

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



## Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change  
in Canada and around the world

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On behalf of all our partners around the world, we are grateful for your continued support for Alongside Hope, formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). Financial gifts, prayers and encouragement sustain our work and allow us to offer life-enhancing and, in many ways, life-saving support. This Annual Report illustrates the many ways in which our partners are working hard to make a world of difference, with longer-term sustainability and community strength in mind.

Our partners are responding to the challenging realities of food security in their communities. They work in the midst of conflict and uncertainties, tackling the sheer logistics of distributing food and providing shelter. Delivering assistance to vulnerable communities is becoming even more complex, especially in light of the blatant – and in many ways normalized – disregard of internationally agreed upon standards of humanitarian law designed to protect the most vulnerable.

**“Please know  
that your  
solidarity  
sustains us.”**

**–Suhaila Tarazi,  
Al Ahli Hospital,  
Gaza**

We are encouraged by amplified parish engagement and fundraising initiatives from across Canada. Our Board, Youth Council, Diocesan and Parish representatives, Mapping Exercise facilitators and so many more live out our vision for a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

This year we landed on a new name for our organization, inspired by the Gospel message of loving our neighbour. Alongside Hope embraces a picture of walking side by side, listening and holding strong to hope for a world where people can live in safety and peace.

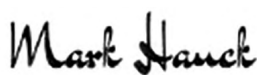
“Please know that your solidarity sustains us,” writes Suhaila Tarazi, director of Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The hospital has continued to offer medical services, with support from Alongside Hope and other Anglican aid organizations, despite facing horrific circumstances. “It affirms the sacredness of our mission: to serve life, even as it is threatened. To protect human dignity, even under siege. And to stand for healing, no matter how broken the world may be.”

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all our donors, be they individuals, parishes, foundations and those who have donated gifts of securities, life insurance and those naming Alongside Hope within their bequests. You make all the difference in our work. We are grateful for each of you walking side by side with us, caring for Creation and honouring the dignity of all.



**Will Postma**

Executive Director Alongside Hope



**Mark Hauck**

President, Board of Directors



## Our name has changed. Our work stays the same.

**I**n 2022 the Board of Directors created a Task Team of staff, board members and volunteers from across Canada to find a new name that would better reflect the work of accompanying those in need, and be easier to explain and pronounce (it's *prime-it*, not *prime-ate*). After several Task Team discussions, one dominant theme emerged: **partnership**.

We partner with local groups who carry out the work that you support.

We partner with networks that allow us to make a deeper impact.

We partner with the Anglican Church of Canada, its bishops and diocesan representatives, who invite us to tell the stories of our partners.

We partner with parishes and clergy who share our work.

We partner with our generous donors who make our work possible.

**Alongside Hope (Auprès de l'espoir)** was chosen as the name that best reflected partnership in a simple and uplifting way. It is easy to pronounce and requires no lengthy or clumsy acronym. It de-emphasizes the colonial, top-down approach of

giving and emphasizes collaboration. It is a name that will carry us forward into the future.

Stories of partnership and accompaniment are woven throughout the Bible, but the Task Team was drawn to the story of the road to Emmaus.

Days after Jesus died, the disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, still grieving their loss. As Luke writes, the resurrected Jesus came alongside them, but they did not know it was him. Jesus travelled with them and then accepted their hospitality to dine with them. In the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

When we walk alongside one another, Jesus accompanies us. We are strengthened and comforted. We recognize Jesus when we share in his feast.

As we walk alongside our partners, listening and sharing with one another, we embrace and embody the hope of a better world.



Scan this QR code to learn what the name *Alongside Hope* means to partners and volunteers.



# Impact at a Glance

## BC/Yukon

The Ecclesiastical province of BC/Yukon stands ready to respond to wildfire emergencies with a \$50,000 grant from Alongside Hope.

## Cuba

5,015 families received training to increase their resilience to disaster.

## Uganda

6,730 adolescent girls and young women received training in entrepreneurship skills, resulting in more knowledge and interest towards starting and managing businesses.

## Mexico, Peru, Ecuador

342 Indigenous midwives were supported to improve health service delivery and reduce maternal mortality.

## Zambia

593 adolescents attended weekly group meetings and learned about safe sexual behaviours, alcohol and drug abuse and children's rights.



### **Ukraine**

More than 300 people living with disabilities developed critical social skills, especially challenging in times of war.

### **Nepal**

1,990 flood-affected individuals received food relief in Kathmandu.

### **Gaza**

18,205 patients have been treated at Gaza's Al Ahli Hospital since the beginning of the current conflict.

### **South Sudan**

9,510 people received monthly food relief.

### **Kenya**

11 shallow wells were built this year, for a total of 99 since 2019, providing water to 25,000 people a day.

### **Zimbabwe**

4,857 farmers revitalized and preserved local biodiversity.

### **The Philippines**

747 people benefitted from rehabilitation of two local drinking water systems damaged by typhoons.

# Health and Healing

LESOTHO

## Gender-based violence education makes impact

**“Knowing and understanding fully my responsibilities in ending GBV, I will never be weary.”**

Throughout Lesotho, teachers, police officers and community leaders are working together to put a stop to gender-based violence (GBV). With Help Lesotho’s Safer Communities training, they are building confidence and skills to make a lasting difference.

“Knowing and understanding fully my responsibilities in ending GBV, I will never be weary,” said Mantlobo Matela, a primary school teacher who fought child marriage and secured

scholarships for 38 students.

Police officer Thabo Molati witnessed the change in attitude within the community regarding reporting abuse. “Reporting of the cases has been improved as women and girls now report because we had a chance of telling them of the better services they will get while reporting. Men also visited our office to report, and that was not the case before.”

Lekomola Tankiso, a teacher in Berea, started a school feeding program and abuse prevention activities. “Recognizing my extended responsibilities as an advocate for change, our school took decisive action. We cultivated potatoes to provide a nutritious soup for students.” Communities can transform from silence and fear to action and hope.

LESOTHO

## A healthy future for moms and babies begins

Maternal and child health is improving in Lesotho’s highlands with support from Partners In Health Lesotho and Alongside Hope. Financial incentives, starter kits for newborns, and emergency transport allow pregnant women to access care. “The financial incentives and support provided to pregnant women are not just about money or supplies,” said Bobete Health Centre Site Director Palesa Khomonngoe-Moea. “They are about giving women the confidence to seek care early and consistently.”

At the waiting home for expectant mothers, women receive toiletries and their dignity is restored. “Without these basic necessities, some women might choose to give birth at home to avoid the embarrassment of having nothing,” nurse Mojaba Mokoena said.

“Having these items has given me a sense of dignity and comfort,” said mother Maboikano Poroane. “It’s one less thing to worry about, allowing me to focus on my health and my baby.” The centre’s malnutrition programme is also saving lives. “This program is not just about providing food; it’s about giving these children a chance at a healthier future,” Khomonngoe-Moea said.



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## ECUADOR

### Midwives are ‘human libraries’

In Ecuador, a powerful movement is reviving traditional knowledge to bridge health equity gaps. A project with Consejo Indígena de Salud Ancestral Hampik Warmikuna (CISAHW) funded by Alongside Hope, is training 44 Kichwa-speaking Indigenous midwives to serve 45 communities in the Cotacachi area.

This project intersects cultural practice and mentoring for young women by elder Traditional Birth Attendants. These Indigenous Knowledge Keepers are “human libraries” sharing wisdom through story, observation, and lived experience, improving prenatal and postnatal care.

Within a Western health system frequently at odds with Indigenous practice, these midwives are reintroducing home births and communal healing. The program promotes traditional medicine, confronts institutionalized racism, and constructs a culturally based healthcare model.

Touching the lives of over 3,000 families, CISAHW also forges bonds across borders, sharing knowledge between Indigenous Midwives from Mexico and Peru. This is not only about birth. It is about reclaiming dignity, strength, and the right to be healthy, on Indigenous terms.

*Left: Mamatebele Lelefa waits to give birth at the Bobete Health Centre, where she was given toiletries.*

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*Right: An Indigenous midwife examines a patient in Ecuador.*

**833**  
STUDENTS

Two school campaigns led by ARUWE in Uganda provided Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights information and knowledge to 833 students. This resulted in better awareness of gender rights, menstrual hygiene, reduced absenteeism, and formation of two new school health clubs.

# Resilient Livelihoods

## GLOBAL

### The powerful impact of microfinance

**More than a third of survey respondents who were affected by extreme weather lost their income.**

Alongside Hope has partnered with Oikocredit for many years. A leader in microfinance, their 2024 End Client Survey (ECS) drew on interviews with more than 47,000 low-income clients in 19 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The survey gave valuable insights into how financial inclusion is changing lives.

An impressive 80% of the respondents – 70% of whom were women – reported a wellbeing benefit. Most cited increased savings and increased incomes. The savers reported increased capacity to deal with emergencies, health

expenses, and financial shocks.

However, climate change continues to challenge progress. More than a third of those affected by extreme weather lost their income. Partners are responding. They are offering loans for water pumps, weather warning systems, and investments in local water infrastructure.

ECS is beyond data gathering. It assists Oikocredit and its partners in formulating improved services, modernization of processes, and digital and financial literacy training, demonstrating that inclusive finance can serve as a catalyst for positive, long-term transformation and resilience.

## COLOMBIA

### Women lead water protection in the Páramos

In the highlands of Boyacá, Colombia, 3,400 metres above sea level, the women of MEPEMA (Association of Women Entrepreneurs for the Environment) are turning their village, El Laurel de Chita, into an environmental model.

These 21 women, led by Ana Elsa Zárate, are holding their ground to preserve water and protect the Pisba páramo, a moorland habitat that provides most of the fresh water for the country. Zárate has introduced dry ecological toilets, rainwater collection, and wastewater recycling in her family farm. Their leadership has spurred wider change: fencing in water springs, organizing garbage collection, and restoring native vegetation like the *frailejón*. With support from ILSA and Alongside Hope, their efforts now include advocacy and reforestation projects.

As Zárate says, “We women are the caretakers of our families, food and land. That is why we think it is important to take care of the páramo and the water, because without it, it is not possible to exist.”





## KENYA

### Rocket stoves improve health and livelihoods, one kitchen at a time

Rose Mueni spent years cooking over an open flame, with smoke billowing around her kitchen walls and risking the health of her family. Now, courtesy of a rocket stove made possible through a partnership between Anglican Development Services Eastern (ADSE) and Alongside Hope, Rose is breathing more easily – literally.

“The rocket stove has been a blessing to my family,” says Mueni, 59. “It saves firewood, produces less smoke, and has improved our health. Look at how cleanly the fire burns now, with no smoke!”

The rocket stoves also create job opportunities for other women. Winfred Kariuki learned how to build stoves like Mueni’s, and now she’s earning a steady income constructing stoves. The project is changing many kitchens and many lives.

*Left: Women in Colombia are the caretakers of families, food and land, says Ana Elsa Zárate. “That is why we think it is important to take care of the páramo and the water ... without it, it is not possible to exist.”*

*Right: Rose Mueni stands between her clean-burn-ing stove and the old stove, which covered the walls with soot.*

# 570

FARMERS

In Kenya, ECLOF serves more than 40,000 low-income entrepreneurs and farmers, primarily women. Last year, with support from Alongside Hope, 570 farmers were trained in sustainable dairy and agriculture practices, leading to an increase in yields and household income.

# Creation Care

## HAITI

### Renewal takes hold, leading to year-round climate-resistant harvests

**The success of the “Farm of Deliverance” led to training 80 farmers in building gardens to produce their own food.**

Where a parched Haitian village in Haut Saint-Marc had long languished, Grand-Fond now flourishes. Hunger, water shortages, and ecological losses once once plagued the area. Charcoal-making had denuded the soil, and the single, tainted pond was the only source of water.

With support from Alongside Hope, Rayjon Share Care, and Women’s Federation of Haut-Saint-Marc, however, renewal took hold. A new water distribution system now draws clean water from a well, reducing burdens for women and enhancing health.

What the caretaker calls the “Farm of Deliverance,” now produces a year-round harvest through climate-resilient planting. Its success inspired a movement. Eighty farmers were trained to construct backyard gardens and use greywater (recycled household water) and tree-based systems to produce their own food.

Birds are returning, trees are growing, and pupils now visit to learn from what other people call a “park of attraction.” What began as a crisis management initiative is now a thriving demonstration of resilience.

## AMAZON REGION

### Turn up the volume on climate change

Across Amazonian nations of Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador, people are using community radio to protect their territories and bring their voices forward. Led by the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) and ALER, and supported by local partners CORAPE, RNA, and Grupo Comunicarte, the three-year project develops local communication and advocacy capacity.

Based on a needs assessment, the project found that access to information and the right to communication are extremely limited for the communities living in the Brazilian, Colombian and Ecuadorian Amazon. In response, partners trained Indigenous communicators, expanded women’s participation, and produced weekly radio magazines with content on traditional ecological knowledge, the impact of environmental conflicts and concrete ecosystem protection actions.

This novel strategy combines new communicative technology with old wisdom to empower culture, solve local problems, and inform policy.



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## ZIMBABWE

### Nature+ project sparks climate resilience and leadership

In Chimanimani District, TSURO Trust's Nature+ project is promoting climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and gender equity through nature-based solutions.

Over 4,800 farmers were trained in techniques like conservation agriculture, holistic land management, and fermented bio fertilizer use. Water management improved with swales and tanks, and mushroom production created additional income streams.

Community management also shifted. Almost 470 women were elected to leadership positions. One chairperson said that before Nature+, women were confined to non-influential positions.

Environment, water, agriculture, and gender committees now support people-centered sustainability. Supported by government ministries, the local leaders, and Biosphere Reserve Trust, TSURO Trust are taking Nemakonde out of its 40-year low point drought with more robust, and more equitable systems that protect people and the planet equally.

*Left: Oscar Tellez of ALER records audio interviews with climate activists in Ecuador.*

*Right: Tari-rai Melania Munhuwei, a farmer in Nemakonde and member of the Farmer Action Learning Group, proudly shows off her thriving maize crop.*

**400**  
RADIO PROGRAMS

Grupo Comunicarte in Colombia developed more than 400 radio programs with local youth, promoting environmental protection and sustainability, and reaching approximately 3,750,000 people.

# Indigenous Partnerships

## NOVA SCOTIA

### Work to return and restore Mi'kmaw artifacts continues with care

**“This isn’t just about returning objects, it’s about creating spaces where their stories can live on.”**

After decades at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., Mi'kmaw beadwork, quillwork, and ancestral items are being painstakingly prepared to come home to Mi'kma'kik, thanks to support from Alongside Hope and a strong partnership between the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre (MDCC) and the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI).

Artists like Nik Phillips and Jocelyn Marshall are paving this path of restoration towards

having these sacred objects returned with respect, context and dignity. “This isn’t just about returning objects,” says Marshall. “It’s about creating spaces where their stories can live on.”

Through cultural exchange and extensive community involvement, NMAI conservators developed a newfound appreciation for the artistry and spirit of every object. As MDCC’s Kamden Nicholas says, “It is important for us to display our objects in an intentional way.” Together, MDCC and NMAI are restoring memory, identity, and belonging for generations to come.

## MEXICO AND GUATEMALA

### Program empowers women to overcome violence and find a future

Throughout Chiapas and Alta Verapaz, women are rewriting their future through knowledge, community and courage.

“I have learned a lot about the right that we women have to live at home,” says Mexico’s Tzeltal Women Entrepreneurs Network member Amada Soledad Ramírez Camposeco. Previously silenced by violence, Camposeco now operates a successful poultry business.

“I can sell my animals,” she says. “It helps me with the expenses that I need, also to eat eggs and chicken.” With support from Alongside Hope partner Xilotl A.C., she’s also gaining confidence.

In Guatemala, Brenda Susana Choc Fernández is another example of this change. A community equity promoter with partner Odigua, Fernández now assists other women to heal and lead. “Women can also be leaders in a community because we have the right to participate, and we must also be active in any conflict to achieve a just solution.”





## MANITOBA

### Kohkoms gathering nurtures hope

In 2024, grandmothers (or kohkoms) from four northern Manitoba Cree Nations gathered at Misipawistik Culture Camp for the third Kohkoms Gathering, hosted by the Interfaith Council on Hydropower (ICH). Amid the scent of woodsmoke, and the rhythm of circle sharing, they mourned losses, remembered sacred lands, and reclaimed their strength.

“This was an opportunity for healing, grounding, and resurgence of our inner environment and spirit,” said Elder Cecelia Baker of O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation. “The inner and outer environment cause detrimental impact on communities.” Participants shared experiences of trauma caused by hydro development, such as boating accidents and the destruction of ancestral harbours. Through story, art and ceremony, they stitched a quilt of resilience. “Meeting with sisters from different communities and feeling the strength they all hold was an incredible feeling,” said Martha Baker of Southern Indian Lake.

*Left: Ama-da Soledad Ramírez Camposeco was previously silenced by violence, but now operates a successful poultry business.*

*Right: The gathering of elders was “an opportunity for healing, grounding, and resurgence of our inner environment and spirit.”*

**440**  
PARTICIPANTS

440 people participated in 30 Mapping the Ground We Stand On workshops across the country. Through this hands-on exploration of the Doctrine of Discovery, participants deepened their understanding of what it means to live in right relations. Learn more at [alongsidehope.org/mapping-exercise](https://alongsidehope.org/mapping-exercise).

# Humanitarian response

## TANZANIA

### Farming program helps refugees thrive

**“Your generous assistance has transformed my life and my family’s in ways I could never have imagined. Today I am proud to call myself an entrepreneur.”**

Seluwa Said fled conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2018 and found safety at Tanzania’s Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. But life in the camp was hard. Her family could only manage one meal a day. They could not afford such basics as soap, clothing, or school supplies.

In 2022, that all changed when Said was included in the Sustainable Vegetable Farming Project, led by Church World Service (CWS) and supported by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Alongside Hope.

In the program she learned organic vegetable farming techniques and started growing

vegetables like kale and spinach, selling the surplus in the camp. She invested the money to begin a small business selling household items and purchased chickens.

“My heartfelt gratitude to CWS for their incredible support.... Your generous assistance has transformed my life and my family’s in ways I could never have imagined. Today, I am proud to call myself an entrepreneur.”

## GAZA

### Children find hope and healing amid conflict

In war-torn Gaza, children found moments of healing through a trauma care program implemented in Al Mawasi by staff from Al Ahli Arab Hospital. Funded with \$275,000 from Alongside Hope and supported by seven other partners, the program is run through the Anglican Alliance secretariat and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The children participate in psychosocial therapy using play, arts and crafts, and group interactions for five days to help them cope with the trauma of war. “The program aims to foster self-development and acquire skills to overcome difficulties and struggles resulting from the war,” says Nevin Al Sheikh, the program’s coordinator.

Children like Noor and Leen, who lost family members and faced anxiety, are now sleeping better and feeling safer. Amidst ongoing shortages, Alongside Hope’s support remains a lifeline for Gaza’s children.

Even with success, the hospital struggles with severe supply shortages and requires continued humanitarian assistance to keep doing this critical work.



## UKRAINE

### New daycare centre offers hope for young adults with disabilities

A new daycare centre opened in Lviv for young adults living with disabilities, with the help of \$75,000 from generous Alongside Hope donors.

The initiative is a collaboration between local partner Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre and the Lviv City Council, who provided the space for the centre. The program will offer daily care, skills training, and a nurturing environment for participants. The goal is to promote independence, inclusion and dignity for young adults who are otherwise overlooked in social programming, especially during times of war.

This project fills an important gap in services, offering families much-needed support while enabling individuals to thrive. As the centre prepares to welcome its first attendees, it stands as an example of what can be accomplished when donors, local governments, and humanitarian organizations work together.

*Left: Nevin Al Sheikh oversees a program for children in Gaza that "aims to foster self-development and acquire skills to overcome difficulties and struggles resulting from the war."*

*Right: Young people working with Dzherelo Centre learn independence.*

# 1,500

EVACUEES

After the Jasper wildfire, the Diocese of Edmonton partnered with the Jasper Employment and Education Centre to offer critical support in employment, immigration and emergency assistance to more than 1,500 evacuees, including temporary foreign workers and their families.



# Spreading the word



## Bearing witness to our partners in Kenya

In February 2025, the Venerable Patrick Stephen joined a delegation of Alongside Hope volunteers and staff to Kenya to learn more about the work of our partners. Most of the time was spent with Church World Service (CWS), an international organization that offers humanitarian and development programs in several communities throughout East Africa.

CWS Country director Mary Obiero took the group to visit several communities in the remote northern county of Marsabit. “As we journeyed north, the environment became hotter, drier and less populated,” says Stephens, Diocesan Rep for Ottawa. “We learned that the region had recently endured a severe multi-year drought resulting in food insecurity for the local population.” These communities earn most of their livelihood from herding goats and camels. When water is scarce, however, men often leave with the herds to find better grazing conditions, while women and children are left in the village with limited resources.

“Our hosts in each community shared their experiences growing food in the programs that CWS has been implementing. They showed us how they had recently begun raising poultry. We also learned about the Village Savings and Loans Associations they had set up to encourage financial stability and opportunity within the community.”

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*Above: Patrick Stephens joins a gathering in a Kenyan village. The delegation included Bishop Helen Kennedy (Diocese of Qu'Appelle), Lois Reid (Diocese of Calgary), the Rev. Gabriel Kwembe (Diocese of Rupert's Land), Deborah Edwards (Diocese of Fredericton), Youth Council members Emmajane Donnan (Diocese of Central Nfld.) and Tessa Muirhead (Diocese of Calgary), and Alongside Hope staffers Carolyn Cummins, Andrea Casey, Su McLeod and Jackie Koster.*





#### DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

### Dollars for donkeys

At St. George's Anglican Church in Fort Langley, B.C., Lent came with an ambitious goal: to buy six donkeys for women in Kenya through Alongside Hope's World of Gifts. Donkeys are a big help to farming families, especially to women carrying water over long distances. The Outreach Committee launched its "Kick-A\$\$," campaign during a service, complete with songs about donkeys set to nursery rhyme tunes. The goal of six donkeys soon surpassed eight, then 19! Creativity and compassion turned a fun idea into real, tangible impact.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO

### Sing and ring out loud!

The sounds of Christmas filled the air at Sing and Ring at St. John's, York Mills in Toronto. With weeks of preparation behind them, musicians, choirs, and even two festive penguins took to the stage, leading an audience eager to join in the joyful songs of the season. Beyond the music, Sing and Ring struck a powerful chord of generosity, raising an incredible \$2,000 in support of Alongside Hope's World of Gifts. These funds will support communities in Canada, Mexico, Peru, Lesotho, Kenya, Zambia and Colombia.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA/PEI

### A twist of faith

At St. Luke's Anglican Church in Dartmouth, Sunday School students put their hands to work – and their hearts into action – by baking pretzels to support Alongside Hope's World of Gifts campaign. After the morning service, parishioners enjoyed the warm, homemade treats, raising \$380 to fund new baby kits, fishponds, bikes for educators, clean water, and camps for children in Ukraine. The children explored the impact of their efforts, seeing how something as simple as a pretzel could provide essential support to communities in need.

#### DIOCESE OF CENTRAL NFLD

### Music with a mission

At St. Martin's Cathedral in Gander, music teacher and choir director Shawn Wiseman has found a unique way to support access to clean water in Kenya. Inspired by a conversation with Alongside Hope Diocesan Representative Sheila Boutcher, Wiseman decided to direct proceeds from his two annual student concerts to support Alongside Hope's clean water projects with partner Utooni Development Organization. Over time, he and his students have raised \$22,500 – enough to build nine wells in Kenyan communities.

**\$52,200**

RAISED THROUGH THE  
2024 WILD RIDE BY  
62 PARTICIPANTS AND  
19 TEAMS

**691**

SUBSCRIBERS  
TO DAILY  
LENTEN  
DEVOTIONS

**892**

SUBSCRIBERS  
TO DAILY  
ADVENT  
DEVOTIONS

**19**

OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR PRAYER  
AND LEARNING  
ON ZOOM

# Partnership in action



## Alongside Hope deepens ties at Nairobi roundtable

**“There’s something powerful about being in a room together – listening with curiosity and offering each other grace. That’s where trust builds.”**

On February 18, 2025, Alongside Hope hosted a day-long roundtable at the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre in Nairobi, bringing together five Kenyan partners for reflection and forward planning. Participants were from ECLOF Kenya, Anglican Development Services – Eastern (ADSE), Utooni Development Organization (UDO), Church World Service (CWS) and the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), which is not currently funded, but still considered a valued partner

and invited to share ongoing lessons and insights.

The purpose of the Kenya Roundtable was to strengthen partnerships, share challenges, and discuss Alongside Hope’s new strategic directions. From addressing climate change through zero-grazing and agroecology to mitigating the fallout from cuts to US international aid funding, partners highlighted resilience in the face of uncertainty.

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*Left to right: Serah Mutune (from UDO), Fidelia Munyoki, Paula Norah and Leah Muthoni Kmotho (from NCCK) take notes together.*



An emotional moment came from Church World Service, whose recently secured refugee resettlement grant was suddenly upended. They described how U.S. policy reversals abruptly halted travel for thousands of refugees already in transit. A team member shared, “We are resilient, we’re going to fight.”

Andrea Casey, Alongside Hope’s Programs & Partnership Facilitator who led the conversation, considered the value of shared space: “There’s something powerful about being in a room together – listening with curiosity and offering each other grace. That’s where trust builds.” She added, “When we’re in the same space and there’s room for questions, what you get is clarity – not just for us, but for partners, too.”

A focus of the sessions included identifying the key components of strong partnerships and a continued commitment to cross-lateral capacity-sharing and learning between Kenyan partners.

The roundtable wrapped up with a commitment to transparency, trust, and local leadership, aligning with Alongside Hope’s vision for effective, partner-driven development based on lived experience and continuous collaboration.

Before the session closed, all five Kenyan partners committed themselves to continuing the dialogue by meeting on their own in the coming months. As Casey noted, “They said, ‘We’re going to meet again.’ That wasn’t something we asked for. That came from them. It shows the strength of the relationships and the desire to keep learning from one another.”



## Tree planting initiative takes root in South America

“I invite you all to join me in this journey so that together we can cultivate a forest of faith, communion, and sustainability,” says the Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Espiucá, the newly appointed facilitator of the Communion Forest initiative in the Americas. Spearheaded by the Anglican Alliance, of which Alongside Hope is a founding member, this faith-based project promotes tree-planting while raising awareness about loss of biodiversity and climate change. Thanks to a grant from Alongside Hope, Espiucá will support local initiatives and offer liturgical reflection across Latin America and the Caribbean. The project is planting seeds for a greener

future, grounded in stewardship of creation.

Scan this QR code to hear Dr. Espiucá’s message.



# 2024-2025 Financial Report

Supporting the work of Alongside Hope improves the quality and daily life for vulnerable populations by promoting global justice and self-sustainability. Your commitment is transforming lives.

## REVENUE

| (Financial Statement April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025) | Actual             | % of Revenue   |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Parish, foundation and individual contributions      | \$ 4,468,941       | 52.18%         |
| Canadian Foodgrains Bank contributions               | 2,380,251          | 27.79%         |
| Bequests   | 802,494            | 9.37%          |
| Interest and Dividends                               | 429,913            | 5.02%          |
| Other  | 365,391            | 4.27%          |
| Realized Gain on Sale of Marketable Securities       | 117,814            | 1.37%          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                                 | <b>\$8,564,804</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

## EXPENSES

|                                    | Actual             | % of Expenses |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS</b>         |                    |               |
| Canadian Foodgrains Bank program   | \$ 2,426,882       | 27.80%        |
| Development Program                | 1,701,333          | 19.49%        |
| Humanitarian Response and Refugees | 658,827            | 7.55%         |
| Supporter Relations Program        | 328,778            | 3.77%         |
| Partners and Ecumenical Relations  | 95,096             | 1.09%         |
| Strategic Plan Initiatives         | 34,693             | 0.40%         |
| <b>TOTAL PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS</b>   | <b>\$5,245,609</b> | <b>60.08%</b> |

## PROGRAM DELIVERY

|                               |                     |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Program Personnel             | \$ 1,601,926        | 18.35%        |
| Program Occupancy and Office  | 177,664             | 2.04%         |
| Travel                        | 65,581              | 0.75%         |
| <b>TOTAL PROGRAM DELIVERY</b> | <b>\$ 1,845,171</b> | <b>21.14%</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>          | <b>\$7,090,780</b>  | <b>81.22%</b> |

## ADMINISTRATION

|                             |                     |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Personnel                   | \$ 761,587          | 8.72%         |
| Occupancy and Office        | 152,736             | 1.75%         |
| Professional Fees           | 89,263              | 1.02%         |
| Governance                  | 83,294              | 0.95%         |
| Travel                      | 19,252              | 0.22%         |
| <b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b> | <b>\$ 1,106,132</b> | <b>12.67%</b> |

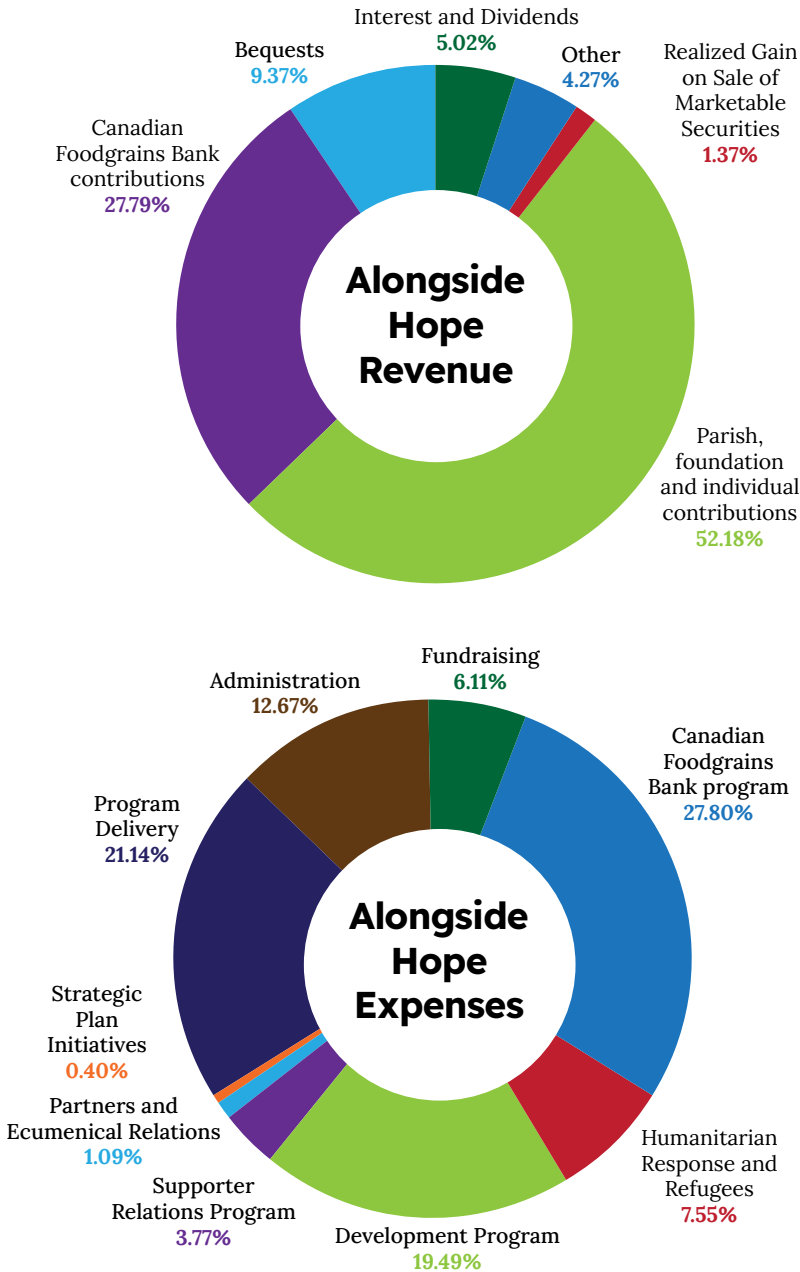
## FUNDRAISING

|                       |                    |                |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                       | \$ 533,669         | 6.11%          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$8,730,581</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

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|---|--------------|
| Excess of revenue over expenses from operations | \$ (165,777) |
| Unrealized gains on marketable securities       | 231,936      |

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| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$ 66,159</b> |
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## Three sector trends that Alongside Hope is addressing

By Bart Dickinson, *Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator*

### 1. Impact reporting

Working closely with the advice and counsel of its global partners, Alongside Hope made concrete investments in streamlining project management tools and processes in 2024-2025, leveraging automation and building a stronger online infrastructure to allow for more dynamic remote monitoring. This will enhance Alongside Hope's ability to both communicate and visualize the important impacts our partners make every day.

### 2. Localization

In 2025, Alongside Hope piloted an annual survey of international partners asking for feedback on our practices and processes. Responses indicated that Alongside Hope “has a clear commitment to localization in its programs.”

At its simplest, localization places the power of decision-making in the hands of the people and organizations closest to the issues: the project participants. Investing in localized programming requires conscious listening, continuous community engagement, and transparent communication. It is why Alongside Hope refers to a program “participant” rather than a “beneficiary” – acknowledging that our support is not just a kindness, but a commitment to work together

towards change.

Alongside Hope will be simplifying day-to-day project management through 2026 to allow more effective data collection at the community level and improve our partners' ability to integrate community engagement at all levels of project design, planning, implementation and monitoring.

### 3. Rights backlash

The growing threats to international cooperation and shrinking aid budgets are significantly affecting development and humanitarian sectors. These dynamics are deeply interconnected, posing serious challenges to local and international NGOs, especially those working on rights-based, feminist, LGBTQ+, Indigenous, or environmental justice agendas.

This past year has seen a global regression in state, corporate and individual support for civil society. After the cuts to USAID in early 2025, supporters rose to the challenge giving more than \$500,000 to our Resilience Fund, supporting partners affected by aid cuts. Alongside Hope affirms that an equity-based approach is essential to achieve equal rights. We must come together as societies, as people, leading with compassion and love over force or coercion.



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