

WOW

working for orphans & widows



A MINISTRY OF VISIONLED

SERVING THE **VULNERABLE**



“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

JAMES 1:27, NIV

41% of the population in sub-Saharan Africa lives on less than \$1.25 a day

UN MDG Report 2015

Within two years of their mothers' death, orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa are **10 times more likely to die** than children with mothers

UNICEF MDG Report, 2015

Every week 4,000 young women in sub-Saharan Africa are newly infected with HIV

UNAIDS Gap Report, 2015

Sub-Saharan Africa faces the highest rates of child mortality in the world. Last year **2.9 million children in this region died** before reaching 5 years of age because of mainly preventable causes

UNICEF Child Mortality Report, 2015

45.6% of African women experience **sexual abuse** in their lifetime

WHO, 2013

More than 1/3 of children in sub-Saharan Africa who start primary school **will not complete their education**

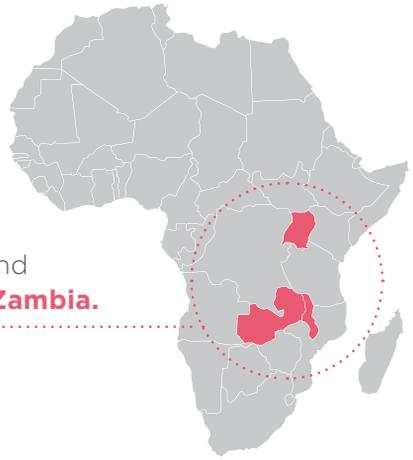
UNESCO, 2013

40% of children in sub-Saharan Africa have **stunted growth** due to malnutrition

UNICEF, 2013

WHERE WE WORK

We currently work for orphans and widows in **Malawi, Uganda and Zambia.**



OUR STEWARDSHIP

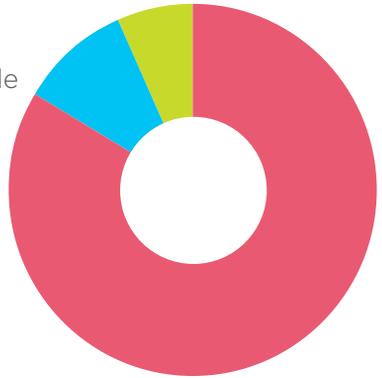
In 2015, **83.7%** of all expenditures went to program services worldwide

The percentage spent on any particular program may vary.

83.7% Programs

9.9% Awareness & Fundraising

6.4% Admin



OUR AREAS OF FOCUS

Here's how support was allocated in 2015:

19% Healthcare

17% Sustainability & Agricultural Projects

16% Education

13% Community Infrastructure

11% Biblical Training

11% Feeding Programs

7% Skills Training & Small Business

4% Water & Sanitation

4% Gender-Based Violence Programs



WE PARTNER WITH AFRICAN CHURCHES & LEADERS TO CARE FOR ORPHANS & WIDOWS

Working for Orphans & Widows (WOW)

began with a bold vision in the middle of Africa's AIDS epidemic over sixteen years ago. What if, instead of shunning those affected by HIV & AIDS, churches became the catalysts of concern, compassion and care? We dreamed that local churches would be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out to the most vulnerable victims of HIV, AIDS and poverty.



Jim & Kathy Cantelon

With God's faithfulness, that vision is today's reality. Through partnerships with local churches and Christian leaders, WOW is bringing hope and healing to thousands of the most vulnerable persons in Malawi, Uganda and Zambia. The powerful message of God's redeeming love is changing hearts and changing lives.

Take a moment to read more about how WOW's grassroots programs are making a difference in the lives of orphans, widows, mothers and local leaders. I hope you will join us in our exciting mission as we press forward to reach more orphans and widows.

Blessings,

Jim Cantelon

Founder of Working for Orphans & Widows (WOW)
A ministry of Visionledd

WORKING FOR ORPHANS

Every child possesses remarkable, God-given potential.

Because of this truth, WOW is committed to bringing hope and love into the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children. Through local leaders and caregivers, the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of thousands of children are being met, freeing young lives from the bonds of poverty.

**HERE'S HOW
WOW SERVES
ORPHANS &
VULNERABLE
CHILDREN**



5,000+

who could not access or afford government school fees in Zambia **RECEIVED**

**8 AN EDUCATION IN
WOW SCHOOLS**

WOW **CHRISTMAS** delivered **LOCALLY SOURCED UNIFORMS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES** to **3,000 VULNERABLE STUDENTS**

 in Uganda and Zambia

BIBLE TRAINING & YOUTH GROUPS
empower over
1,200 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

in Malawi to grow their relationship with Jesus

100+ CHILD-HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

received food packs, mosquito nets, guardianship & encouragement from home-based care volunteers 

6,630 LBS 
OF PHARMACEUTICALS
were shipped for
VULNERABLE PATIENTS



3,536+ YOUNG CHILDREN

RECEIVED A DAILY FORTIFIED MEAL & PRESCHOOL EDUCATION
THROUGH WOW'S COMMUNITY CENTRES IN MALAWI

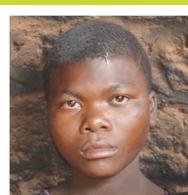
CLEAN WATER

was ensured for children in **14 WOW COMMUNITIES** through well upgrades and servicing 



904 TREES WERE PLANTED

IN WOW COMMUNITIES ACROSS MALAWI
to ensure fruit, shade and soil quality for future generations



"My brother, sister and I have been living on our own since our mother passed away. Two years ago I became pregnant when a man attacked me while I was trying to find work. Caring for my siblings and son has been very difficult. Our home-based care volunteer, Dorothy, is like a mother to us. She delivers food packs so we don't go hungry and teaches us about the Lord. With this support, we have a safe place to live, my son attends the preschool program and my siblings are able to go to school again. Someday, I hope to start my own business and build a better future."

Rachel, 16, Mgona, Malawi



“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

MATTHEW 19:14, NIV

WORKING FOR **WIDOWS**

Empowering vulnerable women in sub-Saharan Africa is the key to building healthy families and communities.

Hunger, poverty, high rates of HIV and AIDS, and vulnerability to abuse are just some of the challenges women here face. Through emergency relief and long-term sustainability projects, WOW is bringing hope and joy to women that were once destitute and hopeless resulting in entire communities transformed.



“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.”

PSALM 68:5, NIV

HERE'S HOW WOW EMPOWERS WIDOWS & VULNERABLE WOMEN

200+

widows benefited from **WOW'S AGRICULTURAL INPUT PROGRAM**, where training, seeds and fertilizer helped widows maximize yields on family plots



300+

widows received **SKILLS TRAINING & INPUTS TO BEGIN SMALL BUSINESSES** including tailoring, soap-making, animal husbandry, hairdressing, tea shops, vegetable growing and more



MOBILE MEDICAL CLINICS CONDUCTED

20,629
PATIENT VISITS
and counselled

1,500 VULNERABLE PERSONS WITH HIV

200+
VULNERABLE PATIENTS
received ongoing transportation to clinic appointments

550+

WOMEN AND TEENAGE GIRLS received support from gender-based violence counsellors



250+

WIDOWS & PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV received daily fortified lukini phala meals **FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR**



60+

SEWING MACHINES were purchased for the new Shamabanse community centre in Zambia to provide **TAILORING TRAINING TO HUNDREDS OF WIDOWS** sewing school uniforms



Home-based care volunteers provided

400+

HOUSEHOLDS

with regular emergency food packs and

900+ PATIENTS with basic medications

100+

SUCCESSFUL WIDOWS USED PROFITS FROM THEIR NEW BUSINESSES TO "ADOPT" ELDERLY WIDOWED GRANNIES, REGULARLY SUPPLYING THEM WITH FOOD PACKS, CLOTHING, CANDLES AND MORE



WIDOW SUPPORT GROUPS in WOW communities received biblical training, literacy classes and encouragement through weekly support groups



"When my husband died, I was so depressed and sick that my children suffered greatly. Home-based care volunteers began to visit with emergency food packs and convinced me to go to the widows' support group. There, I found so much joy in the fellowship and Bible studies. I gained the courage to get tested for HIV and now go to the clinic regularly for my medications. Today, I provide for my children through a business I started with a small loan and I give back to others as a home-based care volunteer!"

Loveness Banda, 32

WORKING FOR **MOTHERS**

Pregnancy and birth should be a time of joy in anticipation of a precious new life.

But women and children in sub-Saharan Africa face some of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world. WOW builds maternal support networks in areas where many new mothers have been orphaned themselves. By empowering mothers with healthcare, education and spiritual support a new generation of healthy families is made possible!

**HERE'S HOW
WOW SERVES
MOTHERS &
INFANTS**

Through WOW's **MOTHERCARE** campaign in 2015...

612 KG 

**OF MEDICATIONS, SUPPLIES
AND BIRTHING EQUIPMENT**

was shipped to local healthcare professionals to ensure safe and sanitary deliveries for vulnerable mothers

**PREGNANT
MOTHERS** received 
**PRENATAL VITAMINS
& TRANSPORTATION**
to medical appointments in
7 COMMUNITIES




 **240+**

Pregnant and nursing mothers received **DAILY FORTIFIED LUKINI PHALA MEALS** to bolster nutrition and babies' birth weights



**MATERNAL SUPPORT GROUPS IN
12 WOW COMMUNITIES**



PROVIDE BIBLICAL TEACHING AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTH, DELIVERY AND INFANT CARE



"I joined the motherhood group when I was pregnant with my fifth baby. Because of this support, he was the healthiest baby I have ever had. The nutritional and practical support made such a difference. They even helped me begin my own vegetable garden so I could get all the nutrition and iron I required during my pregnancy. Today, my son is a healthy, happy two month old!"

Patricia Khoga, 36 year-old mother in Mandala, Malawi



*“She is clothed with strength and dignity,
she can laugh at the days to come.”*

PROVERBS 31:25, NIV

WORKING FOR LOCAL LEADERS

Investing in local champions is the key to long-term sustainability & transformation within vulnerable communities.

WOW partners with African churches and Christian leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to serve the poor. With traditional leaders and chiefs, WOW's local partners inspire once hopeless and desperate persons to rise up and become contributors and givers to others.



“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:35, NIV

HERE'S HOW WOW COLLABORATED WITH LOCAL LEADERS



PALLIATIVE CARE TRAINING, BIBLICAL TEACHING & BICYCLES

were provided to home-based care volunteers to reach out to the sick & vulnerable in their communities



2,000+

LOCAL LEADERS



200+

BIBLES



IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

were distributed to chiefs, home-based care volunteers and leaders of youth, persons living with HIV & AIDS, and widows' support groups

RECEIVED

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM

TRAINING which teaches them how to use existing resources to minister to the sick and needy in their communities

SMALL BUSINESSES

including **3 PIGGERIES**,  **A BUTCHER SHOP & A RESTAURANT**

were established by local partners to support their outreach for orphans and widows

50

NEW PASTORS



GRADUATED FROM BEREAN TRAINING,

AN INTENSIVE 10-WEEK BIBLE COURSE THAT PROPELS PASTORS TO CHURCH-PLANT AND DISCIPLE OTHERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE VILLAGES

55

Teachers received supplies, incentives and training in **8 SCHOOLS** for vulnerable children

A LARGE-SCALE FARMING PROJECT in Zambia allowed WOW's local partners to

HARVEST **20 ACRES OF MAIZE**,  **5,000 CABBAGES & 1 ACRE OF ONIONS** 

BEGIN A **BEE-KEEPING BUSINESS**

PLANT **50 ACRES OF MAIZE & SOYA BEANS**

for next year with proceeds supporting their work for orphans and widows



"I was once a drunkard who could not support my wife and children. Desperate for change, I decided to attend some Bible class I heard about and the Gospel spoke directly to my heart. I quit drinking, began a relationship with Jesus, became a youth group leader and was selected for the agricultural input program. Now, I harvest four times more than I used to. I support my family, my extended family, feeding programs for the ministry and I have started building a church for my community. I disciple six other young people and am so excited for what the Lord is doing through this ministry!"

Fredson Sampson, Kasakula, Malawi

I CARE. I WANT TO HELP. WHAT CAN I DO?

Become a monthly supporter!
For **\$39 a month**, you can direct your monthly gift to WOW's work for orphans, widows, mothers, local leaders, or where most needed.



**GO TO WOWMISSION.COM
TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN:**

- Join our prayer team
- Come on a short-term mission trip
- Invite a WOW speaker to your church or club
- Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
- Do something as a team!

WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH OTHERS?



HOST A PATCH PARTY

Patches uniquely decorated by your group help widows learn to sew blankets for home-based care patients



WOW CHRISTMAS

Where churches can support children's education and their local economy!



WOW MOTHERCARE

Where your packed bags of baby essentials and gifts provide maternal healthcare for vulnerable mothers



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YES! I want to partner with African churches to help orphans & widows!

HERE IS MY SINGLE GIFT OF...

- \$100 \$50 \$25 \$ _____

PLEASE USE THIS GIFT FOR...

- The greatest need Other _____

HERE IS MY MONTHLY GIFT OF...

- \$39/month Other _____/month

(Please attach a VOID cheque if you prefer automatic monthly withdrawals from your chequing account)

DIRECT MY MONTHLY GIFT TO:

- OrphanCare WidowCare MotherCare
 Local Leader Development Where most needed

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY GIFT BY...

- Enclosed Cheque (Made payable to WOW)

- Credit Card: VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS

NAME ON CARD

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE

SIGNATURE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

CELL PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL

- I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PRAYER TEAM:

You will receive a list of specific prayer items every 1-2 months and the occasional urgent request.

