

# MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS

OUR IMPACT IN 2025



# THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025



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Last year was a special milestone for us at Irish Jesuits International. 2025 was our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year where we reflected on Irish missions of the past and looked towards the future where we work in solidarity with our partners as men and women for others.

At our anniversary conference, we gathered friends and peers to look to the future of our work as being men and women for others. In honour of our attendees, **2,100 trees were planted in Malawi** to help tackle climate change and deforestation.

We celebrated 22 years of service of our team member Rosaleen Kenny, planting 220 trees in Zambia, ten trees for each year Rosaleen has dedicated to IJI. Zambia holds a dear place in her heart, where so many of our Irish Jesuits were missioned. We were delighted to honour and celebrate Rosaleen and her retirement in this special way.

**You supported 121,821 people across 16 countries** last year. In this magazine, you will read Athie's inspiring story who is a teacher defying the odds in South Sudan, inspiring other girls to continue their schooling.

Happy's story highlights how access to clean water and sustainable farming has transformed lives in rural Malawi, restoring hope and strengthening the future of vulnerable families.

Nora shows us the power of hope, sharing how psychosocial counseling and food aid has made a huge difference to the lives of families affected by years of conflict in Syria.

Conflict continues to prey upon the most marginalised. We are witnessing a dangerous expansion of violence with devastating consequences on civilians in Sudan and South Sudan, and in the Middle East. This violence is the foreseeable consequence of years in which violations of international law have gone insufficiently checked. This crisis is borne primarily by civilians, especially children and women who have been already the most disproportionately impacted.

This Easter 2026, we launch two appeals:

**Red Chair Campaign**, providing education support across vulnerable and marginalised communities in South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria.

**Middle East Emergency Appeal**, providing immediate emergency relief to those affected in the recent spiral of military violence.

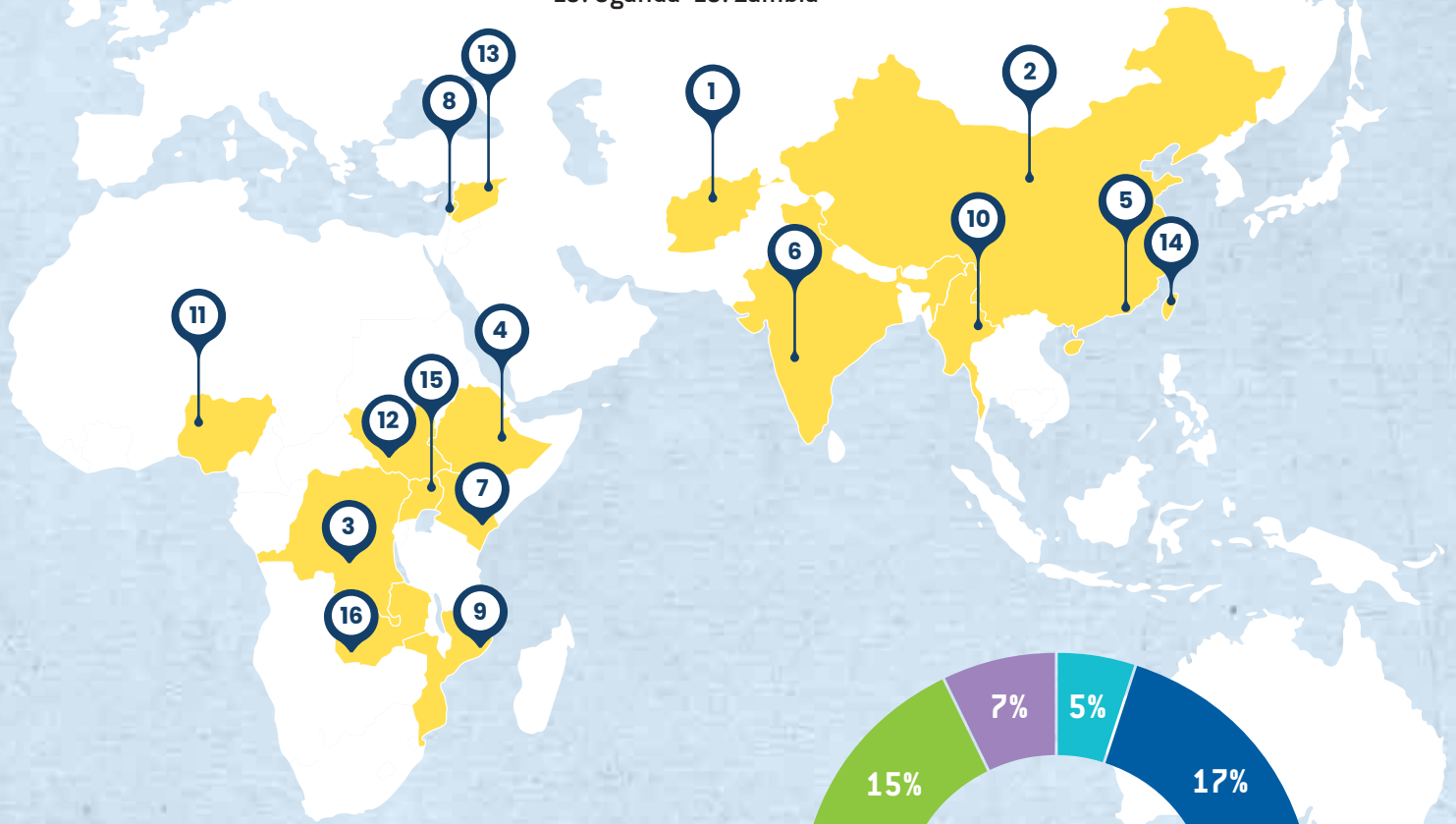
We thank you for your continued commitment to those on the margins. We pray for decisive political will to de-escalate tensions, uphold international law, protect civilians, and commit to meaningful pathways toward peace.

John K Guiney SJ – Director

# OUR IMPACT IN 2025

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT,  
€1,659,878 WAS INVESTED IN SUPPORTING  
VULNERABLE AND MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES.

1. Afghanistan 2. China Mainland 3. Democratic Republic of the Congo  
4. Ethiopia 5. Hong Kong 6. India 7. Kenya 8. Lebanon 9. Malawi  
10. Myanmar 11. Nigeria 12. South Sudan 13. Syria 14. Taiwan  
15. Uganda 16. Zambia



**121,821 Direct Beneficiaries**

51 Partners

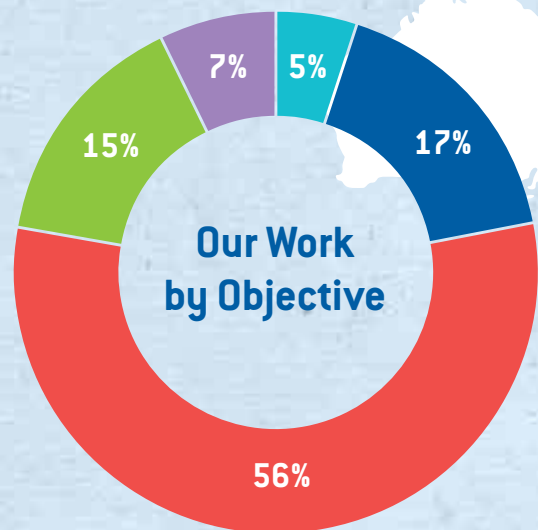
118 Grants

16 Countries

€1.65m Investment

People served:

55% Female 45% Male



- Education
- Care of our common home
- Pastoral
- Health and Well-being
- Protection

# EDUCATION



Providing quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities.



***“One of my major accomplishments is being a female teacher in a society where women are often seen as less capable.”***

Athiei is an English teacher from Rumbek, South Sudan

**Thanks to your generous support last year, 13,871** people across Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, South Sudan and Uganda were directly reached through 50 Education projects that empowered communities to learn, grow and shape their own futures.



Education remains our largest area of focus — from training teachers in South Sudan to school feeding programmes in Kenya. In Nigeria and Uganda, more than 6,900 people benefited from initiatives that uphold dignity, keep girls in school, and strengthen communities affected by conflict.

### **A Young Woman Changing Futures**

**At just 20 years old**, Athiei Dut Malual is one of the teachers you support in South Sudan. Born in Khartoum, she returned to Rumbek with her family after the civil war. Today, she is an intern at St. Peter Claver Computer and Ecological Training Center, **teaching English** through the Jesuit Worldwide Learning Programme.

Athiei asked us to share this message with you:

***One of my major accomplishments is being a female teacher in a society where women are often seen as less capable.***

*When they see a woman, they often view her as an object, a transaction for cows or wealth. As a young woman teaching, with most of my students being male, I feel motivated knowing that I am capable of doing what many believe is a role only suitable for men.*



***This drives me and makes me love what I do. I am so thankful to all the donors because, without their support – I wouldn't be here today.** What they have done is making an impact, particularly for me, as it helps me give back to the community from which I came.*

**Stories like Athiei's are possible because of you.** Your generosity is not only supporting education — it is changing lives, challenging inequality, and helping communities build a more hopeful future.



**50**  
GRANTS



**7**  
COUNTRIES



**€920,509**  
INVESTMENT

# CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Promoting sustainable farming and support smallholder farmers and female heads of households in preparedness to reduce their risk to shocks and stresses, including environmental disasters, climate change and violent conflict.



***“Before, we walked long distances to fetch water, and farming was very hard. Now we can make manure, restore our fields, and live with greater dignity.”***

Happy Chimbalu, a small-scale farmer in Malawi.

**Because of your support,** small-scale farmers are building resilience, restoring their land, and securing a better future for their families. Last year, your support reached more than 32,800 people across Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, South Sudan, and Zambia.



## Water – The Gift of Life!

Thanks to your generosity, farmers in rural Malawi are strengthening their livelihoods while caring for the land that sustains them. Your support has ranged from providing farmers with boreholes and irrigation so they have better access to water to providing tree seedlings. **Happy** shares his message with you:

*"My name is Happy Chimbalu, a 5th born to Village Headman. Before this project, life was very difficult for us because we had no access to safe and clean water. Many of our dreams as a family were not possible because of the challenges in accessing water.*

*With the water interventions made possible through Irish Jesuits International, **our lives have been transformed.***

***Before, we walked long distances to fetch water, and farming was very hard. Now we can make manure, restore our fields, and live with greater dignity. We are benefiting so much from the bananas and oranges we are growing."***

Thanks to you, Happy and his community are growing fruit trees to restore damaged land. These fruit orchards not only nourish families but also provide income through the sale of surplus produce.

Although communities like Happy's have contributed the least to global warming, they face some of its harshest consequences. Yet, they are not giving up. Instead, they are adapting, innovating and caring for the land that sustains them.



**20**  
GRANTS



**5**  
COUNTRIES



**€285,955**  
INVESTMENT

# HEALTH & WELL-BEING



Promoting good health and well being.



*Loyola Secondary School feeding programme in Wau, South Sudan*

Last year **over 15,000 people were reached through health-related projects made possible by your support** — from life-saving aid following devastating floods in Nigeria to providing 5,300 people in Lebanon and Syria receive emergency food baskets.



In Syria, communities continue to endure profoundly turbulent years.

Many families continue to struggle to meet even their most basic needs. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, from knitting clubs in Scotland to community fundraisers in Ireland, we could bring hope to those desperate for a supportive hand.

### “This Training Gave Me Hope”

**A mother, Nora, thanks you for the support to rebuild her life in Damascus.**

After years of suffering the effects of war, fleeing her home in Homs, the unjust imprisonment of her father by the al-Assad regime, and the devastating loss of her husband at the hands of the same regime, Nora finally found hope at the Jesuit run Alberto Centre in Damascus.

After receiving support at the Centre, Nora gave back by volunteering, assisting other families seeking refuge. She soon became a member of the team, leading Nora to be able to find home, and enrol her three children in school **“This place gave me love, safety, and hope,”** she says. **“It helped me believe in myself again.”**

Today, Nora’s eldest son is studying at university, her middle son is preparing for

his secondary exams, and her youngest is continuing in his education.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, families such as Nora’s are finding stability and dignity.



**28**  
GRANTS



**8**  
COUNTRIES



**€254,733**  
INVESTMENT

# PROTECTION



Improving the Protection of those most vulnerable within our care and surrounding communities.



*Mary and her new bicycle in Kitale, Kenya.*

In 2025, you supported **over 33,400 people across eight countries** — from empowering 200 women and young people in Kenya through livelihood projects to supporting 437 migrant workers and employers in Taiwan.



In particular, we were delighted to welcome friends of **An Timire** – with their support we provided 25 bicycles to mothers in a disadvantaged community in Kenya, helping them travel safely and support their families, and funded 25 food baskets for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Your solidarity once again has brought dignity and hope to families facing hardship.

**“I was delighted to receive not only the newsletter, but a response ‘As Gaeilge’ and even a handwritten Christmas card in Irish from An tAthair Seán. I was so touched I called in personally to say go raibh maith agat (thank you).”**

Anton is an Timire and IJI supporter.

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**13**  
GRANTS



**8**  
COUNTRIES



**€110,188**  
INVESTMENT

# RED CHAIR CAMPAIGN

Ten-year-old Evelyn Alforce is a pupil in Primary 5 at Sangere Primary School in Nigeria. Evelyn used to attend class without a uniform, books, or pen. **“Sometimes I just watched others write,”** she said quietly. **“It made me not want to go to school some days.”**

Because of **The Red Chair Campaign** Evelyn has received a full set of learning materials, notebooks, pens, a school uniform, and sandals. **“Now I can write and do my homework properly,”** she says, smiling. Her teacher has noticed a remarkable change—Evelyn is more confident, more engaged, and excited about learning again.

JOIN our **Red Chair Campaign**—an education fund dedicated to reaching children in the most marginalised communities. The red chair symbolises the empty seat of a child who should be in school but isn't.

**Your donation helps fill those seats.** It supports school meals, learning materials, uniforms, trained teachers, and even helps build classroom blocks—which are sometimes no more than a tent, a grass hut, or the shade of a tree.

**“The opportunity given to me and other students is a golden chance for us to continue with our studies and build a better future.”** Martin, secondary school student at St Joseph School in Kangemi, Kenya.



**Education is one of the most powerful ways to break the cycle of poverty. Together, we can ensure no child is left behind.**

By giving today, you can help create more stories like Evelyn's—and build a future where every child has a chair in a classroom.

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