,156
CFGB & GAC Grants	4,537	3,252
Grants & Foundations	46	73
Bequests	209	83
Other	310	436
Total	12,502	12,360

Expenditures

Child Sponsorship	3,918	3,779
Crisis Response	4,716	5,304
Community Development	2,605	2,161
Total Programs	11,239	11,244
Resource Development	1,045	1,472
Support Services	1,180	791
Total	13,464	13,507

Net Surplus/(Deficit):

Operations	(384)	(377)
Designated Funds	340	(21)
CFGB	(918)	(749)
Internally Restricted	-	-
	(962)	(1,147)

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