

2023 Annual Impact Report

GlobalGiving UK



Here's what you +
the GlobalGiving
community achieved in 2023



Photo: *Make Women in Rural India Financially Secure* by Seva Mandir

Thank you.

Hope for a better world was your response
to relentless wars, entrenched inequality,
and intensifying disasters.

**Let's look back on the inspiring stories
that you helped make possible.**



**OUR MISSION IS TO
transform aid and
philanthropy to accelerate
community-led change.**

Photo: *Healthy Farms, Healthy Children - Growing in Haiti* by Colorado Haiti Project

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Our CEO, Alex Ritchie, reflects on 2023 and looks forward to 2024 and beyond.

The spirit of generosity is alive and well and shows up in so many communities, in many different ways. I know this thanks to you. You joined with thousands of others in the GlobalGiving community in 2023 to create hope amid wars, poverty, inequality, and other heart-wrenching challenges.

Thank you for continuing to prove the power of generosity and humanity.

In 2023, we launched numerous [funds](#) on the GlobalGiving platform, connecting donors with communities facing devastating disaster, relentless conflict, and ingrained inequalities. GlobalGiving has consistently stood out as an early innovator in utilising technology to drive community-led change.

LOOKING AHEAD

GlobalGiving has a robust, five-year strategy to build the next generation of generosity.

It has enabled us to act quickly, connect you with causes close to home or close to your heart, and uplift communities at the forefront of global challenges. As the world adapts to technological advances, like AI and blockchain, our five-year strategy involves dedicating resources to address and leverage evolving technologies to enhance our mission and amplify your generosity.

Another key priority for 2024 is to expand our reach into Europe through our partnership with Transnational Giving Europe (TGE), starting in France and Germany. TGE's platform provides a reliable framework for corporate and individual donors.

By working with its in-country network partners they streamline the donation process, ensuring quality assurance and utilising expertise in domestic tax laws.

This standardised process simplifies giving across countries and increases impact for local leaders driving change.

We want to [ensure that within days, your donations keep reaching the most affected communities in the aftermath of the worst disasters](#), no matter where or when calamity strikes.

We want to continue to make it [easy and fun for you to find a trusted nonprofit](#) working in whichever area or part of the world interests you, within seconds.

We will be expanding the scope of our [unparalleled vetting services](#), by extending our expertise to verify compliant community-led organisations beyond our current reach.

We want to continue to help you [push the boundaries of borderless grantmaking](#), building programs that defy the status quo in aid and philanthropy. Rising to meet the collective challenges confronting each and every individual in the world.

And we can't do any of that without you.

I hope you will continue to support us in writing our next chapter in 2024 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Ritchie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alex Ritchie

What we accomplished together in 2023

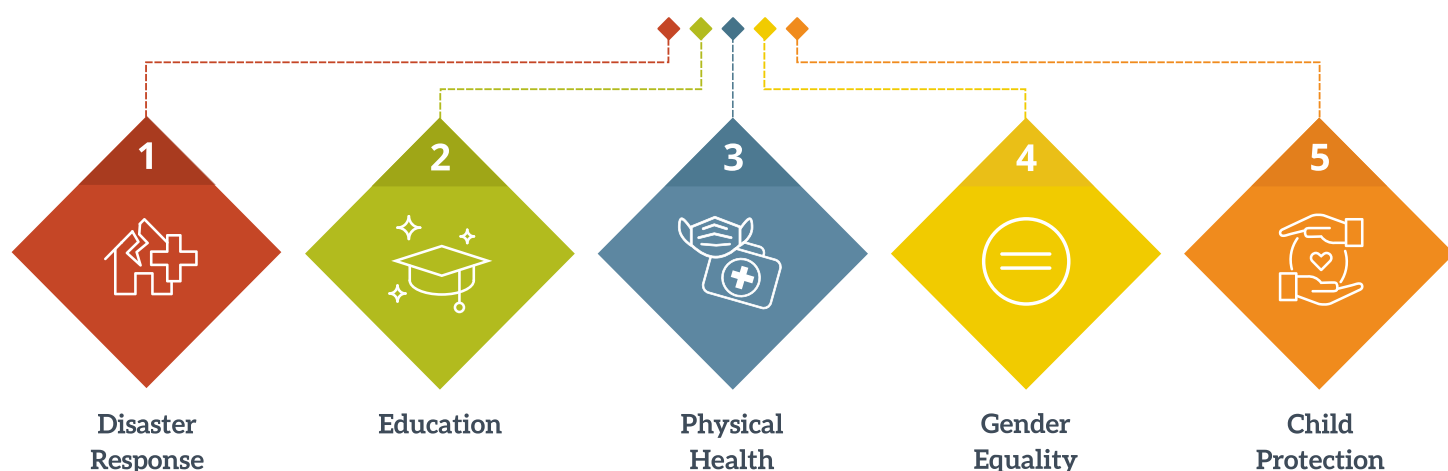
UK Impact



Top Causes

2,471 projects and 1,443 organisations were supported via GlobalGiving UK in 2023.

Here are some of the cause areas that received the most donations:



Promising local solutions to global challenges



Photo: The Nucleo Project

Get a closer look at some of the most inspirational stories of 2023.



A focus on needs at home

With the UK facing the worst cost of living crisis in 50 years, GlobalGiving launched the [UK Cost-of-Living Crisis Relief Fund](#).

This fund supports organisations focused on helping those most in need, ranging from helping families requiring food or shelter, to supporting individuals with educational needs and mental health support.

The fund supported 18 charities with thousands of pounds worth of much needed grants to enable them to continue their vital work.

Get a closer look at three charities that served people in need thanks to generous gifts to the fund...



Fostering connection through food

Photo: *Be Enriched* by Be Enriched

One of the charities supported through the [UK Cost-of-Living Crisis Relief Fund](#) is [Be Enriched](#). This South London-based charity is focused on reducing social isolation through food.

Be Enriched nourishes communities through food and their services are increasingly in demand.

Community canteens build community, increase access to healthy food, and provide skills training for those who are out of work.

They bring people together to share knowledge and cultivate relationships, and aim to empower communities.

Be Enriched received a grant from GlobalGiving's UK Cost-of-Living Crisis Relief Fund to help support growing service demand when the cost-of-living crisis drove up the numbers of people struggling to buy food.

The Community Canteens provide a welcoming space to enjoy a nutritious meal and connect with others in the community.

"The Cost-of-Living Crisis has left many people feeling isolated and alone. The challenge to put food on the table has become even harder. During the year, our Community Canteens, unique Food Bus and Kids Clubs have become more needed by Lambeth, Southwark and Wandsworth residents."

ANDY HARROWELL
COMMUNICATIONS & FUNDRAISING OFFICER, BE ENRICHED

Integration + hope for refugees

[The Bike Project](#) is a charity that collects second hand bikes, refurbishes them and donates them to refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK.

Having fled persecution and atrocity in their country of origin, most refugees arrive in the UK with absolutely nothing. A bike helps them access food banks, legal advice, healthcare, education and much more.

In 2023, a [report](#) released by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) revealed that more people have been forced to flee their homes than ever before, with a staggering 110 million individuals displaced worldwide.



Photo: The Bike Project

That's more than any other time since World War II.

The Bike Project provides hope and independence at an incredibly difficult time, which can be a welcome relief when compounded with a cost-of-living crisis.

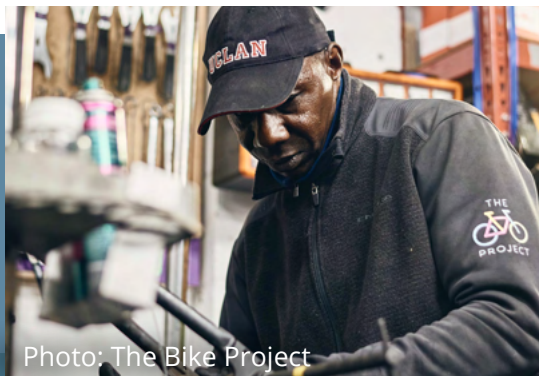


Photo: The Bike Project

In 2023, a grant from the [UK Cost-of-Living Crisis Relief Fund](#) helped to support this vital work.

“As a charity we too are not immune from rising costs, however, with more support we can ensure that more refugees and people seeking asylum will discover the full benefits of cycling - the first step towards building a new life in the UK.”

NICOLA HILL
HEAD OF IMPACT, THE BIKE PROJECT

Building equity for women + girls

Rosa, the UK fund for women and girls, works to make the UK a fairer, safer place for women and girls, and holds the vision of a society in which they are safe, healthy, and equal.

[Research shows](#) that in 2021, women and girls charities received just a fraction of the £4.1 billion worth of grants awarded to charities. There was also a lack of funding going to organisations specifically focussed on women and girls, which shows a worrying lack of priority for organisations tackling complex and systemic issues faced by women and girls in the UK.



Photo: Stock image. Design by Sarah Gill

We're proud to have partnered with Rosa to help support the essential work they're doing for those who access their services but also in tackling the long standing systematic issues faced by women and girls in the UK.

“Rosa exists to support the thousands of mostly small, frontline charities supporting women and girls in the UK. These organisations provide life-saving and life-changing support but they are critically underfunded, receiving just a 1.8% share of charitable funding in the UK.

Support from GlobalGiving has meant Rosa can invest more in the women and girls sector, and advocate for greater support, helping to make the UK a safer, fairer and more equal place for all women and girls.”

REBECCA GILL
CEO, ROSA



Transforming philanthropy

Photo: *Seedlings and Organic Fertilizer for Food Supply* by Asset-Based Community Development with Equity Foundation

The aim of GlobalGiving's USAID-backed [Assets, Agency & Trust](#) (AAT) programme was to dismantle harmful philanthropic barriers and embrace new ways of co-creating projects in the Philippines. From accepting grant applications in any dialect, including Tagalog or Visayan, to grounding actions in the deeply-rooted [bayanihan tradition](#).

The collaborative spirit of Bayanihan has helped to yield boundless solutions to climate-change and overcome challenges in the island communities, with shared boats, farm-to-market roads and a collective sense of livelihood being just a few examples.

The AAT programme is a collaborative effort between the [Center for Disaster Preparedness Philippines](#) (CDP), [Global Fund for Community Foundations](#) (GFCF), [Nonprofit Finance Fund](#) (NFF), and GlobalGiving, united

by a commitment to prioritise communities and equity in our work.

The 2022 Inquiry phase report, based on community input, underscored the belief that locals are best equipped to identify and solve problems. AAT has since worked to create activity pathways that elevate the agency of communities to shape their lives.

The [Abot-Kamay Community Solidarity Fund](#) (ACSF) exemplifies this approach, serving as a locally-led, innovative grantmaking mechanism to support marginalised communities.

Participants note that this programme has revolutionised their funding experience, providing meaningful support that goes beyond financial assistance, enabling them to amplify their efforts and seize more opportunities.



Photo: Asset-Based Community Development with Equity Foundation

"The problem with other partners and resource agencies [funders] is that they look at persons with disabilities as a welfare case. We want more empowering and rights-based assistance. The ACSF allowed our group to do what we needed to do to benefit and advance the rights of our sector."

**LEADER OF DAVAO DEL NORTE PERSONS
WITH DISABILITY ASSOCIATION**

Programme outcomes

Awarded 32 Filipino organisations with a total of Php21m/ ~£297,000.

Expanded networks, strengthened internal governance mechanisms, and taking collective action meant the 32 organisations raised an additional Php26m/~£339,000.

Strengthened understanding of financial concepts, including full cost recovery for grantees following two major learning events on financial management and sustainability.

Nurtured long-term sustainable connections and solidarity among partners, all striving for social justice.

Far reaching results for a community cooperative

With Php1M support from the Fund to Kilometre 7 Farmers-Producer Cooperative, farmers were able to mobilise an additional Php12.5M from government agencies and individual contributions, both financial and non-financial resources to train small farmers on best practices and agri-business management.

In turn, the cooperative was able to reach out to ten more unorganised small farmer groups in the area who have now started their own communal and cluster farms. Six of these groups are now locally-registered to enable them access to government support.

FURTHER READING

- [Global Fund for Community Foundation's \(GFCF\) blog](#)
- [GlobalGiving's Assets, Agency and Trust Learn Library series](#)

A trusted partner when disaster strikes



Photo: *Support Ukrainian children of war* by Children Of Heroes Of Ukraine Foundation

Here is a look at the impact your donations made in crisis-affected communities in 2023.

Respond to

134

new disasters and crises around the world in 2023.

Raise

£32m

of which UK donors contributed £1.6m



Photo: *Provide Relief for Syrian Refugees* by Mercy Corps

Partner with

354

vett ed organisations to provide life-saving and long-term assistance to survivors of war, wildfires, hurricanes, and other hardships.



Photo: *Nepal Earthquake Relief* by ActionAid International USA

We launched a practical [toolkit](#) for donors to deepen their responses to the intensifying threat of disasters.

We prioritised support for unmet, long-term recovery needs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Yemen.

Our focus on sharing power, **eliminating barriers** to equitable disaster recovery, **fostering strong relationships**, and providing **long-lasting support** so communities are better prepared for future disasters is what **makes us different**.

READ THREE STORIES OF IMPACT >>



Photo: [Gavin Gough](#) for the *Nepal Earthquake Relief and Recovery Fund* by GlobalGiving



Assistance for Moroccan Mountain Communities

Photo: *Earthquake Relief for Moroccan Communities* by High Atlas Foundation

After a night-time earthquake struck Morocco in September, killing thousands of people and injuring many more, GlobalGiving served the most impacted, often hard-to-reach communities thanks to partnerships with trusted nonprofits, such as the [High Atlas Foundation](#).

The foundation swiftly delivered life-saving aid to more than 1,000 families in more than a dozen villages.

High Atlas project leader Houria Chouhab set aside the horror of surviving the earthquake herself to help others.

“The moment I said hello to the first community in Ijoukak, I knew that I had to set aside my worries and prepare myself for the work ahead. As we continued our work in these areas, I was filled with a sense of hope and purpose. The support we are providing extends beyond immediate relief; it is about empowering these communities to regain a sense of self-sufficiency.”

HOURLIA CHOUHAB

HIGH ATLAS FOUNDATION PROJECT LEADER



Relief from floods in Libya

Photo: Jamal Alkomaty, AP Newsroom

Through GlobalGiving, almost £500,000 was raised to support those impacted by the devastating floods that hit Libya in September.

Thousands of people were killed, with many more injured and widespread damage including entire neighbourhoods being swept away. This catastrophic event is one of the most significant and deadly natural

hazards in Libya's history.

Initially, the fund met survivors' immediate needs for food, fuel, clean water, medicine, and shelter. It then transitioned to focus on recovery efforts led by local, vetted organisations in the impacted areas to restore damaged homes, rebuild infrastructure, and more as needs evolve.

Here is what one team member supporting the response to the flooding in Libya with [International Medical Corps](#) wanted you to know about the impact of your donation:

"GlobalGiving always seems to be there when we need you. And Libya is definitely a case of way more help needed than what's available - so we'll put this to good use."



Humanitarian aid for Israel + Palestine

Photo: Sanjit Pariyar, AP Newsroom

Through GlobalGiving, over £1m was raised to support local organisations working to help those affected by this catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

GlobalGiving's fund has supported the lifesaving work of dozens of long standing partners who have a proven track record of delivering a wide range of emergency relief, mental health services, and peace-building activities to people in need in Gaza, Israel, and the region.

One charity partner, [Sunbula](#), works towards social justice and social development for the most marginalised in Palestinian society, including women, refugees and persons with hearing disabilities. Now facing a catastrophic crisis in Gaza, Sunbula is providing emergency aid to address the most pressing humanitarian needs.

“This [grant] will help us provide much-needed support to our communities that face crisis and to sustain their work under crisis.”

SUNBULA DIRECTOR



Hope and care for Ukrainian refugees

Photo: Life Quality Fund

Everyday people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries illuminate the human capacity to do extraordinary things in the most dire of circumstances.

Read the inspiring stories you helped make possible in our [Portraits of Hope photo series](#).

“When you are a refugee yourself you know the needs because you have felt it in your own skin. I can’t go without compassion.”

NATASHA
[LIFE QUALITY FUND](#), UKRAINE

GlobalGiving reacts with speed and efficiency to ensure funds are delivered to those who need it most within days. We are there to support local organisations when disaster hits the headlines and will remain long after the cameras stop rolling.

FURTHER READING

- [Learn more about what makes our approach to disaster recovery different](#)
- [Learn more about our community-led commitments](#)

Thank you.

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and all donors including:

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Photo: *Support Lulu in raising awareness of TB* by APOPO

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