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hands

A MILESTONE YEAR

2025 IMPACT REPORT



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LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Changemakers,

2025 was a landmark year for With My Own Two Hands. We deepened our microenterprise model, building clean water and agriculture systems alongside twelve additional communities. We blew our Drop of Life Gala fundraising goal out of the water, inspiring a ripple effect of changemaking across our growing community. We made meaningful additions to our newest program, regenerative agriculture, ensuring its vitality for one of the most climate-vulnerable regions in the world.

All of these accomplishments led to one major milestone reached: **our critical programs are now changing the lives of over 200,000 people.**

Families with clean water, children in school, farmers with thriving businesses, entire communities with hope for the future. 200,000 people with access to the basic human rights we all deserve.

2025 also proved to be a year of resilience, steady growth, and reassurance that we are on the right track. We dove deeper into our Shared Investment Transformation Model, enhanced our community training with in-kind incentives, and worked tirelessly with our project partners to ensure community buy-in from the start. We witnessed just how critical local leadership and community-owned systems are, especially amidst global economic and climate instability.

None of these milestones happened by chance, and none of it happened without you.

Our supporters, those who have stood with us from the beginning and those just joining our mission, play the most critical role in all of this. Your generosity, your commitment, and your belief in the power of clean water and regenerative agriculture make every milestone possible.

Thank you for all that you helped make possible in 2025. We look ahead with momentum and resolve as we continue driving equity for all.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Pluimer
Founder & CEO



Sara Myers
Executive Director



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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MY HUSBAND AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH WMO2H DURING OUR MAGICAL KENYA TOUR IN 2023. THROUGH THE GIFT OF WATER, WE SAW HOW WMO2H'S WORK EMPOWERS AND TRANSFORMS LOCAL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN'S LIVES AND FUTURE. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH A MEANINGFUL AND IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATION. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WMO2H WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND BRING HOPE TO EVEN MORE COMMUNITIES IN EAST AFRICA.

– STACY SHI, BOARD MEMBER

A MILESTONE YEAR

200,000+ LIVES



207,930

lives impacted



84

communities



58

clean water systems



73

agriculture systems



CLEAN WATER HAS HELPED
IMPROVE OUR LIVES IN TOTALITY.
WATER AFFECTS EVERY ACTIVITY
OF OUR LIFE. – AGNES

An aerial photograph of a rural farm in Kenya. The image shows a large, rectangular greenhouse with a white plastic covering in the upper right. Below it, there's a small, simple house with a grey roof. In the lower right, a large solar panel array is visible. The surrounding area is a mix of green vegetation and brown, dry earth. The overall scene depicts a sustainable agricultural project.

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OTHERS WOULD COME AND TELL US WHAT TO DO. WMO2H WALKED WITH US FROM THE START, LISTENED TO OUR CHALLENGES, ADDRESSED OUR REAL NEEDS, AND TRAINED US IN REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES, SHOWING US HOW TO MANAGE THE PROJECT FOR THE LONG-TERM. WE TRULY APPRECIATE THAT THEY DID THINGS DIFFERENTLY, AND THAT DIFFERENCE MATTERS TO US. – PENINAH

 Greenlife Women's Project, Kenya

WHY OUR MODEL ENDURES

BUILT FOR CHANGE. GROUNDED IN COMMUNITY.

We create sustainable water and agriculture systems that drive equity in East Africa



SUSTAINABLE MICROENTERPRISES

Communities reinvest revenue from their fair-market water and produce sales into education, maintenance, and new enterprises.



CLIMATE- FORWARD

Clean water + regenerative agriculture = long-term resilience and enhanced natural systems.



LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Our model doesn't collapse under political or economic pressure because ownership lives within the community.



EXPERT-LED TRAINING

Each project is paired with multi-day expert-led training that's progressive, inclusive, and disseminated to the entire community.

In 2025, in-kind compensation was added to deepen training engagement, resulting in a near 2X of attendees who complete it.



PROPRIETARY CURRICULUM

Developed by our team of in-country experts, our Shared Investment, Regenerative Farming, Agribusiness, and WASH curricula educates and empowers in multiple phases, cultural competencies and dialects.



POPULATION GROWTH

With clean, reliable water, 82% of our community partners report a population growth (with an average increase of 19%).

#STOPTHEWALK

THE WALK

Every day women and children in East Africa walk an average of 3.7 miles just to collect water.

Time lost from school, from work, and from family holds communities back.



THE IMPACT

10K

In 2025 we helped #StopTheWalk for nearly 10,000 people who gained access to clean water.

Mothers like Monica and Celine no longer walk 3 miles daily for water. Families can focus on school, work, and community instead of the walk.

HOW WE MADE IT HAPPEN

- ✓ Neighborhood empathy walks
- ✓ Gala fundraising that shattered goals
- ✓ Changemakers sharing their own water walk videos

See it. Stop it.

[WATCH THE DOCUMENTARY](#)

 Samburu, Kenya



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HERE IN SAMBURU, WATER CLOSE TO HOME HAS RESTORED OUR DIGNITY. WOMEN CAN FINALLY REST AND CARE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. – EUNICE

 Samburu, Kenya

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

39,343 LIVES IMPACTED

across 14 communities in 2025



7,356

people with clean water



16,640

people with agriculture



1,017

WASH medical patients



8

acres of regenerated land



9

counties across Kenya

2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

♀ Women

- ✓ 95.2% active governance committees
- ✓ 60.3% women | 39.7% men on committees



Climate

- ✓ 8 more acres of regenerative farms
- ✓ 45 species of crops grown
- ✓ 15,142 trees planted

Community Ownership

- ✓ 92% reinvesting into education
- ✓ 57% reinvesting into maintenance
- ✓ 46% reinvesting into microloans
- ✓ 8% reinvesting into new projects



A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY HAS GROWN AMONG 150 WOMEN, SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND MICROLENDING INITIATIVES. – NDUTA

JUST LIKE ME

Just Like Me tells the remarkable story of Rosemary, a woman born with visual differences who returned to the same school that changed her life. Now a caretaker, and with the help of clean water access, she helps children just like her reach their own potential.



[WATCH OUR FILM](#)



CELEBRATING IMPACT

2025 Drop of Life Gala, Orange County, CA



Record-breaking
\$325,000 raised



Just Like Me
film premiere



40,000 lives
transformed

A woman in a grey shirt and yellow headwrap is seen from behind, carrying two large yellow plastic water jugs on her back. In the background, other women are visible, some wearing colorful headwraps and carrying similar jugs. The scene is outdoors, likely at a water collection point.

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THE WATER PROJECT MEANS RELIEF, LIKE FINALLY PUTTING DOWN SOMETHING HEAVY I HAVE CARRIED FOR TOO LONG. IT MEANS DIGNITY, BEING ABLE TO STAY CLEAN AND LIVE WITH BASIC STANDARDS. AND IT MEANS JOY, KNOWING WATER IS RIGHT HERE WHENEVER WE NEED IT. — JANE

 Mutiso Community, Kenya

PART OF A GLOBAL CONVERSATION

Our work informs global conversations about equity, climate, and development.



Local Solutions Campus | Dakar, Senegal

We shared project successes with global health and climate leaders, demonstrating how local leadership, paired with global collaboration, drives lasting impact.



Her | Soil Screening | Arizona, U.S.

We led community conversations highlighting women leadership, indigenous knowledge, and sustainable food systems.



United Nations
Economic and Social
Council (ECOSOC)

ECOSOC Special Consultant Status

We contributed community-informed insights to global discussions and advanced multiple UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Environmental Partner

We collaborated with a global network of organizations and businesses committed to accelerating environmental action.

WHERE EVERY DOLLAR FLOWS

Revenue & Expenses

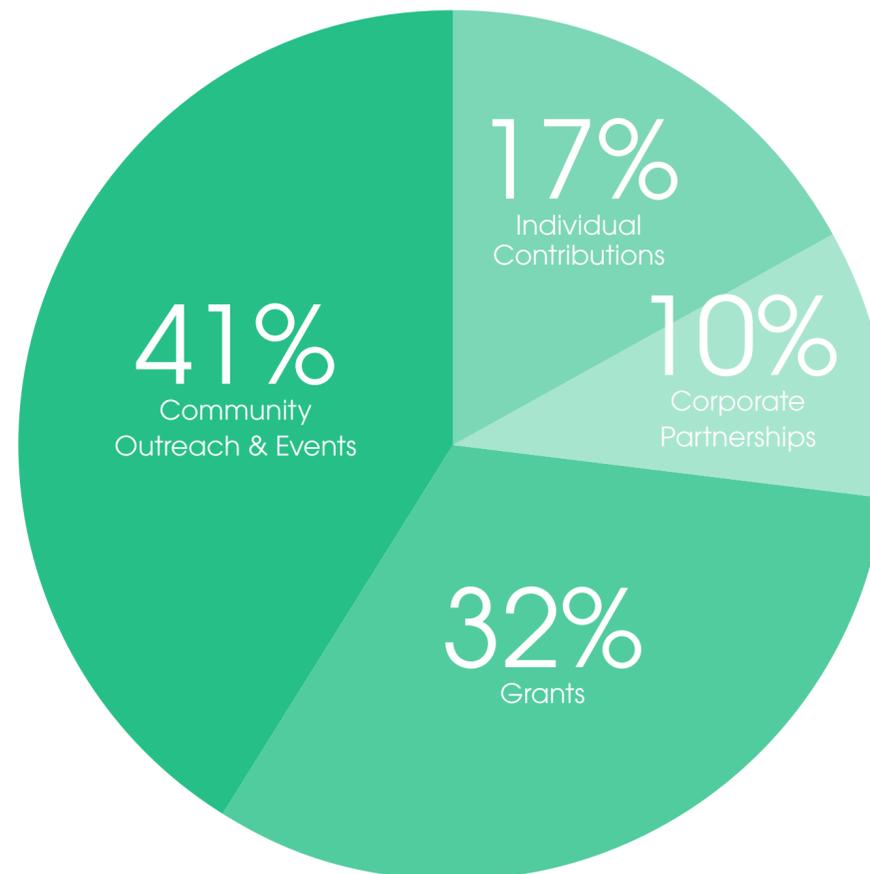
REVENUE

Individual Contributions: \$137,646
Corporate Partnerships: \$81,865
Grants: \$256,335
Community Outreach & Events: \$326,279
Total Revenue: \$802,125
Total Reserve: \$125,798

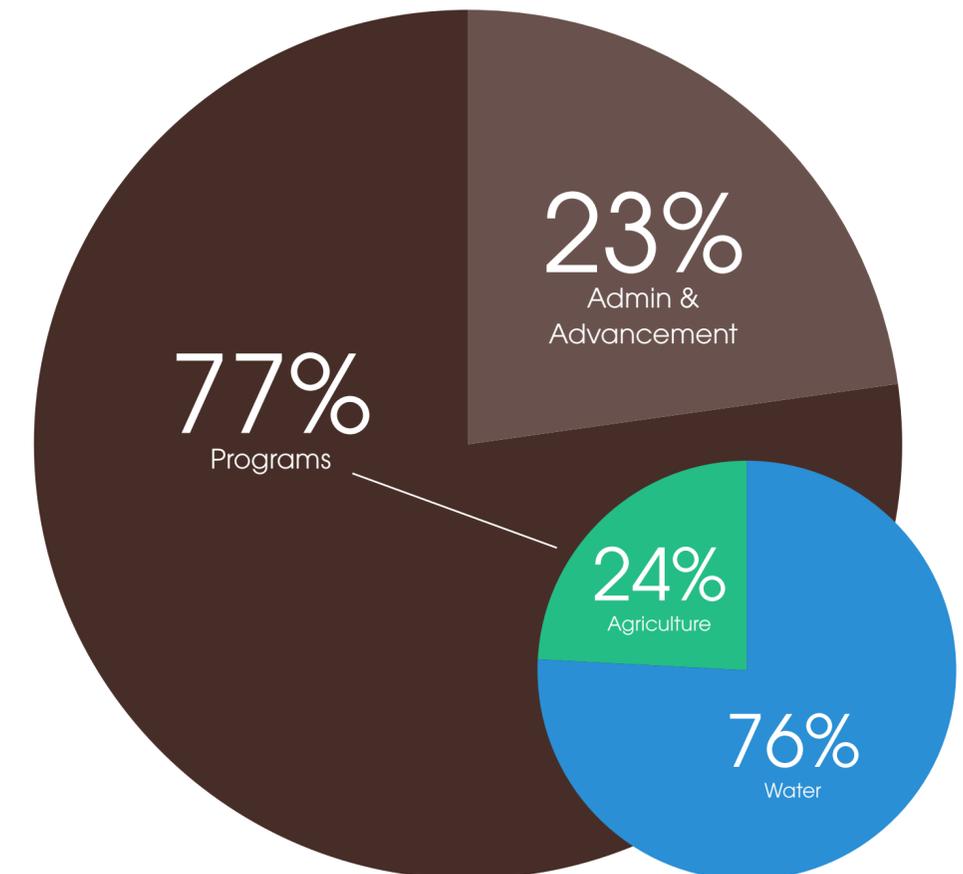
EXPENSES

Programs: \$578,684
Admin & Advancement: \$174,380
Total Expenses: \$753,064

REVENUE



EXPENSES



POWER OUR PROGRESS 2026

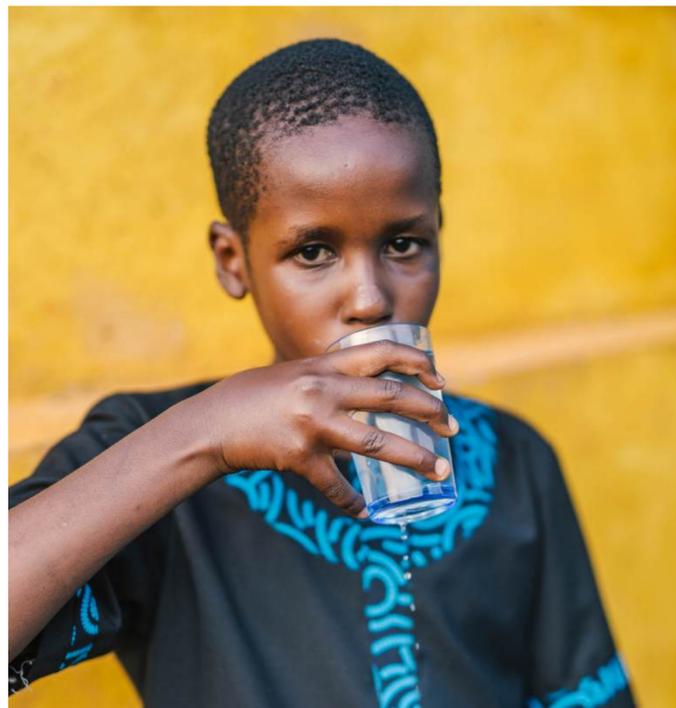


Drop of Life Gala

September 12, 2026
Orange County, CA

Join us for our 13th annual fundraising event and film premiere, where we harness the power of storytelling to drive powerful change. For sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please visit

withmyown2hands.org/dropoflife



Explore Kenya with Us

We actively include our network in our journeys to Kenya.

Supporters have a unique opportunity to gain insights into the challenges and sustainable solutions local communities are pursuing in Kenya. To learn about future insight trips, please email us at

info@withmyown2hands.org

THRIVE

Our THRIVE Community

People like you give what they can to drive generational change.

THRIVE is our passionate group of monthly givers on a mission to end the water crisis and equip communities with nutritious food and income-generating opportunities. Help communities THRIVE all year long:

[Join THRIVE](#)



Invest in People & Planet

\$30 provides water independence for 1 person in East Africa.

[Transform Lives Today](#)

CHANGE FLOWS FROM HERE

In a world marked by uncertainty, one truth remains clear: when communities lead, solutions last. Thanks to you, we reached a defining milestone in 2025: more than 200,000 lives impacted. Across East Africa, women and community leaders are managing vital resources, strengthening local economies, and building climate resilience that reaches far beyond a single project. These nature-based systems adapt, grow, and continue to serve. With your support, we can keep the momentum going, creating lasting change that starts with water and flows through every part of life. Here's to 200,000 more.



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