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HEALING, LEARNING, AND BUILDING

**A BETTER FUTURE
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“Healing, learning, and building a better future together” reflects the resilience and hope of the people and communities Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Eastern Africa accompanied throughout 2025. It speaks to our shared commitment to healing, learning and rebuilding, even in times of uncertainty.

Through the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the solidarity of our partners, donors and supporters, we continued to live JRS’s mission to accompany, serve and advocate, walking alongside displaced people and host communities towards a better future.



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After almost three years, sisters reunite and embrace in Doro reception site (Maban) in October 2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

There are years that ask an organisation to build, and years that ask it to endure. The year 2025 asked both from us at once.

We began by putting together a framework for the period ahead (2025-2029), contributing to the JRS Global Strategic Framework while also setting the pace for our own Eastern Africa Regional Framework. On 1 September, we gave that framework a new geography, merging the Eastern and Southern Africa operations into a single region, JRS Eastern and Southern Africa Region (ESAR), spanning nine countries: South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan. A mission is proven not when a framework is launched, but in the months after, when it must withstand the test of time and the realities it was not written to anticipate.

That weight arrived as part of what much of the sector now calls a humanitarian reset: an abrupt withdrawal of funding early in the year, rather than a gradual renegotiation, which in turn led some organisations that shared the burden of care with us, and at times served as our referral points, to stop operations just as abruptly. This funding cut unsettled assumptions that had underwritten humanitarian financing for a generation.

For ESAR, this was not something we watched unfold from a distance. It was a severe, largely unanticipated funding cut that reached within weeks into how many people we could serve and how well. Our Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams in Addis Ababa and Kampala were among the first to see its human cost, with a sharp rise in distress calls for support and documented cases of suicide attempts. The timing and pattern of these cases reflected the profound impact of the sudden loss of services that, for many of the people we serve, had become a safety net, including access to psychosocial counselling, medication and referral support, and modest stipends for community workers. Those services stopped with little transition and no immediate alternatives, on a timeline set far from the people who would live with the consequences.

I will not offer false consolation about the scale of what confronted us. What I can offer is what I witnessed among our staff, our volunteers and the communities in the months after: not the absence of desolation, but the refusal to let it have the final word. I was reminded of this by a young woman I will call Sophie, a refugee student from Rwanda whom JRS supported through secondary school and university and who is now a graduate in law. What she asked of us was not sympathy but “to continue the vision of hope.” I have carried that instruction since.

This Annual Report names plainly the resilience that carried this Region through 2025. Our staff absorbed institutional uncertainty and the emotional weight of frontline crisis response without withdrawing their competence or care. Our volunteers extended services further than any budget line could sustain alone, asking nothing beyond the mission's continuation. The communities we accompany met a second, unchosen crisis layered onto the first, and still showed the endurance, resilience and hope that no funding cycle can manufacture, and no funding cut can extinguish. If 2025 taught this Region's leadership anything, it is that our frameworks exist to serve that resilience, not the reverse.

This year was not primarily a story of institutional strain; it was a test that JRS met on the terms that matter most. A reset that stripped away resources—but did not strip away the reasons this organisation exists.

If anything, it made those reasons more visible. Accompaniment, service and advocacy are not commitments that hold only when well resourced, but commitments that remain steadfast even when resources are strained. The year 2025 showed, at real human cost, that they endure precisely when resources fail. It is in that endurance that JRS' continued existence finds its clearest justification.

None of it was accomplished alone. Our partners, donors, collaborators, and host governments chose to journey with us and enabled us to continue our mission. We remain deeply grateful for their trust and solidarity.

This is also the moment to say a special thank you to my colleagues and all our supporters who have endured and sacrificed so much to continue the mission of being with the people we serve. Thank you.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to learning from this experience, strengthening our accompaniment and finding new ways to walk with displaced people and host communities. May we continue to nurture hope, protect dignity, and create opportunities for people to rebuild their lives and shape their own future.

Atsu Andre Agbogan
Regional Director
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Elizabeth Nyapito, MHPSS Officer for counselling, facilitates a group counselling session for women in Batil refugee camp.



STANDING WITH REFUGEES IN SOUTH SOUDAN

South Sudan hosts more than 654,000 refugees from Sudan, the DRC and CAR. With critical services—including food assistance, healthcare, education, protection and WASH—being scaled back, refugees face growing uncertainty. JRS South Sudan continues to stand with refugees in Maban, Renk and Makpandu, reaching over 27,679 vulnerable people through education, psychosocial support, livelihoods and reconciliation.

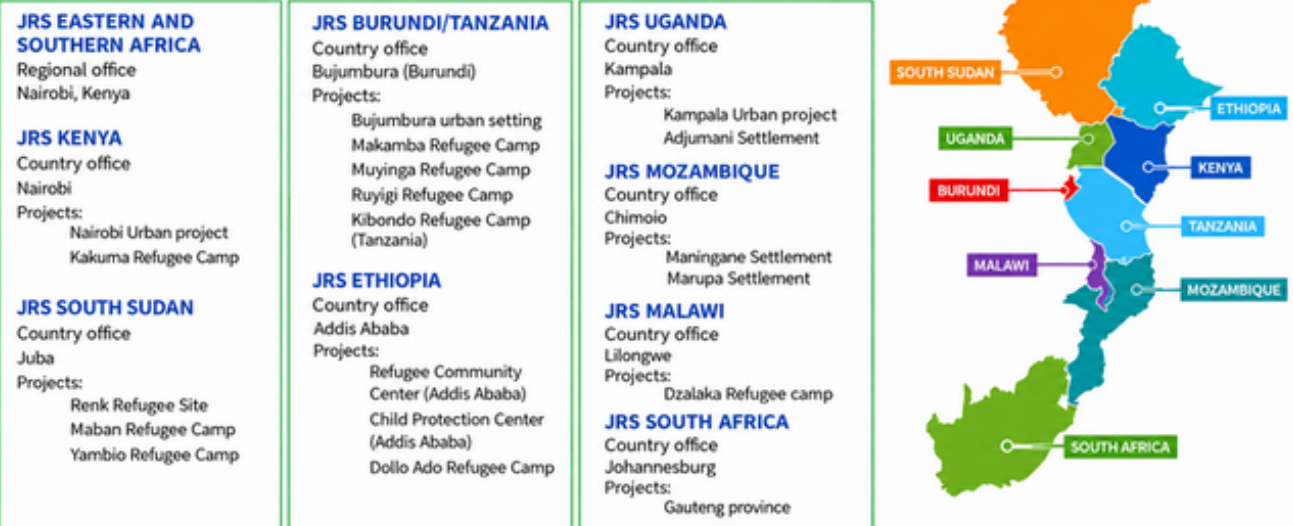
Despite these challenges, the solidarity of partners and donors—including BMZ, Xavier Network, JRS USA, TDH, POM and Entreculturas—has helped sustain essential services and nurture hope and resilience. JRS South Sudan remains committed to accompanying, serving and advocating for forcibly displaced people, protecting their dignity and wellbeing while strengthening peaceful coexistence and pathways towards a better future.

JRS EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AT A GLANCE

WHERE WE ARE

PROJECT LOCATIONS

JRS Eastern and Southern Africa Operates in 9 Countries



REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED ACROSS ESAR

Data as of December 2025

847,780 in Kenya	164,901 in Tanzania
2,996,822 in Ethiopia	167,615 in South Africa
2,011,234 in Uganda	632,955 in Mozambique
2,625,863 in South Sudan	243,900 in Malawi
205,549 in Burundi	

232,054

people served in

9

Countries

Male **48.91%**

Female **51.09%**

Source: Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Eastern and Southern Africa Profile 2025.

PEOPLE SERVED BY PROGRAMMES



114,713
Education



4,327
Advocacy &
Communication



13,917
Livelihoods



15,174
Basic Needs



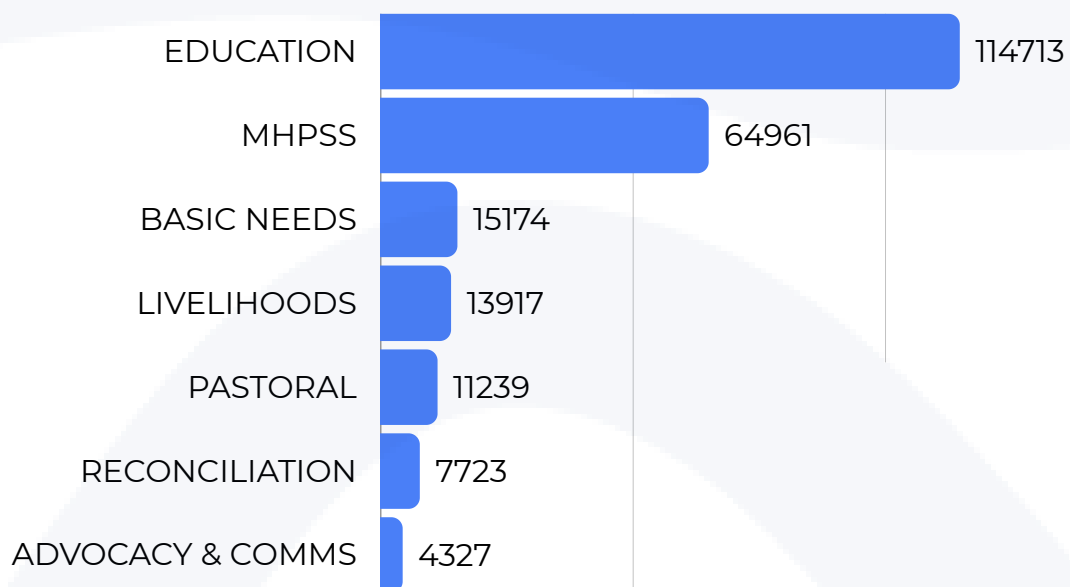
64,961
MHPSS
Mental Health &
Psychosocial
Support



11,239
Pastoral Care



7,723
Reconciliation



Source: Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Eastern and Southern Africa Profile 2025.

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Provision of food assistance by JRS to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in South Africa.

OUR JRS ESAR OFFICE TEAM

The JRS Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, led by the Regional Director, provides strategic leadership, technical expertise and operational support to JRS country offices across the region.

The team works across global functional areas: **GMO** (Global Management of Operations), **GRM** (Global Resource Mobilization), and **GMT** (Global Mission Oriented Transformation).

The Regional Office currently includes:

- **GMO:** Specialists in Operations, Programmes & Innovation, and Finance

- **GRM:** Officers for Operations & Grants – Education & Livelihoods, and Communications
- **GMT:** Specialist in Protection & MHPSS, and Officer for Reconciliation & Advocacy

Together, these functions support programme quality, resource mobilisation, coordination and the delivery of JRS priorities across Eastern and Southern Africa.



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Reconciliation & Advocacy

IMPACT STORIES

A refugee student attending an English language course at JRS Uganda.

HEALING, LEARNING, AND BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE TOGETHER

SUSAN ENGORO: FROM DIGITAL INCLUSION TO OPPORTUNITY (KAKUMA, KENYA)

In today's world, digital skills are no longer optional; they are essential. Employers increasingly require basic digital literacy, the ability to use productivity tools, communicate online, and adapt to technology-driven work environments. However, many youth in Refugee Camps grow without exposure to computers, the internet, or structured digital learning. This digital divide limits access to education, reduces employability, and prevents youth from competing in local, national, and global job markets.

To respond to these challenges, the JRS Digital Inclusion Program was implemented in the camp to equip youth with practical, market-relevant digital skills. The JRS Kakuma targeted young adults who were out of school, including Form Four leavers transitioning from education to work, or facing prolonged unemployment. Training focused on foundational computer literacy, internet navigation, online safety, digital communication, document preparation, and introductory skills such as graphic

design, data entry, and online job searching.

As of 2025, the program had reached three cohorts, with 165 graduands, generating positive ripple effects across households and peer networks. Participants reported increased confidence, improved problem-solving skills, and a stronger understanding of how technology is used in professional environments. Many were able to prepare CVs, apply for opportunities, enroll in online courses, and support community initiatives that rely on digital tools.

The program also strengthened youth awareness of the relevance of digital skills to today's job market. Training sessions highlighted how technology underpins employment opportunities in administration, education support, media, entrepreneurship, humanitarian response, and remote or freelance work. This exposure helped youth shift their perceptions—from viewing employment as unattainable to recognizing realistic pathways aligned with current labour-market demands.

Importantly, the initiative promoted equitable access and participation. Young women were actively encouraged to enrol, helping to challenge gender norms that often limit girls' engagement with technology. Female participants reported increased confidence and greater motivation to pursue further learning and skills development.



Susan Engoro: From Digital Inclusion to Opportunity

Susan Engoro's journey illustrates the transformative impact of digital inclusion. Before joining the Digital Skills for Women (DISFOW) program, Susan lived in Kakuma Refugee Camp with limited access to education, no stable income, and few opportunities to develop market-relevant skills. In 2025, she enrolled in the six-month program and gained computer literacy, freelancing skills, and competencies in graphic design, data entry, data scraping, and data analysis. A key milestone was learning how to use LinkedIn to build a professional profile and access opportunities beyond the camp.

Today, Susan works online and earns an income to support her family. She recently secured a role in social media and communications with an organization after identifying the opportunity on LinkedIn. She also supports others by helping peers develop CVs and portfolios and by offering digital services to community organizations.

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Learning digital skills opened doors I never imagined. Now I can support my family, help others, and plan my future with confidence.”

Susan's story shows how access to digital skills can translate into confidence, opportunity, and greater economic independence. With skills, dignity, and access to opportunity, the program contributes to stronger livelihoods and more resilient communities.



A REUNION IN MABAN, SOUTH SUDAN

HOW HOPE SURVIVES CONFLICT AND DISPLACEMENT

For almost three years, Radina did not know whether her sister was alive.

When the fighting reached their area of Sudan, the two families fled in search of safety, as so many have. They left quickly, but in the chaos of displacement they were separated. Radina crossed into South Sudan with her husband and children and eventually settled at the reception site for new arrivals in Doro refugee camp, in Maban County. Her sister reached Maban too, with her family, and settled at the reception site in Kaya refugee camp. They were in the same county, living with the same uncertainty, and neither knew. What changed everything was a counselling session.

JRS runs group mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) sessions across the four refugee camps in Maban.

Elizabeth Nyapito, JRS MHPSS Officer for counselling, facilitates sessions in each of them. During a session at the Doro reception site, she noticed a woman whose appearance and family details closely resembled a client she had been supporting in Kaya. At first, she wondered whether she was meeting the same woman twice, in two different camps.

But over several conversations, asking carefully and with great sensitivity, she pieced together a different explanation: the two women were sisters, separated by conflict almost three years earlier.

JRS verified the details before saying anything to either woman. Only once staff were certain did they tell Radina that her sister was alive and living in Kaya, and then told the sister that Radina was safe in Doro.

Radina broke down in tears. "I hope she is the one! We've been lost for almost three years," she said. She had been told, but after almost three years she would not let herself believe it until she saw her sister with her own eyes.

Arrangements were then made for the two to meet at the Doro reception site.

When they finally saw each other, they embraced, wept, and talked about the life they had before the conflict forced them apart.

Most counselling sessions end without anything like this. People come to speak about what or who they have lost, or about the difficulty of building a life somewhere that was never meant to be permanent. They find a space where what they say is held by others who have lost as much. What they leave with is that they were heard, and that they are not carrying it alone. That is what most of these sessions do. They help people keep hoping when there is little reason to. For Radina and her sister, these sessions did more.

Radina and her sister now know where the other is. Almost three years of not knowing ended in a safe space, where a counsellor was willing to ask one more question.



LEARNING TO LEAD: HABIBA'S STORY OF EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION (MELKADIDA, DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA)

When Habiba Abdikadir Osman arrived at Melkadida Refugee Camp in Ethiopia in 2010, she was seeking what many displaced people long for: safety, stability and a chance to rebuild her life. Having fled conflict in Baidoa, Somalia, Habiba would spend the next fifteen years in the camp, where limited access to education and economic opportunities shaped many aspects of her daily life.

At the time, Habiba could not read or write. This affected her ability to communicate, manage finances and fully participate in decisions within her community. Her circumstances began to change when she enrolled in the adult education programme supported by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Melkadida.

Habiba started at level one, learning alongside other adults who had missed out on formal education. For two and a half years, she remained committed to her studies, progressing through the programme and eventually completing level five and earning a certificate.

For Habiba, learning to read and write was more than an academic achievement. It gave her greater confidence and the ability to navigate everyday life with greater independence. She developed practical skills in financial literacy, including saving money, managing small businesses and using mobile money services.

These skills enabled her to manage her shop more confidently, understand financial transactions and make informed decisions about her livelihood.

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I learned how to save money, start a small business, and use mobile money. These skills have helped me manage my shop and understand my financial transactions.

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Her growing confidence extended beyond her own livelihood. Habiba became increasingly involved in community affairs and eventually took on a leadership role as vice chairman of the refugee camp. In a context where women are often underrepresented in leadership positions, her achievement represents an important step in challenging social barriers and demonstrating what women can contribute when given access to education and opportunities.

Her transformation has also had an impact on other women in the camp. Inspired by her experience, women in her community have increasingly engaged in small businesses and sought to strengthen their financial literacy.

Habiba's journey has therefore become more than a personal success story; it has helped demonstrate how education can contribute to stronger, more confident and more economically active communities.



Yet Habiba remains concerned about the future of adult education in the camp. She knows from experience that many adults, particularly women, still face barriers to education and economic participation. For her, continuing these opportunities is essential to ensuring that others can also develop the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to shape their own futures.

Habiba's story illustrates the lasting impact that access to education can have in situations of forced displacement. What began with learning to read and write opened pathways to financial independence, community participation and leadership.

For JRS, her journey reflects the value of accompanying refugees not only through immediate assistance, but also by creating opportunities that strengthen their capacity, dignity and agency. Habiba's experience is a reminder that when people are given the opportunity to learn, they can become not only agents of change in their own lives, but also leaders and sources of inspiration within their communities.

FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: JEAN PIERRE'S JOURNEY TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE (JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA)

When Jean Pierre Mayula arrived in South Africa, he was already facing significant challenges. Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the 60-year-old had been living with the consequences of a stroke caused by hypertension, as well as diabetes. By 2019, his health had deteriorated to the point where he was bedridden and unable to manage even the most basic activities of daily life independently.

Far from his family, who remained in Angola, Jean Pierre had no stable place to live and little support around him. He felt isolated and increasingly vulnerable. At his lowest point, he struggled to see a way forward.

It was during this difficult period that Jean Pierre came into contact with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). Through its holistic approach to accompaniment, JRS provided home-based care, psychosocial support, social assistance and support in accessing essential healthcare services.



For Jean Pierre, this support went beyond addressing his immediate physical needs. The regular presence and companionship of JRS staff helped restore his sense of dignity and hope.

“JRS came into my life at the most critical moment,” Jean Pierre recalls. “Their support was not only about my physical health, but it also gave me hope, dignity and a reason to live again.”

With continued support and his own determination, Jean Pierre gradually began to regain his independence. The person who had once been completely bedridden can now move around, attend to his personal hygiene, prepare his own meals and manage many of his daily needs without assistance.

His recovery has also opened a pathway towards greater self-reliance. From his room, Jean Pierre started selling baby diapers on a small scale, generating an income that helps him meet some of his basic needs.

While he continues to face health and livelihood challenges, Jean Pierre remains determined to build on the progress he has made.

“I want to be self-reliant,” he says. “JRS has become more than an organization to me. They are my family here in South Africa. My biological family may be far away, but with JRS by my side, I know I am not alone.”

Jean Pierre's journey illustrates the difference that sustained, person-centred accompaniment can make in

the life of someone experiencing multiple vulnerabilities.

His story demonstrates that support is not limited to meeting immediate needs; it can help restore confidence, dignity and the ability to regain control over one's life.

Today, Jean Pierre's journey is one of renewed hope. From being bedridden and dependent on others, he has regained important aspects of his independence and found a way to contribute to his own wellbeing.

His experience reflects the JRS commitment to accompanying people with dignity and compassion—walking alongside them through difficult moments while supporting them to rebuild their lives and pursue greater self-reliance.

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Saving a life is not only about medicine. It is about companionship, dignity, psychosocial support, practical assistance and knowing that someone cares.

”

His journey from despair to hope is a powerful reminder that, with the right support and opportunities, people facing profound vulnerability can recover their sense of purpose, rebuild their independence and look towards the future with renewed hope.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (KAKUMA, KENYA)

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) remains one of the most pressing challenges affecting communities worldwide, including refugee settings where displacement, vulnerability, and limited resources can increase risks for women, girls, men, and boys. The annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, observed from 25 November to 10 December 2025, provides an opportunity for communities to unite, raise awareness, support survivors, and promote a culture of dignity, equality, and respect.



In Kakuma Refugee Camp, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) staff joined refugees in commemorating the 16 Days of Activism, demonstrating solidarity with communities affected by gender-based violence and reaffirming their commitment to creating safer and more inclusive environments for all. The event brought together refugees, community leaders, youth, women, men, and humanitarian actors in a shared call to prevent violence and strengthen protection mechanisms within the camp.

The commemoration also served as an important platform to raise awareness about GBV reporting and referral mechanisms, ensuring that community members know where and how to seek help.

Through awareness sessions, discussions, and community engagement activities, participants reflected on the causes and consequences of GBV while exploring practical ways to promote positive behavior change. The activities encouraged open dialogue on respect, gender equality, and the importance of standing against all forms of violence and discrimination.

The commemoration also highlighted the critical role that every community member plays in preventing gender-based violence. Participants were encouraged to challenge harmful social norms, support survivors with compassion and dignity, and promote safe spaces where individuals can seek help without fear of stigma or exclusion. Young people actively participated in the discussions, emphasizing the power of education and awareness in transforming attitudes and building peaceful communities.

For JRS staff, joining refugees during the campaign was an expression of partnership and solidarity. By standing alongside refugee communities, staff reinforced the message that ending gender-based violence requires collective action and that no one should face violence alone. The engagement strengthened relationships between JRS and the communities it serves, creating trust, dialogue, and mutual commitment to protection and inclusion.



A key voice during the commemoration was Caroline Onyang, JRS Gender Responsive Officer, who advocates for gender rights and supports vulnerable girls and teenage mothers to return to school. Through her work, Caroline helps address barriers to education while promoting the empowerment and protection of women and girls.

“Every girl deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve her dreams. Education is a powerful tool for promoting gender equality and preventing violence,” _ Caroline Onyango.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment from JRS and refugee communities to continue raising awareness, supporting survivors, and fostering a culture of respect, inclusion, and protection for all.

A group of women are shown in a workshop setting, smiling and engaged in a craft training activity. They are working with a large, dark, rectangular block of material, possibly clay or a similar substance, which is placed on a blue tray. One woman in the foreground is wearing a green and white patterned top and red-rimmed glasses, and is holding the tray. Another woman to her left is wearing a colorful headscarf and a blue and orange patterned top. In the background, another woman is smiling and looking towards the camera. The overall atmosphere is positive and collaborative.

TESTIMONIES

Refugees participate in a practical craft training on briquette production, gaining skills that promote environmental sustainability while creating opportunities for income generation and self-reliance.

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A LIFELINE OF NUTRITION: AHMED'S JOURNEY FROM MALNUTRITION TO RECOVERY

When Ahmed came to me at the end of 2024, he was two years old and could not move on his own. He had been referred to us for physiotherapy. He came with his mother, who is raising her children on her own.



BUILDING A BUSINESS, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES: NATHALIE'S JOURNEY

A 36-year-old refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nathalie enrolled in a professional Catering course supported by the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Uganda, completing her training between June and December 2024. The programme equipped her with practical culinary skills and prepared her to pursue opportunities in the hospitality sector.



A SECOND CHANCE TO SHINE: ESTA'S JOURNEY TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In 2015, when she was still very young, Esta and her family were forced to flee Burundi and seek refuge in Kenya, where they lived in Kalobeyei I camp. For several years, life in displacement shaped her childhood, as she continued her education away from her homeland. By the time her family decided to return to Burundi, Esta had reached Grade 4.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SOURCE OF INCOME

TOTAL INCOME **16,360,445 USD**

JESUIT NETWORK	5,913,728	36.1%
MULTILATERAL ORG.	4,291,791	26.2%
NON-PROFIT ORG.	1,721,912	10.5%
GOVERNMENTS	1,222,924	7.5%
RELIGIOUS ORG.	1,094,111	6.7%
FOUNDATIONS	986,583	6.0%
OTHER INCOME	596,041	3.6%
EDUCATIONAL ORG.	336,445	2.1%
HOUSEHOLDS	196,729	1.2%
PRIVATE COMPANY	180	0.0%

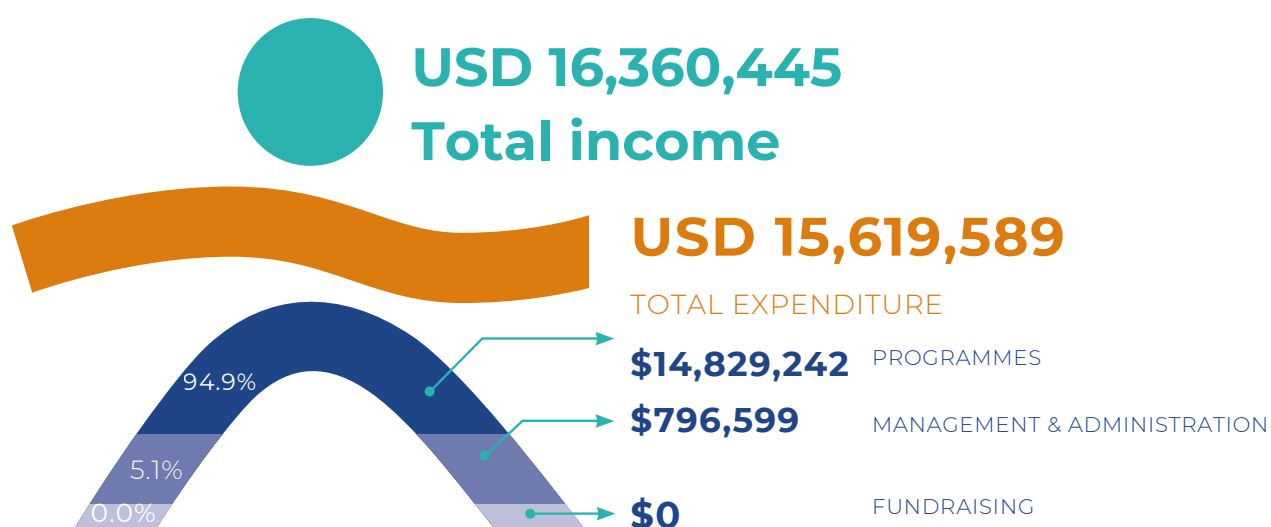
EXPENSES PER PROGRAMME

Programme	USD	% of programme expenditure
Education in Emergency Situations	\$8,485,793	57.2%
MHPSS	\$2,098,030	14.1%
Economic Inclusion and Livelihoods	\$2,005,127	13.5%
Emergency Aid, Relief & Assistance	\$941,564	6.3%
Protection & Legal Advice	\$557,249	3.8%
Reconciliation	\$370,124	2.5%
Pastoral	\$232,408	1.6%
Advocacy & Communication	\$127,656	0.9%
Health Care	\$11,292	0.1%
Total programme expenditure	\$14,829,242	100.0%

EXPENSES BY JRS COUNTRY

Country	USD	%
Burundi-Tanzania	4,265,944	27.3%
Kenya	3,643,296	23.3%
South Sudan	2,757,230	17.7%
Uganda	2,478,115	15.9%
Ethiopia	1,207,481	7.7%
South Africa	1,056,406	6.8%
Mozambique	111,665	0.7%
Malawi	99,452	0.6%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN SUMMARY



THIS HAS BEEN POSSIBLE THANKS TO:



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Together, we can help refugees heal, learn, and build a better future.

Across Eastern and Southern Africa, the stories in this report show what becomes possible when people affected by displacement are accompanied with dignity, compassion and practical support.

Behind every number in this report is a person with a story, a family with hopes for the future and a community striving to rebuild. Whether through psychosocial support, healthcare, education, livelihoods or community-based initiatives, JRS walks alongside refugees and other forcibly displaced people as they navigate uncertainty and work towards greater stability and self-reliance.

Education can open doors that displacement has closed. As we have seen through the journeys of young learners and adults alike, access to education can restore confidence, strengthen skills and create opportunities for leadership and participation. Supporting education means investing not only in individuals, but also in stronger and more resilient communities.

Livelihood opportunities are equally important in helping people rebuild their lives with dignity. Vocational training, employment opportunities and entrepreneurship enable refugees to develop skills, generate income and contribute to their families and communities.

When one person gains the opportunity to become self-reliant, that impact can extend far beyond the individual, creating opportunities for others along the way.

None of this is possible alone. JRS depends on the commitment of partners, donors, communities and individuals who believe that every person affected by displacement deserves the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Your support enables us to continue accompanying people through difficult moments while helping them develop the skills, confidence and opportunities to shape their own futures.

The challenges facing refugees and other forcibly displaced people remain significant, but so is their resilience.

Together, we can continue to turn vulnerability into opportunity, uncertainty into hope and displacement into pathways towards a more secure future. **Your support matters. Together, we can help refugees heal, learn, rebuild and thrive.**

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