

Together we will break the cycle of poverty.



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Message from Spencer Horn, Board Member

Dear Board Members, Donors, and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible progress Empower Mali has made in empowering communities and transforming lives. Thanks to your unwavering support, 2024 was a year of impactful projects, life-changing opportunities, and meaningful partnerships. It is a privilege to share the highlights of our completed projects and ongoing initiatives with you.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

1. Schools

- **Dambe Kalanso Institution Expansion:** With generous funding from the Derek and Shelaine Maxfield Foundation, we completed construction on six new classrooms to the Dambe Kalanso institution, providing a safe and inspiring environment for students to learn and grow.
- **Alexis Dejoria Middle School of N'gana:** This remarkable new middle school, donated by the Peace Love and Happiness Foundation, is bringing education closer to families in the village of N'gana, opening doors to brighter futures for hundreds of children.

One community member poignantly shared, "Your school just changed my life... and hundreds more." This heartfelt statement captures the transformative impact of bringing education to underserved areas, not only empowering individuals but uplifting entire communities.

The Critical Need for Educational Development in Mali

Education plays a vital role in social development and human capital formation in Mali. It contributes to poverty reduction, economic growth, and social cohesion. Mali faces significant educational challenges that hinder its socio-economic progress:

Low Literacy Rates: Approximately 61% of primary school-aged children are enrolled in school, with a notable disparity between boys (65%) and girls (58%).

Educational Quality: A 2015 assessment revealed that merely 2% of second-grade students could read at their grade level, highlighting deficiencies in educational quality and access to learning materials.

Impact of Poverty: Approximately 20.8% of Mali's population

lives in extreme poverty, which significantly limits access to education and perpetuates a cycle of poverty.

Investing in education has profound implications for individuals and communities:

Economic Empowerment: Each additional year of education can increase an individual's income by up to 10%, providing a pathway out of poverty.

Community Transformation: Educated individuals are better equipped to contribute to their communities, fostering economic growth, improved health outcomes, and enhanced civic participation.

Our commitment to building and expanding educational facilities and investing in educational opportunities directly addresses these challenges, offering hope and tangible opportunities to Mali's youth and their communities.

2. Solar-Powered Water Systems

Access to clean water is foundational to health, economic growth, and education. This year, we proudly installed 24 solar-powered water systems across communities in need:

- Gerber Construction Water System in Ouelessebougou Bamanankin.
- Rocky Woods Charitable Foundation in Zelani
- Maxfield Foundation Water System in Dovong.
- 2 Peace Love and Happiness Foundation Water Systems in the Catholic pilgrim community in Kita and the Dambe Kalanso institution.
- 2 Charles Lamar Family Foundation of Sassela and N'Galamado
- 2 Watkin Family Water Systems in Mamoure and Madina.
- 15 Stirling Foundation Water Systems in 15 remote communities, namely Kartani, Samakoulou, Kati-Dio, Niamakoro, Keleya, Tiongui, Gouan, Sieme, Noumousso Misseni, Ancars Misseni, Pouroli, Tenji-neni, Monseigneur Didier de Montclos School in Sikasso, and two remote communities of Nara.



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3. Educational Opportunities

Empowering young leaders through education remains at the heart of our mission:

Mariam Samake and Daouda Dombia: These high school students began their academic journey at Wasatch Academy in Utah on full four-year scholarships.

Sidy Maiga, Mady Keita and Korotoumou Sidibe: We secured scholarships for these postgraduate students to attend Nomen Global English Language School in Utah, providing them with a strong foundation in English as the first step toward pursuing greater educational opportunities.

4. Health

Through a continued partnership with Dr. Bagayoko at the Clinique de Paix in Oueléssébougou, we funded 33 life-changing surgeries for children aged 0-18. These surgeries have restored hope and health to families who previously faced unimaginable challenges.

ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Dambe Kalanso Administration Building

The Dambe Kalanso institution, inspired by American Heritage School in Utah, is a pioneering project integrating academic excellence with leadership, character development, and civic responsibility. With 21 classrooms already completed, we are now constructing the administration building, which will serve as the operational hub for this transformative educational institution.

2. Surgeries at Clinique de Paix

Our partnership with Clinique de Paix continues to provide vital surgeries and medical treatments for children in need. Together, we are bringing healing and hope to some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

3. Equipping a Medical Clinic in Sikasso

We are equipping a newly built maternity clinic in Sikasso, funded by Sheikh Haidara. Generous donations from the Stirling Foundation and Peace, Hope, and Love Foundation are making this possible. The clinic will be furnished with essential equipment, including beds, furniture, solar panels, a backup generator, and clinical supplies, ensuring high-quality maternal care for the region.

LOOKING AHEAD

Empower Mali is committed to building on this momentum as we continue to bring sustainable development, education, and healthcare to communities in need. Every milestone achieved is a testament to the power of collaboration and shared vision. Your generosity enables us to transform challenges into opportunities and aspirations into realities. We invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, we can empower more lives, inspire hope, and create lasting change for generations to come. On behalf of the communities we serve, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your support.

With gratitude and hope,



Spencer Horn
Board Member

Empower Mali Foundation



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MISSION



Empower Mali believes that the citizens and communities of Mali have the right to become self-reliant.

The focus of the foundation is not to give a handout to these communities, but rather to work side by side empowering these communities to meet their own needs by sharing with them the resources and tools to get it done.

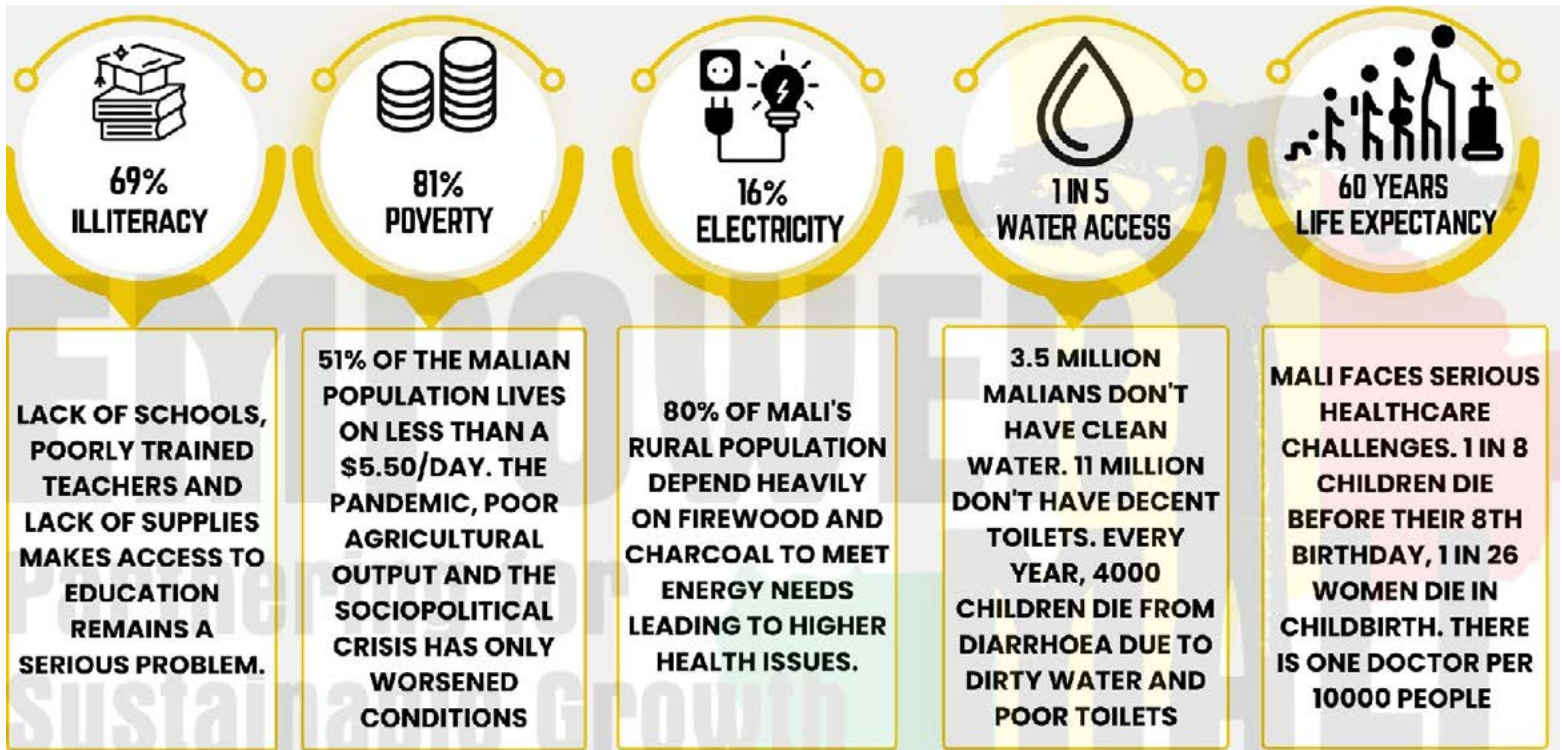
We commit our resources and efforts to affect change in the areas of:

- **Education:** Empower Mali supports education in Mali by building and renovating schools, providing school supplies and materials, and funding teacher salaries. The foundation also offers scholarships to students who otherwise wouldn't have access to education.
- **Healthcare:** Empower Mali partners with local healthcare providers to improve access to healthcare services in Mali. The foundation supports the building of clinics, training of healthcare workers, and providing medical supplies and equipment.
- **Clean Water:** Empower Mali helps to provide clean water to communities by building wells, water pumps, and water treatment systems. The foundation also educates communities about proper water management and sanitation practices.
- **Clean Energy:** Empower Mali supports the use of clean energy in Mali by building solar-powered systems for homes, schools, and clinics. The foundation also provides training on the maintenance and repair of these systems.

In all these domains, Empower Mali works closely with community leaders and citizens to ensure that projects are sustainable and can continue even after Empower Mali leaves the village. The foundation focuses on empowering communities to take charge of their own development and to create a better future for themselves and their children.



MALI BY THE NUMBERS



Empower Mali is fighting against illiteracy, poverty and limited access to basic amenities. We emphasize working closely with the citizens in the areas we serve. We believe when equipped with the correct tools and resources, Malians will be empowered to help themselves and their families escape the throes of poverty.

OUR STRATEGIES TO EMPOWER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



1. LOCAL INITIATIVE

As part of our partnerships, we expect the Malian communities where we work to initiate the demand for the project and also to contribute to the project whether it is 20% of the cost of the project and/or land or labor.

2. EMPOWERMENT

We utilize the existing capacities and resources of the villages.

3. PARTNERSHIP

The collaboration with the government and community stakeholders ensures that our projects are adequately staffed and receive long-term sustained support.

By getting the communities involved in both the needs assessment and financial portion, the project becomes *self sustainable*. The villagers are more likely to maintain the project because of their own investment and role in bringing the project to their community.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH MALIANS SINCE 2013



- 20 schools serving 150+ children each year built in the rural villages of Ferekoroba, Dongorona, Falla II, Katele, Dovong, Fanterela, Marako, Koumantou Banko, Moro-Moro, Zegoun, Ouelessebougou, Karagouan, Siemen, Pogosso, Badalabougou Pre-School, Sibiribougou, Kankrougou, Labata and N'gana.
- 10 blocks of three 2-room Teacher housing for teachers and directors in the villages of Falla, Ferekoroba, Dovong, Fanterela, Dongorona, Siemen, Karagouan, Moro-Moro, Zekoun and Ouelessebougou.
- As part of the food security initiative, six tractors to farmer co-ops in the villages of Beneko, Bougouni town, San town, Garalo, Sikasso town and N'Tentou
- Two Electricity generating playgrounds with battery packs and 40 solar lanterns in the villages of Fanterela and Ferekoroba;
- 200 Luci Lights and soccer balls distributed to the villages of Marako, Dongorona, Beneko, Kolena and Dovong
- 500 Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits donated and distributed.
- 72 solar water pumps serving tens of thousands installed in the communities of N'Tentou, Ouelessebougou, Sibleni I, Baguineda, Bougouni N'Godonina, Quartier Tripano, Dioila, Sanankoro Djitoumou, Bougouni N'Dogonina, Kabalcoro Baguineda, Sibleni II, Kontoumoun, Madina, Hameau de Moro-Moro, Sangarebougou Guereboukin, Bandjougoubougou Niena, Quartier Mali, Badalabougou, Oueléssébougou School, Dioila II, Oueléssébougou City Soccer Field, Samanko Kolondieba, Guaranko, Manabougou, Koulouba Sibleni III, Tiemba, Dogotou Lecko, Bomboty, Bogoda Kassaro, Zangosso, Kokan, Pogosso, Kapelegue, Misseni, Kafigueba, Pogosso, Pakasso, Zangosso, Zapedougou, Yirimadjo, Tessalit, Zidiangolodougou, Stade Malien, Sikasso town, Tiecourala, Dissan, Tenji Nene, Pouroli, Lycee Monseigneur Didier de Montclos, Nara I, Nara II, Kartani Kita, Samakoulou Kita, Kati-Dio, Niamakoro (AGEMPEM), Keleya, Tiongui, Gouan, Noumouso Misseni, Sieme, Ancars Misseni, Dovong, Madina, Mamoure, Ouelessebougou Bamanankin, Nassoulou, Sassela, Zelani, Kita Catholic Pilgrimage and at the Dambe Kalanso Institution.
- Textbooks in all subjects for six schools: BYAW Academy of Ferekoroba, Micah Shea Watkins Academy of Dongorona, Coates Academy of Falla II, Peace Love Happiness Academy of Moro-Moro, Coates Academy of Siemen and BYAW Academy of Karagouan. Each school serves 150 students each year. Additionally, we provided 5000 notebooks for students in war torn Tombouctou, Mopti, Gao regions.
- 100 Tablets donated in 16 impoverished middle schools in Kalabancoro, Bamako and Chromebooks for the top ten achievers of the 9th grade exams (DEF).
- 24 four-year high school scholarships to the Wasatch Academy High School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah
- 1 three-year university scholarship to an Agricultural School at Fundacion Paraguay in Paraguay
- 10 English language Scholarships for Malian students to study English at Nomen Global in Provo, Utah
- A Conference Center in Ouélessébougou
- A water purification system for the village of Dongorona
- Funding for a Chicken Egg farm which has created jobs and a source of fresh food.
- A Basketball Court in KalabanCoura

2024 Completed Projects in Education

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Completed Projects in Education

WE HAVE FINISHED:

- 6 CLASSROOMS WERE ADDED TO THE DAMBE KALANSO INSTITUTION, FUNDED BY THE DEREK AND SHELAINA MAXFIELD FOUNDATION.
- THE ALEXIS DEJORIA MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE VILLAGE OF N'GANA DONATED BY THE PEACE LOVE AND HAPPINESS FOUNDATION



2024 Completed Projects in Education

Administration Building for Dambe Kalanso:

To further our commitment to quality education in rural Mali, we are in the process of constructing the Dambe Kalanso administration building in Oueléssébougou. With initial generous funding from the **Stirling Foundation, Maxfield Foundation, Mellor Foundation, Peace Love and Happiness Foundation, and the Andrus Family** we have successfully completed the foundation and walls. We are still raising funds to complete this building. When completed, this essential facility will house the principal's office, staff offices, meeting rooms, a reception area, and storage spaces—all designed to reflect Mali's rich cultural heritage while fostering academic excellence and leadership. Serving as the operational hub of the school, this building will play a vital role in shaping the curriculum and guiding students toward a brighter future.



2024 Completed Projects in Education

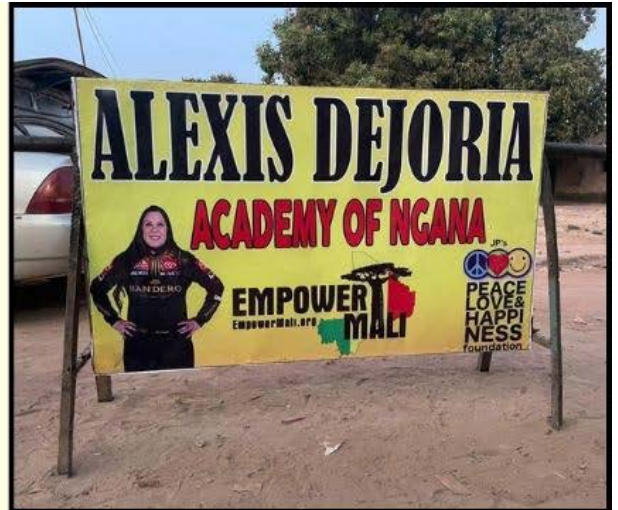
Finished Six New Classrooms for Dambe Kalanso,

Oueléssébougou: We are excited to announce the completion of six new classrooms at Dambe Kalanso school, made possible by a generous donation from the **Maxfield Foundation**. Located in Oueléssébougou, this school is designed to cultivate the future leaders of Mali by providing a learning environment that fosters both academic excellence and strong character. By integrating Mali's national curriculum with values-based education, we aim to equip students with the knowledge and leadership skills needed to make a lasting impact in their communities and beyond.



2024 Completed Projects in Education

Alexis Dejoria Middle School of N’Gana: With a rapidly growing population, the village of N’Gana in the Sikasso region urgently needed a middle school to accommodate its students. Thanks to a generous donation from the **JP Peace Love and Happiness Foundation**, we built three fully equipped classrooms, a director’s office with a storehouse, and six toilets. This new school will not only serve the students of N’Gana but also those from the neighboring communities of Tiéfina and Mima, providing greater access to education for the region’s youth.



2024 Completed Projects in Education

Expanding Educational

Opportunities: Empower Mali is proud to support bright young minds in pursuing life-changing education. We assisted in securing full four-year scholarships for two students, to attend a private high school Wasatch Academy in Utah. Additionally, we facilitated scholarships for three students to study at Nomen Global English Language School in Utah. These opportunities will equip them with the skills and knowledge to create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

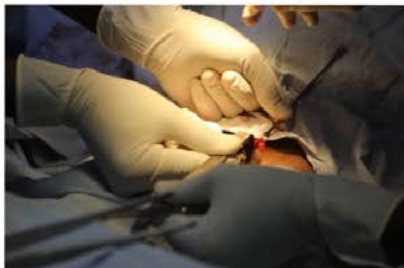


2024 Completed Projects in Health



Completed Projects in Health

WE PARTNERED WITH DR. BAGAYOKO AT THE
CLINIQUE DE PAIX IN OUELESSEBOUGOU TO
CONDUCT LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES FOR
CHILDREN (33 SURGERIES THIS YEAR)



2024 Completed Projects in Health

Life-Changing Surgeries for Children:

In 2024, we partnered with **Building Youth Around the World** to fund critical surgeries for children in Oueléssébougou and surrounding regions. These life-changing procedures, performed by Dr. Bagayoko at Clinique de Paix, provide hope to families who would otherwise be unable to afford them. In Mali, where even basic healthcare is often out of reach, many children live with treatable conditions simply due to financial barriers. Through this partnership, Empower Mali is helping to transform lives, giving children the chance for a healthier future.



2024 Completed Projects: Solar Powered Water Systems

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Completed Projects Solar powered Water Systems

WE HAVE FINISHED THE:

- INSTALLATION OF THE GERBER WATER SYSTEM IN OUELESSEBOUGOU BAMANANKIN.
- INSTALLATION OF THE DEREK AND SHELAINA MAXFIELD WATER SYSTEM IN DOVONG.
- INSTALLATION OF 5 STIRLING FOUNDATION-FUNDED WATER SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF POUROLI, TENJI-NENI, MONSEIGNEUR DIDIER DE MONTCLOS SCHOOL IN SIKASSO, AND TWO IN THE REMOTE COMMUNITY OF NARA.
- INSTALLATION OF 2 PEACE LOVE AND HAPPINESS WATER SYSTEMS IN THE CATHOLIC PILGRIM COMMUNITY IN KITA AND IN THE DAMBE KALANSO INSTITUTION.
- INSTALLATION OF 2 WATKIN FAMILY WATER SYSTEMS MAMOURE AND MADINA.



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2024 Completed Projects: Solar Powered Water Systems



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CLEAN WATER
Completed a water system in Dovong

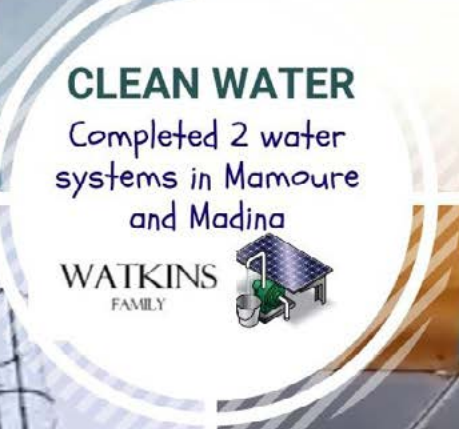
The Derek & Shelaine Maxfield Family Foundation



CLEAN WATER
Completed a water system in Zelani



2024 Completed Projects: Solar Powered Water Systems



OUR PARTNERS & DONORS

In 2024, EM partnered with many individuals, companies, and non-profits to meet the growing challenges that people in rural Mali are facing. We would not exist without the dedicated commitment of our partners. We thank all the individuals, companies and partners that have made our projects a success! We are grateful for your generosity and your commitment to help Malians create sustainable growth opportunities in Mali.



\$546,000

Peace, Love And
Happiness Foundation



\$25,000 - \$49,999

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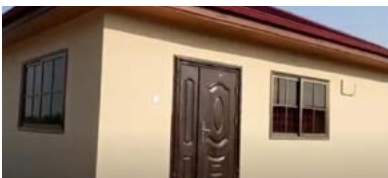


\$10 - \$999

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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and the profound impact it has had on the lives of numerous individuals. The achievements made possible thanks to your kindness are truly remarkable, and we are excited about the potential to fulfill the needs of many more malians in the coming year of 2025.



Your donations have the power to make additional projects a reality. Do not underestimate the influence of one individual. We look forward to your continued support as we move forward into the future.

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The Stirling Foundation

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Charitable Foundation

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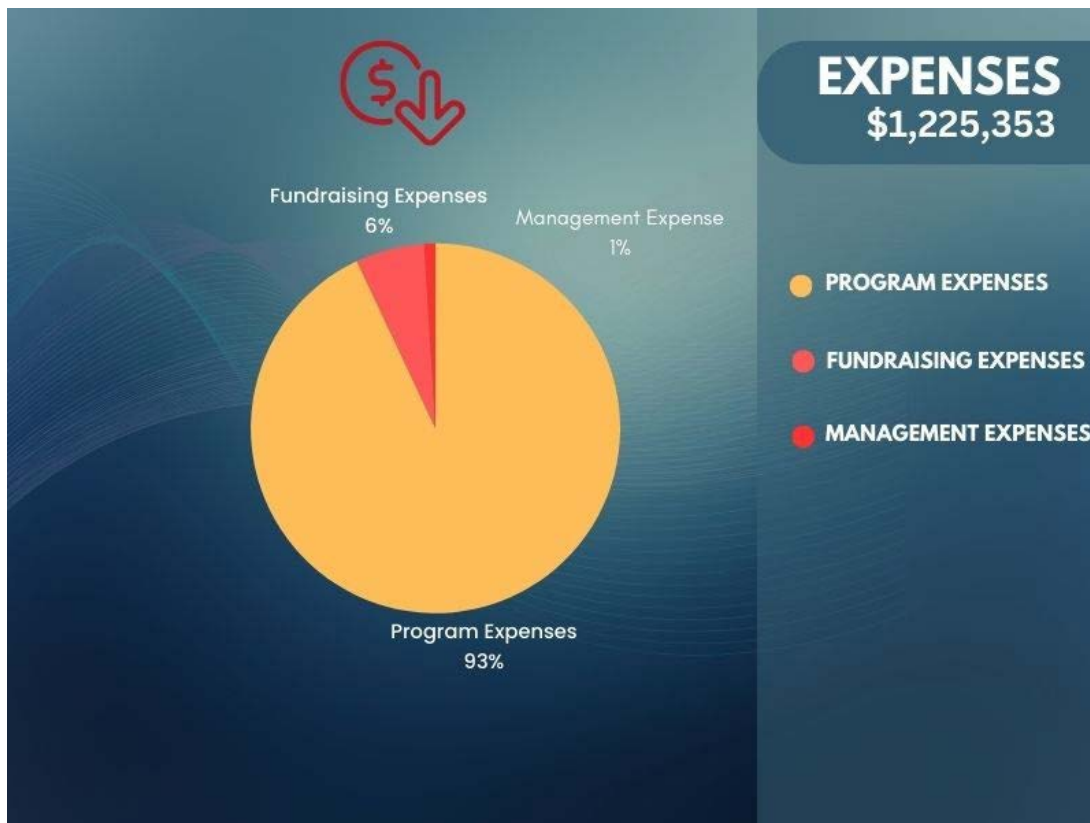
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING 2024

The Foundation's income for FY2024 was \$1,101,400 not including In-kind donations.
The Foundation's expenses stood at \$1,225,353.





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