

ASSIST INTERNATIONAL

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024







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# OUR MISSION

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Assist International partners with changemakers around the world to provide solutions that save lives and build resilient communities.





# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friends,

Assist International continued to bring hope and life-saving solutions to communities around the world in 2024. Together with our in-country teams and global partners, we implemented sustainable programs that built capacity, strengthened systems, and saved lives — especially for women and children.

This year, our Global Health and Oxygen programs achieved significant milestones:

- **Tanzania:** After 3.5 years, our anesthesia training program concluded, equipping ~160 providers increasing surgical volume by 21% at the hospitals where they served.
- **Ethiopia:** We completed a five-year partnership by transferring full ownership of the Amhara Oxygen Plant to local partners. From 2016–2022, the plant delivered 171,000 oxygen cylinders to 153 facilities, supporting treatment for 166,000+ patients.
- **Global O2Now Program in 2024:** We trained 316 PSA oxygen plant operators and technicians from 65 sites worldwide, ensuring sustainable, reliable access to life-saving oxygen.

Our Energy Assist Program expanded its reach this year, bringing reliable electricity to last-mile communities. In India, our partnerships led to the construction of three solar mini grids in remote villages, providing 24/7 power to more than 1,150 people in the first three months. These systems are transforming daily life — energizing homes, medical clinics and small businesses, and opening new opportunities for those in low-resource settings.

When disaster struck, we responded quickly. After the devastating 2024 hurricanes on the U.S. East Coast, we worked with partners to send over \$380k in medical equipment and goods, supporting those meeting urgent medical needs during a time of tremendous loss.

Children who once faced life as orphans — in Romania, Thailand and Uganda — are now embraced by loving families. They are thriving with shelter, nourishment, education, care and the deep sense of belonging every child deserves.

One especially powerful story is that of 11 children — grandchildren of LRA leader Joseph Kony — who escaped captivity with South Sudanese refugees. Turned away elsewhere because of their lineage, they learned about the Sewing Hope Children's Village in Atiak and asked to be welcomed. Sister Rosemary, our partner on the ground, immediately opened the doors. Despite limited space, these children were received with love and given refuge. We had the privilege of meeting them ourselves and offering the first new clothes they had ever owned. Their journey toward a new life has begun.

In the ongoing devastation of the war in Ukraine, displaced and orphaned children continue to receive clothing, food and small gifts — tangible reminders that they are not forgotten. This past year, our team made two trips into Ukraine to bring critical support to women and children affected by the conflict.

We are deeply grateful for the growing network of individuals and organizations who share our vision. Your support fuels a movement that uplifts lives from remote villages to busy cities. Together, we are building a future where children, families and communities have access to health, opportunity and hope.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your partnership continues to make a profound difference.

With gratitude,

Ralph Sudfeld  
President & CEO, Assist International

# CHILDREN

Alongside in-country partners, we work to give orphaned and abandoned children a family, living in homes where food, clean water, education, care and love are always mainstays.

**Every child deserves the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life.** Few things are more transformative than giving a child the gift of family, education, food and shelter.

With over 30 years of experience serving vulnerable, orphaned and abandoned children around the world, Assist International partners with in-country leadership teams to build, strengthen, and support both the children and their caregivers — bringing lasting hope to communities in need. Since 1990, Assist International has formed 12 long-term partnerships with trusted in-country organizations.

## OUR IMPACT



5,000+ Children Impacted Annually



69 Orphan Homes Built





## Sewing Hope Children's Village

*Atiak, Uganda*

### Overview

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Assist International continues its long-standing partnership with the Sewing Hope Children's Village to uplift vulnerable women and children in northern Uganda. Since the beginning of this collaboration, Assist International has helped build 10 orphan homes, a medical clinic, an elementary school and additional classrooms.

We also provide ongoing operational funding and administrative consulting to strengthen the village's impact and sustainability.

### 2024 Highlights

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This year, our commitment to the children and caregivers in Atiak deepened in meaningful ways. With the support of generous donors like you, we responded to a remarkable moment when 11 children — grandchildren of the infamous LRA leader Joseph Kony — arrived at the village. Having fled alongside South Sudanese refugees, they had been rejected elsewhere due to their lineage. Despite limited space, they were welcomed and given shelter, food, education, and most importantly, love.

To further sustainability efforts, we added a new chicken building that now provides meat, eggs and a modest source of income for the village. We also helped increase farm production through the long-awaited purchase of a tractor. This investment is now supporting not only the orphan village but also nearby refugee camps and a feeding program for refugee children in South Sudan.

### Impact

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Through your continued support, children who once faced life alone are now embraced by loving families and communities. They are thriving with shelter, nourishment, education and the deep sense of belonging every child deserves. Your generosity is helping us bring lasting hope to some of the world's most vulnerable places.



# AOET (AIDS Orphans Education Trust)

*Uganda & Kenya*



## Overview

AOET operates a wide range of child welfare programs and has impacted over 4,000 children since its founding in 2000. Assist International began partnering with AOET in 2006, supporting major infrastructure projects, operational funding and strategic consultation.

The AOET Children's Village includes 26 homes and foster families, and since 2008, over 1,700 students have graduated from Rehoboth Integrated High School.

Remarkably, over 90% of AOET's infrastructure was built by friends of Assist International — demonstrating the power of long-term partnership and shared vision.

## 2024 Highlights

While our relationship with AOET is more limited today, Assist International continues to provide modest monthly support and assists with website hosting and maintenance. We remain grateful for the enduring impact of this collaboration and the lives transformed through years of shared commitment.







# New Dawn

Uganda



## Overview

New Dawn serves some of the most vulnerable families in Uganda, particularly those affected by HIV/AIDS. Their holistic programs include nutrition support for mothers and infants, vocational training through beauty and tailoring classes, counseling for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, and educational initiatives that empower communities.

## 2024 Highlights

In 2024, Assist International strengthened its partnership with New Dawn, prioritizing their critical feeding program for children from families facing severe hardship. Proper nutrition is essential for the effectiveness of antiviral medications, and this program ensures families have access to food that supports health and treatment. Together with donors, Assist International continues to help New Dawn expand its reach — providing nourishment, care and dignity to children and families in need.

# JHOR

Timisoara, Romania



## Overview

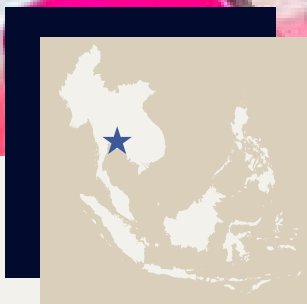
JHOR continues to meet critical needs for children, older adults and vulnerable families in Romania. The Onesimus Brothers House provides a safe and loving home for 21 orphaned and abandoned children, while the Bethany Home offers care and support for older adults who require assistance. Through the Manna Project, JHOR distributes food to families experiencing poverty, ensuring that basic nutritional needs are met. In addition, JHOR remains committed to serving the broader community through outreach and compassionate care initiatives.

## 2024 Highlights

In 2024, JHOR sustained its core programs and expanded efforts to strengthen food security for families in crisis. These initiatives not only provide nourishment but also restore hope to people in great need. Assist International is honored to partner with JHOR to continue this vital work — helping children grow in a safe environment, supporting older adults with dignity and bringing relief to families facing hardship.







## Felix Family Village

*Surat Thani, Thailand*

### Overview

Felix Family Village in Thailand continues to provide orphaned and abandoned children with the gift of family, love and stability. Now in its 17th year, the village remains a place where children grow up in a safe and nurturing environment, surrounded by caregivers who are committed to their well-being.

The heart of Felix Thailand is its mission to ensure that every child receives the care, education and emotional support they deserve.

*As one child shared: “Here I grew up in a safe and loving family, and here I have had a blessed life. I have been able to attend school, and now I think and plan for my future and education. The 10 years I have now lived with my new family have changed my life completely.”* — Earng, Felix Family Village, Thailand

### 2024 Highlights

In 2024, Felix Thailand sustained its core programs and continued to invest in the holistic development of each child. In addition, much-needed repairs had to be done in some of the orphan homes. Despite challenges, the village remained a place of hope and transformation — where children not only receive shelter and education, but also learn to dream, plan and thrive.

Assist International is honored to partner with Felix Thailand to continue this life-changing work — helping children grow in a loving family environment and build a foundation for a brighter future.

# COMMUNITY

Assist International supports families across the U.S. and around the world by providing emergency food, hygiene items, and essential supplies. Through partnerships with local and international organizations, we distribute new and gently used store-bought goods to individuals and families facing crisis or hardship.

In the U.S., our efforts focus on disaster response and equipping partner organizations that serve those in need. Globally, we work to empower communities in resource-limited settings with tangible support that meets immediate needs and fosters long-term resilience.

By the end of 2024, Assist International received a total of **831 truckloads** of goods and distributed **16,688 pallets** of supplies—valued at **\$53 million**—to families and individuals in need.

## OUR IMPACT



37 Truckloads Received in 2024



612 pallets Distributed



1292+ Volunteer hours (averaging 179 per month)



\$9.2M in donations received from WV and partners, and \$9.1M distributed to nonprofits and people in need.





# OPTICAL



## Overview

The Optical Program continues to transform lives by improving vision and enhancing livelihoods. Through a dedicated team of volunteers and trusted partners, Assist International collects, sorts and distributes gently used prescription eyewear to people around the world. These glasses help children succeed in school, adults maintain employment and elders regain independence — making a lasting difference in daily life. Thanks to the generosity of donors and the strength of our partnerships, this program reached thousands in 2024, restoring sight and hope in communities where access to vision care is limited.

## OUR IMPACT

In 2024, Assist International distributed approximately \$7.1 million worth of prescription eyeglasses to individuals and families in need across hard-to-reach communities.

*Locations Served: Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Romania, Uganda*



*Partners: Health Builders Lions in Sight, Rotary*



# DISASTER RELIEF

In 2024, Assist International provided \$339,277 worth of GE Medical equipment to healthcare facilities impacted by hurricanes. This included shipments to Ashe Memorial Hospital and Ballard Health in Tennessee, helping restore essential services and equip frontline providers with the tools needed to care for patients during crisis recovery.

We also continued to support families affected by the California wildfires — providing essential supplies and resources as they rebuild their homes, lives and communities.

In addition, ongoing support was extended to children living in state-run orphanages in Ukraine. We stood alongside the women leading charitable organizations that serve internally displaced families and orphaned children — ensuring they have the resources and encouragement needed to continue their vital work in the midst of conflict.



# OXYGEN PROGRAMS

We help build and strengthen oxygen ecosystems that deliver vital medical oxygen into patients' lungs around the globe.



## **Conclusion of the Amhara Oxygen Program**

Assist International has continued to expand its oxygen programming, ensuring the delivery of life-saving medical oxygen to last-mile health systems around the world.

In August 2024, Assist transferred full ownership of our Ethiopia oxygen plants to local representatives, marking the successful closure of a five-year Public-Private Partnership with the Amhara National Regional State Medical Oxygen Production and Distribution Center and the Regional Health Bureau, concluding an impactful social business enterprise.

This was the capstone to our lengthy work establishing PSA oxygen plants across Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Ethiopia since 2011. The five oxygen plants that Assist helped establish in Ethiopia distributed over 171,000 large oxygen cylinders to 153 health facilities, directly treating more than 166,000 patients from 2016-2022.



## O2Now: Building Local Capacity to Operate & Maintain Medical Oxygen Plants

At the end of 2023, Assist International launched the O2Now training program to address one of the most persistent challenges in medical oxygen delivery — sustainability. Drawing on more than a decade of experience in oxygen systems, we distilled our knowledge into a practical, hands-on curriculum designed for hospital administrators, plant operators and technicians.

This program goes beyond theory, combining classroom learning with real-world practice to ensure participants can operate and maintain PSA oxygen plants effectively and sustainably. In 2024, O2Now experienced remarkable uptake.

### Establishing Assist International as Medical Oxygen Experts

Assist International has established itself as a global leader in oxygen systems, drawing on years of experience implementing solutions in last-mile communities. From 2023-2024, Assist International provided technical support to UNICEF by assessing 11 oxygen production sites across Afghanistan, identifying critical infrastructure and service needs, and making integral recommendations.

Assist International also came alongside a coalition of partners, including FHI360 and USAID, to design and oversee the installation of PSA oxygen plants at four hospitals in Moldova, completing the project in 2024. Assist International published our second oxygen academic article in August 2024, which was cited in the Lancet Global Oxygen Commission's report on the state of global oxygen: [www.ghspjournal.org/content/12/4/e2300515](http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/12/4/e2300515)

Finally, our Vice President of Technical Services, Jim Stunkel, was invited to serve as a panelist at the WHO's 2024 National Oxygen Scale-Up Framework Meeting in Dakar, Senegal, allowing us to contribute our technical expertise to shaping global guidelines for PSA oxygen plant implementation.

This year alone, we trained 316 participants in person and online, impacting 65 PSA oxygen plant sites across the globe. This matters because too often, PSA plants are installed to solve urgent oxygen shortages but fail due to a lack of local capacity to run them.

O2Now changes that narrative — equipping sites with the skills to keep plants running reliably, ensuring a continuous flow of life-saving oxygen. The ripple effect is profound: Countless patients now have access to oxygen when they need it most, and lives are being saved every day.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Conclusion of our Ethiopia oxygen program, which distributed over 171,000 cylinders of oxygen, treating 166,000+ patients across 153 health facilities from 2016- 2022.
- Assist International supported UNICEF in Afghanistan and USAID in Moldova with PSA plant assessments, design and installations.
- Participated in WHO's National Oxygen Scale-Up Framework Meeting
- We concluded a five-year Public-Private Partnership in Ethiopia.
- 316 PSA Oxygen Plant Operators and Technicians trained through the O2Now training program.
- O2Now Training led to up to 81% improvement in practical exam scores, enhancing plant operation and maintenance.
- Published our second oxygen academic article, *An oxygen supply is not enough: A Qualitative Analysis of a Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plant program in Ethiopian Hospitals*.



# ENERGY PROGRAMS

We help provide renewable energy solutions and training to last-mile communities, accelerating community development and strengthening livelihoods.

Nearly one billion people globally are served by healthcare facilities that lack reliable electricity. In Sub-Saharan Africa, for example, power remains unreliable in half of all health facilities, and more than one in 10 have no electricity at all. This energy gap directly impacts life-saving services such as emergency surgeries, childbirth and vaccine storage. We continue to work with partners to expand access to clean, affordable and reliable energy in underserved regions.

## 2024 IMPACT

Assist International's Energy Assist program brought reliable electricity to last-mile communities. In India, three solar mini grids were constructed in remote villages, providing 24/7 power to over 1,150 people within the first three months of operation — most of whom live below \$4/day.

In Tanzania, Assist partnered with Health Electrification & Telecommunications Alliance (HETA) to electrify 24 health facilities and conducted strategic planning with local developers for a larger-scale program coming soon. In the DRC, Assist identified scalable opportunities with mini-grid developers and engaged with government stakeholders to align with national electrification priorities. These efforts lay the foundation for long-term energy access and economic growth in last-mile communities.





# TVET | Technical & Vocational Education & Training

Providing people with meaningful work is fundamental to restoring dignity, creating opportunity, and building a strong 21st-century workforce. Yet many underserved communities still lack access to quality technical and vocational education, making the global skills gap a critical challenge. Through strong partnerships, Assist International is strengthening TVET programs to upskill workers, address training gaps, and empower participants to become problem-solvers in their own communities, creating pathways to dignified work that fosters economic stability and sustainable development.

## OUR IMPACT

Workforce Development (TVET): Assist International expanded its role as a program design expert in 2024, creating a strategic TVET playbook and securing major investments for Centers of Excellence in India, Tanzania, DRC and Kazakhstan. These programs will equip youth with skills in advanced manufacturing, welding, electrical work and specialized engineering. In India, Assist supported the Maker Labs initiative to equip rural, at-risk, youth with STEM training, resulting in 344 functional prototypes being created to claim seed funding for student-led startups, and over 1,800 students completing computing courses. Maker Labs is empowering youth to break cycles of poverty through STEM.





# GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

The ImPACT Africa (Improving Perioperative and Anesthesia Care and Training) program and MOST (Mobile Obstetric Simulation Team Training) program concluded in Tanzania in 2024 after 3.5 years of community impact.



887 clinicians trained through MOST in Tanzania, contributing to a 37% reduction in maternal mortality at intervention sites.



~160 Anesthesia Providers trained and 3 simulation centers installed through ImPACT AFRICA in Tanzania.



Small hospitals staffed by ImPACT-trained graduates saw a 21% increase in surgical volume and improved adherence to safe surgical practices.



# MOST

*Tanzania*

## Overview



In Tanzania, many mothers and newborns die from preventable causes because health providers lack the knowledge, skills and resources to manage obstetric emergencies. The MOST program teaches obstetric teams how to work together during an obstetric emergency, focusing on saving both the mother and the baby. The program utilizes simulation technology, providing a highly impactful learning environment and a wide variety of simulated scenarios.

Through MOST, 887 clinicians in Tanzania were trained to care for obstetric emergencies as a team, contributing to a 37% reduction in maternal mortality rates at intervention hospitals.

# ImPACT AFRICA

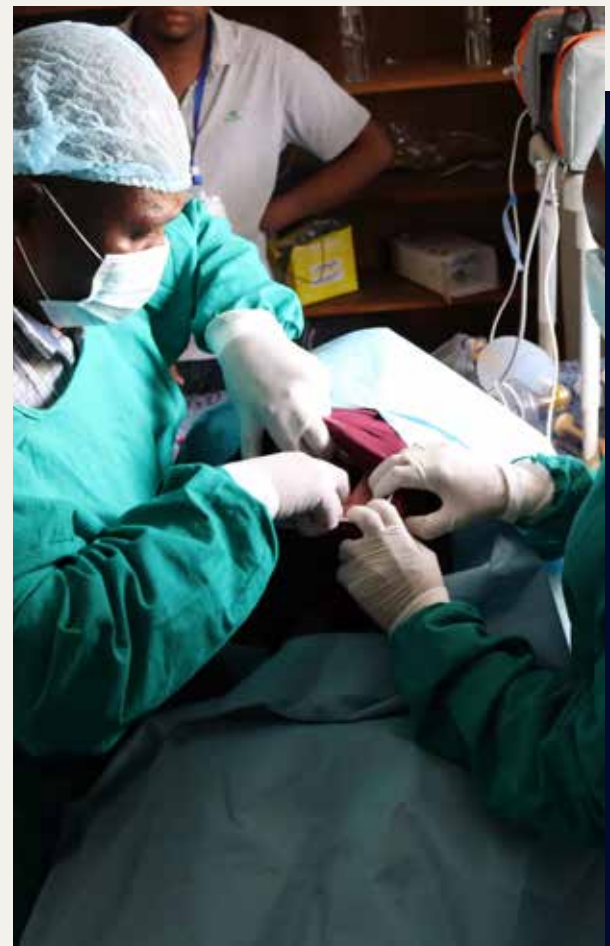
## Overview



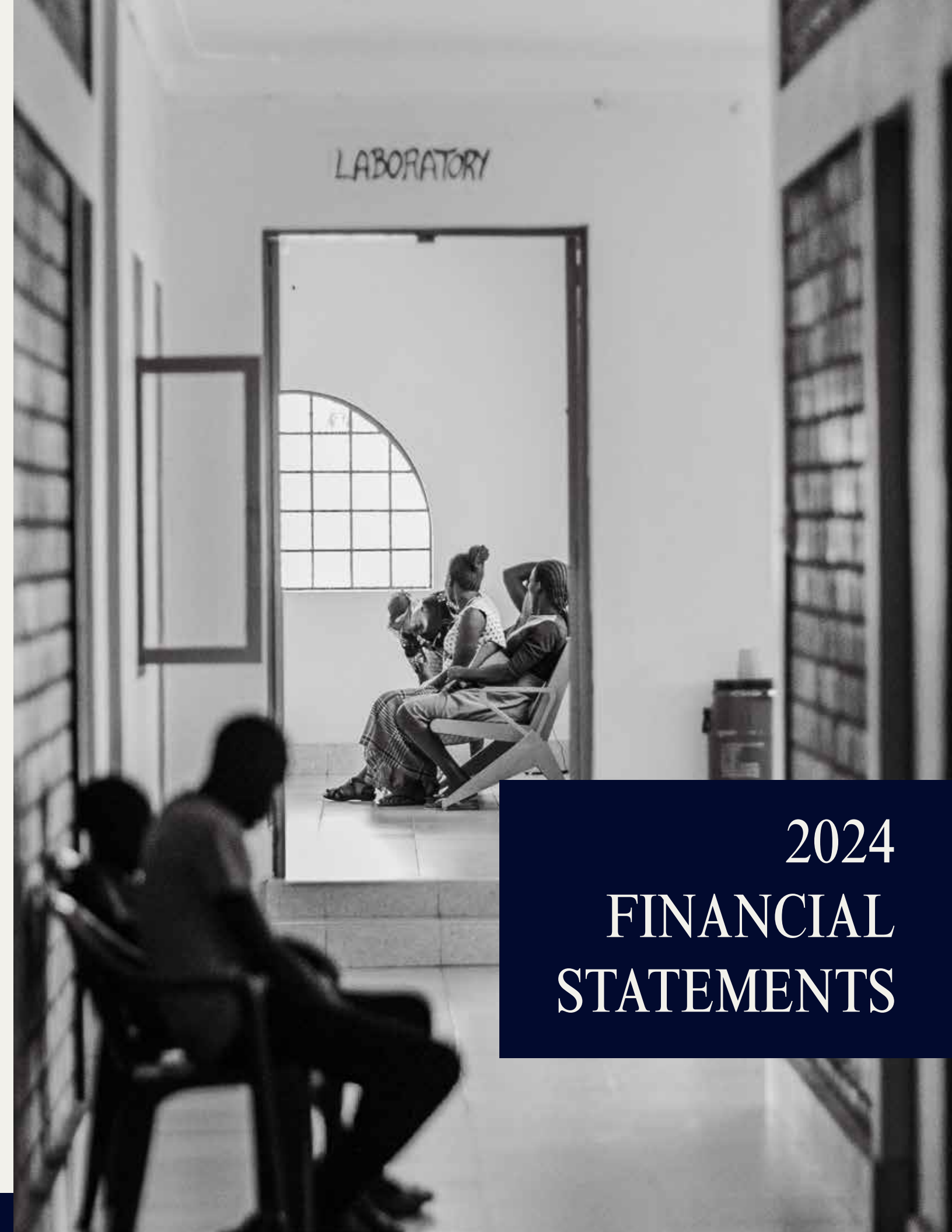
Safe surgery often begins with safe anesthesia. ImPACT AFRICA aims to improve the safety of anesthesia and perioperative care by enhancing education and training for both physician and nurse anesthesia providers. State-of-the-art simulation labs allow teachers to lead their students through real-life scenarios. By practicing in the sim lab, students hone their hands-on skills in high-pressure scenarios without any risk to patients.

ImPACT AFRICA concluded in Tanzania after 3.5 years training anesthesia providers. Upskilled educators and training through simulation led to measurably more equipped anesthesia providers graduating University increasing use of safety monitors and important teamwork techniques. The benefits of this program were especially evident when graduates were placed at small hospitals. Small hospitals staffed by ImPACT-trained anesthesia providers in Tanzania demonstrated a 21% increase in surgical volume while continuing to uphold surgical best practices for patient safety.

- ~160 Non-Physician Anesthesia Providers trained in Tanzania
- 89 Anesthesia Residents Trained Between Tanzania & Ethiopia
- 39 Anesthesia Educators Upskilled in Tanzania
- 3 Simulation Centers Installed in Tanzania
- 5 Universities Between Tanzania & Ethiopia







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# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

### Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$12,252,092
Accounts Receivable	136,425
Grant Receivable	221,040
Programmatic Inventory	10,564,517
Property and Equipment, Net	1,620,316
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	4,985
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Total Assets	\$24,799,375
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### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$114,874
Accrued Expenses	49,235
Grants Payable	23,589
Notes Payable	662,629
Security Deposits	11,275
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Total Liabilities	861,602
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#### Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	4,261,126
With Donor Restrictions	19,676,647
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Total Net Assets	23,937,773
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	24,799,375
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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Support and Revenues:</b>			
Contributions	\$909,795	\$8,875,732	\$9,785,527
In-Kind Contributions	-	10,898,026	10,898,026
Interest Income	250,826	-	250,826
Rental and Other Income	400,513	-	400,513
Loss from Foreign Currency Transactions	(22,009)	-	(22,009)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	13,616,034	(13,616,034)	-
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>15,155,159</b>	<b>6,157,724</b>	<b>21,312,883</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program Activities	20,149,612	-	21,312,883
Supporting Activities			
General and Administrative	536,457	-	536,457
Fundraising	164,635	-	164,635
<b>Total Supporting Activities</b>	<b>701,092</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>701,092</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,850,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,850,704</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(5,695,545)</b>	<b>6,157,724</b>	<b>462,179</b>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year			
Before Change in Cumulative Translation Adjustments	10,017,921	13,518,923	23,536,844
Change in Cumulative Translation Adjustments	(61,250)	-	(61,250)
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>			
After Change in Cumulative Translation Adjustments	<b>\$4,261,126</b>	<b>\$19,676,647</b>	<b>\$23,937,773</b>

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Change in Net Assets	\$ 462,179
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net	
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	148,905
Loss on Disposal of Assets	218,222
Donated Equipment and Materials, Net	2,699,240
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(92,312)
Grants Receivable	(199,246)
Other Assets	(1,666)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	21,113
Grants Payable	(3,961)
Royalties Payable	-
Security Deposits	-
Cumulative Translation Adjustments	(61,250)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	3,191,224

## Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Investments Converted to Cash	5,371
Acquisition of Property and Equipment	(14,978)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(9,607)

## Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Principal Payments on Notes Payable	(72,030)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	(72,030)

## Effect of Exchange Rate on Cash

61,250

## Net Change in Cash Equivalents

3,109,587

## Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year

9,142,505

## Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year

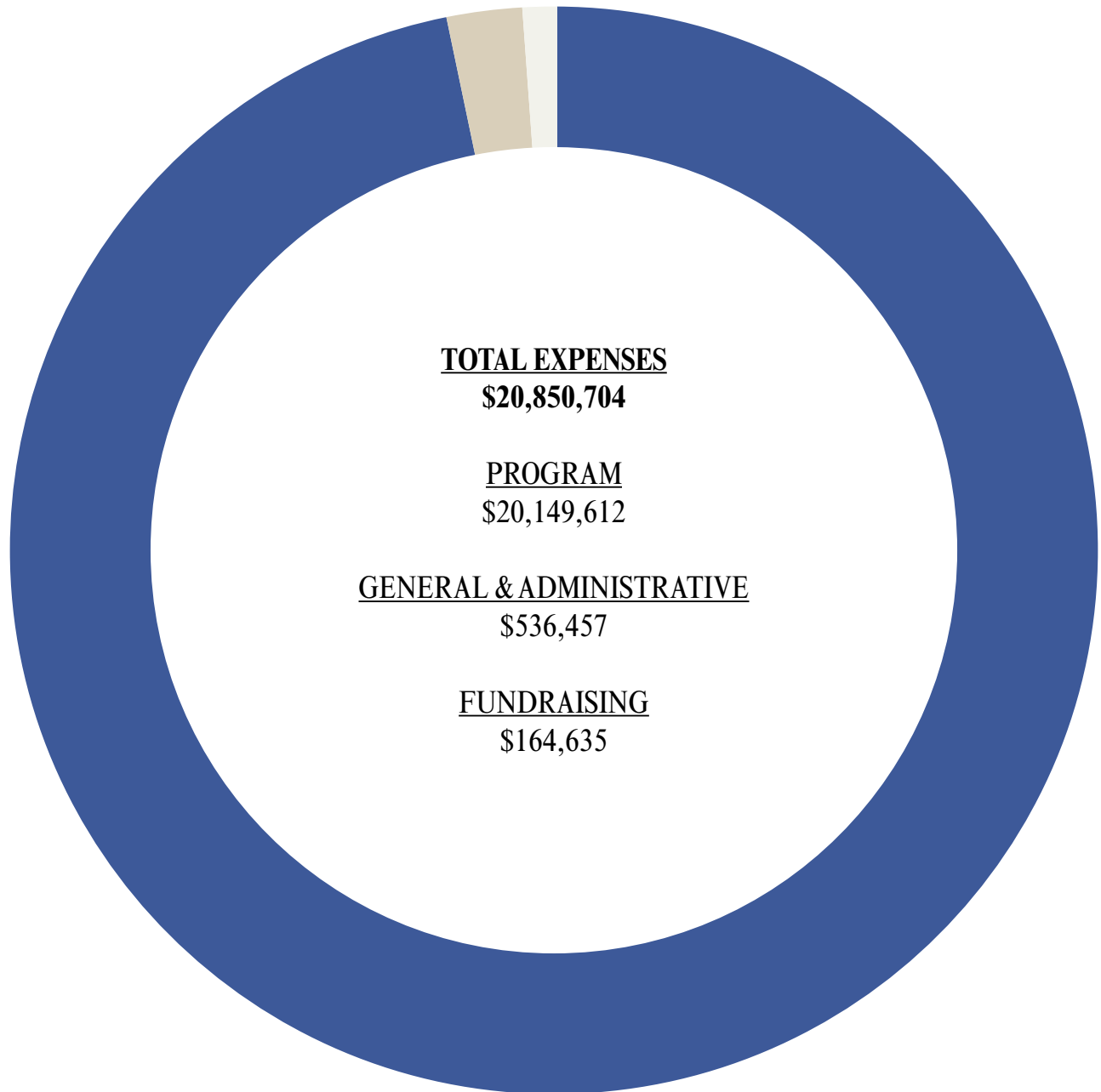
\$12,252,092

## Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information

Cash Paid During the Year for:	
Interest	\$39,947
Unrelated Business Income Taxes	-
Total	\$39,947



## FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE ALLOCATION



Program 96.6%

General & Administrative 2.6%

Fundraising .8%

The annual audit of the financial statements of Assist International<sup>SM</sup> is available upon request.  
Assist International<sup>SM</sup> is audited annually by Ronald Blue & Co. CPAs and Consultants, LLP.

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## PERCENT

of every donation goes directly into our programs that address the needs of the world's vulnerable people. We value the trust you have placed in our organization, and we strive for the highest financial accountability ratings.





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Assist International has been a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 1990.  
Charity Navigator Highest Rating (4 Star)



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