

# Annual Report 2025



SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES  
CANADA



# Message from the Board Chair and President and CEO

Over 75 years ago, SOS Children's Villages was founded with one clear mission: to protect children without parental care, or at risk of losing it, and ensure their right to a safe, loving home. This remains at the heart of our work across the SOS Children's Villages Federation in more than 130 countries and territories – every day.

SOS Children's Villages Canada has proudly supported this mission alongside Canadians since 1969. Thanks to our supporters in Canada and around the world, our impact grew again last year, reaching more than 7.9 million people through vital programs that help protect children, youth, and families so they can flourish.

Protecting children and their rights in everything we do is always our priority. Based on learnings from independent, external reports over the last several years, the SOS Children's Villages Federation has implemented improved safeguarding policies and procedures, governance and leadership, and overall transparency and accountability.

Through this transformation, we reaffirm our commitment that we will not waver in holding ourselves to the highest standards, ensuring our work is guided by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children.

We will not lose faith in our shared goal that every child has a loving home and opportunities to thrive, and today the need is greater than ever.

Conflicts, economic instability, and climate-intensified weather events forced more than 83 million people to flee their homes in 2025 – over half of them children – and the number continues to rise. This record level of internal displacement heightens the risk of family separation and leaves children especially vulnerable.

Once again, you stepped up – enabling us not only to provide crucial assistance for families in need, but also to help protect, educate and empower children and young people so they can build brighter futures for themselves and future generations.

You've continued to show us the power of partnerships in creating lasting, positive change. As global hardships persist, young people are among the hardest hit – especially in securing decent work. One in five youth worldwide is not in education, employment, or training (NEET), and young women are twice as likely to be affected. That's why we launched Green Growth: Empowering Youth for a Green Future (Green Growth) in partnership with the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada. Over five years, the project will help more than 18,000 young people in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Somalia overcome barriers to employment and entrepreneurship and prepare for careers in emerging industries.

Through our commitment to youth economic empowerment with the launch of Green Growth in 2025 and YouthRISE with Scotiabank in 2024, we're proving that together we can help young people thrive. This year's report highlights these initiatives and others you support – real programs delivering real impact – and we're truly thankful that you've joined us in our mission.

In 2025 we also welcomed Sabrina Bhangoo and Roxana Davis to SOS Children's Villages Canada's Board of Directors; both offering decades of international experience to help shape our future direction. Finally, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our Past Board Chair and Past Chair of the Strategy Committee, Alicia Quesnel – thank you for nearly ten years of valued leadership and expertise.

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy 2026,



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: Keeping children and young people safe, healthy and thriving

### Our purpose

We envision a world where each child and young person grows up in a nurturing, loving and safe family, building the bonds they need to become their strongest selves.

**75+** YEARS

**130+** COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

### The challenge we address

Growing social and economic challenges are driving family separation worldwide, leaving hundreds of millions of children without the care, protection and opportunities they need to thrive – perpetuating a harmful cycle.



**1 in 10 children globally** – approx. 220 million – **live without parental care** or are at risk of losing it.



**More than 2 in 10 children live in extreme poverty**, surviving on less than \$3 per day.



**6 in 10 children under five** – around 400 million – **experience abuse** from parents and caregivers.

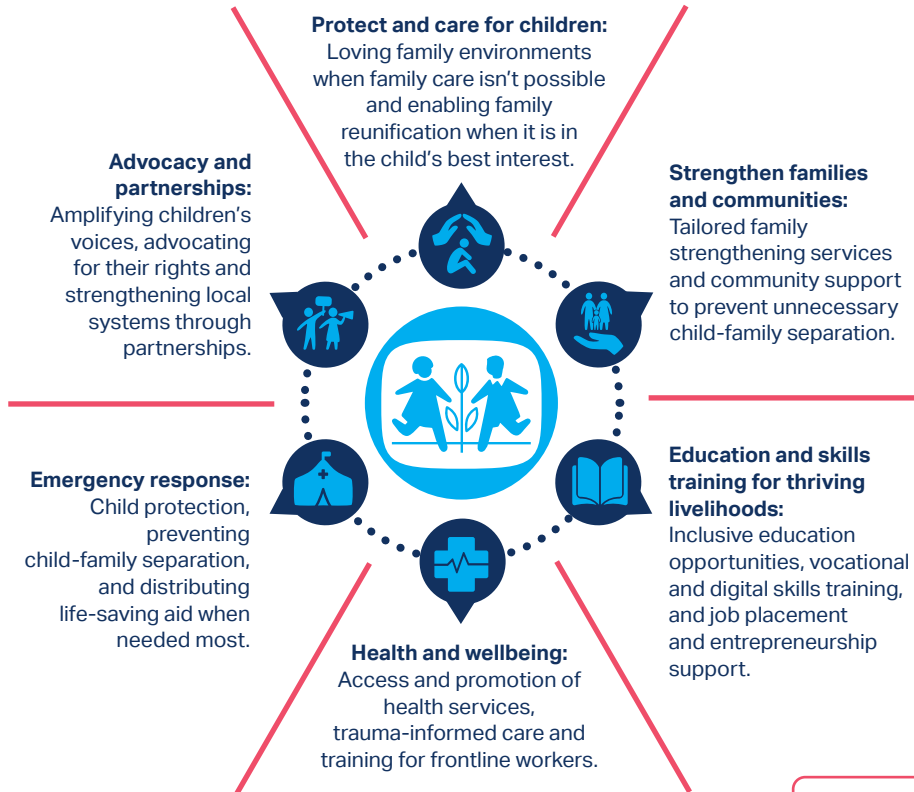
## CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARE AND PROTECTION

### Our holistic approach

We take a holistic, child and youth-centred approach to protect children and young people, strengthen families, and build long-term community resilience to help break the cycle of poverty.

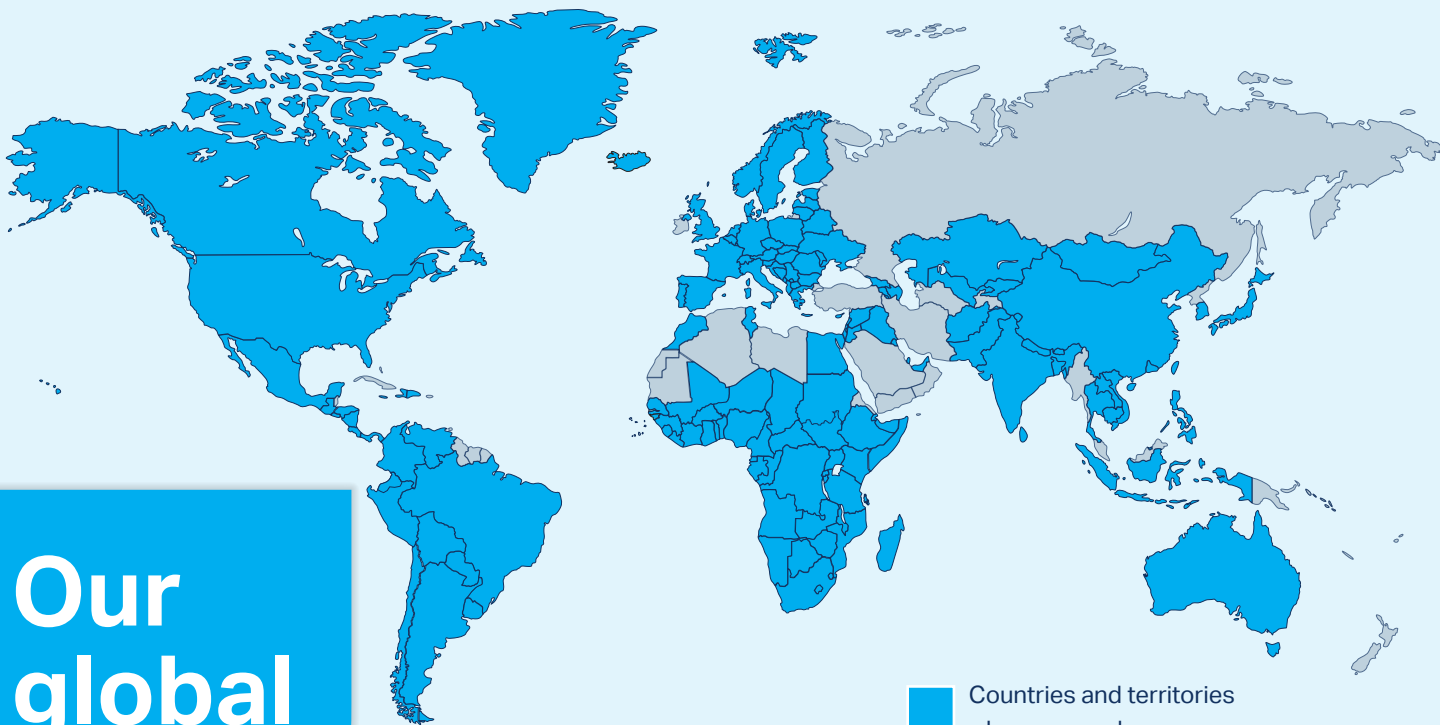
### Our commitment

We protect, educate and empower children and young people so they can build brighter futures for themselves and future generations. And we couldn't do it without you.



**Help ensure that no child grows up alone. Learn more.**





# Our global reach

In 2025, we reached **more than 7.9 million children, young people and adults in over 130 countries and territories** through our programs, helping ensure that children and families around the world were safe, healthy and thriving.



**Care and Protection**  
**70,300**

children and young people cared for and protected in loving homes



**Education and Livelihoods**  
**1,259,600**

children, young people and parents learning and building brighter futures



**Family and Community Strengthening**  
**2,599,900**

children, young people and parents uplifted through our localized support programs



**Health**  
**89,000**

children, young people and parents received care and hope from our health programs



**Emergency Response**  
**3,826,800**

people provided critical aid and a lifeline in emergencies



## Programs and projects highlights that **Canadians have helped support in 2025**



### Care and Protection

In Namibia, we provided family-like care to 74 children and supported the reintegration of 12 children with their biological families. All received comprehensive support, including education, tutoring, and mental health services. In addition, 3,000 community members were trained in child protection and safeguarding practices, strengthening local capacity to respond to child protection needs.



### Family and Community Strengthening

We supported 42 families in Los Mina, Dominican Republic, training 150 parents in positive parenting, budgeting, and children's rights. With nutrition assistance, free health insurance, and vocational training, families became stronger, ensuring that 108 children received the care and support they needed.

Livelihood support in Nepal, such as livestock and agriculture, combined with financial literacy training, strengthened resilience. Nearly 90% of participating families can now support themselves and provide secure homes for their children, preventing separation.



### Education and Livelihoods

The Early Childhood Development and Community Centre in Keranyo, Ethiopia, supported 194 children and 186 parents, mostly single mothers, strengthening resilience, livelihoods, and early childhood development.

Through the YouthRISE project, students in Mexico City, Chiapas, and Huehuetoca learned programming and digital skills, including coding and artificial intelligence, with 100% of participants reporting a better understanding of career opportunities in technology.



### Health

The health of internally displaced families in Baidoa, Somalia, was strengthened through climate-smart hydroponic farming. With two greenhouses established and local women trained, the project reached over 800 people, improving access to nutritious food and increasing incomes, with many families moving from one meal a day to two.



### Emergency Response

Through dedicated program locations and mobile humanitarian action teams, SOS Children's Villages Palestine reached families affected by the ongoing crisis with emergency assistance. In total, 11,257 people received cash support and 5,014 received shelter kits, winter supplies, and food packages, helping meet each family's needs.

SOS Children's Villages Ukraine operated a mobile mental health clinic in Kharkiv, providing critical trauma-informed support to families impacted by the war. A total of 3,080 people received mental health and psychosocial support, while 184 community members were trained, extending care to an additional 4,578 people across the eastern districts.



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## Care and Protection

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

**70,300**

children and young people cared for

**All children have the right to grow up in a safe environment,** even when their 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 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 specially trained, reliable caregiver – an SOS mother or parent – while living in a welcoming, supportive home and community, helping children become their strongest selves.



**Foster care:** In each country, care systems can differ, so our role does too. In some cases, we provide support services to foster families, such as counselling or training, or we work locally to implement quality foster care through sharing our expertise or assisting in the development and distribution of comprehensive training materials.



**Short-term care:** When children need temporary care – for example, in an emergency – we provide them a safe and protective environment. If we are able to reunite the children with their families, and it is in their best interest, we facilitate and support this process. If not, we work with local child protection experts to find the most appropriate long-term care.



## Hope blossoms for José Miguel

José Miguel was two years old when he and his three siblings, including a twin brother, lost parental care as their family could no longer care for them.

It was then, nearly 30 years ago, that his journey with SOS Children's Villages began.

Growing up in SOS Children's Villages in Los Mina, Dominican Republic, José Miguel developed strong bonds with his biological and SOS siblings.

He completed his pre-university studies while living in the SOS Village and graduated with excellent grades. As he transitioned to independent living, he received continued support, including vocational training, mental and physical health care and more.

Exhibiting remarkable leadership qualities, José Miguel and his twin brother have become trusted role models for other young people in the SOS Children's Villages community, offering guidance and support based on their own experiences.

Educated, enriched, and now raising a loving family, José Miguel attributes his accomplishments and knowledge to SOS Children's Villages.

*"SOS Children's Villages is the essence of the human that I am today. Each of the people working there contributed a grain of sand towards the person you see now, one who can achieve all dreams and contribute and give back to the society I live in,"* he expresses in gratitude.

Transat continues to support SOS Children's Villages programming, contributing to efforts that empower children and young people to grow and develop in the Dominican Republic. We deeply appreciate this ongoing collaboration, made possible through the engagement of employees, customers, and partners.



### 2025 impact highlights made possible by Canadian supporters:

- 2,909 children and youth cared for and protected through child sponsorship.
- 3,351 children and youth grew up in safe, nurturing family-based care.
- 90% of young people reported being self-reliant when leaving SOS care.
- 378 alternative care projects supported across 105 countries.



## Family and Community Strengthening

With strong families and communities, children and young people get the care they need to build bright futures. We offer tailored support for vulnerable families, helping to keep them together and break the cycle of poverty for themselves and future generations.

**2,599,900**  
strengthened families and community members

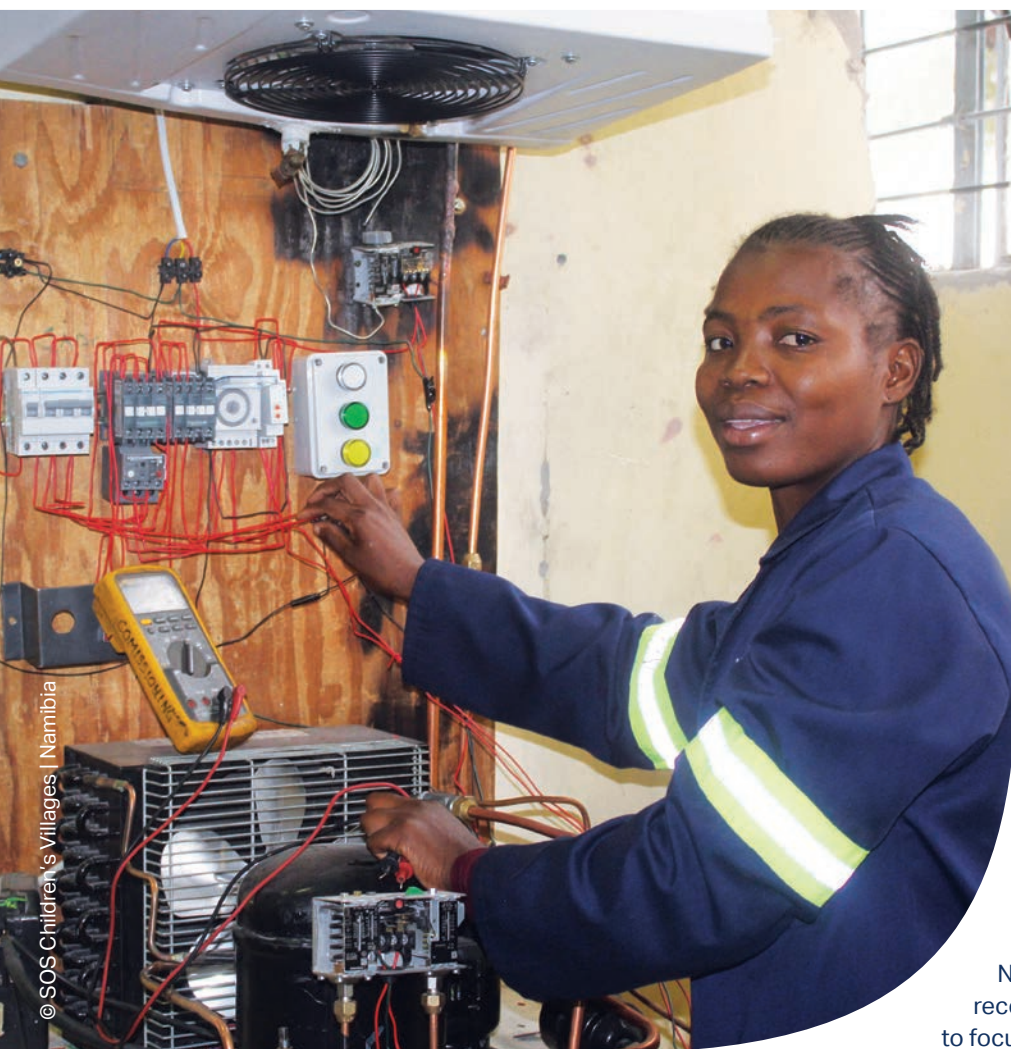
**SOS Children's Villages has been a global leader in strengthening families and preventing child-family separation for over 75 years.** Every child needs someone to support them as they grow, but many parents face hardships – such as unemployment, displacement from conflict or disasters, and physical or mental health challenges – that make it difficult to provide stable care. The direct and indirect effects of extreme poverty can also strip children of the nurturing and opportunities they need to thrive. With generous supporters like you, we create reliable, long-term solutions so families can stay together and overcome these challenges for good.

Economic empowerment helps children, young people and families reach their full potential, while also advancing gender equality and sustainable development. Our SOS Family and Community Strengthening Programs enhance the employability of youth, parents and caregivers through skills training, cash assistance, and support in establishing small businesses or finding decent work. We focus on supporting the most vulnerable and marginalized young people and families, predominantly single mothers.

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 employment 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 2025, thanks to your support, we helped strengthen 93,600 families and reached nearly 2.6 million community members.**

## A mother's future is reclaimed in Namibia



When Keulukuwa became pregnant, she was forced to drop out of school before finishing her secondary education. Raised by her grandmother, their limited income could barely support her schooling, let alone a child. Without formal education or training, she lived in poverty, struggling each day to care for her baby.

In 2021, Keulukuwa's life changed when she joined the SOS Children's Villages Family Strengthening Program. The program offered a lifeline, starting with a personal development plan to guide her toward financial independence.

Determined to build a better future, Keulukuwa completed high school and received career guidance. She enrolled at a local vocational training centre, earning a Diploma in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, a field dominated by men and requiring math, problem-solving, and technical skills. Keulukuwa was one of the few women to graduate.

With support from SOS Children's Villages Namibia and the Ministry of Gender, she received childcare assistance, allowing her to focus on her studies. The program covered her education costs and provided vital emotional and social support.

Today, Keulukuwa stands as a beacon of hope for other single mothers in Ondangwa, Namibia, proving that education and ambition can thrive alongside motherhood with the right support.

We are grateful to The Don and Shirley Green Family Charitable Foundation and the Ptarmigan Charitable Foundation for their continued support in helping young mothers like Keulukuwa access education, build sustainable livelihoods, and provide for their families.

### Thanks to Canadians, 2025 saw families grow stronger and more resilient:

- **1,346 parents** strengthened their skills through training in positive parenting, child development, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).
- **Over 3,400 community members** increased their awareness of child protection, safeguarding, and child rights.
- **Nearly 9 out of 10 families** overcame crisis and continued raising their children without ongoing assistance.



## Education and Livelihoods

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

**1,259,600**

children and young people learning

**Globally, the number of children and young people** not in formal education continues to rise with one in six children, over 273 million, out of school and at risk of never returning. Violent conflicts, natural disasters, and climate change are just a few of the crises affecting children's access to education, with the highest levels of children and families displaced from their homes ever recorded.

We run 780 educational programs worldwide, including SOS early childhood development centres, schools, and vocational training centres. In response to the overlapping and unprecedented challenges of 2025, we enhanced programs to reach more children and young people in SOS Children's Villages, local communities, and child-friendly spaces.

We know that children and youth 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 and vocational training centres.

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.



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## Ronaldo's shaping his future with help from YouthRISE

At 20, Ronaldo is already building a path toward independence. Working as a chef in Jamaica, he is focused on developing new skills and creating multiple sources of income, with the goal of becoming a certified plumber and a dream of being self-employed.

Through SOS Children's Villages' YouthRISE program, Ronaldo gained more than practical experience; he developed the financial knowledge and confidence to plan for his future.

*"This program gives me a head start in the open world,"* Ronaldo explains. *"SOS Children's Villages has helped prepare me for this by giving me the guidance and opportunities I needed to grow."*

Beyond technical skills, Ronaldo has benefited from consistent mentorship and internships that have strengthened his employment prospects. These experiences have not only prepared him for the world of work but also helped him see himself as a role model for other young people.

Today, Ronaldo is confident in his ability to build a stable and successful future – one shaped by knowledge, determination, and the support he received along the way.

With funding from Scotiabank's ScotiaRISE initiative, YouthRISE in Jamaica and Mexico supports young people like Ronaldo to overcome barriers to education, post-secondary participation, and employment. Together with Scotiabank, we are helping young people build pathways to independence.

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### Thanks to the support from Canadians in 2025:

- **1,760 youth** gained access to post-secondary education and vocational training.
- **245 youth** secured employment or started and scaled a small business.
- **2,013 young people** received employability skills training, including digital and financial literacy.
- **Parents saved over 260,000 hours** in unpaid childcare time through enrollment in our Early Child Development Centres.
- **More than 5,500 children and young people** continued their education, from early childhood through post secondary.



## Green Growth: Empowering Youth for a Green Future

Youth unemployment and climate change are deeply interconnected challenges in East Africa. According to the *UN Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025*, one in five young people is not in education, employment or training (NEET), with young women disproportionately affected. At the same time, recurring droughts, floods, food insecurity, home displacement, and inequality limit access to stable livelihoods.

In response, SOS Children's Villages, in partnership with the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, launched a five-year initiative in August 2025 to support young people in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Somalia – particularly young women – to build sustainable livelihoods in green and emerging sectors.

Young people are already seeing the potential of this approach:

“*For the first time, I see a project where more than half of the participants are women. This will create opportunities for us and support environmental protection.*

— Samira Isse Dini, President of the student body,  
SOS College of Health Sciences, Somalia

The project focuses on young people in urban and semi-rural areas who are without parental care or at risk of losing it, are NEET, or are part of marginalized groups, including young people with disabilities and single young mothers.

“*We offer opportunities to young people, but many lack hands-on skills. Graduates are often strong in theory yet need more practical experience to succeed in the workplace.*

— Emmanuel Ntagwabira, General Manager, Diplome Hotel, Rwanda

## What the project does

The initiative strengthens youth skills and expands access to decent work and entrepreneurship opportunities in environmentally sustainable sectors by:

- Partnering with vocational and technical institutions to deliver accessible, gender-sensitive training.
- Removing barriers to education, training, and employment.
- Providing market-relevant skills for sustainable sectors.
- Supporting entrepreneurship and business development.
- Engaging the private sector to create pathways to decent work and support youth-led businesses.



*With the skills I am gaining in solar installation, I want to build my own livelihood and help bring clean, affordable energy to my community.*

— Sebsibe, Green Growth participant, Ethiopia

## Project goals

- More than 18,000 young people will receive training, mentorship, or entrepreneurship support.
- Approximately 81,000 people will benefit indirectly, contributing to long-term positive outcomes for families and communities.
- Stronger partnerships with employers and financial institutions will create pathways to decent work and self-employment.

## Building a greener, more inclusive future

By helping young people develop market-relevant skills, access entrepreneurship support, and connect with opportunities for decent work, the initiative supports them in building independent livelihoods – creating lasting change for themselves, their communities, and future generations.

As environmental and economic challenges intensify, initiatives like Green Growth offer a hopeful blueprint that is more than aspirational – it is essential.

**By the end of 2030, SOS Children's Villages Canada's youth economic empowerment programs will help:**

- Lift nearly 15,000 youth out of poverty.
- Generate over \$40 million in projected net new household income for young people facing the greatest barriers.
- Young parents will save over 800,000 hours in unpaid childcare with access to early child development services, enabling their participation in training and internships.

**Help empower young people to secure sustainable livelihoods. Your gift is matched 3X – tripling your impact.**



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**Canada**



## Health

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

**89,000**

healthy children, young people 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 impacts on children and their parents.

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



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## Supporting Abel with specialized care

The SOS Children's Villages Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) in Keranyo, Ethiopia, provides essential support for young children's health and development. During routine health checks, one child, Abel, was identified as showing signs of autism.

To better understand and respond to Abel's needs, the ECD team connected with a local organization specializing in holistic support for children with special needs. Abel's assessment indicated that he would benefit from speech therapy. After two sessions, specialists recommended further evaluation.

An individualized support plan was developed in collaboration with a certified psychological services organization. Abel will continue receiving the specialized care and support he needs to strengthen his development and communication skills.

Early support helps children with autism to communicate, build relationships, and develop essential skills. For Abel, this means growing in confidence, being better understood and engaging more actively in his learning and daily interactions.

We are grateful to the Unifor Social Justice Fund and Unifor members for their continued support in strengthening access to health and early childhood development services for children and their families in Keranyo.



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### In 2025, Canadians helped strengthen access to essential health services:

- **4,861 people** received mental health and psychosocial support.
- **5,261 people** reached through health promotion sessions.
- **3,878 people** provided access to physical health services, including nutrition.



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## Emergency Response

We work around the world to help children, young people, and families affected by conflict and disasters, separated from their loved ones, or forced to flee their homes.

**3,826,800**

people given a lifeline in emergencies

**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 300 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 2025 to aid more than 3.8 million people in crisis across 42 countries and territories and protect children and families against the impacts of extreme conflicts, climate change, and natural disasters.

# In 2025, Canadians' generous support of our critical Emergency Response Programs helped provide immediate, life-saving aid to children and their families in the greatest need.

Help protect children and families when disaster strikes. Your gift brings hope when it's needed most. Donate today.



## Colombia

Colombia remains one of the largest refugee-hosting countries in the world. Since 2018, SOS Children's Villages Colombia has reached more than 126,000 Venezuelans with emergency assistance, focusing on refugees and migrant families travelling with children, as well as unaccompanied children. In 2025, support in vulnerable communities included interventions in child protection, education, temporary shelter, early recovery, and the emergency distribution of food and essential supplies.

## Gaza and the West Bank

Amid active conflict and mass displacement, SOS Children's Villages Palestine delivered life-saving assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. Over 42,000 people received emergency support, including shelter, food, cash assistance and child protection services. Additionally, 21,608 people received urgent mental health and psychosocial support. To help restore stability and emotional wellbeing, 2,490 children and teachers were reached through temporary learning spaces, educational activities, and teacher training. On the ground, teams worked tirelessly to reach children and families most affected by the crisis, even as security conditions remained critical.

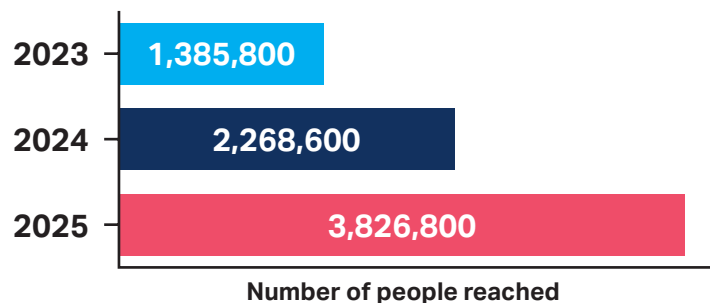
## Jamaica

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica in October 2025, as the strongest hurricane recorded in Caribbean history. It caused extensive damage, including an enormous landslide that severely affected SOS Children's Villages in Barrett Town. SOS Children's Villages Jamaica responded immediately, evacuating 29 children, young people and their caregivers to safe, temporary housing in Kingston, replacing essential household items, providing clothing, supplies, and psychological support to help them recover from the trauma of displacement.

## Ukraine

In 2025, the war in Ukraine escalated, causing widespread destruction, loss of life, and profound psychological distress, particularly for children. In the face of ongoing risks, SOS Children's Villages Ukraine continued its work supporting families in crisis, safeguarding children, and coordinating with local authorities while closely monitoring security conditions. The response included mental health and psychosocial support, cash assistance, essential supplies, and uninterrupted services despite power outages, reaching 92,436 people.

Intense natural disasters and conflicts continue wreaking havoc for hundreds of millions of people globally, creating even greater need for life-saving aid. With your support, we've increased our efforts to reach children and families in their darkest moments.





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

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](mailto:partners@soschildrensvillages.ca) for further information on how SOS Children's Villages Canada can contribute to your business and philanthropic goals.



## Expanding equitable access to digital learning in India

Through a strong partnership with Magna International, SOS Children's Villages Canada is helping children and young people build the skills they need to shape their futures. In Bangalore and Chennai, two Digital Learning Centres were established and equipped to expand access to technology, learning, and opportunity.

This partnership addresses a critical gap within SOS Children's Villages' care in India. While girls typically remain in family-style homes with access to on-site learning resources, boys transition to youth homes during adolescence, often located off-site. This creates practical barriers to accessing digital tools and training at a crucial stage in their development. By extending digital learning opportunities across care settings, the partnership is helping ensure more equitable access for both boys and girls as they prepare for independence.

The Digital Learning Centres provide safe, connected spaces with access to computers, software, the internet, and guided training, enabling young people to build essential digital and communication skills for school and beyond.

For Sathish, that access was life changing. When he was welcomed to SOS Children's Villages, he could not read or write, and school was overwhelming. Over time, with steady support, he began to catch up – but digital learning remained out of reach. With the introduction of the Digital Learning Centre, he discovered new ways to learn and gained confidence in his studies. He grew from a child who struggled to read and write to a young person now dreaming of college and a tech-enabled future.

***"The Digital Learning Centre is very useful. I've learned basic English communication and computer programs here... I'm confident I'll get into a top college."***

This is what success can look like when young people have the right support.

Across both locations, 48 young people have already benefited from hands-on digital learning, while strengthening their confidence and exploring pathways to further education, training, and employment.

Through the power of partnerships, we can create a more inclusive and resilient world. We are grateful for Magna International's support in expanding equitable access to digital learning for children and young people in SOS Children's Villages' care.





## 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](mailto:info@soschildrensvillages.ca) to learn how you can invest in the future of the world's children.

## Spotlights from our community



Last Halloween, Cyma Musarat, President of Friends of SOS Children's Villages Canada, hosted a fundraising event in Toronto to support flood relief in Pakistan. Guests came together for an evening of community and purpose, learning about the needs of children and families affected by devastating floods. The event raised funds to support emergency and recovery programs, including safe spaces, psychosocial support, shelter, and water and sanitation services.

“ I stumbled upon SOS Children's Villages. Initially, when searching for options, I worried that if I sponsored a single child, another one would be overlooked. However, sponsoring an entire village made those concerns disappear. It felt right. The more I learned, the more I was sure this was something I wanted to do. I was going through life and wasting precious time, feeling like something was missing and that I could be doing something more meaningful.

— Ron Panté, SOS Children's Villages Canada village sponsor



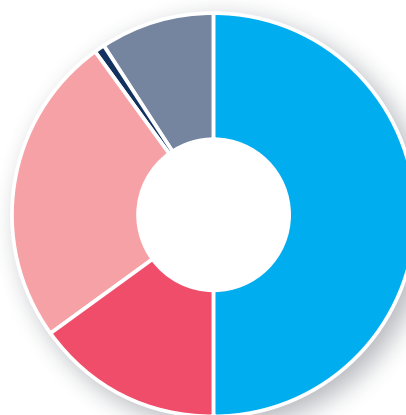
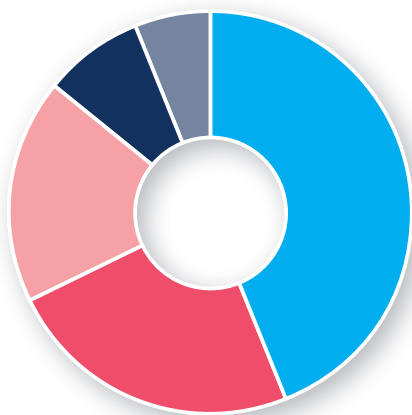
Kat Corbett dedicated her life to education and helping children reach their full potential. She founded an elementary school in Toronto and later co-founded Central Florida's first racially integrated private school. After 25 years in education, she continued to inspire young minds by publishing children's books, including her own series, DanceFutures.

A strong believer in compassion, Kat supported several charitable organizations, including SOS Children's Villages. Through a legacy gift, her impact will continue to support children and young people for generations to come.

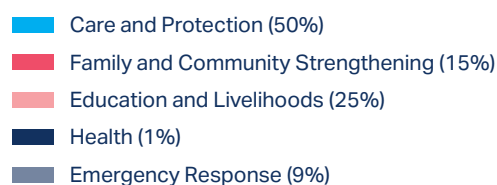
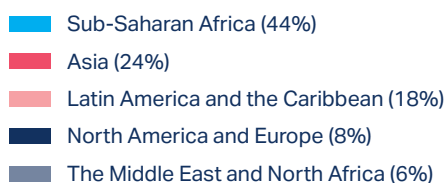
“ Through Scotiabank's Employee Giving Campaign, I had the opportunity to volunteer with SOS Children's Villages as a mentor with the YouthRISE project. I worked closely with a young entrepreneur in Mexico, supporting him as he built his business while continuing his studies. The experience was deeply rewarding. While I set out to offer guidance, I also gained perspective – seeing firsthand how encouragement, trust, and opportunity can strengthen resilience and unlock potential.

— Patricia Menendez, Scotiabank Director PMO, IB Collections Model Design and YouthRISE volunteer

# Financials



## Where our funding goes



## Statement of revenue and expenditures

| REVENUE  | 2025                  | 2024                |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Donations</b>                                 | \$7,089,005           | \$8,273,357         |
| <b>Grants</b>                                    | \$1,322,288           | \$1,295,130         |
| <b>Investments and other income</b>              | \$204,420             | \$486,095           |
| <b>Total revenue</b>                             | <b>\$8,615,713</b>    | <b>\$10,054,582</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                              |                       |                     |
| <b>Program delivery and advocacy</b>             |                       |                     |
| International development and emergency response | \$6,151,950           | \$5,891,246         |
| Public awareness and education                   | \$336,143             | \$314,564           |
| <b>Raising funds for children in need</b>        | \$2,275,032           | \$2,768,134         |
| <b>Operations and essential programs support</b> | \$1,120,760           | \$1,072,223         |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                        | <b>9,883,884</b>      | <b>\$10,046,167</b> |
| <b>BALANCE</b>                                   | <b>(\$1,268,171)*</b> | <b>\$8,415</b>      |

### \*A message from our President and CEO, Thomas Bauer, and Board of Directors Treasurer, Melanie Platt

Despite the ongoing extreme challenges of the past year, our supporters and partners continued to step up for vulnerable children and families, and we are deeply grateful. In 2025, we invested strategically in our future and used reserves to attract new donors and strengthen sustainable global programs, which led to a year-end deficit. These investments were crucial as armed conflicts, natural disasters, and climate change continue to devastate the lives of children, young people, and families worldwide.

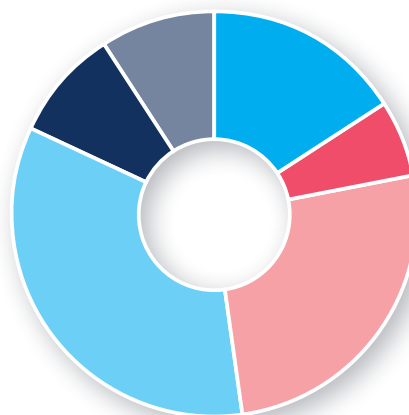
## Investing in stability and growth: A partner for the future

**SOS Children's Villages Canada – established 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. Protecting children and their rights for over 75 years, SOS Children's Villages now operates in more than 130 countries and territories.

We use a holistic, child- and youth-centred approach to help children, young people, families, and communities thrive long-term. We strengthen families to prevent child abandonment, provide loving homes for children in need, support the most vulnerable during disasters and emergencies, and educate and empower young people so they can reach their full potential and break the cycle of poverty for themselves and future generations.

Our stability is built not only from decades of history and a global presence, but from a diversified funding approach – and loyal supporters like you.

### Where our funding comes from



## Commitment to growth and sustainability

**SOS Children's Villages Canada continues a long-term, disciplined approach to growth, ensuring that we can sustain and expand vital programs for children and families worldwide.**

In 2025, we **increased our investment in program delivery**, continuing a multi-year trend of strengthening impact. **Program spending has grown 45% since 2021<sup>1</sup>**, reflecting our commitment to maintain and expand critical programs that provide a lifeline for children and communities most in need.

At the same time, we are building a stronger, more sustainable fundraising model. This requires thoughtful investment – particularly to attract and retain individual donors – but it is a proven strategy that provides greater long-term resilience and is delivering results:

- **Fundraising costs are trending downward**
- **Program investments continue to grow**

Over the past five years, fundraising expenses have declined at a 3% compound annual growth rate (CAGR<sup>2</sup>), while program delivery expenditures have grown at a 10% CAGR – demonstrating a clear dedication toward growing impact.

**As a result, more children, youth, and families are receiving the care, stability, and opportunities they deserve – made possible by the continued generosity and trust of our supporters.**

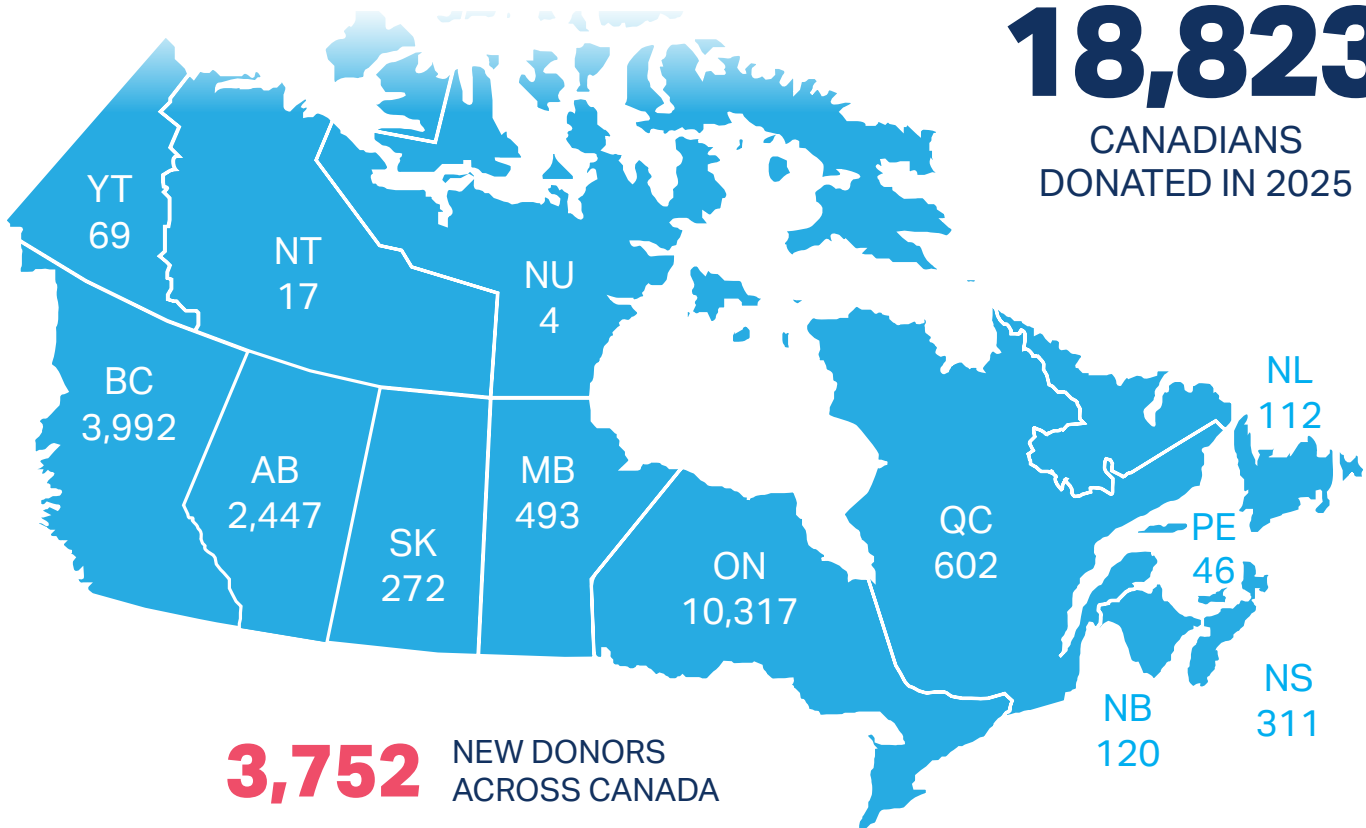
<sup>1</sup> Percentage increase calculated based on dollars spent on international programs in 2021 as compared to dollars spent on international programs in 2025.

<sup>2</sup> CAGR calculated over 5-year period from 2021 to 2025.

## Our 2025 donors and supporters

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CANADIANS  
DONATED IN 2025



**3,752** NEW DONORS  
ACROSS CANADA

**\$664,256** WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED  
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