



TOM LOVE TRUST

CO-FUNDING REPORT TOM LOVE TRUST 2025





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2468

food boxes
distributed for
disadvantaged
families with a child
in hospital

12

countries reached
including our first
project in South
Sudan

£519,163

total funding
approved by the
ALMT at three
board meetings in
2025

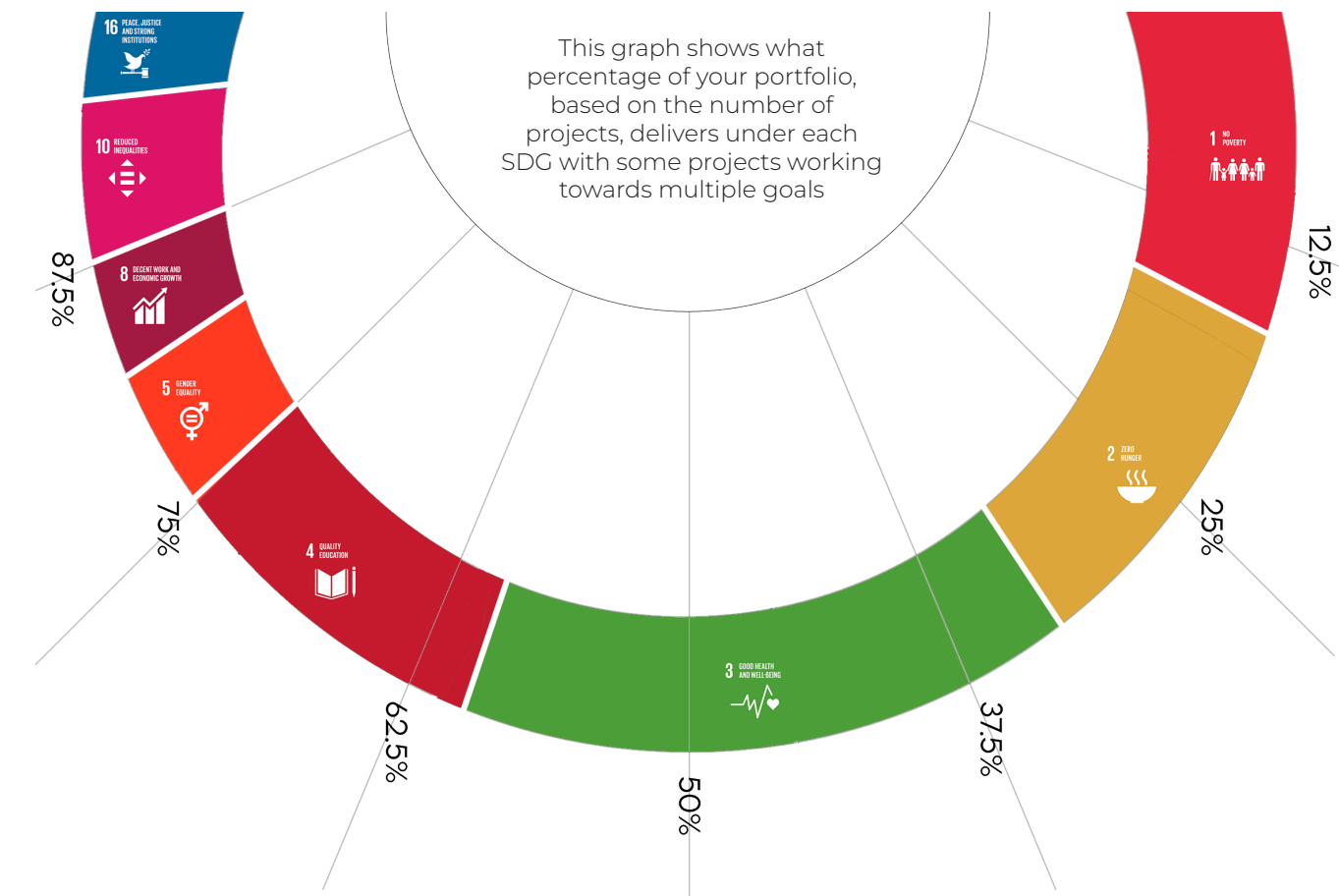
YOUR CO-FUNDING
£102,291.70

UNITED KINGDOM
£42,150.25

INTERNATIONAL
£60,141.45

UN SDGS:

Continuing to improve the quality of life for the world’s most marginalised children and young people by working towards the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



- 1: No Poverty**
Clapa, Starfish Greathearts, Miracles, The Congo Tree, Asilomar
- 2: Zero Hunger**
Clapa, Starfish Greathearts, Miracles, Forever Angels, FIGS, Asilomar
- 3: Good Health and Wellbeing**
OLLIE Foundation, Clapa, Starfish Greathearts, The Butterfly Tree, The Theatre Shed, Ben Kinsella Trust, Miracles, Forever Angels, FIGS, The Congo Tree, Asilomar
- 4: Quality Education**
EYLA, Amala Education, OLLIE Foundation, The Butterfly Tree, The Theatre Shed, Ben Kinsella Trust, SAFE, MIMO, The Congo Tree, Asiloma
- 5: Gender Equality**
Forever Angels, FIGS, SAFE, Misssion Mozambique

- 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**
Amala Education, Forever Angels, FIGS
- 10: Reduced Inequalities**
EYLA, The Theatre Shed, Ben Kinsella Trust, SAFE, Mission Mozambique
- 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**
Ben Kinsella Trust, The Congo Tree

CURRENT CO-FUNDING:

Co-Funded Organisation	Country	Co-Funding	Total Grant 2024	Project Status	TERM
Quarter 4 - 2024					
EYLA	UK	£ 6,174.00	£ 20,580.00	GRANT EXPIRING DEC 2025	1 YEARS
AMALA EDUCATION	Kenya	£ 3,331.25	£ 13,325.00	GRANT EXPIRING MAY 2026	2 YEARS
OLLIE FOUNDATION	UK	£ 6,256.50	£ 12,513.00	GRANT EXPIRED JULY 2026	2 YEARS
CLAPA	UK	£ 3,750.00	£ 15,066.11	GRANT EXPIRING OCT 2025	1 YEAR
CHRISTMAS FUND	UK	£ 2,500.00	£ 10,000.00	YEAR 1	1 YEARS
SUBTOTAL		£ 22,011.75	£ 71,484.11		
Quarter 1 - 2025					
THE BUTTERFLY TREE	Zambia	£ 8,750.00	£ 17,500.00	YEAR 1	3 YEARS
THE THEATRE SHED	UK	£ 1,478.00	£ 7,856.00	YEAR 1	3 YEARS
BEN KINSELLA TRUST	UK	£ 5,750.00	£ 23,000.00	EXPIRING APRIL 2028	3 YEARS
AFTER A CHILD DIES	UK	£ 5,000.00	£ 20,059.43	YEAR 1	1 YEAR
MIRACLES	UK	£ 6,241.75	£ 24,967.00	YEAR 2	3 YEARS
SUBTOTAL		£ 27,219.75	£ 93,382.43		
Quarter 2 - 2025					
FOREVER ANGELS	Tanzania	£ 2,500.00	£ 20,547.00	GRANT EXPIRING AUGUST 28	3 YEARS
FIGS	South Sudan	£ 10,000.00	£ 20,000.00	GRANT EXPIRING JULY 2026	1 YEAR
SAFE	Kenya	£ 6,157.50	£ 20,525.00	YEAR 1	2 YEARS
MISSION MOZAMBIQUE	Mozambique	£ 7,636.50	£ 15,273.00	GRANT EXPIRING AUGUST 26	1 YEAR
SUBTOTAL		£ 26,294.00	£ 76,345.00		
Quarter 3 - 2025					
THE CONGO TREE	DRC	£ 7,062.00	£ 14,124.00	YEAR 1	2 YEARS
ASILOMAR	KENYA	£ 5,256.00	£ 10,512.00	GRANT EXPIRING NOV 2026	1 YEAR
STARFISH GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION	SOUTH AFRICA	£ 9,448.20	£ 15,747.00	YEAR 2	3 YEARS
CHRISTMAS FUND	UK	£ 5,000.00	£ 10,000.00	YEAR 1	1 YEAR
SUBTOTAL		£ 26,766.20	£ 50,383.00		
Total		£ 102,291.70	£ 291,594.54		
UK		£ 42,150.25	£ 144,041.54		
International		£ 60,141.45	£ 147,553.00		



Image courtesy of 1001 Fontaines

REPORTS:

The following pages contain highlights from project reports received this year. Each report is also available to view in full on request.

Projects in progress will be reported on in your Co-Funding report 2025

REPORTS AVAILABLE TO VIEW

- 1001 FONTAINES
- ACORNS PROJECT
- ASILOMAR
- ASPIRE
- CLAPA
- THE CONGO TREE
- EGMONT - FUTURE FOR ALL
- EYLA
- FOREVER ANGELS
- MIRACLES
- OLLIE FOUNDATION
- PEACE PLAYERS
- RWANDA ACTION
- STARFISH GREATHEARTS
- THE BUTTERFLY TREE
- THE MANGO TREE

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- AFTER A CHILD DIES
- AMALA EDUCATION
- ASILOMAR
- BEN KINSELLA TRUST
- FIGS
- FOREVER ANGELS
- MIMO
- S.A.F.E.
- THE CONGO TREE
- THE THEATRE SHED



MADAGASCAR



Safe and sustainable drinking water

1001fontaines

Working with children, young people, and their families to support them to build emotional resilience

www.1001fontaines.com/en/

Grant:	£16,000
Co-Funding:	£8,000
Country:	Madagascar
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age	11-16 years



1001fontaines' mission is to design and deploy sustainable solutions to provide safe drinking water to vulnerable populations. Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world, where 85% of primary schools do not have access to safe drinking water. Each year, 3.5 million school days are lost due to waterborne diseases, and a lack of safe water undermines a child's ability to focus, learn and recall. Working with local partners and communities, water production units are established to treat 'raw' water and distribute 20L bottles which are sold at affordable prices, and freely distributed to schools and health centres.

This one-year grant enabled Madagascan partner Ranontsika to launch an industrial urban factory in Tamatave with a unique offering of high quality, affordable drinking water packaged in 20L recycled jerricans. Through this initiative, ALMT funding has provided over 251,280 litres of safe drinking water to 6,053 students at 12 primary schools in Tamatave. Workshops in the schools also raised awareness on the importance of hygiene and the consumption of safe drinking water for health, among the pupils. To support future learning, 217 new teacher ambassadors appointed to champion hygiene and water awareness at their schools, further reinforced consistent practices and habit-building across classrooms.

“

I used to have stomach aches and diarrhoea. After drinking Ranontsika water, I felt better.

Juliana, age 5

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Acorns Northumberland Recovery Team

Acorns Project

Supporting families affected by domestic abuse in North Tyneside and Northumberland

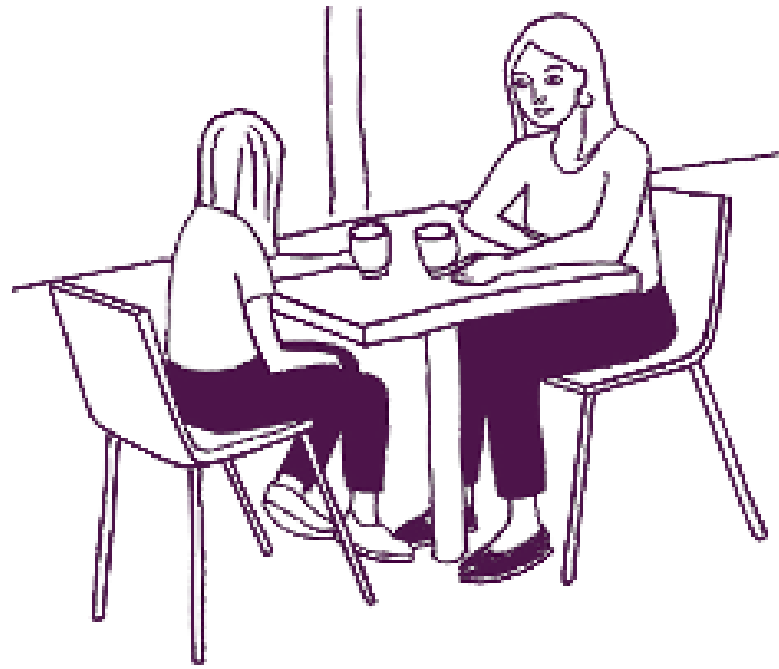
www.acornsproject.org.uk

Grant:	£20,000
Co-Funding:	£5,000
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2022
Run time:	3 years
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-11 years



CASE STUDY: Grandma noticed a positive change in X. His temper outbursts have calmed down. School have noticed a change with his moods and temper, too.

Grandma is over the moon with this change. X is happier, He has no contact with his mum as she is back in a relationship with a drug user. His relationship with his dad is going well and he has 1-1 time with him every week and his dad stays over for a sleepover. Grandma hears him laughing now and it is lovely to hear.



In this final year of our three year grant, Acorns has continued to support children and families affected by domestic abuse in Northumberland through Acorns' Recovery (Therapeutic) service. The Team provided over one thousand sessions to 99 children, mostly for children in the 9-11 age range. 75% of clients met or exceeded their goals and only 23% of interventions required more than 12 sessions (down from 44% in 2023/24).

However, increased competition for trusts/foundations funding and diminished statutory funding resulted in financial difficulties for Acorns this year. This led to restructuring, redundancies and longer waiting times (up to 12 months – an increase on last year). High level of complexity in the families of the children supported, including diagnosed and undiagnosed neurodiversity, as well as trauma often require longer engagement – another factor in growing waiting lists.

Acorns has been fully transparent about these difficulties and their interim CEO has succeeded in significantly reducing a predicted deficit, securing further funding and stabilising the remaining staff team whilst maintaining consistent services for families. A new permanent CEO joins Acorns at the end of 2025.

Throughout the year, Acorns has continued to provide specialist services for children, whole family activities, and therapeutic teams advice and guidance.

"He is more confident about things, has understood his story and that he is not responsible for what has happened. His emotions are coming to the surface more too as he is processing the hard things that have happened and he is also envisioning positive things for his future, sharing his hopes and dreams." - Parent



Permaculture and agriculture in rural Kenya

Asilomar Foundation

Running organised programmes equipping people with skills to improve their quality of life.

www.link-international.org/plkasilomar

Grant:	£19,522
Co-Funding:	£2,083.60
Country:	Kenya
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-25 years



Asilomar is a house and land located in Kilifi County, near Mombasa in southern Kenya. This area is among Kenya's most food-insecure areas, where families often rely on erratic rainfall and limited resources. Children are particularly affected, facing poor nutrition and limited access to environmental education.

A demonstration permaculture garden was built at Asilomar with a drought-proof water supply to serve as both a training hub and a living classroom, teaching practical, sustainable farming techniques to individuals, schools, and communities.

This one-year grant enabled the team at Asilomar, supported by Link International, to begin working with a local secondary school in Msamarini in 2024. They trained 60 students in permaculture, helping them convert a piece of derelict land on school grounds into a thriving vegetable garden.

The project increased community awareness of organic produce, with local vendors preferring the school's vegetables. Ten students also started home gardens to expand their skills to teach others.

Informed by their experiences this year, nine students will go on to a new 'train the trainer' programme to disseminate learnings and support the integration of permaculture into the school curriculum, with teacher support.

Asilomar remains an important demonstration site, inspiring students to become agents of change, building food security, climate resilience, and local economic opportunity within their communities.



Promoting aspiration for children living in poverty

Aspire

Working with children in Northern Ireland in poverty to close the educational attainment gap

www.bosp.co.uk

Grant:	£18,272
Co-Funding:	£9,136
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-11 years



By the time children from low-income families reach primary school, they are already up to a year behind middle-income children in terms of cognitive skills. In Northern Ireland the cost of living crisis and high levels of sectarian incidents at pivotal times of year, amplify these challenges.

Aspire works with children to help close the educational attainment gap that exists between children living in poverty and their peers.

This funding for a Primary School and Community project manager will support activities promoting aspiration and educational achievement.

Activities over this year engaged 30 new and 90 children already in the programme, 120 in total. Of these, 90% improved their attendance, attitude and academic performance.

After School Sessions supported 50 young people in five schools and delivered extra-curricular academies (football, musical theatre and gaming). A three-day summer camp engaged 37 children in creative and inclusive team-building activities.

Relationships were built with 17 new partner organisations across areas such as community support, women and youth services, faith-based outreach, basic needs provision, and anti-poverty advocacy.

Local groups now share information and practical support directly with families, strengthening referral pathways, opening up new opportunities for the young people and supporting community cohesion and tolerance.

“

I like coming here because they help me and it's fun. [staff member] doesn't shout or tell me off for getting things wrong, she just helps me.

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Welcome packs for babies born with a cleft

Clapa

The only UK-wide voluntary organisation specifically helping those with, and affected by, cleft lip and palate

www.clapa.com

Grant:	£15,066.11
Co-Funding:	£3,750
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-3 years



CLAPA (Cleft Lip and Palate Association) is a UK-based charity supporting over 20,000 individuals, including parents and healthcare professionals, affected by cleft lip and palate. They provide essential resources such as specialist feeding equipment through Welcome Packs to newborns with cleft conditions.

Three babies are born with a cleft every single day in the UK, facing significant challenges. Many cannot create a vacuum to suck, making feeding difficult. Without proper feeding equipment, babies may struggle to receive adequate nourishment, causing distress and anxiety for parents. CLAPA is the only organisation manufacturing and distributing this specialist equipment in the country.

The Welcome Packs are tailored to the unique needs of babies born with cleft conditions and also contain guidance on how to access ongoing support services provided by CLAPA. This service is essential because babies with cleft conditions often face significant feeding challenges before any corrective surgeries can be performed.

This grant funded 210 Welcome packs, directly benefitting around 639 individuals (parents and babies) living in the most deprived areas of the UK, who are particularly vulnerable to challenges in affording specialist feeding equipment required as their babies grow. The packs help alleviate feeding challenges, reduce parental stress, and connect families to long-term support networks.

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When families first find CLAPA, they're often in shock and are feeling overwhelmed and unsure. That's why CLAPA's packs for families are so important — they offer practical support and reassurance that someone understands and cares. It's one way we help families feel seen.

Cleft Nurse

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Building resilience and leadership skills

The Congo Tree

Developing the skills of young people – the next generation of leaders

www.thecongotree.org.uk

Grant:	£9,987
Co-Funding:	£5,992.50
Country:	DRC
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	11-25 years



In the context of conflict, violence, poverty, and limited healthcare, education or employment opportunities, The Congo Tree supports young people with skills, creativity and hope, and motivates them to work towards peace and sustainable development.

Congolese youth are victims of generational trauma, vulnerable to exploitation, abuse, recruitment to armed groups and other forms of violence. Through their WYLD programme, The Congo Tree provided 28 young people with therapy, support and practical aid, and equipped them with transferable life and leadership skills to become solution-makers.

In addition, Mwanzo Entreprise, a new entrepreneurial initiative, enabled 50 young people to establish five new small business enterprises and increase skills and employment opportunities. The Mwanzo Artistique programme also mentored 12 young artists in peace-building through performance. Six performances were held with an average attendance of 300.

Overall the project has enabled over 60 young people to develop their leadership skills and support problem solving in their respective communities. The Congo Tree's engaged and growing alumni community is testament to their success and the mentoring model and the team has maximised their positive reputation and community links to create life-changing impact for these young people and their families.

“

Thanks to this programme, I discovered the leader within me. I discovered that I can take the lead and bring about significant change in the community. I now know that I must be the change I want to see around me.

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Future4All - projects by and for people

Egmont Trust - Future4All

Working towards creating opportunities for education, health, and sustainable livelihoods

www.future4allmalawi.org

Grant:	£14,415
Co-Funding:	£3,540
Country:	Malawi
Start Year:	2023
Run time:	2 years
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-11 years



In Malawi, nearly one in ten adults live with HIV, and hundreds of thousands of caregivers have died from AIDS-related illnesses. Combined with a struggling economy, many HIV-affected families cannot meet children's basic needs.

Future4All, supported by the Egmont Trust, works in rural Ntcheu District to strengthen communities by improving access to education, capital and practical skills so families can better support themselves.

This two-year project improved 100 households economic and nutritional wellbeing through agricultural, business and financial training. 72 caregivers joined four new savings groups and by the end of the year, household incomes had increased to an average of \$5.90 per day, well above the \$2.50 target.

To increase resilience to climate shocks, all 300 targeted households' were trained in climate-smart agriculture, plus donations of climate-resilient seeds and livestock.

To expand early learning, five preschools supported 464 children representing 50% of eligible children in the community, a significant increase from just 8% in 2021. This increase has largely been attributed to the availability of food, the ECD centres established small farms using resilient crops to sustain their meal programmes. Regular monitoring of the children's growth through height and weight measurements has shown that the provision of a daily meal has led to a reduction in signs of stunting.

Twenty vulnerable secondary-school-age children received boarding school scholarships, enabling them to continue their education while giving guardians space to grow their livelihoods.

CASE STUDY: Margret, a grandmother caring for six grandchildren and supported by Egmont Partner Future 4 All. Margret was provided with one piglet and has worked to establish a small scale piggery. Now she has 18 pigs that she uses to meet her family's basic needs and afford the cost of schooling and other essentials for her grandchildren.



Mentoring for minority youth in London affected by systemic challenges

Eastside Young Leaders' Academy

Creating leaders of character and purpose for tomorrow's world

www.eyla.org.uk

Grant:	£20,580
Co-Funding:	£6,174
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	11-25 years



Eastside Young Leaders' Academy (EYLA) exists to nurture and develop the leadership potential, health and wellbeing of young people from disadvantaged communities, empowering them to become the next generation of successful leaders.

In East London, many Black and minority youth are disproportionately affected by systemic challenges such as socio-economic deprivation, gang involvement, and pathways into the criminal justice system. National and local data highlight that young people from these communities are more likely to face exclusion from education, experience educational underachievement, and become involved in gangs.

This grant enabled EYLA to formalise and systematise a sustainable mentoring project for at risk Black and minority youth, especially those in or on the edge of gangs, currently on pathways into the criminal justice system.

Over the year, EYLA trained and mobilised 60 mentors (a combination of alumni, corporate volunteers and partners in higher education) to support 135 young people as planned with a minimum of 17 hours mentoring – either one-to-one or in groups. Workshops were offered in leadership, personal development, resilience-building and career pathways alongside academic coaching, complementing regular mentoring check-ins.

Participants also engaged in local volunteering activities to strengthen social cohesion. Alumni mentors themselves benefitted from reverse mentoring, gaining confidence, leadership experience and a deeper sense of purpose.



Reducing infant mortality and training on preventative healthcare

Forever Angels

The belief that all children should be raised in a loving family

www.foreverangels.org

Grant:	£14,774
Co-Funding:	£7,387
Country:	Tanzania
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2025
Age:	0-5 years



In Tanzania, nearly 26 million people live in extreme poverty. The HIV epidemic, Covid-19 pandemic, natural disasters and civil conflict also pose a threat to the peace, prosperity and health of Tanzanians. Widespread malnutrition leads to around 11,000 maternal deaths each year, with 30 women dying daily during childbirth. Approximately 130 child deaths daily stem from malnutrition, averaging one every 12 minutes.

A \$12 tin of formula milk, crucial for an orphaned baby, is unaffordable for most families (babies need two tins of milk per week). Extended family struggle to care for orphaned babies so they are often placed in orphanages, despite long-term developmental risks.

Forever Angels' holistic approach directly tackles Arusha's maternal and neonatal health challenges by providing immediate nutritional support and empowering caregivers. Maisha Matters is an established programme which aims to keep infants with extended families, ensuring proper nourishment and empowering caregivers through business creation to provide long-term support.

Over this year, 45 babies received formula for eight months, and families were helped with cisis support, training and visits. Three local staff were trained to extend and deliver the Maisha Matters programme in Arusha to provide immediate support for vulnerable babies. The programme fosters community resilience and economic empowerment, ensuring sustainability and lasting improvements in family wellbeing.

CASE STUDY: Baby Irshad weighed just 1.4kg at birth and his Mama sadly died a few days after birth. His Aunt was deeply anxious and felt hopeless as she was not able to afford the expensive formula to keep him alive and healthy.

With regular formula milk and weekly check-ins, Irshad now weighs 6kg and his Aunt has regained hope and confidence.



Crisis and food support for struggling families in London

Miracles: Feed London

Supporting children and their families living in poverty

www.miraclesthecharity.org

Grant:	£24,967
Co-Funding:	£6,241.75
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2023
Run time:	3 years
Completion date:	2026
Age:	All



CASE STUDY 1: Premature baby born with eye cancer. Relapsed last week. Mum and dad struggling with travelling expenses every couple of weeks. Staying at GOSH. £150 to help with travel.

CASE STUDY 2: Child awaiting operation. Mum is living in temporary accommodation with no money to buy food or nappies. £150 food voucher given while benefits are being processed.



The ongoing cost of living crises continues to impact disadvantaged families, and those with a seriously ill child can struggle on many fronts.

Miracles supports children and their families who live in impoverished areas of London including Hackney and Tower Hamlets: Great Ormond Street Hospital, Young Lives v Cancer, Islington Children's Centre, Hackney Ark, Noah's Ark hospice.

With funding from ALMT, Miracles is able to meet a spectrum of crisis funding requests, including food vouchers, prams, hospital travel costs (immune comprised children), helping with utility bills, cookers and cooking equipment, washing machines and fridges (where medication may need to be stored).

This three-year grant part-funds Miracle's Case Work Co-ordinator, who manages referrals from hospitals and hospices, and actions appropriate crisis support. The Co-ordinator has been able to develop four new referral partners, enabling many more families access to funding. In year two of this grant, funding enabled Miracles to provide crisis funding for over 300 families.

The Co-ordinator also supports with the planning and distribution of Feed London food boxes, to help families who are in crisis during the school holidays. Sadly, at Easter 2025, a supplier issue meant that it was not possible to provide food boxes, so instead 300 families received £50 in vouchers. The families received food boxes in the Summer holidays. These included fresh, high-quality produce, recipe cards and gifts or activities for the children. At Christmas 2025, Miracles expect to hand deliver at least 250 food boxes to families (reaching over 600 children). This contact is supportive and personal, taking time to speak with families about their situation and needs and afford them dignity and compassion.



Workshops to reduce suicide risk and support wellbeing

The OLLIE Foundation

Accesible awareness sessions and resources to reduce the number of people who feel like suicide is their only option

www.theolliefoundation.org

Grant:	£12,513.00
Co-Funding:	£6,256.50
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	2 years
Completion date:	2026
Age:	11-16 years



Mental health among young people (aged 16-17) has worsened significantly in recent years and over 200 young people die by suicide each year in the UK. This project with the OLLIE Foundation aims to support students during two critical educational transitions: moving from primary to secondary school and transitioning to university. OLLIE is dedicated to empowering individuals and organisations to reduce suicide in their communities through education, intervention, and prevention.

Following funding from ALMT, The OLLIE Foundation launched this project in January 2025 to help students prepare for key educational transitions by addressing critical gaps in readiness. These workshops increase resilience, improve stress management, and equip students with practical, legal, and emotional tools to reduce suicide risk and support their wellbeing as they shift from primary to secondary school and from sixth form to university or other post-16 pathways.

Educational transitions are recognised as major stressors that can impact students' mental health and academic success. The project aims to reach a minimum of 2,050 individuals through tailored and practical session (in-person or online) across disadvantaged areas of Hertfordshire. By equipping young people with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive, this project lays the foundation for a more resilient and adaptable generation.

The workshops were specifically designed to increase self-efficacy, knowledge, and critical thinking skills by giving students practical, evidence-informed tools to manage stress, overcome obstacles, understand changes in Duty of Care, and safely navigate medication (yr13). The ultimate goal is to close critical gaps in preparedness and reduce suicide risk during these high-stress transitional periods.

UNITED KINGDOM



Programme of integrated sports and community relations discussions

Peace Players

Using the power of sport to build peaceful and thriving communities

www.peaceplayers.org/northern-ireland/

2024 Grant: £15,000
Co-Funding: £7,500
Country: UK
Start Year: 2024
Run time: 1 year
Completion date: 2025
Age: 0-11 years



PeacePlayers has continued to bring together young people from historically divided communities in Northern Ireland. This grant has been instrumental in delivering four new School Twinning Programmes, which bring together Catholic and Protestant youth from neighbouring schools and twins them for a six-session programme of integrated sports, including basketball, and community relations discussions.

Over 200 children aged 9-11 took part in basketball coaching, team-building, and guided dialogue on identity, diversity, stereotypes and discrimination. The feedback from schools and parents has been overwhelmingly positive, paving the way for future school years to participate and more schools to be twinned.

A new Bridging Divides Programme has also been established for 24 young people from both Catholic and Protestant backgrounds in Ballymena, promoting cross-community friendships and leadership skills.

Over 12 weekly after-school sessions, the young people are encouraged and empowered to transform division into unity, effecting longer-term change for the most disadvantaged young people who live in areas which continue to suffer most from the legacy of the conflict.

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Both my children loved meeting and interacting with new kids that they wouldn't usually get the chance to share time with.

Parent

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RWANDA



The Alivera Village providing skills and enterprise for disabled young people

Rwanda Action

Helping people to build the knowledge and skills to create a better future

www.rwanda-action.org

2024 Grant: £9,690
Co-Funding: £4,845
Country: Rwanda
Start Year: 2024
Run time: 1 year
Completion date: 2025
Age: 0-5 years



In rural areas of Rwanda, children with a disability are often hidden away or, worse still, abandoned. Even if children with a disability complete school they find it impossible to find paid employment and hence a route to independence.

Rwanda Action's Alivera Village is designed to give these young people work experience prior to helping them to find employment or setting up their own enterprise projects. The Village has two residential blocks, five workshops, four shops, a cafe and a small farm and demonstration kitchen garden. Each young person with a disability will stay at the village for a maximum of two years and will then be given support to find paid employment or to set up their own business. A new Business Manager was appointed and supported to run the Alivera Village during the grant period. He has implemented weekly monitoring to improve support for the apprentices.

Over the year of this grant, 30 apprentices were accommodated at Alivera Village with care and living costs provided. Twenty of these graduated and four are now running their own businesses or smallholdings, including a blind lady leading a knitting group and a physically disabled man leading a shoemaking group.

To ensure this model becomes self-sustaining, all parents contribute to the village and funds are also raised from over one thousand visitors to the village businesses and café. This exposure also improves understanding and inclusion of disability amongst the wider community.

Three farm graduates, Isaac, Nadia and Iranzi were each supported with seeds, tools, materials and a pregnant goat, gaining experience and knowledge. Graduates of the village are known as experts in the villages where they live.

“

I congratulate Rwanda Action for this wonderful initiative and the quality of assistance provided to young boys and ladies with disabilities but very able when capacitated with skill and knowledge'

NKURUNZIZA Innocent -
Member of Senate of Rwanda

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SOUTH AFRICA



Early Childhood Development and Survival

Starfish Greathearts Foundation

Empowering and protecting orphaned and vulnerable children

www.starfish-greathearts.org

Grant: £15,747
Co-Funding: £4,500
Country: South Africa
Start Year: 2024
Run time: 3 year
Completion date: 2027
Age: 0-11 years



Children in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa remain in need of external support, as government service provision continues to exclude the vulnerable rural communities.

With the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS in South Africa at 37.4%, thousands of children have been orphaned across the province. This crisis puts the early development of children in KwaZulu-Natal at significant risk, as they face understaffed and underfunded schools and scarce state healthcare services. The region has a high child mortality rate, mostly caused by preventable diseases.

This three-year grant is enabling Starfish to extend their Early Childhood Survival and Development (ECD) programme to hundreds of vulnerable children and their caregivers in deprived communities across the Ufafa Valley. Services provide holistic support, HIV/AIDS prevention, education, stimulation and play, access to medicines and vaccines and food parcels.

In year two, 505 children benefitted from Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (C-IMCI) services for HIV/AIDS prevention - half of these are at Starfish community creches, and half reached via home visits from early-years practitioners often travelling long distances on foot to reach families in need. In total, 1195 children received home visits this year. Monthly food parcels were provided to 50 families (reaching 175 children) and 31 pregnant women received antenatal care. Services are expected to expand further to meet demand in the final year of the project.

ZAMBIA



Long lasting insecticidal treated Mosquito nets

The Butterfly Tree

Clean water and sanitation, food security, health and education facilities, medical supplies and sports equipment

www.thebutterflytree.org.uk

Grant: £7,000
Co-Funding: £4,200
Country: Zambia
Start Year: 2024
Run time: 1 years
Completion date: 2024
Age: Primary



The Butterfly Tree, working with the Ministry of Health, distributed mosquito nets with insecticidal coating to school children in rural areas of the Mulobezi District, in the South-East part of the Western Province of Zambia where malaria is prevalent.

Due to the remoteness, schools are scattered. Consequently, children camp in school shelters where they have no protection from malaria.

Working directly with Mulobezi's Health Promotion Officer for Malaria, this project will target school-age children not currently covered by the Government roll out of nets to its priority groups.

The Butterfly Tree nets will prevent these children from contracting malaria and avoid associated long-term health issues. It will also help to reduce absenteeism from school.

- 1,320 mosquito nets were supplied in total:
- 1,000 nets were given out to pupils and teachers at Kauwe Primary and Secondary school.
- The remaining 320 nets were given to another school via the local Environmental Health Officer.

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This success cannot go without the acknowledgement of your generous donation. This act of generosity will go a long way in saving lives and ensuring a reduction in Malaria. I know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating...I am so grateful that you chose to donate to our cause.

Charles Tembo, Environmental Health Technologist

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Enabling young people to lift themselves out of poverty

The Mango Tree

Improving educational opportunities and helping children thrive in East Africa

www.themangotree.org

Grant:	£14,906
Co-Funding:	£7,480.50
Country:	Kenya
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 years
Completion date:	2025
Age:	11-25 years



CASE STUDY: Elijah's father died of AIDS when he was still in primary school. The Mango Tree provided bursaries for his education and also mentorship, encouragement, and a sense of direction. In 2024, after his graduation Elijah's dedication and expertise earned him a role as an instructor for medical students at Kisii National Polytechnic, where he now teaches medical professionals. "Teaching is my way of giving back to the community that supported me," he says.



In the rural area of Homabay, Kenya, household income levels are low and unemployment levels are high. Many rural caregivers are elderly and have low levels of education or training. Government funded schools struggle with unmanageable class sizes, unrealistically high teacher-pupil ratios: one teacher to 60 students is common. Academic performance, attendance and educational transition rates are therefore very poor for those most disadvantaged children. Orphaned children, girls and disabled children are particularly at risk of being left behind in the education system.

The Mango Tree's Learning and Skills for Life project in Kenya currently supports 735 remaining students, building on existing educational provision, local community capacity, knowledge, resources and experience. It has a special focus on empowering girls and women by breaking down the barriers that prevent them from thriving in education.

This ALMT grant part-funded the required parental/ next-of-kin contribution to school levies for 292 HIV orphaned sponsored students, covering food, uniform, resources and examination papers. 70% of students attained university entry grades for professional training and 29 students secured placements in Technical Training Institutions. Students were also equipped with vital skills for positive behaviours, self-protection and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) prevention. The grant also funded a further 14 disabled young people to undergo life-changing surgeries.



Support for families at Christmas time

Various

Funding organisations targeting vulnerable children and their families during the winter break

2024 Grant:	£10,000
Co-Funding:	£2,500
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2024
Age:	All



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This delivery is supportive and personal, taking time to speak with families about their situation and needs and afford them dignity and compassion

James Burton, Miracles

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For the past 3 years the ALMT has provided additional support to key UK organisations during the winter break. This was particularly important during the pandemic and the Cost of Living crisis and was targeted at families who were really struggling financially.

There are many projects, both past and present, which aim to give something extra to their participants over the Winter break.

While providing vital food and ingredients, Christmas is also a time for being together as a family, giving and receiving, and reflection. The projects supported by the ALMT and the Tom Love Trust during this time offer not only a bit of Christmas magic for the children in the shape of gifts and activities, but also nutritious and filling meals and supplies to help get families through the holiday time.

Miracles; Feed London – London

Backing Feed London's holiday food boxes for families in need, along with ongoing support for their Crisis Programme.

Norah's Northpole – Sunderland

Providing Christmas gifts for over 3,000 children in poverty across the city, distributed through schools to the most disadvantaged families.



IN PROGRESS

The following pages provide a short summary of co-funded projects which are not mentioned elsewhere, are ongoing and not yet due to provide their annual report. Full reports for these projects will be available to view in your Co-Funding report 2026.

AFTER A CHILD DIES – JENNI THOMAS OBE

ALMT

A book to offer support and comfort to parents and families who have lost a child

 www.jennithomas.com

As Jenni Thomas looks to retire, ‘After a Child Dies; parents’ grief’ will provide background context on Jenni’s work with subsequent chapters looking at parental grief and what happens when a baby, a child and an adult child dies. The book goes on to explore parents’ relationships and what siblings and other children need.

This year, the ALMT employed Sarah Thompson as a ghost-writer to work closely with Jenni and ensure that her voice comes through the finished manuscript. Silvie Wallington was commissioned to create illustrations for the book which also contains a foreword by Nick Lawson. The book is available to buy on Amazon.co.uk and many copies have been sent to charities working in the field.

Grant:	£20,059.43
Co-Funding:	£5,000
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	Ongoing
Completion date:	N/A

Image courtesy of FIGS



ACCESS TO AMALA’S SECONDARY DIPLOMA

Amala Education

Transforming lives through increased access to higher education

 www.amalaeducation.org

Amala Education is dedicated to providing post-primary education for refugee and conflict-affected youth, enabling them to transform their lives and communities.

Amala’s internationally accredited Global Secondary Diploma (GSD) offers these young people a crucial second chance to complete their secondary education, enhancing their prospects for further study and employment, and enabling them to improve their lives and communities. Amala’s diploma, which is delivered in partnership with Ki4Bli, a refugee-led organisation. Amala has trained these local educators in this flexible, competency-based scalable model, which they are now delivering.

Grant:	£13,325
Co-Funding:	£3,31.25
Country:	Kenya
Start Year:	2024
Run time:	2 years
Completion date:	2026

ASILOMAR PERMACULTURE PROJECT

Asilomar

Inspiring students to become agents of change

 www.link-international.org/plkasilomar

Asilomar is a house and land located in Kilifi County, near Mombasa in southern Kenya. This area is among Kenya’s most food-insecure areas, where families often rely on erratic rainfall and limited resources. Children are particularly affected, facing poor nutrition and limited access to environmental education.

A permaculture garden has been built at Asilomar with a drought-proof water supply to serve as both a training hub and a living classroom, teaching practical, sustainable farming techniques to individuals, schools, and communities. Students will be supported to train others in their community in permaculture techniques.

Grant:	£10,512
Co-Funding:	£5,256
Country:	Kenya
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2026



Image courtesy of Asilomar Foundation

ANTI-KNIFE CRIME WORKSHOPS

Ben Kinsella Trust

Tackling knife crime through education and campaigning

 www.amalaeducation.org

Grant:	£23,000
Co-Funding:	£5,750
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2026

The Ben Kinsella Trust's immersive, anti-knife crime workshops take place in purpose-built exhibitions, young people learn about the dangers of knife crime and include combined role play, video testimony featuring life stories, quizzes and surveys to keep young people engaged and empower them to make safer choices.

There is a high correlation between knife crime and poverty. However, schools in deprived areas with high knife crime levels are less likely to visit TBKT workshops as they cannot afford the £460 fee (or even the discounted price of £260). This three-year grant provides free places for 50 eligible schools per year to book pupils on to these life-changing knife crime workshops.

AGRICULTURE FOR CHANGE

FIGS.

Passing on knowledge about better farming practices

 www.friendsofibba.org

Grant:	£20,000
Co-Funding:	£10,000
Country:	South Sudan
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2026

Friends of Ibba Girls School (FIGS) supports the development and sustainability of Ibba Girls Boarding School (IGBS), a free community school in South Sudan, where few girls complete primary education and even fewer access secondary education.

IGBS provides safe and secure boarding education where girls can study in security, free from poverty, daily travel to school in forested areas, domestic labour and early or forced marriage in a country struggling to emerge from war. Both academic and practical skills are deemed important for girls' education. Each class has recently been given a small plot of land on the school farm in order to learn about and grow crops. Girls will pass on knowledge to their families about better farming practices. Agriculture helps with improved nutrition, addresses the climate emergency, and helps the school to be more self-reliant.

ARTS BASED OUTREACH PROJECT

The Theatre Shed

Inclusive theatre company offering expertly guided Performing Arts workshops

 www.thetheatreshed.co.uk

Grant:	£7,856
Co-Funding:	£1,478
Country:	UK
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	3 years
Completion date:	2028

Chiltern Hills Academy (CHA) is the only non-selective school in Chesham, an affluent area with pockets of deprivation and issues of social mobility that impact young people.

This performing arts-based outreach project will provide experienced facilitators to establish a culture where it is safe to be yourself, try new things and make mistakes. Young people will celebrate difference, increase confidence, form new friendships and improve mental health which will support their resilience. This is especially important for neurodivergent and SEND students for whom adjusting to change is challenging. The Theatre Shed's specialist skills and inclusive practice expertly support and includes these young people, enhancing their independence and confidence.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROJECT

Mission Mozambique

Everyone has the right to learn and be able to access appropriate health care

 www.missionmozambique.org

Mutsekwa Primary School serves one of the most impoverished communities in Katembe, Mozambique with many families unable to send their children to school due to lack of money. Pupils arrive at school already tired, hungry and thirsty.

Through Mission Mozambique's Food for Thought project, pupils will be provided with a daily lunch throughout each school term, supported by the on-site development of a Machamba (small farm) with laying chickens, providing fresh produce to enrich the diet and an opportunity for the children to learn about sustainable agriculture. Uniforms and school supplies will be also provided for the most disadvantaged pupils.

Grant:	£15,273
Co-Funding:	£7,636.50
Country:	Mozambique
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	1 year
Completion date:	2026

PROMOTING CHILD RIGHTS THROUGH PERFORMANCE

SAFE

Using street theatre, films and community programmes to educate, inspire and deliver social change

 www.safekenya.org

In Samburu, Kenya, rural communities face intersectional social and environmental challenges including limited access to healthcare and education, food insecurity, and harmful socio-cultural practices.

This two-year programme enables these young people to go through the curriculum, with youth forums to discuss HIV; Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting; countering extremism; peacebuilding; water, sanitation, and hygiene; gender-based violence, sexual health and building climate change resilience. This project will also use traditional Samburu performance to empower young people to raise awareness of their own issues. This sparks wider community dialogue between young people and their elders, empowering them to actively participate in society, know their rights and respectfully challenge harmful cultural practices.

Grant:	£20,525
Co-Funding:	£6,157.50
Country:	Kenya
Start Year:	2025
Run time:	2 year
Completion date:	2027



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