

# BRIDGING BORDERS



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All activities at the Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre – from growing vegetables to commercial production, research and advocacy – follow the principles and practices of organic agriculture and agroecology. (See page 7)

## WORKING **TOGETHER** FOR A **JUST WORLD**

In another tumultuous year marked by global conflicts forcibly displacing millions of people, climate-related disasters, and growing inequality, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) and its partners continued to serve and advocate for the poor and marginalized. Knowing that our work has made a positive impact on the lives of so many allows us to look back on the year with hope.

CJI can make a difference thanks to the generous support we receive from you, our loyal supporters, and our dedicated Jesuit partners worldwide. In fiscal year 2023-2024, CJI helped fund 43 projects for a total of \$1.762 million. These projects served more than 40,000 people from 16 countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our partners' projects include "skill circles" that help internally displaced and vulnerable Afghan women learn embroidery and tailoring skills to help them economically; research and training to strengthen Indigenous women's leadership in Latin America; and a people's forum to strengthen community advocacy in India. At home, CJI continued to work



## FINDING **HOPE** IN A **BROKEN WORLD**

**A**s I reflect on the past year at Canadian Jesuits International (CJI), I am filled with gratitude and hope. This may seem naive given that during this same period new wars erupted, killing thousands and displacing millions; climate change fueled devastating disasters; and a

growing number of people suffered from hunger and injustice. Juan López, a catechist in a Jesuit parish in Tocoa, Honduras, and a close associate of CJI partner organization ERIC/Radio Progreso, was murdered in September for defending the land and his community.

But when I think about the continued trust that you, our supporters, have placed in CJI and the unwavering commitment of our partners to work for peace and justice, sometimes at the cost of their own lives, I am hopeful about the prospects for real change.

Together with our 37 Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, CJI has directly served more than 40,000 people in 16 countries through 43 projects focused on the right to education; ecology and sustainability; human rights, civic participation and peacebuilding; and the rights of forcibly displaced people, and humanitarian assistance.

In September, CJI International Programs Coordinator Juan Emilio Hernandez and I traveled to El Salvador to attend the assembly of CJI

partner Comparte, a network of Jesuit social justice organizations in 11 countries. We saw the tireless and passionate commitment of Comparte members to providing alternative socio-economic models to improve the lives of the poor. We met community members supported by Comparte, including the women of Guaymango Jujutla Ahuachapan, who have formed a cooperative to produce and sell chicken feed.

With forced migration becoming one of the most critical issues of our time, CJI also hosted a webinar looking at how the human rights of refugees and migrants are being undermined. *(See related story, page 9)*

Last fall, CJI's Board of Trustees approved a strategic plan that will guide our work in the next four years. This was an opportunity to take stock of what we have accomplished in the last few years and to discern how we can be faithful to our mission and to the mission of the Society of Jesus and its four Universal Apostolic Preferences. We identified priorities that will guide our work as we respond to the needs and aspirations of people who live on the margins of society. *(See pages 4 to 7)*

There are other developments to share. I invite you to read all the stories in this issue to learn more about how, with your support and the work of our partners alongside vulnerable communities, we are in our own way bringing dignity and hope to our broken world.

## The **vision** & **mission** of CJI

The **vision** of Canadian Jesuits International is a world of peace, justice and integrity of creation, transformed through active commitment and finding God in all things.

The **mission** of CJI is to love and to serve by working with people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Together with Jesuit and other partners, CJI responds in solidarity, through awareness-raising and advocacy in Canada and supporting partnerships in the Global South.

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# A MESSAGE BY THE PROVINCIAL OF THE JESUITS OF CANADA

Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) supports the Jesuits of Canada in their mission to serve those on the margins of society. Through its work, CJI stands in solidarity with communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, responding to urgent needs and empowering people to reclaim their dignity. This goes beyond addressing immediate challenges; it reflects a profound commitment to justice and reconciliation inspired by the call of Christ to care for the most vulnerable.

Rooted in the global mission of the Society of Jesus and its apostolic vision, CJI offers a tangible way to live out the Gospel. Working in partnership with communities affected by poverty and displacement, CJI creates pathways for lasting change. This work is about more than providing aid; it is about walking alongside those in need as they rebuild their lives and rediscover hope. By empowering individuals often overlooked by society, CJI enables people to claim their rights and shape their future.

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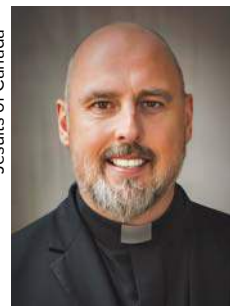
CJI’s efforts align with the current apostolic priorities of the Jesuits, such as walking with the excluded and caring for our common home. By standing with marginalized communities, CJI addresses systemic injustice and helps those pushed to the margins of society to reclaim their dignity. Its commitment to ecological justice reflects the Jesuit concern for protecting the environment and supporting vulnerable communities affected by climate change.

What inspires me most about CJI is its commitment to amplifying marginalized voices. Rather than simply meeting needs, CJI creates spaces where those most affected by systemic injustice can share their stories and lead the way toward real change. This is not merely charity but a transformative commitment to justice. I have witnessed how this mission restores dignity to those stripped of it; CJI helps individuals overcome extraordinary challenges and reclaim their humanity. At its core, CJI is relational in its mission; it is grounded in the belief that communion with others is essential.

CJI’s work transcends borders, and it reminds us that we are part of one human family. Its work builds bridges across divides and calls us to unite in the pursuit of authentic justice. By fostering solidarity, CJI creates opportunities for healing in a broken world; it offers a place where reconciliation in Christ can take root. This initiative is a powerful demonstration of what can be achieved when we embrace our shared responsibility to build a more compassionate world.

I express my deepest gratitude to everyone who supports this vital mission. Your generosity is not only appreciated, but also essential to make this endeavour possible. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola reminds us, true philanthropy asks us to give freely and labour for others without counting the cost. CJI embodies this spirit every day, bringing hope and dignity to those most in need. With your continued support, CJI will continue to transform lives and build a just and hopeful world.

Jesuits of Canada



Fr. Jeffrey Burwell, SJ

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## CJI STRATEGIC THEMES – AN OVERVIEW

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) contributes to a world of peace and social and environmental justice. Guided by the four Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus we work for a faith that does justice, we accompany marginalized people to empower themselves and contribute to

their communities and we engage Canadians to learn and act in solidarity for just relations. Our programming focuses on four themes: the right to education, ecology and sustainability, the rights of forcibly displaced people, and human rights, civic participation and peacebuilding. (See pages 4 to 7)

# RIGHTS OF FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

Over the past 12 years, the number of people forcibly displaced has continued to surpass the previous year's record and has reached 122 million by mid-2024. War, persecution, economic and political instability and climate-related disasters have torn people from their homes, devastated communities and created unprecedented crises.

Forced displacement creates many needs, especially in the most vulnerable regions of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as more than 80% of refugees are hosted by economically poor countries. Needs include shelter, food, water and education for individuals and families.

In a world where violence and inequality force so many to leave their homes, migration stories are more than just displacement: they are tales of survival, resistance and struggle. CJI supports its Jesuit partners who serve forcibly displaced people through emergency relief and long-term development projects. Housing, financial assistance, employment services, training, education and psychosocial support are all means



JRS South Sudan

📷 Jesuit Refugee Service provides psychosocial, rehabilitation and health support to Sudanese who have fled armed conflict in their country and sought refuge in South Sudan.

of assisting displaced people. To maximize impact, CJI works with the Xavier Network, which consists of mission offices and NGOs of Jesuit provinces worldwide.

Our partners such as the Jesuit Migration Network (RJM-CANA in Spanish) in Latin America and the Jesuit Refugee Service in Venezuela, Colombia, Lebanon, Syria, and South Sudan accompany migrants and refugees at the stages of origin, transit, destination and

return. They address the causes of human mobility with justice, hospitality and co-responsibility, countering the discourse of fear and hatred.

Our project partners advocate for the right of return of displaced people. But they also look for ways for displaced people to integrate into society, work and access local resources. The work of our partners restores dignity to those who have been forced from their homes.



**4,632**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF BENEFICIARIES

## CJI PROJECTS

- Jesuit Refugee Service emergency response to Sudanese refugees (South Sudan)
- Strengthening integration, promoting hospitality & reconciliation (Colombia)
- Strengthening safe educational communities (Venezuela)
- Program coordination of Jesuit Refugee Service International (Europe)
- Humanitarian support for migrants & refugees (Central America-Mexico)
- Social project of Hungarian Jesuit province (Hungary)
- "It's not just a meal" program (Italy)
- Adult literacy education for Somali refugees in Dollo Ado camp (Ethiopia)
- Ukraine humanitarian crisis response (Ukraine & neighbouring countries)

# ECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY


CJI is committed to ecological sustainability based on socio-environmental justice. Led by our Jesuit partners, CJI supports marginalized people in Asia, Africa and Latin America to promote the solidarity economy, care for our common home and, sustainable use of natural resources; to defend their traditional and ancestral lands; and to develop productive economic activities that enable people to live in dignity and achieve justice.

Caring for our common home is a priority shared among the Catholic Church and other faiths, environmental justice organizations, community groups, and people around the world. CJI's vision is inspired by the integrity of creation, and our values include ecological sustainability as inseparable from social justice. The preferential option for the poor and care for our common home are inseparable, as ecological degradation drastically affects the poorest more than others. Extractive industries (e.g. mining, logging, hydroelectric dams) can cause environmental damage, including the poisoning of land and water, the destruction of natural habitats, and the displacement of

people from their ancestral lands, with devastating effects on local communities and traditions.

CJI helps partners implement economic, livelihood and environmental programs that empower the poor and help them care for our common home. In Latin America, the Comparte network, which is present in 11 countries, promotes the solidarity economy that prioritizes justice and the environment over profit. The

Kasisi Agricultural Training Center in Zambia promotes agroecology and sustainable food production. Other CJI projects train young people in climate science and policy, leadership and advocacy, and green business strategies. Our partners also support advocacy efforts that inform local people about the need to protect their lands, livelihoods and ways of life, and mobilize them to challenge national and regional economic development agendas that destroy the environment.

 A representative of an agroecological farm in Flor de Monte, Colombia, explains the positive impact of the support from Comparte, a CJI partner that promotes an economy that prioritizes social good over profit.



Comparte/CPAL



**6,928**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF BENEFICIARIES

## CJI PROJECTS

- Building resilience in women and girls (Africa)
- Strengthening sustainable economic productive activities (Latin America & Caribbean)
- Training in organic agriculture & livelihood programs (India)
- Safeguarding territories from mining (Dominican Republic)
- Care for our common home (Latin America & Caribbean)
- Construction of washing house for organic vegetables (Zambia)
- Climate justice youth fellowship program (Africa)
- Pan-Amazonian Jesuit Apostolic Plan (Latin America & Caribbean)
- Program development capacity-building for Jesuit Eastern Africa province

# HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND PEACEBUILDING

CJI reaffirms its commitment to cultivating a culture of peace by supporting its Jesuit partners who promote human rights and dignity, economic justice, social transformation, equality, sustainability and the integrity of creation.

The fundamental rights of people are often violated through forced evictions from ancestral lands, slavery and forced labour, exclusion from democratic participation, torture, cruel or degrading treatment, and the promotion of hatred and exclusion based on nationality, religion, gender and ethnicity. Faith-based groups, NGOs and community-based organizations have a crucial role to play in this challenging context.

CJI supports the active defence of human rights and the rights of communities – especially Indigenous and other marginalised groups – through the work of Jesuit partners in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. The Network of Solidarity and

Indigenous Apostolate of Latin America fosters the democratic participation of groups traditionally excluded from decision-

making processes, with equal opportunities for men and women. CJI partners like ERIC-Radio Progreso in Honduras, Centro Montalvo in the Dominican Republic, the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection in Zambia, and the Jesuit Conference of Provincials of Latin America and the Caribbean promote good governance, freedom of expression, access to basic rights, justice, peace, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Projects that promote civic participation include awareness raising workshops for community members, community leadership training, providing opportunities for citizens to act as reporters, training programs on advocacy strategies



Participants reflect on the role of Indigenous women in defending their territories against mining and other industries at an event organized in Brazil last September by the Network of Solidarity and Indigenous Apostolate of Latin America.

and initiatives, and support for community-based organizations to advocate for policy changes that address the systemic causes of poverty, inequality and violence.

CJI promotes global citizenship, where we have rights and responsibilities to one another to promote and work towards a just and peaceful world. We believe that we all have the capacity to awaken hope in our world.

CJI also supports the peacebuilding efforts of its partners, helping people recover from and prevent the recurrence of violent conflict or to address conditions of extreme xenophobia or inter-cultural polarization.



**5,412**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF BENEFICIARIES

## CJI PROJECTS

- Training on social accountability through citizen participation (Zambia)
- Advocacy formation for democratic participation (Latin America & Caribbean)
- Defense of human & community rights for justice & equality (Honduras)
- Healthcare & education for marginalized communities; social centre support (India)
- Livelihood & capacity building programs for tea workers (India)

# RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Quality education can deliver extraordinary results, including reduced poverty, employment, improved health and fewer preventable deaths in childbirth. But in vulnerable communities that are geographically isolated, ravaged by poverty or fractured by war, education is too often absent, inadequate or severely interrupted. Education is a human right, but 250 million children and young people around the world are out of school for social, economic and cultural reasons.

CJI and its Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America work to ensure that people have access to their right to education by providing early childhood, primary and secondary education, vocational training and knowledge sharing. CJI supports formal and informal education projects, including distance learning, practical training and workshops.

Where war has caused widespread destruction and closed schools, access to learning can be a lifeline for children and young people. CJI-supported education programmes, such as those run by the Jesuit

Refugee Service in countries like South Sudan, Colombia and Lebanon, provide a supportive learning environment where displaced students can thrive and dream of a future.

Initiatives such as Accelerated Learning Programs enable refugee children to make up for lost years of education. Our partners' projects pay particular attention to those excluded because of their gender, ethnicity, religion or disability. CJI supports gender-responsive education that focuses on increasing girls' access to education and advocating for change.


Jesuit partners in Darjeeling and Nepal focus on providing quality education to Indigenous

populations (Adivasis) and other marginalized communities. In the Amazon region, CJI partner Fe y Alegría implements intercultural and bilingual education curricula tailored to the culture and environment of local communities.

CJI donors provide scholarships, bursaries, teacher salaries and training, and funding for large and small education programs that overcome financial barriers to education.



Moran Memorial School

 Moran Memorial School provides quality education to underprivileged children of tea workers and members of the Rajbanshi tribe in in Jhapa, eastern Nepal.

## CJI PROJECTS

- The Amazon: Care for our common home education project (Latin America & Caribbean)
- Education for vulnerable communities (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
- Pavilion & toilet facilities at St. Xavier's School (India)
- Quality education at Moran Memorial School (Nepal)
- Sowing Seeds for Social Transformation program (South Sudan)
- Purchase of vehicle and equipment for Jesu Ashram (India)
- St. Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre scholarships, (India)
- Repair & renovation of classroom, St. Peter's Primary School (India)
- Wheelchairs & peacebuilding (Cambodia)
- Support for gender-based violence victims, Kangemi (Kenya)
- Outreach at St. Anne's Community Centre & St. George's College (Jamaica)
- Education of Darjeeling Jesuits (India)
- Free medical treatment for the poor (India)
- Ensuring quality education for St. Xavier's School students (Cambodia)
- Reconstruction of toilets at St. Peter's High School (India)
- Scholarships for Nicaraguan students at Central American University (El Salvador)



**26,838**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF BENEFICIARIES

# CULTIVATING SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN ZAMBIA

By Craig Hincks

The number one challenge facing Zambians today is the cost of living, according to Fr. Grant Tungay of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR), a partner of Jesuits International Canada in Zambia. In early 2024, the cost of living for a family of five in the capital rose above 10,000 kwacha (about CAD\$555) for the first time. The problem is that the average monthly income for a family of five is less than half that amount. Most cannot afford the most basic food for a healthy diet and other necessities such as rent, charcoal and soap.

JCTR was founded in 1988 to respond to the needs of the poor and marginalized in Zambia. Readers in Canada may remember Fr. Peter Henriot, an American Jesuit who was an early director of JCTR. Fr Grant says that everything Henriot did at JCTR asked the question, “How are we serving the poor?” While subsequent directors have focused on issues such as human rights, serving the poor remains JCTR’s primary mission to this day.

This explains why JCTR’s flagship program for years has been the Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket (BNNB). On a monthly basis, the BNNB collects and publishes cost-of-living data based on a basket of basic commodities from cities and rural villages across the country. It not only helps government ministries target their programs to meet needs, but also provides evidence-based pressure for equitable distribution of resources. Other civil society organizations find the BNNB useful in setting their priorities.

Through its faith and justice program that promotes social and economic accountability through citizen participation, JCTR equips Zambians to advocate for “servant leadership, good governance and transparency.” The CJI-supported program provides educational materials, conducts training and capacity-building workshops, and engages elected officials and civil servants.

Most Zambians understand the concepts of good governance and transparency, which helped JCTR and other advocacy groups achieve a major milestone in December 2023 – the passage of the Access to Information Act in Zambia. This legislation allows

JCTR and others to push for budget transparency and accountability in a robust way. At the local level, the Act helps to reveal how millions of *kwacha* allocated to the Constituency Development Fund are spent – or misappropriated.

Less understood, at least initially, is JCTR’s promotion of “servant leadership” in all facets of its work. Drawing directly from biblical principles and Catholic Social Teaching, servant leadership not only involves listening to the grassroots, but also opens new avenues of collaboration.

JCTR seeks to collaborate with secular civil society organizations and Christian agencies such as Caritas, and other Jesuit institutions such as the Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre (KATC), another CJI partner. A recent collaboration between JCTR and KATC, which emphasized servant leadership in agroecology in the context of climate change, helps to model the kind of bottom-up leadership and change they advocate in society.

Fr. Grant said that CJI’s support is much valued because it understands and shares JCTR’s emphasis on cultivating servant leadership in Zambia. JCTR sees this as the best way to work in solidarity with the poor and address their major concerns.

📷 JCTR’s Bernard-Kunda Mwaba, communications specialist, Fr. Mark Zwibe, program officer, and Fr. Grant Tungay, program manager, discuss the Faith and Justice Program, which CJI supports.



Craig Hincks

# CANADIAN YOUTH GET INVOLVED IN ADVOCACY WORK

By Pieter Niemeyer, Outreach Coordinator for Canadian Jesuits International


A highlight of 2024 was CJI's third Youth for Others (Y4O) Advocacy Symposium – April 21 to 23 – which brought together youth from across Canada under the theme Education: Your Right, Our Future.

The event featured powerful speakers who addressed issues such as barriers to girls' education, the intersection of resource extraction and education, and the impact of racialization on students in Canada. Through hands-on training and engagement with Canadian parliamentarians, participants learned advocacy tools to pressure Canada to fulfill its commitment to the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda on gender equality and quality education.

Y4O Advocacy Symposium participants came from four different Canadian provinces and included four Jesuit schools, as well as secondary and post-secondary students from across Canada. One participating chaplain said, "Thank you for an inspiring, transformative conference, we can't wait to bring more students"

Noluthando Honono, the keynote speaker at the symposium, also embarked on a speaking tour on behalf of CJI, with stops in Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph and Winnipeg. Honono is an education activist who has worked with Jesuits and developed a proposal for a post-COVID-19 return to school program for South Africa, with a particular focus on girls' education. Honono highlighted the economic and gender barriers that prevent girls from accessing their right to education.

Another focus of CJI 2024's outreach work has been the issue of forced migration. Last fall, over 600 students participated in various events such as retreats and Y4O Social Justice Days, which raised awareness about forced migration through a variety of interactive activities that were both informative and engaging.

 South African activist Noluthando Honono discusses the barriers to girls' education during the CJI Youth for Others Advocacy Symposium in Ottawa.

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## CJI WEBINARS IN 2024

As part of its efforts to advocate for social issues that are affecting the communities served by its international partners, Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) hosted three webinars in 2024.

On March 21, CJI and the Arthur V. Mauro Institute for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College, Winnipeg, hosted Cobalt Blues: The politics of resource extraction and education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On October 22, Fr. Dan Corrou, SJ, regional director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in the Middle East and North Africa (JRS-MENA), reported live from Beirut on the humanitarian crisis resulting from the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah.

On November 5, CJI co-hosted Forced to Flee: People and Rights Under Threat, which examined the root causes of forced migration and how the human rights of migrants and refugees are being violated following the rise of populism and nationalism worldwide.

with students in Catholic high schools and encourage Canadians to stand in solidarity with the communities that our partners serve. (See related story, page 9)

Last fall, CJI’s Board of Directors approved a new three-year strategic plan (2024-2027) that responds to the urgent issues of our time. (See related story, pages 4-7)

Mid-year reports from United Nations agencies provided a sobering reminder of the challenges

facing humanity. Our partners confirm this reality on the ground. About 11.2 million people have been uprooted by the armed conflict in Sudan, and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has provided education, rehabilitation and health support to those who have sought refuge in Chad and in South Sudan. JRS continues to expand its humanitarian response in Lebanon.

Climate change has led to deadly, extreme weather events; food

insecurity, and forced displacement. The goal of gender equality is “still out of reach,” a UN report said, noting that “it will still take a staggering 137 years to lift all women and girls out of poverty.” It also cited that every year, one in four girls is still married off as a child, a practice that the Jesuits in Eastern Africa, are trying to change through programs that prioritize the education of girls. The challenges are daunting, but we cannot give up.

## OUR **DONORS** SPEAK

# ‘THE **LEGACY** LIVES ON’

By Elizabeth Davidson

In the late 1960s, my father, Malcolm Davidson, was working for the Canadian International Development Agency and was introduced to Fr. Joseph Murray Abraham, SJ. Fr. Abraham was a Canadian priest who founded the St. Alphonsus Social and Agricultural Centre (SASAC) in Kurseong, Darjeeling District, India.

My dad fell in love with the Himalayas, and St. Alphonsus School, and decided to move us to Kurseong for the next five years. The news that we were moving to India was exciting. We had always traveled and embraced other cultures, but this would change us all, forever.

Unfortunately, my dad was killed in a car accident in 1970. It was a major upheaval for us all, but my mum, Jane, embraced the opportunity to fulfill his plan. In 1972, with her five children in tow, she moved to India. I was 12 when my Mum told me we were moving to Kurseong. Leaving my grade 8 friends was hard, but they promised to write. And they did!

We settled in, and every morning I woke up to the sight of Kanchenjunga, the world’s third highest mountain. Even when it was cloudy, I knew it was there, a constant in my ever-changing young life. I made new friends and learned to speak Nepali within the first month.

We went to school with our neighbours. Andrew, my brother, worked on the poultry project; my mum worked at St. Alphonsus School. We lived there happily for a year. From our house, which my father had lovingly called Edelweiss, projects were hatched, including the square-foot garden, the Montessori school, and the sale of eggs.

After leaving India, Mum maintained her ties to the community, raising funds and planning trips to India with supporters. She continued this commitment to the people of Kurseong and to SASAC for the next 45 plus years. Neighbours, friends and family would sit around our dining room table and fold copies of the letter that Fr. Abraham had written to all his supporters, and lick and stamp the envelopes. We called it “licking for the Lord.”

I remain connected to Kurseong, and just before my Mum’s death we returned one last time. The legacy lives on, my mother’s realization of my father’s dream.



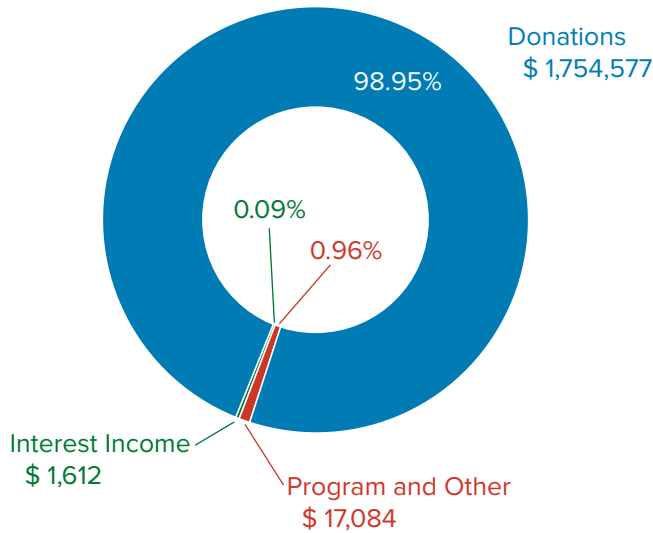
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📷 Sanu, a community member in Kurseong, India, greets the author’s mother, the late Jane Davidson (right), during a visit in 2013.

# CJI STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

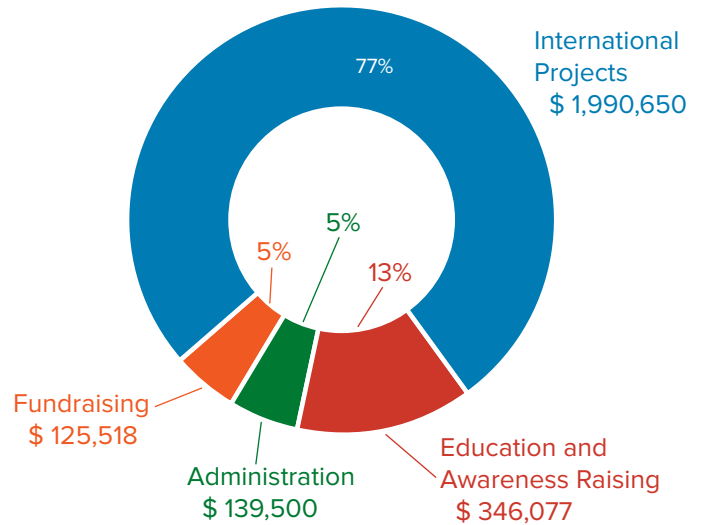
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## OPERATING REVENUE



Total **Revenues**: \$ 1,773,273

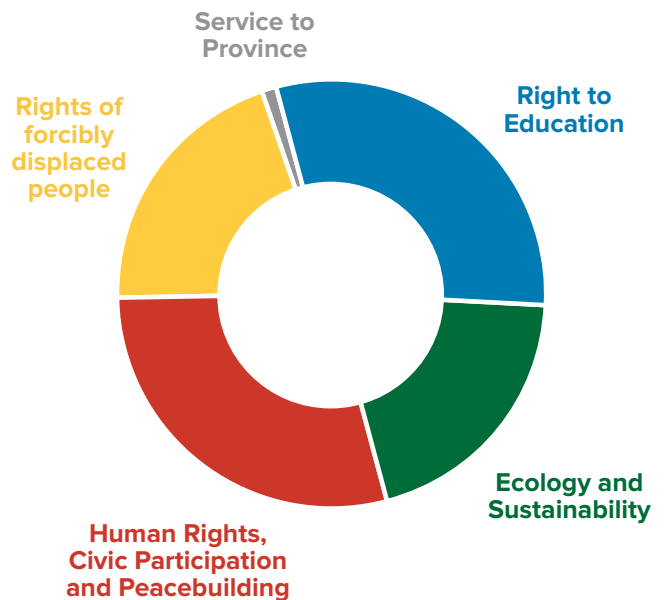
## OPERATING EXPENSES



Total **Expenses**: \$ 2,601,745

CJI holds investments, most of which are designated for specific projects. This provides stability for project partners and their ongoing work in the field. The income, including unrealized gains/losses of these investments are not included in the operations shown above. The difference between the income and expenses showing in the Statement of Operations is offset by the investments and the related income that the organization holds.

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## CJI's 5<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to those who attended **Finding Refuge: A CJI Solidarity Christmas Concert on December 3, 2024**. We are grateful for your presence and words of appreciation for the concert, now in its fifth year.

Special thanks to our partners and performers from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean whose songs, dances, and reflections lifted the spirits and offered hope to us all.



CJI partners and supporters from various parts of the world attended the online concert on December 3.

## 21 NEW PROJECTS APPROVED FOR 2024-2025

The creation of women's "skill circles" in Afghanistan and strengthening women's leadership in a vulnerable community in Venezuela were among the new projects approved last fall by the Board of Directors of Canadian Jesuits International (CJI). The Board approved 21 new and continuing projects totaling \$1,184,389.04 at its meeting in Toronto on October 5.



Afghan women learn embroidery, carpet weaving and tailoring as part of a Jesuit Refugee Service project to help them achieve economic stability.

The project launched in Afghanistan by CJI partner Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) will train 380 women from Herat and Kabul in traditional carpet weaving, embroidery and tailoring, to help them set up their own businesses and achieve economic stability for themselves and their families.

In Venezuela, a project run by the Fundación Centro Gumilla will enhance the skills of 50 women leaders ages 18 and 65 from La Carucieña, which has been hard hit by the country's ongoing political and economic crisis.

Learn more about the new projects: [bit.ly/NewCJIProjects](https://bit.ly/NewCJIProjects)

### CJI's RESPONSE TO THE CONFLICT IN LEBANON

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[bit.ly/CJILebanonAppeal](https://bit.ly/CJILebanonAppeal)

## LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE AND SERVICE

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