

2021 Annual Report

Doing good around the world

OCTOBER 1, 2020 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Greetings from David Adcock

Thank you for supporting our ministry in 2021.

Thanks to your astonishing and continued generosity, we were able to increase the number of people and families we reached with much needed support this past year. At an incredibly pressing time in their lives, we were able to provide practical care to families in need.

Through your support, we've significantly deepened our programs in some of the world's most challenging places, like Yemen, Haiti and Myanmar, in a time of increasingly difficult choices. We increased our relationships with local churches around the world, strengthening and supporting them as they impacted their own communities. Our work together has advanced the witness of the local church in a world groaning for the love of God.

Although the world's needs far outweigh our capacity, we continue "doing good", bringing comfort and hope to lives and creating an impact for the Kingdom.

Sitting in a family's manyatta in northern Kenya and hearing personal stories of hardship and loss, I was reminded that our God lives with the poor and the broken-hearted. He calls us to stand with those seeking help from famine and conflict. There is always a light in the darkness as we follow Christ into the complexity of our times.

Thank you again for your generosity which has resulted in some of the program impacts contained in this report. Please continue visiting our website to stay up to date on how we are reaching people and responding to their needs.

Every blessing and much peace,

David Adcock CEO & Child Sponsor

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ALINE lives in Burundi with her two children. Since she separated from her husband many years ago, she has cared for her family by herself. ERDO works with women like Aline, teaching business skills and providing microloans to help grow their operations. Aline has worked hard alongside our local partners, and she earned enough to purchase a small plot of land on which she built a home for her family. Renting out part of the house has provided Aline with extra income as well! Aline has shown courage and been able to overcome life's challenges as we've walked alongside her.





SALEEM worked as a construction supervisor before civil war broke out in Yemen seven years ago. Now, 80% of the country cannot afford food. Saleem lost his job, could no longer feed his family of five and was forced out of his home and community. Saleem also could not afford medication for his heart condition, and he and his family were quickly becoming desperate. Working with a local partner, ERDO delivered food supplies to Saleem's home for six months. With the financial stress of paying for groceries removed, Saleem could look for work and pay for his medication again.



Transforming Lives



TENING became deaf when she was a small child after a prolonged sickness. She learned the basics of sign language in her school in Senegal, but she could only go so far. Her teachers were not trained to help children with hearing impairments. Luckily, Tening's father found a special school for deaf children, and she was sponsored through ERDO to attend. Now, Tening has no limits and is doing well in her classes. She also attends a new church with its own sign language interpreter and can understand the gospel for herself. She says of her experiences, "I am a witness to the love of God."



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **Jorking Together with** Families in Need

It is our desire and our mission to bring about long-lasting change in communities through empowering families. ERDO's community development projects are all about partnership. When we begin working in an area, we speak to community leaders about their needs and the needs of their neighbours. Together, we create solutions to fight against poverty and to work towards building resilient and selfsustainable communities.

Empowering women and men to care for their families

- Working in Burundi, our local partners provided microloans and training to help 1,500 women increase their small businesses. Giving women an opportunity they would not otherwise receive, they were trained in marketing, product diversification and family health. These women also studied the Bible together and became a close-knit community!
- Training 175 young mothers in Archer's Post, Kenya, we provided women opportunities to choose their own small businesses and create a sustainable livelihood for themselves and their families.
- Training men and women with business skills, we have partnered to build a vocational training school in the Dominican Republic which will serve over 4,000 people and will include a woodworking shop and classrooms.

Increasing children's health and education

- Providing high-protein cereal five days a week, we fed 19,170 primary school students in 36 school in Zimbabwe. We also fed 12,900 children in Zimbabwe who are living with disabilities.
- Providing dignity kits, we assisted 10,500 young girls in Kenya and Iraq with menstrual hygiene products and feminine hygiene training.
- Empowering young girls in Ethiopia, we provided training in sustainable production, business management, and sale of menstrual hygiene products.

Increasing the health of families

- Providing increased access to clean water, we drilled two solar-powered borewells in Zaka and Gutu, benefitting 2,750 people.
- Installing 21 wells in rural Bangladesh, we brought clean water to over 7,500 individuals in small villages.
- Providing 300 bio-sand filters to community homes, we assisted families in Honduras who had no access to clean water.
- Completing the new outpatient centre, we continued building the Turkana Health Centre, which will bring primary healthcare to thousands in rural Kenya.

The 12 countries you helped in 2021



By the numbers...

30 **PROJECTS**

12 COUNTRIES

94,608 PEOPLE

\$1.1M SPENT



CAROLINE is one of the young mothers we are supporting in Kenya, where we are training women to run their own small businesses and create an income for their families. We are working directly with women who, like Caroline, became mothers quite young and had little education as a result. Caroline frequents the local market and has learned to buy small goats, selling them for a profit. She often buys and sells animals in the same day and has become quite successful. Caroline is often accompanied to the market by her three-year-old son. With the money she earns from her livestock business, she can take care of her family's daily needs and provide for their future.



TEMBA is now five years old. His father died when he was a baby, and Temba's grandmother was left to care for him, his two siblings and his very sick mother. The family could only afford one meal a day and Temba grew up very small and thin. In 2020, he was not active and stopped running around as usual. The village nurse diagnosed Temba with moderate acute malnourishment (MAM). She

Cecile met our Wezesha team, which teaches women business skills told his grandmother that Temba needed food with vitamins and and provides loans, and became part of the program. Now, Cecile's protein, but the family had nothing more to give him. business has grown and is going very well. She has been able to ERDO's local partners bring a fortified cereal to vulnerable children solve some of her family's financial issues, including caring for in Zimbabwe who are not yet in school. This cereal contains all the her husband and paying for her children's school fees. She will vitamins needed to help children recover from malnutrition. After a continue working alongside Wezesha and help support other few weeks of his new diet, Temba had gained weight and was able to women in her community! play again! We have been working with Temba and his family ever since. He will soon be attending primary school and will continue to be supported with through one of ERDO's Zimbabwe feeding programs!



CECILE worked with her husband selling shoes in a small village in Burundi. Her husband became ill, and they found out he had diabetes. He was hospitalized and could no longer work because of his worsening condition. Cecile was left to support her family, including her very sick husband, alone.

CRISIS RESPONSE Providing Help in an Ongoing Emergency

This past year, we saw families all over the world become entangled in war, political conflict and disaster. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Canadians and our work with local churches, we were prepared to help. In moments of incredible need, we respond quickly with emergency food, supplies, clean water, increased sanitation and shelter.

Responding to the world's biggest disasters

- Responding to the August 14th earthquake in Haiti, we provided emergency food baskets, hygiene and household supplies to approximately 900 families.
- Continuing to assist families facing insurgence in Myanmar, we provided emergency food to 800 families. Many of these families were ethnic minorities, threatened with violence and facing extreme poverty.
- Providing assistance after the St. Vincent volcano eruption, we provided a daily meal for evacuees and helped reconstruct damaged homes and roofs.
- Partnering with the ChildCARE Plus team and local pastors, we provided food, supplies and housing repair to 150 families after flooding in Cambodia.
- Providing debris removal, emergency food, and hygiene supplies, we assisted families affected by Hurricanes Eta and lota in Honduras and Guatemala.
- Providing roofing materials and other supplies, we helped repair or replace the roofs of 125 houses damaged by hurricanes in Philippines.

Bringing emergency food to families experiencing crisis levels of hunger

- Assisting Zimbabwe after years of drought, we brought emergency food to 4,550 people in need.
- Providing emergency food to 7,800 people in Yemen, we helped some of the 80% of Yemen facing famine-levels of hunger. We also developed a cash-for-work program to employ 6,400 locals and develop community building initiatives.
- Responding to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, we helped deliver emergency food packages, household items and medical supplies to 400 of the neediest families in Chennai, India. We also supported the Kolkata Mercy Hospital and the GEMS hospital in Chennai with two breathing machines, an ICU ventilator and an oxygen generation unit.

Caring for refugees and internally displaced peoples

- Providing hygiene and sanitation kits, we helped care for 1,300 refugees in Turkey who fled their home countries due to conflict.
- Replacing 15 wells that had been destroyed in a fire, we served approximately 8,000 Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- Assisting 3,600 South Sudanese refugees living in Uganda, we brought psychosocial, trauma healing and peace building support to families in Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement.

The 17 countries you helped in 2021

Bangladesh | Cambodia | Democratic Republic of Congo | Guatemala | Haiti | India | Kenya | Lebanon | Myanmar Philippines | Sri Lanka | St. Vincent | Thailand | Turkey | Uganda | Yemen | Zimbabwe



By the numbers...

28 PROJECTS

17 COUNTRIES

95,747 PEOPLE

\$3.45M

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In March 2021, a fire broke out in Cox's Bazar, a refugee camp in Bangladesh. Most of the families who lived in Cox's Bazar left their homes in Myanmar after facing religious persecution and violence. Now, in Cox's Bazar for several years, families lost everything again after a gasoline fire levelled the shelters of 126,381 people.

This past year we were able to bring emergency food and supplies to 430 refugee families who lived in Cox's Bazar. These supplies included rice, sugar, mosquito nets, bed covers and kitchen utensils. We were also able to replace 15 of the deep tube wells installed in the camp, which were destroyed in the fire.



In Myanmar, we have been working with ethnic minorities and communities facing violence. After the military took over the government in February, many people were arrested, families lost all their savings and the most vulnerable in the country faced starvation.

Working with displaced migrant communities, we distributed food to over 800 families last year. These families had their shelters destroyed several times throughout the year. Though the military has made it difficult to help families, the team writes, "But God always provides a way to help." We were able to distribute lifesaving food to many communities that had been cut off from any other support.





On August 14th, an earthquake rocked Haiti just southwest of the capital of Port-au-Prince. Partnering with local churches and community leaders we were able to help the families who were hardest hit and most in need of assistance. Together, we were able to provide emergency food to about 4,500 people, which is 900 families! These emergency supplies included rice, beans, cooking oil, pasta, soap and hygiene items.

After the earthquake, we began building hurricane and earthquakeresistant houses to help the community prepare for future disasters. Not only did we respond to the emergency, but thanks to generous donors, we were able to help the communities around Port-au-Prince become resilient. Next time a disaster strikes in this same area, families do not have to worry about losing everything they have.

CHILDCARE PLUS **Empowering the Next** Generation

Through ChildCARE Plus, our child sponsorship program, we are continuing to change the lives of children who have only known poverty. In 40 locations, we are working to empower children through education, job training, and in many areas, by caring for children's basic needs. Based on the location and the current needs, this can include food, shelter, healthcare and clean water. Plus, every child is put in touch with Global Workers and local churches who share the love of Jesus with every child and family in ChildCARE Plus.

Bringing hope to children through education

- We celebrated the 363 boys and 331 girls who graduated from primary school, and the 238 girls and 236 boys who graduated from secondary school. This was a huge feat as many children lost time in their schooling due to COVID-19 closures and lockdowns. We saw these children persevere and overcome obstacles.
- 59% of our locations provided extra tutoring for students, which was increasingly valuable during _ and after school lockdowns.
- 64% of our program locations provided English classes, giving students the ability to work internationally.
- 28,462 children received the transformational message of the gospel through the ChildCARE Plus program.

Increasing the health of children

- Providing a nutritious meal five days a week for children in school, we fed 1,559 children in Kenya, 1,500 students in Haiti.
- Bringing kindergarten students a nutritious start to the day, we provided a breakfast drink to 735 children in Honduras.
- Increasing hygiene for children, we installed three new school latrines and handwashing stations in kindergarten and primary schools in Honduras.

Building safe and strong communities

Providing a safe space for children, we have been partnering with communities in Honduras and Cambodia to build two new community centres.

The 29 countries you helped in 2021

Bangladesh | Brazil | Burkina Faso | Burundi | Cambodia | Democratic Republic of Congo | Dominican Republic Ethiopia | Ghana | Guatemala | Guinea | Haiti | Honduras | India | Kenya | Malawi | Mozambique | Ukraine Philippines | Restricted Access Nation | Siberia | Senegal | South Africa | Sri Lanka | Tanzania | Thailand | Uganda Zambia | Zimbabwe



By the numbers...

40 LOCATIONS

29 COUNTRIES

8,153 **SPONSORED** CHILDREN

S4M+

SPENT

STORIES OF HOPE



KENDE lives in Guinea with her family. When students graduate from ChildCARE Plus they are empowered to follow their dreams and Kende is no exception. Kende graduated from ChildCARE Plus and, this past year, she received her acceptance into the Business Administration program at a university in India! She worked very hard in school and will be starting her new adventure soon, thanks to her Canadian supporters!



MONICA grew up in a Christian home in Guatemala. When she was two-years-old, her father went to the United States to find work and provide a better future for his family. Unfortunately, six years after he arrived in the States. Monica lost her father to cancer.

Life was difficult for their family, but Monica's mother was able to get Monica sponsored by ERDO to attend school. The sponsorship was a blessing, as Monica received school supplies and birthday gifts. Her sponsor became her biggest cheerleader and wrote letters encouraging Monica! This support allowed Monica to finish school and become a teacher. She has continued her education while teaching and will submit her thesis this year to become a social worker. She hopes to go even further and earn a master's degree.



STEVEN was one of our grade 12 students in Zimabwe. He lost his father when he was very young and has been raised by his mother ever since. Despite his mom's best efforts, she could never find steady employment. She works as a farmer, but her income has never been enough to meet her family's needs.

Steven became a sponsored child in 2016, and even though school life has been difficult, he has persisted. He walks two hours each way to attend school, and often his only meal is the high energy and protein supplement that comes from our school feeding program in Zimbabwe. Steven studies hard and has high enough grades to attend university. He is trusting God for his future and continues working hard each day.

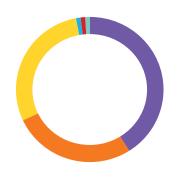
2021 **Financial Information**

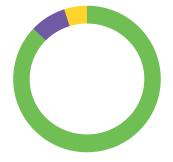
Revenue Sources

- Child Sponsorship: 40%
- Churches, Corporations & Individuals: 38%
- CFGB & GAC Grants: 20%
- Grants & Foundations: 0%
- Bequests: 0%
- Government Wage Subsidy: 1%
- Other: 1%

Expenditures

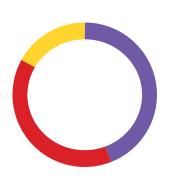
- Total Programs: 85.1%
- Resource Development: 8.86%
- Support Services: 6.03%





Total Programs

- Child Sponsorship: 47%
- Crisis Response: 40%
- Community Development: 12%



	2021	2020
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Revenue		
Child Sponsorship	4,606	4,589
Churches, Corporations, & Individuals	4,391	2,960
CFGB & GAC grants	2,302	2,757
Grants & Foundations	10	129
Bequests	33	25
Government Wage Subsidy	32	202
Other	149	200
Total	11,523	10,862

Expenditures		
Child Sponsorship	4,008	4,016
Crisis Response	3,448	3,843
Community Development	1,062	1,376
Total Programs	8,518	9,235
Resource Development	887	849
Support Services	604	572
Total	10,009	10,656

Net Surplus:		
Operations	381	302
Designated Funds	1,140	350
CFGB	(7)	(446)
Internally Restricted	-	-
	1,514	206

For more information visit erdo.ca

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