



Annual Report 2024



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Message from the Board Chair and President and CEO

2024 was a significant milestone year for us as it marked SOS Children's Villages Canada's 55th anniversary, as well as the 75th anniversary of SOS Children's Villages internationally – the world's largest charitable federation focused on supporting children and young people without parental care, or at risk of losing it. For decades, protecting children and their rights has been our priority; a mission we continue in more than 130 countries and territories today.

Throughout the year, hundreds of millions of people faced overwhelming hardships from human rights violations, violence, disasters and climate change as the world grappled with the highest number of conflicts since World War II. These new and ongoing challenges forced over 120 million people to flee their homes – marking humanity's worst displacement crisis. During these times, it's children who suffer first, and who suffer the most.

The need to protect, support and uplift vulnerable children and young people has never been greater – and in 2024, you once again stepped up, ensuring we could be there to provide crucial assistance.

With thanks to our supporters in Canada and around the globe, our impact more than doubled last year, reaching nearly 7.74 million people through vital programs to help children and families be safe, healthy and thriving.

The ripple effects from conflicts are far-reaching, driving around 80% of humanitarian needs worldwide, while the consequences of a changing climate deepened the crisis. With your support, we helped protect more than 2.26 million children and families through some of the darkest moments in their lives. SOS Children's Villages responded to 38 crises and provided critical support through the traumas of war and devastating effects of environmental events in severely impacted areas including in Ethiopia, Gaza, Lebanon, Somalia, Sudan and Ukraine.

The lasting, positive impacts of our work were also witnessed. With the support of Canadian partners and donors, SOS Children's Villages Canada invested in sustainable programs that can continue creating change globally. We launched the YouthRISE project in partnership with Scotiabank to empower nearly 800 disadvantaged youth in Jamaica and Mexico to achieve brighter futures and expanded our support in Namibia to help ensure children get the quality of care they deserve. This annual report highlights these projects and more, giving a glimpse of how we're collectively building a more resilient future.

Without you, none of this would be possible. To all our supporters – from donors, community fundraisers, institutional and corporate partners, to everyone who shared with us their time, voice, expertise and more – we offer our deepest gratitude for the meaningful impact you've made in the lives of children, families, and communities around the world.

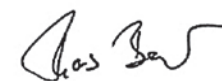
We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our special guests, sponsors and attendees of our first *A seat at the table* event last June – your support and generosity made for a truly memorable evening.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome two new members to the SOS Children's Villages Canada's Board of Directors, Christophe Hennebelle and Melanie Platt, each bringing with them decades of leadership and expertise to help steward the future of our organization. Our profound appreciation as well goes out to longtime supporter Mo Vikrant who stepped down from the Board of Directors after seven years but remains a valued partner – we are truly thankful for his guidance and ongoing contributions.

Wishing you a 2025 full of safety, health and happiness,



Mary Ballantyne
Chair, Board of Directors
SOS Children's Villages Canada



Thomas Bauer
President and CEO
SOS Children's Villages Canada

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What we do

SOS Children's Villages envisions a world where every child grows up in a nurturing family with the love, respect, and security they need to thrive. We take a holistic, child-centred approach to help children, families, and communities succeed in the long term. We strengthen families to prevent child abandonment, provide loving homes for children who lack parental care, educate and empower children to reach their full potential and advocate for children's rights so their voices can be heard.

1 Protect children:

We ensure that all children have a loving family environment and an opportunity to reach their full potential.

7 Advocate for children's rights:

We campaign with children to remove the barriers that prevent them from realizing their rights.

6 Boost economic empowerment:

We empower young people and caregivers through vocational and leadership training so they can break the cycle of poverty and become resilient.

5 Respond to emergencies:

We support those most affected during disasters and emergencies, focusing primarily on child protection and distributing life-saving aid to children and families.



2 Strengthen families:

We keep families together through our Family Strengthening Programs, which help parents and their communities protect and care for their children.

3 Increase access to education:

We offer quality education to children and young people and ensure schools are places where all students are safe and happy.

4 Ensure health for all:

We support health facilities and train frontline health workers so children and young people have access to mental and physical healthcare.

For over 55 years, we've helped protect and uplift the most vulnerable children and young people, but today the need has never been greater.

SOS Children's Villages Canada, founded in 1969, is a member of the world's largest charitable federation focused on supporting children and young people without parental care, or at risk of losing it, operating in more than 130 countries and territories.

In 2024, hundreds of millions of people experienced new and ongoing crises as violence and climate change events wrought havoc while economies struggled to rebound from years of record-high inflation. The number of conflicts is at an all-time high in over eight decades, resulting in over 470 million children – more than one in six globally – now living in conflict-affected areas. The need to protect and uplift vulnerable children and young people remains critical and is increasing every day.

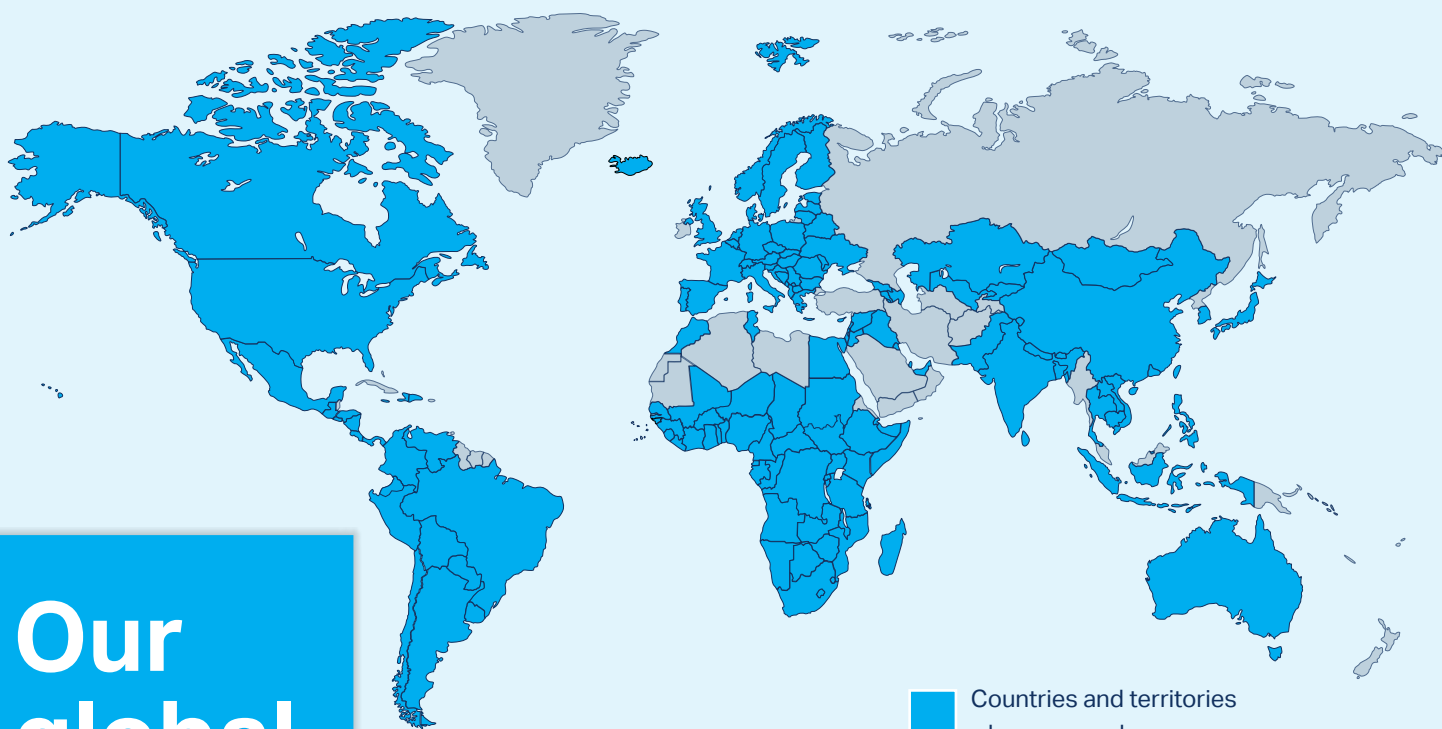
Together with partners, supporters and the communities in which we work, SOS Children's Villages is responding to these significant challenges worldwide with a clear mission: keep children safe, healthy and thriving, enabling them to become their strongest selves.

Locally led, we work to strengthen families under pressure so they can stay together. When this is not in a child or young person's best interests, we provide quality care according to their unique needs. We speak up for each child's rights and advocate for change so all children can grow up in a supportive environment. And we couldn't do it without you.

In response to these unprecedented needs, SOS Children's Villages Canada will take bold action to ensure more of the most vulnerable children can realize their rights to family, education, health, and protection.

We will work with our partners to learn and implement best practices, continually adapt to change, and ensure the greatest possible impact on the lives of those in our programs.

We will meaningfully engage with vulnerable children and youth to ensure that our programs are guided by their needs and priorities and amplify their voices by advocating for their rights.



Our global reach

Our impact more than doubled in 2024, and together we achieved change for nearly **7.74 million people in over 130 countries and territories**. Through our programs, we ensured that children around the world were safe and healthy and that families could thrive.



Alternative Care

65,300

children and young people cared for



Education

1,050,300

children and young people learning



Health

113,100

children and parents benefited from health programs



Humanitarian

2,268,600

people aided in emergencies



Economic Empowerment

4,177,500

children, young people and adults reached through our Family and Community Strengthening Programs



Programs and projects highlights that **Canadians have helped support in 2024**

► **Colombia**

To support Venezuelan migrant families entering Colombia, SOS Children's Villages operates child-friendly spaces in La Guajira providing nutritious meals, mental health support, recreational activities, and child protection workshops. For most children, the food provided, thanks to the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day Fund, is their only meal of the day, making this support crucial to their survival. In 2024, 727 children and their caregivers benefited from nutritious meals.

► **Dominican Republic**

In 2024, SOS Children's Villages implemented the Familias Unidas program in Los Mina, Dominican Republic, to support female-headed households and children facing extreme poverty. Through workshops on children's rights, economic empowerment, and violence prevention, 229 participants gained essential skills and resources to create more stable futures, empowering caregivers and fostering stronger communities.

► **Ethiopia**

Thanks to funding support from Apotex, Mersa Hospital in Ethiopia delivered critical medical assistance to more than 5,400 people, including 631 pregnant women and mothers with newborns. The project responded to the humanitarian crisis caused by armed conflict, the worst drought in Ethiopia's history, and a series of epidemics, ensuring the distribution of essential medicines, vaccines, and maternal care supplies.

► **Ghana**

In partnership with the Head of State Award Scheme and the Steele Family Foundation, SOS Children's Villages Canada launched the Go4Gold project to empower youth through the globally recognized Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. The initiative supported 25 students as they engaged in experiential learning and community service, gaining essential life skills and greater confidence to build a brighter and more self-reliant future.

► **Jamaica and Mexico**

The YouthRISE partnership between SOS Children's Villages Canada and Scotiabank was launched in 2024 to reach nearly 800 disadvantaged youth in Jamaica and Mexico, helping them overcome barriers to education, employment and entrepreneurship as well as providing opportunities to address discrimination and climate change in their communities. Scotiabank employees also have the chance to support youth through in-person or virtual volunteering mentorship.

► **Namibia**

In 2024, SOS Children's Villages Namibia supported youth transitioning out of alternative care with 45 youth receiving assistance for vocational or tertiary education and 32 supported to secure employment. Through life skills training, living expenses support, entrepreneurship and employability training, and start-up assistance, youth were better equipped to build independent, resilient futures. Additionally, 1,689 youth benefited from career guidance and preparation, helping navigate future opportunities.

► **Pakistan**

The SOS Technical Training Institute (SOS TTI) in Karachi delivers vocational and technical training to disadvantaged youth facing education and skills barriers to employment. SOS TTI aims to break the cycle of poverty by offering programs that provide vulnerable youth with the skills and confidence to secure meaningful employment and achieve independence. In 2024, 1,386 students graduated from SOS TTI, a 98% graduation rate.

► **Somalia**

SOS Children's Villages expanded the laboratory at the SOS College of Health Sciences in Somalia – thanks to support from the Ptarmigan Charitable Foundation – which provides a comprehensive learning environment for over 110 local, skilled health professionals, including nurses and midwives each year. The expansion added space for more hands-on training and new equipment, boosting capacity to serve more learners and enhance the quality of instruction.

► **Ukraine**

Since its launch in April 2024, the mobile mental health clinic in Kharkiv has delivered essential services to vulnerable Ukrainian families in eastern districts who have experienced traumatic events. 1,284 people benefited from mental health and psychosocial support, 742 individuals received emergency supplies, and 153 people were trained to enable the mental health support of an additional 3,825 people.



Transforming lives in Namibia: The Children's Hope and Resilience Fund

For forty years, SOS Children's Villages Namibia has been a beacon of hope for vulnerable children and families. By evolving with their needs, we ensure every child grows up in a safe, supportive family environment. As Namibia's leading child protection organization, we collaborate with local governments to strengthen the national child welfare system.

Launched in November 2024, the Namibia Children's Hope and Resilience Fund focuses on the following services and investments:

- **Renovating and furnishing family homes:** Essential repairs and digital upgrades are improving homes in Windhoek and Ondangwa, supporting a transition to integrated community living.
- **Empowering families and supporting child reintegration:** Family Strengthening Programs and direct support help vulnerable families care for their children. Wherever possible, SOS Children's Villages Namibia safely reintegrates children with their biological families, creating space to reach more children in urgent need.
- **Enhancing caregiver skills:** Specialized training strengthens trauma-informed care, child development, and mental health support, improving the quality of care children receive.
- **Providing holistic care:** Children and youth receive family-based care and access to quality education, health services, mental health and psychosocial support, and life skills training to prepare them for adulthood.

Looking to the future, together with our partners and supporters



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homes will be renovated, furnished, and digitally enhanced, benefiting up to **100 children annually**.



55
SOS mothers, parents, social workers, and child protection officers will be trained in specialized care and protection practices.



96
children and youth will be reintegrated with their biological or extended families.



196
children and youth will gain access to education, tutoring, skills training, and receive the materials needed to succeed.



63
families will receive skills development and financial literacy training, empowering them to achieve economic independence and better support their households.

Why your support of children in Namibia matters

Located in southwest Africa, Namibia is a sparsely populated nation of around 3 million people. Despite its natural resources, 43% of Namibians live below the poverty line. A devastating drought, the worst in a century, has left nearly half the population food insecure. Over 250,000 children, more than 20% of all Namibian children, are without parental care or at risk of losing it. Education remains a significant barrier, with a 19% dropout rate for primary school and 52% for high school. Working with communities, SOS Children's Villages Namibia strengthens families, keeps children safe, and opens doors to brighter futures.

The enduring legacy of Canadian support in Namibia

In 2009, thanks in large part to funding from The Green Family Foundation, SOS Children's Villages in Ondangwa became the first overseas project fully funded by Canadian donors and partners. In 2022, support expanded to Windhoek, helping even more children living in extreme poverty.

Making a lasting impact

The Namibia Children's Hope and Resilience Fund is made possible by the generosity of Canadians. We are deeply grateful for your support, which is creating lasting change for Namibia's most vulnerable children.

Together with families, communities, and partners, SOS Children's Villages Namibia is shaping a hopeful future where every child can thrive.

Alternative Care

We will not stop until every child has a loving, safe environment where they can grow and thrive.

65,300

children and young people cared for

All children have the right to grow up in a safe environment even when their own families cannot care for them. SOS Children's Villages works with communities and local organizations to provide a loving and supportive family environment for children who need alternative care.

Our priority is to strengthen existing families so they can stay together. However, when this is not in the child's best interest or when there is no family to care for them, we offer a range of reliable care options, adapted to the local context, to best meet the individual needs of the child or young person.



SOS family care (our SOS Village model): For over 75 years, we have been providing children with family-based care in SOS families around the globe. Children and young people are nurtured by a reliable caregiver – an SOS parent – while living in a supportive home and community.



Foster care: Systems differ from country to country, so our role changes too. In some cases, we provide support services to foster families, such as counselling or training, or we work with governments to implement quality foster care through sharing our expertise or assisting in the development and distribution of quality training materials.



Short-term care: When children need temporary care – for example, in an emergency – we provide an environment that protects them from harm in our transit homes. If it is determined that it is in the child's best interest to return to their family of origin, we facilitate and support this process. If not, we work with child protection authorities to find the most appropriate care option.

From childcare to self-care in the Dominican Republic

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Diana and her four siblings lost the care of their family in 2021 and have since been cared for at SOS Children's Villages in Los Mina.

At 17, Diana had assumed a maternal role for her younger siblings, an immense responsibility that was stressful for someone so young. This pressure led to anxiety and made it difficult for her to develop trusting relationships with teenagers and adults.

With the support of SOS Children's Villages, Diana's life underwent a transformation. She received counselling and participated in workshops that strengthened her social skills and emotional wellbeing and instilled in her a newfound sense of security. As she witnessed her siblings thriving in their new environment, Diana began to trust and focus on her needs, a significant step toward her personal growth.

Diana's academic ambition and determination were commendable. Supported by SOS Children's Villages, she completed her secondary education and enrolled in a bachelor's program in administration and tax management. Her hard work and motivation paid off when she earned an internship at a local cooperative, providing her with invaluable industry exposure. Her success was further amplified when she was offered a paid position at the end of her internship, signalling a bright future.

In 2024, Diana transitioned out of SOS Children's Villages in Los Mina but continues to receive support through SOS youth programs. She is sharing an apartment with her younger brother and will receive counselling and guidance from SOS Children's Villages as she learns to live independently and manage her finances. She has a promising future ahead of her and is ready to jump into adulthood.

We are deeply grateful to Transat for their unwavering support in empowering the next generation to thrive and succeed in the Dominican Republic. Throughout the partnership, Transat has contributed to SOS Children's Villages programming, impacting over 80,000 children and individuals like Diana across seven countries, including the Dominican Republic, through the generosity of their employees, customers, and business partners.





Health

Every child has the right to survive and thrive. Our medical teams provide a wide range of critical health services, reducing child and maternal mortality and helping prevent child-family separation.

113,100

healthy children
and parents

We know that access to healthcare is essential to our wellbeing. However, access to essential health services, such as mental health and maternal and child health services, in many parts of the world is extremely limited and can have long-term negative health impacts on children and their caregivers.

SOS Children's Villages medical facilities and public health promotion programs ensure that children and their caregivers have access to the health information and services they need to thrive, primarily focusing on maternal and child health, mental health, and reproductive health.



A safe space for parents amid crisis in Ukraine

Launched in April 2024, the mobile mental health clinic in Kharkiv, an SOS Children's Villages Ukraine initiative supported by SOS Children's Villages Canada and Canadian partners, has significantly improved the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of Ukrainians affected by the war. The dedicated team consists of three psychologists and one social worker, helping over 6,000 people throughout the year.

Ksenia, a psychologist at the mobile mental health clinic in Kharkiv, works closely with a group of parents. While their children participated in sessions with a child psychologist, these parents used the time to recover emotionally and build skills to better understand themselves and their children. For many, these sessions became a lifeline.

Each session provided a safe, welcoming space where parents' fears and worries were acknowledged. In this supportive environment, they realized they were not alone in their struggles, especially when facing the unique challenges of parenting during a crisis. The shared experiences fostered a sense of community and mutual understanding, helping parents find strength in one another.

As trust grew, parents began to share their struggles openly. One mother spoke about illness in her family, while others shared their challenges

with work or relationships. These heartfelt conversations fostered mutual support and deepened the group's connection.

Many parents reported significant improvements. They had learned self-regulation techniques and gained a deeper understanding of how their emotions affected their children. By prioritizing their own wellbeing, they created more supportive home environments. Children do better when parents prioritize their mental health.

We are deeply grateful to the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress for their generous support through their joint Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, which has made this vital initiative possible. Your commitment to the mental health and wellbeing of Ukrainians is helping families find hope, strength, and healing amid unimaginable challenges.



Education

From early childhood education to post-secondary opportunities, we are ensuring children and young people can realize their right to quality education despite conflict and crisis.

1,050,300

children and young people learning

Violent conflicts, natural disasters, and climate change are just a few of the crises affecting

children's access to education around the world, with over 250 million children and youth out of school and at risk of never returning. One in six children live in conflict-affected countries and territories, such as Ethiopia, Gaza, Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine and Venezuela, and face additional challenges that prevent them from accessing education altogether, with unprecedented numbers of children and families displaced from their homes.

We run over 750 educational programs worldwide, including SOS kindergartens, schools, and vocational training centres. In response to the overlapping and unprecedented challenges of 2024, we enhanced programs to reach more children in SOS Children's Villages, local communities, and child-friendly spaces.

We know that children who do not finish their education can become trapped in a cycle of poverty. That is why we promote high-quality, child-centred education, invest in teachers, and support the improvement of schools.

From preschool through to post-secondary, our educational opportunities give children and young people a sense of hope and allow them to be active agents in their learning and development process.

Nurturing brighter futures through early childhood education in Ethiopia



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Keranyo is a community on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, home to over half a million people and experiencing widespread multidimensional poverty.

Many women-headed households in Keranyo grapple with the absence of affordable childcare, often facing a tough choice between earning a living and caring for their children. This dilemma sometimes leaves them with no option but to leave children unsupervised or bring them to work. Additionally, these mothers contend with rising food costs, causing malnutrition among many as they struggle to provide balanced meals.

SOS Children's Villages has been working in Keranyo since 1997, implementing a Family Strengthening Program with a fully staffed Early Childhood Development and Community Centre. The program provides services to the most vulnerable and protects children while socially and economically empowering marginalized caregivers to independently meet their family's needs. This program successfully reaches those living in the most challenging circumstances, enabling them to live with dignity and provide safe, nurturing environments for their children.

Our impact in 2024:

- **194 vulnerable children** (83 boys and 111 girls) were provided with a safe and stimulating learning environment.
- **113 children** graduated and transitioned to primary school.
- **104 caregivers** received training in parenting and child safeguarding.
- **74 children** were vaccinated against polio.
- **72 caregivers** benefited from vocational or business skills training.

A participant survey revealed that 95% of caregivers in the program observed significant improvements in their children's social and learning skills, including the ability to follow simple instructions, show empathy, and recognize colours and shapes.

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When you see the children coming into the program when they are first enrolled, they and their families are not well, often malnourished and having low self-esteem. After a month in the program, the children are so happy, and their caregivers are happier seeing them thrive.

– Tsedenia, Project Officer, SOS Children's Villages Ethiopia

We are deeply grateful to the Unifor Social Justice Fund and Unifor members for their ongoing commitment to supporting women's economic empowerment in Keranyo.



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Economic Empowerment

With strong families, children and young people can get the care they need to thrive. We offer tailored support for vulnerable families, helping to keep them together.

4,177,500

strengthened families and community members

SOS Children's Villages has been a global leader in strengthening families and preventing child abandonment for over 75 years. Every child needs someone to support them as they grow, but many parents face hardships that prevent them from providing proper care. The direct and indirect effects of extreme poverty can also deprive children of the care they need to thrive. With generous supporters like you, we create reliable, long-term economic solutions so families can stay together and beat poverty for good.

Economic empowerment helps children reach their full potential, advancing gender equality and sustainable development. Our SOS Family Strengthening Program model enhances the employability of parents and caregivers through skills training, cash assistance, and support in establishing small businesses or finding decent work. We focus on the most vulnerable and marginalized families, predominantly single female caregivers.

Boosting women's control over household income brings significant positive impacts to their families and communities. When women are empowered to participate fully in the economy, their voices are heard, and their children's access to school and healthcare improves. Through self-confidence and leadership skills training, we work with women so they can access better quality work and make their own business decisions. We also reduce other barriers that prevent women from entering the workforce, such as a lack of childcare options.

In 2024, thanks to your support, we strengthened 99,100 families and reached over 4.17 million community members.



Climate-resilient farming empowers displaced women in Somalia

In Baidoa, Somalia, SOS Children's Villages works with internally displaced families to address food insecurity and climate-related poverty through climate-smart agriculture. With support from the Peter Gilgan Foundation, the one-year project *Socio-Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Female Households in Baidoa through Climate-Resilient Farming Methods* was launched in June 2024. It is helping women lead the way in building sustainable livelihoods and stronger communities.

The project supports 10 internally displaced women from the Bonkay community – rural settlements on the outskirts of Baidoa – providing training in hydroponic farming, cooperative formation, and support to grow and sell produce in local markets. A total of 802 displaced individuals, 95% women and children, are expected to benefit.

Since the launch, greenhouse infrastructure has been installed, including growing beds, irrigation systems, and seedlings for spinach, cucumber,

and tomatoes. Community awareness sessions and participant selection were conducted in collaboration with stakeholders, including the Ministry of Agriculture.

The women received practical training in hydroponic farming, learning how to plant and care for crops, manage pests and diseases, and maintain the farming systems. Two women-led cooperatives have been established to manage production and coordinate sales of the harvest.

The women have already successfully harvested over a thousand kilograms of cucumbers, providing their families with fresh food and selling the surplus in local markets. With tomato harvests expected soon, the farm is further strengthening food security and resilience.

This initiative is more than a response to hunger. It is a path to dignity, self-reliance, and hope.

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I'm very proud of the support and the farming skills and knowledge acquired in the course of the project. As an internally displaced person, I never believed it could be successful like this. Our lives have drastically changed for the better. When the plants grow, depending on the varieties of the crop, it merely takes two to three months before harvesting begins, and the harvest continues for a period of another three months, which is amazing!

– Project participant

We are deeply grateful to the Peter Gilgan Foundation for supporting displaced women in Somalia, as they gain the skills, confidence, and resources to transform their lives and create lasting change for their families and communities.





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Emergency Response

We work around the world to help children who are affected by conflict and disasters, separated from their families, and who have had to flee their homes.

2,268,600

people in crisis reached

Protecting children in crisis is at the heart of what we do. In an emergency, children are always the most vulnerable. SOS Children's Villages helps children and families in emergencies get the support they need to survive and build resilience for years to come.

Since 1949, we have responded to more than 280 humanitarian situations worldwide. We specialize in the protection and care of children, working with unaccompanied and separated children, reuniting families, and ensuring children receive the support they need to recover. To protect children and prevent family separation during humanitarian emergencies, our local teams and partners provide life-saving healthcare, nutrition, clean water, shelter, and education to those who need it most.

We stepped up our humanitarian efforts in 2024 to aid more than 2.2 million people in crisis and protect children and families against the impacts of extreme conflicts, climate change, and natural disasters.



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In 2024, your generous support of our emergency response programs helped provide immediate, life-saving aid to children and their families in Colombia, Ethiopia, Gaza, Lebanon, Morocco and Somalia.

Major emergencies in 2024 where SOS Children's Villages is responding to the needs of children in crisis

Colombia

Colombia remains the fourth-largest refugee-hosting country in the world, with nearly 3 million Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Since 2018, SOS Children's Villages Colombia has provided emergency assistance to more than 120,000 Venezuelans, with a unique focus on refugees and migrant families travelling with children and unaccompanied children. In 2024, this work continued in some of Colombia's most vulnerable communities and included interventions in child protection, education, temporary emergency shelter, early recovery, and the emergency distribution of food and essential supplies.

Ethiopia

Ethiopia is facing severe hardships due to violent conflict, natural disasters, inflation, and locust infestations. These overlapping crises have caused widespread displacement and critical humanitarian needs among the most vulnerable. The country also hosts over 800,000 refugees and asylum seekers, adding pressure to an already strained system. Among the displaced, children and pregnant women are most at risk of experiencing food insecurity, malnutrition, and violence. In 2024, SOS Children's Villages provided humanitarian aid to over 130,000 people, focusing on clean water, sanitation, healthcare, nutrition, protection, and support for recovery and livelihoods.

Israel and Gaza

A catastrophic humanitarian crisis is ongoing, with children suffering the most severe consequences of the war. SOS Children's Villages is responding to urgent humanitarian needs in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel by providing emergency care services to unaccompanied and separated children and offering mental health and psychosocial support to help children and caregivers cope with trauma and emotional distress.

Lebanon

Lebanon continues to grapple with a severe humanitarian crisis fueled by political instability, economic collapse, and the ongoing strain of hosting a large refugee population. Armed conflict in the region has displaced more than 200,000 people within the country, significantly increasing the need for humanitarian aid, including mental health and psychosocial support, food, healthcare, and shelter.

In response, SOS Children's Villages Lebanon provided emergency assistance to over 3,000 families, including educational support and direct monetary assistance to help cover basic living expenses such as food, rent, utilities and essential medications and medical support.

Somalia

In 2024, Somalia experienced a complex humanitarian crisis, with almost 7 million people in need of assistance. Conflict and disease outbreaks intensified the situation, leaving millions, including nearly 2 million children, facing acute malnutrition. SOS Children's Villages responded by providing access to healthcare and nutritional support, reaching 1,715,716 people across the country, including over 600,000 through SOS Children's Villages' mother and child hospitals.

Sudan

Two years have passed since civil war erupted in Sudan between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces. More than 30 million people require humanitarian assistance, including 4 million children who have been displaced within the country, and hundreds of thousands of children are suffering from severe malnutrition. In 2024, SOS Children's Villages continued its humanitarian response program, providing cash assistance, hygiene kits, mental health support, and child-friendly spaces while also actively calling on the international community to increase efforts toward both immediate relief and long-term recovery and peacebuilding.

Ukraine

The war in Ukraine intensified in 2024, causing widespread destruction, loss of life, and deep psychological trauma, especially among children. Despite the persistent dangers, SOS Children's Villages remained active, working tirelessly to protect children, support families in crisis, and coordinate with local authorities, all while continually assessing security to protect staff and program participants. The emergency response included mental health and psychosocial support, cash assistance, the distribution of essential supplies, and the continuation of operations even during power outages. In total, 57,464 individuals received support through SOS Children's Villages' programs.

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Could your company benefit from a partnership with SOS Children's Villages?

We work closely with multinational corporations, national companies, and small to medium-sized businesses to build partnerships that leverage the strengths of the corporate sector on behalf of children around the world.

Through our strategic and transformational partnerships, we offer opportunities to develop impact-driven programs and deepen engagement with employees and customers.

Contact the corporate partnership team at partners@soschildrensvillages.ca for further information on how SOS Children's Villages Canada can contribute to your business and philanthropic goals.

Partnering to create brighter futures for youth in Jamaica and Mexico



In October 2024, we announced a new partnership with Scotiabank and launched the three-year YouthRISE project to support vulnerable youth in Jamaica and Mexico.

Funded by Scotiabank's ScotiaRISE initiative, YouthRISE will provide nearly 800 children and young people with the essential support and opportunities they need to overcome barriers to education, post-secondary participation, and workforce integration. Through YouthRISE, participants will develop skills and knowledge to help them transition into independent, self-reliant, thriving adults.

YouthRISE will focus on the most disadvantaged young people in Jamaica and Mexico, including youth who have lost parental care, live in extreme poverty, experience abuse or neglect, or belong to marginalized groups such as youth with special needs.

” Through ScotiaRISE, Scotiabank is proud to invest in the YouthRISE initiative to provide the critical support and access to education that removes barriers and empowers youth in Mexico and Jamaica to achieve their full potential.

– Meigan Terry, SVP and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at Scotiabank

Designed to address the specific local needs in some of Jamaica and Mexico's most impoverished communities, the YouthRISE project has three focus areas:

- Remove barriers to career entry, employment and entrepreneurship, and career advancement for disadvantaged youth.
- Improve education and increase digital skills for emerging career opportunities.
- Advance community-based social awareness and action towards addressing discriminatory practices and climate change.

YouthRISE participants will have access to essential learning tools, digital technology and employability resources. This includes individualized career coaching, skills-building and entrepreneurship training, access to unique networking tools, and internship opportunities. Scotiabank employees will volunteer their time and expertise, supporting participants on their career journeys through employability training and mentorship.

The YouthRISE project is primarily facilitated by YouthCan!, a global youth employability and entrepreneurship program launched in 2017 by SOS Children's Villages in collaboration with private-sector partners.

Through the power of partnerships and working together to increase access to opportunities, we can create a more inclusive and resilient world.



Community Champions and Ambassadors

At SOS Children's Villages Canada, we believe that we achieve more when we work together.

We rely on the support from our network of dedicated donors and volunteers who make our global work to empower young people, build loving homes, and enable brighter futures for vulnerable children and families possible.

Choosing to donate, fundraise and get involved in our work is an exciting way to make a difference and help others in need around the world.

Connect with us at info@soschildrensvillages.ca to learn how you can invest in the future of the world's children.

Spotlights from our community

Waleed Essa has generously supported SOS Children's Villages Canada for over a decade, sponsoring many children in the Middle East since 2009 and helping us provide critical assistance to children and families during times of crisis and emergencies.

Waleed has also supported us through his business Onto Courier, a Canadian company known for its customized packaging and creative shipping solutions. Through Onto Courier, he has helped fund projects for SOS Children's Villages in Rafah and Bethlehem.

His support, both personally and professionally, reflects his deep commitment to the wellbeing of vulnerable children and a strong belief in the mission of SOS Children's Villages.



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Scotiabank's YouthRISE volunteer program with SOS Children's Villages enabled me to mentor Lore and Alma, two Mexican entrepreneurs who make crocheted Amigurumi dolls. Meeting these two bright and driven young women with a clear vision for their business and its impact on their families has been inspiring. I feel very fortunate to have taken part in this program and to have contributed to the development of these talented women entrepreneurs.

– Ingrid del Solar, Scotiabank employee and YouthRISE volunteer



Married for 60 years, Hans and Irene Jorgensen's decision to include SOS Children's Villages in their Will reflects their deep belief in the power of education to transform lives.

After visiting SOS Children's Villages in Bakoteh, The Gambia, they saw first-hand how wisely donations are used, providing children with clothes, food, love, education, and a safe place to stay until they grow up. Leaving a gift in their Will ensures that vulnerable children receive the support they need to thrive, unlocking brighter futures for generations to come.

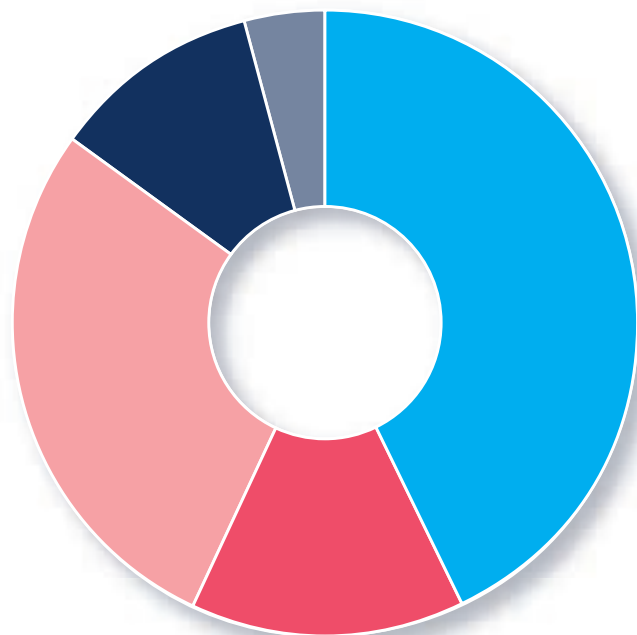
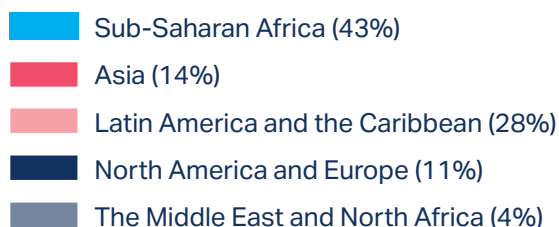
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After hearing about SOS Children's Villages through other sponsors and their stories, our interest was piqued. We have long been advocates for children's charities and supporting children in need. Giving is an act of caring for those who are in crisis. Our ability to share with children who are vulnerable and without a support system is a responsibility that everyone should be compelled to do. Children especially need as many chances as possible to live their best lives. We feel that giving is our way to help enable those children to create a path to a successful future and is helping to provide opportunities for many children in SOS Children's Villages' care.

– Tammy Peters, SOS Children's Villages Canada's Donor Relations Specialist and Sponsorship Manager

Financials

Where our funding goes



Statement of revenue and expenditures

REVENUE	2024	2023
Donations	\$8,273,357	\$7,057,708
Grants	\$1,295,130	\$1,715,354
Investments and other income	\$486,095	\$118,760
Total	\$10,054,582	\$8,891,822

EXPENDITURES

Program delivery and advocacy		
International development and emergency response	\$5,891,246	\$6,656,918
Public awareness and education	\$314,564	\$327,936
Raising funds for children in need	\$2,768,134	\$2,826,966
Operations and essential programs support	\$1,072,223	\$1,034,298
Total expenditures	\$10,046,167	\$10,846,118
BALANCE:	\$8,415*	(\$1,954,296)

***A message from our President and CEO, Thomas Bauer, and Board of Directors Treasurer, Phil Hopwood**

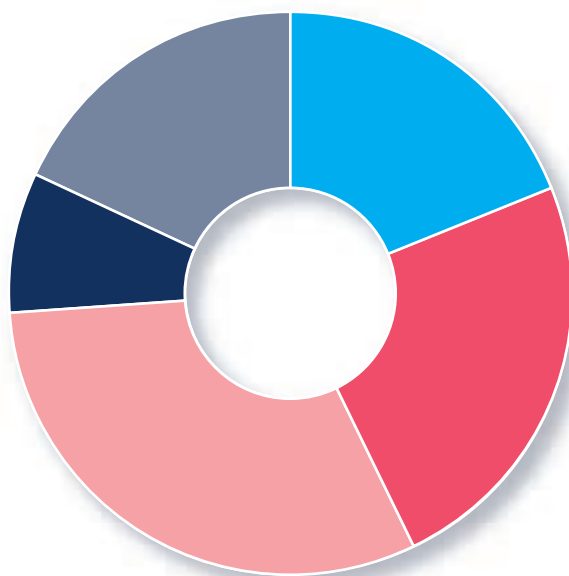
While 2024 saw continued extreme challenges from economic hardships, new and escalating conflicts, and natural disasters, our supporters and friends remained resolute in their commitment to help vulnerable children and families. We are profoundly grateful for this as it allowed us to maintain our stability and continue our plan to invest sustainably, build upon our diversified fundraising revenue and expand our programming to reach more people around the world when they need us most. Thank you, Canada, for standing with us for over 55 years.

A stable partner for a brighter future

SOS Children's Villages Canada was established over 55 years ago in 1969. We are a member of the world's largest charitable federation focused on supporting children and young people without parental care, or at risk of losing it, in more than 130 countries and territories. Protecting children is our top priority and our work is committed to upholding the foundations of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children. We are here for children in need for the long term with a goal to ensure that no child grows up alone.

But our stability extends beyond our decades of history and expansive worldwide presence, it is thanks to a diverse funding stream approach – and you, our reliable supporters.

Where our funding comes from



Investing in growth and resilience

In response to unprecedented global challenges, SOS Children's Villages Canada is investing in significantly expanding our reach to better serve the children and families at greatest risk.

We are taking a strategic, long-term approach – building a more sustainable and diversified fundraising base to ensure we can expand and maintain critical programs, even in the face of economic and international development assistance fluctuations.

While diversified fundraising streams may require greater upfront investment, they enable us to deliver consistent, dependable support to local partners and communities over time.

As a result of this approach, we have invested 64% more in programs delivery since 2020¹ – demonstrating our growing impact around the world.

Over the past five years, we have increased fundraising revenue by a compound annual growth rate (CAGR²) of 8% which has allowed us to increase our program delivery expenditures even faster at 13% CAGR.

This means more children, youth, and families are receiving vital support – thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.

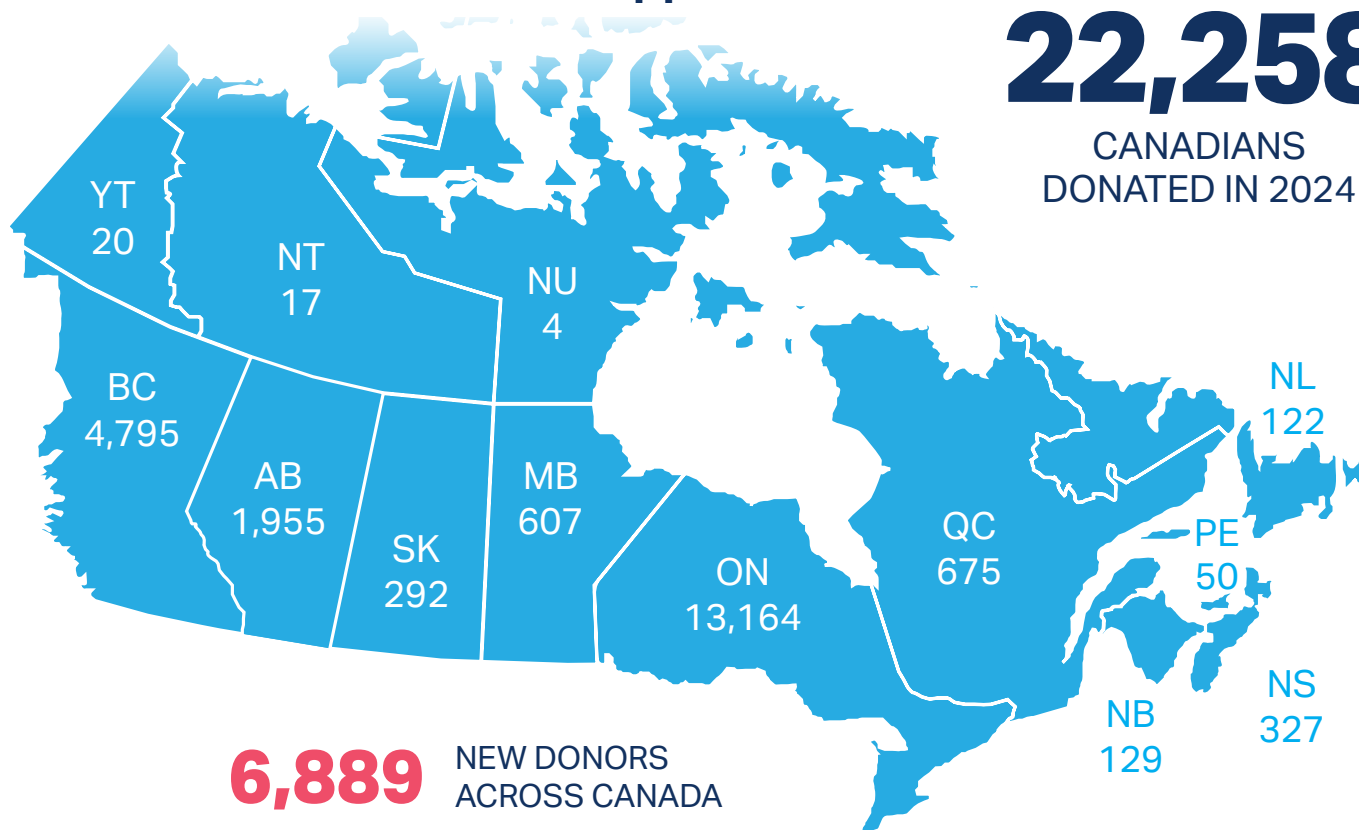
¹ Percentage increase calculated based on dollars spent on international programs in 2024 as compared to dollars spent on international programs in 2020.

² CAGR calculated over 5-year period from 2020 to 2024.

Our 2024 Donors and Supporters

22,258

CANADIANS
DONATED IN 2024



6,889 NEW DONORS
ACROSS CANADA

\$1,832,286 WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED
FROM NEW DONORS

3,680 LOYAL DONORS WHO HAVE
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 Ukrainian Canadian Congress
 Ptarmigan Charitable Foundation

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Christadelphian Meal-a-Day of the Americas

LEADER • \$25,000 - \$49,999 gifted this year

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BUILDER • \$10,000 - \$24,999 gifted this year

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