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## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As you, regular readers of this column, will know, I always try to give in my introduction an overview of the work of HOPE'87 over the past 12 months since the last General Assembly... Well, I have to say, this year has been a bit of a struggle.

Not for lack of project successes - the fantastic cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Pakistan, the education programmes in Myanmar and Burundi, the Ecosan project in Senegal, the humanitarian aid for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, to name but a few, speak for themselves as you will read under the country programmes.

No, it was something else that caught my attention... it was my constant companion over the past 34 years of my work as Secretary General - it was Mneme, the muse of memory, who tickled me and whispered softly 'Now come on, tell the dear readers at last...'

I tried to shoo her away a little wistfully, but Mneme didn't let up and said empathetically "I know it's hard to say goodbye, but when one door closes, another one opens..."

In the end, I understood her wisdom and so I'm telling you straight: I actually and definitively retired on November 1st, 2024.

So, now it's out. And I feel a great sense of gratitude that I was able to steer the fortunes of HOPE'87 for 34 years, to see how a small initiative with just €26,000 at its disposal in 1991 developed into a recognised development cooperation and humanitarian aid organisation with a multi-million budget.

I am also grateful to all my colleagues who have made this success possible over the many years to date. I am also grateful to the many government and civilian donors and their trust in HOPE'87, who made this journey possible in the first place, as well as the many INGOs and Austrian NGOs, the Global Responsibility - the Austrian Platform of NGOs for development and humanitarian aid, with all of whom we have been able to make a difference for people in need.

The list has become almost endless over the past 34 years: the Austrian Federal Government and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the European Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, UNESCO and the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, established by UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr Ute H. Ohoven and headed by Vice-President Ms Claudia Jerger, the readers of the 'Recklinghäuser Zeitung', the 'Münchner Merkur', the 'Passauer Neue Presse', "Kurier", the association 'Barmherzigkeit' (Austria and Germany), the International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA), IC Cargo GmbH (Vienna), WIGWAM Reisen (Germany) and Ulrich Klose, TrekkingChile and Franz Schubert, the St. Anna Children's Hospital (Vienna), the Gigax Foundation (Vienna and Vaduz) and the Louis Turcanu Institute of Oncology (Timisoara, Romania), the Aga Khan Development Network, the Aga Khan Foundation Pakistan, the Aga Khan Foundation Tajikistan, the Aga Khan Building and Planning Services-Pakistan and the Mountain Societies Development Programme (Tajikistan), the Hashoo Foundation (Pakistan), Apotheker helfen e.V. (Pharmacists help), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA Austria, ADRA Germany, ADRA Denmark, ADRA Burkina Faso ADRA Burundi, ADRA Senegal), Hilfswerk der Bayerischen Apotheker,

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And should anyone not find his or her name in this list, it was not done on purpose and the support HOPE'87 received was equal to that of all the others... Blame it on Mneme, the muse of memory, who in the meantime had closed her eyes and thought with a smile of all the wonderful people who helped us and who could be helped...

I never want to forget those who have already passed away, but made HOPE'87 great: Mr Peter Sserugo, HOPE'87-Uganda Country Director, Mr Benoît Muhimuzi, HOPE'87-Burundi Country Director, Ms Uta Meran, HOPE'87 Representative in Kenya and Tanzania, Mr Heinz Vettermann, HOPE'87 Executive Board member and Ms Tamar Oppenheimer, O.C., former UN Under-Secretary-General and co-founder of and Senior Advisor to HOPE'87.

They will never be forgotten in the history of HOPE'87.

The success story of our organisation would not have been possible without the HOPE'87 country representatives and all the highly committed employees in Vienna and worldwide. They are the backbone of the organisation and form the real global HOPE'87 family!

And now I will no longer bore you with the memories of an old man, but wish my successor and all staff members in Vienna and around the world luck for the next 34 years and wish you, dear readers, lots of fun reading this year's Activity Report.



**Robert Ottitsch**  
Chairman of the  
Executive Board of  
HOPE'87





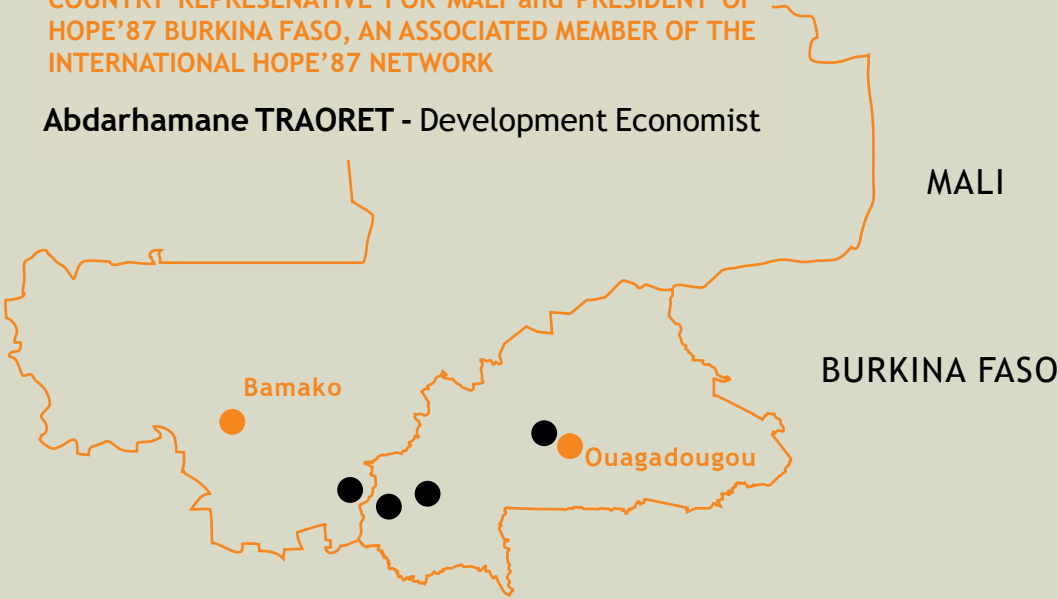
BURKINA FASO & MALI

**PROGRAMME:** Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations to climate change, improving children’s nutrition through food and education, promoting good health through sports as well as empowering communities with income-generating activities.

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Poverty reduction in Burkina Faso to mitigate the social and poverty-related consequences of the current multiple crises	Burkina Faso: Ouagadougou, Province of Kadiogo	1,650	Goals 1, 2,3, 5, 12
Sport for all - Health for all	Mali: Rural district of Finkolo, Area of Sikasso Burkina Faso: Rural district of Koloko, Province of Sikasso	14,000	Goal 3
Empowerment and capacity building of poor women groups in the transformation of local cereals and non-timber forest products	Mali: Rural district of Finkolo, Area of Sikasso Burkina Faso: Rural district of Koloko, Province of Sikasso	300	Goals 1, 2, 3
Supporting the Sababou Primary School	Burkina Faso: Bobo-Dioulasso	300	Goal 4

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE FOR MALI and PRESIDENT OF HOPE’87 BURKINA FASO, AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOPE’87 NETWORK

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SUMMARY

Both Burkina Faso and Mali are currently governed by military juntas following coups, with democratic transitions postponed amid ongoing instability. Large areas of both countries are experiencing severe insecurity due to persistent attacks by jihadist groups affiliated with al-Qaeda and ISIS. Economic growth is severely constrained by conflict, displacement, and sanctions, with both nations facing increasing poverty and limited access to essential services. Millions of people are internally displaced, and humanitarian needs continue to grow as a result of violence, climate change, and food insecurity. Despite these challenging circumstances, HOPE’87 has successfully implemented projects focusing on food security, nutrition, health and education. These initiatives aim to strengthen the resilience of impoverished farming families by safeguarding their livelihoods and enhancing their capacity to cope with climate change. Infants and young children from these families have been protected from malnutrition through the provision of complementary foods and nutritional education. All interventions have incorporated income-generating activities to empower the target groups. Additionally, HOPE’87 has continuously monitored previous projects, particularly regarding the functionality of the infrastructures established (such as boreholes, market gardens, and nutritional flour production units).





## ACTIVITIES

### Poverty reduction in Burkina Faso to mitigate the social and poverty-related consequences of the current multiple crises

This project, funded by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Austria, is being implemented in Ouagadougou from September 2024 to February 2026. It targets 1,650 small-scale market gardeners and 200 internally displaced families with young children (0-23 months) and pregnant women.

The objective of this initiative is to improve the dietary, nutritional, and sanitary conditions of these groups. Two key outcomes are pursued:

1. Improving access to health services and protection against malnutrition, dengue fever, and malaria for children aged 0-23 months from both small-scale market gardening households and IDP families.
2. Enhancing household capacity through support for food production and income-generating activities.

The project is primarily based on a capacity-building approach. To date, the 1,650 market gardeners have already been trained in climate-resilient farming and post-harvest techniques for fruits and vegetables. The 200 IDP families have received training in managing small economic units. Approximately 1,650 mothers of young children (aged 0-23 months), along with pregnant women, are participating in nutrition education sessions. In addition, 750 children aged 6 to 23 months receive monthly fortified flour after screening.

Awareness-raising sessions are also being held on prevalent tropical diseases such as Ebola, Lassa Fever, and Monkeypox.

The implementation of this project is already yielding immediate results, including:

- improved nutritional status among children aged 6-23 months,
- increased acceptance of cultivation techniques that are better suited to climate change.

### Sport for all - Health for all

This initiative, funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport, is being implemented in the rural districts of Koloko (Burkina Faso) and Finkolo (Mali) from December 2024 to November 2025. Its aim is to promote walking as a community-based and popular sport in these rural areas.

The project includes awareness-raising activities highlighting the health benefits of regular physical activity and the creation of a walking track in Koloko Centre. It reaches approximately 14,000 beneficiaries, including physical education teachers, young people, students, and school pupils.

As a result of the project, many residents of Koloko and Finkolo now regularly engage in sport, contributing to peace and social cohesion between the communities of Burkina Faso and Mali.

### Empowerment and capacity building of poor women groups in the transformation of local cereals and non-timber forest products

As part of this project, women's groups living in poverty in rural areas of Koloko (Burkina Faso) and Finkolo (Mali) are being supported in strengthening food security through the valorisation of cereals, fruits, and nuts. Funded by Mercy International, the initiative aims to build the capacity of these women's groups, particularly in the areas of infant and young child feeding, as well as agricultural processing.

Specifically, the project provides nutritional flour to young children aged 6 to 23 months in order to help maintain their nutritional status during the lean season. In addition, the children's mothers receive training in nutritional education, the management of economic units, marketing of processed agricultural products, and the processing of cereals and non-timber forest products.

Following these training sessions, the women's groups have been equipped with artisanal processing tools, enabling them to produce both local and nutritious products. Part of this production is used to meet their families' needs, while the remainder is sold on the market.

### Supporting the Sababou Primary School

This educational project was implemented from May 2024 to December 2024. Financed by the international renowned musician Mamadou Diabaté, it aimed to improve the learning conditions of 300 pupils in the town of Bobo-Dioulasso.

To achieve this, the initiative enhanced school equipment, safety, and administrative operations. Specifically, around 80 classroom desks and benches were produced, the upper floor was secured with a protective grille, and approximately 200 m<sup>2</sup> of the schoolyard was paved.

In addition, for a period of eight months, the project covered teachers' salaries as well as water and electricity bills.

Thus, this intervention has strengthened the school's ability to provide sustainable, quality education.





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These programmes contribute directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:



BURUNDI

**PROGRAMME:** Enhancing the livelihoods and strengthening the capacities of extremely poor and vulnerable women in entrepreneurship by introducing income-generating activities, providing training in small business management and facilitating access to microcredits through savings groups - all aimed at fostering their economic empowerment.

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Supporting the resilience and improving the livelihoods of vulnerable women in the municipality of Buganda	Province of Cibitoke, Municipality of Buganda	600	Goals 1, 5, 8

Jadon NSENGIYUMVA - Economist

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SUMMARY

Burundi remains one of the world's poorest nations, with approximately 81% of its population living in poverty and facing severe food insecurity; around 1.2 million people were projected to experience acute food shortages between June and September 2024.

Women, who constitute over half of the workforce and play a crucial role in agriculture, confront significant challenges, including limited access to land ownership, economic dependence due to forfeited inheritance rights upon marriage, and a high prevalence of gender-based violence.

Burundi is also grappling with a multifaceted crisis encompassing regional conflict, humanitarian challenges, economic hardship, and political repression.

The escalation of violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), particularly involving the Rwanda-backed M23 rebel group, has led to significant displacement. Since January 2025, approximately 65,000 individuals, including Congolese refugees and returning Burundians, have fled to Burundi. This influx of refugees has strained Burundi's already limited resources. The World Food Programme reports that the number of registered refugees needing food assistance has doubled to over 120,000 since January 2025, primarily consisting of women and children.

Furthermore, Burundi is experiencing an unprecedented economic crisis, characterized by 26 percent inflation. The country faces shortages of fuel, water and electricity outages, which have affected the delivery of public services essential to rights such as health care and education.

The government continues to restrict space for civil society, independent media, and political opposition. To support the fight against poverty and improve the economic situation of women, HOPE'87-Burundi has implemented an initiative that included training in small business management for vulnerable women, facilitating their access to microcredits through savings groups.





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### Supporting the resilience and improving the livelihoods of vulnerable women in the municipality of Buganda

This project, developed to support the resilience of extremely poor women in the Buganda community while improving their livelihoods, achieved notable progress over the past year. A total of 600 women directly benefited, with growing involvement from local communities.

Training in microenterprise management and local product marketing enhanced women's skills, resulting in more stable incomes. New income-generating activities were launched, and community savings and credit groups were strengthened, enabling women to save and access small loans to start or expand businesses - boosting their economic empowerment. Awareness workshops on women's economic rights and their role in local development were also held. A participatory monitoring system was introduced to track income trends, identify challenges, and adjust activities accordingly.

To strengthen overall resilience, the project incorporated social protection support through medical cards valid at public health facilities in Buganda municipality. These cards improved household health security and reinforced efforts towards economic self-reliance by addressing a key driver of chronic poverty.

The project also tackled climate resilience through targeted training and community organisation. Participatory monitoring and evaluation enabled the team to better tailor interventions to beneficiaries' needs.

By combining economic mentoring, capacity building, access to savings, and social inclusion, the project helped lift extremely poor women out of immediate hardship and laid the foundation for sustainable self-employment. The creation of 24 savings groups with 25 members each, training of all 600 women in managing income-generating activities, and the rise in their monthly incomes all demonstrate significant improvements in living conditions.

The project's impact was also evident in deeper ways: improved food security in women-headed households, greater self-confidence among beneficiaries, and more active female participation in community structures. These outcomes reflect the relevance of the model, the dedication of stakeholders, and the strong resolve of the women themselves.

HOPE'87 extends its sincere thanks to the donor and project partners—the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, and ZF hilft (Germany).

## INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

### Government Authorities

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This country's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:

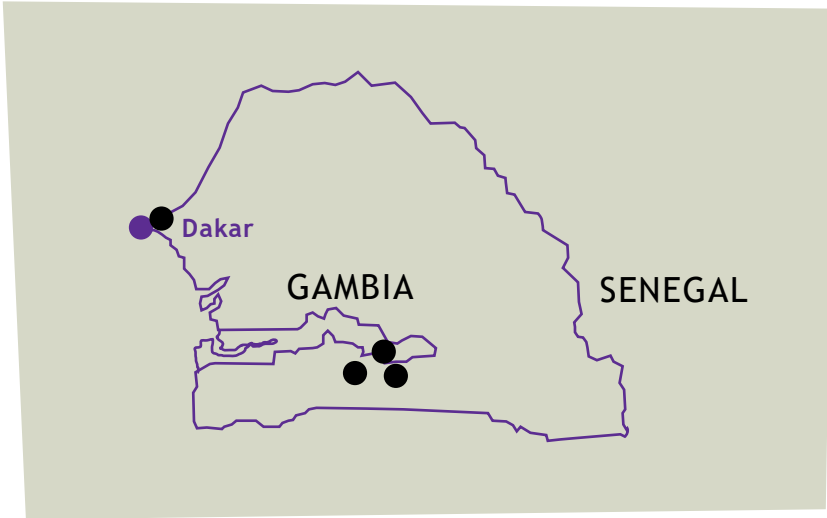




SENEGAL & GAMBIA

**PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the fight against poverty by restoring the human dignity of the population in Senegal’s urban and peri-urban areas through capacity-building with a focus on education, training, health, infrastructure, agriculture and diversification of sources of income and sport.

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
School food for Baraka Kids	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	115	Goals 2, 3, 4
Support for a technically safe, hygienic and socially and culturally acceptable sanitation system	Mamaptim, Medina Cherif, Kolda and Diaobé-Kabendou, Velingara	3,231	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8
Improving the care of hearing-impaired children at the Kolda Regional Hospital	Regional Hospital of Kolda	300	Goals 3, 10
Increasing the agricultural production of women in the Casamance (“Beydari Keebal Rewbé” project)	Mampatim and Medina Cherif, Kolda	300	Goals 1, 2, 4, 13, 15
The 0:0 Sport project = everyone wins at sport in the Casamance	Mampatim and Medina Cherif, Kolda	250	Goals 3, 4, 9
RECOURVER II - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in Western Africa to cope with various crises and their consequences	Mampatim, Medina Cherif, Bagadadji and Dialambergé, Kolda	3,500	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 13, 15
Strengthening health care for women and children at the FAI health post in the Municipality of Medina Cherif	Mampatim, Medina Cherif, Bagadadji and Dialambergé, Kolda	13,600	Goals 3, 10
A well with a hydraulic-powered pump for Dabacounda, Basse Santa Su, Gambia	Dabacounda, Basse Santa Su, Gambia	622	Goal 6
Strengthening health care for women and children at the FAI health post in the Municipality of Medina Cherif	Medina Cherif, Kolda	13,600	Goals 3, 10
New Information and Communication Technology (NICT) for students and women in rural areas of Kolda, Senegal	Medina Cherif, Kolda	450	Goal 4
Strengthening food security resilience of farming households to climate change in Senegal	Mampatim, Medina Cherif, Bagadadji and Dialambergé, Kolda	3,500	Goals 1, 2



COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Boubacar MANE - Geographer

SUMMARY

In 2024 and 2025, Senegal’s economy showed signs of recovery amidst ongoing global and regional challenges. Security concerns in West Africa and the continued economic ramifications of the Russia-Ukraine conflict remained pressing issues. Domestically, the country navigated a delicate political transition and worked to restore economic stability. Crucially, the long-awaited commencement of oil and gas production in late 2024 provided a much-needed boost to national

revenue and investor confidence. A favourable agricultural season in 2024/2025 further supported economic activity, particularly in rural areas.

The election of President Bassirou Diomaye Faye in 2024 marked a significant political milestone and the beginning of a new national vision - Senegal 2050: National Transformation Agenda - which has replaced the Plan for an Emerging Senegal (PSE). This ambitious long-term strategy is centred on four strategic priorities: fostering a competitive economy, promoting environmental sustainability, investing in human capital and social justice, and strengthening governance. One of its central aims is to triple annual per capita income by 2050, supported by projected GDP growth rates of 6-7% and strategic investments in energy, infrastructure, and education.

Amidst this evolving context, HOPE’87-Senegal, in collaboration with its technical and financial partners, has continued to contribute to national development. During 2024 and 2025, our efforts focused on enhancing food security in rural areas, improving maternal and child health, strengthening access to education, promoting vocational training and youth employment, and advancing sanitation, gender equality, and social inclusion. Programmes also continued to support sports development and the rights and participation of persons with disabilities - ensuring that the benefits of national progress are shared equitably.





## ACTIVITIES

### School food for Baraka Kids

The School Canteen for Baraka - Phase I (2023/2024) project significantly improved the nutritional status of children aged 3 to 6 in Baraka, Liberté 6, by providing nutrient-rich meals that supported healthy growth. The establishment of the canteen led to better school attendance and enhanced learning outcomes among preschool and introductory course pupils.

Due to its success, the project was extended under Phase II, with continued food provision from March 2024 to February 2025. This support contributed to a rise in preschool enrolment, with 115 children registered in the 2024/2025 academic year - 20 more than the previous year. Four classrooms operated at full capacity, and attendance remained consistently high throughout the week.

Many of the children from Phase I have now advanced to primary school, while a new group of 3- to 5-year-olds - many affected by protein-energy malnutrition - have entered preschool, reinforcing the ongoing need for the canteen.

As parental awareness grew, families began contributing to the initiative's sustainability. Since March 2025, parents have been paying a weekly fee of €1.50 per child to support the meal service.

A partnership agreement was also signed between the preschool administration and the GIE des Femmes Transformatrices de Baraka (Economic Interest Group of Women Processors in Baraka), entrusting them with the daily management of the canteen. This collaboration not only ensures efficient operations but also strengthens women's economic empowerment and local ownership.

### Support for a technically safe, hygienic and socially and culturally acceptable sanitation system

This project, which is co-financed by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), is being implemented in the communes of Diaobé Kabendou, Médina Chérif, and Mampatim. It aims to establish a technically safe, hygienic, and culturally appropriate sanitation system. Led by the local, autonomous NGO Banaya, the initiative contributes to reducing vector-borne diseases and enhancing food security in the departments of Vélingara and Kolda.

The project supports the development of a circular, economically sustainable ecological sanitation model that links hygiene to agricultural production. A total of 3,231 individuals - including 1,812 women and girls - from 359 vulnerable households (78 female-headed) benefit directly. Indirectly, local farmers cultivating groundnuts, millet, and maize also benefit through training in the use and upkeep of EcoSan latrines and the application of eco-fertilisers.

EcoSan latrines have contributed to reducing open defecation, improving hygiene, and lowering incidences of diarrhoeal diseases and malaria. At the same time, fertiliser produced from treated excreta has boosted crop yields, especially in market gardening, offering a

sustainable alternative to chemical fertilisers. For example, fertilising one hectare with EcoSan products costs 35,000 FCFA (€53), compared to 90,000 FCFA (€137) for chemical fertilisers - saving households €83 per hectare.

The project also supports job creation through the sanitation centre and promotes small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) involved in the construction, component manufacturing, and logistics of EcoSan systems - reinforcing local ownership and economic empowerment.



### Improving the care of hearing-impaired children at Kolda Regional Hospital

Now in its second phase, this project aims to enhance the care of hearing-impaired children at Kolda Regional Hospital. It is led by United Teams, the strategic alliance of the YOU Foundation, and HOPE'87. The initiative supports 300 children identified and monitored by the hospital's ENT (ORL) department, primarily from primary schools and disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the commune of Kolda.

Implemented in close collaboration with the head of the ENT department, the project seeks to strengthen the hospital's capacity to deliver high-quality, safe, and efficient care for children with hearing impairments. A key objective is to support affected children in developing their hearing and speech, facilitating their integration into mainstream society as autonomous and communicative individuals.

Children diagnosed with hearing impairments received regular follow-up care and were provided with hearing aids tailored to their needs. In parallel, awareness-raising sessions were conducted in local schools to improve early detection and ensure timely intervention. This initiative not only improves access to specialist care but also promotes inclusion and long-term opportunities for children with hearing loss in the Kolda region.

### Increasing the agricultural production of women in the Casamance ("Beydari Keebal Rewbé" project)

Implemented in the communes of Mampatim and Médina Chérif, this project focuses on supporting women farmers who rely on rain-fed agriculture and face declining yields due to the growing impacts of climate change. In Senegal, rainfall is increasingly irregular - reduced by 35-40% according to statistics from the National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology (ANACIM, Dec. 2024) - resulting in shorter and unpredictable rainy seasons.

In response, HOPE'87, with funding from the City of Vienna, has introduced strategies to improve food security and combat rural poverty. These include promoting the use of short-cycle, climate-resilient seed varieties developed by ISRA and recently released in Senegal.

The project strengthens the capacity of women farmers across valleys, lowlands, and plateaus by improving access to quality inputs, encouraging good agricultural practices, and facilitating connections with suppliers. Special emphasis is placed on supporting women with limited resources, helping them build sustainable livelihoods through productive farming and the added value of local food processing and preservation.

Ultimately, the project aims to support a more resilient, efficient, and high-quality food production system led by women, adapted to the challenges of a changing climate.



### The 0:0 Sport project =everyone wins at sport in the Casamance

Supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Housing, Arts, Culture, Media and Sport, this project was implemented in the communes of Mampatim and Médina Chérif, areas facing limited community infrastructure, minimal support for local sports actors, and a lack of organised sporting activities - factors that hinder youth development and community cohesion.

The project's objectives included constructing multi-purpose sports fields, building technical capacity in coaching and refereeing, and creating a platform for dialogue among sports stakeholders. At its core, the initiative used sport as a vehicle for peacebuilding and social cohesion, particularly among ethnically diverse youth communities.





Awareness campaigns focused on non-violence and fair play were carried out during social mobilisation days, reinforcing community bonds and encouraging youth engagement. A major highlight was the organisation of football, handball, and basketball tournaments involving 50 local sports clubs (ASCs) from the two communes.

Through this initiative, HOPE'87 Senegal contributes to SDG 9 by supporting the development of inclusive, resilient infrastructure that fosters economic and social well-being, with particular emphasis on accessibility, equity, and community empowerment.



### RECOURRER II - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in Western Africa to cope with various crises and their consequences

Launched in 2020 and led by Caritas Austria, the RECOURRER project is a joint initiative of six organisations, including HOPE'87, the Red Cross, Light for the World, Horizon 3000, Jugend Eine Welt, and ICEP. The second phase (2023-2025) builds on the foundations of the initial phase to reduce the social and economic impacts of climate and human-induced crises in Burkina Faso and Senegal.

HOPE'87 Senegal's sub-project focuses on improving the livelihoods of vulnerable households by enhancing climate-resilient agricultural productivity, aligning production with market needs, and improving access to financial services. Activities also promote agroecological practices and environmental conservation, drawing on local knowledge to strengthen ecosystem resilience.

A total of 1,500 producers received access to climate information, while 250 women were trained in agro-processing to support

income generation. The project promoted women's participation in community decision-making and implemented gender-based violence (GBV) awareness activities, led by trained female leaders in each village.

Inclusive and participatory approaches ensured engagement from all community members, including persons with disabilities. Awareness campaigns, home visits, and radio broadcasts helped challenge gender inequalities and raise awareness of GBV and social exclusion.

To ensure long-term impact, formal partnerships were established with decentralised technical services and the ISRA research institute in Kolda. This collaboration has improved monitoring of farming plots, secured access to certified seeds, and strengthened market linkages - laying the foundation for sustainable agricultural development beyond the project's lifespan.

HOPE'87 expresses its gratitude to the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) for funding this project!

### Strengthening health care for women and children at the FAI health post in the Municipality of Medina Cherif

Since its establishment in 2009 by the YOU Foundation and Dr Siegfried Axtmann of the FAI Aviation Group the Médina Chérif FAI Health Post has continued to deliver accessible primary healthcare to residents of the commune and neighbouring areas.

The facility sees a high volume of patients, with over 70 daily consultations handled by the head nurse and assistant. The maternity unit also remains busy, averaging 65 prenatal and family planning consultations per day and over 38 deliveries per month (2024 data).

To address overcrowding and improve the quality of maternal care, the Cellal Rewbé - Women's Health Care project was launched. The initiative has already expanded the delivery room and upgraded essential equipment, with further improvements underway - including paving the entrance to the maternity unit and infirmary, landscaping the grounds, and furnishing the midwife's office to improve patient reception. Phase V of the project specifically focuses on enhancing maternal health through infrastructure upgrades and new medical equipment - including an additional

delivery table, warming table, incubator, blood pressure monitor, and neonatal resuscitation masks - ensuring the health post remains fit for purpose and responsive to community needs.

Backed by the Kolda Health District, which continues to provide training for health personnel, the project aims to ensure maternal care that is safe, timely, and patient-centred.

Community Health Workers (ASCs) remain actively involved, supporting public health initiatives such as distributing insecticide-treated mosquito nets and malaria chemoprevention medicines for children under 12. To strengthen outreach in more remote areas, mobile services are being delivered by the head nurse and midwife. These efforts bring antenatal care, family planning, and awareness-raising on HIV/AIDS, neglected tropical diseases, and the importance of childhood immunisation to surrounding villages.



### A well with a hydraulic-powered pump for Dabacounda, Gambia

This drinking water project is being implemented in the village of Dabacounda, in the Basse Santa Su region of eastern Gambia, on the left bank of the Gambia River. With a population of 622 - over half of whom are women - the community depends primarily on rain-fed agriculture (Basse Santa Su District, November 2023).

Dabacounda faced a critical lack of access to safe drinking water. The village's only well regularly dries up, particularly from April onwards, leaving residents - especially children under 10 - vulnerable to water-borne diseases such as diarrhoea and vomiting (data from the local health post).

In response, HOPE'87 Senegal, in partnership with the NGO Light for the Gambia and with support from the YOU Foundation, launched a drinking water project following a local assessment of health, economic conditions, and water access.

Working alongside Gambian technical services and under the supervision of the head of the Basse district, the project oversaw the construction of a mini-drilling plant to provide the village with a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

Awareness-raising activities were also held at Dabacounda Primary School, in partnership with the governor's office and the regional water department, to educate the community on the health risks of consuming untreated well water and to promote the benefits of the new system.

As part of the project, 30 households in Dabacounda were equipped with water taps, significantly improving year-round access to clean water and contributing to better public health outcomes.





### New Information and Communication Technology (NICT) for students and women in rural areas of Kolda, Senegal

Improving access to ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) and strengthening the capacities of women in agricultural processing techniques, legal rights and responsibilities, and environmental protection forms a key pillar in the drive to develop a high-quality education sector. This project, which is supported by the YOU Foundation, aims to support schools in delivering relevant and quality educational content while also building the skills of students, young people, and women in basic computer literacy, in collaboration with the local computer centre coordinator. By placing beneficiaries from all social backgrounds in practical learning environments, the initiative promotes individual and collective responsibility, encouraging a spirit of excellence and competition through digital inclusion.

In parallel, the project has prioritised community awareness and engagement activities with local populations and authorities. These efforts have particularly focused on raising awareness around early marriage and combating the stigmatisation of people living with disabilities.

### Strengthening food security resilience of farming households to climate change in Senegal

Supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the YOU Foundation, this initiative, implemented by the local, autonomous NGO Banaya, aims to strengthen the resilience of 3,500 farming households in the Kolda Department of Senegal, with a focus on adapting to the impacts of climate change.

The project promotes food and nutritional security by introducing climate-resilient agricultural practices among agro-sylvo-pastoral communities. Farmers have been trained to use climate information to better plan seasonal activities, improve yields, and reduce post-harvest losses amid increasing weather variability, including storms, droughts, and floods.

Over 1,000 participants took part in village forums, facilitating dialogue with experts from the National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology (ANACIM) to tailor seasonal forecasts to local needs. To address limited access to agricultural credit, the project brokered a partnership with the National Agricultural Insurance Company (CNAAS), enrolling 3,500 farmers in index-based insurance covering 1,750 hectares, protecting against rainfall-related crop losses.

Crop diversification has been advanced through the distribution of rice, maize, cowpea, and sweet potato cuttings. This approach reduces household vulnerability by improving food security, spreading risk, and offering alternative income sources.

By combining training, insurance, and access to climate-resilient inputs, the initiative is equipping local farmers with the tools to adapt and thrive in a changing climate.



## INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

### Government Authorities

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- Mr Léon Sarr, Caritas Tamba
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This country's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:





## BRAZIL

**PROGRAMME:** Strengthening vocational education for vulnerable youth and young adults, while providing children with opportunities and prospects to develop their social and emotional competences as well as their sporting skills through football and futsal training.

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Base Brazil Football Schools - Living a Dream, violence and crime prevention based on a national passion	Municipalities in 13 States of Brazil	3,500	Goals 3, 4, 5, 11, 16

### COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

**Markus SCHRUF** -  
Football Coach and Manager



### SUMMARY

Brazil remains the fifth largest country in the world, both in size and population, with around 213 million people in 2025—one-third of Latin America's total. Economically, it is the largest in the region and the Southern Hemisphere, ranked eighth globally with a GDP of US \$2.31 trillion.

Young people growing up in Brazil's favelas in 2025 continue to face stark challenges shaped by poverty, violence, and systemic exclusion. Many adolescents encounter limited access to quality education, healthcare, and employment, with youth unemployment rates in these communities remaining disproportionately high. Armed conflict between police and criminal factions is a frequent reality, with some teenagers drawn into gangs as early as age 12 due to lack of opportunity. Despite this, a growing number of community-led initiatives are offering alternatives aimed at breaking the cycle of marginalisation.

HOPE'87 has been supporting vulnerable youth living in the favelas and weakly developed socio-economic areas through a long-running football and education project since 2014, an early childhood education project during 2021 / 2022 and vocational training initiatives for teenagers and young adults during 2022 / 2023.

## ACTIVITIES

### Base Brazil Football Schools - Living a Dream, violence and crime prevention based on a national passion

Over ten years ago, following the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, HOPE'87 launched fundraising activities in collaboration with UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr Ute-Henriette Ohoven's YOU Foundation to support youth and sports organisations in Brazil. Initiated upon the recommendation of the Austrian General Consulate in São Paulo, the initiative has since enabled thousands of young people to participate in the network of 25 football schools under the 'Base Brazil - Living a Dream' programme, helping them pursue their athletic development and succeed in their academic careers.

Base Brazil's partner, the NON-Violence Project Foundation (NVPF), a UN-recognised organisation, delivers the "Football for Peace" programme to prevent violence through sport and education.

This programme combines football and futsal training with NVPF's award-winning life skills curriculum, offered in football schools located in Brazil's favelas - areas where children face early exposure to organised crime and street dangers.

Base Brazil provides a safe haven for around 3,500 boys and girls, focusing on developing both football skills and social competences such as teamwork and fair play.

The "Football for Peace" programme includes ten sessions based on Social Emotional Learning, teaching youngsters to build self-esteem, understand emotions, resolve conflicts, cooperate, and act peacefully.

WWSA Brazil collaborates with NVPF by supplying trained coaches and organising programme delivery, supporting NVPF's mission since 1993 to inspire young people worldwide to resolve conflicts peacefully.



## INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

### Project Partners

- Non-Violence-Project (NVP Foundation)
- Universidade de São Paulo (USP/CEPEUSP)
- Municipalities in the location of the football school in 13 Brazilian states
- Escola Total in Rio de Janeiro and Santos
- National Commission of Brazil for UNESCO
- CUFA, Central Única das Favelas (ONG)
- Founder Institute Sao Paulo / Campinas, State of Sao Paulo

### Diplomatic Representatives

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- Mr Stefan Nemetz, Vice-Consul of Austria, Sao Paulo

**Brazil's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:**





BANGLADESH

**PROGRAMME:** Promoting education for vulnerable and working children, ensuring access to primary healthcare and essential child protection services for marginalised families and children in emergencies as well as humanitarian aid for Rohingya refugees

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Model Night School for Child Workers and Street Children	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	501	Goals 1, 4, 10
Health Care for Children & Women	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	1,850	Goal 3
Color Your DREAM - an opportunity for night school students	Dhaka City	120	Goal 4
Quality Early Childhood Education and Care at the Rohingya Camp	Rohingya Refugee Camp, Ukhiya sub-district, Cox's Bazaar district	653	Goal 4
Primary health care for Rohingya Refugee Children in Cox's Bazar	Camp 12, Balukhali Ukhiya Rohingya Camp in Cox's Bazar district	20,000	Goals 3, 4, 6,10
Emergency Support for Victims of the July 2024 Student Movement	Dhaka	10	Goal 3

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Mohd. Rezaul KARIM -  
Social Worker



SUMMARY

Bangladesh is located in South Asia and bordered by India and Myanmar. While rich in natural resources and characterised by a vast river network and fertile landscape, Bangladesh continues to face major development challenges. Rapid urbanisation, particularly in Dhaka, is straining infrastructure, and a significant portion of the population still lives in extreme poverty, with limited access to quality public services.

HOPE'87-Bangladesh works to improve the socio-economic conditions of disadvantaged communities by promoting education, skills training, and healthcare. Its mission is to reduce poverty and illiteracy, prevent structural violence against women and children, increase access to education, and tackle unemployment. In collaboration with local and international development partners, HOPE'87-Bangladesh implements sustainable initiatives to strengthen social well-being and inclusion.

Within the last year, the organisation continued its impactful work across various areas. Night schools in Dhaka provided education to over 2,300 street children, while two weekly healthcare centres served women and children. An art-based learning programme reached 120 underprivileged children, and an early childhood education project supported 653 Rohingya and host-community children through play-based learning. A mobile school bus initiative in Dhaka and Chattogram brought education to children in urban slums, while a dental bus project delivered dental care, WASH services, and nutrition support to more than 20,000 people in the Rohingya community. Additionally, HOPE'87-Bangladesh provided emergency medical aid to victims of the July movement.

Through these efforts, HOPE'87-Bangladesh continues to demonstrate its commitment to building a more just, inclusive, and empowered society for the most vulnerable groups.

ACTIVITIES

Model Night School for Child Workers and Street Children

The Night School programme is one of HOPE'87-Bangladesh's longest-running and most impactful initiatives. Launched in 1990 by Branch Office Manager Md. Rezaul Karim Babu, the project aims to reduce illiteracy and child labour by offering flexible, evening-based education to underprivileged children in Dhaka.

With the support of the City of Vienna, three night-schools were formally established in Old Dhaka in 2012. These schools provide a safe and supportive learning environment for approximately 500 children annually, including street children, child labourers and orphans. Following the national curriculum, subjects such as reading, writing, and mathematics are taught, with additional training in creative handcrafts and life skills. Operating in unused government school buildings during the evenings, the model promotes efficient resource use while ensuring access to education for children who work or support their families during the day. Since inception, more than 2,300 children from low-income communities have received education up to class VIII, with some also benefiting from needs-based adult literacy.

Beyond academics, the programme offers school supplies, basic healthcare, recreational activities, and educational tours. It also conducts awareness sessions on personal hygiene, safety, and adolescent well-being. The initiative not only supports children's development but also strengthens families and aligns with national goals to increase primary school enrolment and social inclusion.





### Health Care for Children & Women

This project aims to improve the health and nutrition of marginalised women and children living in Dhaka's slum areas by providing access to basic healthcare. Two weekly health posts operate in Jurain - one on Mondays and one on Wednesdays - offering free check-ups, treatment, prescriptions, and medication. Services are delivered by a volunteer medical team including doctors, nurses, registrars, and support volunteers, with a focus on women, pregnant mothers, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Since 2023, a mobile health post has also operated weekly, bringing essential healthcare to underserved communities via a van equipped with basic medical tools and staffed by a doctor, nurse, and volunteers.

An emergency helpline offers urgent medical advice, and with the support of a partner eye hospital, the project has reached over 74,000 patients across more than 1,200 clinic days. During the reporting period, 1,850 individuals received care. Weekly awareness sessions further promote hygiene and disease prevention, particularly among illiterate families. Referred patients are assisted with hospital admissions and transport through collaboration with the Hospital Social Welfare Office.



### Color Your DREAM: an opportunity for night school students

From May 2024 to April 2025, HOPE'87-Bangladesh implemented the Colour Your DREAM project in Dhaka, which was financed by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, to promote creative education and emotional well-being among disadvantaged children, particularly night school students. This initiative supported 120 children - 60% of them girls - by offering a safe, inclusive space for self-expression through art-based learning and extracurricular activities.

Aligned with SDG 4 on inclusive and equitable quality education, two Children's Art Centres were set up within HOPE Night Schools. These centres hosted twice-weekly sessions in drawing, painting, paper crafts, and mask-making, helping children build artistic skills, emotional resilience, and social confidence.

Outdoor classes, participation in local art competitions, and the exhibition of students' work - including during Bengali New Year celebrations - provided further visibility and empowerment. Selected pieces were sold to support the schools, and an online showcase connected the project to international audiences, including the Carnevale di Viareggio in Italy.

The project fostered creativity and self-confidence, establishing a

sustainable, community-based model for integrating art and emotional development into education for vulnerable children in Dhaka.



### Quality Early Childhood Education and Care at the Rohingya camp

HOPE'87-Bangladesh has been delivering the Quality Early Childhood Education and Care (ECE) project in Rohingya refugee camps and host communities in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar since July 2024, financially supported by the YOU



Foundation - Education for Children in Need. This 24-month initiative supports inclusive, play-based early learning for displaced and underprivileged children, aligned with SDG 4 on quality education.

By April 2025, the project established 10 centres - including Learning Centres, Early Childhood Education Centres, a Community-Based Learning Facility, and host community centres - enrolling 653 children (60% girls). The centres operate five days a week, offering structured three-hour sessions based on the Myanmar Curriculum, supported by 12 trained teachers from both Rohingya and Bangladeshi communities.

Beyond education, the project provides weekly health camps, nutrition support, sports and creative play, and psycho-social care, especially for children with special needs. Community involvement is strong through mothers' meetings, awareness programmes, and Centre Management Committees. Coordination with camp officials and partners ensures effective implementation.

The Early Childhood Education project has notably increased access to quality early learning, supported emotional well-being, and empowered parents, laying the groundwork for sustainable childhood development in emergency settings.

### Mobile Quality School for out of school children

The Mobile Quality School (MQS) project addresses the educational needs of underprivileged children in Dhaka and Chattogram's urban slums. Launched by HOPE'87-Bangladesh in 2014 (Chattogram) and 2018 (Dhaka), the project uses converted buses as mobile classrooms, providing free primary education from nursery to grade six. It primarily serves working children, street children, and school dropouts from low-income families who cannot afford formal schooling. Currently, 302 children benefit from classes across five slum areas.

Supported by ZF hilft, the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need (Germany) and local partners, the mobile quality school operates five days a week with a government-approved curriculum. Each bus is equipped with learning aids, first-aid kits, laptops, and sports equipment, creating a vibrant, child-friendly environment. Alongside lessons, children engage in sports, art, swimming, and educational trips. The project also runs parent meetings and hygiene sessions to foster a safe, inclusive learning space. Teachers receive specialised training to deliver inclusive, child-centred education.

During the reporting period, 946 students (62% girls) were enrolled, with 158 completing primary education. The project's success highlights the need for innovative education solutions and aligns with SDG 4 by providing equitable, quality education to vulnerable children in urban slums.



### Primary health care for Rohingya Refugee Children in Cox's Bazar

To meet the urgent dental health and educational needs of Rohingya refugee children and those in the affected host communities in Cox's Bazar, HOPE '87 Bangladesh has continued to implement a comprehensive humanitarian response across several camps. As the sole provider of dental services in Ukhiya Camp 12 and the surrounding camps, HOPE '87 Bangladesh has made vital progress in improving oral health. The project treats dental problems such as tooth decay and promotes healthy hygiene habits from an early age, helping to reduce preventable diseases.

Since launching a Dental Health Post in February 2024, the project has treated an average of 600 patients each month, offering a full range of procedures including restorations, extractions, root canals, and abscess



drainage. To date, around 20,000 patients have received care, with outreach services extended to children in learning centres, madrassas, and host communities. The health post features a portable X-ray, provides free medicines, and distributes oral hygiene kits alongside regular hygiene education sessions.

The project has also revitalised two learning centres enrolling 182 children, operating five days a week with qualified Rohingya and Bangladeshi teachers. Children benefit from Myanmar curriculum materials, psychosocial support, life skills training, and recreational activities that promote well-being. Monthly parent meetings enhance community engagement and support child monitoring.

Complementary WASH activities ensure access to safe drinking water, gender-segregated latrines, and ongoing hygiene promotion. Nutritional support includes fortnightly food and fruit distributions and monthly mothers' meetings led by a volunteer nutritionist.

HOPE '87 Bangladesh gratefully acknowledges the support of its partner, the YOU Foundation, through the donor "Ein Herz für Kinder/BILD hilft e.V.", in delivering essential care and hope to Rohingya children and their communities.

### Emergency Support for Victims of the July 2024 Student Movement

Following the Non-Discriminatory Student Movement of Bangladesh in July 2024, which resulted in over 1,400 deaths and around 6,000 injuries, HOPE'87-Bangladesh launched an emergency intervention to support severely injured protestors. The project aimed to provide immediate medical assistance, financial support, and rehabilitation for the most vulnerable individuals affected by indiscriminate violence.

A hospital survey identified 34 critically injured individuals, out of which 10 beneficiaries (eight male protestors and two affected families) were selected for targeted support. Activities included cash grants for medical treatment, assistance with hospital admissions and collaboration with other organisations for the installation of modern artificial limbs. To restore self-reliance, four injured protestors received support for income-generating projects.

The project not only provided life-saving medical support but also promoted social reintegration and economic empowerment for victims of political violence. The programme directly contributed to restoring dignity and mobility for young protestors and highlighted the role of civil society in emergency humanitarian response.

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### Diplomatic Representatives

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- H.E. Wolfgang Gröblacher, former Consul at the Austrian Embassy in New Delhi, India

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- K M Zahiduzzaman, Country Director at Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh
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This country's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:





MYANMAR

**PROGRAMME:** Enabling the children of Hriphi village access to inclusive and quality education through daily school classes in a supportive environment, saving lives through providing access to basic health as well as providing humanitarian assistance to earthquake survivors in Myanmar.

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Quality education and health care for the children of Hriphi village: Construction of a primary school and a health post	Hriphi village, Thantlang township, Chin State	120 school children every year as well as over 1,000 children, pregnant women and patients	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5
EmergencyAid for Earthquake's survivals in Myanmar	Village camp one and two, Mandalay Region	960	Goals 2, 3, 6

**PROJECT PARTNER**  
Chan THAWNG - New Eden Charity Foundation

SUMMARY

Myanmar has endured civil war for over 27 years, leaving many people struggling to meet their most basic needs. Since the military coup in February 2021, the situation has deteriorated further, with communities facing severe hardship and lacking essential support. Driven by extreme poverty and ongoing conflict between the military and the People's Defence Force (PDF), families from remote hill regions have migrated to the village of Hriphi in search of improved living conditions, access to education, and basic healthcare. Although the government of Myanmar

officially guarantees every child the right to education, the reality in Hriphi paints a very different picture. This isolated village, which remains without electricity, still has no formal public school - denying children access to the education promised under Sustainable Development Goal 4. Healthcare provision is equally absent, with no clinic available in or near the village. Consequently, many children suffer from illness due to poor sanitation and damp conditions, often missing school or even die from preventable diseases. To address these urgent needs, HOPE'87 is currently constructing both a school and a health post in Hriphi village to ensure access to quality education and basic healthcare for the children. To make matters worse, a devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar in March 2025, resulting in the deaths and serious injuries of many thousands. Survivors were left with nothing - without shelter, food, or access to sanitation. In response to this humanitarian disaster, HOPE'87 launched an emergency aid programme to support those affected by the earthquake.

ACTIVITIES

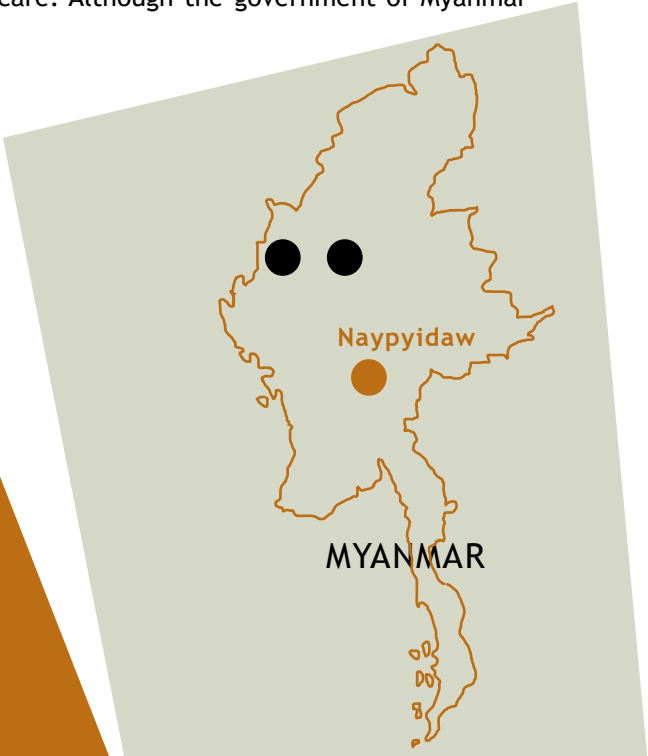
**Quality education and health care for the children of Hriphi village: Construction of a primary school and a health post**

To give every young child in Hriphi village the chance to attend school and gain the skills they need to build a better future, this project seeks to construct a new, disaster-resilient brick primary school. Designed with the needs of children in mind, the school will provide a safe and welcoming learning environment with enough space to accommodate around 120 pupils each year. Crucially, it will also offer protection against the natural hazards that frequently threaten the region. In addition, to ensure better health for the children, their mothers, and pregnant women in the community, a dedicated health post will be built using durable timber construction. It will be fully equipped with essential medical supplies and instruments. The health post staff will not only provide medical care, but also train mothers and expectant women in hygiene and basic health practices - empowering them to safeguard their families' well-being. Through this initiative, over 1,000 children, pregnant women, and patients from Hriphi and neighbouring villages will benefit each year. Many lives will be saved - lives that deserve every chance to grow, to thrive, and to hope. HOPE'87 expresses its gratitude to the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need for sponsoring this project!

**Emergency Aid for Earthquake's survivals in Myanmar**

On 28 March 2025, a devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar. It is estimated that around 7,000 lives were lost. Thousands of homes and buildings crumbled, roads and bridges were destroyed, and more than 10 million people were affected - many losing everything they owned in an instant. In the aftermath, the government, along with numerous NGOs, CSOs, and international organisations, provided emergency relief, including food, clean water, temporary shelters and essential non-food items. Yet, despite these efforts, countless families remain in desperate need. Many still go without sufficient food or basic supplies, living in makeshift camps - or worse, under trees without any shelter at all. Through its emergency relief programme, HOPE'87 has delivered vital food and non-food supplies to survivors residing in Camps 01 and 02 in Mandalay Region. Each family received essentials such as rice, salt, noodles, soap, washing powder and hygiene pads, supporting their basic needs for up to three months. This aid was distributed equitably to all, including LGBTQ individuals and people with disabilities, regardless of gender, religion, or ethnicity. In the face of immense loss, this assistance has offered not only practical relief, but a message of dignity, solidarity, and hope.

This programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:





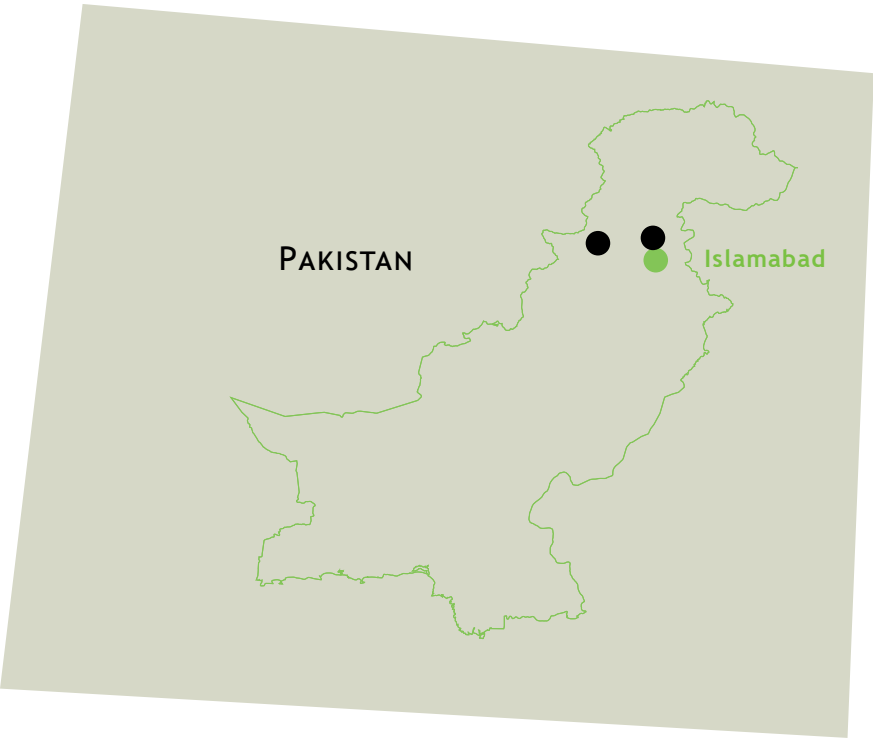
PAKISTAN

**PROGRAMME:** Promoting equitable partnerships and locally led development to deliver demand-driven, integrated, multi-sectoral interventions for vulnerable populations, including refugees and host communities, thereby contributing to Pakistan’s Sustainable Development Goals

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
BeST: Beyond Survival - Transforming the Power of Communities	Districts Peshawar, Charsadda, Haripur - Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)	1. Protection - 19,926 (60% women) 2. Education - 2,001 (60% women), 3. Economic Empowerment - 2,306 (60% women), 4. WASH - 5,951 (50% women)	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 16

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH(EAST) ASIA

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SUMMARY

Pakistan ranks 164th out of 193 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI) and 137th out of 166 on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Global Index, reflecting persistent socio-economic and developmental challenges. The country grapples with widespread poverty, high levels of inequality, and limited access to quality education and healthcare, particularly in rural areas. Additionally, the impacts of climate change, such as flooding and water scarcity, exacerbate existing vulnerabilities and threaten agricultural productivity. Gender disparities remain a critical issue, with women and girls facing systemic barriers to education, employment, and political participation.

HOPE’87’s programme in Pakistan is centred on promoting equitable partnerships and empowering local actors to take the lead in development efforts. By focusing on locally led solutions, the organisation ensures that interventions are context-specific, culturally appropriate, and sustainable. The programme delivers demand-driven, integrated support across multiple sectors - such as education, skills training, livelihoods, and protection - to address the complex needs of vulnerable populations, including both refugees and host communities. Through this holistic and participatory approach, HOPE’87 strengthens community resilience and social cohesion, while actively contributing to the achievement of Pakistan’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

HOPE’87 engages particularly in the field of education and vocational training in Pakistan because access to quality education remains one of the most pressing challenges in the country. Millions of children, especially girls and those from disadvantaged communities, are out of school, and the public education system often lacks adequate resources and trained teachers. By focusing on education and skills development, HOPE’87 aims to break the cycle of poverty, empower young people, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities. Investing in human capital not only improves individual life prospects but also contributes to social stability and long-term development.





## ACTIVITIES

### BeST: Beyond Survival - Transforming the power of communities

The 'BeST: Beyond Survival - Transforming the Power of Communities' project aims to empower local communities and strengthen the institutional capacity of In-Country Partners (ICPs) by fostering inclusive and equitable partnerships. Adopting a community-led approach, the initiative addresses critical needs in protection, education, livelihoods, health, and WASH, aligning with Pakistan's SDG commitments.

Key milestones achieved during the reporting period include the selection and onboarding of eight non-profit organisation (NPO) partners. These partners received a four-day orientation on project objectives, followed by three days of training for enumerators on field assessment tools and methodologies. A comprehensive multi-sector needs assessment was conducted, covering WASH, food security, health, shelter, livelihoods and protection. A two-day NPO consultation and data validation workshop (17-18 October 2024) enabled participants to review the findings of the assessment and discuss sectoral planning. The project also established and provided orientation to 16 community-based groups (eight Youth Collectives and eight Women Collectives), with the aim of fostering grassroots leadership.

Six capacity-building training sessions were held for both the NPOs and the Youth and Women Collectives (YWCs) - referred to jointly as the In-Country Partners. These sessions covered leadership, gender, action, innovation, adaptability and management, and culminated in each NPO and YWC developing a detailed action plan. Following the capacity-strengthening training, the progress of the NPOs was assessed through participatory institutional development assessments in March 2025. These covered key organisational areas such as management, financial resources, external relations and programme/service delivery.

HOPE'87 supported all NPOs in finalising their project application packs and signed grant agreements with them. Project Steering Committee (PSC) meetings were convened to ensure strategic alignment and to provide updates on ongoing interventions, key challenges, and the way forward. In March 2025, the NPOs submitted self-assessed Participatory Institutional Development Assessments (PIDA), covering four organisational areas. At PSC meetings held in May and June 2025, HOPE'87 cross-verified the PIDA score. Both the NPO and HOPE'87 agreed on a score after discussing and reviewing the Means of Verification (MOV), with a follow-up assessment planned for September 2025 to track progress.



In May 2025, annual review/learning sessions were conducted with NPOs and YWCs to review the progress of the NPOs' and YWCs' action plans, as well as the key learnings, challenges, and recommendations. Coordination meetings were held with the other partners of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (NL MFA), which are Global Initiative, the Netherlands Refugee Foundation "Stichting Vluchteling", Relief International, GIZ, UNHCR and the Serhad Rural Support Programme, to enhance collaboration, avoid duplication and explore synergies.

In November 2024, a two-day workshop on the MEL (Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning) framework was held in The Hague with all NL MFA partners, followed by four online meetings to finalise the MEL framework. Multiple meetings (in person and online) were conducted with NL MFA staff at the Netherlands Embassy and the Hague office to share project progress and agree on adaptive programming.

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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

**PROGRAMME:** Strengthening access to and participation in education of Ukrainian and Moldovan children with special educational needs and disabilities with a focus on children with autism spectrum and cognitive problems in the Republic of Moldova

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Autistic lives matter! Strengthening access to and participation in education of Moldovan and Ukrainian children with special educational needs and disabilities	Gagauzia, Municipality of Ceadâr-Lunga	950	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 17
Children of the World: Psychological support and leisure for refugees from Ukraine and children from low-income families	Gagauzia, Municipality of Ceadâr-Lunga	520	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 17
Qualitative assessment for education needs of children with special educational needs and refugees in the Transnistrian Region	Transnistrian Region	1,000	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 17



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SUMMARY

The Republic of Moldova remains one of Europe’s poorest countries, with around a third of the population living below the poverty line, especially in rural areas. Economic growth is slow, and inflation, driven by energy costs, continues to rise. The healthcare system is under pressure, with widespread non-communicable and mental health issues. About 7% of the population lives with disabilities, many of whom remain socially excluded and institutionalised due to stigma and slow reforms. Since 2022, Moldova has hosted over 127,000 Ukrainian refugees - mainly women, children, and the elderly - further straining limited resources. Children with disabilities, particularly those with autism, face discrimination and exclusion from mainstream education. Nearly 6,000 of Moldova’s 11,400 children with disabilities are not enrolled in school, and many who are face a lack of trained staff and appropriate support. Families of children with intellectual or developmental disabilities often face serious psychological and emotional challenges, fuelled by a lack of information, fear, and uncertainty about the future. In 2015, the only autism resource centre in southern Moldova opened in Ceadâr-Lunga, Gagauzia. Seventeen children with confirmed diagnoses attend, supported by psychologists and therapists, yet the centre receives no state funding and relies on staff dedication and private resources. Despite challenges, Moldova is taking steps towards inclusion. Supported by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education, the “Learning Together!” campaign promotes inclusive education. Attitudes are changing, and hope grows with every child given the chance to thrive. HOPE’87 Moldova supports inclusive education and wellbeing for Ukrainian refugee children, children with disabilities, and vulnerable Moldovan children.





## ACTIVITIES

### Autistic lives matter! Strengthening access to and participation in education of Moldovan and Ukrainian children with special educational needs and disabilities

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterised by significant challenges in personal, social, speech, and communication skills. Children with autism often show a tendency towards self-isolation, detachment from the outside world, and withdrawal into their own inner experiences. They may struggle with social interaction and, in some cases, lose previously acquired social abilities.

This project, funded by UNESCO and UNICEF and implemented by HOPE'87 and Speranta'87 Moldova, addressed the urgent needs of refugee children with special educational needs (SEN), children with disabilities - including those with autism - and vulnerable Moldovan children. Its goal was to ensure all children have access to quality, inclusive education.

The project provided tailored, gender-responsive access to formal and non-formal education for young refugees and vulnerable children. It also supported teachers, staff, and parents/caregivers by enhancing their skills, mental health, and wellbeing, aiding children's integration into Moldovan society.

Two main outcomes were achieved:

1. Education personnel and caregivers gained improved skills in inclusive education to support rapid integration of Ukrainian and Moldovan children with SEN and disabilities.
2. These children gained equitable access to quality, inclusive learning opportunities in their host communities.

### Children of the World: Psychological support and leisure for refugees from Ukraine and children from low-income families

This project, which was funded by UNESCO, offered vital psychological support and joyful activities to refugee children from Ukraine and vulnerable children from low-income families in Moldova. Through group and individual therapy, creative masterclasses, and sports, it helped ease trauma, build resilience, and foster new skills.

Thirty children, many deeply affected by conflict and hardship, found a safe space to heal and grow with the help of experienced professionals. A specially created guide empowered young refugees and their families with knowledge and coping tools for emergencies and emotional challenges.

As a result, children's wellbeing and sense of belonging improved, their talents blossomed, and the community gained hope and support. This project has truly made a lasting difference in young lives shattered by crisis.

### Qualitative assessment for education needs of children with special educational needs and refugees in the Transnistrian Region

The aim of this qualitative assessment, funded by UNICEF, was to gain a thorough understanding of access to the education system in the Transnistrian region for two target groups: children with special educational needs and Ukrainian refugee children. Equally important was to explore not only how children engage with the school and education system, but also the external family and social factors influencing their education. To this end, the team conducted interviews with parents and teachers of these children, as well as with experts and social workers.

The assessment's findings revealed the significant challenges faced by Ukrainian refugee children and children with special educational needs (SEN) in Transnistria. While schools are formally open to all, families contend with financial hardship, language barriers, trauma, and a shortage of resources. Refugee



children demonstrate remarkable resilience but often lack support for vital skills such as English, and are concerned about unrecognised certificates and inadequate access to technology.

Children with SEN face even greater difficulties. Those with physical disabilities receive some support, but children with cognitive impairments, particularly autism, experience misunderstanding, social isolation, and a lack of specialised care. Mothers frequently carry overwhelming responsibilities alone, with little hope of assistance. Schools lack sufficient training, equipment, and inclusive policies, resulting in many children being excluded or taught at home.

Families feel isolated and unheard, yearning for a collective voice and meaningful support. This study calls for urgent and compassionate action to establish a truly inclusive education system, where every child can flourish with dignity and hope.

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