

A photograph of two young girls in a garden. The girl on the left, wearing a blue dress with a butterfly pattern, is holding a red tomato and looking at it with a smile. The girl on the right, wearing a pink tank top, is looking towards the camera with a gentle smile. They are surrounded by green foliage and various vegetables like tomatoes and onions are visible in the foreground.

**Building
on our** *legacy.*



...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

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Message from Board Co-Chairs

It has been a year of profound impact, change, and partnerships. We honour Samantha Mahfood's 15-year legacy at Food For The Poor Canada and warmly welcome Geraldine Isaac as our new Executive Director. Geraldine's leadership ensures a seamless transition and a strong strategic plan for our future.

Thank you for helping us achieve major successes in education, community development, hunger relief, food security, and water and sanitation. Our team closely monitored developments in Haiti and supported two volunteer trips, including those by long-time donors, to directly engage with our programs.

We also strengthened our partnership with Food For The Poor US, both formally and through day-to-day staff collaboration. This enhanced relationship has been crucial in advancing our shared mission and achieving operational excellence.

As Board Co-Chairs, we are delighted by this year's progress and the operational achievements we've made. We look forward to your continued support to build on these successes and surpass our goals set for 2024.



Message from Executive Director

Dear philanthropists, friends, and partners,

Food For The Poor Canada has embarked on a new chapter, and we are grateful that we continue to make an impact in the lives of children, families, and communities with you. We honour the legacy of Samantha Mahfood and appreciate your ongoing trust, loyalty, and support.

Being from the island of Haiti, joining this organization was deeply personal. Food For The Poor's mission to support those in need resonates with my own personal experiences, and I am humbled by the opportunity to lead Food For The Poor Canada.

I invite you to explore our report and be inspired by the stories of our beneficiaries, partners, and volunteers. The amazing accomplishments and life-changing experiences shared throughout these pages reflect your solidarity and generosity.

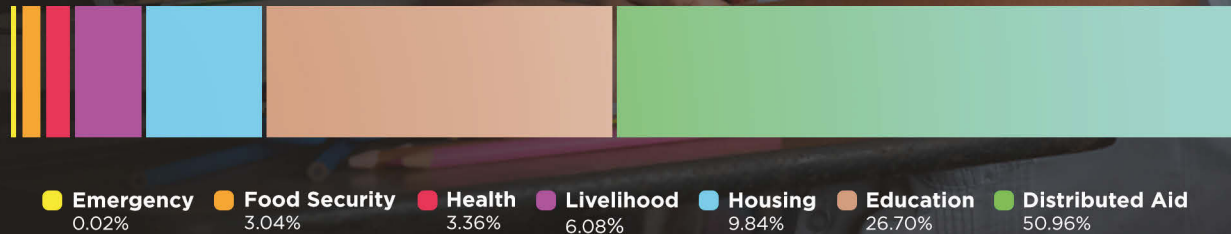
Thank you for standing with us in our mission. Thank you for empowering communities and transforming lives throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Geraldine Isaac
Executive Director

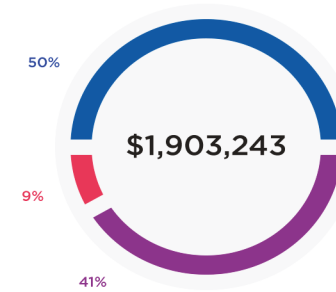


2023 Financial Statement

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES \$1,578,621
78% of \$2.02 Million in Expenses

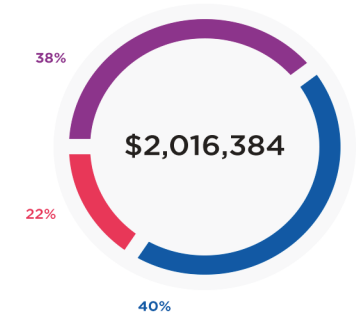


Revenues



Cash Donations
Donated Goods
Grant

Expenses



Distributed Aid
Administration & Fundraising
Project Implementation

We experienced a year of transition, but thanks to our staff, donors, partners, and associated organizations, we maintained an unwavering focus to our goal of helping combat poverty — one family at a time.

As detailed in this report, we have impacted a lot of lives with our program work funded by our donors in 2023. We have been able to do this while maintaining a low overhead ratio of 22% (cash overhead expenses as a percent of total expenses which includes distributed aid).

Your generosity helped us invest more than \$1.5 million in programs throughout Jamaica, Haiti, Honduras, Guyana, and the Bahamas and we are grateful for your continued trust.

Thanks for your support!

Education

Education helps develop skills and confidence to be used to uplift families and communities by gaining livelihood and actively contributing to transforming their communities for generations to come.



Orange Bay Primary School 

Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation (HHJF) built this school in summer 2023, creating space for 75 children aged 3-6 at Orange Bay Primary School.



Jamaica Summer Band Camp 

60 at-risk youth learned various instruments and developed self-confidence and discipline during this transformative band camp in Jamaica.



Guyana STEM Project 

A STEM pod for 20 students in grades 1-6 in Baramita, Guyana, using robotic kits, laptops, and tablets to enhance learning.



Guyana Literacy Program 

Empowering women and girls in Baramita, Guyana, to develop reading and numeracy skills for everyday life, including basic literacy and math.



Lusignan Primary Renovation 

Renovating a school library at Lusignan Primary in Guyana to provide greater access to books and enhance educational opportunities



Book Shipment to Jamaica 

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Library Board shipped a collection of books to support educational initiatives in Jamaica.



Honduras Truck Drivers 

25 adults graduated from truck driver training school in Honduras, opening new career opportunities for them.



Jamaican Student Scholarships 

55 scholarships were awarded via the Give These Children a Chance program to support the education of students in Jamaica.



Truck Driving School Scholarship

"We want to thank Food For The Poor Canada and its donors for providing many women with the opportunity to become truck drivers in our school. This will provide them with a skill that will qualify them to earn a good income. They are also breaking stereotypes in the industry. Many blessings!"

Carlos Coello **CEPUDO**
Project Manager

"My name is Reina Maritza Cruz. I am a single mother with three children. After the pandemic, I was suspended from my job and was without a job for a few years, but saw a short-term opportunity. I started university, but due to limited resources, I decided to start my own business selling food from my home, but it was quite difficult. When I got the call from Escuela Profesional de Manejo, it was very exciting for me. I did not know how I was going to afford it, but it was through the scholarship that I was able to realize [this opportunity]. I had to travel from San Pedro Sula everyday, but it was worth it. I am very grateful for the school and the scholarship. If it wasn't for this, I would have had very limited opportunities otherwise."

Reina Maritza Cruz **Scholarship**
Recipient



Community Development

Through various projects including adequate housing, community infrastructure and solar energy, your support and partnership, helps us empower individuals and families to effect change within their communities.

One core aspect of community development is safe housing as it provides families with security and stability and helps foster a sense of community and togetherness. With your support, 14 families in Jamaica and Honduras thank you for their new home. A very big thank you to 12 volunteers from the Equity Committee at the Carpenters' Union Local 27 who traveled to Clarendon, Jamaica to build a home and personally hand the keys to Radcliff and his family.

Thank you all for the lives you are changing.





"I put the keys in the homeowner's hands, letting him know that it was a pleasure for us to do this. We relished this opportunity and we genuinely feel it is the right thing to do for a family in need. We came back feeling inspired with a renewed appreciation of the difference we can all make for those who are less fortunate. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved who made this build a success."

Chris Campbell **FFTP Canada**
Volunteer

"It was a deeply fulfilling experience to participate in a humanitarian project in Jamaica. As a woman, providing a safe home to a less fortunate family means offering them a place to live that is secure, stable, and conducive to their well-being. This includes a dwelling that is structurally sound, free from hazards, and equipped with basic amenities like clean water, electricity, and heating. Also, it involves creating an environment where the family feels supported, valued, and able to thrive, which can have a positive impact on their overall quality of life. I am looking forward to organizing a similar project with the Sisters in the Brotherhood of Carpenters Union to lead a humanitarian build in 2024."

Rokhaya Gweye **FFTP Canada**
Volunteer

Partner Feature

Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation

"As our long-standing implementing partner, Food For The Poor Canada assists us locally to build schools in Jamaica alongside FFTP Jamaica, and we are constantly inspired by the impact of our collaboration. At Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation, our core mission revolves around shaping a brighter tomorrow for children through education, and it's through these relationships that we have been able to accomplish many of our goals. For almost two decades, our fundraising efforts have resulted in the construction of 27 schools and 50 other projects in Jamaica, each one serving as a beacon of hope for children and families. We are not just building classrooms; we are building futures and nurturing the next generation of leaders. Our partnership exemplifies the incredible things that can be achieved when organizations come together with a shared purpose and an unwavering commitment to transform lives. It's a pleasure to work with Food For The Poor Canada, and we at Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation look forward to our continued work to create a brighter tomorrow for the children of Jamaica."

Karl Hale **Chairman**
Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation



Hunger Relief & Food Security



"We are thankful to partner with Food for the Poor Canada providing much needed nutrition to those in LAC. Our dried vegetable mixes are complete meals that nourish children, seniors, and many others in need in the communities that FFTP Canada serves. Thank you for your organization and diligence in coordinating these shipments and for the wonderful pictures and videos that you have shared with us and our volunteers."

Elaine Merhug

Manager
Ontario Christian Gleaners

Agriculture

COMBRIFOL Coffee Marcala, Honduras

Three year project where coffee farmers are given the tools and training to grow coffee plants and ultimately harvest coffee beans to sell for income generation.



CHICKEN Shed San Antonio, Honduras

Chicken shed built in San Antonio for mothers to raise chickens as a food source and to generate income for the community. This project is a great learning opportunity for the beneficiaries, their families, and the students of the school, who are learning about business processes.



ONION Farmers Llandewey, Jamaica

This project provided tools and training for a female farmer from the community of Llandewey in St. Thomas. Through training and the utilization of climate smart agricultural practices, she is working to grow an onion crop to increase her family's income.



WASH

Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene

“Help a Girl Out” Package Jamaica

Hygiene kits were distributed to young girls in Jamaica by GIK partner “Help a Girl Out.” These kits contained essential items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and menstrual supplies, promoting personal hygiene and empowering girls to manage their health effectively.

Solar Panel Water Well Honduras

Clean water helps prevent the spread of water-borne illnesses, significantly reduces mortality rates as families now have clean water for hygiene and cooking. The installation of a new solar well also helps families and communities redirect their time and energy towards more productive activities such as learning, income-generating work, or participation in community development initiatives.

Healthcare and Hygiene Project Guyana

A three-day clinic in Baramita, Guyana provided dental care and oral hygiene education to the community. Dentists and hygienists attended to patients while period kits were distributed to young girls and women, enhancing health and hygiene practices throughout the community.



Since 2009, Health Partners International Canada (HPIC) and Food For The Poor Canada have been actively working to support the medical needs of thousands of individuals and their families in Latin America. This partnership has been built with common values, including trust, empathy, and the willingness to make a lasting difference for individuals who lack access to primary healthcare services. Working together in vital health projects, we have built strong and vibrant communities.

“HPIC is deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the work carried out by Food For The Poor Canada and its local partners. In the last four years, HPIC has donated over \$4 million worth of medicines and supplies to support Food for the Poor’s healthcare initiatives in Haiti, Jamaica, and Honduras. These contributions reflect the ongoing commitment of HPIC and Food for the Poor to increase the access to healthcare in underserved regions. We look forward to new collaborations that continue to make an impact and transform the lives of more individuals in vulnerable situations. Thank you, Food for the Poor Canada, for working with HPIC to renew hope and transform communities for the better.”

Lois Brown **President**
HPIC





Partner Feature

CEPUDO



"Thanks to Food For The Poor Canada, we have been able to transform the lives of many Hondurans and break the cycle of poverty in these families, teaching them skills and [providing them with] opportunities to be able to support their children and send them to school. [We are forever grateful] to the people that made this possible."

Linda Coello **President**
CEPUDO

"I am ever grateful for the experience that Linda, Carlos, Skarleth, and the greater CEPUDO team shared with me during my visit to Honduras. Thank you Ed and Nic for welcoming me to join you. Seeing how lives were impacted through generous donations and support left me asking myself: What is care? What does care look like? What do we care about? A new home for a family, supporting a business, ensuring access to clean water, education and medical help?

I was humbled by my visit of the many projects that you, our caring donors and partners, support throughout the greater San Pedro Sula area and also in Marcala, La Paz, a region reached after a five-hour drive up a beautiful mountainous landscape. Thank you for caring and for helping those in need."

Geraldine Isaac **Executive Director**
FFTP Canada



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

As you read through the pages of this Impact Report Report, you will see that you were introduced to a new logo.

This reflects a greater alignment between the different Food For The Poor (FFTP) entities, which consist of associated organizations in five countries: Canada, USA, Jamaica, Haiti, and Guyana.

Though each office is independent and legally distinct, we are still "UNITED IN GOD'S WORK" and moving forward together.



Thank you for being an important member of this caring community. We are blessed to be able to offer pathways out of poverty, and we will trust in God's continued faithfulness for the road ahead.

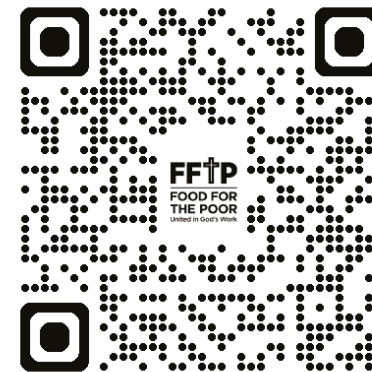


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