

**FY 2024**  
**Impact Report**  
**By the Numbers**



**Lalmba**  
**Association**

# Hope you can hold onto

At Lalmba, we are led by a vision of HOPE that is so tangible, you can grab onto it! Each day we touch hundreds of lives, especially children, and every year **over 50,000 times** a patient is treated at our remote African clinics. Our team of over 100 in-country staff, **23 international** and **32 Ethiopian & Kenyan volunteers**, hundreds of children guardians, and many supporters, donors, and partners in our mission are all spreading hope that looks like something so real – you can touch it, walk inside it, and grab onto it.



Over **1280 children** who were born in a remote village in Ethiopia or Kenya are growing up loved within our places of hope – children’s homes or with a family guardian in the community. Everyone in the villages can learn and build up their skills in our classrooms or at our empowerment center. We spread hope to those around us who we see not as a problem to fix, but a person to build up as we share our love, medical cures, and knowledge. That’s because we see the seed of a brighter future in everyone who believes in Lalmba’s motto: We are a place and a people of HOPE!

I am so honored to share with you how I not only serve folks who are materially poor, but I mentor and encourage others to do the same. It doesn’t take much – only the courage of an ordinary person to do something extraordinary.

With each extraordinary act of love and kindness, we spread hope - HOPE that grows into something so tangible it builds a brighter future.

Sending big hugs and gratitude,

Jennifer Wenningkamp

President, and better known as “Chief Ordinary Person”



# ETHIOPIA

## AT-RISK CHILDREN:

### CHIRI CHILDRENS HOME

"Pathway out of poverty."



### Lalmba's Impact



**14**

Living in the Chiri Children's Home



**87**

RCAR Children



**35**

Children Receiving Health and Life Skills Education



**54**

RCAR Children attending school full time



**2531**

Children Who Received Medical Treatment in FY24



**97**

Children Who Received Life Saving Nutritional Support Monthly



**34**

Pending Applications monthly for Lalmba Support



**6**

Average Number of Children Receiving Counseling Monthly

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# ETHIOPIA MEDICAL CARE

## Agaro Bushi Clinic Reach

**15,586**



Agaro Bushi Clinic Visits



**2503**



Antenatal Visits

**97**



Babies Born in FY24

**3222**



Upper Respiratory Infection



**3531**



Children Screened for Malnutrition

**2531**



Visits Under 5 Years Old

**42**



Patients transported by Ambulance



SAVING LIVES  
AND  
BUILDING  
STRONGER  
COMMUNITIES

# Ethiopia

## Good Food in a Hungry Hopeless Moment

This year, in AgaroBushi, Ethiopia, we started up a new site for one of the most powerful programs called our “**Good Food Class**”. We’re now operating Good Food Classes in our cookhouses in both countries, in **3 different** locations. The class is called “Chakula Bora” in Kenya, and “Gawey Meyo” in Ethiopia. This cooking and nutrition class is for patients who are identified as suffering from SAM or MAM – Severe or Moderate Acute Malnutrition.



Parents or guardians of small children meet weekly in a small cookhouse where they all learn how to prepare healthy nutritious food while cooking and eating together. Each week, we gather **between 15 and 30 babies** and toddlers who are being treated for malnutrition and follow their progress until they graduate to a healthy weight.

We graduated several children from the class, who had seriously compromised health prior to meeting each week. The infants and toddlers come to us with extremely thin bodies and leave with their cute chubby bodies getting regular nutrition on a daily basis. Thanks to our loving staff who offer transformative support for parents, **more than 50 children have been saved from starvation** and now have a bright future!



# EMPOWERMENT

## CHIRI, AGAROBUSHI, & MOBILE HEALTH CARE IN NYANGATOM

The joint project, with MCSPA, aimed at improving the health of Nyangatom communities in southwestern Ethiopia has been ongoing since January 2024. We have focused on addressing the most pressing health issues through awareness campaigns, direct healthcare services, and logistical support for patients in need of advanced treatment.

In Chiri and AgaroBushi, a group of women community leaders, mentor single parents of children who are at-risk. Together, widows(ers) or guardians are planting and harvesting cooperative fields to develop a more sustainable income.

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**15** Community Workshops



**+5 000** people were educated on disease prevention and healthy living practices

**5000** patients treated for various ailments, including respiratory infections, malaria, and gastrointestinal diseases



**200** children under the age of five were administered



**+5,000** reached through Mobile Clinics



# KENYA AT-RISK CHILDREN



**34**



Living in Ongoro  
Children's Home

**30**



Children Receiving  
Counseling

**382**



Children Receiving  
Medical

**85**



Pending RCAR  
Applications



**10**



Pending Applications  
to Home

**951**



RCAR Children

**100**



Children HIV Sickle Cell  
Treatment

# Kenya

Hope looks like DREAMS coming true.

For a village where employment is low, and fish numbers are dwindling – learning is one of the most important pathways out of poverty. Thanks to many incredible donors – we are celebrating a place of HOPE for many to harness their dreams of a brighter future.

This year, at Lalamba Kenya's largest base of operations, we celebrated a dream come true! This dream isn't only about the new building that started in FY 24, it's for building big people. This is a shared dream for not only our children, patients and staff, but the community as a whole.



That's because our dream of empowerment goes beyond the hopes and dreams of self-reliance and economic opportunities that break the cycle of poverty for one person. We dream of a community with new skills and ability to use modern technology along with their crafts and abilities uniquely nurtured in their fishing village of Matoso.

Please celebrate with us, as we launch into the future with our Matoso Education and Empowerment Center.

# KENYA

# MEDICAL CARE

**\$37,000**

Pharmacy Expenses



**4209**

Cases of Malaria



**857**

Treatments after hours  
or on call staff



**2149**

Upper Respiratory Tract  
Infection



**414**

Antenatal Care



**526**

Cases Sickle Cell



**79**

Deliveries in  
6 months



**82**

Screened for Breast  
Cancer



**47**

Average Patients  
Per Day



**44**

HIV In Care  
UNDER 15



**761**

HIV in Care  
OVER 15



**MATOSO EMPOWERMENT CENTER OPENS!**



# EMPOWERMENT

## KENYA EMPOWERMENT

 Number taught in Computer Learning: **6648**

 Students & Other Readers: **3482**

 Average Households in the relief project: **30**

 Average Monthly Scholarships: **139**

**36** Graduates passed at the end of the year! 

**85** Relief Project Applications

## Impact Statistics

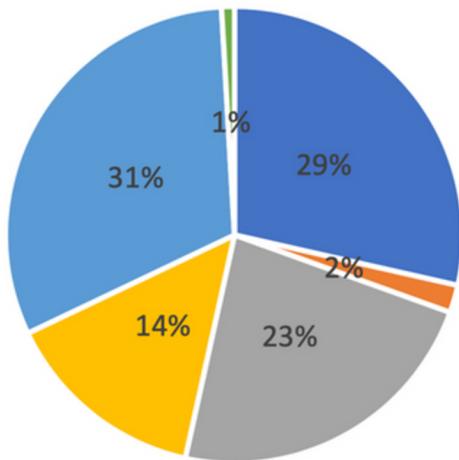
**36** Repayments Received (All time High) 

**60** Average Monthly Elders Supported 

**48** Pending Elderly Applications for Support 

**34** Microloans 

## Funds Usage - FY24/25 (%age)



- At-Risk
- Admin/Ops
- CapX
- Empower
- Medical
- Sum/Intl Trvl

**\$2,000 Annual Pledge**  
Medical care for 400 People

**\$200 Monthly Pledge**  
Cares for 12 children for a year

**\$500 Donation**  
Impacts the lives of 50 people

**\$10 Monthly Pledge**  
Builds a brighter future for someone in need

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Thank you for helping us raise 90% of our \$830,000 FY Program Expenses!



Lalmba means HOPE – Yes 62 years ago, Deacon Hugh Downey together with his wife, Marty, founded Lalmba with a name that says it all – to the people they were serving in Keren, Eritrea: Lalmba simply means “A Place of HOPE”. Their initial act of kindness has spread hope and impacted over a million lives! In time, Lalmba’s operations moved from Eritrea to Sudan, served brief missions in many countries, and currently our programs are based in Kenya and Ethiopia.

# Thanks to supporters LIKE YOU we are able to continue this life saving work for those in need in Ethiopia and Kenya.



One very touching story from our Lalmba Ethiopia RCAR (Reaching Children At Risk) Program is a story about transformational generosity and hospitality...and it comes to us by way of a coffee ceremony. Kocheche grew up in our RCAR Community-based orphan care program and spent some years in our Chiri Children's Home. Now, she is studying to become a nurse and in her free time, she is helping care for our 13 Chiri children, making sure that they and those who are ill receive a healing touch and unconditional kindness.

Kocheche also has shown her spirit of generosity to one of Lalmba's leaders by teaching them to grind coffee beans for a perfect coffee ceremony. Here is their memory of the moment: "As I breathe in the deep fragrance of this priceless gift of hand roasted coffee, I realize that it has to be shared. This coffee bean is almost infinitely valuable - and Kocheche's gift of hospitality is truly priceless. The honor of a coffee ceremony invokes a feeling of swelling gratitude that could cause some hearts to burst."

Kocheche, along with the moms and children at the Lalmba Ethiopia Chiri Children's Home started a new trend and whenever possible they send international volunteers home with a few kilos of coffee that was harvested and hand roasted in Chiri, Ethiopia. This year, we have a limited supply of coffee to share with folks who want to invest in Lalmba's vision of a brighter future for folks in communities at the end of the road.

## **Greatest Challenges & Needs**

- **Stability of meds- HIV TB malaria other**
- **Potential poverty with decreased funding from US Europe**
- **Expat volunteer physicians**
- **Contingency clinical & Public Health plans**
- **2 New Ambulances**
- **Maternity Ward Operations**
- **Funding for all programs is critical**

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