

COMPASSION IN ACTION

HOPE worldwide UK's YEAR AT A GLANCE



PROVIDED
**ESSENTIAL WOUND
CARE & BANDAGING TO 325
LEPROSY PATIENTS** IN INDIA.



ENROLLED **326** CHILDREN IN
OUR **EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES**
IN ZAMBIA &
ZIMBABWE.



MATCHED **51
UKRAINIAN
REFUGEES** WITH
VOLUNTEER HOSTS IN
THE UK.

18 CHILDREN IN FOSTER
CARE **BENEFITTED** FROM
**SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITIES** IN
ROMANIA.



COMPLETED OVER
**450 ASSESSMENT &
ADVICE** SESSIONS FOR
THOSE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS IN
LONDON.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CORPORATE
FUNDERS, PROVIDED
EDUCATION FOR
550 CHILDREN
IN BANGLADESH.

INSTALLED **DRIP IRRIGATION** ON A
4-ACRE PLOT OF LAND IN ERODE, INDIA,
PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT
FOR 207 LOCAL WOMEN.



PROVIDED
ADVANCED
**COMPUTER
TRAINING**
TO **107 PEOPLE** IN AFGHANISTAN.



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FOREWORD

As I reflect on the lives we've touched through compassionate service, I am reminded that behind every statistic lies a powerful human story. This impact report is more than a record of achievements — it is a celebration of how we have helped people overcome poverty and homelessness around the world.

As you read this report, I invite you to discover the stories behind the numbers: stories of resilience, courage and hope restored. When looking back on our journey from April 2023 to March 2024, I am filled with gratitude for our loyal supporters and donors, dedicated staff, tireless volunteers, and remarkable partners. Each of you has played an essential role in our shared mission, allowing us to empower people to overcome homelessness and poverty.

This year, our impact was felt in profound ways. Through our Two Step programme, we provided over 450 assessment and advice sessions to individuals experiencing homelessness in London. Each session represented a moment when someone was offered not just accommodation but also a pathway to independence and a renewed sense of possibility.

For the second year, our Homes for Ukraine programme brought together volunteers from across the UK to welcome Ukrainian refugees fleeing conflict. The generosity of hosts from Belfast, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Edinburgh, Greater London, Manchester, Watford, Reading, and towns in the Thames Valley area provided safe havens for every one of our guests, and we are eternally grateful.

We also listened to our supporters, many of whom wanted to do more than donate — they wanted to roll up their sleeves and make a difference. In response, we launched a three-month pilot at Lea Bridge House — a hostel in East London, where volunteers offered evening support sessions on everything from finding new accommodation to building essential skills.

Our reach extended beyond the UK, thanks to partnerships in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Lebanon, Nepal, Romania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Because of your generosity, 6,985 people received vital support from our international programmes — proof that compassion knows no borders.

What unites all these achievements is the spirit of collaboration and the belief that every person deserves to be treated with kindness, dignity, and respect.

Let's continue to work towards a world where everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their God-given potential.

Thank you for being part of our journey and for inspiring hope where it is needed most.

Michael Farrell
CEO

ABOUT US

SINCE 1995, HOPE *worldwide* UK HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO **EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO OVERCOME POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS** THROUGH OUR COMPASSIONATE SERVICE.



SINCE 1993, OUR **TWO STEP PROGRAMME** HAS HELPED **7800 PEOPLE** IN LONDON FIND SUITABLE **HOUSING**.



WE PROVIDE VITAL HUMANITARIAN AID, EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING, HEALTHCARE FUNDING, GOVERNANCE & SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AND MORE TO COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.



WE PARTNER WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA, AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, INDIA, LEBANON, NEPAL, & ROMANIA TO SERVE THOSE AFFECTED BY POVERTY IN ITS MANY FORMS.



WE ARE INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST.



OVERCOMING HOMELESSNESS IN LONDON

Homelessness can happen to anyone. A sudden job loss, the breakdown of a relationship, or bereavement can leave individuals without a place to call home. Beyond the immediate challenge of securing shelter, homelessness can lead to deep isolation, declining self-esteem, and serious mental health struggles.

At HOPE *worldwide* UK's Two Step programme, we provide a pathway out of homelessness. From April 2023 to March 2024, we helped almost 200 individuals find safe and suitable accommodation by working closely with night shelters, day centres,

local councils, and partner charities. However, we know that securing housing is just one part of the journey. Many of those we support require additional help to rebuild their confidence, access services, and regain stability in their lives.

Through a person-centred approach, Two Step not only provides housing solutions but also works to address the various forms of poverty that can make homelessness a recurring problem. By offering ongoing guidance and support, we empower individuals to regain independence and move forward with dignity and hope.



OUR RESPONSE

FAST FACTS ON THE RISE OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE UK

AVERAGE RENT FOR A **ROOM IN LONDON** ROSE BY 11.2% BETWEEN APRIL 2023 AND MARCH 2024, MAKING IT **HARDER** FOR PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR CURRENT ACCOMMODATION OR FIND **SOMEWHERE AFFORDABLE** TO LIVE.¹



NUMBER OF **SINGLE PEOPLE** BECOMING HOMELESS **NATIONALLY INCREASED BY 10% IN 2023-24.**²

NUMBER OF PEOPLE RECORDED **SLEEPING ROUGH** IN LONDON DURING JANUARY TO MARCH 2024 **INCREASED BY 33%**, COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2023.³



OVER **400% INCREASE** IN **REFUGEE HOMELESSNESS** FROM AUGUST 2023 ONWARD.⁴



ACCEPTED REFERRALS FROM **20 NON-PROFITS AND CHARITY PARTNERS** TO **PROVIDE HOUSING ADVICE** AND SUPPORT TO THOSE **EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS** IN LONDON.

129 PEOPLE FOUND SUITABLE **ACCOMMODATION** VIA HOPE *worldwide* UK.



AT LEAST **63** ADDITIONAL PEOPLE **FOUND ACCOMMODATION** AFTER RECEIVING **HOUSING ADVICE.**

"What you do in terms of advocating for tenants and building relationships with landlords is fantastic — I wish it could be replicated everywhere!"

Jo Luck

GRANTS OFFICER, BENEFACT TRUST

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NO LONGER ON LONDON'S STREETS

NORA EMBRACES A FRESH START

Nora couldn't help but weep as she remembered her experience with homelessness, a time marked by rough sleeping and uncertainty.

"It's not a good feeling. It's very terrible. You're very vulnerable," she said of her time on the streets. "You feel like you may die at any moment."

Nora was working in London as a cleaner and paying to stay with a friend, but after a disagreement about money, her friend "threw her stuff outside" in an "ugly" disagreement. She tried to stay with friends, but after she couldn't find anywhere to go, Nora was left to face life on the streets for a year, rough sleeping in places like Barking, Dagenham and Merton.

She remembers the bitterly cold nights as she slept in Raynes Park, how each night made her feel like she was losing herself: "It's terrible. You're not yourself no more. But I felt so bad when the wind came. There's nowhere to hide."

Through a friend's Google search efforts, Nora found Glass Door Homeless Charity and visited one of their day centres. The representatives at Glass Door "treated her well and were very kind" and then referred her to HOPE worldwide UK's Two Step programme. HOPE worldwide UK found her a flat in Bexley in September 2023.

"When I made contact with HOPE worldwide UK, it was a dream come true. I was shedding tears, just like a baby! Giving me shelter to sleep was too much for me."

She added, "They gave me a second chance. You mean you have a place where you can put your head? You sleep, you wake up and you make a meal. You feel like starting up again. I can't express my gratitude."

Now that she no longer worries about where she will stay, she likes to spend her time writing, frequenting the local library, and dreaming of working for a government organisation – like the Houses of Parliament – as a civil servant.

But she will never forget the importance of having a place to call "home", a word that to her means being free from the "humiliation" she endured whilst experiencing homelessness.

When she's not writing, Nora likes to read the Metro.

"Maybe cos' I get it for free," she said with a smile.



DAWIT'S JOURNEY

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO FINDING HOPE

Dawit, a 36-year-old from Eritrea, came to the UK seeking asylum in June 2021, but his dreams for a new land and new opportunities descended into something he never could have anticipated: homelessness.

He was initially housed by the Home Office until he received his British Residence Permit in February 2024, but government regulations required him to move out after getting his permit. He was unable to find housing before his move-out date, leaving him homeless.

With minimal English reading and writing skills, Dawit is one of many asylum seekers who sadly have experienced homelessness due (in part) to the language barriers that inhibit understanding the legalities and technicalities of the British housing system.

He remembers his experience with homelessness well: "It was winter — cold, hard. Sometimes I would 'sofa surf'; but more often I was on the streets in an underground parking lot in Croydon," he said.

Dawit was rough sleeping for a month before a church in Brixton signposted him to HOPE worldwide UK's Two Step programme. The Two Step team quickly got to work and found him accommodation at the end of February 2024.

"I was so happy with the respect shown to me by

the HOPE worldwide staff," Dawit said, who also gives thanks to the church that "helped and guided him".

"I was happy with the accommodation; it was fine; a bit small perhaps, but decent. Better than sleeping on the streets," he added. He was particularly grateful for the household goods that the organisation provided for his flat, including bedding, pillows, a microwave, pots, pans, cutlery, towels, and more.

The accommodation HOPE worldwide UK provided for Dawit laid a foundation for him to move on with his life. He is now living in temporary accommodation with his wife and two children, who joined him from Eritrea.

When not working, Dawit enjoys watching and playing football (he's a Manchester United fan) and watching Eritrean movies. Dawit said: "Life is good. I don't need to go to the job centre and sign on. I'm working."

"We have confidence referring to HOPE worldwide, because we know that they not only have lots of options to help people find housing, but also provide the necessary support to help them to sustain it."

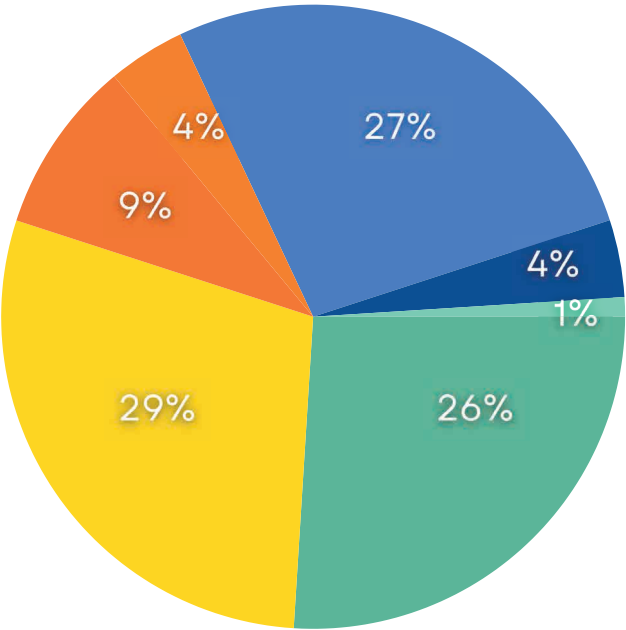
Boguslaw Szewczyk
CO-HEAD OF CASEWORK
GLASS DOOR HOMELESS CHARITY



COMBATING POVERTY WITH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

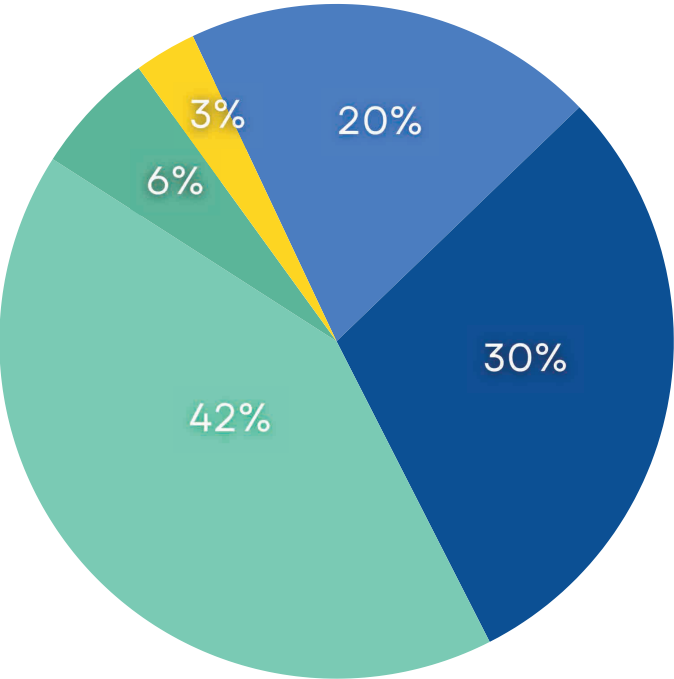
In this financial section of our impact report, we provide an overview of how HOPE *worldwide* UK raised funds and allocated resources during the 2023-2024 financial year. We are committed to maximising the impact of every donation, ensuring that we effectively serve our beneficiaries all over the world while maintaining transparency and accountability.

HOW WE RAISED FUNDS



- DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS
£325,201 (These donations include GiftAid)
- COLLECTIONS FROM SUPPORTING CHURCHES
£43,901
- SPONSORED AND SPECIAL EVENTS
£16,057
- CORPORATE & TRUST DONATIONS & GRANTS
£304,990
- PUBLIC BODY & CHARITABLE FUNDING
£345,025
- HOUSING BENEFIT
£112,765
- OTHER INCOME
£42,092

HOW WE USED FUNDS



- HOMELESSNESS (TWO STEP)
£301,220
- RECOVERY AND SUPPORTED HOUSING (ODAAT)
£454,429
- INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES
£638,821
- SUPPORT COSTS
£93,352
- RAISING FUNDS
£45,469



COMBATING POVERTY
AROUND THE WORLD

WE SUPPORTED 6,985
PEOPLE IN EIGHT COUNTRIES.



2,626 PEOPLE RECEIVED
HUMANITARIAN AID.



118,000 MIDDAY
MEALS WERE SERVED.



1,367 MEN AND WOMEN
RECEIVED VOCATIONAL
TRAINING.

- Zimbabwe
- Zambia
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- India
- Lebanon
- Nepal
- Romania

COMBATING POVERTY

THROUGH LOCAL PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

At HOPE *worldwide* UK, we believe in saying “yes” to a world free from poverty, and it is this belief that drives us to serve those struggling with material poverty all over the world. Through strategic initiatives that address the root causes of poverty in each of the countries we serve, we believe in empowering individuals to provide for themselves and their families with dignity and hope.

From the crowded streets of Lusaka, Zambia, to the bustling roads of Kathmandu, Nepal, our initiatives bring vital resources and sustainable solutions to those in greatest need.

Our projects in Asia, Africa, parts of Eastern Europe and Lebanon span a wide range of services, including humanitarian aid, trauma counselling, English language clubs, schooling, early childhood development activities, vocational training,

parent support groups, and women’s economic empowerment training.

In each country we serve, our work is driven by a deep commitment to lasting change. We collaborate closely with local partners to ensure that our efforts are culturally sensitive, community-focused, and designed for long-term impact. Through these initiatives, we aim not only to alleviate immediate suffering but also to create pathways out of poverty.

This section highlights the transformative power of our supporters’ generosity, demonstrating how our international programmes are changing lives and fostering resilience. Together, we are working towards a future where our beneficiaries, no matter their circumstances, have the opportunity to overcome poverty.



619 WOMEN
PARTICIPATED IN
WOMEN’S **ECONOMIC**
EMPOWERMENT
PROGRAMMES



CARED FOR 352 ORPHANS
AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN



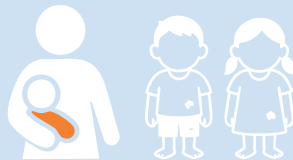
1,331 PRIMARY
AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE
EDUCATED

COMBATING POVERTY BY ALIGNING WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Our worldwide programmes focus on the following pillars, which are closely linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



WOMEN'S ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT



ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE
CHILDREN



HUMANITARIAN AID



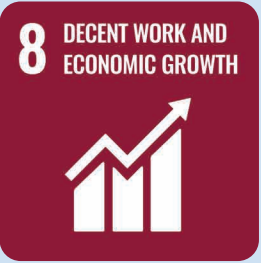
EDUCATION



NUTRITION



HEALTH



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, where many families face economic hardship and limited access to education, our Centres of HOPE are opening doors to greater opportunities. Thanks to ASDA Stores Limited, the Pepco Group, Soham for All, Design Arc Limited, and PDS Limited and — in partnership with HOPE *worldwide* Bangladesh — we fully fund and operate three schools and vocational training centres in Dhaka. In the neighbourhoods we serve, 90 percent of residents work long hours in local garment factories, making barely enough to live on, while education for the children is limited due to the families' financial constraints — creating a cycle of poverty.

Our centres provide children with a free, high-quality education and equip adults with essential vocational skills, such as industrial sewing, computer basics, spoken English, entrepreneurship, and tailoring — helping entire families build better futures.

Keep reading to learn more about our life-changing programmes.



The Pepco Group School of HOPE

Thanks to the support of the Pepco Group and in partnership with HOPE *worldwide* Bangladesh, the Pepco Group School of HOPE is opening doors of opportunity for children and adults in Ashulia. Each year, our primary school educates up to 150 children, giving them access to free, high-quality education, free midday meals and free extracurricular activities to nurture their curiosity and potential.

At our vocational training centre, up to 300 youths and adults learn valuable vocational skills, such as sewing, tailoring, computer basics and English language skills, empowering them to pursue meaningful employment and expand their earning potential. Together, we are investing in education and opportunity where it is needed most, building foundations of hope and lasting change.

OUR IMPACT

298

STUDENTS RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING



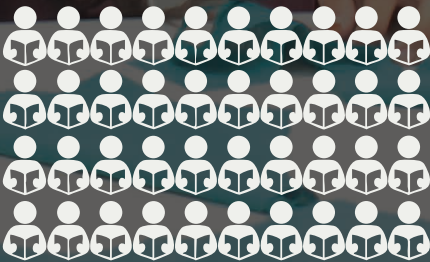
26,082

MIDDAY MEALS WERE SERVED



150

CHILDREN WERE EDUCATED



34

CHILDREN WERE VACCINATED



FOR AL-MAMUN, COMPUTER SKILLS TURNED LEARNING INTO EARNING

As a young boy growing up in Bagerhat, Al-Mamun Sheikh faced a difficult truth – that no matter how many long, hard days his father worked as a farmer, he never made quite enough to provide for his family. It was this reality that shaped Al-Mamun, arming him with the determination to help his family forge a path to a better life.

With a thirst for knowledge and encouraged by friends and family to continue his education after secondary school, Al-Mamun decided to move to Dhaka in 2018 – over 130 miles away from home – to search for work to pay for his college fees.

But Al-Mamun’s early days in Dhaka were challenging. Despite three months of searching for roles as an office assistant or computer operator, he was unsuccessful due to his lack of computer skills. Refusing to give up, he decided to teach at the local “madrasa”, aka school for Islamic studies, so that he could earn enough to support his studies in management at a local college.

To balance work and school, Al-Mamun woke up at 3 a.m. to get ready for his morning prayer at 5 a.m., before teaching classes at 8 a.m. After teaching, he would go home to study, nap, and attend classes for college, often not sleeping until 10 or 11 p.m. Things seemed to be going well – until the pandemic.

The madrasa closed, eliminating his income. His classes at the college were put on hold, and he didn’t have a mobile phone to do online classes. His family, who once encouraged him to pursue an education, urged him to quit his studies and find any available work to help the family financially.

Despite these setbacks, Al-Mamun chose to keep up with his studies on his own, living off his savings, a bit of financial support from family and staying with a friend until he moved back into the madrasa in November 2020. But he knew he still needed the computer skills that would help him qualify for higher-paying administrative roles.

Everything changed when a friend told him about the Pepco Group School of HOPE Computer Training Centre, where he could take a free, two-month computer course that would give him the knowledge he needed. Although he started with

only basic computer skills, Al-Mamun eagerly embraced the lessons, learning PowerPoint, advanced Excel skills, and more. He quickly turned his newfound skills into extra work at the madrasa, which allowed him to get higher pay.

“I liked the willingness of the computer teacher,” Al-Mamun said as he reflected on his lessons at the training centre. “Whenever I wanted to understand something, the trainer would teach me more than once.”

Upon completing his training in October 2024, Al-Mamun’s computer skills set him apart in job interviews at multinational companies – the very jobs that were out of reach when he first moved to Dhaka.

He will never forget the moment he was offered a position as a computer data entry operator in July 2025: “The company said I could start immediately. After getting the job, I went to a remote place and thanked Almighty God. I told my family and the staff at the computer training centre. I cannot express my feelings during that time.”

He added, “Only two fellow candidates had computer skills, so I got the job very easily.” For Al-Mamun, the training centre was more than a place to learn – it was the catalyst that helped him to achieve his goals and a community of care, support, and lasting encouragement.

To other young adults striving for an education, Al-Mamun said: “Stay focused, keep in touch with good people, and seek guidance from organisations like HOPE.”



The Industrial Centre of HOPE

With the backing of ASDA Stores Limited and in collaboration with HOPE *worldwide* Bangladesh, new avenues are being created for both children and adults at the Industrial Centre of HOPE in Jamgara. Each year, the Jamgara School of HOPE – a primary school – provides up to 250 children with free, high-quality education, free midday meals, and free extracurricular activities intended to encourage exploration and growth.

Meanwhile, the vocational training centre equips up to 480 youths and adults with practical skills — such as tailoring, entrepreneurship, English, and computer basics — enabling participants to seek sustainable employment and enhance their earning prospects. These combined efforts are delivering educational opportunities and building brighter futures in the communities that need them most.

OUR IMPACT

250

CHILDREN WERE EDUCATED



136

CHILDREN WERE VACCINATED



50,508

MIDDAY MEALS
WERE SERVED



132

STUDENTS RECEIVED
VOCATIONAL TRAINING



CHESS STAR PLAYS TO WIN AT THE JAMGARA SCHOOL OF HOPE

“Checkmate.” This victorious word of chess champions is one that 14-year-old Rakiya Akter is familiar with, having clinched two chess championships this year and being the self-proclaimed best chess player in her family. Although she is only in Grade 9, she carries the confidence of a young woman beyond her years, emphasising that discipline is the most important skill she has learned since beginning her education at the Jamgara School of HOPE.

Her father, Ratan Miah, beamed with pride as he described the impact the school made on his daughter and three other children, who all attended the school. Without the school, the children would not have been able to continue their education, he said.

“The school environment is good, and I have always wanted her to study here. I was not able to continue my studies due to low earnings, so HOPE is providing a better education,” Ratan said, who learned about the Jamgara School of HOPE through neighbours and school staff visits to his home. “There are lots of changes in Rakiya’s life; she can read and write and has lots of talent. She can draw well, play well, and play chess well. If I didn’t send Rakiya to this school, I wouldn’t have seen these changes.”

Ratan is quick to tell his neighbours that the Jamgara School of HOPE is unlike any other school, which has “lots of activities, gives the children competent training, and provides them with good food and clothing without taking any money. I always tell my neighbours to send their children to this organisation.”

Rakiya can still remember how nervous she was on her first day of school in 2015, but the teachers put her at ease, and she has continued to have positive relationships with her teachers ever since. A lover of physics and English, one of her favourite moments at school was a science experiment where she generated electricity with a potato.

As for the future, Rakiya dreams of being an Army Officer, so that she can “serve the nation easily.” According to Martin Byapari, programme manager for HOPE *worldwide* Bangladesh, there has been a surge of women joining the army.

“From my childhood, when I could see the Army Officers, they inspired me,” Rakiya said. But for now, she is happy to make her parents proud by excelling in her studies, showing the spirit of determination and joy in learning that the Jamgara School of HOPE instils in each of its students.

To the donors who have provided for the school, Ratan said, “Thank you for providing an education for Rakiya.”



Soham for All Centre of HOPE

Supported by Soham for All, PDS Limited, Design Arc Limited, and in partnership with HOPE worldwide Bangladesh, the Soham for All Centre of HOPE in Savar is opening new doors for children and adults alike. The primary school welcomes as many as 150 students annually, offering free high-quality education, free nutritious lunches, and a range of free extracurricular activities that spark discovery and personal development. At the same time, the vocational training centre trains up to 240 youths and adults each year in practical skills such as English language skills, computer basics, sewing and more, with the aim of increasing the students' prospects of finding meaningful employment.

Together, these initiatives are expanding access to education and opportunity, paving the way for brighter prospects in Savar, and creating pathways out of poverty.

OUR IMPACT

29,137

MIDDAY MEALS WERE SERVED



150

CHILDREN WERE EDUCATED



192

STUDENTS RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING



126

CHILDREN RECEIVED A HEALTH CHECK-UP



WITH SUPPORT FROM SOHAM FOR ALL, MIM CHARTS A BRIGHT FUTURE

Even though she is only 13, Mim Akter knows the value of hard work and discipline. Not only is she known among her Soham for All School classmates for her talents in dance, singing, drawing, and poetry recitation, but she also recently won two bronze medals at a national karate championship – and is a “bookworm” with excellent attendance, according to her mother.

Mim’s appreciation for hard work is rooted in the example of her parents, Khaleda and Abdul, who leave home before sunrise every day to work as concrete labourers. With her mother and father gone, Mim proudly dons her blue school uniform before helping her 6-year-old brother get ready for the short walk to school.

The ability for their children to go to a high-quality school is a gift that Khaleda and Abdul do not take for granted. Although local government schools in Dhaka have low monthly fees – approximately 31p per month, the majority of government schools struggle with overcrowded classrooms, limited spaces for new students, limited resources, and do not provide educational materials for the children.

After hearing about the Soham for All School from a neighbour, Khaleda knew that the school – with its free, high-quality education and free uniforms, books, materials, and daily midday meals – was the “best place for Mim to get an education.”

After passing the entrance test in 2021, Mim joined the Soham for All School – followed by her brother in 2022 – and never looked back. She is now in Class 5 and dreams of being a teacher one day.

Her favourite subject? Bengali, because “it’s a very easy subject for me,” she said with a smile.

When she isn’t studying or practising one of her many extracurricular activities, Mim is happy to help at home, sometimes cooking rice and curry for the family.

Khaleda is grateful for the support that has allowed her children to get an education and is confident in her daughter’s future success: “The school is doing very good work, and they can support many other children like Mim and her brother,” she said. “Mim has many dreams. If she succeeds with one, she will fulfil others.”



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN ZAMBIA

In Lusaka, Zambia, where hunger, malnutrition, and a lack of educational opportunities are prevalent, HOPE *worldwide* Zambia is transforming the lives of women and families with three impactful programmes: a women’s empowerment programme focused on helping women to achieve financial independence, kids’ clubs designed to support children in developing healthy lifestyle habits, and parent support groups, which provide parents with practical tools for homeschooling when formal education is out of reach.

In the vibrant communities of Kalingalinga, Mtendere, Kanyama, and Chawama, we are laying a foundation for a brighter future for the families of Lusaka.

OUR IMPACT IN ZAMBIA



194 WOMEN PARTICIPATED
IN THE WOMEN’S ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME.

47 MOTHERS
RECEIVED SUPPORT
FROM THE PARENT
SUPPORT GROUPS.



221 ORPHANS AND
VULNERABLE CHILDREN
ATTENDED THE KIDS’
CLUBS.



BUILDING HOPE, FIGHTING HUNGER

For 70-year-old Rodah Matimba, the women’s economic empowerment programme is not only a group of business partners, but also a team of friends who are working together to fight a constant threat in Chawama: Hunger.

In the bustling compound of Chawama, Rodah is hard at work. Her days start early at 5 a.m. with a walk to her neighbour’s house to draw water for her home — where she lives with two of her children and six of her grandchildren — and a quick breakfast of porridge and groundnuts. After a bath for her youngest grandson, she straps him on her back and begins the 2.8-kilometre walk to HOPE *worldwide* Zambia’s site in Chawama, to take part in the day’s commerce at the local market.

With a wide smile and wise eyes, Rodah was happy to discuss her experiences with the women’s economic empowerment programme in Chawama. In 2009, she saw some neighbourhood friends selling vegetables as part of the programme’s initiatives, and she was eager to join in.

Fast forward to today, and she is an active member of the women’s economic empowerment programme — selling homemade scones and groundnut powder in the market, packaging sugar for re-sale, selling her homegrown vegetables, and constantly brainstorming ways to “put food on the table”, as hunger and malnutrition are common. In fact, her veggies — onions, Chinese cabbage, and kale — are so in demand that they “sell out within minutes”, according to Rosemary Chama, the site assistant for the Chawama location.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR FOOD IN ZAMBIA

Rodah is one of 194 women who are members of the women’s economic empowerment programme, which runs across all four HOPE *worldwide* Zambia sites in the city of Lusaka. Before joining the programme, many participants were only earning approximately £8 to £11 per month, making the profitable skills learned in the programme, which include baking, tailoring, and financial skills — all the more attractive. According to Esther Chona, HOPE *worldwide* Zambia’s country director, upskilling can help these women earn as much as £13 to £27 per month.

As a long-time member of the women’s economic empowerment programme, Rodah remembers the food packages that she has received, consisting of beans, cooking oil, small fish, and mealie meal, which she would use to feed her family. She remembers all the times that the staff at the Chawama site would greet her grandson with a smile and a Maheu drink — which is made from corn and is used to boost his nutrition.

But among the many things that she is grateful for when she thinks of HOPE *worldwide* Zambia’s women’s economic empowerment programme is the camaraderie that she has found in the group: “When we come here to share ideas and learn things versus staying home doing nothing ... we’re able to come together as women and share ideas on how we can provide for our families.”

When asked what advice she would give to other women considering joining the programme, Rodah didn’t hesitate. “I would tell them about the benefits — that the programme will help them get the skills and the knowledge to take care of their families.”

As Rodah reflects on her journey, it’s clear that the programme has done more than just empower her economically — it has given her a partnership with other hardworking women who are determined to give their best to their families and their communities. Together, they are proving that with the right support and shared determination, they can work toward overcoming their challenges and nurture a brighter future for themselves and others in the compound of Chawama.



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN LEBANON

In the last decade, Lebanon has faced a series of devastating crises — the 2019 economic collapse, the 2020 Beirut explosion that destroyed thousands of homes and buildings, and the influx of 1.5 million refugees since 2009. As a result, many families are struggling to meet their basic needs.

In partnership with HOPE worldwide Lebanon, we are working to bring relief and opportunities to those most affected by these disasters. Our initiatives provide support for families with children with special needs, companionship for the elderly, and economic empowerment for women through skills training that helps them generate income. These efforts, along with many others, are creating hope in the face of hardship.

OUR IMPACT IN LEBANON



72 CHILDREN FROM A BEIRUT BOARDING SCHOOL ATTENDED THE **AMBASSADORS OF PEACE** PROGRAMME, WHICH TEACHES LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS **ACTIVE LISTENING, RESPECT, ACCEPTING DIVERSITY** AND MORE.



500 BLANKETS, **200** HYGIENE KITS AND **50** JACKETS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEES AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY & SYRIA.



25 FAMILIES (110 PEOPLE) IN LEBANON RECEIVED MONTHLY PARCELS CONTAINING FOOD, MEDICATION, AND CLOTHING.



COMPLETED REFURBISHMENT WORK IN A NEW FACILITY FOR THE HOPE worldwide LEBANON STAFF.





KNITTING FOR HOPE IN LEBANON

HOW STITCHED IS WEAVING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

In Beirut, what began as a humble project to create handmade goods for the elderly has evolved into a powerful community that not only allows women to generate extra income through the art of knitting and crocheting, but also supports families with special needs children.

In 2022, Rita Ghareeb, programme manager for HOPE worldwide Lebanon, had an idea to give knitted goods for Christmas to elderly residents who lived in a local care home. Calling upon women in her church, they came together to learn knitting techniques and get started on the project. However, the women — composed of local mothers of special needs children, church members, and refugees from Syria — soon found that coming together to knit every week provided much more than the joy of giving gifts. Knitting provided a gift for themselves.

“The weekly meeting has created a support group, which has provided a safe space for women who are golden age as well as younger women who like to stitch,” said Nelly Shekian, who is now the brainchild of the STITCHED designs. “We are seeing so much passion to learn how to stitch. It is

a safe community and a space for women.” She added, “This meeting has become a form of therapy for us, where women feel that they are useful and productive. If we don’t meet, we feel like something is missing in our lives — we are like one big family.”

In addition to the emotional support that the STITCHERS receive from one another, they have found that there is a market in Lebanon for Nelly’s fashion-forward designs — allowing them to sell their goods, make a profit, and provide “pocket money” for themselves. Since 2019, when the Lebanese pound lost 97 percent of its value, many families have been unable to afford necessities like food, transportation, and electricity, making the earnings from STITCHED all the more valuable.

Another goal of the STITCHED programme is to use the proceeds from the sales to support therapy costs for local special needs families. An average speech or occupational therapy appointment is between 25-50 USD, far above what many families can afford, according to Rita.

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND FAMILIES, ONE STITCH AT A TIME

At the weekly meetings, Nelly and the STITCHERS come together to plan new projects and learn and refine their skills. In between meetings, STITCHERS work on projects at home, bringing their creations back to the group for feedback and encouragement. With Nelly’s attention to detail and long-time love of knitting, she requires excellence in every woman who comes to the group.

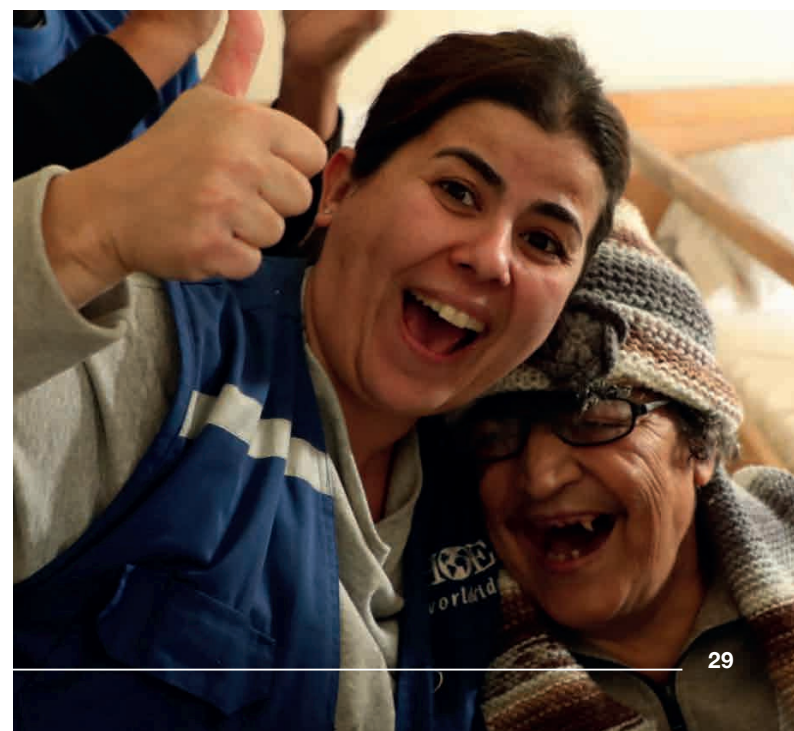
Many of the women were first-time knitters, but their skills have graduated far beyond scarves and hats. Under Nelly’s guidance, who has a background in fashion design, the women make jewellery, purses, pen covers, and even flowers for special occasions.

Nelly, who is a mother of a child with autism, shares how leading the STITCHED group is helping her as well: “I see the appreciation around me, and it is helping me to become a better mom for my kids and a better woman in my community,” she said. “It is opening a lot of opportunities. Therapies cost a lot of money. We want to help the children to get better, and to help ease the pain of the families. I am taking the blessings from God and putting my energy where he wants me to put it. The appreciation from the families is so rewarding.”

Rita, who has taken on the role of marketing the goods on and offline, has high hopes for the future of the project. She dreams of opening a STITCHED coffee shop, where their fashionable items can be sold and where adults with special needs can seek employment.

But for now, she and Nelly are happy to see how this project is weaving positive threads into the hearts of those who attend the group — bringing laughter, support, and warmth with every clickety-clack of the needles and in every stitch.

During 2023-2024, approximately 15 women participated in the STITCHED initiative, and proceeds from the sales helped four special needs families pay for therapy costs. To see what the STITCHERS are up to, follow them on Instagram @stitched.leb.



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN NEPAL

For many children of migrant workers in Kathmandu, access to a quality primary school education is out of reach due to material poverty. But thanks to our generous supporters, these children have the chance to learn and grow educationally and personally at the Asha Vidhyashram School.

At the Asha Vidhyashram School, in partnership with HOPE worldwide Nepal, we provide free, high-quality education to children from nursery to Year 5. Established in 1994, our school serves up to 125 students — offering every child free learning materials, free nutritious meals, and free enriching extracurricular activities.

For students who excel in their studies and come from families earning less than £3 per day, we offer secondary school scholarships to help them continue their education. A £400 annual scholarship covers tuition at a local private school, as well as entrance and exam fees, uniforms, shoes, stationery, and school supplies — removing financial barriers and opening doors to new opportunities.

Together, we are empowering Nepal’s children with education, hope, and a path to a brighter future.

OUR IMPACT IN NEPAL



12,700 midday meals
were provided to students at
the school.

23 students received
scholarships to
attend secondary school.



121 CHILDREN WERE
EDUCATED AT THE SCHOOL
(NURSERY TO GRADE 5).



HOW SUSMA FOUND HOPE AT THE ASHA VIDHYASHRAM SCHOOL

When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, 12-year-old Susma’s eyes sparkled. “I want to be a teacher,” she said with enthusiasm. Perhaps it’s because of the inspiring relationship she has with Tulsi Miss, the school’s science teacher, and Susma’s personal favourite.

Susma’s smile and eagerness to learn are welcome gifts for her parents Buddhi and Arjun, who work tirelessly to provide for her and her 10-year-old brother Sundar. Despite their hard work — Buddhi washes dishes by hand in a hotel and Arjun works as a construction labourer — they did not make enough money for fees to send Susma and her brother to school. Hearing about the Asha Vidhyashram School, with its free, high-quality education, was such a lifeline for the family.

“We wanted to send them to a private school,” Buddhi shared, “but it was impossible because of our financial condition. Without the free school fees, it would be hard for Susma and Sundar to have an education.”

A typical day for the family begins early. Buddhi wakes up no later than 5 a.m., has a quick cup of black tea and a biscuit for breakfast, and is off to work a morning shift from 5:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., while Arjun is off to work at 5:30 a.m. Buddhi then heads home to help Susma and her brother don their blue school uniforms before taking the 10-minute walk to school.

Her mother beams with pride as she describes the impact of the school on her daughter. “She has gained so much knowledge and enjoys learning every day.” Susma was excited to share that she passed her recent end-of-year science exam, even though she thought she wouldn’t. A fan of football and drawing, Susma looks forward to sharing time with her family, especially when her mother makes potato curry — her favourite.

Susma recently graduated from the school in April 2025 and made her parents even more proud by gaining a scholarship to secondary school, an honour reserved for students who perform well in their studies and whose parents make less than £3 per day.

To the donors who made this possible, Buddhi has a heartfelt message: “Thank you for giving and helping. You have changed our lives.”



PROVIDING HOPE THROUGH COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERING

Our supporters are the heartbeat of our organisation, dedicating their time, skills, resources and passion to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Through their tireless efforts, they have not only contributed to the well-being of our communities but have also inspired countless individuals to join in the spirit of service.

Keep reading to learn more about the remarkable impact our volunteers have had on our communities at home and abroad.

A GLIMPSE AT THE IMPACT OF OUR VOLUNTEERS



PROVIDED FUNDS AND VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD SIX SMALL HOMES IN HATAY, TURKEY AND REFURBISH TWO CLASSROOMS IN ADIYAMAN IN RESPONSE TO THE 2023 EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY & SYRIA.



HOSTED 51 UKRAINIAN REFUGEES WITHIN OUR VOLUNTEER NETWORK.



SUPPORTED 71 UKRAINIAN REFUGEES WITH HOUSING ADVICE, EMOTIONAL AND WELL-BEING SUPPORT, LANGUAGE CLUBS AND MORE.



PROVIDED 40 INDIVIDUALS WITH SUPPORT SESSIONS AT LEA BRIDGE HOUSE, A HOSTEL FOR SINGLE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. TOPICS INCLUDED: **EMPLOYMENT, UPSKILLING, FINANCE, IT LITERACY** AND MORE.



OPENING HEARTS AND DOORS TO THOSE IN NEED

When Chris and Bukky Olu heard that HOPE worldwide UK needed volunteer hosts to help Ukrainian refugees, they did not hesitate.

“We both saw the need to help,” said Bukky, who added that they were used to hosting those in need of housing. “We had space in the house. We’re very involved with outreach and meeting people’s needs. We saw the devastation of the war and saw it as an opportunity.”

After speaking with HOPE worldwide UK staff members about hosting a family and filling in the necessary paperwork, they were matched with Iryna, a mother of two who fled from Kyiv to Italy and then Germany when the war started in February 2022.

Thus began their preparation for Iryna and her children’s arrival. After a loving family chat, Bukky and Chris’ youngest son gave up his room in their three-bedroom home to make space for Iryna and her two children, Yeva and Tymofii. They began to correspond with Iryna via email. They purchased bunk beds and other necessary items to make their guests comfortable. As they prepared their home, Bukky and Chris couldn’t help but reflect on the emotional needs of the family that would be their guests for the next year.

“Would they fit in? Would they find it ok?” Bukky wondered about her guests. “Coming from a war zone, we knew there would be some emotional impact.”

The biggest surprise came when Iryna and her children arrived at the airport in May 2022, and Bukky and Chris realised how big the language barrier would be. “We smiled at each other and tried to communicate, but they didn’t understand English very well,” Chris said, who remembered that Google Translate was vital in helping the two families communicate after Iryna’s arrival. Over the coming months, the two families fell into a

rhythm. During the first three weeks, Bukky and Chris spent many days and evenings helping Iryna with the necessary paperwork for her and her family’s transition, including helping the children find a school, contacting the local authority, the library, Citizens Advice Bureau, and completing needs for their visas. As they got to know one another, they found things they both liked to do. The two families came together to play Jenga and cards, went to the park, and saw London’s famous sights. Bukky and Chris’ younger son taught Yeva to play the piano, and Tymofii occupied himself with LEGO and of course, football.

“That was a joyful time,” Chris said. “We had many memorable moments.”

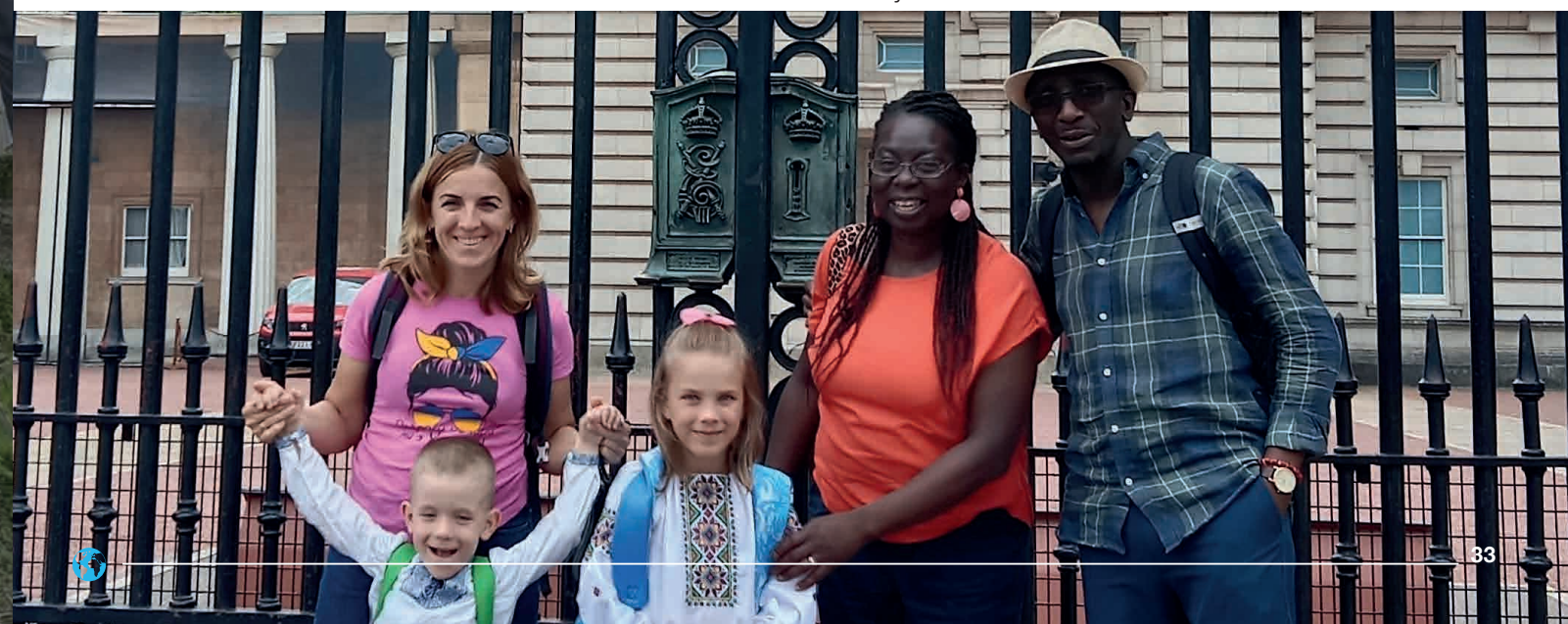
One of Chris’ favourite surprises was when Tymofii came home from school speaking English in complete sentences after struggling with the language for several weeks.

After the family returned home to Kyiv in 2023, the two families kept in contact via email and text messages, sending pictures and videos of special moments in each other’s lives.

“We are eternally grateful for their big and kind hearts, ready to accept us, help us and take care of us, because we felt very insecure in an unfamiliar country,” Iryna said. “Many wonderful moments were spent with Bukky and Chris. The children planted plants in their garden, we celebrated our birthdays together and played board games. We cherish our precious memories. We hope to meet again someday.”

Bukky and Chris had this to say as they reflected on their time as hosts:

“The goal is to offer kindness. There is a reward in offering one’s assistance, it does something for you. It helps you to appreciate what you have and not take it for granted,” Chris said. “When things like that happen, it makes you more grateful for the things you have. It builds your character.”



BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING TO THOSE AFFECTED BY LEPROSY

When podiatrist Alison Clark-Morris first visited the Village of HOPE in New Delhi to provide foot care for those suffering from the effects of leprosy, she didn't know she was starting a life-changing journey of compassion and service.

"It's so fulfilling. I strongly feel that this is something that other podiatrists should experience," Alison said. "The bandaging unit patients are like another family. I can't just turn my back on them."

As an expert podiatrist with experience in diabetic foot ulceration, Alison easily saw how her expertise could help with the foot problems caused by leprosy. Many leprosy patients experience sensory neuropathy in their feet, so they can no longer feel them — making them vulnerable to burns, cracks, and injuries.

Vigilant foot care is a necessity — even a small injury or a stone in their shoe can quickly become a major problem, leading to eventual loss of extremities due to infection.

After her first visit to the village's bandaging unit in 2017, she couldn't forget the patients, which began her journey as an advocate for the village. Since her first visit, Alison has made many contributions to the village, including inspiring other podiatrists and medical professionals to volunteer their services at the Village of HOPE, training staff and patients on the essentials of wound care, fundraising

for tricycles, additional lighting, clinical trolleys, footwear and blankets, introducing the Cliniko software system to track patient numbers and the progression of their healing, training staff to use Doppler ultrasound to track blood flow to the feet, and more.

To date, Alison has visited the Village of HOPE seven times and has raised approximately £20,000 for the needs of the bandaging unit.

Her long-term dream? To establish a footwear lab in the Village of HOPE that would make custom orthotics for bandaging unit patients, allowing any wounds to the feet to heal properly.

"As for me, I want to concentrate on prevention and empowering the patients to look after their feet," Alison said. "I find it very rewarding; it's good to be able to use my skills in this way. Even if I stop going, I will always advocate for other podiatrists to go."

She added, "It's a symbiotic relationship; you get as much as you give."

The Village of HOPE and HOPE *worldwide* UK are grateful for the continued partnership with Alison.

"Alison has been like an angel for the Village of HOPE," said Apem Wungchipem, programme manager for the Village of HOPE.

"And with her support, we have been able to provide tricycles and footwear to our patients. Such support brings a big relief and smile to the patients. Our patients wait for her visits because of her lovely service."



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

With gratitude for the progress we've made together, we look to the future with renewed hope for how we can serve people in need. Our strategic ambitions are to enhance support for those experiencing homelessness, expand volunteer engagement, and strengthen our international initiatives.

To help us respond to the increased numbers of refugees experiencing homelessness, our Two Step programme recently recruited a housing support worker who speaks Tigrinya — one of the most common languages that refugees using our service speak. We also want to do more to help people access education, training, and employment by enhancing our post-housing support.

In the UK, we are committed to creating a programme under the HOPE *worldwide* UK umbrella that will allow our supporters to volunteer and connect with local communities.

By working closely with our international partners, we will continue to focus on improving

sustainability, embedding helpful accountability, and strengthening robust safeguarding practices in the international programmes we support.

In December 2023, after nearly 30 years of supporting men to overcome addiction, HOPE *worldwide* UK made the difficult decision to close our ODAAT programme. As we look to the future, we are committed to strategically reinvesting the net proceeds from the sale of the ODAAT houses to sustainably support those we serve and expand our work. We will keep you updated as our plans are developed and finalised for the use of these funds.

With your continued partnership, we will empower individuals to rebuild their lives, open new doors of opportunity, and bring hope to communities both near and far. The challenges ahead are real, but so is our determination. Together, we will transform lives, strengthen communities, and create a future where every one of our beneficiaries has the opportunity to overcome poverty.

THANK YOU!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has stood with us in our mission to empower people to overcome poverty and homelessness.

We'd like to thank our loyal supporters and supporting churches for their donations, volunteering, and assistance with sponsored events.

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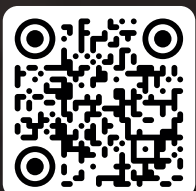
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