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FOR
CHILDREN



2023

**OUR
PERFORMANCE**

Highlights of 2024

WELCOME



Dear friends,

Every child deserves to grow up with the love and protection of a family. That belief remains at the heart of everything we do at Hope and Homes for Children.

Despite the challenges facing the world, we have made some very exciting progress during 2025. We helped to negotiate and then launch the Global Charter on Child Care reform with the Deputy Prime Minister at the UN General Assembly in September. Already 30 countries have signed up to it, making commitments to close their orphanage economies and get hundreds of thousands of children Back to Family. We co-convened a side event with the British Government at the World Social Summit in Qatar, which served as a platform to centre child care reform within early negotiations for the next cycle of global development goals. And in South Africa we held a National Summit that won the commitment of the Government to entirely deinstitutionalise its child care, and while holding the presidency of the G20, saw it claim the leadership to elevate child care reform as a global imperative.

Our teams, partners and supporters have helped thousands of children find their way back to the love and protection of a family. Together, we prevented over 11,000 children from ever having to be separated from their families and taken into care. In each case, we have left new structures and systems in place that will benefit many more children than we can work with directly.

We have seen the power of determination and collaboration across the ten countries we and our partners work in. In Romania, we closed six orphanages and transitioned all the children who were confined in them Back to Family, while setting up alternative family services for those who needed them. In Rwanda, families of children with disabilities are now being supported within their communities to care for them for the first time. In Ukraine, our teams continued to deliver essential humanitarian care amid the ongoing war of aggression, while ensuring children were not taken back into institutions. And across Asia, we trained new foster parents, social workers and advocates to help build systems that put children, not institutions, at the centre of care.

Every success we share in these pages belongs to you too. Your belief in our mission, your generosity, and your commitment to making the world a better place for children to grow up in is deeply appreciated. You have helped to make these results possible.

Together, we are not just closing orphanages. We are proving that love and family are the most powerful tools of transformation the world has.

Thank you for standing with us, for standing with families, and for standing with children. Together, we can get every child Back to Family.

With gratitude,

Mark Waddington CBE
Chief Executive

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

7

orphanage closures completed.

10

new family support services established.

21

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

712

children transitioned from orphanages to families or community care.

2,176

childcare and protection professionals trained.

1,277

children supported to remain safely in families.

BACK TO FAMILY



5.4 million children around the world are currently confined in orphanages

– even though **80%** of those children have families who could look after them if they had the right support.

Orphanages don't help children, they harm them, stealing their childhoods and exposing them to abuse, neglect, trafficking and trauma.

That's why Home and Homes for Children is working to get every single child in an orphanage Back to Family.

We are 250 dedicated people, working across 9 countries, united by one goal: to end the institutionalisation of children worldwide.

For over 30 years, we have been closing orphanages and dismantling orphanage systems, replacing them with family-based care models that ensure every child grows up in a safe, loving home.

OUR VISION

A world where no child suffers institutional care.

OUR MISSION

To be the catalyst for the global elimination of institutional care.

OUR GOAL

By 2030 orphanages will be universally unacceptable as a form of child care.

BACK TO FAMILY

WHERE WE WORK

Bulgaria | India | Kenya | Moldova | Nepal | Romania | Rwanda | South Africa | Ukraine

HOW WE WORK

Children are always better off growing up as part of a strong, supportive, loving family. That's why we work to keep families together, reunite them, and create new ones, while at the same time closing orphanages and changing systems that are causing children to be placed in institutions.



KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Where war, poverty, discrimination or broken systems put pressure on parents to give up their children, we fight to keep families together. Working with care and compassion, listening and understanding, we let families know there's someone who cares about their situation, and provide them with the hope and support they need to keep their child within their family home.



REUNITING FAMILIES

Millions of parents are longing for the children they've been separated from. And children who could be back at home are lost in the bureaucracy of an orphanage. Through local teams including family tracing experts and specialist social workers, we reconnect children with their loved ones. And once they're reunited, we stay by their side to help them adapt to their new life together.



CREATING NEW FAMILIES

We support children whose birth families can't look after them or keep them safe, or those who have no family at all. We work with individuals and authorities to find, train and support foster or adoptive parents: adults who we know from experience will love, protect and give security to a child. With our social workers, psychologists and educationalists by their side, new parents can give children the love they need to grow up and thrive in life.



CLOSING ORPHANAGES

Since our founding we've closed over 140 orphanages around the world. Closing an orphanage for good is an extremely complex process that can take many years to complete. Our teams work with a range of local and national authorities and organisations - including local councils, community leaders, medical professionals and child protection authorities - in order to achieve that life-changing moment when an orphanage is closed for good and the children once confined within it are instead Back to Family.



CHANGING SYSTEMS

Many governments and regional authorities still use the institutionalisation of children as a child care solution. By making them aware of the immense harm that placing children in institutions does, and showing the positive impacts that family-based care brings, our advocacy team is working to change attitudes and reform child care practices on both a national and international level.

Tabita* hugging her mum, Megha*, after spending six long years inside an orphanage in Nepal. Kishor Sharma / Hope and Homes for Children

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



KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

THE SITUATION

All around the world, the pressures on struggling families have been increasing over the past year.

- **RISE PRICES** are driving more families into poverty and making accessing even the most basic food, clothing, medicine and shelter unaffordable for millions.
- **CONFLICT** is causing chaos, tearing families apart and forcing parents into making impossible decisions.
- **SOCIAL DIVISIONS** are causing levels of stigma, exclusion and violence to grow.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE** is causing famine and extreme weather, destroying families lives and livelihoods and driving them from their homes.

These issues – often experienced simultaneously – are making it increasingly hard for parents to keep their families together, and putting children at high risk of being placed in orphanages.

OUR IMPACT

We've been providing children and families with the food, clothes, medical care, accommodation and school supplies they need to thrive.

We've also been offering tailor-made support in times of crisis, helping families access counselling and therapy sessions, so that they can deal with trauma, bereavement and their relationships with each other.

This work is strengthening the foundations of families, and helping parents resolve their differences.

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



6,350

new children from around the world supported to remain safely with their families in 2024.

Traumatized by air strikes on his hometown in Ukraine, five-year-old Nikita* stopped speaking. But thanks to our team, his mum Olga* was able to find the support she needed to help him.
Yevhenii Zavorodnii / Hope and Homes for Children

REUNITING FAMILIES



342
children reunited with their families in 2024.

THE SITUATION

All around the world, families are being separated from each other unnecessarily. Some parents send their children to orphanages in desperation, believing the lies of orphanage owners who promise to give their children a better education or provide essentials like food or clothing. Other parents make the heartbreaking decision to separate from their children due to the high costs of medicines or specialist care.

Conflicts around the world are also driving families apart – parents are getting caught up in fighting, being killed, or sending their children away to try and keep them safe. In the chaos of war, they then face huge challenges tracing and reconnecting with their loved ones.

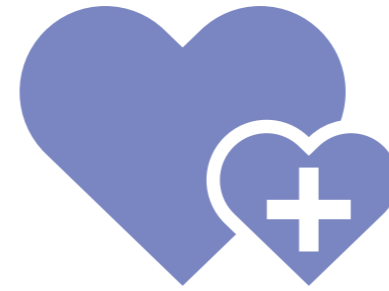
When a child loses their parents or becomes separated from them, often the reaction of local childcare systems is to place children in an orphanage or institution, rather than try and trace the parents or relatives who could care for them.

OUR IMPACT

We have specialist teams in countries around the world who work with families and local authorities to trace separated children and parents. From walking through dozens of towns in India searching for somewhere that matches a child's description of their home, to scouring local archives to try and find vital identification documents, our staff do whatever it takes to bring families back together.

And when they are reunited, our psychologists on hand to support children and families to adjust to their new living arrangements. We help them begin to recover from the trauma they've experienced, and re-establish the family bonds that were so suddenly severed.

With our support, Claire* is finally Back to Family after spending 14 years in an orphanage in Rwanda.
Mushimiyimana Cadeau / Hope and Homes for Children



CREATING NEW FAMILIES

THE SITUATION

80% of children in orphanages have family they could be living with if they had the right support. But of course, that means that the other 20% of children in orphanages are real orphans, with no relatives who can look after them.

And sometimes even children who do have relatives are in situations where it wouldn't be safe to return to live with them.

But orphanages are never the right solution when it comes to caring for children. The staff at these institutions can't give children the love, care and attention they need to grow and thrive. In fact, they often mistreat the children in their care, exposing them to malnourishment, physical and psychological abuse and neglect.

OUR IMPACT

At Hope and Homes for Children, we believe every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. So our teams work with social workers, psychologists and child care experts to train foster carers and create new families for children who don't have them.

We provide guidance and support for families who wish to formally adopt the children in their care. And we're also there for young people ready to age out of care, supporting them on their first steps into independence helping them to create a new home for themselves as young adults finally free of institutional care.

From our temporary support parents in South Africa - who provide immediate home environments for children in emergency situations to live in - to our specialist social workers, psychologists and educationalists who work with new parents, we're making sure children are getting the love they need to grow up and thrive in life.



417

new foster carers trained in 2024.


44

orphanage care leavers supported to build independent lives.

With our practical and financial support, Tetiana*, 19, has managed to adopt her four siblings and give a foster home to a fifth child. Today, they live happily as a family again.
Chernenko Timofiy / Hope and Homes for Children

ADVOCACY / CHANGING SYSTEMS

In a year of major political upheaval, our team redoubled its efforts on stepping up, where others may be stepping back. With aid budgets shrinking and crises growing, defending every child's right to family has never been more urgent. From the stage of the United Nations to the forum of the African Union, we have led, collaborated and secured progress to protect and progress care reform for children.



Thanks to direct influencing in advance of the UK General Election, we succeeded in securing a commitment from David Lammy to make children's care reform a UK foreign policy priority, opening up opportunities to leverage this commitment worldwide.

We have also pushed for recognition of the harm of child institutionalisation across global fora, including at the Interministerial Conference on Violence Against Children where we contributed to a ministerial side event, at BICON in Asia where we led a session with care experienced young people, at the European Commission where we secured language on care reform within critical EU reporting mechanisms that will ensure...and with the Commonwealth Secretariat where we partnered on a UN event around implementation of the Kigali Declaration in relation to disability rights and inclusion.

These efforts have laid strong ground to build political momentum and increase the prioritisation of care reform in the years leading to the deadline of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In Africa, we continued to lead regional coordination of care reform efforts, strengthening local capacity and amplifying the expertise of those with lived experience. Our leadership was recognised through gaining observer status to African Union Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

David Lammy and Mark Waddington at the launch of the Global Charter on Children's Care Reform – UN General Assembly, New York, 24 September 2025.

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HOW WE CLOSE ORPHANAGES

The moment we first identify an orphanage for closure marks the beginning of a complicated and delicate process that needs to be managed extremely carefully to ensure that children are protected. This process can often take years, and usually consists of several stages:

207

orphanages worked with in 2024 – beginning and continuing vital steps on the path to their closure.

IDENTIFYING ORPHANAGES

While many orphanages operate in the open with patronage from state or local authorities, in some case institutions are hidden, masquerading as boarding schools or sports clubs.



APPROACHING THE ORPHANAGE OWNERS

When the time is right, we'll approach the orphanage management – this could be a local authority, a church, a charity or an individual – directly. Along with other stakeholders and partners, we'll address management's concerns and any reasons for resistance, and once they're on board we'll agree a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so that the practicalities of closing the orphanage can begin.



A PLAN FOR EVERY CHILD

Now our social workers will assess every child in the orphanage; spending time with them and their carers, and learning as much as possible about their backgrounds and current needs. A care plan is then agreed for each child, finding them the right family or community-based alternative to the orphanage.



BEYOND THE ORPHANAGE

Once an orphanage is finally closed, Once the last child leaves the orphanage to begin a new life with someone to love them at last, we need to make sure that families continue to have the support they need to stay together and thrive in the long-term.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Once we've identified an orphanage for closure, we'll reach out to key stakeholders and potential partners such as local government, child protection authorities and people in the community.

INITIAL ENGAGEMENT

Once the MOU is signed, we work with institution staff, parents who may still be in contact with their children, and the wider community to engage everyone in the closure project. We explain the harm caused by institutions, why family care is vital for every child, and how we can help achieve this. Where possible, both management and staff are offered the chance to work in the services that will be set up to replace the orphanage.

WORKING ON PREVENTION

Every closure programme includes extensive work in the community around the target orphanage to strengthen families and provide them with the resources, so they aren't forced to place their children in an institution. We work with the local authority and the community to establish a safety net of systems and services that will keep families together and children safe from orphanages for good.



BULGARIA

OUR WORK

In Bulgaria this year, our team has continued working with local government and authorities to close the country's last remaining orphanages.

They've provided vulnerable children and their families with direct support, including specialised foster care for disabled children, and sourcing places in family-type homes for children with need of permanent medical care.

They've also been supporting the implementation of the National Action Plan of the EU Child Guarantee, which features targeted measures to tackle child poverty, one of the key drivers that results in children being placed in orphanages.

“
Our work is our cause, and together we will eliminate the institutional care for children in the country.
”

Georgi Simeonov,
Executive Director of Hope and Homes for Children Bulgaria



OUR IMPACT IN 2024

1

orphanage closed.

3

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

4

orphanages worked with in total.

100

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

298

children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT

IVANKA'S STORY



When Ivanka* underwent eye surgery, her family couldn't afford to provide her with the care she needed to recover. Child Protection Services made the decision to place Ivanka in an orphanage.

But Ivanka's mum Nadia* was determined not to be separated from her child, and so we worked with her to get Ivanka back to family. We negotiated so that Ivanka's stay at the orphanage would only be temporary, and helped Nadia enter a support programme where she learned the parenting skills she needed.

Nadia's mother Branka* stepped up to support her daughter too – she found a

job to provide the family with a stable source of income, so Nadia could get the care she needed. Branka and Nadia's hard work meant that after 7 months in the orphanage Ivanka was able to return home to a safe and caring family environment.

Our Bulgaria team will keep in touch with Branka, Nadia and Ivanka over the months and years ahead, so they have any support and advice they need.

Bulgaria

Reuniting Families

Ivanka is now growing up in the care of her loving grandmother.

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MOLDOVA

OUR WORK

Alongside preventing families from separation and monitoring children who have recently returned Back to Family, this year our Moldova team has been working to advance the process of deinstitutionalisation in the country.

They've met with partner organisations and child protection officers to promote mental health support services for children experiencing trauma due to their time in residential care, and they've been running activities for both children in foster care and their new foster families. The team also regularly met with Moldova's Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in order to change foster care policies in the country at a national level.

The team has also been assisting in the accreditation and opening of crèches to improve the support services available to children and families in the country.



OUR IMPACT IN 2024

3

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

78

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

83

foster carers trained.

203

childcare professionals trained.

289

children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT

DINU'S STORY



Moldova

Reuniting Families

Dinu* was placed in a residential institution at just 5 months old - but in February 2024, with our support, his grandmother was able to bring him home and give him a chance for a new life.

Back with his family at last, the changes in Dinu's life were visible almost immediately. After just a few months he was relating much better to new people and circumstances, and much more open. He started kindergarten and the staff describe him as a joyful, communicative child who learns quickly. He actively participates in group activities, and really enjoys his interactions with other children.

“
Now Dinu's life has truly begun.”

”
Dinu's grandmother

Dinu is now thriving as part of a family that supports and loves him unconditionally. “Now Dinu's life has truly begun.” says his grandmother, with tears in her eyes.

Dinu, back with his grandmother and thriving as part of a loving family.

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ROMANIA

OUR WORK

Closing six orphanages in one year is an incredible achievement, but that's only part of the work our Romania team have been doing this year. To provide the children from the closed orphanages with new family-based environments to grow up in, the team have developed several more family type homes, and worked to refurbish and rebuild them so that they provide safe surrounds for children to adjust to life outside the orphanage and begin to thrive once more.

Through the "Family, My All" program, the team worked to provide material support such as food, fuel, essential appliances, rent assistance and clothing to families in need. This support keep families together and furthered our work to ensure that every child in Romania grows up in safety, with their loved ones, without being marked by material deprivation.

The team also ran training sessions for staff from local and county child protection authorities to increase their ability to care for children outside of an institutional setting and enhance our work to finalise the reform of the child protection system at national level.



The Bucium orphanage in Romania is now closed, thanks to the hard work of our Romania team.
Andreea Tănase / Hope and Homes for Children

OUR IMPACT IN 2024



6

orphanages closed.

8

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

18

orphanages worked with in total.

72

childcare professionals trained.

190

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

Romania

Keeping Families Together

OUR IMPACT

MARIA'S STORY

Maria* is a single mother with three sons, one of whom, Alex, has Down syndrome. Maria went through a difficult divorce and moved to the city so that her children would have better access to education and Alex could receive support and therapy.

Maria tried to find a new home to rent, but soon discovered how expensive it was to rent in the city. At the same time, she was struggling to find suitable therapy services for Alex.

So our team helped Maria find a decent apartment, and supported the family financially for the first few months whilst they settled in the city. We temporarily covered the cost of Alex's physiotherapy sessions, so he had the chance to reach his

full potential. We also donated a laptop for the children to use for their homework, which Alex has been especially excited about.

“

Thank you so much for the huge hand you gave us when we needed it the most!

”

Maria



RWANDA

2

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

8

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

12

foster carers trained.

339

childcare and protection professional trained.

5,895

children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

OUR WORK

A significant part of our work in Rwanda in 2024 focused on advancing inclusive, family-based care, with a strong emphasis on supporting children and families with disabilities. In addition to making progress toward the closure of two orphanages, we also advanced preparations for a community hub in Musanze District, designed to support children and families with disabilities.

We promoted inclusion through targeted community outreach, public events, and training sessions, working to reduce stigma and transform perceptions among both community members and decision-makers.

Our Active Family Support (AFS) model remained central, providing support tailored to at-risk families, adolescent mothers, and caregivers of children with disabilities across different districts.

In Kicukiro District, we concluded the Clifford Chance supported project by celebrating the achievements of

102 adolescent mothers who benefited from vocational training, mental health support, and income-generating activities. A dissemination event highlighted the model's impact and generated momentum for potential replication. At the national level, we partnered with the National Child Development Agency to advocate for and successfully institutionalise May 31st as the official National Malaika Murinzi Day. The inaugural celebration honoured 60 long-term foster caregivers and reaffirmed Rwanda's commitment to family-based care. We also played a key role in identifying 'hidden' institutions and

advocating for their transformation and the reintegration of children into family and community settings.

Another major milestone was Hope and Homes for Children Rwanda's approval for observer status by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. This status strengthens our ability to advocate across Africa, particularly on Article 19, which upholds every child's right to parental care.

OUR IMPACT

DORIS'S STORY



Romania

Keeping Families Together

When Doris* was born with epilepsy and difficulties with her movement, her mum Mukamuhire* struggled to pay for Doris's hospital bills. Local community leaders contacted our staff, and we were able to provide the family with the support and resources they needed.

Mukamuhire was given a new sewing machine, she used it to start earning an income of her own. The family were then able to get health insurance, pay for epilepsy medicine, and arrange physiotherapy for Doris. Our staff also began holding weekly counselling sessions with Doris's parents, helping them to rebuild their life together.

Today there is hope and light in the family home once more. Doris sits and waves to guests, and playfully mimics her father and other family members. Every sunrise starts with her "good morning" gesture, and every night ends with parents who can now give her the support and love she needs.

Mukamuhire and Doris's lives have greatly improved thanks to the support of our team and the local community.

Kazigaba Elvis Blaise / Hope and Homes for Children



UKRAINE

OUR WORK

In Ukraine in 2024, our team worked with children and families affected by the conflict there, strengthening those most affected by the military aggression by providing essential humanitarian and psychosocial support. By providing essential resources such as food, clothing, financial support and shelter we worked to prevent family separation and create new families to keep children and their loved ones safe.

Our team also worked to establish a Centre for Children with Disabilities in the Bucha region, and we also ran services like the Miracle Bus in Dnipro: a bus loaded with fun activities and games, which tours

villages and allows children to forget about the war for a few hours and lose themselves in play – a simple joy that every child should have access to.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

5

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

97

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

305

foster carers trained.

630

childcare and protection professional trained.

3,443

children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT

ANDRII'S STORY



Romania

Creating New Families

When war broke out in Ukraine, Andrii* and his mother had to live in a shelter for people displaced by the conflict. But one day Andrii's mother abandoned her son at the shelter. He never saw her again.

Fortunately, young couple Serhii* and Yuliia* had registered to look after children who'd been separated from their parents by the war. A Hope and Homes for Children case manager met with them at the hospital where Andrii was staying, and after meeting Andrii the couple immediately agreed to welcome him as part of their family.

We also helped local children's services confirm Andrii's status as a child who'd

been deprived of parental care, which meant that Andrii could then be placed under the legal guardianship of Serhii and Yuliia.

Now Andrii marks the day he officially became Serhii and Yuliia's child on his calendar as his "second birthday", and he's part of strong family unit where he's getting the care, support and love that every child deserves.

Andrii, 12, is thriving now he's living with Serhii and Yuliia.

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SOUTH AFRICA

OUR WORK

In South Africa this year, our extensive network of staff and volunteers provided in person support to children and families, helping them to access health, education and welfare services, and practical skills to improve their living conditions and livelihoods.

A key element of our work has been helping children secure birth certificates and identification documents so that they can access essential services – without these documents it is very difficult for young people to get the support they need.

We've also been training foster carers and Temporary Safety Parents, providing homes to children in emergency situations who would otherwise have been placed in orphanages.

And our teams have been collaborating with local authorities and the department for social development to change attitudes to placing orphanages, and spreading awareness of the alternative options for children and families in crisis.



OUR IMPACT IN 2024

5

orphanage closure programmes progressed.

104

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

152

childcare and protection professional trained.

118

children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT

CATHERINE'S STORY



Catherine had worked as a teacher, and when she retired her passion for helping children remained. Catherine decided to join our AFS Khusela network (AFS-K), which works to help children at risk of being placed in institutions.

Since she's been working as a network member, Catherine's become much more aware of the issues within her community, enabling her to build effective relationships with local stakeholders and encourage them to give more comprehensive support to children.

"Drug abuse and teenage pregnancy are rampant in our community, and we're

striving to break that cycle by equipping families with the tools they need to improve their lives." Catherine says.

By providing education, support and counselling to children and their families, Catherine and the AFS-K network are reducing the dangers communities face, and the situations that lead to children being placed in institutions.

South Africa

Keeping Families Together

Catherine is helping to keep families together and children out of institutions.

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INDIA

OUR WORK

Working closely with our partners at Child In Need Institute (CINI) as part of our shared Children And Families Together (CAFT) initiative, in 2024 our India team have been focused on strengthening inclusive care reform strategies, particularly for children with disabilities and children in adversity.

The team has been meeting existing adolescent and parents groups in communities, and holding Community level meetings and sessions with different stakeholders for addressing vulnerabilities, raising awareness of the risk of family separation, and strengthening community gatekeeping and family care.

Alongside their work adapting and piloting the positive parenting toolkit that includes children with disabilities, in November 2024, the team developed the State Engagement Plan for Jharkhand.

This plan highlights the key departments in the state, explains the rationale for engaging with them, and outlines the engagement process, providing the team with detailed information to best collaborate with these stakeholders in order to reform childcare in the state of Jharkhand.



8
orphanages worked with.

393
childcare and protection professional trained.

402
children supported to stay safely in families.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

Devi was seven years old and travelling with her mother on a train when she stepped off to get some water. The train pulled away without Devi, leaving her terrified and all alone.

Because she was so young, Devi didn't know the details of her address, the area she lived or the key information about her family that the authorities needed, so they sent her to a children's home. Devi would spend the next seven years moving from institution to institution, experiencing more trauma with each move. She had no parental care, love or family around her. Over time she even forgot what her mother's face looked like.

Yet throughout this time, all she wanted was to get back home. All Devi could recall of where she's grown up was that it was by a railway track and was somewhere in the vicinity of a train station – and when she finally was put in contact with CINI, our partner organisation in India, she told them everything she could remember. The CINI team went to work trying to find a place that matched Devi's description – a needle in a haystack task, yet one they persisted with through many false starts and

disappointments. They spoke with police, schools, locals, anyone they could think of, showing Devi's photo and scouring through police records in search of some kind of clue.

Eventually, incredibly, during one of their day's searches pure chance brought them to a spot that they suddenly realised fit with what Devi had told them. The team showed their photo of Devi to a local woman, and she instantly recognised her! This was an absolutely incredible moment for the team, as they realised that finally they'd be able to get Devi back to her family.

After ensuring that Devi's home was a safe environment for her to be in, and after following all government procedures and due diligence as per the Indian JJ Act, the team was finally able to reunite Devi with her family. It was a joyful, highly emotional day for everyone, and at last Devi was able to enjoy a new life of love, affection and family care.

OUR IMPACT

DEVI'S STORY



India

Reuniting Families

Devi (centre) with her siblings outside their home in eastern India.



NEPAL

OUR WORK

In 2024 our Nepal team – along with our partners Forget Me Not (FMN) and The Himalayan Innovative Society (THIS) – has worked to close more of the country’s Child Care Homes (CCHs) and help the children living in them to return to their families and reintegrate with their loved ones.

Alongside this work, we’ve also been recruiting, training and supporting foster families so that we are able to create new loving families for children leaving CCHs for whom it is not possible to safely return to their existing family.

Around 97% of CCH’s in Nepal are funded from outside of the country by thousands of small (individual and community) donors, so our team has been working to raise awareness of the harm orphanages – and orphanage tourism – are causing, and encouraging foreign donors to redirect their funding to family/community-based care.

We are also part of an Alternative Care Working Group, which is increasingly recognised at the national level, and we have continued to speak with Nepal’s National Child Rights Council and work towards establishing a formal group to develop new national guidelines for the care of children in the country.

OUR IMPACT IN 2024

15

orphanages worked with.

14

foster carers trained.

134

children moved from orphanages to family or community care.

117

childcare and protection professional trained.

OUR IMPACT

BIRENDRA’S STORY



Romania

Keeping Families Together

Birendra Shahi spent 14 years in orphanages, and now he’s working to keep families together for our partners The Himalayan Innovative Society.

“I was five years old when I went to institutional care, and I came out of there when I was nineteen years old. I was rescued from an orphanage by THIS. My mother sent me away because she was told I would get a proper education.

“Now I work as part of the Shine Network. We get young people together to make them feel connected, provide counselling services, and guide and support them to help each other out. We’re trying to become the voice for the children in orphanages, and the ones still at risk.

“We’re also advocating on strengthening families. I explain my own story to community people, to government offices, to stakeholders, to donors. I explain that once you provide parents with support, they can improve their economic status and keep their children close.”

“ I hope that no one else would ever have to go through those struggles. ”

” Birendra Shahi

Birendra is helping to keep families together and children out of orphanages.

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KENYA

OUR WORK

Kenya is currently estimated to have over 900 orphanages, officially referred to as Charitable Children’s Institutions (CCIs), accommodating approximately 45,000 children. Since the inception of our work in 2016, Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) has been actively engaged in providing technical support, driving advocacy efforts, and raising public awareness to support the vision of the Kenya National Care Reform Strategy for Children (2022–2032): “By 2031, all or most children and young people in Kenya will live safely, happily, and sustainably in family and community-based care, where their best interests are met.”

Our Work in Kenya is supported by three fully employed staff two based in Nakuru and one in Nairobi. In 2024, our efforts in Kenya comprised three key pillars:

1. ADVOCACY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND COLLABORATION

Hope and Homes for Children is a member of the Association for Alternative Family Care of Children – a coalition of over 30 organizations promoting family and community-based care. Through this platform, we have consistently advocated for the transition from institutional care to alternative family care models. The Association facilitates ongoing learning, sharing of best practices, and collaborative action to advance the implementation of Kenya’s National Care Reform Strategy.

At the national level, HHC continues to serve on the Care Reform Core Team, working in close collaboration with government stakeholders to monitor and guide the care reform process. This includes sharing experiences, addressing challenges, celebrating successes, and offering strategic recommendations to strengthen the reform process, alongside ensuring the government is held accountable for the commitments in the Strategy.

2. SUPPORTING CARE REFORM IN GILGIL SUB-COUNTY, NAKURU

Our programmatic interventions are in Nakuru County, which comprises 11 sub-counties and hosts approximately 4,000 children in over 80 Charitable Children’s Institutions (CCIs). Gilgil Sub-County, which is our area of focus – with 23 known CCIs accommodating between 800 and 1,000 children – has one of the highest concentrations of institutions in the county. In Gilgil Sub-County, we continued to provide mentorship and technical support to county and sub-county officials, as well as CCIs that are committed to transitioning to family care.

In March, we facilitated sensitization and capacity-building workshop sessions. On day one and two, we targeted 15 local children’s officers and 32 directors, founders, and managers of Gilgil Sub-County and KiteChild partner CCIs from five sub-counties. On day three, we engaged 23 members of the local Gilgil Sub-County Children’s Advisory Committee, which comprises sub-county local administrators, religious and community leaders, and civil society organizations. On the final day, we engaged with 11 social workers from the different CCIs.

In November, a one-day training was held for the 15 children’s officers – from the regional level, county level, to sub-county level.

These sessions were conducted collaboratively with local government representatives and stakeholders to promote a shared understanding and commitment to care reform.

Additionally, we worked directly with FIWAGOH – one of the largest CCIs in the sub-county. Previously, this institution was admitting children primarily due to educational needs rather than genuine care and protection concerns. Through continuous engagement and support through training, the CCI adopted a new approach, resulting in the reintegration of 104 children back to their families.

The institution now accommodates 69 children. Those who have been reintegrated continue to receive support, including educational assistance, within their family environments. Furthermore, FIWAGOH has launched a community outreach initiative that currently supports 40 families with essential resources aimed at strengthening households and preventing family separation.



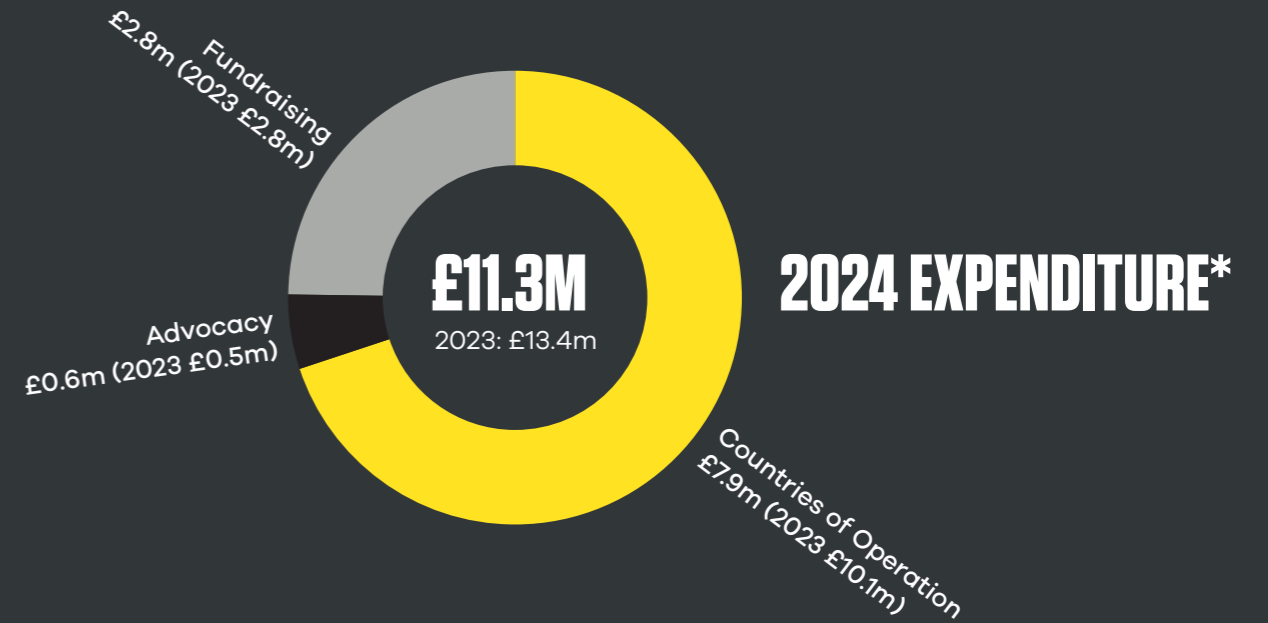
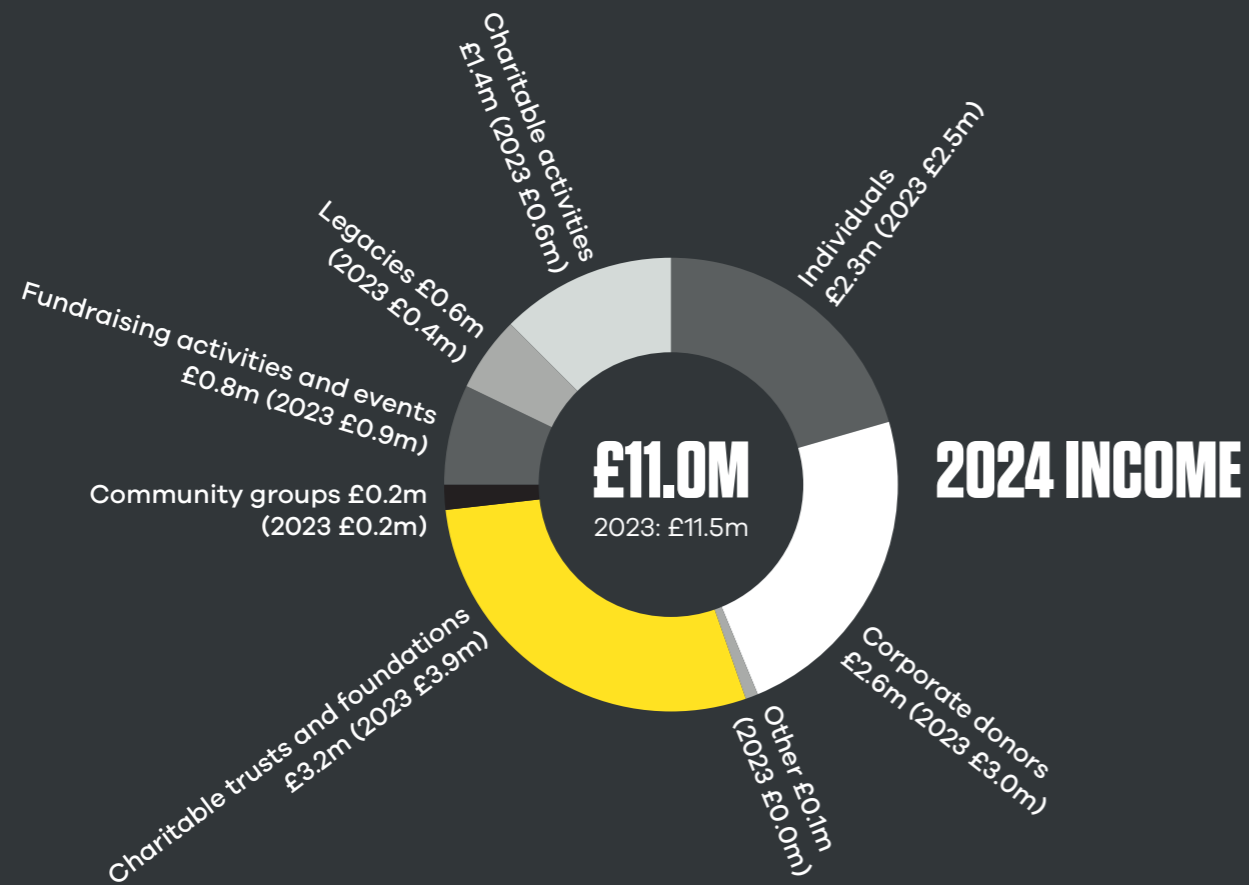
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Kenya National Care Reform Strategy for Children (2022–2032)

3. PROMOTING LOCAL OWNERSHIP THROUGH BOTTOM-UP REFORM

Our approach in Nakuru is rooted in a bottom-up strategy. While past efforts have largely focused on macro-level interventions – such as policy formulation, legislative development, and standard setting – achieving sustainable care reform requires action at the community level.

We are currently working closely with local stakeholders to implement care reform on the ground. By ensuring that the process is government-led and community-owned, we aim to strengthen sustainability, foster long-term change, and build nurturing and protective communities where children thrive in families – not institutions.



* Note: Expenditure includes Support Costs of £1.0m (2023 £1.0m) allocated between the categories below.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



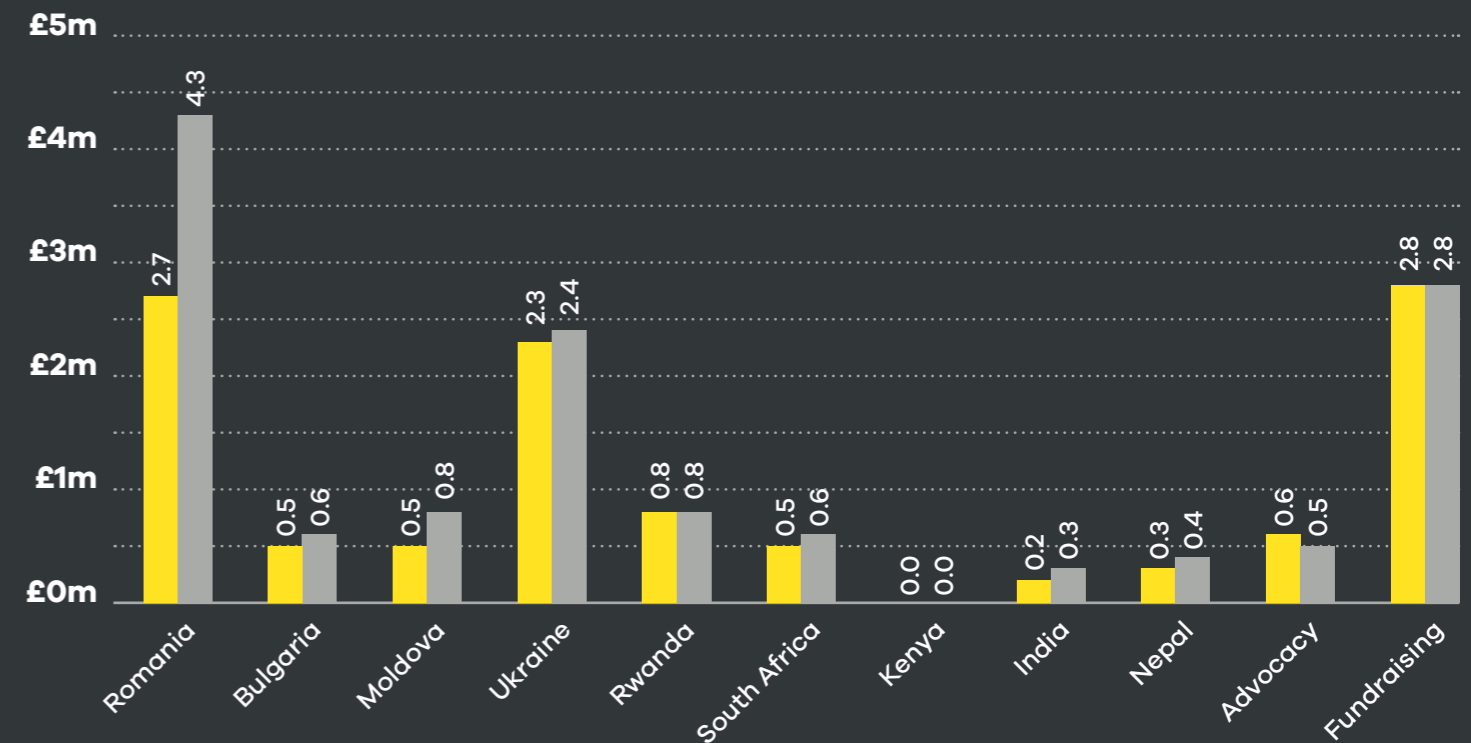
Mark Shadrack
Chief Operating Officer

Income in 2024 of £11.0m was at a similar level to 2023. Expenditure of £11.3m was significantly lower than in the previous year. This was a deliberate decision as we completed investing the funds secured through our 2022 Ukraine regional response appeal and therefore further reduced expenditure supporting Ukrainian refugees in Romania and Moldova. This also brought our finances

into a more balanced position with a small deficit of £0.3m being incurred in 2024.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were broadly able to maintain investment in all of our other programmes, as well as stepping up our advocacy, enabling us to deliver the impact set out elsewhere in this report.

2024 EXPENDITURE: IN DETAIL



THANK YOU!

INDIVIDUALS

- James and Laura Amos
- Hobhouse Family
- David Lister
- Ian MacKenzie and Revd Dr Janet Anderson-MacKenzie
- Midlands Ball Committee
- Martin Rashdi
- Malcolm & Jo Rolfe
- David and Katherine Soanes
- Swapping Seats Committee
- David Wightman
- Michael and Claire Wright
- Nicholas Wrigley

ORGANISATIONS

- BGC Group
- Boodles
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- The Calleva Foundation
- Clearwater Celebrity Golf Day
- Clifford Chance LLP
- The Finborough Foundation
- The Gallick Foundation
- InfraRed Capital Partners Ltd
- Onecom
- Riviera Travel Ltd
- Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Global
- St. James's Place Charitable Foundation
- Sumner Wilson Charitable Trust
- UBS Optimus Foundation
- White Cube

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- Martina Larkin
(Chair, appointed July 2024)
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- Brenda Kariuki, Director of Global Advocacy *(from 12th February 2024)*
- Pete Garratt, Director of Global Programmes
- Toby Bourke, Director of Global Marketing, Communications and Fundraising

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- Mark Cook OBE

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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 2024 and wish to remain anonymous.



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