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# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

GOOD NEIGHBOURS CANADA

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Cover image: Community members using the new water borehole in Chiwena Village, Zambia

This page: Staff from Good Neighbours Canada and Good Neighbours Cameroon alongside community members during a field visit in Cameroon

## WHO WE ARE

### Empowering People, Transforming Communities

Good Neighbours Canada (GNCA) is a registered charity in Toronto, Ontario, that supports people in need locally and internationally. Our primary objective is to work closely with the communities we serve, fostering collaboration and understanding. Through a collaborative approach, we strive to develop programs and initiatives that are tailored to address the unique circumstances and requirements of each community.

We have been operating in Canada since 2017, implementing a wide range of inclusive community-based development projects and providing emergency relief.

Our mandate is guided by the principles of inclusivity, respect, and dignity. We believe in the inherent value and potential of every individual, and we are dedicated to creating an environment where everyone can thrive and reach their full potential. We prioritize the voices and experiences of marginalised groups and actively work to reduce disparities and promote equality.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to implement projects that promote and protect children's rights, strengthen global partnerships and advocate for human rights in a respectful and effective way, empowering people to achieve self-reliance.

### Land Acknowledgement

Good Neighbours Canada is based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of many Indigenous nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples - lands that are now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on 2025, I am reminded that Good Neighbours Canada's work begins with people.

This year, Good Neighbours Canada had the privilege of walking alongside many different communities, both here in Canada and around the world. In Canada, we supported seniors through arts-based programming and a community exhibition that honoured their creativity, cultural identity, and continued place in our shared community. We engaged children and youth through the Hope Letter Campaign and Children's Water Festivals, creating opportunities for young people to learn about the realities of water access, reflect on global inequality, and express messages of hope and solidarity. In 2025, more than 1,700 students were engaged through Water Festival activities, and over 100 participants joined the Hope Letter Campaign through schools and community partners.

These moments may seem simple: a student carrying water during a festival activity, a senior sharing artwork with family and neighbours, a child writing a letter of encouragement, a volunteer showing up to support an event. But I believe these moments matter. They remind us that public engagement is not only about raising awareness. It is about forming a sense of responsibility, empathy, and connection.

Our work also continued across our partner countries through collaboration with local communities, Good Neighbours partners, donors, government partners, businesses, volunteers, and sector allies. Together, we supported community-informed initiatives in menstrual health and hygiene, girls' empowerment, clean water access, WASH facilities, health promotion, child sponsorship, emergency response, livelihood support, social enterprise, and community resilience.

What gives this work meaning is not only what was delivered, but how it was carried forward. The communities we work with are not simply beneficiaries of projects. They are planners, decision-makers, participants, and leaders in shaping their own futures. Our role is to accompany and support locally developed plans so they can be implemented with dignity, accountability, and long-term sustainability.

For this reason, I do not see Good Neighbours Canada's work as simply fundraising or project support. At the heart of our work is a movement: a movement of people choosing to live as good neighbours. It is a movement that connects a donor in Canada with a community-led water project in Zambia, a student in Ontario with a girl in Indonesia, a local business with artisans and social enterprises, and Canadian communities with global partners working toward dignity and self-reliance.

This movement is grounded in the mission of Good Neighbours: to promote and protect children's rights, strengthen global partnerships, advocate for human rights, and support people to build self-reliance. It calls us to ask a practical question every day: how can we care for our neighbours in a way that respects their dignity, strengthens their leadership, and contributes to lasting change?

To our donors, partners, staff, volunteers, interns, board members, and community supporters, thank you. Your trust, generosity, and commitment made this year's work possible. You helped transform concern into action, and action into meaningful partnership.

As we move forward, Good Neighbours Canada will continue to hold compassion and professionalism together. We will continue to strengthen our transparency, accountability, and institutional partnerships. We will continue working alongside communities so that locally identified priorities can become practical, sustainable, and community-owned solutions.

With the founding spirit of Good Neighbours in our hearts, may we continue to look closely at the neighbours beside us and the neighbours beyond our borders. May we continue to choose kindness with intention, partnership with humility, and action with responsibility. This is how a movement grows. And this is how we will continue moving forward together.

**Hyang Cho**  
**Executive Director**  
**Good Neighbours Canada**



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Left: ED with the Girls Club during the project monitoring visit in Far North Cameroon

## 2025 AT A GLANCE

**1,800+**

CHILDREN REACHED IN  
ADVOCACY AWARENESS

**1,055**

TOTAL SPONSERS

**685**

TOTAL SPONSORED  
CHILDREN

**3,800**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS NEWLY  
ACCESSING CLEAN WATER IN  
CAMEROON AND ZAMBIA

**180,350+**

HEALTH-RELATED SUPPLIES  
DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE

**13,000+**

INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH KOREA  
RECEIVE EMERGENCY RELIEF

**8,000+**

HOUSEHOLDS IN MYANMAR  
RECEIVE EMERGENCY RELIEF

Right: Young girls in the training the trainers session in Mehe, Cameroon

Below: Community members in Mehé, Cameroon at the new WASH facility



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**47%** OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD NEVER HEARD OF MENSTRUATION



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# INTERNATIONAL IMPACT: ADVANCING EQUITY AND HEALTH

## Bridging the gender gap through education and empowerment

### Cameroon

In Cameroon, Good Neighbours Canada continued working alongside local partners, including Good Neighbors Cameroon, to strengthen access to menstrual health education in the rural community of Mehé. This three year project began in 2024 and continues to summer 2027 with funding and capacity support from Global Affairs Canada.

Through a Training of Trainers approach, 74 community members, including women, men, and youth, are being equipped with knowledge on menstrual health, puberty, and reproductive health. This initiative responds to identified knowledge gaps while supporting open, community-wide dialogue to reduce stigma and promote understanding. As training continues, participants are beginning to lead peer-to-peer awareness efforts, contributing to more supportive and informed environments for women and girls.

In parallel, 42 teachers were engaged to help foster safer and more inclusive learning spaces where students can access accurate information without fear or stigma.

Community-led awareness activities further extended this work, reaching over 1,600 individuals and encouraging collective participation in advancing menstrual health.

In addition, major milestones in the project have been completed in 2025 with the construction of two solar-powered boreholes, five WASH facilities, and a Women's Empowerment Centre.

This Empowerment Centre creates a dedicated space for peer-to-peer training and the sustainable production of reusable menstrual supplies, bringing economic empowerment in response to community-identified needs. You can read more about the boreholes and WASH facilities in this report's Clean Water section on page 14.

Together, these efforts reflect a broader approach that combines education with expanded access to essential services, supporting women and girls to participate more confidently in their schools and communities.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



## CAMEROON

Community members engaged:

**3,100** individuals

**74** community trainers

**42** teachers

# GIFTS IN KIND DONATIONS

## Promoting health to communities with corporate donations

### PPE Masks: Tajikistan

With the support of PPE Supply Canada, Good Neighbours Canada worked in collaboration with Good Neighbors Tajikistan to facilitate the distribution of 180,000 KN95 medical masks in the Dusti District of Tajikistan.

In this region, many women work in cotton fields under conditions where prolonged exposure to dust can lead to respiratory health risks. Limited access to affordable protective equipment has meant that many rely on makeshift coverings which provide inadequate protection.

The KN95 masks were distributed primarily to these women field workers, supporting safer working conditions and reducing barriers to essential health resources.

Additional distributions reached local kindergarten teachers and healthcare workers, contributing to broader community protection.

This effort reflects GNCA's commitment to supporting community-identified priorities through practical, locally informed solutions that promote health, safety, and dignity.

180,000

KN95 MASKS DISTRIBUTED

**The masks not only save our budget but also help us stay healthy while working in the fields.**

– Cotton field worker



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Above: Cotton field workers in Tajikistan wearing KN95 masks to improve health

### Menstrual Hygiene Kits: El Salvador

In El Salvador, partnerships with the Toronto Korean Presbyterian Church (TKPC) and Good Neighbors El Salvador supported access to menstrual hygiene supplies for adolescent girls in Ahuachapán.

As part of a Family Day initiative, youth from the TKPC community assembled kits containing essential personal care items, including underwear, panty liners, sanitary pads, lip balms, and Vitamin C supplements. Through taking part in this activity, the community youth had an opportunity to engage in global awareness and solidarity, strengthening shared understanding and connection across communities. The assembled kits were later shared with 50 girls in El Salvador aged 12–15, with local partners helping ensure the kits reflected community needs and context.

Beyond access to supplies, this initiative created space for open conversations around menstrual health, personal care, and overall well-being amongst schoolgirls in El Salvador. Teachers observed increased confidence among students in discussing topics that are often considered sensitive, contributing to a more supportive and informed environment.



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Left: Toronto Korean Presbyterian Church members prepare menstrual hygiene supplies



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Above: Young girls in the Girls' Empowerment program in El Salvador

## Water Filtration Kits: Guatemala

In December, Good Neighbours Canada coordinated the shipment of 128 personal water filtration kits to Good Neighbors Guatemala, having received them as a gift in kind through Teambonders' corporate volunteering activities.

In many Guatemalan rural communities, access to clean drinking water remains a significant challenge, with households often relying on untreated sources such as rivers and wells. High flooding in certain areas further complicates the matter, creating increased exposure to waterborne illnesses due to contamination and limited sanitation infrastructure.

These water filtration kits will support emergency response efforts by expanding access to safer drinking water for families and children particularly during regular local flooding. The initiative also strengthens collaboration with local organizations, helping to extend community-based response efforts and reach those most in need.

Through initiatives like this, GNCA continues to support practical, locally informed solutions that contribute to improved health outcomes and stronger community resilience.

Below: Good Neighbors Guatemala staff receiving water filtration kits



Above: Xero volunteers packing menstrual hygiene kits



## ERA Laptops: Canada

Good Neighbours Canada also received a GIK donation of three refurbished laptops from the Electronic Recycling Association (ERA).

These devices have supported staff and incoming interns in their day-to-day work while reducing operational costs by nearly \$2,000. By extending the life of existing technology, this contribution reflects a shared commitment to sustainability and responsible resource use.



Left: GNCA staff accept refurbished laptops

# CLEAN WATER

Advocating for clean and safe water for children around the world

## New Boreholes: Zambia - Chiwena Village

In Chiwena Village, Mumbwa District, Good Neighbours Canada (GNCA), in partnership with Good Neighbors Zambia and with the support of dedicated partners, completed a new borehole, bringing the total number of wells supported by GNCA to 11.

Access to safe and reliable water in Chiwena has long presented challenges, with many families relying on distant and often unsafe sources. Women and children often spent hours each day collecting water, limiting time available for school and other daily activities.

The newly constructed borehole now supports consistent access to safe water for over 300 community members. With water available closer to home, households are reporting strengthened hygiene practices, including safer food preparation and regular handwashing.

Improved access to clean water has also contributed to a reduction in waterborne illnesses and more consistent school attendance, particularly for girls. With less time spent collecting water, children are better able to focus on their education and daily routines.

Community members played an active role throughout the project, from site selection to ongoing maintenance. A trained Water Point Committee now supports long-term management, reinforcing community ownership and sustainability.

Through initiatives like this, GNCA continues to work alongside communities to strengthen access to clean water and support healthier, more stable daily living.

Right: Chiwena Village community members using the new water borehole

Below: Good Neighbors Zambia staff and Chiwena Village community members at the new water borehole



1 IN 3 ZAMBIAN CHILDREN DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER



**300+** COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CHIWENA WILL BENEFIT FROM THE NEW WATER BOREHOLE

## New Boreholes: Cameroon

Building on these efforts, access to clean water and safe sanitation in Mehé, Cameroon has been improved as a key aspect of our community-informed menstrual health project funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Guided by feedback from the community and local authorities, two solar-powered boreholes were constructed to support reliable access to water within the community. Previously, many households relied on distant or unsafe sources, making it difficult to maintain hygiene and meet daily needs. These boreholes now support consistent access to clean water, reducing time spent on collection and strengthening safer hygiene practices for households. Improved access has also contributed to better health outcomes and a more supportive environment for daily life.

Alongside this, sanitation facilities have been enhanced through the construction of five gender-responsive toilet blocks, creating safe and private spaces designed to support hygiene and dignity. A gender-balanced WASH Management Committee, consisting of 35 men and 35 women, has further been established and trained to oversee maintenance, reinforcing local ownership and long-term sustainability.

Together, these efforts complement ongoing education initiatives by ensuring that knowledge is matched with access to essential resources, contributing to stronger and more resilient communities.



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This page: GNCA staff and volunteers at the Run to Port Stanley

Previous page: Good Neighbors Cameroon staff and WASH Management Committee members at the newly constructed solar-powered boreholes and sanitation facilities in Mehé, Cameroon

## Community Engagement and Fundraising

GNCA's community partners further play an important role in advancing clean water initiatives.

Through participation in the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon Charity Challenge, Good Neighbours Canada engaged a group of 20 runners in support of the Step4Water campaign. Funds raised through their efforts, totalling \$2,673.87, were directed toward the Chiwena borehole in Zambia.

GNCA also partnered with BackRoads Running Club for the Run to Port Stanley, engaging local runners in support of the same campaign. Participants contributed through optional donations, with additional support from event partners, including On Shoes, raising a total of \$1,200 toward clean water efforts. GNCA participated on-site by hosting an aid station, connecting with runners, and sharing information about its work, creating a space for direct community engagement and learning.

Runners supporting GNCA were able to connect personal goals with global impact, raising awareness about the realities faced by communities where access to clean water remains limited while supporting the advancement of sustainable, community-informed solutions.

Through partnerships like these, GNCA continues to build meaningful connections with local communities that contribute to lasting impact.

# EMERGENCY RELIEF

## Assisting people after natural disasters and offering crisis response

### Myanmar: Earthquake Response

On March 28, 2025, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck central Myanmar, affecting millions of people and causing widespread damage to homes, infrastructure, and essential services. Many families were displaced, with limited access to safe shelter, clean water, and basic necessities.

In response, Good Neighbors Myanmar (GNMMR), supported by the Good Neighbours global network, conducted rapid needs assessments and mobilized emergency relief efforts in some of the most affected areas, including Mandalay and Nyaungshwe.

With the support of donors in Canada, Good Neighbours Canada contributed \$10,000 toward emergency relief and recovery efforts. These collective efforts helped reach over 8,000 households across 43 villages, providing essential items such as food, clean water, hygiene supplies, mosquito nets, and temporary shelter materials.

Beyond immediate relief, ongoing efforts are focused on supporting recovery through rebuilding homes and providing psychosocial support to affected families, helping communities move toward long-term resilience.

Below: Good Neighbors Myanmar staff distribute emergency relief



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### South Korea: Wildfire Emergency

In March 2025, large-scale wildfires spread across the Gyeongsang regions of South Korea, displacing thousands of residents and causing significant damage to homes, livelihoods, and local infrastructure. Dry weather and strong winds accelerated the spread, making containment efforts more challenging and increasing the scale of impact.

In response, Good Neighbors Korea mobilized quickly to deliver emergency relief to affected communities, working in coordination with local partners and authorities. Immediate support focused on providing essential supplies to displaced families in temporary shelters, alongside assistance for frontline responders and early recovery efforts.

These efforts were supported by a \$3,000 contribution from Kwanglim Methodist Church of Canada, facilitated by Good Neighbours Canada. Through this response, approximately 13,505 individuals received support, including emergency supplies, daily necessities, and assistance to help stabilize living conditions.

Ongoing efforts are focused on supporting recovery through living assistance, child-focused support, and resources to help communities rebuild and regain stability.

**13,505**  
INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED SUPPORT



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Above: Emergency relief is delivered by Good Neighbors Korea staff



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# CHILD PROTECTION

## Campaigning for children's rights and protection

Empowering the realization of children's rights and supporting their growth in safe, healthy environments remains central to Good Neighbours Canada's work.

Through the child sponsorship program, children and their families are supported in accessing education, nutritious meals, routine health care, and essential hygiene resources. The program also works alongside families and communities to strengthen stability at the household level, including improved living conditions, job skills training, and opportunities for caregivers to build sustainable livelihoods.

By the end of 2025, 306 children were supported through sponsorship in the Dominican Republic and 373 in Cameroon.

An important part of the program is fostering meaningful connections between sponsors and children. In 2025, there was a fivefold increase in sponsors sending personal letters, reflecting a growing commitment to building relationships that extend beyond financial support.

These connections play an important role in encouraging children, strengthening their sense of belonging, fostering global awareness, and reinforcing the shared impact of the sponsorship journey.

**306**

SPONSERED CHILDREN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**379**

SPONSERED CHILDREN IN CAMEROON

**205**

NEW CHILD SPONSERS

**330**

GENERAL MONTHLY DONORS

**\$5,659**

TOTAL DONATED

“When sponsoring a child, I feel like one day they will continue to bring more care and love to the world.”

– Tuyet Dinh, child sponsor for 3 years



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Clockwise from left: Sponsored child in Dominican Republic using stationery sent by her sponsor, Sponsored children using the water borehole in Cameroon, Sponsored child holding a letter from her sponsor

# LOCAL IMPACT

## Supporting Diverse Canadian Communities

A global community includes our home, and as such Good Neighbours Canada continues its work alongside Canadian communities, supporting locally driven initiatives grounded in inclusion, dignity, and community well-being.

## Supporting Families with Additional Needs

Good Neighbours Canada partnered with Parents Association Living Toward Hope (PATH), through financial support from the Rexall Care Network, to deliver a series of community-based activities for families raising children with developmental disabilities.

PATH works alongside Korean immigrant families who face barriers in accessing services due to language and limited resources. Many caregivers provide ongoing, full-time care, which can contribute to social isolation and emotional strain.

Through this initiative, 75 parents, caregivers, and children participated in inclusive, full-day activities such as visits to Ripley's Aquarium, the Royal Ontario Museum, and a music therapy session. With coordinated support from GNCA volunteers, these experiences supported learning, social

engagement, and overall well-being in safe and welcoming environments. At the same time, caregivers were able to take meaningful time for rest, while volunteers gained a deeper understanding of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Through GNCA's community partnerships, PATH families were further invited to attend the first-ever K-EXPO held in North America, where they explored cultural exhibits and attended a live concert. This provided an opportunity for families to participate in a large-scale public event in an inclusive setting.

By creating opportunities for connection, inclusion, and respite, this program strengthened local support systems and contributed to the well-being of both children and their families.



Left: PATH program participants during a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum

## Hands of Healing

### Supporting Korean seniors' well-being through art

Similarly, Good Neighbours Canada supported inclusion and well-being among isolated seniors through the Hands of Healing program.

Funded in part by both the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program and the City of Toronto's Business Incubation and Commercialization stream, and delivered in partnership with local community organizations Toronto Dream Church and Happy Senior Centre, the program responded to social isolation, language barriers, and limited access to culturally familiar spaces for immigrant seniors in Toronto.

Through hands-on workshops in traditional Korean arts and crafts, seniors engaged regularly with peers, shared personal stories, rediscovered cultural heritage and built meaningful relationships within their community. These activities supported improved mental well-being and created consistent opportunities for social participation.

The program culminated in a community art exhibition at the Varley Art Gallery in Markham attended by over 50 guests, where participants showcased their work and connected with family members, partners, and the broader public. This event celebrated their creativity while strengthening community visibility and inclusion.

By creating accessible and culturally relevant spaces, this initiative supported reduced isolation and strengthened opportunities for seniors to remain active and engaged within their community.



Above: Korean seniors learning traditional Korean arts and crafts

Funded in part by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program



## Good Neighbours & Friends

In 2025, Good Neighbours Canada launched the Good Neighbours & Friends program, creating opportunities for Canadian small businesses to contribute revenue to projects that strengthen independence, economic resilience and sustainable income-generation for communities locally and around the world.

In its first year, GNCA partnered with The Peachy, JS Derma Clinic, Egg's Morning, and Blanchou. Beyond financial contributions, partners supported awareness and community engagement through cross-promotional activities recognizing the partnerships.

Blanchou further collaborated with Goods4Causes, Good Neighbours' social enterprise, through operating a consignment

area in their Bayview Village retail space to promote products that support artisans and social enterprises.

In a national advancement of the GN & Friends program, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed with the Windsor Chapter of the Overseas Korean Traders Association (OKTA), strengthening engagement with Korean business leaders and opening pathways for broader collaboration across Canada.

Through Good Neighbours & Friends, GNCA continues to build a growing network of locally engaged businesses, demonstrating how entrepreneurs in Canada can contribute to sustainable global impact.



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## Social Enterprise - Goods4Causes

### Empowering Artisans, Strengthening Economies

GNCA's social enterprise initiative, Goods4Causes (G4C), continues to support sustainable livelihoods and community resilience by offering equity-deserving artisans a free-to-use e-commerce platform and consignment program to promote sales.

In 2025, G4C was recognized as a Buy Social Canada Certified Social Enterprise. This certification affirms that Goods4Causes operates with a clear social purpose, using revenue generation to support community well-being and contribute to a more inclusive and equitable economy.

Through this recognition, Goods4Causes joins a national network of social enterprises committed to advancing positive social impact, while continuing to connect consumers with products that support artisans and communities around the world.

This page: Good4Causes supported artisans and entrepreneurs in Mongolia and Bangladesh, Good4Causes products on display at Blanchou

Previous page: Volunteers handing over a GN & Friends desk sign to Egg's Morning staff



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# ADVOCACY EDUCATION

## Empowering Canadian youth participation in global citizenship

### Hope Letter Campaign

The annual Hope Letter Campaign engages students across Canada in learning about global issues through reflection, creativity, and connection.

In 2025, participants responded to the story of Echik, a young girl in rural Indonesia navigating limited access to clean water. Students learned about daily life for Echik and were encouraged to reflect on water access, health, and everyday experiences in different contexts.

Through letters and artwork, students shared messages of encouragement and solidarity, building awareness of global citizenship while recognizing shared experiences.

The campaign was delivered in collaboration with schools and community partners, including Fort Erie International Academy, Montcrest School, Lynn-Rose School, and Toronto Dream Church, engaging over 100 participants.



Awards are provided every year to recognize standout submissions for the Most Inspirational Letter and Most Inspirational Artwork. The letter award includes a \$300 contribution made in the winner's name to support Echik's community, reinforcing the connection between youth engagement and community impact. 2025 marked the first time winners were invited to the Good Neighbours Canada office to receive their awards.

As one of several initiatives within GNCA's advocacy and education efforts, the Hope Letter Campaign continues to support young people in developing empathy, awareness, and a sense of global connection through meaningful, youth-led expression.



## Children's Water Festival

Extending this learning beyond the classroom, Echik's story was integrated into Good Neighbours Canada's participation in Ontario Children's Water Festivals, helping to contextualize global water access through hands-on learning.

Through the Step4Water activity, students experienced the physical challenge of carrying water over distance, encouraging reflection on daily water use and access in different parts of the world. By connecting Echik's lived experience with the activity, participants gained a clearer understanding of water scarcity and the importance of safe, accessible systems.

In 2025, Good Neighbours Canada engaged approximately 1,700 students across the Niagara, Peel, and Durham Water Festivals, creating opportunities for youth to explore water equity in an interactive and locally grounded setting. By building awareness of global water challenges, these festivals encourage thoughtful consideration by youth of their role in supporting equitable access to sustainable resources.

**1,700+**  
YOUTH ENGAGED THROUGH  
WATER FESTIVALS



Previous page from top: Echik from the Hope Letter Campaign, GNCA staff awarding Most Inspirational Letter to one of the Hope Letter Campaign winners

This page from top: GNCA staff educating students at the Durham Children's Water Festival, Students participating in our Step4Water Challenge during the Niagara Children's Water Festival



# STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS & SECTOR LEADERSHIP

**Bridging the gender gap through education and empowerment**

## Strengthening Government Connections

Beyond community-based programs, GNCA also engaged with policymakers and sector leaders to strengthen collaboration, share insights, and contribute to broader conversations shaping global development.

Executive Director Hyang Cho engaged with partners including the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC), Good Neighbors Korea and Japan, the Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC), and the Development Education Association & Resource Center (DEAR) through a learning visit to South Korea and Japan. These discussions focused on global citizenship education, public engagement, and collaboration across civil society, education, and government sectors.

Participation in the Korea Interagency Network (KIN) during the visit further facilitated peer organizations to exchange insights on proposal development and organizational strategy.

In March, Hyang's participation in the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 69) provided an opportunity to engage with global institutions such as UN Women, WHO, UNICEF, and the World Bank, contributing to conversations on gender equality, development financing, and cross-sector collaboration.

These engagements created opportunities to exchange knowledge, strengthen relationships, and position GNCA amongst globally coordinated efforts to advance equitable and community-informed development.



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## New team members

As our work continues to grow, strengthening our team has remained an important priority. We were pleased to welcome Matthew Neill as Project Manager at Good Neighbours Canada.

Matthew brings nearly a decade of experience in anti-poverty and food security initiatives, alongside work in the UK's refugee and asylum sector. He also serves on the Board of Directors at Working for Change in Toronto, a social enterprise focused on creating supportive employment opportunities for individuals navigating mental health challenges, addiction, homelessness, and other barriers to traditional workplaces.



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With a strong commitment to community-centred and sustainable approaches, Matthew's leadership will support the continued strengthening of our programs and partnerships, both locally and globally.

Previous page and above: Good Neighbors Korea Global Citizenship Education Team with the OCIC delegation during the visit to Korea

Right: Project Manager, Matthew Neill



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## Funded Internships, Co-op students & Volunteers

Supporting this work, Good Neighbours Canada welcomed four interns through the Canada Summer Jobs Program: Yazhini Bharath and Fortune David as Digital Marketing Assistants, and Grace Howes and Nujhat Tahiya as Event Assistants. Their creativity and dedication supported initiatives across Goods4Causes, community events, and outreach efforts.

We also worked alongside co-op students Yağız Boran and Amara Weicht (Education & Development Coordinators), and Sharon Ehizogie, who contributed to digital marketing and event coordination. Their efforts strengthened key initiatives, including the Hope Letter Campaign, and supported expanded community engagement.

In addition, volunteers played an important role in supporting program delivery. Thirty volunteers contributed to activities delivered in partnership with the PATH program, helping to foster inclusive and engaging environments for participating families. And our office volunteer, Joshua Choi, supported grant research and event coordination, contributing to both planning and implementation.

We are grateful for the time and commitment each individual brought to Good Neighbours Canada. Their contributions played an important role in supporting our work alongside communities.



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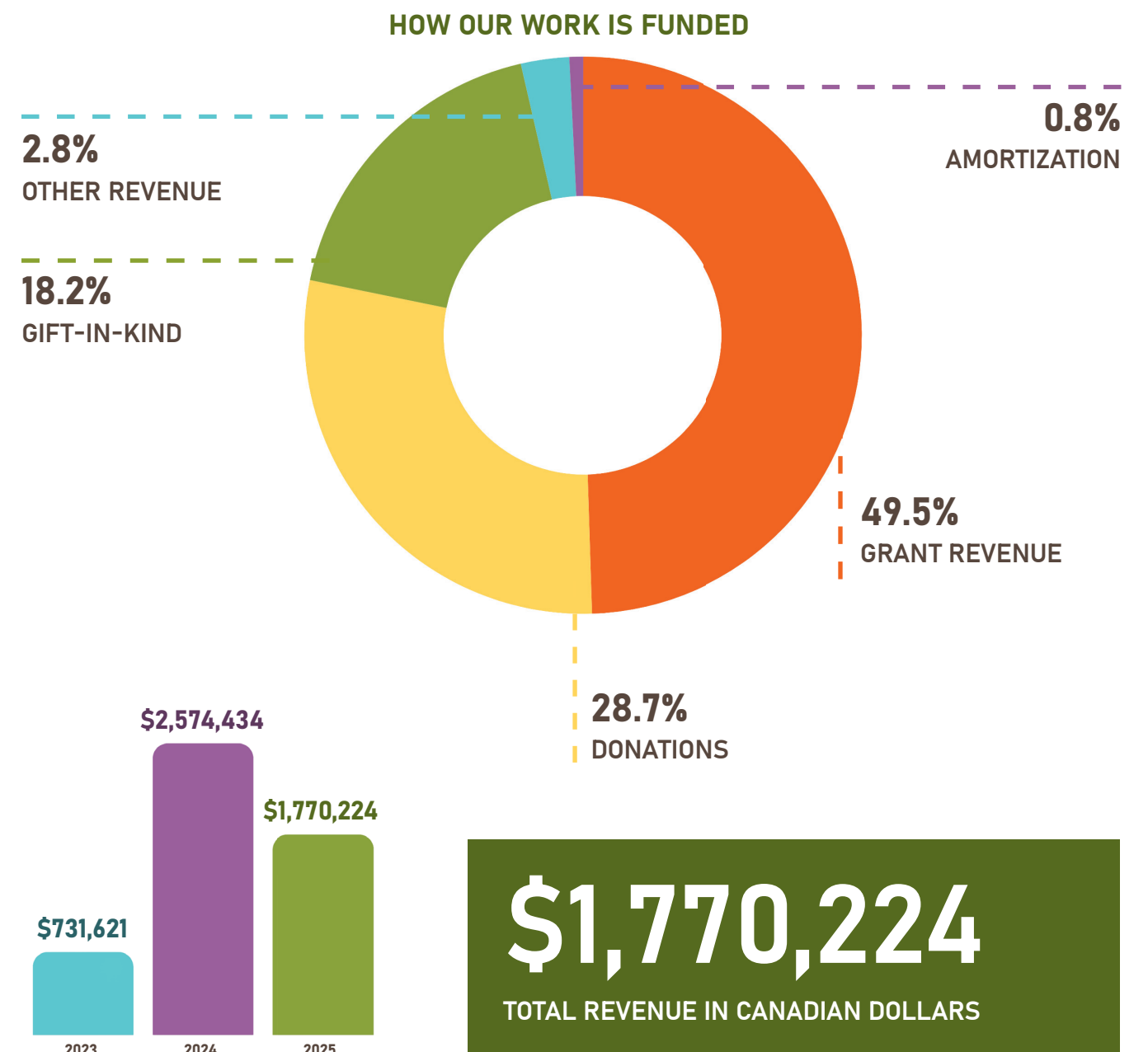
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Above left to right: GNCA staff with interns at a community art exhibition at the Varley Art Gallery, A Canada summer job intern at the K-EXPO

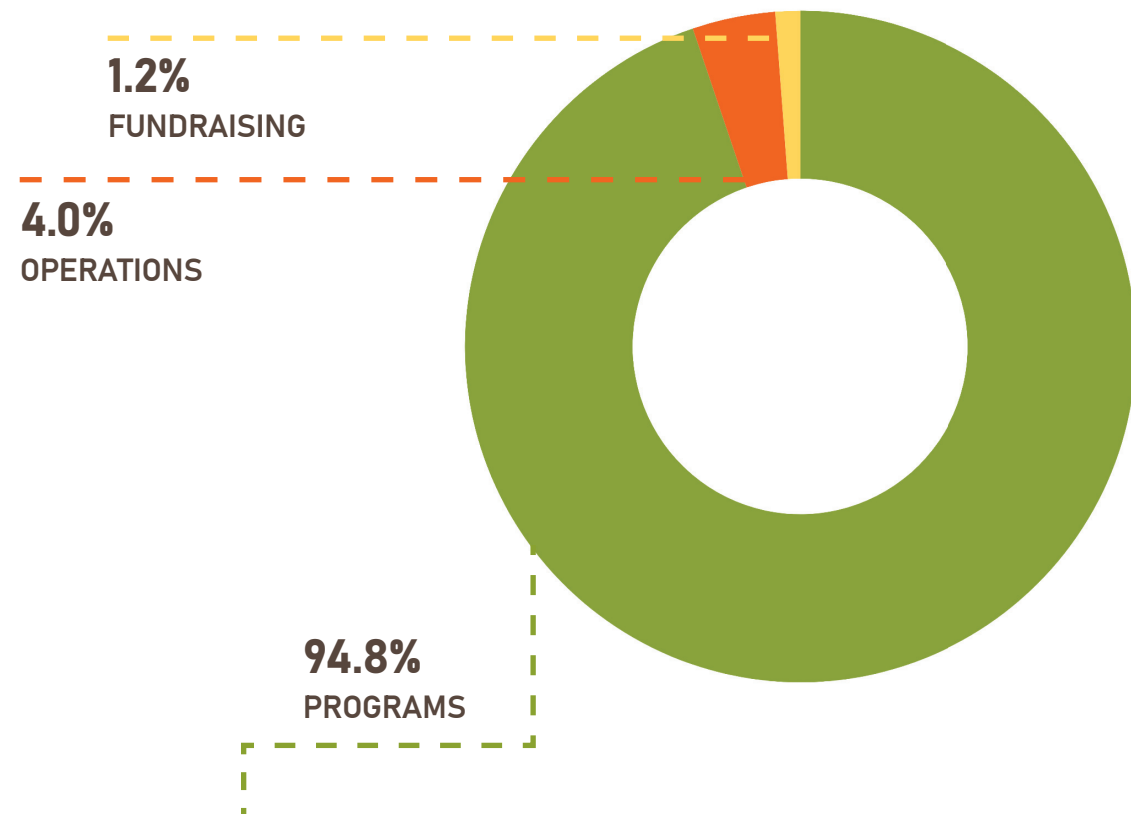
## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### Audited financial statements breakdown

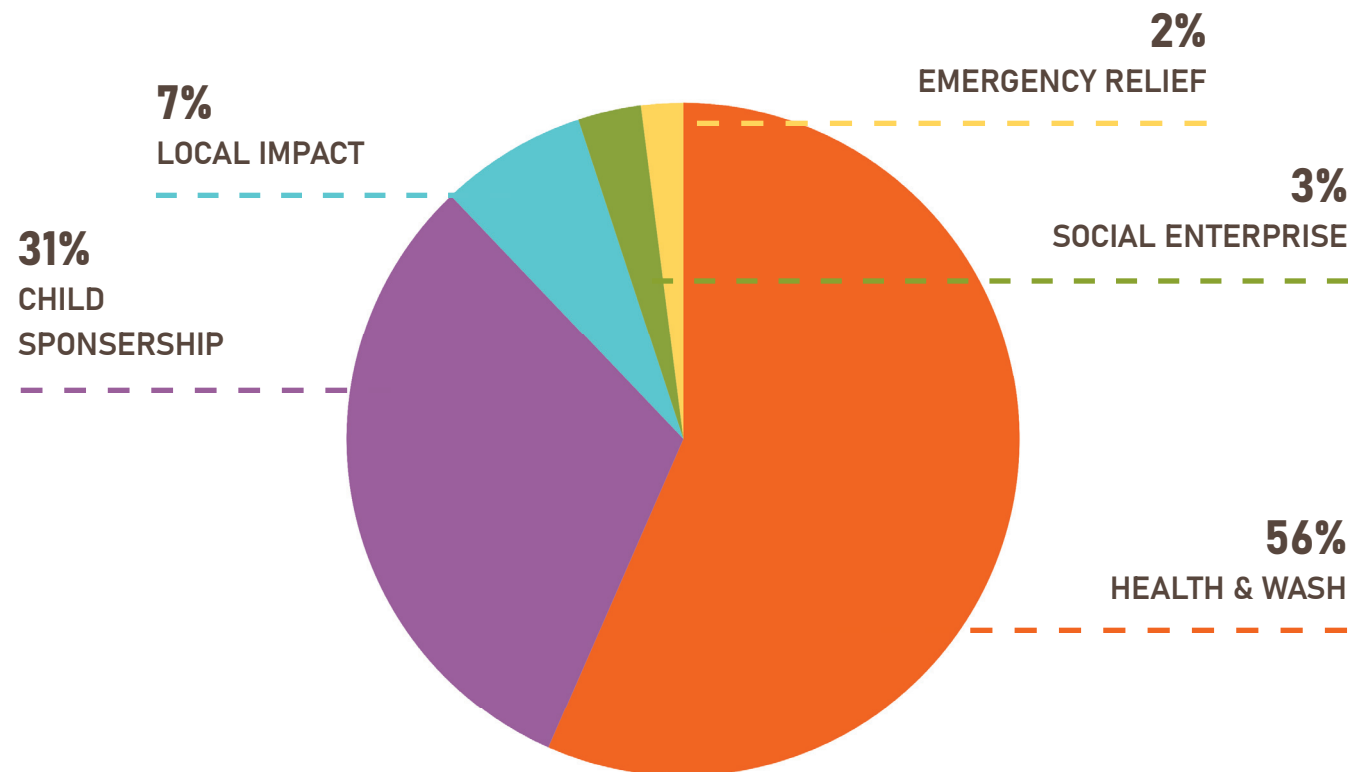
Good Neighbours Canada remains committed to transparency and accountability in how resources are managed and allocated. GNCA complies with national laws and regulations, conducts regular internal audits of our finances, and commissions an external, certified third party to conduct an annual audit.



### HOW FUNDS ARE USED



Program expenses are further divided into the following:



### Countries We Partnered With

Good Neighbours Canada continued to work alongside international partners to support community-led initiatives across multiple regions.

Program funding was directed to partner Good Neighbors organizations in the following countries:

- **Cameroon: \$331,222.92**
- **Dominican Republic: \$59,884.53**
- **Myanmar: \$13,913.41**
- **Zambia: \$8,250.65**
- **Korea: \$3,003.80**

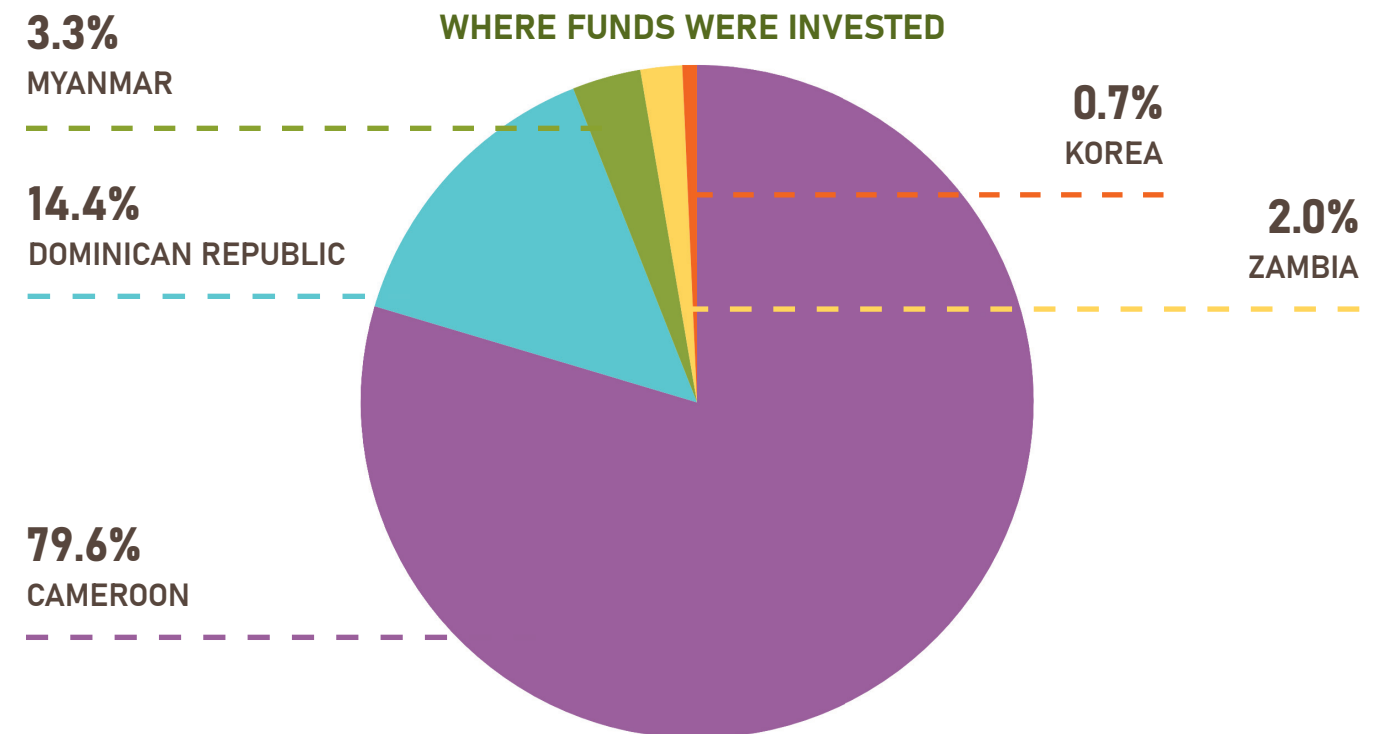
Total international program spending: \$416,275.30

In addition, in-kind contributions supported communities through the distribution of essential supplies:

- **Tajikistan (Dushanbe): \$315,000.00 in KN95 masks**
- **Guatemala (Guatemala City): \$4,413.44 in water filtration kits**
- **El Salvador (San Salvador): \$228.00 in dignity kits**

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