

**HOPE
AND
HOMES
FOR
CHILDREN**



OUR PERFORMANCE

Highlights of 2023

Thanks to her warm new house, Beatrice*, four, is growing up with her parents and siblings, not inside an orphanage.
Andreea Tănase / Hope and Homes for Children

INTRODUCTION



Dear friends,

Here at Hope and Homes for Children, we pride ourselves on centring our thinking and decisions on the best interests of children. Each year, we strive to work with children, for children, and 2023 was no exception.

On the previous page, you'll find a graph showing the tremendous results we contributed to in Romania. We've helped reduce the number of children in Romania's orphanage system from approximately 100,000 in 1990 to 1,777 by the end of 2023.

These are results to be proud of, results that speak volumes about the change we're trying to deliver. Because we're not just interested in results. We're interested in change. Long-term, sustainable and systematic change.

In the graph opposite, you'll notice another drop in the total number of children in the state care system. This is a clear indication of the effectiveness of the services we've created around Romania that prevent children being separated from their families in the first place.

As a global movement to bring end the institutionalisation of children, this impact means we're getting to the root causes of the problem. But for the individual children we support, this impact means they get to stay within the embrace of their family's love and protection, and that their families get the help they need to tackle problems like housing, health and medical issues, transport, employment and so on.

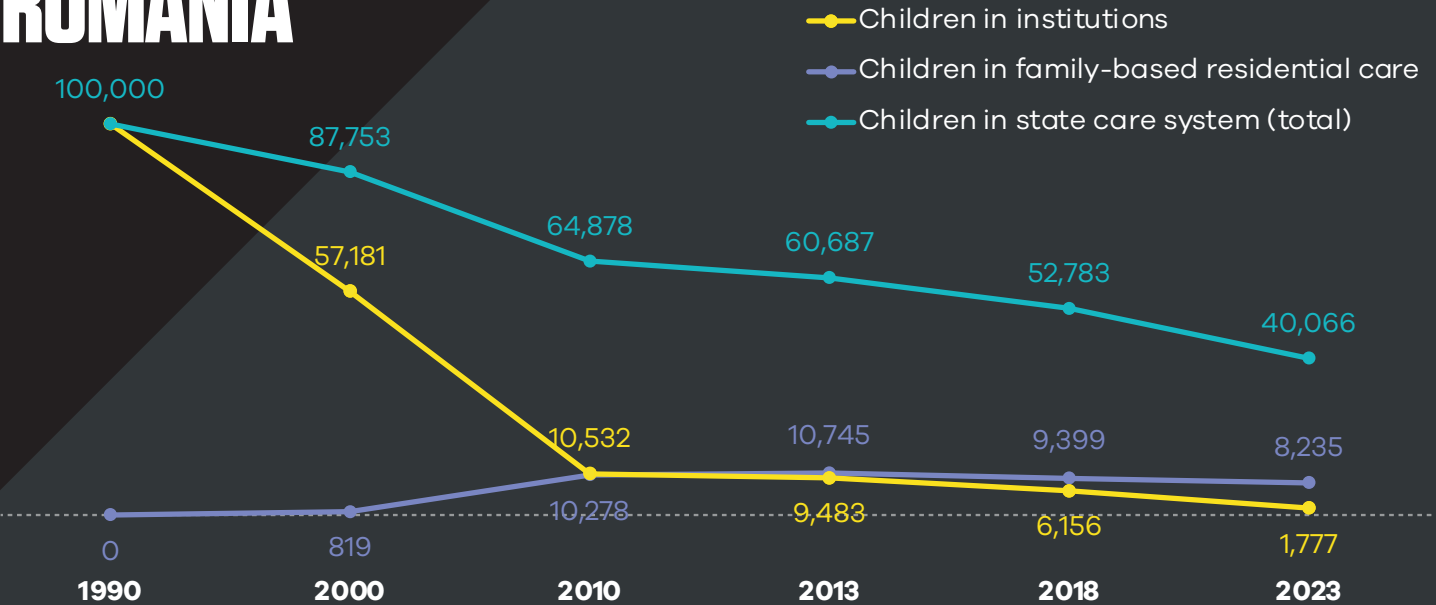
This work nurtures hope. And hope is one of the most important factors in creating the conditions for all children to enjoy happy childhoods.

We could not deliver this kind of impact without your sustained support. My deepest thanks for your generosity and commitment to helping us make the world a better place for children to grow up in.

Thank you.

Mark Waddington CBE
Chief Executive

ROMANIA



Data for the year 2000 collected from studies such as The evolution of the child Protection System in Romania in the past 30 years, Monica Marin & Manuela Sofia Stanculescu, Sociologie Romaneasc, 2019, vol 17. Official disaggregated data is available only starting with 2010.

Children in State care include: children in public and private institutions, children in private and public family-based residential care, children in ERC and M&B Units, children in foster care and simple placements.

*To ensure the safety and privacy of the people we support, names have been changed.

2023: THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

IT'S OUR IMPACT.
IT'S YOUR IMPACT.
IT'S HOW WE'RE
CHANGING THE WORLD.
ONE CHILDHOOD AT
A TIME. TOGETHER.

Welcome to the 2023 edition of our Impact Report. In these pages, you'll discover the impact of your support for children and families all around the world.

This year saw the world battle with war, conflict and political disarray. The cost-of-living soared as countless families were forced to flee famine, persecution and the climate crisis.

But through this storm, we remained centered on one, essential, life-saving thing. The power of family. Because in times of crisis, there's nothing more important than family.

In this year's report, you'll find explanations of the kinds of support we provide, from Bringing Children Back To Family, to Keeping Families Together and Creating New Families. You'll also learn about how we Close Orphanages, Train Childcare Professionals, and the impact of our Global Advocacy.

But our true impact, as always, is found off the page. It's found in the stories of every child brought out of an orphanage and back to family. In each family that's been held together through immense struggle.

That's the impact that counts. Childhood. Family. Love.



OUR IMPACT: BRINGING CHILDREN BACK TO FAMILY

Right now, **5.4 million** children around the world are shut away inside orphanages. But thanks to your support we're bringing them back to family.

♥ **BACK TO
FAMILY**

OUR CHALLENGE

80% of children in orphanages are not orphans. They've been wrongfully separated from their families.

Every child deserves the right to grow up in a loving, family home. No child deserves to feel alone and afraid.

Yet every day, a broken system puts children inside orphanages where they're exposed to violence, neglect, and physical and psychological harm that can last for a lifetime.

OUR SOLUTION

We work to get children out of orphanages and back to family.

Around the world, our teams go into orphanages, trace children's birth families, find out how they were separated, then work to reunite them.

Following extensive screening, we prepare children to make their way back to family. Then, we stand by the families' sides, ensuring they have everything they need to stay safe, secure and stable. And thanks to you, it's working.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, we brought **581** children safely out of orphanages and into loving, family homes.

That includes providing technical assistance to local partners or authorities to transition 211 children into family-based care.

But what does that mean for those 581 children? It's 581 children brought out of harm's way. 581 children brought home. 581 brought back to family.

Your donations helped us reunite Sunil* with his mum, dad, and little sister, Shika*, after spending two years inside an orphanage.

OUR IMPACT: KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

It's one thing to bring children from orphanages back to family. It's another to prevent family separation in the first place.

OUR CHALLENGE

Poverty, war, famine and discrimination tear families apart and put children in orphanages.

In 2023, families everywhere were pushed to the brink. The cost of living crisis worsened while war raged on in Ukraine. Fuel prices soared while parents struggled to put food on the table and heat in their home.

As a result, the risk of children being taken away and placed in orphanages was still strong. But thanks to you, we were there to help.

OUR SOLUTION

We provide struggling parents with the support they need to keep their children at home.

Whether its providing food, clothes, medicine or school supplies, our teams strengthen the foundation of families – offering tailor-made support in times of crisis.

We're pushing for sustainable change by empowering parents, relatives, neighbours and communities to care for children at home, never in orphanages.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, we protected 48,873 children from being separated from their families or placed in orphanages.

That includes tens of thousands of children who were supported to stay at home through our community care networks and hubs.

Behind each of those 48,873 individuals is a childhood saved. Families who were given a second chance. Children protected from the violence, abuse and neglect found in orphanages.

WE KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER



In Rwanda, Shalon* was rejected from her family after giving birth to her daughter. We're supporting her to raise Doris*, six, as a proud single mum.

Jean Bizimana / Hope and Homes for Children

OUR IMPACT: CREATING NEW FAMILIES

Orphanages don't give children a fighting chance. From feeling loved and cared for to growing up healthily and happily, it all comes back to family.

**WE CREATE
NEW FAMILIES**



270

New foster families trained.
Including 90 families in Rwanda, where fostering isn't paid.

87

Young care leavers supported into independent living.

OUR CHALLENGE

Only **20%** of children in orphanages don't have immediate families to care for them.

But that doesn't make institutional care a viable option. Because orphanages can never provide the one thing children need more than anything. Love.

For every three months spent in an orphanage, a child loses one month's development. No matter what, safe, loving, family-based homes are always better for a child's growth. Orphanages are never the answer.

OUR SOLUTION

We're creating new families through fostering and adoption.

Working with social workers, psychologists and child care experts, our teams train loving new families who are ready to bring children out of orphanages and back to family. That means no more institutions. Just safe and loving homes.

For young people ready to age out of care, we support them on their first steps into independence – helping them to create a new home for themselves as young adults finally free of institutional care.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, we trained **270** new foster families to welcome children living in orphanages back to family.

In Romania, your donations helped 86 young care leavers get the support they needed to begin their new lives after aging out of institutional care.

By Creating New Families, we're standing up for the 20% of children in orphanages with no other option. By paving the paths to family-based care, your donations are helping make orphanages a thing of the past.



Born with Down's syndrome, Lizuca* spent the first three years of her life inside an orphanage in Moldova. Your support helped her find adoptive parents, bringing her safely back to family. Riscani Masha / Hope and Homes for Children

OUR IMPACT: CLOSING DOWN ORPHANAGES

Since 1994, we've closed over **130** orphanages all around the world. With each orphanage closed, we open the door to a better and brighter future. A future where family comes first.



Inside orphanages, reports show children are so neglected they learn not to cry.
Hope and Homes for Children

2

Orphanages closed.

156

Provided with technical support.

188

Total number of orphanages worked with, directly and indirectly.

OUR CHALLENGE

Orphanages are Dickensian institutions failing 21st century children.

In a recent study, over half the children in institutional care were found to have experienced physical or sexual abuse.¹ Children in orphanages are also at risk of exploitation and trafficking.

No matter what, children always do better in loving family homes. Never orphanages. The solution? Closing them down. Every last one of them.

OUR SOLUTION

We're paving the way to an orphanage-free future. All around the world.

Following our detailed roadmap, we're launching a worldwide process of deinstitutionalisation. That means working with governments around the world to stop children ending up in orphanages, and get them back to family.

This process requires massive cooperation from local authorities, social workers and case workers. But thanks to your support, it's working. We're making waves around the world, proving that orphanages should be a thing of the past.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, thanks to support, we progressed even further in our journey.

Closing orphanages can take up to a decade, so this year we focused on opening the way for future closures. We successfully shut down two orphanages in Romania – one in Ilfov county and one in Brasov county, and advanced the process in 24 more institutions around the world.

We also provided technical support or helped reduce the number of children in 156 orphanages. That means that, with your continued support, we're set to have each and every one of these orphanages closed in the future.

¹ C. L. Gray and others, 'Prevalence and Incidence of Traumatic Experiences Among Orphans in Institutional and Family-Based Settings in 5 Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Longitudinal Study', *Global Health: Science & Practice*, 3 (2015a), 395–404 <https://doi.org/10.9745/GHSP-D-15-0009>

OUR IMPACT: TRAINING NEW PROFESSIONALS

True impact comes from the ground up. That's why we're creating a worldwide network of child care professionals to lead the way.

OUR CHALLENGE

Our mission is to be the catalyst for the global elimination of institutional care of children.

Bringing children out of orphanages and back to family requires highly-trained professionals across multiple fields. From social workers to psychologists, local advocates to child care experts, we need all hands on deck to bring children home.

OUR SOLUTION

We're training new professionals to spearhead the transition away from orphanages and back to family.

We ensure our work is rooted in community. That means employing local people, making use of local skills and partnering with local organisations. This way, we ensure the change we support is change that benefits everyone.

OUR IMPACT

In 2023, we trained 3,343 new professionals around the world.

That means 3,343 people working round-the-clock to get children out of orphanages and back to family.

From advocating for change in local governments to providing life-changing mental health support to traumatised children, these new additions to our movement mean strength, stability and safety for the families we work with.

3,343
Professionals trained.

Including individuals trained on deinstitutionalisation through our learning initiatives across Latin America, Africa and Europe.

Yana Polishko, Hope and Homes for Children Social Worker, visits Viktoria's* family in Ukraine. Yevhenii Zavhorodnii / Hope and Homes for Children

IN FOCUS: OUR GLOBAL ADVOCACY

How we're championing the rights of children across Africa, Europe, and Asia, engaging with national governments and key institutions like the United Nations, the FCDO, the EU and the African Union.



Marie Raverdeau
Advocacy Advisor,
Brussels

The Advocacy Team's goal is to influence decision-makers at global, regional and national levels, cooperating closely with our country offices and partners. We strive to ensure children in institutions become a priority in social policies, and that child protection and care reform is adequately planned, implemented and funded.

2023 was a year of key advocacy achievements. Our Ukraine advocacy, focused on ensuring the country's

recovery includes a strategy for transitioning out of the institutions-based care system, and has led to some very positive results.

At our side event to the Ukraine Recovery Conference in London, co-organised with the FCDO and the Government of Ukraine, speakers from the EU, UNICEF, the UK and Ukraine were unanimous that child care reform should be prioritised in Ukraine's rebuilding, a major achievement.

We secured acknowledgements of the link between child institutionalisation and trafficking in the revised EU Anti-Trafficking Directive. That means greater potential to protect children from exploitation and trafficking.

In Kenya, where our team has been instrumental in supporting the implementation of the child care reform strategy, we registered as an NGO. Meanwhile, in Nepal, we co-organised the successful 4th BICON, a platform for

young people with care experience to share their powerful messages to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Sale and Exploitation of Children.

These and other initiatives have positioned us well to continue engaging with key decision-making bodies in 2024 and continue securing political will to ensure all children grow up in safe and loving families within our lifetime.

We thank you for your continued generosity and support.



Taken at the 5th BICON Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia in Kathmandu, Nepal.

UKRAINE

128

Foster carers
trained.

395

Child care
professionals trained.

11

Family support
services created.

5,635

Children protected
from being sent to
orphanages.



“
Why do we like being
a foster family? Because
we love and adore them.
And because they love us.
”
Tatiana



Meet Oleksandr* and Tatiana*, two parents from Ukraine who we've been supporting to foster children from orphanages through the war.
Yevhenii Zavhorodnii / Hope and Homes for Children

OUR HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE IN UKRAINE



Liudmyla's team is just one of several of our emergency response units providing life-changing support to children and families in Ukraine.
Yevhenii Zavhorodnii / Hope and Homes for Children

When Russia launched its full-scale invasion in 2022, we snapped into action. In 2023, we continued to provide life-saving humanitarian work across Ukraine, supporting children and families on the frontline.

This year, we launched five additional Mobile Teams in the Kyiv region – groups of humanitarian workers and child care specialists. They're helping struggling parents take care of their children during the war.

“Our work makes families, children and communities stronger,” explains Liudmyla Boiko, leader of the Fastiv Mobile Team. “Together, this prevents children from being institutionalised.”

In 2023, we trained over 395 more professionals like Liudmyla to provide these services.

“I want to tell every person who's helped Hope and Homes for Children that your work and your help were not for nothing,” says Liudmyla. “Your help has been a breath of fresh air and brought hope for life for our people. Be happy that you can provide this support, as it's truly helping us strengthen families here in Ukraine.”

MOLDOVA

3

Total number of orphanages worked with.

435

Children protected from being sent to orphanages.

97

Child care professionals trained.

78

Children brought back to family or into community-based care.

52

Foster carers trained.



BULGARIA

4

Total number of orphanages worked with.

107

Child care professionals trained.

61

Children brought back to family or into community-based care.

411

Children protected from being sent to orphanages.

Ionela and her daughters after spending the first week in their new home.
Copil Comunitate Familie

ROMANIA

157

Child care professionals trained.

945

Children protected from being sent to orphanages.

2

Orphanages closed.

20

Total number of orphanages worked with.

86

Care leavers supported into independent living.

159

Children brought back to family or into community-based care.

OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE AND BACK TO FAMILY

Mihaela*, 21, and Iulian*, 18, spent nine years isolated inside an orphanage in Romania. All because they had learning disabilities and their grandma, Gabriela*, couldn't afford specialist education.

"The first time I went there and left the children, I almost couldn't see the way back, I was crying so hard," says Gabriela. "I missed them every day."

Our team supported Gabriela with everything she needed to bring the children back to family. Now, thanks to your donations, they're growing up alongside their two younger

siblings. At home. Where they belong.

"Whatever I can provide, I provide," Gabriela says. "I cook for them; I wash for them. The best thing is that now they're back home with me. I love them very much, with all my heart." And then she adds, with a smile, "though I wish they'd listen to me from time to time!"



Thanks to your donations, Gabriela got all the support she needed to raise Mihaela and Iulian at home.
Andreea Tănase / Hope and Homes for Children

INDIA

2

Total number of orphanages worked with.



Strengthening the collective will for care reform.



Building the capacity of the social sector workforce on care reform and family care.



Strengthening and documenting care reform knowledge in Jharkhand.



Strengthening national and regional networks and approaches for promoting non-institutional forms of care.

NEPAL

4

Total number of orphanages worked with.

34

Children brought back to family.

186

Child care professionals trained.

205

Children protected from being sent to orphanages.

“OUR HAPPINESS KNEW NO BOUNDS” – CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF CHILD CARE IN JHARKHAND STATE



Subhadeep Adhikary
Thematic Lead – Child Protection
Child in Need Institute (CINI),
Jharkhand State

Someone once told me that, “a family who eats together, stays together.” This phrase stays very close to my heart, as we all know the best place for any child to thrive and grow is with family. There is no doubting the fact that children should grow up in safe and happy families, under the love, care and protection of family members for their wellbeing.

Over the years, there have been such amazing moments of pride and joy when we at CINI have helped to bring children back to family. I remember a case of a girl from rural Jharkhand, who became lost at the age of seven while she was travelling with her mother in a train. She was sent to live in a child care institution for seven long years.

Thanks to your support, we helped the child care institution she lived in with all her case work, eventually tracing her family. The feeling of reuniting the family was simply amazing.

Our happiness knew no bounds and we felt as if we’d done something incredible. We all had tears in our eyes. It was a magical moment for us, and we all felt so humbled that we could change the life of a girl who got lost seven years ago and now is back with her family.

To all our supporters, I thank you for your generosity towards our work making children’s lives better. Children need families, and we will continue to try our best to strengthen the systems, acts and policies that will prevent separation and make families stronger.

Thank you.

We’ve been partners with Child in Need Institute (CINI) in India since 2017. Together, we strengthen child protection mechanisms for an effective gatekeeping support local community case management process and connect children and families with the support they need to prevent separation.

RWANDA

611

Child care professionals trained.

34

Children brought back to family or into community-based care.

3

Total number of orphanages worked with.

90

Foster carers trained.
In Rwanda, foster carers are not paid.

37,583

Children supported to remain safely with their families.

PREVENTING CHILD SEPARATION IN KIGALI

2023 saw our team in Rwanda prevent 37,563 children from being separated from their families. This was in large part due to our community networks and community hubs, and intervention models like the Teen Mother Project.

Based in Kigali, the Teen Mother Project supports teenage mothers who've been abandoned by their families, and are at risk of abandoning their own children. Women like Shalon*.

After giving birth to her daughter, Doris*, at sixteen, Shalon was all alone. But thanks to your donations, she received all the support she needed to get back on her feet.

"It helped me understand I didn't commit a crime,

that I'm still a human," says Shalon. "Now, when I say that I'm a single mother I feel happy, not alone."

So far, the Teen Mother Project has helped 252 young mothers, as well as 1,764 of their family members, to keep their babies at home. Where they belong. It's just one of many ways your donations are helping forge an orphanage-free future through community-based support.

SOUTH AFRICA

138

Child care professionals trained.

152

Total number of orphanages worked with.

533

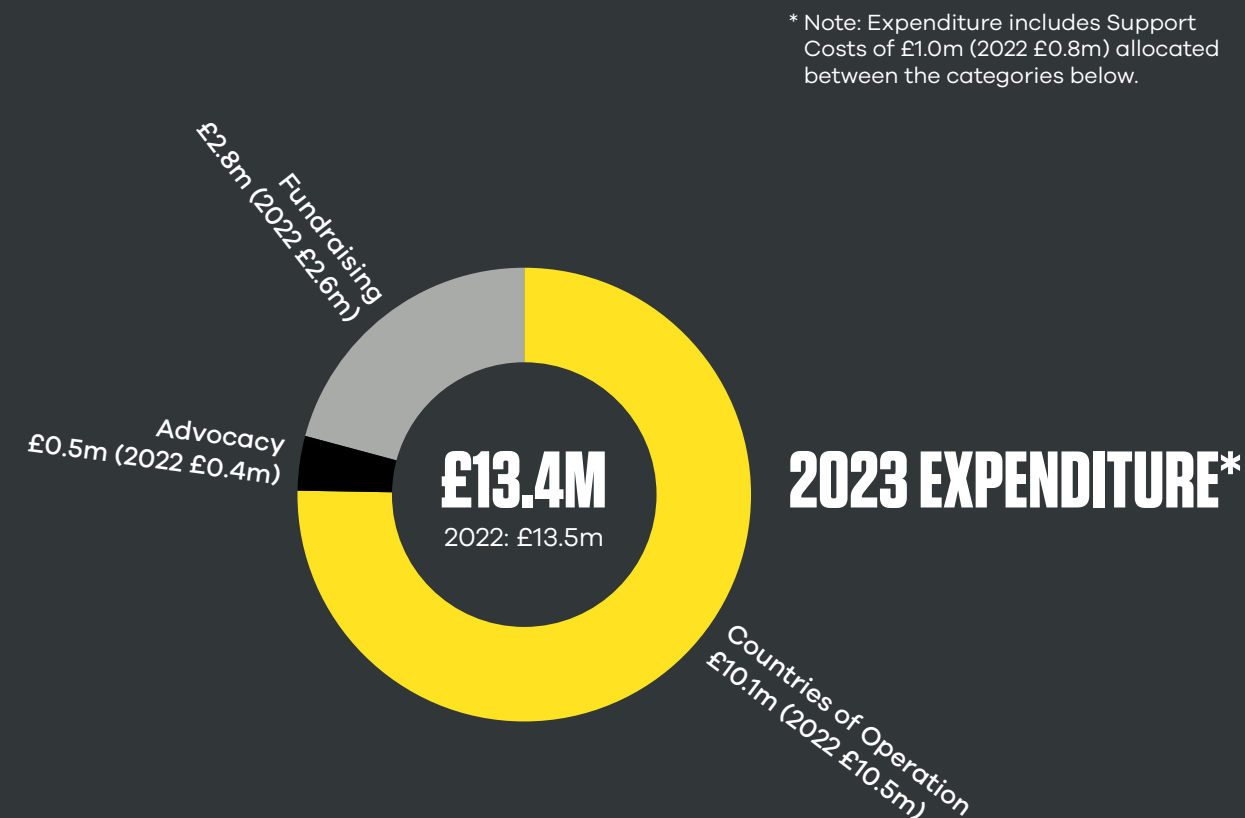
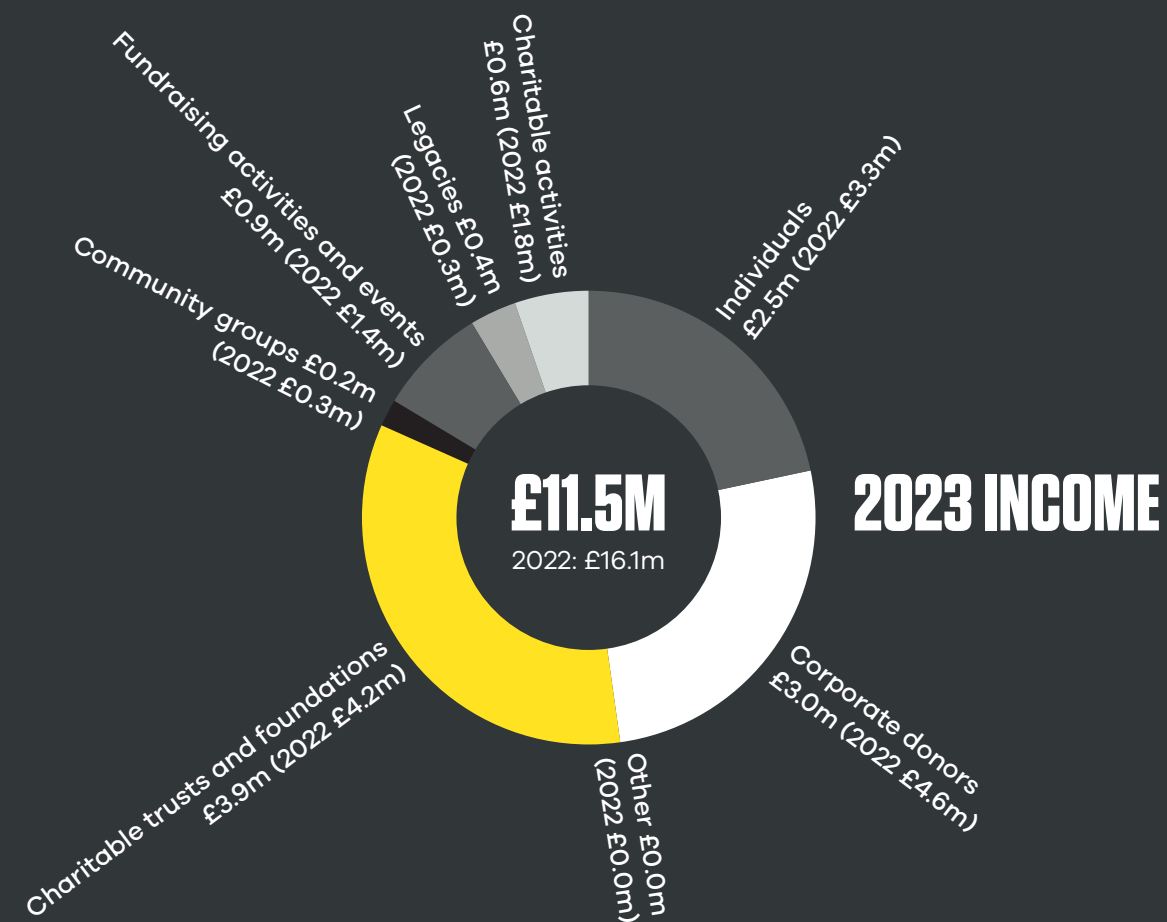
Children protected from being sent to orphanages.

211

Children brought back to family or into community-based care.



Thanks to our Teen Mother Project, Nathalie is raising her daughter, Austin*, with pride.
Richard Munyaneza / Hope and Homes for Children



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



Mark Shadrack
Chief Operating Officer

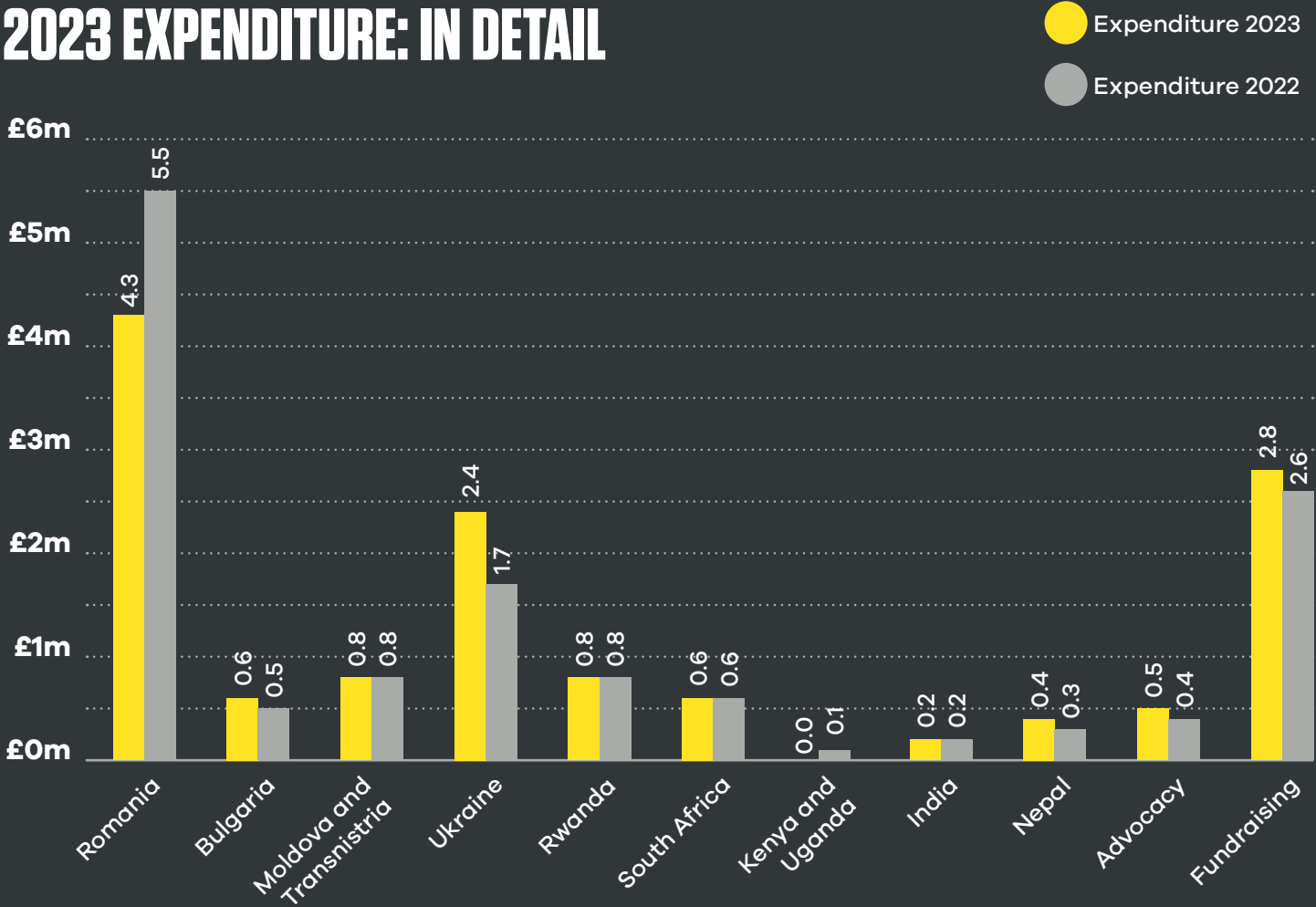
After the record income of £16.1m in 2022, a lower figure of £11.5m was achieved in 2023. This reduction was mainly in income for our work in Ukraine and our regional response to the refugee crisis, which fell from £7.2m in 2022 to £2.4m in 2023. While the crisis for families in the region continues, it has proven much more challenging to attract income to deliver the vital support needed.

Overall expenditure was £13.4m, a similar level to 2022. The resulting deficit of £2.0m was entirely in our restricted Ukraine appeal funds as we

drew these down so that we could continue to support families and children through the horrific impacts of the war.

After sharp increases in expenditure supporting Ukrainian refugees in Romania and Moldova 2022, we gradually scaled back that aspect of our work in 2023 (down by £1.3m). Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to maintain or increase expenditure in South Africa, Rwanda, India, Nepal and Bulgaria and deliver the impact set out elsewhere in this report.

2023 EXPENDITURE: IN DETAIL



THANK YOU!

INDIVIDUALS

- James and Laura Amos
- Jeremy Clay
- Richard Hewlett
- Hobhouse Family
- Thomas Hodgson
- David Lister
- Ian MacKenzie & Revd Dr Janet Anderson-MacKenzie
- Midlands Ball Committee

ORGANISATIONS

- BGC Brokers
- Boodles
- The Breadsticks Foundation
- The Calleva Foundation
- Clearwater Celebrity Golf Day
- Clifford Chance LLP
- The Finborough Foundation
- The Gallick Foundation
- Global Radiodata Holdings

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(resigned 27th July 2023)
- Vicky Bruce
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- John Good
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- Dame Kristin Scott Thomas DBE
- The Rt Hon The Lord Selkirk of Douglas PC QC
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- James Whiting
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- Brenda Kariuki, Director of Global Advocacy
(from 12th February 2024)
- Pete Garratt, Director of Global Programmes
- Angharad McKenzie, Director of Global Marketing, Communications and Fundraising
(until 14th March 2023)
- Toby Bourke, Director of Global Marketing, Communications and Fundraising
(from 10th July 2023)

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- Mark Cook OBE

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SPECIAL MENTION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Our loyal supporters who have hosted online and in-person events; taken on personal challenges; pledged their special occasions; donated the money they would have spent on days out during lockdown; and committed their time in many different ways — all to raise money for Hope and Homes for Children.

Everyone in our generous giving community who continue to make regular donations and who have pledged a gift in their Will.

All those who have made significant contributions to our work in 2023 and wish to remain anonymous.



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