



*Revealing Hope.
Restoring Life.*

GLOBAL AID NETWORK

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OUR MISSION

Global Aid Network (GAiN) helps to reveal hope and restore life through relief and development initiatives for people living in crisis, poverty and injustice. Compelled by love, rooted in faith, and driven by an unshakeable belief in human dignity, GAiN partners with vulnerable communities to bring about lasting whole-person transformation.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Ray Sawatsky

In this past fiscal year, I've been reflecting on God's goodness and what He has done through you and other partners who have invested in restoring physical, spiritual, social, and economic brokenness through the transforming power of Jesus Christ, both in grace and truth. Thank you! Thank you for your partnership!

During my time as the CEO and Executive Director of Global Aid Network (GAiN) Canada, I have had the privilege of seeing the wholistic gospel play itself out effectively through our humanitarian projects. It's evident in the statistics that integral mission (the pairing of compassionate activities and the message of the gospel) is the way that God calls us to proclaim and demonstrate the Good News of Jesus.

When we get reports back from the field, the numbers I am most encouraged by are those who are being disciplined and in follow up. When we go into a village and show the *JESUS* film after providing a water well; or when we distribute relief goods to families who have been displaced and are facing economic hardships; or when a young girl without parents is brought to GAiN Upendo Centre for shelter, care and education; we can never really know the full impact of the seeds that are being planted.

I was reminded of this when I spent 21 days in Togo, Tanzania and Benin with a film crew to shoot our short film documentary *Beyond The Well*. One of the families we met and featured in the film was Paka and Sarita. Paka became a Christian as a young boy at a *JESUS* film showing. When he grew up, he led his wife Sarita to Christ and the two stuck together as the only Christians in their village. Constantly enduring persecution from their voodoo village for their strongly held Christian beliefs, Paka and Sarita were ostracized for over a decade until Jesus answered their prayers. A water well was provided and, through the local church, the *JESUS* film was shown where 60 people came to Christ, resulting in a new church that was planted immediately.

A story like that speaks to faithful witness that we can never truly know the impact of. When I see seeds fall on the good ground and people attending follow up groups, I am encouraged by the possibility of the impact that these new Christians are going to have in their communities going forward.

This inspires and encourages me as we look to the future.

GAiN has continued to grow from what started out as a small operation to what is now a medium-sized operation. In order to fulfill our responsibilities and build an efficient structure for the future, we made key hires this past fiscal year as well as created a Donor Advancement Department, made up of the Partner Relations and Marketing and Communications departments. This new team is dedicated to ensuring that you are well served. Our goal is to provide you with better access to data and reports, as well as increasing our reporting on impact.

We want to continue to prepare for future growth and resilient communities, which has led our lead team to process how we leverage our history for the future, focus on our core strategies, update our voice and determine our long-term goals and objectives.

We're excited for what is to come and continue to invite you to be a part of it.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20 NLT)

Serving with you,



Ray Sawatsky
Executive Director & CEO
Global Aid Network (GAiN) Canada

YOUR IMPACT:

1.1 MILLION
SERVINGS OF FOOD
DELIVERED

23,778 CHILDREN
RECEIVED WEEKLY NOURISHING MEALS

8,000
BAGS OF BLESSINGS DISTRIBUTED
TO FAMILIES IN SYRIA

357
NUTRITION
CENTRES

480 LOANS
DISPERSED

83 CHILDREN
SPONSORED

22 WOMEN
SPONSORED

47 VOLUNTEERS
ENGAGED WITH GAIN

241
LEADERS TRAINED



266,000 PEOPLE
HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

266 WATER WELLS

27,891
ATTENDED HYGIENE &
SANITATION TRAINING



Through the local church:

88 NEW CHURCH
PLANTS

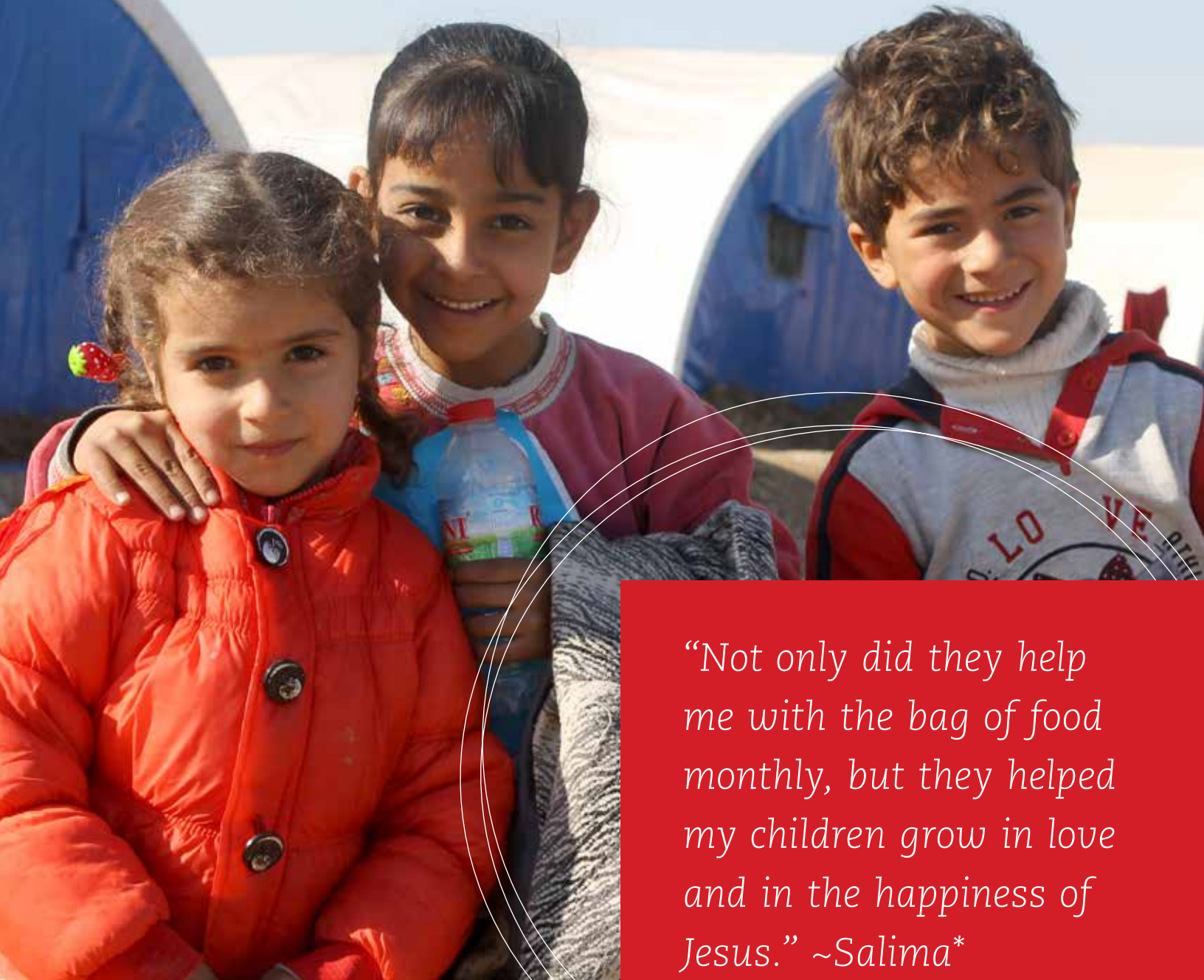
12 SIMPLE CHURCH
STRUCTURES BUILT

101,676 PEOPLE
HEARD ABOUT JESUS

9,872 PEOPLE DECIDED TO
FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS OF
JESUS CHRIST

5,666 PEOPLE ARE LEARNING
ABOUT THEIR FAITH

HOPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



*“Not only did they help me with the bag of food monthly, but they helped my children grow in love and in the happiness of Jesus.” ~Salima**

In a small, humid apartment in Damascus lives a family of six - four children and two parents. They cram into a space with just one bedroom, a kitchen and one bathroom. Originally from Deir ez-Zur (eastern Syria), the family had to leave everything they had behind and flee to Damascus for safety.

“I am a Muslim but when I came to Damascus, fleeing ISIS, I thought the mosque would help us survive but they didn’t,” explains Salima*, the mother of the household. With her husband working for the Syrian army, his income of \$80 per month was not enough to cover household expenses.

Around town, Salima heard of Global Aid Network (GAIN)’s local partners and how they distribute aid to internally displaced people (IDPs) in the area. Since 2013, GAIN has been working with local partners on the ground to provide aid to 1,000 families per month. Anyone, no matter what their religious background, can come to the centre to receive a Bag of Blessing (bags of essential food and non-food items that can provide for a family of five for one month).

“Not only did they help me with the bag of food monthly, but they helped my children grow in the love and in the happiness of Jesus,” she said. *“I want my children to stay Christians to be happy and peaceful all their lives. Even my husband saw the JESUS film where he says it is the best film of his life.”*

Salima and her family are not the only ones who have come to know Jesus through the ministry in Syria. In the past fiscal year, 1,164 people were presented with the gospel and given the opportunity to respond. A total of 614 people made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus. There are also 440 new believers that have attended discipleship training and 145 people in action groups. This year, we also announced that GAIN Canada has started a field office in Lebanon to expand our work in the Middle East.

Having an established presence in Lebanon will help build trust and credibility, and give legitimacy to GAIN’s work in the region. A base in the area ensures that we can respond quickly when a crisis arises.

As part of GAIN’s integral mission of revealing hope and restoring life, our vision is to equip, empower and resource the local church. Because of your partnership with us, the local church has been able to meet people’s needs, resulting in wholistic life transformation.

*Not real name

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EMPOWERING WOMEN



It's been seven years since GAI^N started its partnership with Diaconia in Paraguay to help women break the cycle of poverty. The wholistic program, which includes providing micro-loans, vocational training, financial training and spiritual care through the chaplaincy program, has been transforming the lives of women and their families.

By June 2019, Diaconia had 3,810 beneficiaries in the program, an increase of 439 from July 2018. In the same twelve months, a total of 9,215 microloans were distributed.

Fidelina, from the Greater Asuncion area of Paraguay, is an example of someone who has experienced wholistic change through the program. As one of eight chaplains with a supervisor role for Diaconia, Fidelina is a chaplain for multiple groups of women and also mentors other chaplains in the program. But her life was very different before this.

Years before, Fidelina was in a bad marriage. Her husband was regularly being arrested and bringing danger that put her and their three children at risk.

When her young daughter started going to church to receive a healthy meal and be with other children, she came to know Christ and eventually led Fidelina to the Lord.

One day, Fidelina called the local pastor and asked him to visit her husband in jail. When he did, her husband gave his life to Jesus, changing both of their lives and the lives of their children forever.

Fidelina joined Diaconia four years ago, as a client receiving a micro-loan. Through the micro-loan program, she has been able to open her own vegetable stand outside her family home. She loves cooking and selling a variety of foods to her community such as cakes, cookies and healthy food. Now that she is well into the program, the loans have helped grow her business and she plans to continue to invest in its growth.

After receiving a loan and starting her business, Fidelina felt called to become a chaplain for Diaconia's chaplaincy program. She knew that God had transformed her family's life, and wanted to present that opportunity to others.

The chaplaincy program is part of Diaconia's wholistic mission, providing spiritual care to women in trust groups (groups of about 15 women in the program who meet regularly for encouragement and accountability to pay back their loans). Chaplains are volunteers who share a devotion with the group and are available to pray for and walk with women, not just in their business decisions but in the circumstances of their everyday lives.

Currently, there are 100 chaplains walking with women through a variety of issues, such as a broken marriages,

poverty and mental illness. Often, women in trust groups who were not attending churches before end up getting involved with their local churches, giving them the community to get to know Jesus and enter into a relationship with him.

Fidelina feels that caring for women is her gift and dedicates a lot of her time to doing so. Currently, she visits eight groups per week, each group consisting of 15-25 people. She also hosts trust group meetings at her house every Monday night. Not only is finding time a challenge, but transportation and travel are also a challenge as she sometimes needs to access remote areas to visit some of the groups.

In the beginning, Fidelina noticed that most members in trust groups were calculating and seemed to prioritize protecting their own interest. However, Fidelina promotes a culture of sharing, openness and vulnerability within her groups by sharing honestly about her daily life. After trust is built within the group, she notices that people start to open up more.

She feels the role of a Chaplain is important and can sometimes influence whether people feel at home or not. Some members have left trust groups and come back to groups because of their relationship with the chaplain.

Despite all of the challenges, she finds chaplaincy rewarding and feels joy because she feels God's presence.

480
MICROLOANS

160
BENEFICIARIES

100
CHAPLAINS

LOVED & VALUED



**58
CHILDREN
&
22
WOMEN
SPONSORED**

With a 130-year legacy, Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission has been home to over 100,000 women and children from destitute backgrounds in India throughout the years.

Since Mukti Mission (Canada) came under Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada in 2011, we've been able to partner in helping reveal hope and restore life to women and children who are living in crisis and injustice.



This past fiscal year, we were able to accomplish much through our partnership with Mukti. Through the sponsorship program, 58 children and 22 women are being sponsored, covering the cost of shelter, nutritious food, education, clothing, medical care, spiritual care and trauma counselling.

Each year, Mukti's lead team look into ways that they can improve by adding new facilities to increase wholistic development. In the past fiscal year, with our partnership, Mukti has been able to accomplish a few different projects that have helped enhance the quality of care for Mukti residents.

Renovation

We were able to help provide new bathroom facilities for the building for elderly women and mothers with their children. The previous facilities were run-down.

New Equipment

Mukti's church, which has a capacity of about 1,000 people, was in need of a modern keyboard and laptop to connect to the LCD projector. This past year, we were able to get new modern units so that the music system and other technology could be enhanced.

With fun and playtime playing a part in the quality of life for a child, building a play park near the children's nursery was a priority. Children ranging from three to six years old are now able to spend their evenings and holidays playing in the park.

The children's campus also needed more play equipment and we were able to install more swings and slides, which have been a delight to the children.

"We are very thankful to GAIN Canada for their warm, dedicated and passionate partnership which speaks volumes on how eager they are to empower vulnerable women and children."

All of these improvements are necessary because we know how much it helps provide an environment that builds into the futures of children and women. Mukti is home to hundreds from broken situations, who are given the chance to break the cycle for themselves and the next generation.

One of those children is Nalini*. Nalini is the daughter of Mishka*, a prostitute in Budhwar Peth (Pune's red light district). Nalini was just seven years old when she began living in the brothel. While her mother worked between 8pm to 5am, Nisha was sent to Swadhar Sanstha, an organization based in Budhwar that provides short-term care for children of sex workers.

As Nalini grew older, she began to understand the nature of her mother's work. Nalini would confront her mother about her lifestyle and work, which caused friction in their relationship and soon escalated to violence. Mishka grew tired of her daughter questioning and judging her and arranged for a man to buy Nalini. Mercifully, the deal fell through.

One night at 7:30pm, Mishka asked Nalini to come out with her. Outside, they ran into some older women in their neighbourhood. Nalini ran up to one of the women and expressed fear that her mother was taking her away to either kill her or sell her off. The old woman was madam of the local brothel, but her heart went out to the little girl. She went to Miksha's house to try to get an understanding of the situation. She then offered to take Nalini away from the toxic atmosphere that had developed in the home. Miksha refused to let Nalini go with the older woman.

Soon after, Miksha sent Nalini to live full-time at Swadhar Sanstha. She returned occasionally to meet her and they sometimes spoke over the phone. She had also scheduled for a man to come meet Nalini. Staff at Swadhar Sanstha were informed that Esubh was Nalini's

father. He visited a couple of times but then stopped. Miksha promised Nalini that they would soon live together as a family, but she soon disappeared from Budhwar Peth. People looked for her but she couldn't be found. There are no clues about her whereabouts.

Swadhar Sanstha contacted Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to try to find Nalini a long-term housing option. Fortunately, in May 2019, the CWC brought Nalini to Mukti Mission. Today, Nalini is part of the Sunflower Family, where she lives with other girls her age. She has her heart set on academics and wants to study as much as she possibly can. Her life's ambition is to become a famous singer.

Without the legacy and reputation of Mukti Mission, Swadhar Sanstha wouldn't know of this as a housing option and instead there would have been a strong possibility that Nalini would be groomed or forced to become a sex worker, like her mother. Because of the safe and loving environment at Mukti, along with the opportunity to get a good education and spiritual care, Nalini now has the opportunity for a better future, breaking the cycle that many other children of sex workers unfortunately are forced into. We are very thankful to those who partner with us and Mukti, because their support makes enough of an impact to help change the trajectory of a life.





BEYOND WATER

When GAIIn's Water for Life Initiative started as a small project in 2003 to provide wells to rural villages in Southern China, the idea of celebrating a 2,000 well milestone was far from conceivable.

After reaching the first 1,000 wells, we introduced the "A Million More" campaign in 2015, which laid out our plan to provide another 1,000 wells to impact 1,000,000 more people within five years. By March 2019, we reached our target, exceeding 2,000 wells and exceeding 731 church plants before the year 2020.

"Just thinking about the scale and the number of people who have been touched by this program...from a very simple and unassuming program that we first started 15 years ago, we're now seeing some national-level impact," Water for Life Initiative Director Tim Lee said, reflecting on the number of individuals who have been impacted by the program. *"In Benin one-eighth of the population is now accessing water*

from a water well done by Global Aid Network (GAIIn) Canada. That is over and beyond what anybody has ever dreamed of and it is a very humbling thing."

As we look back at our beginnings with gratitude, Lee acknowledges that if it takes a village to raise a child it takes a whole lot more to bring wholistic transformation to some of the communities that we work in.

"It takes an entire ecosystem of a community to see transformation for God's kingdom. It requires His followers to participate in the renewal of all things," Lee explained. *"We have a dream but God will also involve His people from different places to execute that vision. So, I think we're just one part of it. What we are trying to do really needs a community of believers and dedicated people."*

This community extends to the 87 staff in Benin, Tanzania and Togo, whose commitment and hard work played a crucial role in accomplishing the goal.

"It requires a strong team for us to see a vision implemented for 15 years. That speaks to the quality and dedication of our staff."

Water plays a unique role in a community's development, Lee said, comparing the program to a crystal with multiple facets. *"It's exciting to see that a simple tool can really affect multiple outcomes."*

As of July 2019, WFLI has provided a total of **2,092 deep-capped water wells, giving 2,092,000 people access to clean water** in rural communities in Benin, Togo, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Thailand. Along with the wells, an overall total of **92,866 people made decisions to follow Jesus** after seeing a showing of the *JESUS* Film in their village, and a total of **771 churches have been planted**.

Beyond villagers receiving clean water, breaking the cycle of waterborne disease and death, a total of **182,378 people have learned necessary hygiene and sanitation practices**, with many becoming hygiene and sanitation advocates in their own communities. In many ways, economic opportunities have opened up for villages that have access to clean water. Children have time to go to school and study, while women are freed up to focus on other tasks or jobs now that there is no longer a long walk to get water. Many couples, out of **52,513 overall attendees, have reported that the gender sensitivity trainings have restored their marriages and families**, while a number of clinic workers have saved infant lives with knowledge gained from the MNCH (Maternal Newborn Child Health) trainings.

Along with each well, over **793,529 people have been introduced to Jesus' love** and many continue to be transformed by His saving power. **One-hundred-thirty church buildings have been constructed and 24,021 adults have attended follow-up groups to dive deeper into their new faith.**

Two million individuals have been impacted in one way or another and the impact even goes beyond the people accessing the wells.

"WFLI has been a great project to mobilize people from all sorts of different spheres, from pastors, village leaders, people from different faiths, to our donor community here in Canada. Even to the rest of the NGO community, our work helps us to be an effective witness, which also helps us as a Christian organization. We want to take whatever opportunity that we get, that we can represent Christ in a positive way."

Now that we've surpassed our 2,000 wells goal, we are looking to focus more on sustainability, monitoring and evaluation, as well as creating systems that will support where we want to be in 10 years time.

As we continue to mature the program, a significant part is for us to become a true embodiment of integral mission -- revealing hope by proclaiming the gospel and restoring life by demonstrating the gospel through humanitarian action. We are excited to further build into the symbiotic relationship that we have seen between churches and water wells. Currently, we are examining the role of churches we've partnered with and planted to see how we can equip them to become advocates as well as integrate hygiene and sanitation even more in their communities.

"We dream of a world where human flourishing is restored by eradicating water poverty," Lee said. *"Basically we want to eliminate water poverty. And the idea of poverty extends more than just your physical realm, but also includes your spiritual and social dynamics."*

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UP GROUPS TO **DIVE DEEPER**
INTO THEIR FAITH

“The well isn’t just a piece of metal that allows people access to the water that’s beneath their feet. Its impact is so much greater. What donors are actually giving is transformative. It’s restorative. It’s life-giving to the village. It is an expression of the good news of Jesus.” - Ray Sawatsky



2 MILLION+ PEOPLE WITH ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 10 YEAR 15 →



2,092
WATER WELLS

2,092,000
PEOPLE

SUSTAINABLE WELL BEING

Sustainability is a core value of GAIN and we want to ensure our investments made to communities yield significant impact for years to come, including the functionality of the water point. To assess the sustainability of our programs, we developed a study that was started in 2016 and looked into different aspects of our water program including well functioning, repair systems, hygiene and sanitation training and retention and church planting.

We know that the key to sustainability is to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility amongst the community. *“A big part of ensuring sustainability will require a change in how we view the beneficiaries,”* Tim Lee, Water for Life Initiative Director, explained. *“We need to change our mindset from people in communities as recipients of gifts, but instead as co-creators, co-designers and co-funders for future development solutions.”*

The following are some of our key findings from the study done in Benin, and how we plan to improve what we have learned:

Water Committee Training Curriculum

Learning from the results of our study, as well as collecting feedback from the field, we improved our borehole committee (now called water committee) training curriculum, making it more robust with water resource management and with emphasis on practical skills such as financial literacy.

“It’s very comprehensive in developing leadership, developing problem solving skills, and developing financial management practices,” Tess Mawson, Manager of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, explained.

Well Functionality

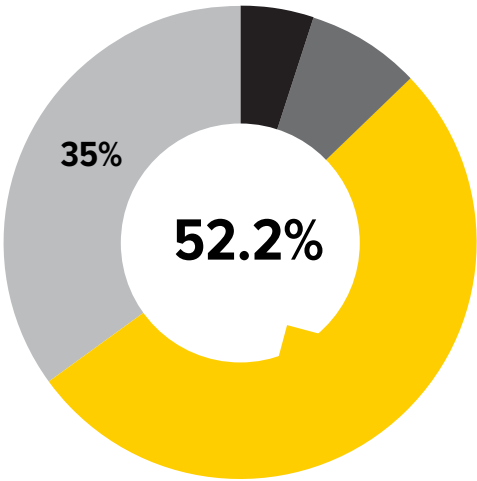
Our study reports showed that the wells installed by GAIN function above sector averages. However, we found that northern communities in Benin had a higher functionality rate than in the south. Factors such as geology and well



depth has contributed to the difference in functionality score. As a result, we are considering different technology for deeper wells and are currently looking to implement more robust repair systems.

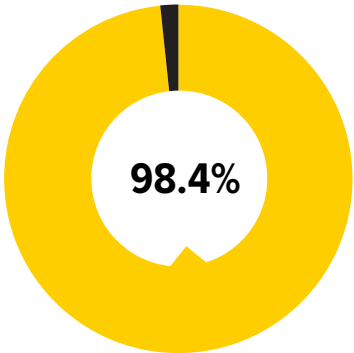
“To address the problem of breakdowns and need for repairs, we are trying to be more intentional about installing the systems in communities that are appropriate to their context,” Mawson shared. *“So instead of it just being a one-size-fits-all with the hand pump, we can offer alternate systems of electric pumps that work better for, for example, very deep wells. So, those deep wells cause a lot of breakdown problems for hand pumps because they’re not strong enough, so having an electric pump on a deep well can make it more sustainable because it doesn’t break down as much.”*

Another way we’ve tried to tackle well functionality is with a current solar pilot project: *“We’ve selected a few communities in Benin to try to do this pilot project where we try to install submersible pumps, electrical pumps that are powered by solar panels so that communities aren’t dependent on a gasoline generator, that it can actually just be produced by the sun. So we’ve started that and we’ve seen success so far. We’ve only done a few but they’re working very well.”*



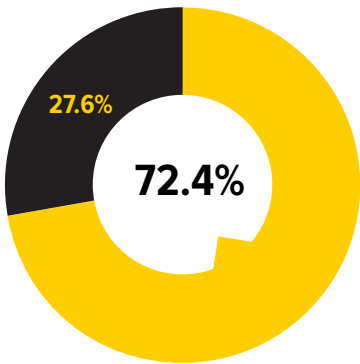
How often is the pump working?

- Often 52.2%
- Always 35%
- Sometimes 7.8%
- Rarely 5%



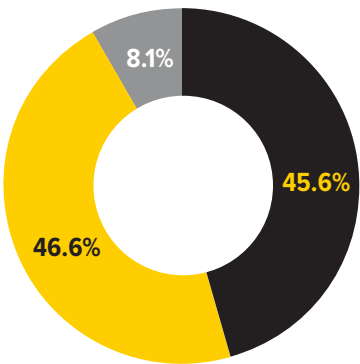
Are you willing and able to pay for hygiene products, including soap?

- Yes
- No



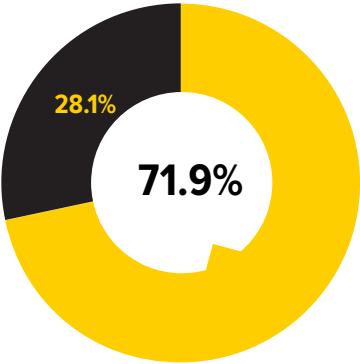
Do you remember hearing a presentation on hygiene and handwashing?

- Yes
- No



How many concepts did you remember from the presentation?

- 1-2 Concepts
- 3-4 Concepts
- 5+ Concepts



Is there a designated community hygiene promoter on the water committee?

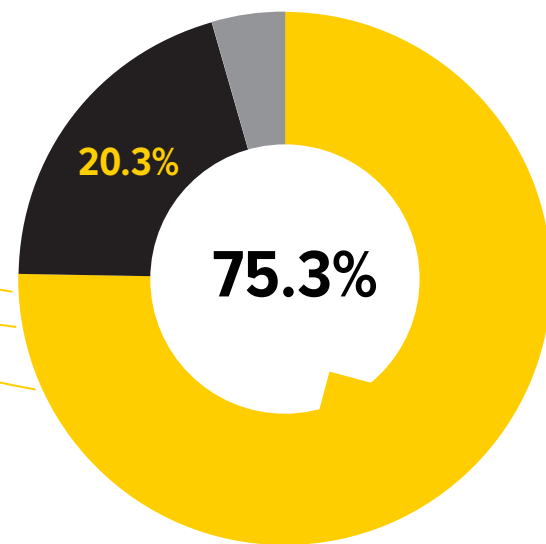
- Yes
- No



OVER 80%
OF COMMUNITIES HAVE
SUSTAINED OR **INCREASED**
CHURCH ATTENDANCE

OVER 33% OF CHURCHES
REPORTED THAT THEY **PLANTED**
NEW CHURCHES

CHURCHES WITH A FULL-TIME
PASTOR SAW **30% MORE**
ATTENDANCE



CHURCH GROWTH OVER TIME

- Increased 75.3%
- Decreased 20.3%
- No Change 4.4%

Church Attendance

Our church sustainability study, which surveyed 226 churches in Benin, showed that over 80 percent of communities have managed to sustain or increase their attendance. Over 33 percent of churches reported that they also planted new churches.

Two important factors for increased church attendance was having a full-time pastor on site and the church meeting in a legitimate church building.

We found that churches with a full-time pastor had over 30% more church attendance. One of the main reported reasons for churches disbanding was because they did not have a church leader present in the village.

Villages that had physical church buildings also reported over 25% more attendance, compared to those that did not. Having a physical church building promotes an atmosphere where the church can multiply and grow.

Relationship Between Church & Well

Our study showed that there is an important relationship between the water well and local church. A significant finding was that villages with a water well had an increase in church attendance and well sustainability.

Water wells open doors for churches to be planted to communities, but the relationship between the church and well goes further. Our in-country staff compare it to the relationship between a mother and a child.

“Once the church is planted and has grown and matured, naturally, like you would a mother and a child, the child begins to care for the mother and respect and love her,” Mawson relays. *“So that’s what this relationship is [between the well and the church]. At first the well gives birth to the church but then the church grows and takes care of the well and so you see this relationship of sustainability.”*

We also found a 5% increase in the functionality performance of water wells in villages that had church or discipleship groups present, compared to villages that did not have church or discipleship groups.

“As a result of this study, we would like to try to strengthen the relationship between the water well and the church.”

Our focus is to look at how we can better involve the church in the water programming in the communities. This includes the hygiene and sanitation part of the program.

Although this is still in the early stages of planning, our team has been looking into different programs that help train pastors and members of the community in how to be water and sanitation champions.

“The local church and community leaders are best-positioned to go out and serve their own communities by teaching handwashing and better health practices. We want to include church members in that, as a way for them to be engaged in the community, which is a practical way of loving their neighbours while still demonstrating how life with Jesus Christ is Good News. In other words, helping local churches live out integral mission contextually.”

Even though we’ve exceeded our goal of 2,000 wells and 731 churches before our 2020 deadline, we are committed to continuing to improve, grow and develop our programs. As we head into the new year, we will keep sustainability and resilience at the forefront and look for opportunities to become even more effective and efficient.

**VILLAGES THAT HAD PHYSICAL
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OVER 25% MORE ATTENDANCE**

**5% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
OF FUNCTIONAL WELLS THAT
HAD CHURCH OR DISCIPLESHIP
GROUPS PRESENT**

THE CENTRE OF IT ALL

NUTRITION CENTRES RECEIVED
1.1 MILLION
SERVINGS OF FOOD
REACHING A TOTAL OF

23,778
CHILDREN



Since 2006, GAIN's partnership with Jesus Responde in Paraguay has resulted in the ministering to tens of thousands of children and families living in poverty. Through the wholistic community centres that are run out of churches and schools, Jesus Responde has been able to provide nutritious meals, an AWANA program and other activities like sports and educational tutoring, on a weekly basis, in **357 community centres** across Paraguay.

We continue to send our annual shipment of soup mix and apple snacks from the Fraser Valley Gleaners, our partner in Abbotsford, to Jesus Responde in Asuncion, Paraguay. From July 2018 to June 2019, **1,100,000 total servings of food** have been served at nutrition centres to a total of **23,778 children**.

Transformation has not only happened in the lives of the children, but also in the lives of their parents and families.

In 2015, Pastor Daniel and his wife Nancy started a wholistic community centre in the city of Itauguá, Paraguay. They were new to the community but had a desire to make an impact after the death of their five-year-old daughter in 2013.

Camila was a joy to her parents and shared her father's passion for music. By the end of 2012, a medical diagnosis indicated that Camila had a brain tumor. The results of the studies were not encouraging; the doctors said they could not operate on Camila and that there was nothing they could do. The tumor continued to grow and Camila's health deteriorated rapidly. Everything was delivered into the hands of God, praying and waiting for His will.

In February 2013, Camila told her father, "Dad, I am going to go with Jesus." Ten days after, Camila passed away, leaving her parents to deal with the pain of losing a daughter.

Two years later, Pastor Daniel and Nancy were able to continue life in a new city, praying for direction on what to do with their lives. Camila's words echoed in his mind and heart until he finally understood that if his five-year-old daughter was sure that she would be in heaven with Jesus after she passed away, then the children of the neighborhood could also have the same sense of security. This assured Pastor Daniel that working with the children would not be a waste of time.

It was then that, they learned about the support that Jesus Responde was providing through the wholistic community centres. These community centres, all throughout Paraguay, invite children from families who are living in poverty and crisis to gather weekly. They come for a nutritious meal and various activities, such as sports and games, educational tutoring, and spiritual care (songs and Biblical teaching through AWANA, a children's discipleship program). In some cases, some community centres host vocational trainings for parents of the children.

Hearing about the impact of these community centres filled Pastor Daniel and his wife with so much joy and hope that they decided to open their own community centre in partnership with Jesus Responde. They call the centre La Semilla, meaning, 'the seed'.

Today, Pastor Daniel tells us how children get excited when they receive a nutritious meal, as many of them do not eat breakfast or eat at home. La Semilla has helped Daniel and his family fulfill their call and teach these children about Jesus.



COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Housing 24 children, 10 boys and 14 girls, ranging from ages 9-25, GAIN Upendo Centre has been a place of security, stability and belonging. With an emphasis on education, health and faith, Upendo has been providing wholistic care to orphans and children with families who are unable to take care of them for over twelve years.

New Additions

This past year, Upendo received two new additions to the family. Esther, 12, and Rehema, 14, were both admitted to Upendo in June and, although unrelated to each other, have similar back stories. Each girl came from a family that denied them the opportunity to go to school, as they were required to stay home and care for the livestock. Sometimes the girls would run away but face conflict and sometimes even abuse upon returning home. When social workers assessed their separate situations, the girls were brought to Upendo where it was decided that they would have a better living situation. Today, each girl is doing well at Upendo and attending school.

A Much Needed Kitchen

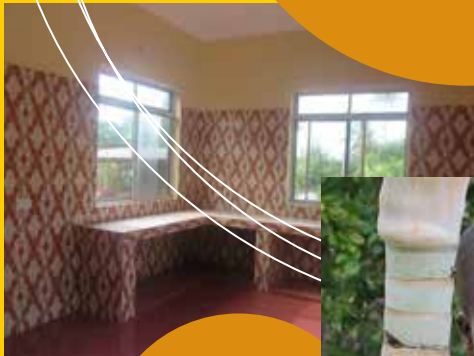
GAIN Upendo Centre in Tanzania has been in need of a real kitchen since they moved to their new location in 2014. For years, the orphanage with two homes had to cook their food outside. Thanks to the generosity of donors who became aware of the need while on a LIFE Team Vision Trip to Tanzania, Upendo was able to start a construction project to build a kitchen for cooking and eating.

The project was completed in May and the children were excited to have a place to eat and cook indoors.

“Thank you very much for fulfilling what you promised us when you visited,” Eric, GAIN Upendo Administrator said. *“We no longer cook outside.”*



24
CHILDREN
10 BOYS & 14 GIRLS
(AGES 9-25)



See the Impact: LIFE TEAMS



10 TRIPS
47 PARTICIPANTS
4 COUNTRIES



Standing for Labour, Influence, Finance and Expertise, LIFE Team trips have been a great way for our donors and supporters to come alongside us and see firsthand the work that is being done in the field.

The past fiscal year has been busy for our LIFE Teams, including four impact trips (to Benin, Paraguay and Lebanon), as well as five vision trips (to Benin, Togo and Tanzania) and a DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) Training. A total of 18 people flew overseas to participate in one of our impact trips, while 29 people joined us on a vision trip.

While vision trips are generally shorter in duration and more focused on giving a glimpse into work that is taking place in the field, they are no less impactful.

Pastor Jonathan Stairs, who pastors Temple Baptist Church in Ontario, joined GAIN on a vision trip to Togo and Benin in January 2019 after his church spent a year praying for unreached people groups in Togo. Following a meeting with GAIN CEO Ray Sawatsky and GAIN Togo Country Director Maxwell Wogomebu, Jonathan's church decided to send him and his family on the trip.

"My only expectations were that I would learn a lot about GAIN's work in Africa as well as hopefully meet an unengaged people group our church has been praying for. Not only did we get to meet the unengaged people group, but I didn't expect to see the best approach I have ever seen of a mission organization coupling the meeting of an essential need (water) with their ultimate need (Jesus). It's wholistic in the best sense of the word. That basic need bleeds [into different areas] such as church planting, creating a sociological difference and a physical difference in the village. It just has so many blessings."

Jonathan and the rest of the group on the trip had the opportunity to visit different villages and witnessed various stages of the well process, from assessment to church plant. *"I was super impressed with the whole process. GAIN has really identified a need and thought through how to [present] the gospel and church planting. I love how they [address] needs, in particular clean water...and maternal health and sanitation and hygiene, things that go along with water. And then transitioning to the gospel about giving Living Water through Christ and leading the church planting through a local church planting strategy is amazing."*

For Jonathan, a real highlight of the trip was attending a JESUS film showing in a village in Togo. When GAIN provides a well to a village, the JESUS film is screened for the community, and

in partnership with the JESUS Film Church Planting Strategy, a church is planted.

"We saw people give their life to Christ after a dramatic film presentation of the gospel. We literally witnessed a church birth! When Jesus first appeared (on screen) they clapped in unison and when Jesus would heal people or when He did not shun the woman who was caught in adultery, the women all stood up and they loved that."

Not only was the film effective in delivering the gospel message and sparking the start of a new church, the group also got to learn just how much a deep-capped water well impacts church attendance.

"It was also touching to see how some donors, when they got to see that the money they donated for a well had greatly enhanced the village, it actually led to the doubling of a church size in four months. From 40-80 people, just by having a well."

After the trip, Jonathan returned home encouraged by what he had seen in the field, emphasizing the importance of wholistic programs and integral mission.

Later in the year, for two weeks in May, Raphael from Ontario went on a different kind of trip with GAIN -- an impact trip to Lebanon.

As a supporter of GAIN's Syrian Refugee Relief program, Raphael knew that he wanted to meet GAIN's partners in the Middle East, see the work being done in the field and also get involved in a more tangible way. A LIFE Team impact trip to Lebanon with GAIN was the perfect way to do all of these things.

While there, the team had opportunities to serve refugee families alongside local in-country partners in a variety of different ways, such as tutoring children, visiting families, volunteering at a medical clinic, and helping sort and distribute items like clothes to refugee families in need.

Having met GAIN's Syrian partner at a Syria fundraiser in Toronto, Raphael already had a good understanding of the project, having heard stories about lives that were being impacted by the Bags of Blessings program. So when he decided to go on the trip to Lebanon, he expected to meet the local partners as well as refugees. What he didn't know was that his expectations would be exceeded.

"We met a lot of local partners who had such big hearts for people in Lebanon [and] Syria and loved these people [with] actions, beyond what we could comprehend," Raphael said.

"It was very humbling to see how they were lifting His name through their services to refugees."

The team, made up of three other participants, had the chance to meet with six volunteers from Syria who work with GAIN's Syrian partners in the field. The volunteers shared about the work that is being done in Damascus, the economic hardships of local displaced families, as well as share some of their own personal testimonies.

Overall, the team was able to hear firsthand accounts of life in Syria, and was humbled to hear about the incredible ways that God is changing lives in the midst of a crisis.

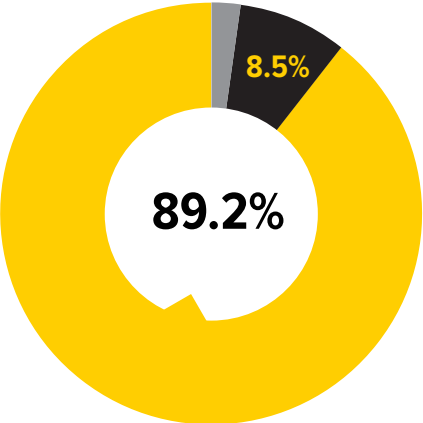
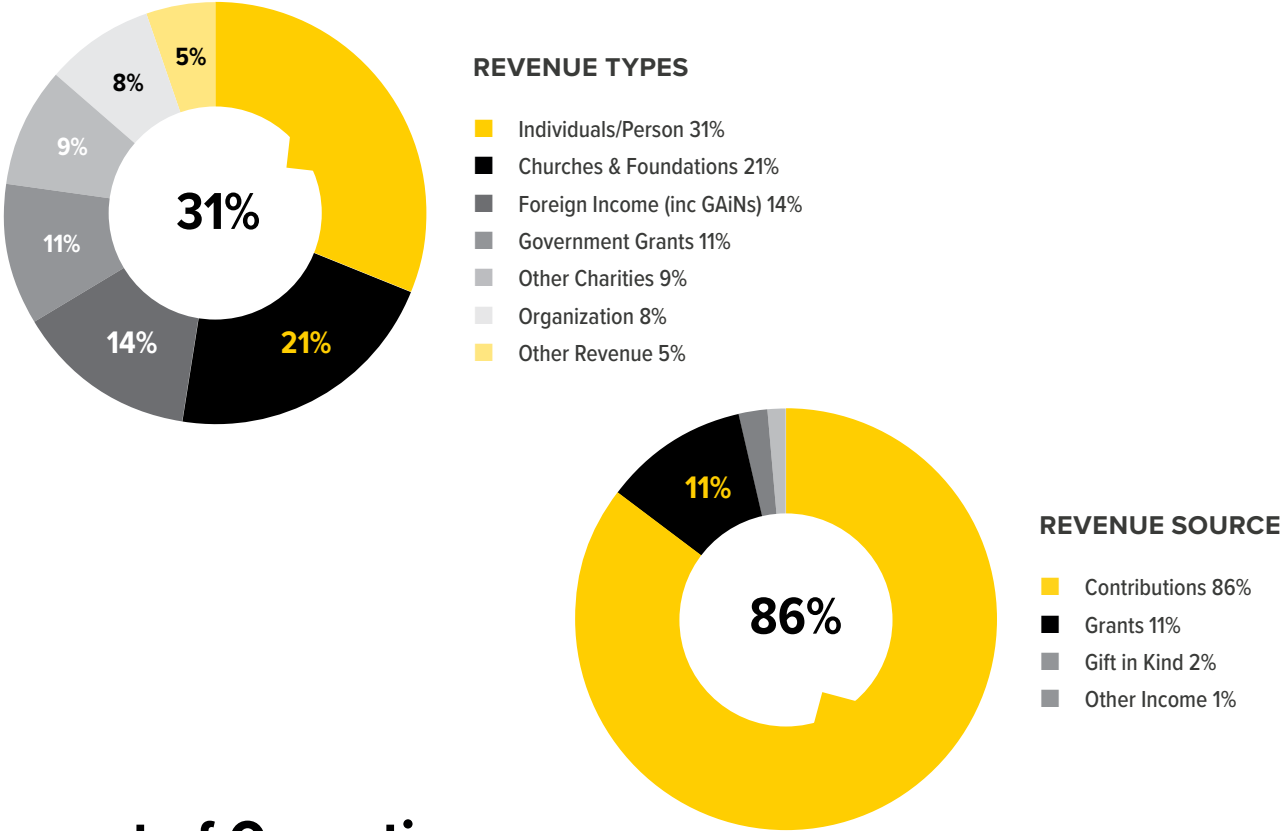
"Witnessing the sacrificial and incomprehensible love of the local partners in their ministries was the most astonishing aspect of being on the field," Raphael expressed. *"Similarly, the sheer incomprehensibility of what it means to go through what these refugees went through was weighing on my mind on the field."*

For Raphael, all of these opportunities to be present and serve refugees has made a significant impact on his life.

"I witnessed that it is possible to serve God and people so boldly as these local partners do. It will be my struggle to live out the same spirit in my own context and place. The trip has helped me to better grasp the interconnectedness of the supporters on the other side of the world and the local staff and partners on the field. In other words, I tangibly experienced that all followers of Christ do, indeed, belong to one body. In places where I never visited and barely thought of, the Spirit was working so powerfully and mightily, and continually will. With these experiences, not only in my financial giving, but also in my prayers, it has become more global."

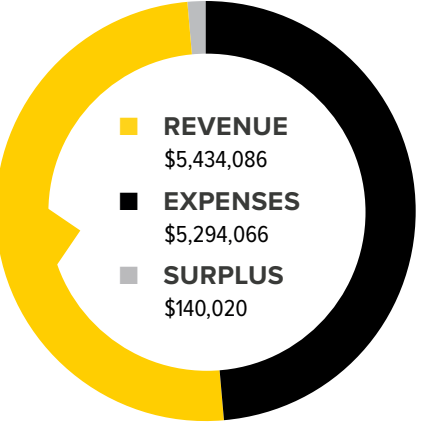


FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



YOUR DONATIONS

- Programs 89.2%
- General & Admin 8.5%
- Fundraising 2.3%



Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,612,283	\$ 2,355,741
Accounts receivable	101,008	22,561
Prepaid expenses and deposits	299,532	62,881
	3,012,823	2,441,183
Due from related entity	-	36,235
Capital assets	13,000	10,048
	\$ 3,025,823	\$ 2,487,466
Current Liabilities & Fund Balances		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 264,751	\$ 27,102
Due to related entity	160,688	-
	425,439	27,102
General fund	2,330,889	1,771,210
Capital fund	13,000	10,048
Externally restricted fund	256,495	679,106
	2,600,384	2,460,364
Guarantee		
	\$ 3,025,823	\$ 2,487,466

Statement of Operations

Year ended June 30, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	General Fund	Externally Restricted Fund	Capital Fund	Total 2019	Total 2018
Revenue:					
Contributions	\$ 4,643,847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,643,847	\$ 4,055,801
Gifts-in-kind contributions	118,514	-	-	118,514	81,600
Grants	-	600,168	-	600,168	982,709
Other Income	71,557	-	-	71,557	55,554
	4,833,918	600,168	-	5,434,086	5,175,664
Expenses:					
Relief and development	3,377,271	1,022,779	-	4,400,050	4,259,883
Child and youth					
Development and assistance	322,977	-	-	322,977	175,814
	3,700,248	1,022,779	-	4,723,027	4,435,697
Fundraising	121,492	-	-	121,492	111,212
General and administrative	442,620	-	6,927	449,547	411,615
	4,264,360	1,022,779	6,927	5,294,066	4,958,524
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 569,558	(\$ 422,611)	(\$ 6,927)	\$ 140,020	\$ 217,140

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