

Impact Report

Hope in Motion 2026

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion®
in Jesus' name



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A letter from the

President and CEO

Dear Friends,

As I complete my first year as President and CEO of Compassion Canada, I am filled with gratitude for each of you who have joined us in our mission to see children released from poverty in Jesus' name.

I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the remarkable ways God is at work through this ministry. Over the past year, I have met children and families whose lives are being transformed through the local church and Compassion's programs. I have also connected with the donors, sponsors, volunteers and churches across Canada whose faithful partnership makes that transformation possible.

Through your prayers and generosity, you are making a lasting difference. Because of your support, the hope of Christ is being shared every day in practical, life-changing ways.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I am excited and confident in God's leading. Compassion's foundations are enduring—we remain strongly Christ-centred, child-focused and church-driven. These foundations enable us to live out our mission to provide holistic transformation, empowering children spiritually, physically, socially and economically to rise above poverty and fulfill their God-given potential.

In Canada, we have a clear vision and strategy, devoted teams and faithful supporters like you who make impact possible. We will continue building on this by creating meaningful relationships, expanding your impact through powerful innovation and proven holistic child development models. We commit to providing you, our faithful supporters, with opportunities that align with God's calling for you while delivering an outstanding experience throughout your journey.

As you read this impact report, my prayer is that you would see how each story and number show the ways God is moving globally. Thank you again for being part of this global community that is joining together to move with compassion, bringing hope and transformation to children and communities around the world.

With gratitude,



Jerry Sen
President and CEO
Compassion Canada



Who we are

Compassion is a global leader in holistic child and youth development, serving nearly 2.3 million participants living in multidimensional poverty across 29 countries.

Compassion was founded in 1952 when our founder's heart was moved with compassion for children, igniting generational change in families and entire communities. Today, Compassion has 1.7 million supporters around the world, including 87,554 Canadians, who are a part of this movement, making a real and tangible difference in the fight against poverty.

Compassion's proven holistic development program is helping nearly 2.3 million children, youth and caregivers overcome poverty in every aspect of their lives. We partner with over 9,000 local churches across 29 countries, where local employees and volunteers tailor our program to deliver contextualized, whole-life care for children and spark lasting change.

Our invitation is simple: move with compassion to make an impact in the lives of children and youth facing in poverty.



What we do

We believe children facing poverty need holistic care to reach their God-given potential. That's why we seek to connect them to local church partners and a global network of sponsors and supporters who work together to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Through these partnerships, we equip churches to share the love of God and create environments where children experience stability, care and hope in tangible ways.

Holistic: Compassion participants receive spiritual, physical, cognitive and socio-emotional care to help them grow into healthy adults. Our model follows the life cycle of a child, recognizing that all stages and areas of holistic development are crucial for growth.

Contextualized: Local church partners seek to meet localized needs of participants, as identified by participant survey data and informed by community stakeholder input.

Early and long-term: Age-appropriate interventions and seamless support equip Compassion and our local church partners to start early and finish well in caring for children and youth. Our high-impact programming is designed to prepare young people for future success by equipping them to learn, remain engaged and stay on track to meet concrete development benchmarks.



Our holistic child development model

Holistic child development is what makes Compassion's work so effective across the many different contexts around the world in which children facing poverty find themselves. Every child has unique needs because of their distinct context. Compassion responds to the specific needs of children we serve in partnership with over 9,000 local churches worldwide.

Our holistic child development model is a robust interdisciplinary approach that enables our global program teams to address child poverty with a comprehensive understanding of a child's development and the promotion of their overall well-being.

Ultimately, our holistic child development model is anchored in what Scripture reveals of Jesus' life and ministry. In fact, the Bible shows how Jesus Himself developed as a child:

"…. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" — Luke 2:52

Our model integrates this pattern with complementary disciplines such as health sciences, psychology, sociology, education and age-appropriate Christian teaching and discipleship to seek comprehensive well-being for children. This model addresses each child's physical, cognitive, social-emotional and spiritual needs.

From the jungles of the Philippines and the rural townships of Uganda to the high altitudes of Peru and the coastal communities of Haiti, Compassion's program effectively releases children from poverty in Jesus' name all around the world.

Compassion doesn't just respond to one need—we move with children and their communities toward lasting change.

Physical

Ensuring proper physical development is key to seeing children thrive. In Compassion's programs, supporting each child's physical development includes medical check-ups, nutritious food, clean water, sanitation solutions, dental hygiene kits, emergency food packs, health and wellness education, medical interventions and more.

Cognitive

When children can interact, learn and think about the world around them, they have the chance to fully thrive cognitively. In Compassion's programs, cognitive development can take the form of age-appropriate learning activities, resources for formal education, vocational training, literacy workshops, leadership training, textbooks, computer skills, academic scholarships and more.

Socio-emotional

Healthy relationships are essential in a child's life. Children learn to interact with others compassionately, knowing they deserve the same. Socio-emotional development in Compassion's programs can look like playtime with other children, help with understanding emotions, goal setting, letter writing, safe play, ongoing personal support and more.

Spiritual

Each child has the opportunity to hear the gospel in a culturally relevant, invitational way through Compassion's partnership with local churches. In Compassion's programs, spiritual development includes age-appropriate Bible lessons, discipleship, receiving a Bible, connection to a local church, prayer with tutors, special workshops, encouraging letters from sponsors and more.









Our global outcomes framework

Our global outcomes framework is how we measure the impact of our program for each child, allowing us to analyze, assess and act on the outcomes achieved. The areas we monitor for every participant in our program include:



Capacity for economic self-sufficiency

Having motivation, skills and education to economically support themselves and others.



Youth agency

Having vision, skills and character to positively influence their community.



Spiritual development

Growing in their relationship with God while contributing to and engaging with their community.



Well-being

Being physically and mentally healthy, with a positive self-identity and healthy relationships.

Our commitment to child protection

Something many people don't know about Compassion is just how large and far-reaching our child protection efforts are. Child protection is one of the core elements of who we are as an organization.

For us, child protection isn't just about our certifications, such as our Level One Certification from Keeping Children Safe (KCS) or ensuring all Compassion personnel, staff and volunteers are screened and trained in child protection—though we do that too. Instead, our approach to child protection comes from the sobering knowledge that we work with some of the most vulnerable children and youth in the world. If we want to see them thrive, they need to be protected and safeguarded. That's why we have a global team dedicated to child protection, from prevention to intervention.

Read more about Compassion's child protection efforts on our blog: compassion.ca/blog/protecting-what-matters



Our foundations

Mission statement

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Strategic anchors:

Christ-centred:
We believe in the transformative power of Christ's love to change lives. Jesus' life and teachings shape our programs, inform our values and commitments and guide how we love, respect and act as good neighbours to people, communities and nations. Our response to a world in need is to love like Christ did and serve in Jesus' name.

Child-focused:
We strategically choose to focus on children because we believe it is the best way to break the cycle of poverty. We engage each child individually to see them thrive in their God-given potential, providing them with the resources and relationships to overcome poverty. We know that investing in a child's life can spark generational change that impacts their entire family, community and nation.

Church-driven:
We build long-term partnerships with local churches around the world, equipping local leaders to deliver effective programs and whole-life care. Because these local church partners understand the unique context of their own neighbourhoods, they are well positioned to respond to their neighbours' needs and provide holistic care for the children in their communities.



Our history

1952

Rev. Everett Swanson witnesses the suffering of children during the Korean War and God calls him to do something about it. He begins with a promise to help 35 children and establishes the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association (ESEA).

1954

The Child Sponsorship Program (CDSP) is developed.

1963

Inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 15:32, "... I have compassion for these people... I do not want to send them away hungry ..." and Swanson's growing unease with seeing his own name represent a growing ministry, the name is changed from the Everett Swanson Evangelistic Association to Compassion International.

1964

Compassion of Canada, Ltd (now known as "Compassion Canada") is formed. Bob and Janet Forsyth open their home to house the first Canadian office.

1965

Rev. Everett Swanson dies on November 15th—13 years after pioneering Compassion's ministry.

1966

Rev. Henry L. Harvey becomes president of Compassion International.

1967

A building for Compassion's offices in Seoul, South Korea, is constructed and dedicated as the Everett Swanson Memorial Building.



Miriam Swanson attends the opening of the Everett Swanson Memorial Building in South Korea, 1967.

1972

Jim Somerville becomes the first president of Compassion Canada. Compassion Canada's office moves to London, Ontario.

1975

Compassion International ministers in 12 countries and more than 25,000 children are sponsored.

Rev. Wallace H. Erikson becomes president of Compassion

1977

Compassion Australia joins Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

1983

Dave MacLeod is named president of Compassion Canada following Jim Somerville's retirement.

1986

New Zealand joins Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

1991

Compassion Canada hits the milestone of 10,000 children sponsored.

1993

Dr. Wesley Stafford becomes president of Compassion International. Barry Slauenwhite becomes Compassion Canada's third President and CEO.

2001

United Kingdom, Italy and Spain join Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

2002

Fifty-two years after its children inspired the ministry of Compassion, South Korea becomes a funding partner country. South Koreans begin sponsoring children in other parts of the world.



Staff praying together at the South Korea International Partner Office, 2002.

2003

Switzerland joins Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

2007

Complimentary Interventions (CIV) are developed. Germany joins Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

2009

Compassion International works in 26 countries and more than **1 million children are sponsored.**

2011

Ireland joins Compassion's Global Partner Alliance.

2013

Compassion Canada celebrates 50 years of ministry.

Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado is welcomed as Compassion International's fifth president.

Compassion Nordic joins the Global Partner Alliance.

2018

Compassion International ministers in 25 countries and more than **2 million children are sponsored.**

2019

Allison Alley becomes Compassion Canada's fourth President and CEO.

2021

Compassion International now partners with over 8,000 churches in 27 countries to release children from poverty. More than 100,000 children are supported by Canadians.

2023

Amidst responding to an unprecedented global food crisis, Compassion International announces its expansion into four new program countries: Malawi, Myanmar, Zambia and Cambodia.

2024

Compassion Canada celebrates its 60th anniversary.

2025

Jerry Sen becomes Compassion Canada's fifth President and CEO.

Who we work with

2,346,468 registered children and youth

1,173,179 girls
1,173,289 boys

44,497 Survival Program participants

Today, close to 900 million children worldwide are experiencing the layered and complex challenges of poverty, including an estimated 412 million children facing extreme poverty.

Food insecurity: Today, about 2.3 billion people worldwide are living with moderate or severe food insecurity, according to the UN FAO's State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2025 report.

Lack of education: 272 million children are not in school, including 129 million girls based on UNESCO data from 2023.

Child mortality: Approximately 5 million children under the age of 5 die each year, including 2.4 million in the first 28 days of life.

Malnutrition: 150.2 million children under the age of five—nearly one in four—are chronically undernourished.

Unsafe water and sanitation: 2.2 billion people worldwide lack access to safe water and 3.4 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water/sanitation

Child trafficking: Approximately 38% of detected trafficking victims worldwide are children. Since the pandemic, there has been a 31% increase in detected child victims.

Children are the most vulnerable to the devastating consequences of the multifaceted crises in our world today, such as conflict, extreme weather, environmental disasters and political and economic instability. Children are more than twice as likely to live in poverty than adults.

But at Compassion, we also know that children and youth are resilient and keen to be agents of change. Our programs address a wide variety of issues, all focused on seeing children thrive. Because when we invest in a child's life, we spark the kind of whole-life transformation that has ripple effects into a child's family, community and nation for generations to come.

Statistics are sourced from UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, FAO, UN SDG reporting, and UNODC.
All figures are based on the most recent global data available at the time of report production.

The faces of Compassion's work



ALEJANDRO, Honduras : Growing up in a gang-affected neighbourhood in Honduras, Alejandro faced limited opportunities and constant distractions. Though hope felt distant, his passion for soccer and determination eventually earned him a scholarship to a local academy. Today, Alejandro plays professional soccer and mentors children at the Compassion centre that helped shape his future.



JANETH, Bolivia : After losing two children, Janeth and her husband continue to work hard to provide for their family. She earns an income from the labour-intensive task of brickmaking. Janeth is grateful for the centre's support, including food baskets during periods of financial hardship, and ongoing care for her youngest daughter, who has participated in the program since she was just one week old.



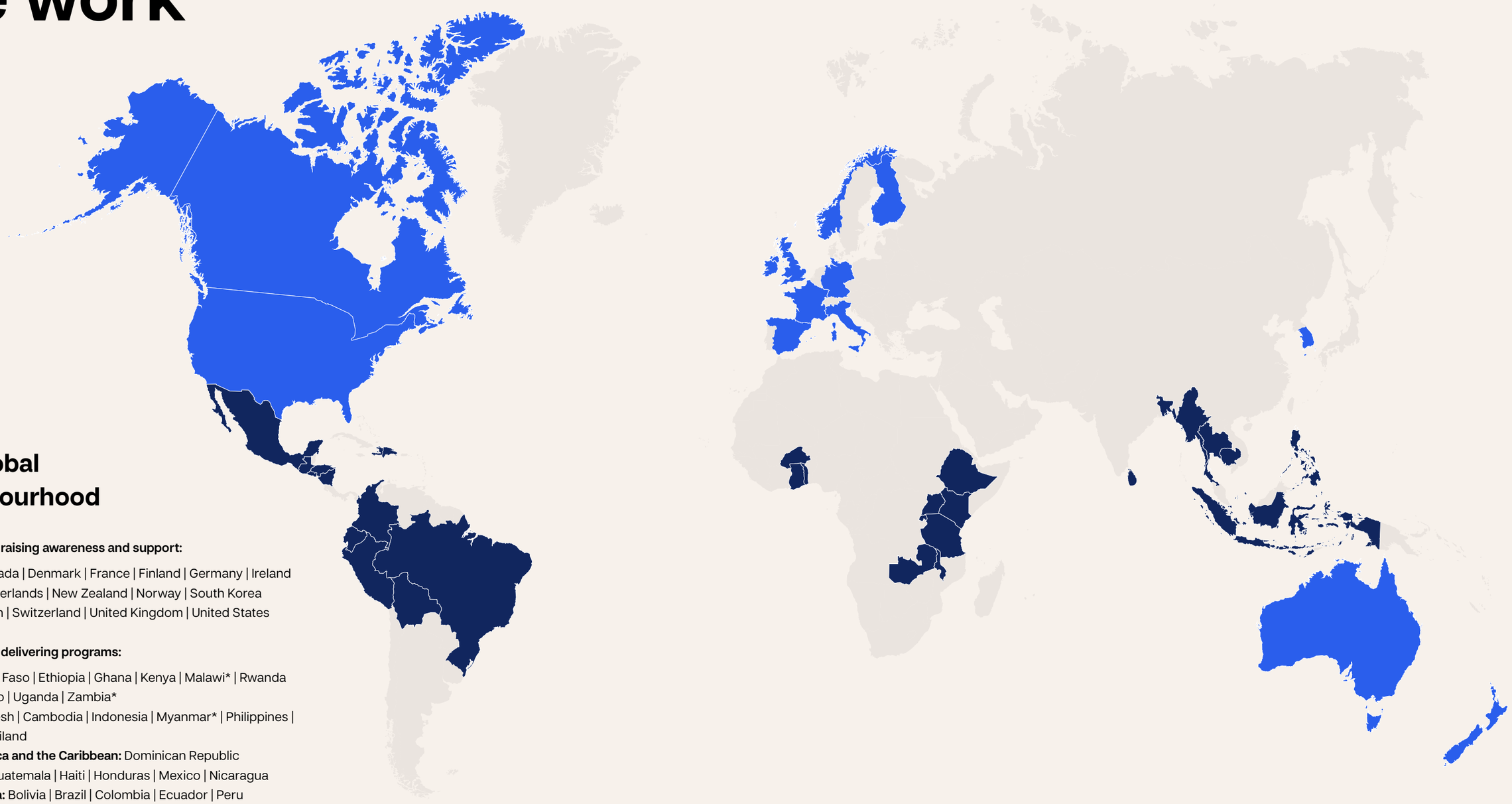
MAWULAWOE, Togo : At two weeks old, Emmanuella was severely malnourished and struggling to breathe. Her aunt, Mawulawoe, courageously took her in despite having limited resources. Through Compassion's Survival program, Emmanuella received vital nutrition and care, while Mawulawoe gained farming skills. Today, Emmanuella is a thriving one-year-old who is healthy, happy and deeply loved.



MARTINUS, Indonesia : For fourteen years, Martinus lived a life of crime as a member of a violent gang in West Sumba, Indonesia. Everything began to change when his son Jendri joined Compassion's program. Through Jendri's faith, Bible reading and church involvement, Martinus encountered Christ. Leaving his old life behind, Martinus found hope, healing and a second chance for his family.

See more powerful images of transformed lives at Compassion.ca/livestransformed

Where we work



Our Global Neighbourhood

Countries raising awareness and support:

Australia | Canada | Denmark | France | Finland | Germany | Ireland
Italy | The Netherlands | New Zealand | Norway | South Korea
Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom | United States

Countries delivering programs:

Africa: Burkina Faso | Ethiopia | Ghana | Kenya | Malawi* | Rwanda
Tanzania | Togo | Uganda | Zambia*
Asia: Bangladesh | Cambodia | Indonesia | Myanmar* | Philippines |
Sri Lanka | Thailand
Central America and the Caribbean: Dominican Republic
El Salvador | Guatemala | Haiti | Honduras | Mexico | Nicaragua
South America: Bolivia | Brazil | Colombia | Ecuador | Peru

**Upcoming countries*

Our programs



Survival

Compassion's Survival program works to ensure every child has the chance to live. Mothers and babies are supported during pregnancy and the first year of life with tangible care and life-saving interventions. This includes prenatal healthcare, regular check-ups, critical medical care, nutritious food and newborn essentials.

Impact at a glance

- Global Survival program participants: 44,497
- Survival program participants supported by Canadians: 1,856
- Survival programs funded by Canadians: 153
- Skilled birth attendance in African region: 88% of Survival program births were attended by skilled health personnel (regional average: 74%)

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being



Expectant mother Nimbeth lived in a one-room shelter made of boards and unsecured metal sheets. Winds frequently tore the roof apart. Enrolled in Compassion's Survival program, Nimbeth and her young daughters, Romina and Zuri, received help to improve their living conditions. Their new home has a solid roof, mattresses, a kitchen and windows, ready to welcome the baby. "Now, the storms become something we observe, not something we survive."

Child & Youth Development

Compassion's holistic child and youth development program helps young people meet their God-given potential in all aspects of their lives—mentally, physically and relationally—while giving them the opportunity to hear about and experience the love of Jesus. Through customized training and educational paths, children and youth are equipped to thrive and finish well.

Impact at a glance

- Global registered children and youth: 2,346,468
- Children and youth sponsored by Canadians: 95,127 (50,131 girls | 44,996 boys)
- Letters written by Canadian sponsors: 103,072

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 1: No Poverty



Nineteen-year-old Kristine grew up in a crowded and under-resourced community in Mactan, Cebu. Music lessons would have been out of reach had it not been for enrollment at her Compassion centre. Kristine discovered a love for drums and was given opportunities to grow her gifts. Today she is healthy after a cancer diagnosis and surgery. She serves others as a respected worship leader and youth leader at her church.

(WaSH)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Compassion's WaSH interventions protect children from deadly diseases by ensuring they have proper sanitation facilities such as washrooms, access to clean water and hygiene education. Health initiatives provide nutrition, screenings, responsive care, disease prevention and education, giving children and families the resources they need to meet critical health needs.

Impact at a glance

- Global WaSH participants: 228,238
- Canadian-supported: 39,514

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation



One village in Honduras frequently faced water shortages, requiring women and children to rise as early as three in the morning to find water. There was little water left for basic hygiene or washing, and even Compassion programs were halted in the heat. With Compassion's intervention, a deep well and storage tanks were constructed, providing abundant water. Pastor Mauricio says, "The centre has become a place of hope for the entire community."

Health

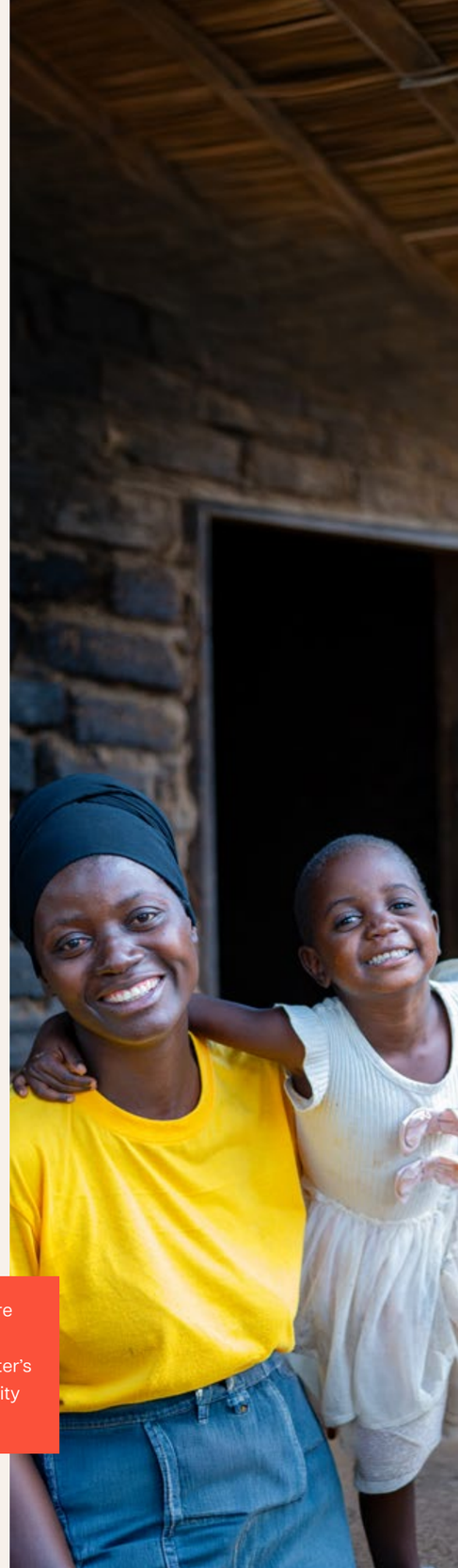
Compassion's health initiatives give children and families the resources to meet their most critical health needs, providing nutrition, health screenings, responsive care, disease prevention and education.

Impact at a glance

- Global impact: 204,626 program participants
- Canadian impact: 33,397 program participants

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being



In rural Malawi, four-year-old Christabel's life was threatened by severe malnutrition. With support from her local church, her mother learned practical nutrition and hygiene practices that transformed her daughter's health. Today, Christabel is thriving, and many families in her community are finding renewed hope.

Education

Compassion empowers children and youth to pursue futures free from poverty by providing learning resources such as computers and textbooks, as well as educational opportunities, including tuition support for vocational training, college or university.

Impact at a glance

- Global impact: 246,117 program participants
- Canadian impact: 54,030 program participants

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 4: Quality Education



Andrea struggled with division and multiplication until she visited her Compassion tutor. “She explained it to me and I understand it more. I feel good that I can understand now,” she says. Andrea’s mother, Juana, who only reached third grade herself, adds, “I feel happy that she can receive that support.” Andrea isn’t just learning math; she has gained confidence, new skills and hope for her future.

Stability

Compassion provides families and communities in need with essentials such as emergency food packs, housing support and infrastructure improvements. Caregivers also receive training through workshops—such as child protection—to help build safer communities.

Impact at a glance

- Global impact: 258,966 program participants
- Canadian impact: 116,308 program participants

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 2: Zero Hunger
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



Nine-year-old Junior is excited to show off his keyhole garden. His village in Kenya regularly experienced famine and local farms struggled, relying heavily on expensive chemical fertilizers and rain that didn’t come. Junior’s family was taught sustainable backyard gardening methods at the Compassion centre using food scraps to nourish the soil. Now, even in dry seasons, Junior says, “We often have more vegetables than our family of six can eat!

Disaster Response

Compassion responds to urgent needs caused by disasters and crises by assisting children and their communities with relief, recovery, resilience strengthening and mitigation.

Impact at a glance

- Global impact: 480,993 program participants
- Canadian impact: 219,367 program participants and their families

Contributing to Global Goals

Helping to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:
SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

When Cyclone Ditwah hit Sri Lanka in November 2025, over 100,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, including many Compassion families. During the storms, Compassion centres stepped in to help, opening their doors as temporary shelters and providing three meals a day. Local Compassion staff remain in constant contact with families who have lost their homes and income, providing food packs and other necessities as they rebuild their lives.

See our Intervention Reports for an in-depth look at the impact of your giving around the world. Reporting includes project statistics, in-country updates and messages from the people who were helped by your financial gift.
compassion.ca/interventionreports



Monitoring outcomes for continued learning

Like a doctor listening to a heartbeat with a stethoscope, Compassion uses data to listen to the heartbeat of its mission. It helps us understand, respond and serve children with excellence —so your compassion can have the greatest impact.



Behind every story of a thriving child in Compassion's program is something you may not immediately see—data. It may not sound exciting at first, but it is one of the most powerful tools God has given us to serve children with wisdom and excellence.

Compassion's Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL) team ensures the program keeps growing, adapting and responding to children's needs. They gather, interpret and apply high-quality data so local church partners are equipped to make the best decisions for the children in their care.

At the core of this work is one goal: improving outcomes for children and youth.

MERL focuses on three key areas:

Scale
Data must be accessible, useful and "right-sized" for church partners, while also providing rigorous, aggregated insights for national offices. This balance ensures that both a small local church and a country office can act on the same information in ways that fit their unique contexts.

Ownership
Local churches and national offices are involved early in the development of tools, ensuring that the data reflects and amplifies their voices. When churches are trained to understand and apply the data, it builds confidence and strengthens the program's long-term value.

Implementation
Data is collected using globally standardized indicators, helping Compassion measure child development milestones and keep the program relevant to children's needs. These consistent measures make it possible to track progress over time and across countries, providing an accurate picture of impact.

Africa

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia

Totals from June 2026

10
Countries

4,273
Church Partners

1,020,528
Registered Children

21,656
Survival Program Participants

Here’s where you made an impact

Burkina Faso



Est. 2004
499 Church Partners
118,310 Registered Children
2,689 Survival Program Participants

Ethiopia



Est. 1993
614 Church Partners
137,780 Registered Children
2,822 Survival Program Participants

Ghana



Est. 2005
449 Church Partners
96,998 Registered Children
1,152 Survival Program Participants

Kenya



Est. 1980
496 Church Partners
136,523 Registered Children
2,807 Survival Program Participants

Malawi



Est. 2022
127 Church Partners
27,403 Registered Children
1,625 Survival Program Participants

Rwanda



Est. 1979
461 Church Partners
116,868 Registered Children
1,823 Survival Program Participants

Tanzania



Est. 1999
602 Church Partners
121,571 Registered Children
2,387 Survival Program Participants

Togo



Est. 2007
414 Church Partners
91,034 Registered Children
1,343 Survival Program Participants

Uganda



Est. 1980
486 Church Partners
153,023 Registered Children
3,193 Survival Program Participants

Zambia



Est. 2024
125 Church Partners
21,018 Registered Children
1,815 Survival Program Participants



Africa

Living Water

> “For most of us, washroom availability is an afterthought. In Apowa, Ghana, it was the reason children stopped going to church.”

In Ghana’s Western region, access to water is never guaranteed. Families pray for it and often pay for it, walking long distances and buying from vendors in the dry season. For the local Compassion centre, the water shortage impacted something as basic as dignity. Without running water, the toilets couldn’t function. Children as young as five faced the choice during programs to walk 10 minutes to a public toilet or go home—once home, many didn’t return.

“There was rarely any water, so we weren’t able to keep the toilets open,” said Maame Akua, the centre director. “The kids would rather go home to relieve themselves.”

Twelve-year-old Lordicia remembers holding on until the walk home became unbearable. “Sometimes we have accidents on the way home from holding it in too long,” she said, “and it’s very embarrassing.”

Attendance dropped. Even the local clinic, which families depend on, struggled to stay open without water to provide basic hygiene.

In July 2025, with support from Compassion, the centre drilled a borehole well. Water now reaches the church, the centre and the clinic and is shared freely with the whole community.

The change was immediate. Children stayed for hours during day-long programs. “They were very relaxed,” Maame Akua said. “Nobody was rushing to go home.”

For Lordicia, the difference is simple. “Now, when we come to the centre, we are so comfortable, we can learn and play with joy.”

A well provided more than water—this gift restored dignity, safety and health to the community.

Sometimes the most powerful ministry begins not with a message, but with meeting a need.

Asia

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar,
Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand

Totals from June 2026

7
Countries

1,830
Church Partners

400,228
Registered Children

10,667
Survival Program Participants

Here’s where you made an impact

Bangladesh



Est. 2003
189 Church Partners
56,907 Registered Children
1,384 Survival Program Participants

Cambodia



Est. 2024
69 Church Partners
5,853 Registered Children
973 Survival Program Participants

Indonesia



Est. 1968
741 Church Partners
154,135 Registered Children
2,521 Survival Program Participants

Myanmar



Est. 2022
82 Church Partners
854 Registered Children
2,012 Survival Program Participants

Philippines



Est. 1972
464 Church Partners
99,873 Registered Children
1,250 Survival Program Participants

Sri Lanka



Est. 2009
144 Church Partners
33,495 Registered Children
1,784 Survival Program Participants

Thailand



Est. 1970
141 Church Partners
49,111 Registered Children
753 Survival Program Participants



Asia

Community that Brings Healing

"I had peace knowing that God will take care of me."

At just nineteen, Kristine is easy to overlook when she's not on stage. Soft-spoken and shy, she is quick to fade into the background until she sits down behind the drum kit. That's when everything changes. She is a respected youth leader at her church and a regular drummer in the worship band.

Few who watch her lead worship with passion would have guessed how close she came to never having the chance.

Kristine grew up in a crowded, under-resourced community in Mactan, Cebu province, where her family faced steady financial strain. Through her local church's partnership with Compassion, she had the opportunity to learn music. "The rhythm came naturally," said Pastor Adam, the church's music director. "Behind the drum set, Kristine found her voice."

Just as her confidence was growing, a new challenge arrived. At a regular medical checkup that Compassion participants receive, Kristine revealed the pain and swelling in her throat. This led to a diagnosis no teenager expects to hear: thyroid cancer. Surgery would be required.

Kristine was remarkably calm. "I wasn't concerned at all," she says. "I had peace, knowing that God would take care of me and I trusted He would heal me in His time."

Through it all, the church and Compassion stayed close, covering the costs of her many medical visits and procedures, visiting often and praying with her family through the uncertainty. When the day of surgery came, Kristine was ready. The procedure to remove the cancer was successful, though Kristine will continue to take medication to maintain her health.

Today, healthy and still taking her place behind the drums, Kristine is a testimony of God's care and provision. Her journey tells the story of what can happen when a child is given opportunity, care and hope.

Central America and the Caribbean

Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

Totals from June 2026

7
Countries

1,773
Church Partners

501,154
Registered Children

6,831
Survival Program Participants

Here’s where you made an impact

Dominican Republic



Est. 1970
226 Church Partners
60,753 Registered Children
1,147 Survival Program Participants

El Salvador



Est. 1977
238 Church Partners
73,256 Registered Children
862 Survival Program Participants

Guatemala



Est. 1980
247 Church Partners
67,621 Registered Children
950 Survival Program Participants

Haiti



Est. 1968
418 Church Partners
136,949 Registered Children
1,698 Survival Program Participants

Honduras



Est. 1974
211 Church Partners
55,634 Registered Children
715 Survival Program Participants

Mexico



Est. 1979
203 Church Partners
49,069 Registered Children
710 Survival Program Participants

Nicaragua



Est. 2002
230 Church Partners
57,872 Registered Children
749 Survival Program Participants



Central America

Nourishing Hope

> “I have learned at the centre to prepare meals that include vegetables, fruits and healthier ingredients.”

Mothers all over the world know the weight of making every cent count.

Walking through Central American markets, women take in vivid colours, market vendors calling out prices and the smells of cooked sugar and roasting corn. Bins of chilies and beans sit beside brightly packaged candy and tempting, easy-to-prepare food. For mothers like Teo of Mexico and Rosa of Guatemala, this market walk feels different now. They walk confidently because they know the worth of nutritious food for their children and they make choices that help their children thrive.

Teo’s three children are enrolled in the local Compassion centre, allowing her to attend various workshops on nutrition and healthy eating, specifically designed for caregivers like her. “In these workshops, I have learned to cook nutritious meals for my family and about good hygiene habits before and after meals, as well as the importance of thoroughly washing everything we consume,” shares Teo. Instead of the convenience foods she once fed her child, she now prioritizes a variety of vegetables and beans, which form the core of her meals, along with fruit and grain. Sometimes chicken and fish are available, and she knows how to prepare them safely and stretch meat further by using what she’s learned.

Rosa has seen the difference up close. Her first daughter was raised on instant soups and processed meats; her second is growing up differently. “I didn’t know about good nutrition,” Rosa admits. “But I have learned at the centre to prepare meals that include vegetables, fruits and healthier ingredients.”

The women also know they are not alone in managing their families’ nutrition. Each month, a Compassion worker visits to reinforce learning, gifting a food hamper to help carry the family further. A supply of nutritious pantry staples and local vegetables eases pressure on an already tight budget. Teo and Rosa welcome these visits, knowing they are cared for by a community that walks alongside them.

Because of the support of the local church through Compassion, children are growing healthier and stronger—and so are the women raising them.

South America

Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

Totals from June 2026

5
Countries

1,301
Church Partners

424,558
Registered Children

5,333
Survival Program Participants

Here’s where you made an impact

Bolivia



Est. 1975
233 Church Partners
101,259 Registered Children
971 Survival Program Participants

Brazil



Est. 1975
218 Church Partners
61,715 Registered Children
576 Survival Program Participants

Colombia



Est. 1974
310 Church Partners
88,818 Registered Children
1,246 Survival Program Participants

Ecuador



Est. 1974
255 Church Partners
86,858 Registered Children
1,327 Survival Program Participants

Peru



Est. 1980
285 Church Partners
85,908 Registered Children
1,213 Survival Program Participants



South America

Faith in the Forest

"Jesus gives us hope."

Deep in the dense rainforest of Ecuador, muddy trails replace roads and small communities living among the trees can feel isolated from the outside world. For seven-year-old Jhaddiel and his mother, Maria, the challenges of food insecurity, lack of a stable income and limited resources can sometimes seem overwhelming. Living under the forest canopy can feel dark, but there is light here too.

Because of the local church's partnership with Compassion, Jhaddiel experiences the love of God every week. "Sometimes we feel very far away from everything," Maria shares while holding her son close. "There are days when we worry about food or about the future. But when the church comes, they bring us hope. They remind us that God has not forgotten us."

Joel, the local Compassion centre director, travels long distances through the jungle each week to visit families. Members of the church walk to each home, visiting children and parents. Through Bible studies, prayer and simple acts of compassion, families are reminded that they are not alone.

"We come because people here need to know they are loved," he explains. "The gospel brings dignity and hope. Even when resources are few, the church can still be the hands and feet of Jesus."

This is just one way that the Compassion program supports growth as a whole person. It's more than just the provision of physical needs, access to medical care and support for education. Compassion helps make Jesus-centred relationships within a community and allows the church to be a light—shining God's love in the jungle, one child at a time.

Jhaddiel eagerly awaits Joel's arrival each week and watches for his church to make their way through the forest to see him. He joins eagerly in the songs and laughs with the other children during Bible stories. When these precious visitors arrive, Jhaddiel knows he is among friends.

"When Joel comes, I feel happy," Jhaddiel says with a smile. "I like learning about Jesus because He gives us hope."

Supporting youth to overcome mental health challenges

As part of Compassion's commitment to child protection and one of our foundations of holistic child development, we know that mental health is crucial for the overall well-being of children and youth.

Youth facing poverty are often at a greater risk of mental health challenges due to trauma, food insecurity, instability and limited access to care and support. In 2020, the World Health Organization reported that more than 75% of people with mental, neurological and substance use disorders in low- and middle-income countries received no treatment for their condition.

Compassion is responding to this reality. We are working alongside partner organizations and frontline church partners to provide mental health screenings, training, resources, counselling and care.

Through Compassion's trauma-informed training intervention, more than 16,900 caregivers are being equipped with trauma-informed tools. This strengthens their ability to recognize and respond to children and youth struggling with mental health and the difficult realities of poverty.

Since May 2026, more than 3,100 caregivers have been receiving suicide prevention training, increasing the capacity of frontline churches to identify warning signs and support vulnerable youth before a crisis escalates.

Learn more about how Compassion supports the mental health of children and youth in our blog post: compassion.ca/mentalhealth



Responding to the Global Food Crisis

A global food crisis remains a reality in many of the countries where Compassion partners with local churches to bring holistic development to children facing extreme poverty. Over the last several years, we have responded by supporting our program participants in making substantial improvements in food security. Yet, the need remains urgent, as many of our neighbours around the world are expected to face heightened food insecurity in the months ahead.

Children living in poverty are especially vulnerable to economic shocks, extreme weather, conflict and disrupted supply chains. These pressures can destroy property and crops, displace people and destabilize market prices, reducing access to affordable and sustainable food.

Access to proper nutrition is essential to a child's health and is a crucial building block for their growth and development.

Over the last year, Compassion has collaborated with 491 frontline church partners in regions where more than half of the population experiences food insecurity. Through this work, an estimated 1,850,000 people impacted by this crisis have been reached.

Food Packs	Cash Transfers	Agriculture Support	Sanitation
242,950	113,558	93,105	12,253

Compassion's program equips frontline workers to address the most urgent concerns children and youth face and to prioritize proven interventions. This supports local churches in using powerful, evidence-based tools, contextualized information and locally relevant programs to meet community needs through our holistic child development model.

Learn more about the global food crisis and how you can respond in our blog post: compassion.ca/worldhungerday

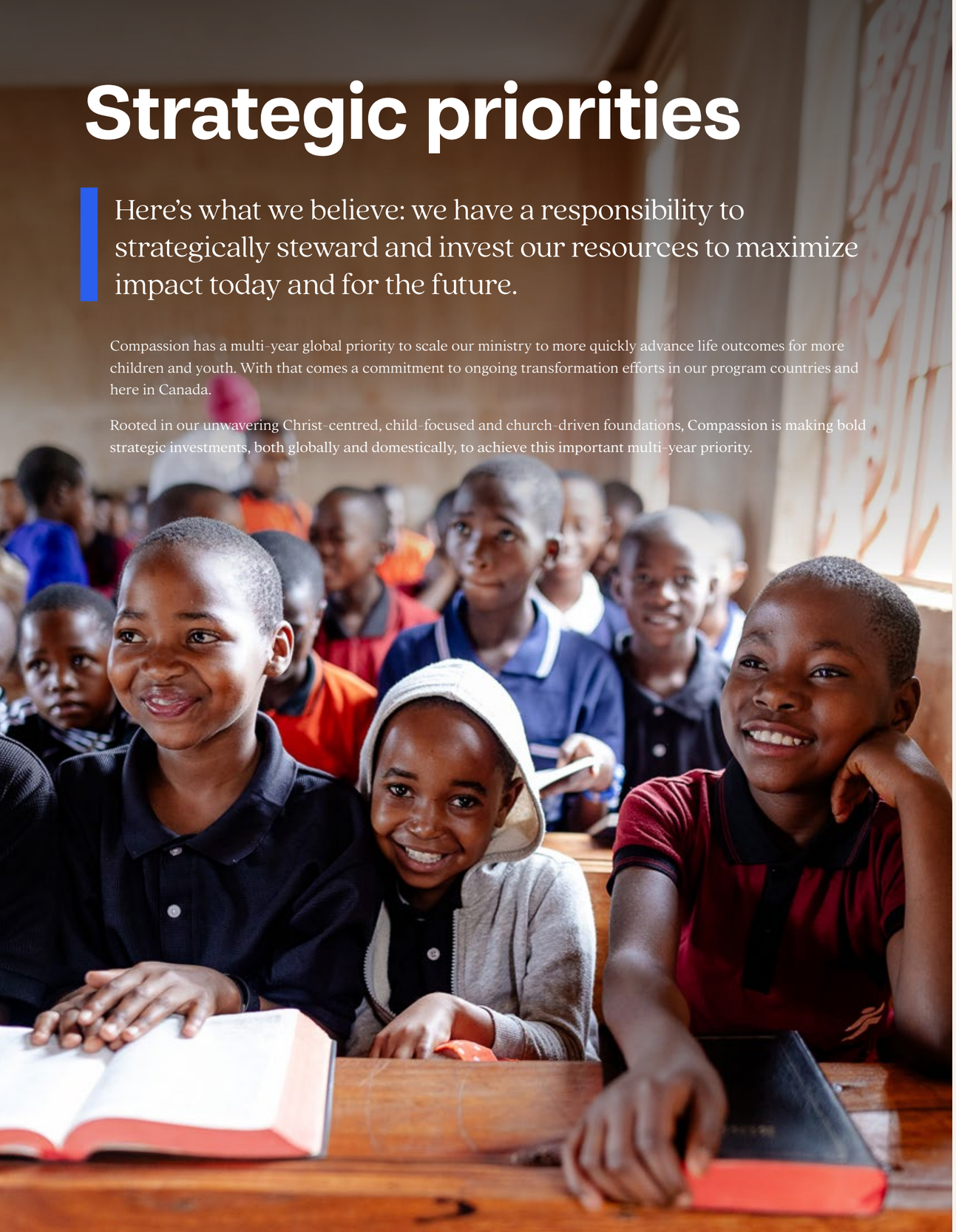


Strategic priorities

Here's what we believe: we have a responsibility to strategically steward and invest our resources to maximize impact today and for the future.

Compassion has a multi-year global priority to scale our ministry to more quickly advance life outcomes for more children and youth. With that comes a commitment to ongoing transformation efforts in our program countries and here in Canada.

Rooted in our unwavering Christ-centred, child-focused and church-driven foundations, Compassion is making bold strategic investments, both globally and domestically, to achieve this important multi-year priority.



What that looks like around the world

Compassion's teams around the world are working hard to operate a robust theory of change and ambitious program transformation efforts. Our goal is to more quickly advance evidence-based outcomes for more children and youth.

Empower local partners to implement data-informed and highly contextualized programs while continuously learning, improving and achieving outcomes.

New country launches that will enable Compassion to reach hundreds of thousands more children living in poverty.

Moving into areas of greater need within the countries where we currently work to ensure our investments are making the greatest possible impact.

New and innovative program models to ensure maximum effectiveness in each context we work in.

What that looks like in Canada

Compassion Canada has been working to redesign our operating model, while remaining true to our long-standing mission. We are committed to managing short-term stability and long-term viability as we pursue our multi-year goals.

Steward our resources:

Become a digitally enabled agile learning organization that continually improves and innovates to maximize effectiveness and efficiency.

Love our Supporters:

Enhance supporter experience and engagement through customized partnership opportunities and personalized experiences.

Expand our reach:

Grow and diversify our relationships and revenue streams through targeted efforts to reach and engage new individuals and institutions in Canada.

The financials

Over the past few years, Compassion Canada has been blessed to accumulate a considerable operating surplus, in part due to the sale of property and, of course, thanks to the sustained generosity of our supporters. Now, we are on a multi-year plan to draw down this surplus through planned deficit budgets, putting these accumulated funds to work to build the capacity and capabilities we need to expand our reach and impact over the long term.

Revenue and expenditures

Revenue	2026	2025
Program Revenue		
— Survival	$2,608,367	$2,453,632
— Child and Youth Development	$63,874,559	$62,379,849
— Complementary Interventions (WaSH, Health, Education, Stability)	$7,978,413	$8,362,770
— Disaster	$333,930	$778,032
Total Program Revenue	**$74,795,269**	**$73,974,283**
Other Revenue		
— Investment Income	$787,018	$585,063
— Other Revenue	$71,134	$68,063
Total Other Revenue	**$858,152**	**$653,126**
Total Revenues	**$75,653,421**	**$74,627,409**

Expenditures	2026	2025
Program Expenditures		
— Survival	$2,086,694	$1,928,002
— Child and Youth Development	$54,352,015	$53,274,245
— Complementary Interventions (WaSH, Health, Education, Stability)	$6,383,513	$6,698,066
— Disaster	$267,144	$622,426
Total Program Expenditures	**$63,089,366**	**$62,522,739**
Operating Expenditures		
— Fundraising	$8,276,068	$8,206,847
— Administration	$5,326,731	$5,097,584
Total Operating Expenditures	**$13,602,799**	**$13,304,431**
Total Expenditures	**$76,692,165**	**$75,827,170**

Fiscal year end is June 30

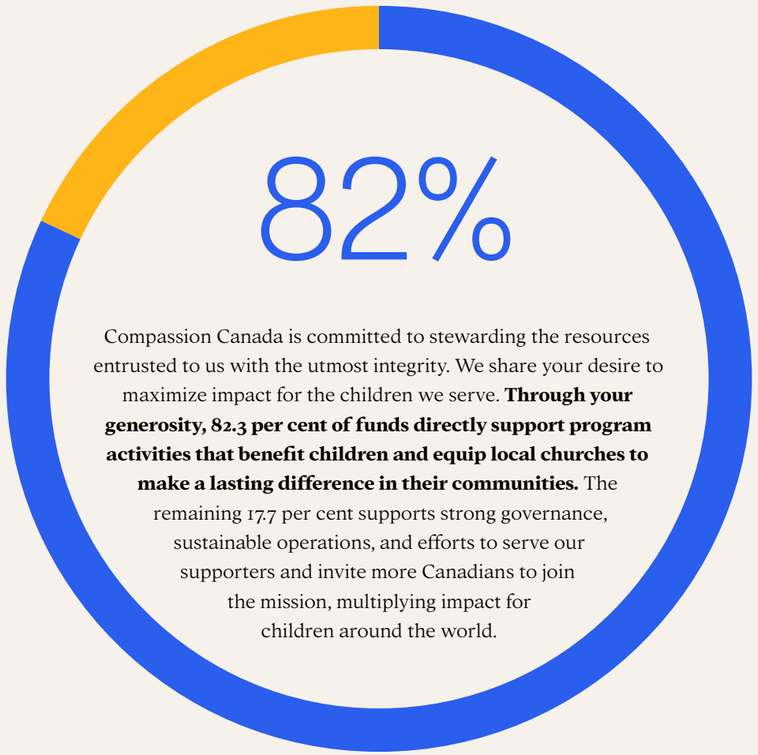
Ratios

Rated as one of Canada's best charities for financial integrity

	2026	2025
Annual		
— Program	82.3%	82.9%
— Fundraising	10.6%	10.2%
— Administration	7.1%	6.9%

Ratios are reported based on a rolling 5-year average

Stewarding your resources



Compassion Canada is committed to stewarding the resources entrusted to us with the utmost integrity. We share your desire to maximize impact for the children we serve. **Through your generosity, 82.3 per cent of funds directly support program activities that benefit children and equip local churches to make a lasting difference in their communities.** The remaining 17.7 per cent supports strong governance, sustainable operations, and efforts to serve our supporters and invite more Canadians to join the mission, multiplying impact for children around the world.

The cost of fundraising

Of every dollar we spend, just **10.6¢** is used for fundraising efforts.

This helps us deliver programs, serve supporters and invite more people in Canada to move with compassion through fundraising, advertising, events, online engagement and mailings.

We take privacy, security and integrity seriously in all our operations, keeping donor information secure and ensuring that all funds are spent in alignment with our high standards of financial integrity.

Networks and associations

Compassion Canada is proud to be a member or affiliate of the following networks and associations:

Canadian Centre for Christian Charities
ACCREDITED MEMBER

CanSFE
Partenariat canadien pour la santé des femmes et des enfants

CanWaCH
Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health

COOPÉRATION CANADA

EFC The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

HUMANITARIAN
— Response Network —
of CANADA

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CHRISTIAN NETWORK

CCIC
Ontario Council for International Cooperation





Governance

A letter from the Board Chair

Dear friends,

As I look back on the last year, I have a sense of appreciation for each of you who have supported our mission to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Through your generosity, prayers and dedication, you join a global community of believers who seek to empower children and families worldwide.

At the beginning of the year, we began a new season at Compassion Canada as Jerry Sen stepped into his role as President and CEO. In a time of change, growth and transition, Compassion has not lost momentum. I'm reminded of David's words: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2). Our stability is credited to remaining anchored to Christ and to His calling for us as an organization.

As we look ahead, our foundations of being Christ-centred, child-focused and church-driven continue to guide us. As a Board, we are grateful to the Executive Leadership Team and staff for their commitment to the mission of empowering children facing poverty and staying focused on Christ. Their investment in innovation, relationships and engagement strategies gives us confidence as we step into the coming year.

While you read this report, my prayer is that you are encouraged by each story and number. Your faithful support has produced tangible reminders of God's love, creating transformative impact that will be felt for years to come.

Thank you for walking alongside us, trusting in God's leading and moving with compassion to help children around the world feel known, loved and protected.

In Christ,

Mark Fletcher
Chair, Board of Directors
Compassion Canada

Meet the board

Compassion Canada is governed by a board of directors who, apart from the President and CEO, serve voluntarily. Together, they bring a breadth of skills and experience to advance the mission of releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.



Mark Fletcher

Chair
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Vice President of Construction Teng Inc.



Jerry Sen

President
Markham, Ontario

President and CEO, Compassion Canada



Dr. Jennifer Adkins

Langley, British Columbia

Vice President, Inclusive Excellence, Trinity Western University



David Burton

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Board Member, Parole Board of Canada



Dr. Marie Geschwandtner

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Chiropractor, Body Garage



Dr. Andrew Johnson

Calgary, Alberta

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Calgary



Clark Kassian

Calgary, Alberta

Partner, Dentons Canada LLP



Kenneth Lai

Markham, Ontario

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Leighton Reimer

Caronport, Saskatchewan

Director, Financial Services, SaskWater



Sushila Saunders

Coquitlam, British Columbia

Registered Nurse



Suzanne Van-Sligtenhorst

Mississauga, Ontario

Director of Corporate Governance and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Discovery Mining Ltd



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Burlington, Ontario

Global Marketing Leader

Meetings

Board Meetings:

September 12, 2025
November 20-21, 2025
February 19-20, 2026
June 11-12, 2026

Annual General Members Meeting:

November 21, 2025

Nominating and Governance Committee Meetings:

September 3, 2025
June 1, 2026

Finance and Audit Committee Meetings:

November 3, 2025
February 10, 2026
May 21, 2026

Creating a legacy of impact

With a planned gift to Compassion Canada, you can create a legacy that brings hope to children around the world.

Through planned giving, you can:

- Give a final gift to Compassion through your will towards an impactful intervention of your choice.
- Complete your child's sponsorship in the event you pass away before they graduate.
- Name Compassion as a beneficiary of your life insurance, TFSA, RRSP or RRIF.

Learn more or get in touch with our Planned Giving team at compassion.ca/planned-giving, or email alee@compassion.ca.

Releasing children from poverty
Compassion®
in Jesus' name

What is Compassion?

As one of the world's leading child development organizations, Compassion partners with the local church in 29 countries to end poverty in the lives of children and their families through our proven holistic child development program.

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