

# Empowering Communities. Changing Lives.



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## Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Partner,

One of my favourite passages of Scripture is Matthew 28:19-20. It is familiar to all of us as the Great Commission. Here, Jesus sends his disciples into all the world to work as He did. ADRA plays a very significant role in fulfilling this charge. As the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist church, we function in over 135 countries around the world, truly a global reach where we impact the lives of millions.

I became an Adventist 15 years ago. Almost from the beginning, I have taken a keen interest in ADRA's work. Since I have been given the privilege of serving as Executive Director for ADRA Canada, my eyes have been opened further to how ADRA fulfills this call.

I have often thought of Matthew 25:35-40. Here, Jesus lays down the principle that how we treat those less fortunate than us is how we treat Him. But reaching those in need can seem like an overwhelming task. We are few; they are many. How can we possibly make a difference?

On my travels to our projects, my heart

has been touched by how we are indeed able to ease the burdens of many. I have seen God bless and multiply the resources you have entrusted to us. With His blessing and your trust, this year we have changed the lives of one million of some of the most vulnerable people in our world.

In these pages, I invite you to read the stories of the people whose lives are better because of you. I believe you will draw confidence in our partnership from reviewing our financial statements. We can all praise God as we consider the work that He has empowered us to do together in the last year.

Jesus has given us a mission, and because of you we are able to fulfill it. I speak for all the ADRA team when I say thank you for your support and trust. I speak for the hundreds of thousands of project participants when I say thank you for your compassion. With all our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Matthews



*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

Matthew 25:35-36

# Our Mission

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action.

# Our Values

ADRA works with those in need to create sustainable change. ADRA does not discriminate based on religion, gender, race, ethnicity, or politics.



A photograph of a person's hand holding a wooden stick over a metal pot on a traditional clay stove. The background is blurred, showing a yellow container and a tree trunk. A dark teal text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

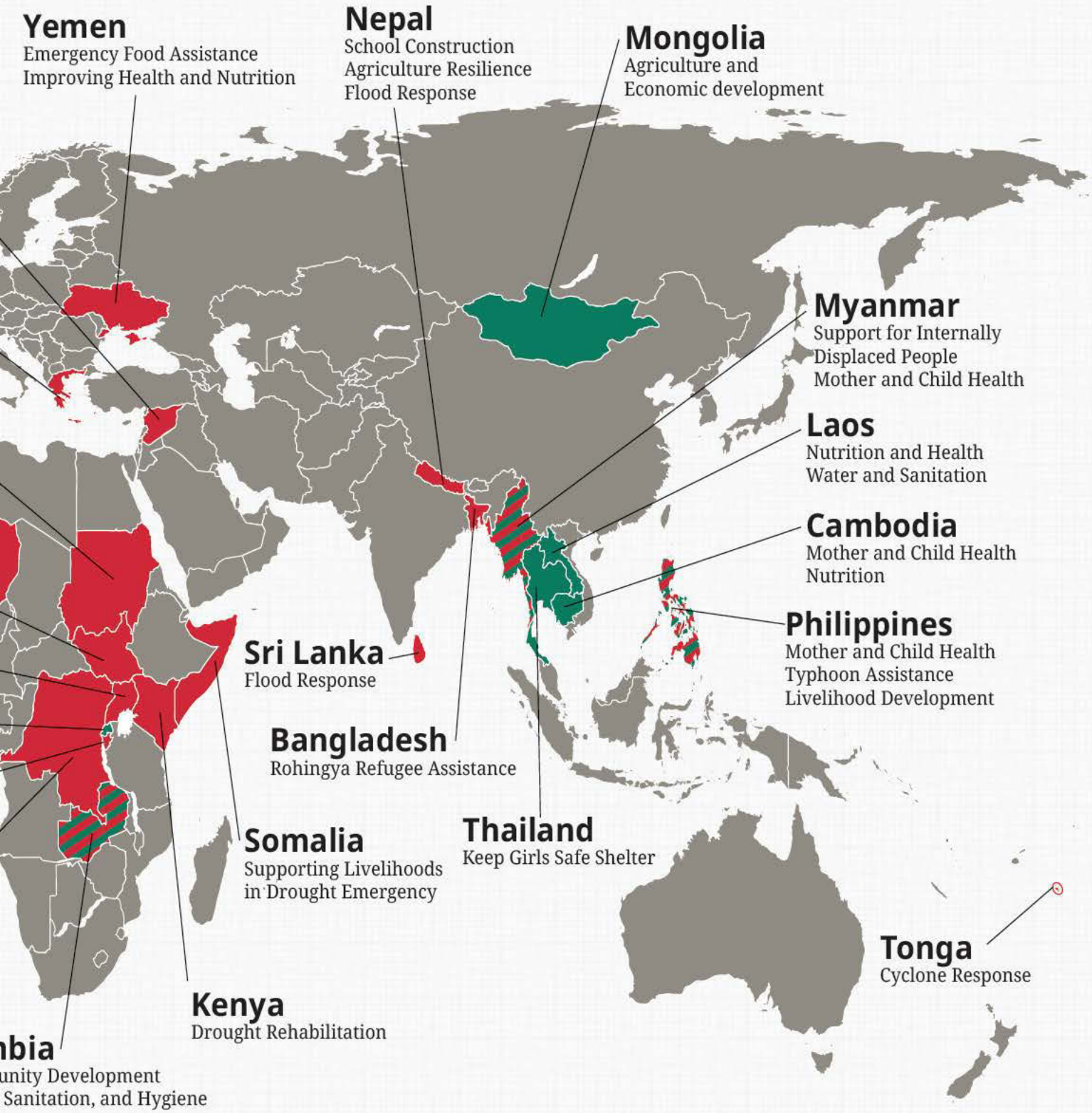
# ADRA Believes

ADRA believes that through humanitarian acts we make known the just, merciful, and loving character of God.

# Where We Work



**Development:** Improving lives



**Yemen**  
Emergency Food Assistance  
Improving Health and Nutrition

**Nepal**  
School Construction  
Agriculture Resilience  
Flood Response

**Mongolia**  
Agriculture and  
Economic development

**Myanmar**  
Support for Internally  
Displaced People  
Mother and Child Health

**Laos**  
Nutrition and Health  
Water and Sanitation

**Cambodia**  
Mother and Child Health  
Nutrition

**Philippines**  
Mother and Child Health  
Typhoon Assistance  
Livelihood Development

**Sri Lanka**  
Flood Response

**Bangladesh**  
Rohingya Refugee Assistance

**Thailand**  
Keep Girls Safe Shelter

**Somalia**  
Supporting Livelihoods  
in Drought Emergency

**Kenya**  
Drought Rehabilitation

**Tonga**  
Cyclone Response

**Uganda**  
Community Development  
Sanitation, and Hygiene

**Relief:** Saving lives  
**Canadian Projects:** Improving lives at home



# CAMBODIA

***“Many of the topics that we have been discussing are things that many of us have never thought about before.”***

Living in a small Cambodian village, Sey had never heard of ADRA. Then ADRA workers arrived at her village and announced they would be hosting new meetings for general community awareness. All members in the village were invited to participate. Sey decided she would attend. The ADRA workers presented on topics including health, good parenting, sanitation, and hygiene.

At the end of the first meeting ADRA asked if anyone in the village would be interested in becoming a volunteer to help continue the meetings in their village. Sey was interested in learning more so she applied along with some other women in her village.

After completing the interview process, Sey was accepted as one of the Reflect Circle Facilitators. With her new position she would receive direct training from ADRA and return to her assigned group to share with them what she had learned.

Sey sees that the Reflect Circle Groups are successfully bringing the women in her community together to learn and discuss new topics like parenting skills, health, and nutrition.

*“From my observation, I believe that the Reflect Circle process is very effective. The women in my village have never done anything like this before. When we get together we sing, we talk, we learn. Many of the topics that we have been discussing are things that many of us have never thought about before. But as we discuss them we see how important they are and how they can help us live a better life!”*

Thanks to your support of ADRA’s maternal and child health projects, villages like Sey’s are learning important lessons and improving life at home and in their community. Thank you!

# UGANDA

Rhoda lived with her mother and grandfather in South Sudan. Each morning she would wake up early for school and each afternoon she would return home to help with chores. One day, Rhoda's life was turned upside down.

Soldiers stormed Rhoda's village and she was separated from her mother and grandfather. She was home alone for three days before she was found by her teacher. To reach safety, Rhoda's teacher brought her to a refugee camp in Uganda.

At the refugee camp, Rhoda has started school again. She really enjoys it.

*"I enjoy the classes. After school we go out and play in the playground that they built near the school. There are lots of things to do there, but I like swinging the most... I hope to be able to continue going to school and one day go to university. I would like to become a teacher and work at a school, teaching young children."*

ADRA Canada is working with the ADRA network to provide relief for the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda. ADRA is supplying items such as water, latrines, and hygiene kits. Schools and child-friendly spaces allow children like Rhoda to have a safe space to learn and play.

Thank you for your support!



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## MYANMAR

***“The things that they were teaching seemed to be exactly what I needed!”***

At 16, Naw went to Thailand to find work. She was able to earn enough money to provide for herself and send some back home to her parents.

When she became pregnant, Naw and her husband moved back to their village. Her pregnancy and her delivery went well.

No longer working, Naw struggled financially. When her baby was old enough, she left again to work in Thailand. Two years passed before Naw became pregnant again.

*“This time I had complications and a prolonged labor. I had to go to the Health Center to have my baby.”*

Naw couldn't afford the expensive transportation to the hospital. Thankfully, ADRA's project in her village assists mothers who require medical care during pregnancy and labour. Naw received financial assistance which covered her travel to and from the hospital, as well as her food costs while she was recovering in the hospital. Without the ADRA project Naw would not have been able to receive the care she needed.

ADRA also taught her how to better care for her family. She learned about health, sanitation, and nutrition.

*“The things that they were teaching seemed to be exactly what I needed!... I am very thankful for all that ADRA has done for me and my community.”*

Thank you!

# SOMALIA

Sadiya lives in Somalia with her husband and two children. Her family had a good life and didn't worry about food. They enjoyed three meals a day, often with milk, rice, and pasta. That all changed when a years-long drought came to their land.

Sadiya's family depended heavily on their animals. Before the drought, their family owned 100 animals – 60 goats and 40 sheep. She was able to sell their animals for cash. With the cash she could buy essentials such as milk, meat, and medicine.

After the drought began, it became extremely difficult to raise livestock. Most of their animals died. The family's herd dwindled to only 20 animals. These were so emaciated, no one wanted to buy them. Sadiya and her family lost their livelihood. With no source of income, they began to suffer from hunger.

ADRA Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ADRA Somalia, began an emergency project to feed families like Sadiya's. Through the project they received the food that their family desperately needed.

It is thanks to your compassionate support that the hungry can be fed.

Thank you!



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*"Now I'm able to teach anyone how to grow vegetables."*

# MONGOLIA

In the dusty landscape surrounding Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital city, a green oasis sticks out from an otherwise dreary view.

56-year-old Jamsran has two small greenhouses. She grows cucumbers, artichokes, lettuce, and other vegetables throughout the short summer.

It has only been a few years since Jamsran started gardening. In 2012, she began participating in a project with ADRA Canada, ADRA Mongolia, and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The project supports vulnerable home gardeners, focusing especially on women. The participants learn gardening techniques, market their produce, and encourage and support one another throughout the project.

*"I've graduated from agricultural school. I have that kind of knowledge now. Now I'm able to teach anyone how to grow vegetables,"* shares Jamsran.

A widowed mother of four, Jamsran struggled for years as Mongolia went through turmoil, including an economic collapse. She moved to the capital in search of work but struggled to find a steady income.

*"Some of the nights I didn't even have anything to eat. Sometimes I would take flour and only eat bread with my children."*

A lot has changed for Jamsran since she joined the ADRA project. Jamsran has a permanent home that she built herself after learning about construction through ADRA's training building greenhouses. She has her own business after learning how to fill out grant applications, which allowed her to buy sewing machines. She works with other participants, sewing and selling grocery bags, gloves, and vinyl-covered stools.

Jamsran's next goal is to buy more land and expand her garden.

*"I believe that dreams come true,"* she says.

And it is because of you.

Thank you!

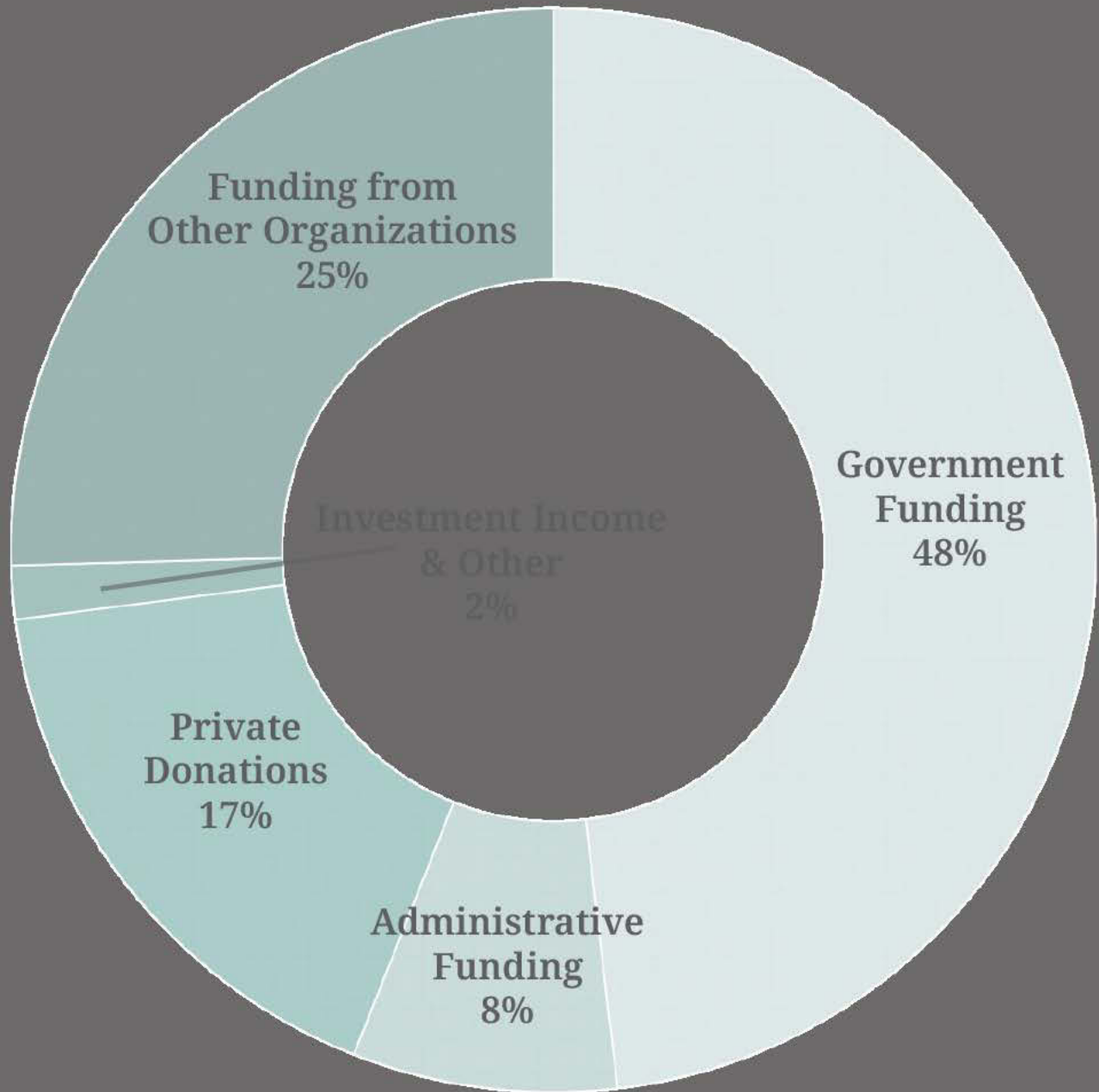
A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a bright red t-shirt, is smiling warmly at the camera. He is leaning his right arm against a vertical wooden post. The background is dark and out of focus, with a wooden wall visible to the right.

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

Matthew 25:40

# Revenue and Expenses

## Revenue

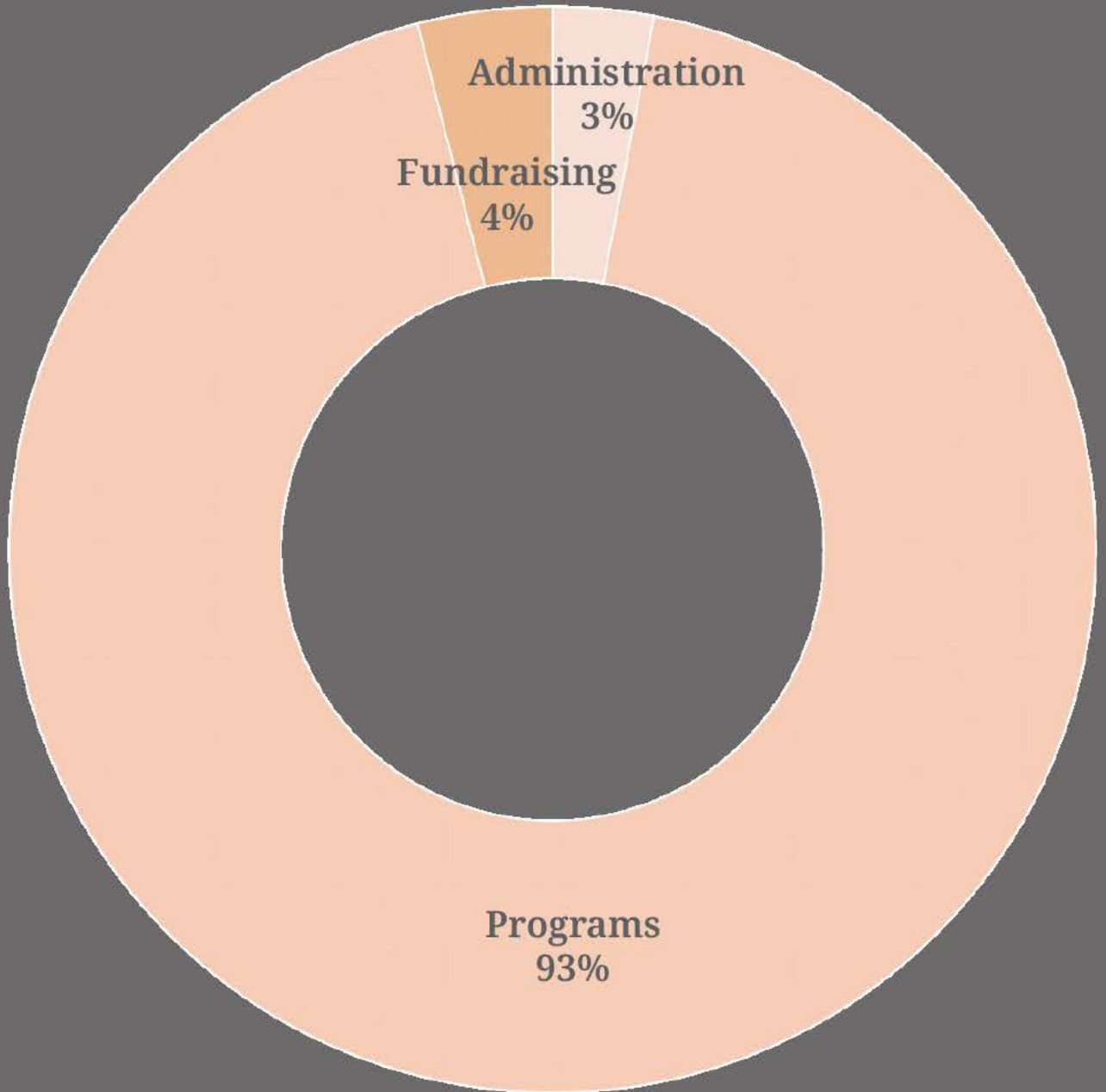


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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Funding from Other Organizations: | \$5,054,154 |
| Investment Income and Other:      | \$315,882   |
| Private Donations:                | \$3,369,760 |
| Administrative Funding:           | \$1,566,937 |
| Government Funding:               | \$9,555,168 |

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**Total:** \$19,861,901

# Expenses



|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Administration: | \$595,029           |
| Fundraising:    | \$697,950           |
| Programs:       | \$18,004,369        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$19,297,348</b> |

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## Year End March 31, 2018

|  | 2018         | 2017         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |              |              |
| Current                                  |              |              |
| Cash                                     | 4,588,257    | 7,737,365    |
| Short-term Investments                   | 1,819,699    | 1,757,152    |
| Accounts Receivable                      | 788,959      | 884,426      |
| Prepaid Program Expenses                 | 1,251,100    | 1,841,912    |
| Prepaid Expenses                         | 48,160       | 46,791       |
|  | <hr/>        |              |
| Total Current Assets                     | \$8,496,175  | \$12,267,646 |
|  | <hr/>        |              |
| Investments                              | 932,801      | 823,251      |
| Capital Assets, Net                      | 2,001,853    | 1,576,570    |
|  | <hr/>        |              |
|  | \$11,430,829 | \$14,667,467 |
| <br><b>LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS</b>    |              |              |
| Liabilities                              |              |              |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities | 340,670      | 214,581      |
| Deferred Income                          | 35,631       | 471,331      |
| Deferred Contributions                   | 2,461,975    | 5,953,557    |
|  | <hr/>        |              |
| Total Liabilities                        | \$2,838,276  | \$6,639,469  |
| <br>Net Assets                           |              |              |
| Unrestricted                             | 5,340,700    | 5,201,428    |
| Internally Restricted                    | 1,250,000    | 1,250,000    |
| Invested in Capital Assets               | 2,001,853    | 1,576,570    |
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| Total Net Assets                         | \$8,592,553  | \$8,027,998  |
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|  | \$11,430,829 | \$14,667,467 |

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

## Year End March 31, 2018

|  | 2018                | 2017                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>UNRESTRICTED REVENUE</b>                        |                     |                     |
| Private Donations                                  | 2,042,900           | 2,159,742           |
| Administrative Funding                             | 1,566,937           | 1,252,661           |
| Investment Income                                  | 304,271             | 228,466             |
| Other Income                                       | 11,611              | 25,178              |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Revenue</b>                  | <b>\$3,925,719</b>  | <b>\$3,666,047</b>  |
| <b>RESTRICTED REVENUE USED</b>                     |                     |                     |
| Donations from Other Organizations                 | 5,054,154           | 3,567,626           |
| DFATD/GAC  | 9,555,168           | 7,423,933           |
| Provincial Government Contributions                | --                  | 854,508             |
| Private Donations                                  | 1,326,860           | 867,263             |
| <b>Total Restricted Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$15,936,182</b> | <b>\$12,713,330</b> |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                               | <b>\$19,861,901</b> | <b>\$16,379,377</b> |
| <b>Program Activities</b>                          |                     |                     |
| <b>Development Programs</b>                        |                     |                     |
| DFATD/GAC Development Projects                     | 6,841,253           | 5,866,701           |
| Development Projects                               | 2,111,954           | 2,487,013           |
| Development Program Management                     | 1,268,682           | 872,576             |
| Development Program Monitoring and Evaluation      | 154,724             | 107,343             |
| Volunteer Projects                                 | 119,064             | 51,502              |
| Training and Capacity Building                     | 3,041               | 5,000               |
| <b>Total Development Programs</b>                  | <b>\$10,498,718</b> | <b>\$9,390,135</b>  |
| <b>Humanitarian and Emergency Assistance</b>       |                     |                     |
| Emergency Management Projects                      | 3,688,343           | 1,499,705           |
| DFATD/GAC - International Humanitarian Assistance  | 3,199,303           | 2,087,762           |
| Emergency Program Management                       | 352,728             | 367,011             |
| Emergency Program Monitoring and Evaluation        | 71,276              | 22,251              |
| <b>Total Humanitarian and Emergency Assistance</b> | <b>\$7,311,650</b>  | <b>\$3,976,729</b>  |
| <b>Canadian Programs</b>                           |                     |                     |
| Canadian Projects                                  | 40,287              | 474,651             |
| Canadian Program Management                        | 114,941             | 447,668             |
| Canadian Monitoring and Evaluation                 | 2,866               | 57,095              |
| Canadian Development Education                     | 35,907              | 31,779              |
| <b>Total Canadian Programs Expenses</b>            | <b>\$194,001</b>    | <b>\$1,011,193</b>  |
| <b>Support Services</b>                            |                     |                     |
| Management and Administration                      | 595,029             | 529,667             |
| Public Fundraising and Donor Relations             | 697,950             | 600,396             |
|  | <b>\$1,292,979</b>  | <b>\$1,130,063</b>  |
| <b>Total Program and Support Services Expenses</b> | <b>\$19,297,348</b> | <b>\$15,508,120</b> |
| <b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>             | <b>\$564,553</b>    | <b>\$871,257</b>    |

# Partnerships

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)**  
[foodgrainsbank.ca](http://foodgrainsbank.ca)

**Colin Glassco Foundation for Children**  
[glasscofoundation.org](http://glasscofoundation.org)

**Global Affairs Canada**  
[international.gc.ca](http://international.gc.ca)

**GlobalMedic**  
[globalmedic.ca](http://globalmedic.ca)

**Hincks-Dellcrest Centre**  
[hincksdellcrest.org](http://hincksdellcrest.org)

**Salanga**  
[salanga.org](http://salanga.org)

**University of Guelph (UoG)**  
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**Canadian Churches in Action**  
[churchesinaction.ca](http://churchesinaction.ca)

**Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)**  
[cccc.org](http://cccc.org)

**Humanitarian Response Network of Canada (HRN)**  
[humanitarianresponse.ca](http://humanitarianresponse.ca)

**International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)**  
[iisd.org](http://iisd.org)

**Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)**  
[mcic.ca](http://mcic.ca)

**Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)**  
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