



Bread and Water for Africa[®]
Providing a Brighter Future for Africa's Children

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BREAD AND WATER FOR AFRICA MISSION



The mission of Bread and Water for Africa® is to promote positive change in Africa by supporting and strengthening grassroots initiatives for community self-sufficiency in health and education.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to report on the significant strides we made during Fiscal Year 2024 to advance our mission to support children and families throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Partnering with 21 grassroots community partners across a dozen African nations, we served more than 154,000 individuals through a diverse range of programs and services. In the pages that follow, you can read about our accomplishments in orphan care, education, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), healthcare, agriculture/food self-sufficiency, school meals, and essential relief programs in 12 countries throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

We owe much of our accomplishments to the generous support of our donors and nonprofit partners in the U.S. who share our vision to improve the lives of tens of thousands in sub-Saharan Africa. I want to express my gratitude to our Combined Federal Campaign and State Campaign donor contributors, as well as our invaluable in-kind partners who supply essential medicines, medical supplies, agricultural equipment, books, school furniture, and more to our grassroots partners in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and beyond. A special thank you goes to our dedicated board of directors, whose oversight and steadfast support of Bread and Water for Africa® enable us to continuously enhance the quality of life for countless individuals year after year.

We have accomplished much in FY 2024. One of our proudest accomplishments this year was in Uganda, where we successfully redeveloped and relocated a banana plantation as well as the Kyasira Home of Hope orphanage, which was destroyed by flooding from nearby Lake Victoria.

However, this year also brought considerable challenges. A cholera outbreak affected 14 countries, including Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The outbreak was particularly severe in the DRC and Ethiopia, where the outbreak was classified as "acute crisis" in July 2024. Despite these challenges, we remained resilient and continued our mission to improve lives in sub-Saharan Africa.

Looking ahead, we are committed to continue collaborating with our grassroots partners as we support their journey toward self-sufficiency. Our strategy includes making targeted capital investments in agriculture for our orphan care partners, enabling them to cultivate food for the children in their care while generating sustainable income for their operations. This approach is particularly essential as ongoing inflation remains a concern in sub-Saharan Africa, with an inflation rate of an average rate of 18.1 percent, as reported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in October 2024.

On behalf of the tens of thousands whose lives have improved and cannot speak for themselves, our Board of Directors, and our inspirational international spokesperson Phyllis Keino, founder of the Lewa Children's Home, I extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Thank you for all you do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bethelhem Tessema".

Bethelhem Tessema
Executive Director

OUR PROGRAMS



For over 25 years, Bread and Water for Africa® has been committed to promoting positive changes in Africa. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and our partnerships with local grassroots organizations, Bread and Water for Africa® is able to support and strengthen impoverished communities and promote self-sufficiency through improvements in health, education, clean water development, agricultural best practices, and sustainable energy.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Support clean water development projects to access life's most vital resources, establish school latrine facilities to promote reliable sanitation, and encourage basic hygiene practices that protect children from infectious diseases.



Orphan Care

Provide loving homes for orphaned and abandoned children, including the necessities of food, clean water, health care, and education so they can build a better life as they enter adulthood.



Education

Provide quality education at the preschool, primary, and high school levels, as well as vocational training, to give children and young adults the best opportunities for self-sufficiency.



Agriculture

Train men and women in sustainable farming methods to provide food for their families and surplus to sell at local markets and provide seeds and essential farming tools.



Healthcare Program

Provide essential medicines, medical supplies, and equipment to save lives and support the operations of clinics and hospitals in remote villages.



Income Generation

Provide initial funding to our program partners to create income-generating projects to help sustain their programs' future funding needs.



School Meal

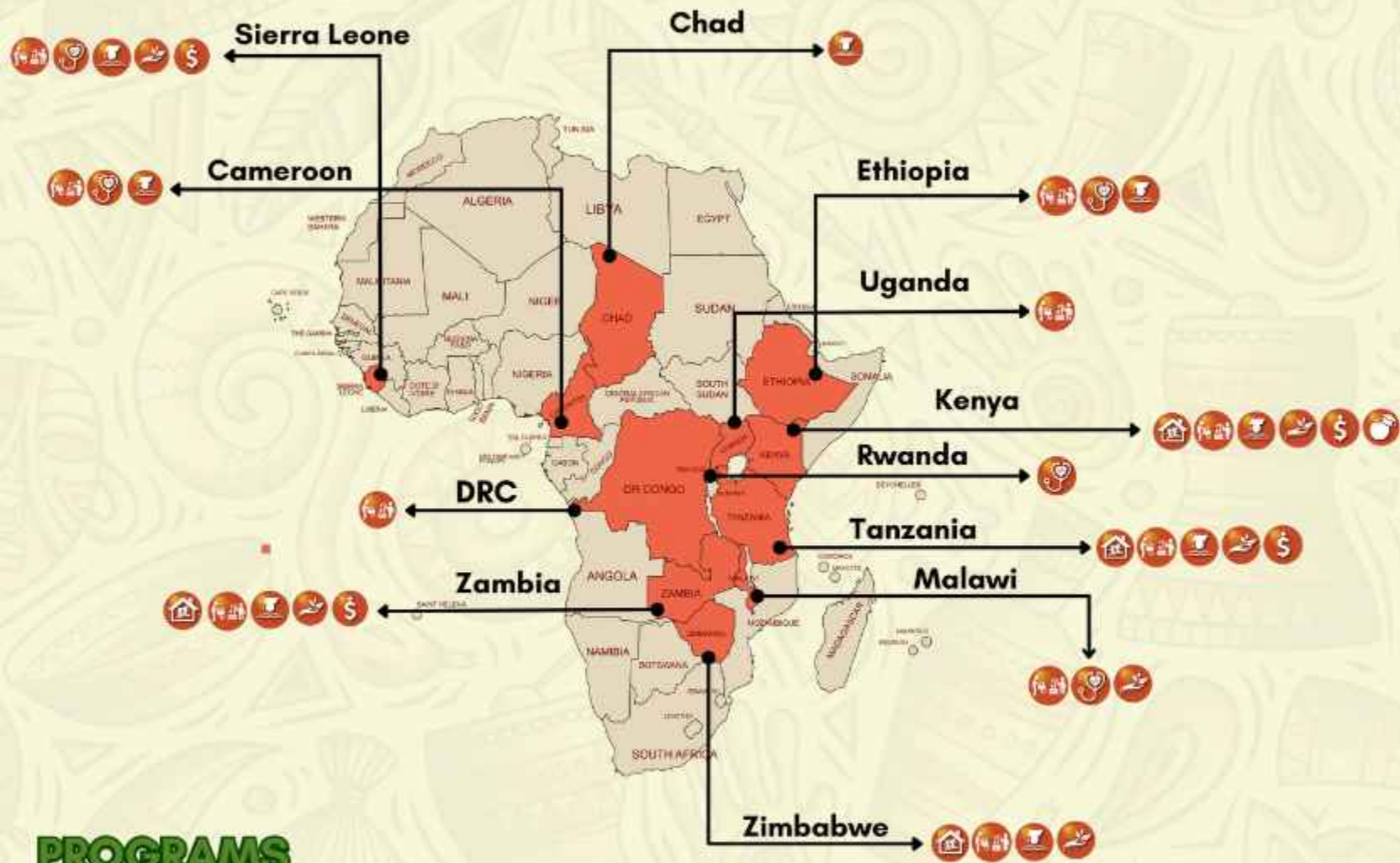
Provide meals, snacks, and beverages during the school season at the Seed School, located in one of the largest slums in Africa.



Essential Relief

Provide relief support for unexpected disasters and crises, such as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic since 2020 and the effects of inflation on the economy.

WHERE WE WORK



PROGRAMS

- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Health Care
- Orphan Care
- Income Generation
- Education
- School Meal
- Agriculture
- Essential Relief



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

THE CHALLENGE

Water is one of the five essential elements for life, yet millions in sub-Saharan Africa are deprived of access to safe, clean drinking water and adequate sanitation. This severe deficiency has dire consequences, resulting in widespread illness and preventable deaths due to waterborne diseases and parasites.

OUR SOLUTION



Our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program constructs deep water wells and boreholes each year to tap into underground aquifers, providing reliable sources of clean water. We also focus on repairing nonfunctional wells that have been inactive for years, as well as protect underground springs from contamination by humans and animals. Additionally, we build latrine facilities in schools to promote reliable sanitation and encourage basic hygiene practices that safeguard children from infectious diseases.

HIGHLIGHT

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WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) projects have been successfully completed, benefiting over 48,500 individuals in rural villages. These projects include repairing 17 wells in Ethiopia, protecting 12 springs in Uganda, constructing 10 water wells, and constructing and repairing two school latrines facilities in Malawi. In addition, this year, five water wells have been established in Zambia, eight in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, one in Tanzania, and a well with a solar pump water system in Uganda.

No Kneeling Needed: Travis New Way to Access Clean Water

In Uganda, a lack of access to clean water results in countless children falling ill and even risking death. However, thanks to the partnership between Bread and Water for Africa® and our grassroots partner Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder), we have protected dozens of spring water collection sites from contamination over the past several years.

This past year, we completed 12 projects, including one in Mpondwe Village. This site was previously described as “a wide-open water source with logs used to enable people to fetch water.” This situation posed risks for children, as they could easily slide and fall into the contaminated water.

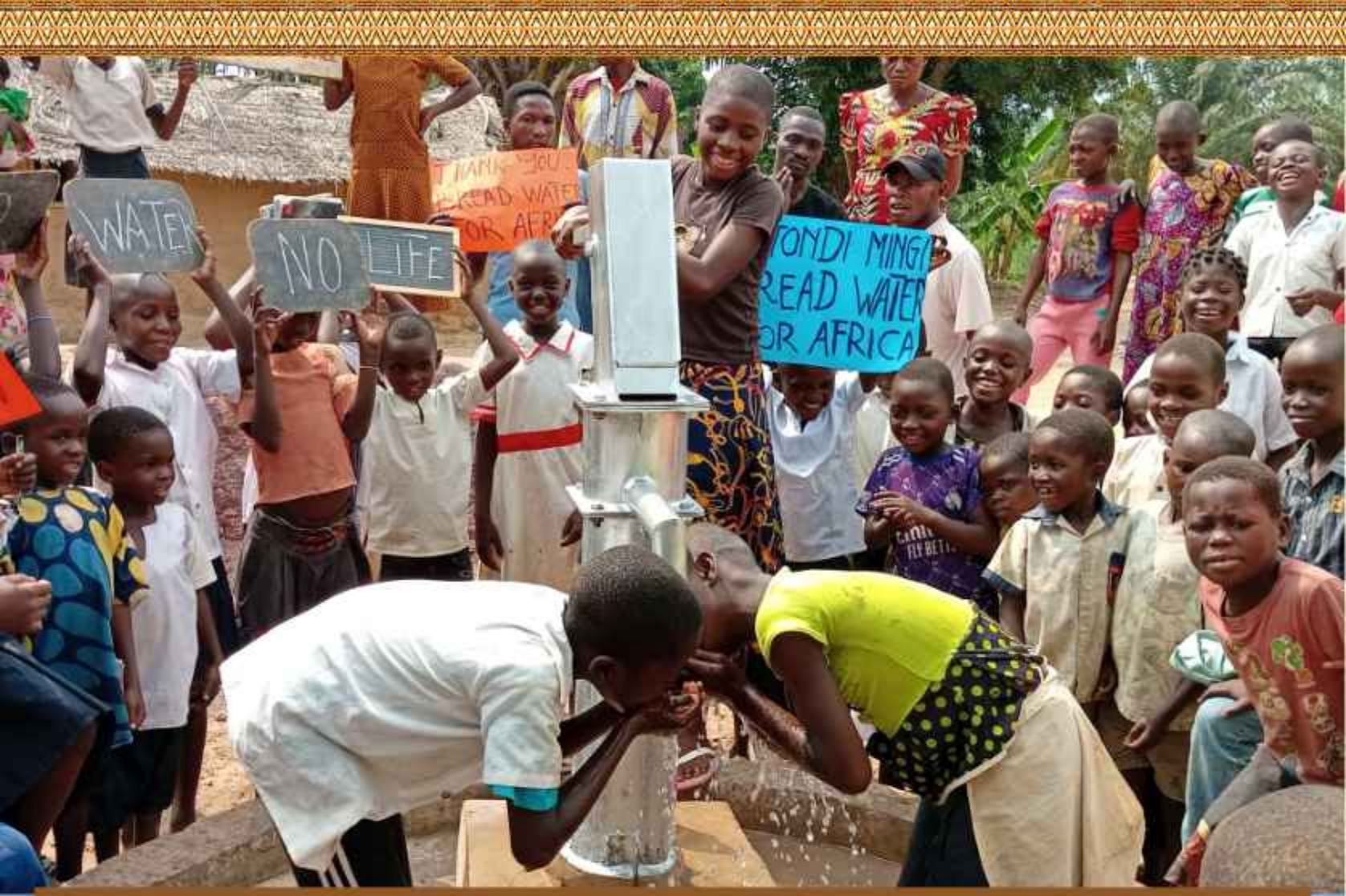
Travis, a 9-year-old student at a local primary school, was among those children who had to kneel on the logs to fill their containers. On one occasion, Travis’s sibling fell into the water and had to be rescued by a neighbor. Now, we are pleased to report that, with a smile, Travis says that instead of logs, he and the other children now have a staircase to go down, and instead of an open water source, there are now two water outlets with water flowing continuously day and night.”





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ORPHAN CARE

THE CHALLENGE

In sub-Saharan Africa, millions of orphaned and abandoned children have no one to care for them, unsure of where they will sleep at night and when they will get their next meal.

OUR SOLUTION



Since 1997, Bread and Water for Africa® has been providing loving homes for vulnerable children in Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Here, these children find a “mommy,” “brothers and sisters,” and a true sense of family. Upon arrival, they share a roof, enjoy three nutritious meals daily, and gain access to educational opportunities—free from worries.

HIGHLIGHT

485

Orphaned and abandoned children were supported through our orphan care program, including 204 in Zambia, 129 in Tanzania, 50 in Kenya, and 22 in Zimbabwe, and 80 in Uganda.

Mumba's Story



Mumba's Journey: Born in Prison to a Successful Profession in Healthcare

About two decades ago, Mumba was born in a Zambian prison. His mother wished for a better life for her son, knowing that growing up in prison was not an ideal environment for a child. She also knew that their extended family was not nearby to offer support.

Shortly after his birth, with no other options for a place to live, government authorities brought Mumba to the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Lusaka. There, he was welcomed into the loving arms of Angela Miyanda, the founder and director of Kabwata.

From six months to 19 years, Kabwata was the only home Mumba ever knew until he transitioned to a household for young men, preparing for adulthood and self-sufficiency.

In July 2015, when Mumba was 13 and in grade 9, he expressed his enthusiasm for learning by stating, “I like all the subjects,” and excelled in school. Fast-forward nine years, and Mumba is now 22 and has completed his education at Mwanawasa Medical University with a degree in Environmental Health Sciences.

“It’s an exciting program for me because I am learning how to ensure that the environment is safe for people to live in,” he shared in 2020, during his first year of the three-year program. “It has been an awesome experience for me at school.”

Today, Mumba wants Bread and Water for Africa® supporters to know how grateful he is for helping him realize his dream: “Being educated is one of the best things I’ve ever wanted. Thank you for all your support, and may the good Lord bless you.”



Kyasira Home of Hope: A Story of Resilience and Joy After Four Years of Struggle

In 2020, the Kyasira Home of Hope for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Entebbe, Uganda, was devastated by flooding from heavy rains and rising waters of Lake Victoria, leaving 62 children and their caregivers stranded. By 2023, the situation remained dire. Rev. Sr. Mary Peter Namasinga, the Local Superior, sought help from Bread and Water for Africa® after learning about its work supporting orphan care, clean water, and education across sub-Saharan Africa. In October, she wrote to Executive Director Beth Tessema, sharing her distress: "Heavy rains and rising water levels have destroyed our Kyasira Home of Hope Orphanage." The flooding damaged dormitories, other buildings, and the banana plantation essential for food and revenue.

Thanks to donor support, Bread and Water for Africa® funded the planting of 600 banana plants at a higher elevation, protecting them from future flooding. By June 2023, the plants were ready for harvest, prompting Sister Mary to express hope: "Our life has changed from poverty to happiness... we're expecting to have enough food in the future." The organization also replaced the home's solar power system, restoring electricity and installing a solar-powered water pump and storage tank to ensure access to clean water.

Despite these efforts, flooding in April 2024 raised fears of structural collapse at the home's original site. Sister Mary appealed for urgent support to complete a new building at a safer location, and donors responded generously.

"Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown us," Sister Mary said. "We truly appreciate everything you have done for us."





HEALTH CARE

THE CHALLENGE

Without adequate and accessible, or at least affordable, healthcare services in rural and remote regions throughout sub-Saharan Africa, countless hundreds of thousands, if not millions, die needlessly from easily preventable and treatable illnesses annually.

OUR SOLUTION



We provide medical supplies, equipment, and medicines, including prenatal supplements, to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and save lives. Additionally, we provide financial support to remote healthcare facilities and operate a mobile medical clinic.

HIGHLIGHT

+98,000

Over 98,000 individuals received healthcare services in 58 hospitals and clinics across six African countries. This included 27,000 in Cameroon, 2,678 in Malawi, 1,236 in Kenya, 1,000 in Rwanda, 39,000 in Sierra Leone, and 27,000 in Ethiopia.



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Joaddan Pregnancy and the Power of Prenatal Vitamins

It is estimated that nearly 500,000 lives could be saved by 2040 if low- and middle-income countries adopted Multiple Micronutrient Supplements, which are the most complete prenatal vitamins available. For the past few years, Bread and Water for Africa® has been providing expectant women in Cameroon with these essential vitamins. One beneficiary of this program is Joaddan, a 27-year-old hairdresser and mother of two, who was expecting her third child. During a routine checkup at the Hope Services Clinic, she expressed concerns about her fatigue, lack of appetite, and weight loss due to poor eating habits throughout her pregnancy.

The nurses encouraged Joaddan to take the prenatal vitamins, and she committed to doing so. Not long after, her appetite improved, and she began to regain weight. Seven months into her pregnancy, Joaddan shared, "Since I started taking the supplements, I eat so much that my husband jokingly says I could finish all the food in the house. Now, I encourage all pregnant women to take this supplement faithfully as instructed. Thank you for this special gift to pregnant women in Cameroon."









EDUCATION

THE CHALLENGE

Even impoverished children and youth dream of attending school and completing their education, knowing it is their only path out of a life of dire poverty and menial, backbreaking, hard labor. Sadly, far too often, this dream is unrealized.

OUR SOLUTION



Through our school fees support program, every year, Bread and Water for Africa® makes it possible for hundreds of orphaned and destitute girls and boys to attend school and provides them with the mandatory school uniforms and supplies necessary to attend classes without fear of being put out due to an inability to pay.

HIGHLIGHT

+1,836

Our education program supported 287 students in Chad with school fees and uniforms; provided combination school desks to 1,455 students in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone; sponsored 42 secondary students from the Kibera slum in Kenya; and assisted 82 primary and secondary students in Zimbabwe with school fees.

James' Gratitude for His Education Sponsors in America

A child's right to education means the right to learn, emphasizes Rudo Mharapara, a social worker at the Shinga Development Trust's Lerato Children's Village in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Lerato Children's Home (LCH) works tirelessly to provide quality education for children in its care.

Thanks to Bread and Water for Africa® supporters, dozens of Lerato children and hundreds more in other areas receive education annually. This year, the goal is to support 115 primary and secondary school students, including those at LCH and in Shinga's outreach programs.

One beneficiary is 18-year-old James, who lost his father early in life and now cares for his three younger siblings while his mother works as a housemaid. Identified as part of a child-headed family, James feared dropping out of school due to financial struggles. Despite challenges, he dreams of becoming a doctor to support his family and community.

Expressing gratitude, James shared, "My life will never be the same. Thank you for assisting me and others."









AGRICULTURE

THE CHALLENGE

Hardworking smallholder farmers, primarily women work tirelessly trying to cultivate crops on the small tracts without adequate knowledge of best farming practices and the tools, supplies, fertilizers and pesticides they need. Unfortunately, their agricultural harvests are often quite spare.

OUR SOLUTION



Through our training programs, men and women learn sustainable farming methods to provide food for their families and surplus to sell at local markets. Our programs also provide seeds and essential farming tools.

HIGHLIGHT

+5,100

Over 5,100 individuals have benefitted from our agriculture and food self-sustainability program in various countries. In Malawi, 178 people were trained in soil conservation methods, indirectly aiding over 700 others. In Sierra Leone, 150 rural women and youth were trained in vegetable and crop cultivation, benefiting more than 4,000 residents. In Tanzania and Uganda, 96 and 80 individuals, respectively, including children and caregivers at orphanages, directly benefited from food self-sustainability projects.

Joyce Zalero Finds Success in Farming God's Way Methods

In Malawi, our partner, Faithful Heart Foundation (FHF), operates a training program for a method called Farming God's Way (also known as conservation farming). This method minimizes soil disruption to prevent erosion of precious topsoil.

"This training of Farming in God's Way (FGW) will be done to teach local farmers who desire to improve their standards of living by changing their mode of farming from conventional (local) methodology to Biblical principles," says FHF chairperson Alex Steven Bango.

Among the participants this year was Joyce Zalero, a single mother of three. After being trained by Pastor Bango, she learned that it could be very profitable to try the FGW method and converted a portion of her maize (corn) growing operation at her home.

"After making planting holes, I put ash then a cup of manure and then covered it when rain had fallen," said Joyce. "When it germinated, I covered it with a blanket of grasses. When my seedlings sprouted, we experienced a dry spell for six weeks, but the harsh weather did not affect my maize.

"This taught me that FGW methods are better than the conventional farming method," she said. "If I had known, I would have planted a bigger portion. I will prepare and extend for this next growing season to do a larger portion."







SCHOOL MEAL

THE CHALLENGE

In the massive slum of Kibera on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya, children go hungry daily as their parents (if they have them) cannot afford to purchase even the most basic foods to feed them.

OUR SOLUTION



Over 200 children at the Seed School in Kibera benefit from two nutritious and filling meals each school day, thanks to supporters of Bread and Water for Africa®.

HIGHLIGHT

204

204 children from the SEED School received two meals each school day in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya.



Joseph N. Kobba: Inspiring Excellence and Progress

Under the visionary leadership of Joseph N. Kobba, the Rural Youth Development Organization (RYDO) has experienced transformative growth. Since 2019, its partnership with Bread and Water for Africa® has significantly strengthened programs in healthcare, education, and food sustainability, empowering rural communities in Sierra Leone. Annually, RYDO trains over 75 smallholder farmers, primarily women, in maximizing yields on small plots of land. Participants receive essential tools, supplies, seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides to ensure successful harvests.

The program has improved economic conditions, liberated women from dependency and poverty, and empowered them to take control of their lives and contribute to their communities.”

In healthcare, RYDO, in partnership with Bread and Water for Africa®, the Catholic Medical Mission Board, and MAP International, distributes medical supplies to 15 rural health centers. According to Mr. Kobba, “These efforts have significantly improved patient care, reducing maternal and child mortality, malnutrition, and infectious diseases.”

RYDO also advocates for quality education. This year, Bread and Water for Africa® partnered with The Reuse Network to provide 728 school desks to six primary schools in rural areas. “The new desks have created a more conducive learning environment, increasing school enrollment and improving classroom conditions,” Joseph noted. “Investing in children’s education is essential for Sierra Leone’s progress.”

Looking forward, RYDO is expanding its initiatives to include classroom renovations, school supply shipments, and health center upgrades, furthering its mission to enhance education and healthcare in underserved communities.

On November 8, 2024, the Ministry of Health and Sanitation recognized Mr. Kobba as one of Sierra Leone’s “Top 100 Professionals,” honoring his ethical leadership, professionalism, and integrity. Bread and Water for Africa® remains dedicated to supporting RYDO in its mission to uplift communities across Sub-Saharan Africa.

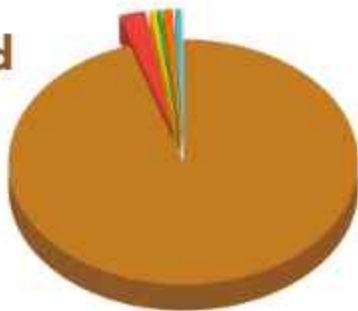


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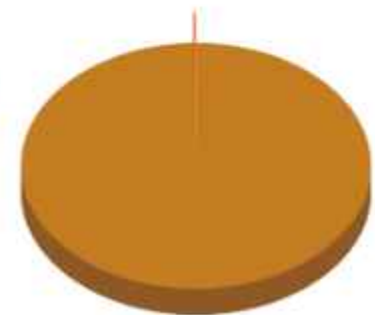
Statements of Activity—year ended June 30, 2024. The financial results depicted here are derived from the Bread and Water for Africa® June 30, 2024, audited financial statements containing an unmodified audit opinion. Our complete audited financial statements can be obtained at www.africanrelief.org; or by calling 1-888-371-6622 and requesting a copy.

	2024			2023 Total
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
● Contributed nonfinancial assets from affiliate	\$ 27,308,345	\$ -	\$ 27,308,345	\$ 27,645,897
● Cash contributions from affiliate	500,000	-	500,000	500,000
● Other cash contributions	107,811	74,362	182,173	201,044
● Workplace campaign contributions	-	54,311	54,311	62,826
● Wills and bequests	102,915	-	102,915	143,250
Investment income, net	91,761	-	91,761	64,668
Other income	11,511	-	11,511	-
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfaction of time restrictions	43,088	(43,088)	-	-
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	87,629	(87,629)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	28,253,060	(2,044)	28,251,016	28,617,685
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
● International programs	28,103,346	-	28,103,346	28,382,577
Total Program Services	28,103,346	-	28,103,346	28,382,577
Supporting Services:				
● Management and general	28,796	-	28,796	31,613
● Development and fundraising	104,249	-	104,249	28,662
Total Supporting Services	133,045	-	133,045	60,275
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,236,391	-	28,236,391	28,442,852
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	16,669	(2,044)	14,625	174,833
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	894,683	307,181	1,201,864	1,027,031
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 911,352	\$ 305,137	\$ 1,216,489	\$ 1,201,864

Revenue and Support



Expenses



99.86 of Total Expenses go towards Program Services!

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- And so very many individual donors, from school children collecting pennies to runners logging miles (and dollars) as they raced for proceeds directed to Bread and Water for Africa®.

WORDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVED

Orphan Care

“Every day I remind our orphan children how much your generous support has blessed us. Thank you for helping the children at the orphanages supported by Bread and Water for Africa® survive and have hope for a bright future.”

Phyllis Keno

Founder and Executive Director

Lewa Children’s Home, Kenya



WORDS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THE PEOPLE WE SERVED (CONTINUED..)

Healthcare

"I want to thank God, the staff of the Bumpe Health Center for treating my child freely during my poor economic status, and the supporters of Bread and Water for Africa® for making it possible."

Musa
A mother from Bumpe town, Sierra Leone

Education

"Thank you to everyone who has made it possible for the children to have a better life - you have given hope to those in hopeless situations."

Angela Miyanda
Founder and Executive Director
Kabwata Orphanage and Transit
Centre, Zambia

Agriculture

"It's our prayer many families be reached and trained with this farming system for themselves to stand these difficult circumstances we are going through financially and shortages of food at a family, community, and national levels to end our dependency spirit to be self-reliant."

Alex Steven Bango
Founder and Executive Director
Faithful Heart Foundation, Malawi

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

"Continued access to drinking water will promote the sustainable development of local communities, improving living conditions, health and education for future generations. Improving drinking water infrastructure can stimulate local economic development, notably by reducing school absenteeism and enabling adults to concentrate on other productive activities."

Lucien Beela Mpela
Founder and Executive Director
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School Meal Program


Bread and Water for Africa® has continued to support our mission in Kenya. This has enabled us to smoothly realize our goals towards educating the children of Kibera and feeding them today for a better generation tomorrow."


Patrick Odongo
Founder and Director
Seed Foundation, Kenya



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