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Impact Report



A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Partners,

2025 was marked by the growing complexity of global challenges facing the communities we serve. Many of our partners felt the effects of rising costs, shifting trade policies, and increasing economic pressure. Tariffs and supply chain disruptions drove up the cost of basic goods, making essentials less accessible for families already living on the margins.

And yet, in the midst of these challenges, we saw meaningful progress through your faithful support, as more children and families were able to access education and the support they need to move forward.

Across our network, several key initiatives took shape. In Bangladesh, the Kamlapur Drop-In Centre opened a residential facility, providing children with a safe place to live while attending school. In Burkina Faso and Ghana, clean water and sanitation projects were completed, helping reduce illness and improve daily living conditions.

In Zambia, the ZACTS Farm expanded with a new piggery and greenhouse, creating economic opportunities for women while improving food access for students. In Guatemala, our partners began building local partnerships and support systems, reducing reliance on outside funding and helping ensure their programs can continue long term.

These are just a few highlights from 2025. Each one reflects something tangible: children continuing their education, families finding greater stability, and communities moving forward despite uncertain circumstances.

As we look ahead, we remain grateful and committed to standing alongside our partners. Thank you for being part of this journey.

David Marshall
Executive Director
International Needs Canada



What Changed When Water Came Back

In 2025, the Ziasso Water Project in Burkina Faso was launched in response to the community's reliance on unsafe water sources, which posed serious risks to health and daily life. When this need was first shared, it was met with an outpouring of support from donors and fundraisers led by Women Making a Difference and Bonavista Church, who came alongside the community to help address this need.

Thanks to this generosity, Ziasso now has two boreholes and five publicly accessible latrines with handwashing stations. These improvements are already making a meaningful difference, providing safe water, improving sanitation, and restoring dignity for families across the community.



Zongo, Principal of Ziasso Public Primary School, shared: "For three years, our school faced a severe water crisis after our pump broke down. Without the resources to repair it, both students and teachers struggled daily, even for basic needs like drinking water and cleaning the chalkboards. Some children had to travel up to five kilometres just to find water. Today, with the installation of new boreholes, our hardships have been greatly eased. We are deeply grateful for this support, which is transforming our daily lives and creating a better environment for our students to learn."



Beatrice's Diagnosis and Care

For more than twenty years, International Needs Ghana has partnered with teams from Canada to conduct medical outreaches in rural communities across the Volta Region. In 2024, a young girl named Beatrice attended a day clinic expecting a routine checkup.

A blood test revealed dangerously high glucose levels, and by that afternoon, she was at a nearby hospital with a Type 1 diabetes diagnosis.

The medical team acted quickly to set up long-term support. Several members contributed funds to enrol Beatrice in the hospital's pediatric diabetes program, covering her glucometer, test strips, and monthly insulin supplies. One team member also committed to supporting her through child sponsorship.



Both Beatrice and her mother learned the essentials of managing the condition, from monitoring blood glucose to administering insulin. The program also provided food stipends to help with her dietary needs.

In 2025, when another Canadian medical team returned to the community, they were able to follow up with Beatrice and see how she was doing. They found that she was managing her condition well, reflecting the care, training, and support put in place the year before.

The outreach team's early diagnosis, along with the financial support that followed, gave her access to care that might otherwise have been out of reach. Today, she has the tools and knowledge to manage her condition and move forward with confidence.

Mony's Steps Toward Independence

Mony recently graduated from the after-school learning centre in Cambodia, and his story is still being written.

At just three years old, Mony lost his father, and his mother moved to Phnom Penh to work in a garment factory and support the family. Though his grandmother cared for him, food was often scarce and each day brought uncertainty.

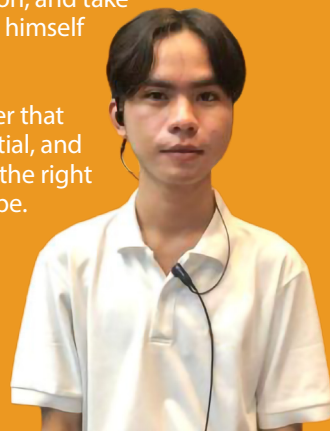
In 2014, while in Grade 1, Mony began attending our partners' after-school learning centre, which became a lifeline for him. In many parts of Cambodia, children face significant barriers to education. Overcrowded classrooms, few teachers, and limited resources make it difficult for students to keep up.

The learning centre helps bridge these gaps, easing pressure on both children and their families. In a safe and encouraging environment, Mony received daily

meals and additional learning support beyond the classroom. Spending a few hours there each day, he studied diligently and developed a strong interest in English, computer literacy, and graphic design.

Today, Mony is in his third year of university. Equipped with the skills he gained, he secured a position as a receptionist at a local hotel, allowing him to earn an income, support his tuition, and take steps toward supporting himself and his family.

Mony's story is a reminder that every child carries potential, and that the right support at the right time can help it take shape.



Paul's Journey After Losing His Sight

Paul was born with full sight, but at just three years old, he developed trachoma, a severe eye disease that eventually left him blind. Despite multiple surgeries, his vision could not be restored. As school became more difficult, Paul began to lose both confidence and hope for his future.

Everything began to change when he was connected with our partners in Uganda and enrolled in the sponsorship program. With encouragement from staff and the support of his sponsor, Paul was able to attend Salaama School for the Blind. In this new environment, he began to thrive. Paul progressed through primary and secondary school, earning strong results and eventually receiving a government scholarship to attend university.



At Makerere University, Paul not only excelled academically but also became a leader among his peers. He served as Chairperson and later Minister for Students with Disabilities, helping advocate for greater inclusion and contributing to the establishment of support systems for students like himself.

After graduating, Paul began working as a Disability Inclusion Facilitator, advocating for people with disabilities and helping shift perceptions within his community.

What once felt like an ending became the beginning of something far greater.

Today, Paul stands as an advocate, a leader, and a voice for others, proving that opportunity, when given, can change everything.

Angel and the Sponsor Who Stepped In

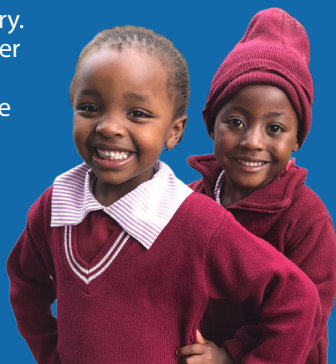
At just three years old, Angel arrived at the gates of Real Hope Safe House in Kenya one Sunday afternoon in July 2021. She was brought by her young mother, who was struggling with substance abuse and felt unable to care for her. Recognizing the risk to Angel's safety, the team welcomed her in.

Just weeks earlier, a sponsor named Bobbie had passed away. At her funeral, her long-standing support for Real Hope was shared, along with her family's desire to continue sponsoring a child in her memory. Moved by this, Bobbie's employer stepped forward, and the very next day after arriving at the safe house, Angel was sponsored.

Now in Grade 2, she is thriving in school and loves learning. Through sponsorship, she receives the support she needs to succeed, including school supplies, nutritious meals, and access to medical care. She is full of energy, enjoys spending time with friends at the centre, and loves knitting.

Angel's mother continues to visit, but as she is not yet able to provide stable care, the Real Hope team is seeking a foster family who can welcome Angel into a safe and loving home.

What began as an act of remembrance has become a source of ongoing care and opportunity for Angel. True to her name, Angel's life is a reminder that even in difficult moments, compassion can take shape in powerful ways, bringing hope and a future filled with possibility.



Adolfo's Growth Over One Year

In Paley, Guatemala, our partners run an early childhood development and nutrition program that supports young children and their caregivers during the most critical years of growth. Through weekly learning activities and monthly nutrition workshops, families are given practical tools to support their children's development.

In rural communities like Paley, families often grow fruits and vegetables but rely on selling their harvest for income rather than consuming it at home. Access to nutrition information can also be limited, especially when it comes to how daily food choices affect young children.

Adolfo, born in 2021, joined the program when it began in 2024. At the time, a height and weight assessment showed signs of chronic malnutrition. Like many children in similar circumstances, he was not consistently receiving the nutrients needed for healthy development.

Through the program, Adolfo began receiving nutritional support while taking part in early childhood activities that encourage learning, play, and foundational skills. At the same time, his mother attended monthly workshops, where she learned how to prepare balanced meals using local ingredients and make informed choices for her family.

Within one year, Adolfo's growth improved significantly, returning to a healthy range. Today, he is in good health, more active, and continuing to develop and learn.



Looking Ahead to 2026

As we look toward 2026, our focus is on strengthening what is already working and building toward long-term sustainability. Together with our partners, we are continuing to invest in programs, people, and systems that will carry this work forward.



Strengthening Livelihoods

In 2026, we will continue strengthening economic initiatives that support long-term stability. This includes investing in our partners and ensuring local teams have the capacity to lead and grow these efforts within their own communities.



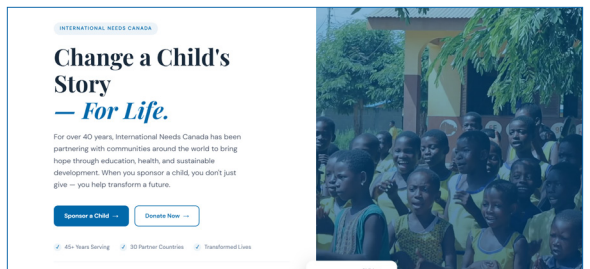
Building for the Future

We will continue development at Savar Children's Village in Bangladesh, expand the Real Hope Safe House in Kenya, and move forward with plans for a new clinic near the ZACTS School in Zambia. These projects represent long-term investment in safety, health, and opportunity.



Closer to Home

In Canada, we are prioritizing opportunities to be present in more communities, building new connections while continuing to deepen relationships with existing supporters through more consistent and meaningful updates.



Staying Connected

In 2026, we will launch a new website designed to better serve our supporters, with improved navigation, expanded content, and more regular updates to help you stay connected to the programs you are part of around the world.

Financial Report

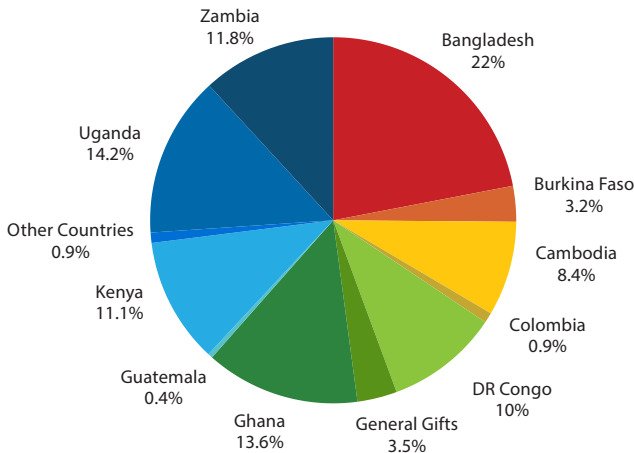
Your Gifts

Donations to Projects & Programs	\$	2,204,923
Donations to Overhead	\$	659,118
Total Donations	\$	2,864,041

Where Your Gifts Went

Bangladesh	\$	632,013
Burkina Faso	\$	90,684
Cambodia	\$	240,479
Colombia	\$	25,867
DR Congo	\$	286,876
General Gifts	\$	100,904
Ghana	\$	392,014
Guatemala	\$	12,025
Kenya	\$	318,600
Other Countries*	\$	26,052
Uganda	\$	409,020
Zambia	\$	340,362
Total Projects and Programs	\$	2,874,896

* Czech Republic, India, Nepal, Philippines, Turkey



Overhead Expenses

In 2025, we were once again blessed by a group of generous donors who chose to support the infrastructure behind our ministry. Their gifts covered all essential costs such as staff, rent, insurance, and fundraising - allowing other donations to go directly toward serving children, families, and communities around the world.

This support will continue through the end of 2026. During this period, we have begun setting aside a portion of donations to help sustain the people and systems that will make this ministry possible in the years ahead. Strong leadership, accountability, and stewardship are part of caring well for the partners and communities we serve, and every healthy organization requires this kind of foundation.

We remain thankful for the donors who have faithfully carried this responsibility for many years, and we warmly welcome others who may feel called to support this important side of the ministry in the years ahead. Together, this partnership helps ensure that International Needs Canada can continue serving with care, integrity, and long-term impact.



Thank You!

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

