

The Salvation Army International Relief and Development Impact Report 2024



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Women from the Jingpo ethnic group in China are being trained in traditional brocade weaving and business skills, and are able to generate income to support their families.

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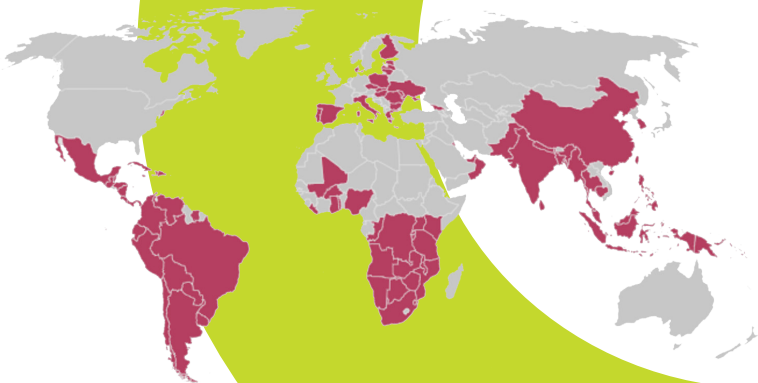
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Countries where new projects have started in 2024

Flourishing Communities

Climate Change Resilience

54,164 people will benefit from community resilience projects initiated in 2024.

300 people from 50 countries attended an online symposium on climate change adaptation and resilience.

7 countries where conservation agriculture techniques are being used.

- **‘Climate change is not just an environmental issue, but a social justice issue that is not gender-neutral.’**

Colonel Diana MacDonald, Territorial Commander, Pakistan Territory, who, as a result of attending a Salvation Army symposium on climate change adaptation and resilience, encouraged the territory to plant trees across Pakistan.



As climate change continues to affect the most vulnerable communities, The Salvation Army is addressing this through multi-sectoral approaches to resilience and adaptation, including agricultural training, safe water sources and creating natural barriers to climate change impacts.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

36,180 people are expected to gain access to safe water through projects initiated in 2024.

188,686 community members are currently benefiting from ongoing WASH programmes in **16** countries.

- **‘Before we had the tippy tap, I often got sick and missed school. Now, I always wash my hands before eating and after using the latrine. I even helped my parents build one at home.’**

Jane, aged 12, a pupil at Buserere Primary School, Uganda, whose school was involved in a project to upgrade sanitation facilities, develop and support school WASH clubs, and improve the rainwater collection system.

A pupil demonstrates hand-washing at Sikoongo School in Zambia during a hygiene education session. In 2024, more than 10,000 schoolchildren in Zambia engaged in hygiene education at school through The Salvation Army's WASH programme.

Our WASH projects look at holistic water, sanitation and hygiene needs, using predominantly community-led behaviour-change approaches. As well as community-based WASH, The Salvation Army has been improving WASH facilities in schools and health-care facilities with a focus on ensuring that these are inclusive to all.



Health and Well-being

The Salvation Army continues to be a significant provider of faith-based, integrated, high-quality care, with services offered as close to the family as possible and a high focus on care for poor and marginalised members of communities. This is not only the focus of our health-care facilities, but is also often a focus in many of our projects around the world.

1.5 million patients have been seen at Salvation Army health-care facilities.

8 Salvation Army health-care facilities have received operational support from partners.

13,462 people live in our 187 older-adult residences.

In Kenya West Territory, The Salvation Army is implementing a three-year Integrated Mother and Child Health Project in Western Kenya, which enables access to essential services such as maternal care, clean water and nutritional support that targets mothers and children under five.

- **4,000** mothers and **6,000** children are receiving maternal health services through medical outreach, mobile clinics and community health services.
- **200** community health workers have been trained in promoting maternal and child health care.
- **20** mobile health stations are supporting pregnant mothers, children and sick patients in target communities.



Economic Empowerment

The Salvation Army supports individuals, families and communities around the world to gain independence through the acquisition of skills that lead to employment opportunities. Our projects are broad – from a traditional weaving handicraft project in China to the many Village Savings and Loans groups, particularly across Africa.

26,053 women have been engaged in economic empowerment activities through projects initiated in 2024.

2,961 Village Savings and Loans and self-help groups are active.

Kieran, a 35-year-old woman from Bangladesh, was rescued from a brothel in 2019 and gained employment skills through The Salvation Army Health Care and Counselling Centre. This year, The Salvation Army has supported Kieran to rent a shop, and to start selling food and serving tea. She is a good tea-maker, so customers gather in her shop. Now she is happy and can provide for her daughter.

Flourishing Children and Families



560,193

Education

Salvation Army schools and education programmes equip children and youth intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually, and actively nurture the development of their foundational academic and life skills that enable them to adapt successfully in the globalised 21st century and to be resilient contributors to the life of their communities.

children are being educated in Salvation Army schools.

3,752

children living in challenging environments are offered psychosocial support and recreation opportunities at 24 funded after-school clubs.

11,227

children with special education needs are attending specialist Salvation Army schools.

Above: The Children Learning Centre (CLC) is a non-formal education programme in Indonesia that provides education services in numeracy, social-emotional skills, and also hygiene and sanitation practices, nutritional meals and a playground.



Care for Children and Families

In 2024, we have embarked on an exciting Journey for Change, aiming to reduce reliance on residential care for children. Our mission is to expand our ministry, focusing on supporting and strengthening families to ensure that children can thrive within their own homes and communities.

'In our club, we have a lot of fun – we sing, play and do short skits. We receive training and this has made us aware of our rights and told us places we can report when one violates our rights or abuses any child in the community. I am an empowered person; my disability is not inability. I will make it in life. I am indeed grateful to The Salvation Army's CORC Project for the opportunity of including me in the Child Rights Club as a member.'

Akiki (left) and Mirembe are beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Response for Vulnerable Children (CORC) Project in Uganda.

- The Salvation Army is caring for **36,089** children in our homes, hostels and boarding schools.
- **60** delegates were educated on the effects of institutional care on children as part of Journey for Change.
- The Safe Pathways Project has been recognised for excellent case management by the Indonesian Government.

Flourishing Ministries



Mission Support

The Mission Support Scheme is dedicated to enhancing the capacity and facilities of our local churches across supported territories. Each year, through the partners in mission, we see territories coming together to provide financial assistance and share expertise. This collaboration is crucial in delivering support to the front line and advancing the mission of The Salvation Army.



Over the past year, the Kenya West Territory has made a significant impact by equipping 38 corps with water tanks, greatly benefiting the surrounding communities. This initiative has not only provided essential resources, but has also created valuable opportunities to connect with and build relationships with local residents, fostering stronger community ties and improving the quality of life for many.

Newman Feeding Scheme

With gratitude to the Newman Feeding Trust, a total of \$219,535 is being distributed across 22 territories in 2024. This generous funding was dedicated solely to providing food for thousands of individuals living in poverty.

In the South America East Territory alone, 990 people in 14 different locations benefited from this crucial support.

Annual Allocation

- **\$12,167,670** of partnership support pledged
- **56** projects towards capacity development for officers and church members
- **297** projects towards corps (church) property and capital development

Over and Above (additional support)

- **\$4,211,055** allocated during first six months of cycle
- **\$245,630** supporting Salvation Army health-care programmes
- **\$2,098,939** supporting 27 corps property projects



Emergency Response and Relief



International Emergency Services believes that people affected by disasters and conflicts around the world have the right to a self-determined life with dignity. We want individuals and communities to experience life in all its fullness. To achieve this, we work without discrimination and in coordination with the wider humanitarian world. We support the global Salvation Army leaders and entities in their disaster response, recovery, preparedness and mitigation activities, whether this means meeting immediate needs, supporting people's recovery or building resilience.

- **733,746** people benefited from relief or recovery programmes.
- **39** countries implemented disaster and conflict relief and recovery programmes.
- **114** people were trained in Disaster Relief Preparedness and Voucher Based Assistance.
- In 2024, an additional **\$308,921** was pledged for support to **43,950** people affected by the war in Ukraine in a mixture of short- and long-term responses in **7** different countries.

■ When asked about her initial thoughts on The Salvation Army, especially given her experience fleeing the Russian Army occupying her city, Valentina, a Ukrainian refugee in Georgia who received vouchers for her children (pictured left), said without hesitation:



'It was the salvation that I concentrated on. I plan to use the voucher to buy necessary clothing items for my children. The support from The Salvation Army has been crucial for me and my family, providing us with essential resources and a sense of hope during these difficult times.'



Denisse from the Olivar area in Chile, whose house was destroyed by wildfires and who then joined The Salvation Army as a volunteer.

'I remember the day of the fire. I got a call from my mom, and she said, "Deni, we have to leave the house...because the houses are burning, and the house next door is already on fire. Ours is next." I came here and found the reality we had to face. Nothing we had survived. It helped a lot that many people showed us their support. Mainly, the church was there for us right away. They told us a soup kitchen opened here, and they needed volunteers. The Army's role is to deliver food to those who struggle to get it, and we felt useful...to be able to deliver a plate of food [to people] without their homes, without the ability to cook for themselves. And the atmosphere in the church's canteen is lovely and cheerful. It also lifts our spirits, allowing us to have a more peaceful and a happier moment too.'



Growing and Learning

The Salvation Army works thematically and geographically to build capacity and share in learning to improve the way we work with communities. The year 2024 saw the launch of the Asia Sharing and Learning Programme, which aims to embed community development as integral within the mission of The Salvation Army in Asia and the Pacific, and resource and support it accordingly.



91 project development officers and project staff represented their countries at zonal capacity development and strategy workshops.

189 participants attended thematic learning and sharing meetings on health, sponsorship, residential care for children and modern slavery.



7 Communities of Practice meet regularly online to share together on thematic issues, including Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Resilience, WASH and Early Years Education.

Left: The Africa Development Forum (top); the Americas Projects and Development Officers workshop (middle); the Asia Sharing and Learning Programme South Asia Cluster Working Group (bottom).

Partnerships

Partnership is key to international development and is at the heart of all we do. Over the year, all kinds of different partnerships have developed in many diverse settings, and as a result The Salvation Army has been able to connect people, combine resources and share expertise to bring hope and lasting change in many places around the world. The Salvation Army is proud to be part of Act Alliance and has participated in the global and national conferences. The International Development Services team at International Headquarters has developed a number of partnership arrangements in 2024 and worked particularly closely with Faith to Action Initiative, Safe Families and Children, the University of Bristol, World Vision, Eido Research, Tearfund, Christian Aid and many other national and local organisations. All the partnerships developed at local, national and international levels have helped to support communities and institutions around the world as they build a brighter, more resilient future.



Left top: The Salvation Army joined with other national NGOs for an Indonesia Nutrition dialogue in October 2024.



Left bottom: The Salvation Army in Eastern Europe works in partnership with other Act Alliance members in Ukraine to ensure coordination.



In 2024:

611 new projects
have been initiated in
93 countries which
will impact more than
1 million people.

\$35 million
has been pledged for
projects that started
in 2024.

19 supporting
(donor) offices
offered financial and
technical support to
new projects across
the globe.

**Hosea 14:7 NRSV – ‘They shall again
live beneath my shadow, they shall
flourish as a garden.’**

The word ‘flourish’ in this passage from Hosea speaks to the future security of God’s people in the land, as well as their spiritual needs being met through being in God’s presence. As we look back on the work of the international community of The Salvation Army this year, there are clear signs of this holistic approach to flourishing. From livelihood projects and support for community clinics to responding to emergencies, The Salvation Army’s broad and expansive care for people considers the whole person in integrated mission.

We hope you enjoy this report and we look forward to continuing our partnership into 2025.

Commissioner Ted Horwood

International Secretary for Programme Resources,
International Headquarters

The Salvation Army’s international relief and development work is made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Salvationists, friends and supporters worldwide. We are profoundly grateful to our valued partners – government agencies, charitable trusts, corporate donors and other organisations – whose unwavering support empowers us to bring hope and transformation to communities in need. Together, we are making a global impact, guided by compassion and a shared commitment to creating lasting change.



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