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# 2025

ANNUAL REPORT

*THE POWER OF HOPE*

VALUING EVERY CHILD AS JESUS DOES



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"Let us hold  
unswervingly  
to the hope we  
profess, for he  
who promised is  
faithful. And let  
us consider how  
we may spur  
one another on  
toward love and  
good deeds..."

– Hebrews 10:23-25  
(NIV)

// I want to go to school and  
become a doctor, so I can  
treat children like me."  
– **GASTON**, received  
surgery for his bowed legs



# A LETTER FROM KYALO

Dear Friend,

Hope is a powerful thing.

It shows up in the space between what is – and what could be. It rises when we begin to believe that something better is coming. When circumstances are hard, uncertain, or painful, **hope is the confidence that change is still possible** – that things will not stay as they are.

This is the hope you are giving to children living with disabilities in the world's poorest communities.

**You are healing bodies and hearts...** helping children move from isolation to inclusion, from despair to joy, from surviving to thriving. You're helping them become all God created them to be.

This report is filled with incredible stories of transformation. Each story and number represents a child who experienced Jesus' tangible love because of someone like you.

By partnering in this work, you're giving vulnerable children and their families access to medical care, livelihood support, education, and so much more.

Thank you for choosing to invest your resources, your prayers, and your heart into this mission. **Thank you for transforming lives, in Jesus' name.**



God bless you,

*Kyalo*

Peter Kyalo Mwalimu  
Executive Director  
Hope and Healing International



# OUR VISION IS

a world where *all* children can be all that God created them to be.

And yet, there is a group of children – millions of beautiful girls and boys – who aren’t given the chance to be all they can be. These children live with disability in the context of poverty, and they are last to get medical care... the last to get education. In the tough times, they are the last to get food. So, all too often, they are the first to die.

**These children are falling through the cracks.** They desperately need medical care and rehabilitation, but they can’t access services. Too often, these children are overlooked by governments and international development organizations. Considered less valuable, cursed, less than human, they’re hidden away, sometimes out of shame, but more often because parents are trying to keep their kids safe while families struggle to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

Too many of these children, created in God’s image, are dying of neglect, sickness, abuse, and loneliness. Misunderstanding, stigma, and exclusion surrounding disability pull entire families into deeper poverty. And deeper poverty makes children more vulnerable to abuse, isolation, disease, infection, further disability.

**It’s a vicious cycle. And we believe that God is calling us to help break it.**



**1 IN 10**

children worldwide live with disabilities and

**80%**

of them live in developing countries (UN)



Children with disabilities are up to

**4X**

more likely to die before the

**AGE OF 5**

in vulnerable communities (World Bank)



**ONLY 1 IN 10**

children with a disability has access to formal education in developing countries (UNICEF)

John’s legs started to bow when he was only 3 years old. Like any young boy, John loves to play, but his bowed legs would ache so much that, eventually, he had to stop playing.

John needed medical care to stop his pain, but his family struggled to afford that care. John’s aunt told us, “I’m worried because John is experiencing pain. So he will live with that pain. But on top of that, he might feel loneliness.”

Too many children like John live in needless pain and are left behind because of their disability. That needs to change.





# OUR MISSION IS

hope and healing for children with disabilities  
in the world's poorest communities

So what does hope and healing mean for children with disabilities? It means valuing and nurturing the whole child as Jesus does – body, mind, and spirit. Healing bodies starts with essential medical services, and hopeful hearts are lived when children have healthy relationships at home, school, and in communities.

// There's a little pain in my legs, but they are getting better. My legs were too bent out, but now they're starting to become straight... I look forward to playing football!"

**– ABRAHAM,**  
received surgery for  
windswept knees



We've heard from the children we serve and their caregivers that long-term health and hopefulness requires support across 5 domains of service:



## HEALTH

- Quality, timely medical treatment
- Comprehensive rehabilitation plans that celebrate each child's unique abilities



## SOCIAL ATTITUDES

- Changing negative attitudes towards disability – in the community, church, school – all around the children we serve
- Training community members to understand the causes of impairment and the rights and potential of children with disabilities



## SELF-VALUE

- Healing hearts by equipping children with disabilities to claim their intrinsic beauty and value through the knowledge of Jesus' love and through training in resilience skills
- At least one family member with the understanding and skills to champion their child with a disability



## EDUCATION

- Parents and teachers educated and empowered to advocate for and support the unique needs of children with impairments, including accessibility to school buildings and latrines
- Financial support for tuition, school supplies, and transportation, so children with disabilities can attend school



## FAMILY LIVELIHOOD

- Equipping parents with a sustainable income through vocational training, business supplies and equipment, and micro-finance loans to keep children healthy and in school
- Medical treatment for caregivers that allows them to care for their families

# OUR VALUES

Speak to who we are... and they stretch us and challenge us every day.

- ♥ We value *all* people as Jesus does
- ♥ Our faith drives us to acts of love
- ♥ We put children first, focusing on each child’s ability and potential
- ♥ We are accountable to God, to the children we serve, and to our donors
- ♥ We are open and honest



**OUR  
PROGRAM APPROACH**

How we work is as  
important as what we do.  
It’s part of who we are and  
how we change lives.

## CHRISTIAN

As Christians, we believe that all children are made in God’s image. As such, all children, with their unique abilities, have intrinsic value and a God-given purpose in life. Every action and word we deliver through our programs at Hope and Healing are intended to communicate God’s love to the children we serve.

## CHILD-CENTRED

We are child-centred and believe that girls and boys with disabilities and their families are the experts in their lives. Their voices matter, and they inform our work.

## FAMILY-BASED

Children who are loved, valued and have a champion, particularly in their home, are more likely to live healthier, more hopeful lives.

## COMMUNITY-BASED

Everyone benefits from inclusive communities, where children with disabilities and their families are included, where stigma is reduced, where children have friends, and can access the services and supports they need.

## LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

We are partner-centred with authentic, collaborative, and long-term partnerships. Partners are well positioned to implement projects for vulnerable children because they are trusted in their communities and connected within existing networks and systems. They amplify our impact.

## ACCOUNTABLE

We strongly believe in accountability to our partners, to our donors, and most importantly to girls and boys with disabilities and their families to ensure that our work is changing hearts and lives.

## RIGHTS-BASED

The marginalized children we serve are too often denied basic human rights. That’s why we work within the framework of:

- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



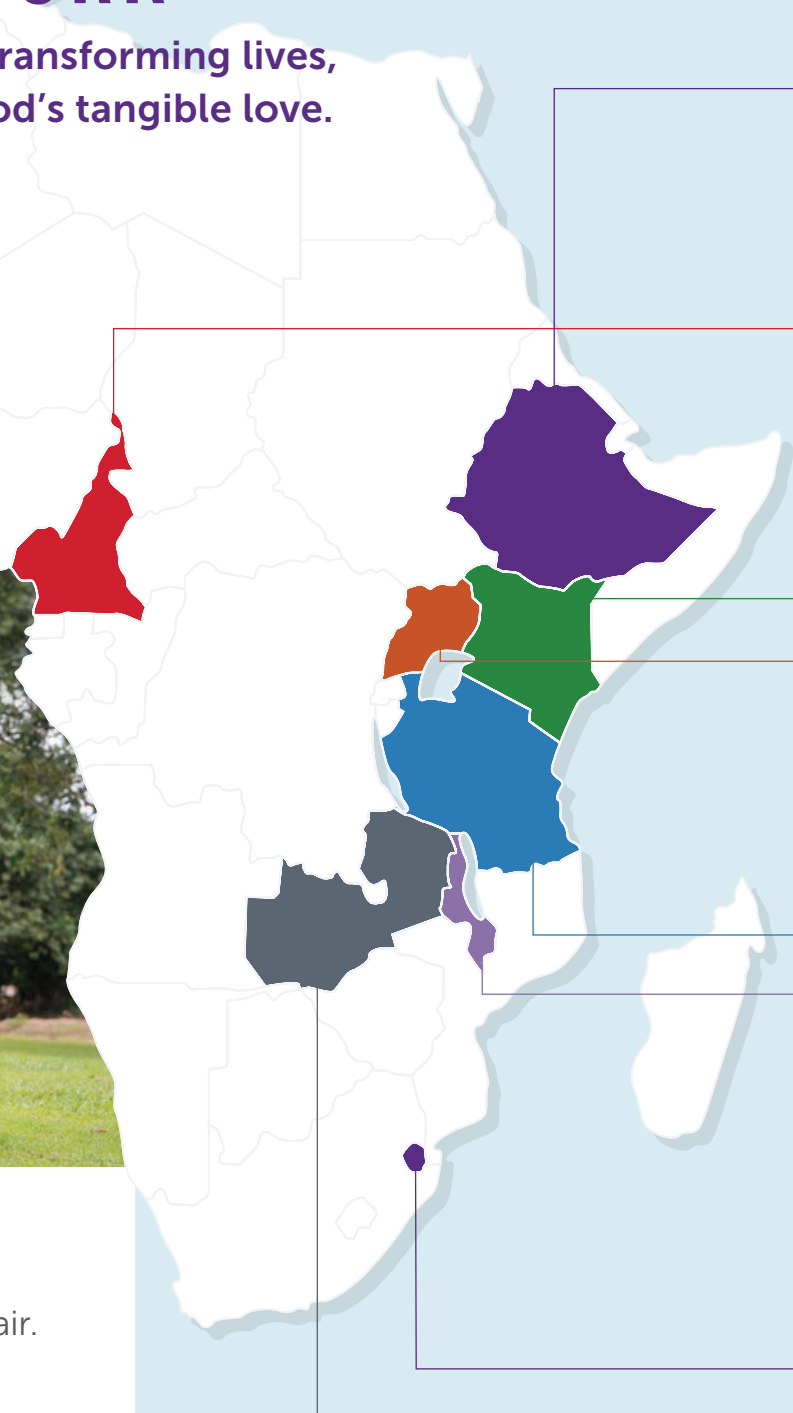
# WHERE WE WORK

Countries where YOU are transforming lives, one child at a time, with God’s tangible love.



My chair is very comfortable. I’m excited to have a wheelchair. Thank you so much!”

– **SAVIOUR**, received assistive device for arthrogryposis



## ● ETHIOPIA

**Partner:** ORDA Ethiopia – Organization for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara  
**Program Focus:** Trachoma Blindness Prevention

## ● CAMEROON

**Partner:** CBCHS – Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services  
**Program Focus:** River Blindness Prevention, Clubfoot Treatment, Paediatric Ophthalmology, Strengthening Healthcare System throughout Cameroon

## ● UGANDA

**Partner:** CoRSU Hospital – Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services for People with Disability in Uganda  
**Program Focus:** Paediatric Surgery and Assistive Devices

## ● MALAWI

**Partner:** CHAM – Christian Health Association of Malawi; LION – Lilongwe Institute of Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery; MACODA – Malawi Council for Disability Affairs; Nkhoma Mission Hospital  
**Program Focus:** Medical care, including Paediatric Ophthalmology, Rehabilitation, Education and Livelihood Support, and Strengthening Healthcare System throughout Malawi

## ● ZAMBIA

**Partner:** CHAZ – Christian Health Association of Zambia  
**Program Focus:** Strengthening Healthcare System throughout Zambia, and Humanitarian Aid in response to Drought

## ● KENYA

**Partner:** AIC CURE Kenya – Africa Inland Church CURE Hospital in Kenya  
**Program Focus:** Paediatric Surgery and Medical Outreach Clinics

## ● TANZANIA

**Partner:** CCBRT Moshi – Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation of Tanzania in Moshi  
**Program Focus:** Medical and Rehabilitative Care for Children with Cerebral Palsy and Spina Bifida, and Assistive Device Distribution

## ● ESWATINI

**Partner:** TLC – The Luke Commission  
**Program Focus:** Strengthening Healthcare System in Eswatini

**TOGETHER WITH YOU,**

Hope and Healing International supported **17** community- and hospital-based programs in **8** countries around the world to help kids like Saviour.



# 2025 AT A GLANCE

No one would call 2025 “business as usual”. Wars, trade wars, postal strikes, the dismantling of USAID, cost of living increases here in Canada and around the world all weighed heavy. At Hope and Healing International, we weren’t sure how our kind donors would respond to such uncertain times. Would we have enough funds to support all the life-changing programs planned for vulnerable children with disabilities?

We are humbled and deeply grateful for how our Canadian supporters leaned in, dug deep, and gave generously. Donors like you gave a total of \$33.8M, enough to positively impact the lives of over 750,000 children in 8 countries. Thank you!



“ I am very hopeful about my treatment journey... I believe my future is very bright. I can now confidently walk to school without worrying about what people will say. I know healing takes time, but in the end, everyone will be surprised at how well my legs have been corrected.”

– **VINCENT**, while receiving medical treatment for bowlegs

# YOUR INCREDIBLE 2025 IMPACT!





# NYAKATO AND BABIYRE'S STORY

Nyakato and Babiye are twin sisters who were both born with Blount's disease. Their legs were so severely bowed that pain would shoot through them whenever they walked or tried to sit with their legs folded. But the pain wasn't just physical.

At 10 years old, the twins had already faced years of stares, whispers, and bullying.

**"I feel bad that people at school label me because of my disability. They are calling us names. They imitate how we walk, [and say] 'They walk like a duck.'"**

Babiye puts on a tough front when the kids make fun of her, but for Nyakato it's harder to hide the hurt.

Their parents tried everything they could to help their daughters, spending all they had on surgeries that failed. With money gone, their hope was also fading.



*Nyakato and Babiye  
before surgery*

When their mother first heard about our local medical partner through neighbours, she didn't even consider going. She had given up hope that anything could change.

Thankfully, one of our partner staff reached out to the family directly, assuring them that generous supporters would cover the cost for both Nyakato and Babiye.

Since then, the twins have each received surgery and they're now getting the follow-up care they need to straighten their legs completely.

Their mother shared, **"Now they love themselves. They love their bodies... They're very confident, they are happy... they're excited to go back to school because their legs are corrected."**

As their healing journey continues, Nyakato and Babiye are hopeful. They can now walk without pain. They're living out the life they've been praying for – a life full of play and potential! They're thrilled to be able to help their parents with chores, and they have big dreams of becoming doctors one day.

This is the power of hope and healing – made possible through you, in Jesus' name.

*Nyakato and Babiye  
after their surgeries*







# YOUR IMPACT IN HEALTH

Last year, you gave

## 524,085

disability-prevention, medical, and rehabilitation services to children with disabilities and children at risk of blindness.

**Because you chose to put Jesus' love in action,** children are living healthier, more hopeful lives! Through surgery, medication, rehabilitation, clean water, kids are experiencing God's love in a real, practical way. Friends like you are telling these beautiful kids that they are worth medical care. You are being Jesus' hands and feet to transform their lives with hope and healing!

## HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS



Because of you, **415,735** children received blindness-stopping medication.



You provided **11,490** children with medical consultations, treatment, or supportive care.



Thanks to your kindness, **6,352** children received physiotherapy, occupational therapy and/or other rehabilitation services.

### 7-YEAR-OLD JUSTINA

was losing her hope. Her sight was fading and so were her dreams. Then she received cataract surgery through Hope and Healing's partner hospital – surgery that restored sight to her eyes and joy to her heart.



I couldn't see people clearly. I'm able to see clearer now than before... I'm excited to go back to school. I look forward to reading."

**– JUSTINA**, after receiving cataract surgery







# YOUR IMPACT IN SOCIAL ATTITUDES

Last year, you provided

## 281,584

attitude-changing activities that promoted inclusion for children with disabilities.

**Because of you,** families and communities are learning that children with disabilities have the same worth and value as all kids. Together, they are learning how to better advocate for these beautiful, courageous kids – to help others recognize that God has intentionally created and loves each child.

## SOCIAL ATTITUDES HIGHLIGHTS



Because of you, **1,735** children with disabilities were welcomed into play, sports, cultural, and social activities in their communities.



You gave **271,081** children disability awareness and sensitization messages.



Because of you, **4,568** children with disabilities benefitted from their caregivers receiving disability rights training so they can better advocate and care for their child.

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Sometimes I'm terrified when I meet strangers. Most of the time I live in fear... I am okay with all my friends."

– **TADALA**, girl living with albinism

## TADALA'S COMMUNITY

Our local partner is currently leading disability-sensitization training in Tadala's community, working to break stigma and misbeliefs around disabilities like albinism. It's long-term work that will take years – but there is hope for lasting change.







# YOUR IMPACT IN SELF-VALUE

Last year, you provided

# 61,506

resilience-building services for children to strengthen their self-value.

**Because of your generosity and support,** children with disabilities are gaining confidence, forming friendships, and playing with their peers. Thanks to you, children are receiving empowering, inclusive educational programming.

## SELF-VALUE HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to you, **303** children with disabilities participated in Hope and Healing's **I Can Bounce Back** resilience program to improve their confidence and self-value.



Because of you, **61,203** children with disabilities learned valuable lessons about their worth and skills through heart-healing Ubongo Kids TV shows and events, featuring characters with disabilities – produced by Hope and Healing, together with Ubongo.

### ZAMU

When asked about the positive things she now tells herself, Zamu responded, **"I love my body."** The Resilience Program teaches children with disabilities the knowledge and skills they need to overcome challenges in their lives.



I learned about negative self-talk, to understand negative attitudes and do away with them."

**– ZAMU**, girl with neglected clubfoot, graduate from the Resilience Program







# YOUR IMPACT IN EDUCATION

Last year, you gave

## 4,648

education services to children with disabilities or at risk of blindness so they can become all God created them to be!

**Because of you,** children living with disability were able to go to school! Ramps, accessible latrines, education supports, and more gave these kids the chance to learn and grow alongside their peers. Thank you for showing them Jesus' love by welcoming them into the classroom.

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



You gave **3,200** children access to safe, clean, accessible school latrines.



Because of you, **1,448** children with disabilities received inclusive learning support like school fees, school supplies, and/or transportation.

### JOSEPHINE

benefitted from the education and training Hope and Healing did at Josephine's school. This is work that makes sure kids with disabilities, like her, are included!



I want to be a hairdresser like my mother, study hard, and graduate at the University."

**– JOSEPHINE,**  
*girl with spina bifida*







# YOUR IMPACT IN FAMILY LIVELIHOOD

Last year, you provided

## 637,213

blindness-preventing and income-boosting activities to families so they could give their children a brighter future.

**Because of your support,** children are benefitting from the livelihood training and support, as well as the medical care, that their caregivers have received. When caregivers have the support they need, they can better provide for their children with disabilities by putting food on the table and sending their children to school – tangible hope that will last for years to come.

## FAMILY LIVELIHOOD HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to you, **612,557** moms, dads, and grandparents, received disability-preventing care.



Because of you, **10,389** children benefitted from their caregivers receiving income support like loans, vocational training, etc.



Through your generosity, **7,856** children benefitted from their caregivers receiving support to access government safety net programs.



### ELIZABETH

is mom to a four-year-old girl with cerebral palsy. Through Hope and Healing, she received seed and fertilizer to help grow her crops and provide for her daughter.



I am so grateful for the farming inputs I received. They have given me hope and the ability to provide food for my family... I am looking forward to a good harvest."

– **ELIZABETH**, received livelihood support for her family



# YOUR LIFE-SAVING IMPACT

## ZAMBIA FOOD CRISIS

At the beginning of our 2025 fiscal year, catastrophic drought wiped out over half of Zambia's crops. Children were coming to our health partner's clinics severely malnourished. The situation was dire. Children needed life-saving treatment. Families needed food packages and access to clean water to get them through. And they also needed crop restoration packages so they could farm for the next planting season and feed their families.

You stepped into the gap, and came alongside our local partner to give:

• **3,428** children facing malnourishment life-saving therapeutic feeds

• **1,712** discharge packages that included nutrient-rich food

• **7,385** families clean water through water treatment

• **4,500** kg of seed and **30,030** kg of fertilizer to families across Zambia so they could plant in the next season

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in a desperate situation.



## UPDATE ON THE FOREIGN AID CRISIS

In 2025, we saw the impact of USAID cuts on our local partners overseas. Essential support for vital primary and secondary health programs disappeared. Our partners were left with critical funding gaps, and increased need.

Thanks to your support:

- In Uganda, our local partner is providing nutrition support for children facing the disabling effects of malnutrition and who are too weak to undergo essential surgery.
- Our local Kenyan partner is receiving surgical equipment to continue paediatric surgeries for children with disabilities.

# HEALING HEARTS AND BOUNCING BACK



A child can have all the medical supports they need, but if they continue to carry the emotional scar tissue of damaged self-esteem and stigma, they'll struggle to embrace the life God wants for them. That's why we're focused on healing bodies *and* on healing hearts. And it's why we created our **I Can Bounce Back** program.

**I Can Bounce Back** is a program that teaches children with disabilities, ages 8–17, resilience skills that build confidence. And it also tells children that they are intentionally created and loved by Jesus.

Over the past year, we've made our resilience program more flexible and cost-effective for our frontline partners, so we can reach more children with Jesus' heart healing love.

**"I like myself – God made me the way I am."** – Child who graduated from the program

The **I Can Bounce Back** program covers topics like:

- Choosing resilience and overcoming adversity
- Discovering your unique talents and abilities
- Believing that God created you special and you have a future
- Learning how to respond to bullying/abuse

## TIMELINE

- 2019–2020** • A comprehensive literature review and study into the field of resilience for children
- 2021** • Developed **The Way to Resilience**, a 24-session program
- 2024** • Piloted **The Way to Resilience** in Uganda
- 2025** • Developed, piloted, and evaluated our **I Can Bounce Back** program in Uganda and Malawi
- 2026** • Expanding **I Can Bounce Back** to Kenya

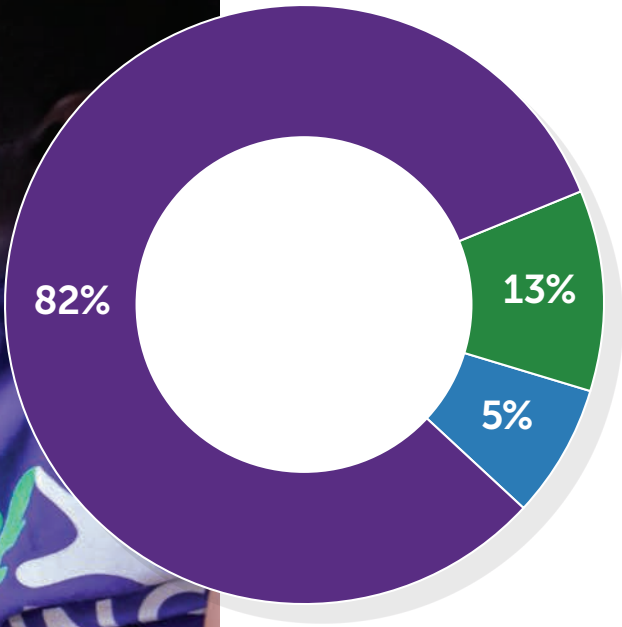


# OUR FINANCIALS

In 2025, we raised a total of **\$33.8M** thanks to our faithful and incredible supporters from coast to coast. Hope and Healing invested 82% of every dollar into life-changing programs that provided medical care and support, so children living in poverty with disability can live healthier, more hopeful lives.

// Hope and Healing is one of the best Christian organizations working in the fields of Africa... They are dedicated to God’s work and the money given goes to a worthy cause.”

– **YVONNE SHELTON**,  
faithful donor

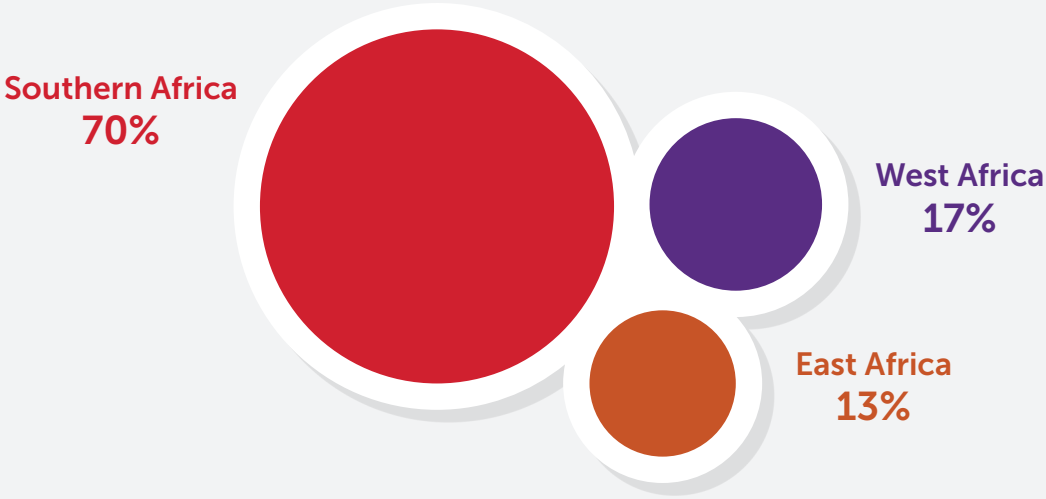


## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

- Life-Changing Programs
- Fundraising/Growth
- Administration/Accountability

5-year trending using audited annual financial statements at [hopeandhealing.org/financials](https://hopeandhealing.org/financials)

## PROJECT FUNDING BY REGION





# A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for standing with us. As a mom of a child with disabilities, I can resonate with the challenges and the heartache that these families can face. But I also understand the joy and relief that comes when a child receives the support they need to flourish. That’s why the work of Hope and Healing is so close to my heart.

Through your generosity, children in the world’s poorest communities are receiving life-saving care, mobility, education, and above all, the message that they are not forgotten. You are giving them dignity, hope, and a future.

As followers of Jesus, we believe every child is created in God’s image and worthy of dignity and care. You are helping make this possible!

*Your generosity is transforming lives, families, and communities.*



Ashley Vaughan  
Board Chair of Hope and Healing International

Ashley with moms  
at a rehabilitation clinic  
in Tanzania



## OUR LEADERSHIP

Peter Kyalo Mwalimu  
*Executive Director*

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*Chief Strategy Officer*

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*Chief Finance &  
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## OUR STAFF

Hope and Healing International’s staff members are passionate about connecting funding, praying partners like you to children and families in the poorest communities. This past year, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure more children with disabilities get vital, life-changing care. And we love showing donors like YOU the kind of life transformation you’re making possible every day!







My legs are corrected – they look like everyone else's! I love them so much. When they remove the plaster, I want to play football!"

– **SAMUEL**, excited to run after receiving treatment for clubfeet



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