



# HOPE

IN ACTION

**2025 ANNUAL REPORT**





## HOPE IN ACTION: EDOUARD'S STORY

For years, Edouard lived with chronic pain and uncertainty, unable to work and unsure if he would ever recover. By the time he reached IME Kimpese Hospital at 18, the disease had already taken its toll. Buruli ulcer, a flesh-eating bacterial infection, had robbed him of his health, his independence, and his hope.

After years of pain and failed treatments, Edouard felt trapped. Even after doctors at IME Kimpese Hospital provided wound care and skin grafts, his suffering didn't end. The burden felt too heavy, the road to recovery too long.

At his lowest moment, Edouard made a desperate request—he asked the doctors to amputate his leg. He thought that maybe, just maybe, losing his leg would mean losing the pain too.

### **But God had another plan.**

Instead of giving up on him, the hospital team gave him more than medical care—they gave him community, encouragement, and spiritual support. That's when Edouard met Frédéric Malongi, a driver at the hospital and a faith leader trained through our Church Partnership Initiative.

Frédéric didn't just check in on Edouard's medical progress—he walked alongside him in his journey, offering friendship, encouragement, and the hope of Christ. He shared Scripture, spoke truth into his life, and reminded him that his story wasn't over.

Months passed, and something inside Edouard shifted. Little by little, the despair lifted. The pain that once defined his life no longer had the final word. On Christmas Eve, he made a decision that would change everything.



**“It’s peaceful in my life now. I have eternal life now. All my future is in God’s Hands”**

Edouard accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized, with Dr. Phanzu, the doctor who treated him, by his side.

**Today, Edouard is not just surviving—he is thriving. Though his battle with Buruli ulcer left lasting scars, he has found purpose and peace.**

He works as a shoe repairman, using his skills to support himself and his young son. His dreams of expanding his business, receiving more training, and providing for his family are coming true as Edouard recently received supplies to further his business. Along with the supplies, Edouard received training in leather works and bead works.

**And most importantly? He is no longer defined by his disease.**



Edouard received a box filled with supplies for leather and bead work.

## YOUR IMPACT IN 2025

352

Pastors, Clergy, and Lay Leaders  
trained on neglected tropical diseases



437

life-changing surgeries performed



61,635

suspected NTD cases  
screened



3,873

health workers trained

3,539

disability aids provided to  
those in need

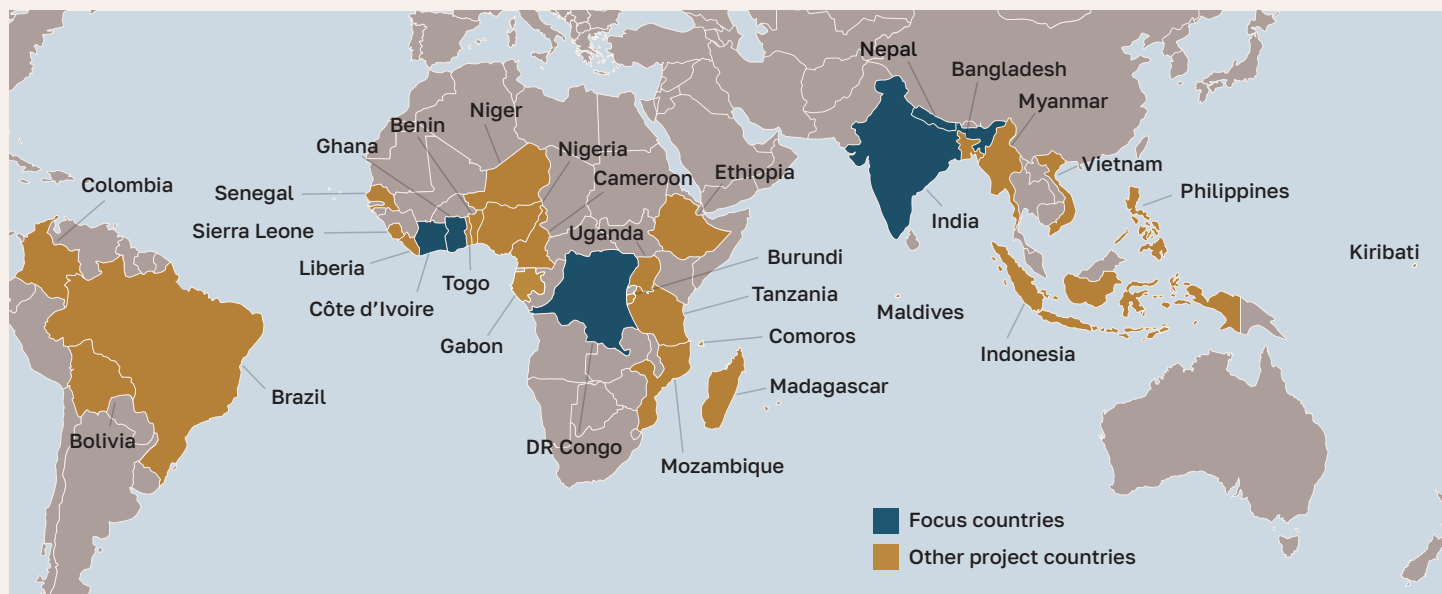


9,963

patients admitted, leprosy consults, and/or  
people receiving care for neglected tropical  
diseases

Thanks to you, hope rises across the globe.

## WHERE WE WORK



Last year, your generous gifts supported projects, programs and partners in more than 30 countries.



# FISCAL YEAR 2025 FINANCES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

## Revenue

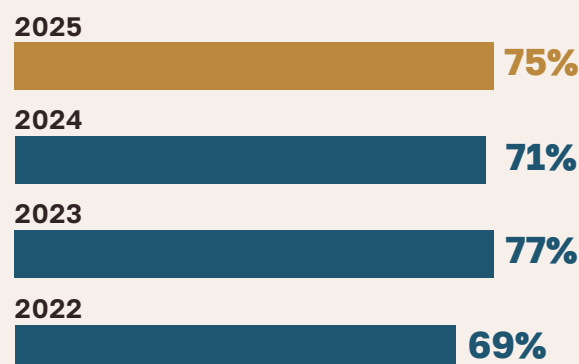
Public Contributions	\$ 8,478,375
In-Kind Gifts	\$ 6,624,623
Investments/Other	\$ 149,861
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 15,252,859</b>



## Expenses

Program Services	\$ 12,971,788
Fundraising	\$ 3,170,163
Management & General	\$ 1,076,247
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,218,198</b>

## PROGRAM EXPENSE RATIO



## Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$ 1,024,719
Other Assets	\$ 14,786,168
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,810,887</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,259,699
Other Liabilities	\$ 136,696
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,414,492
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,810,887</b>

# LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Hope Rises International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Our work is directed by our executive leaders, overseen by the board of directors, and supported by our global team.

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

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