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“Change happens when compassion becomes action. Through your faithful support, communities are not only overcoming challenges — they are uncovering their God-given potential, building resilience and creating a future filled with hope.”

– **Daryl Crowden**

General Manager Emergency,
Aid and Development



*Thank
you!*



“Behind every statistic is a person, a family, and a community discovering new hope. Together, we are helping create a world where dignity is restored, opportunity is shared, and lasting change is possible.”

– **Daryl Crowden**

DIGNITY RESTORED, RELATIONSHIPS REBUILT AND HOPE RENEWED

Over the past year, Salvation Army International Development (SAID) has continued to demonstrate both the depth of its impact and the strength of the partnerships that make lasting change possible.

With the support of donors and stakeholders, SAID-supported programs have reached more than 70,000 people across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, with a strong emphasis on inclusion, particularly for women, girls and people with disability.

At the heart of this impact is a clear strategy — investing in local partnerships and strengthening the systems that are essential to achieving the change we want to see in the world.

Through targeted capacity strengthening, leadership development and initiatives such as partnership conferences, SAID is helping to equip partners to lead, innovate and mobilise resources within their own contexts.

This is already visible in the growing confidence of our partners, who are actively engaging in advocacy and influencing change in their communities.

The results are both practical and transformational.

Communities are gaining access to clean water, strengthening livelihoods through savings and income generation, as well as building resilience to climate-related challenges. At the same time, over 1200 community groups have been strengthened, laying the groundwork for sustainable, community-led development.

Importantly, SAID continues to act as a strategic mission multiplier—leveraging Salvation Army and government funding and technical expertise to extend The Salvation Army’s global mission far beyond what would otherwise be possible.

Beyond the numbers, it is the stories of dignity restored, relationships rebuilt, and hope renewed that matter most. This work is not possible without you — our supporters. Together, we look to the future with confidence and renewed hope.

Daryl Crowden

General Manager Emergency, Aid and Development

Your generosity in action

We are honoured to share SAID’s 2025 Effectiveness Report with you and our wider Salvation Army Australia community. It is a powerful reflection of what God can do through faithful generosity.

Across communities around the world, your support is helping restore dignity, create opportunity and bring lasting hope. Together with our international partners, you are helping communities build stronger futures and create lasting change.

Together with the SAID Annual Report, the Effectiveness Report shows how compassion becomes action and how action, grounded in God’s love, leads to meaningful transformation.

This report is a reminder of who you are — someone who sees need and chooses to respond. Through your generosity, you are bringing hope, strengthening communities and reflecting the love of Jesus in practical ways.

That generosity is making a difference today and helping create lasting change for generations to come.

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18, NLT)



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Folotia: From hunger to hope

Folotia, a 32-year-old father in the Salima district of Malawi, knows what it means to live with uncertainty. Supporting his wife and two young sons, he once faced near-constant food insecurity as his family depended entirely on rain-fed farming.

With climate change bringing frequent droughts, their crops often failed. Harvests were unpredictable, incomes were limited and there were seasons when the family survived on just one meal a day.

Without access to reliable water sources, quality seeds or irrigation, everyday life was marked by hardship and difficult choices about food, education and healthcare.

Through the WASH, Resilience and Food Security Project, Folotia was given the opportunity to learn new skills and reimagine what his family's future could look like.

With training, access to improved seeds and practical irrigation support, he gained the confidence to move beyond rain-fed farming to a more reliable and sustainable approach.

Folotia now produces enough food to nourish his family, with surplus crops to sell at market. This steady income means his family can consistently meet their basic needs, from meals on the table to education.

“With irrigation, I am able to harvest three times a year and produce enough food for my family. This is a new chapter of my life.”

Because of your generosity, this transformation goes beyond one family. It reflects what's possible when communities are equipped with the tools, knowledge and support to lead their own change:

- **Food security becomes achievable**, with reliable, year-round production
- **Families gain stability**, with increased income and reduced financial strain
- **Independence grows**, replacing reliance on aid with lasting self-sufficiency

And the story doesn't end here.

With a renewed sense of possibility and support from the WASH, Resilience and Food Security Project, Folotia is already planning his next steps — expanding his irrigation plot, diversifying his crops and working towards purchasing a solar-powered pump.

You're not just helping meet immediate needs. You're helping create lasting change, enabling families like Folotia's to move forward with greater stability, dignity, confidence and hope for the future.

This project is supported by the Australian Government through the Australian [NGO Cooperation Program \(ANCP\)](#). The Swedish Government (Sida) through the Swedish Mission Council also supports the project. It is implemented by The Salvation Army Malawi Territory.

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING



Sowing Hope in Rwanda

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the 2025 Christmas Day Offering Appeal.

An incredible \$246,499 was raised to support 600 families and reach around 1800 people through 15 local corps.

In Rwanda, many families rely on agriculture to survive, yet face ongoing challenges such as climate pressures, limited resources and vulnerability to poverty. Even with encouraging national economic progress, the need for sustainable, community-led solutions remains strong.

Funds from the Christmas Day Offering are now being directed to Rwanda, where they will help create lasting change.

Your generosity will help improve food security, strengthen incomes and increase access to literacy, restoring dignity and reflecting the love of Jesus in practical, life-changing ways.

Families will be equipped with the tools, skills and support they need to build more stable and hopeful futures.

Thank you for your passion and generosity.

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A place to heal and begin again

Because of your compassion, women facing family and domestic violence are finding safety, care and the chance to begin again at The Salvation Army's House of Hope at Ela Beach in Papua New Guinea.

House of Hope at Ela Beach is one of three safe houses operated by The Salvation Army Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory. It provides more than shelter — it offers a place where women can pause, heal and rebuild.



There, women receive counselling, support and guidance as they take courageous steps toward a safer future, whether that means returning home or starting anew.

Women also have the opportunity to grow in confidence and independence, developing practical skills such as sewing and knitting that can help them generate income and regain stability.

Keren, a new caseworker, is excited to step into this role — returning after first connecting with House of Hope as a student. With a heart for listening and a commitment to care, she walks alongside each woman, helping them rediscover dignity, strength and hope.

Through the Making it Happen appeal, you can continue to create safe spaces like this — places where healing begins, futures are restored and women are empowered to step forward with hope. Give today and be part of transforming lives.

Get involved with Making it Happen [here](#).



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Self Denial Appeal Update

Motivated by love

Thank you for your generous support of the Self Denial Appeal. Your gift is more than a donation. It is a reflection of God's love expressed through action. Motivated by love and a desire to see others flourish, you have chosen to stand alongside people facing hardship and uncertainty.

By God's grace and through your generosity, the 2026 Self Denial Appeal raised \$3 million to support life-changing ministry and community development around the world.

Research* shows that giving strengthens our sense of purpose and connection. As followers of Jesus, we know this truth even more deeply: when we give sacrificially, we participate in God's work of restoration and hope.

Through your generosity, lives are being transformed, communities are being strengthened and the love of Jesus is being revealed in practical ways.

Thank you for answering God's call to love not only with words but with actions and in truth. Your faithfulness is making an eternal difference.

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Delivering a brighter future in Pakistan

At just 17 years old, Nisha's future seemed limited by circumstances beyond her control. Living with her parents and four siblings in a cramped two-room home in Pakistan's Lodhran District, Nisha's family has so little space that their kitchen and washroom are located outside.

Her father works as a mason, earning the equivalent of just AUD \$4.30 a day — barely enough to cover life's essentials. Although the family follows a simple vegetarian diet because meat is unaffordable, there are still days when food is scarce.

Yet amid these challenges, Nisha held onto a dream: to become a midwife and help mothers and babies in her community thrive.

The challenge was not her determination — it was opportunity. The cost of tuition and daily travel to the nearest vocational college made her dream seem out of reach.

Because of your generosity, that story is changing.

Through The Salvation Army's Sustainable and Resilient Community Development Project, implemented by The Salvation Army Pakistan Territory, Nisha received assistance with her training and transport costs, opening the door to a career that will bring long-term stability to her family and vital healthcare to her community.

Your support does more than meet immediate needs. It removes barriers, creates opportunity, empowers women and breaks cycles of poverty that can span generations. Today, Nisha is on track to become a qualified midwife. Tomorrow, she will help deliver healthier futures for countless mothers and children — because someone like you chose to invest in hope.



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Your support is empowering leaders like Liness

As the only female head teacher in her area, Liness knows how difficult it can be for women and girls to overcome barriers to education and opportunity.

Before the 'Strengthening governance of child protection to end child marriages in Salima District, Malawi' project began, Liness balanced the demands of leading her school, raising a family and witnessing the impact of child marriage on girls in her community.

Child marriage was common and too many girls were forced to leave school before they had the opportunity to complete their education and fulfil their potential.

"The pressure to manage this school while addressing deeply ingrained cultural beliefs that women cannot lead was exhausting and emotionally draining," Liness shares.

As the mother of daughters, she longed for something different for them — a future where girls could stay in school, fulfil their potential and shape their own destinies.

Implemented by The Salvation Army Malawi Territory, the project helped turn that vision into reality.

Liness found not only support but a renewed sense of purpose. She became a stronger voice for change,

encouraging girls to stay in school, working with community leaders to challenge child marriage and promoting gender equality.

"I see the difference every day — girls staying in school and dreaming of a better future," she says.

The impact has also been felt at home.

"My daughters are inspired by my work. They know they can achieve anything."

Today, Liness leads with confidence and pride. She is a role model for her students, colleagues and community. Her hope is for a future free from child marriage, where every girl can learn and more women step into leadership.

Thank you for helping leaders like Liness create lasting change for their families, their schools and the next generation.



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Empowering communities to find their voice

Lasting change is most powerful when it comes from within.

Across remote communities in Papua New Guinea, The Salvation Army is working alongside communities through the Church Partnership Program (CPP) as local communities take the lead in shaping their future.

Through the program, community members are identifying their own priorities, engaging directly with government representatives, advocating for their needs and ensuring that people living with disabilities are included in decision-making.

For many, this is a transformational shift. One ward member from Meii village in Kerema District says, "We had little understanding of how to communicate with government offices. Now we feel confident to advocate for our needs."

Thanks to your generosity, communities are gaining the tools, knowledge and confidence to influence decisions that affect their lives. Together, we are helping people find their voice, strengthen their communities and build a future shaped by dignity, participation and opportunity.

The Church Partnership Program (CPP) is supported by the Australian Government through the Papua New Guinea–Australia Partnership. It is implemented by The Salvation Army Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory.



**IN FY2024-2025, IN THE SALVATION ARMY
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:**



70,742 people

impacted by 38 SAID projects



43,153 women and girls

equals to 61% of all participants



5665 of reached

live with a disability



**14 mission support
projects**



**24 community
development**

initiatives



4202 farmers

trained in sustainable
farming practices



**42% average yield
increases**

over the past 12 months



1930 farmers

reported yield increases



260 communities reached

with initiatives to reduce climate-induced
shocks and stresses



91% of people reached

live in Africa (Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda,
Tanzania and Uganda)

Be part of stories like these

From Nisha training to be a midwife, to Liness leading change and helping keep girls in school, these stories and many more show what's possible when communities are empowered with the right support.

Each story is different, but the impact is the same:

- Families are stronger
- Children are staying in school
- Women are leading change in their communities
- Households are improving food security, with families able to provide regular, nutritious meals

You can help write the next story.

Give today to equip more people with skills and opportunities

Partner with us to expand life-changing programs

Get involved and be part of lasting, community-led change

Together, we can empower more people like Nisha and Liness to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and generations to come.



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