

IMPACT REPORT 2023-24



From the Executive Director

Our Fiscal Year from October 2023 to September 2024 was a time of significant change for our organization. In December, Ellen Starr retired after five years as Executive Director and thirteen years at the organization. Ellen was the first person to introduce me—and many of our staff—to the concept of "well-women's care." She inspired all of us through her strategic leadership and commitment to respectful, informed care for women. I am honored to have worked with her and to carry forward the beautiful impact she achieved.



A healthy woman leads to a ripple effect: she directly contributes to healthy children, healthy communities, and a healthy planet. A 2024 McKinsey Report showed that women spend 25% more of their life in poor health than men. If we reduce this gap, it would boost the global economy \$1 trillion annually by 2040. Yet cervical cancer prevents women from living healthy, productive lives. It is the leading cause of preventable, premature cancer deaths in low- and middle-income countries. Estimates show that ending cervical cancer could lead to gains of \$10 billion in annual GDP. This is why we do the work we do.

We screened 27,093 women and treated 2,510 women for precancer last fiscal year. Working with our government partners and staff, we also transitioned our programs from VIA-based health center programs to an HPV-testing program model. It is a strategic shift to improve clinical care, quality, and experience. We concluded the year with the insights, roles, and opportunities needed to set our sights on screening 10,000 women in 2025 with HPV testing. I'm proud of what we've accomplished already, and eager to expand our great work.

Thank you for believing in the power of a healthy woman and for being part of our global community.

Kyle Engelman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2023-24 Highlights

1,813 Women Screened in 1 Week with HPV Testing in Kenya



In July 2024, we screened our highest number of women in one week to date! To implement a high-volume campaign with our strong commitment to quality takes a village.

We had 12 facilities and hospitals registered to collect the samples, 22 outreach sites where women were mobilized, and facilitation from 30 nurses and 32 community health promoters. Outreach sites in rural areas were strategically placed where women gather—such as churches, pharmacies, coffee farms, health centers, shopping centers, and parks.

When we first learnt that we had 2,000 kits to do HPV self-sampling in one week, we thought it was a pipe dream. Nonetheless, being the dreamers we are in endless possibilities, we sat down with Patrick, the clinical specialist, brainstormed, and planned on how to reach so many women within a short time.

Evah Muendo, Kenya Program Coordinator

2023-24 Highlights

Partnership with GoDocGo





In March 2024, we partnered with GoDocGo and arranged a 3-day Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure (LEEP) training for physicians in five hospitals in Ethiopia. After the training, GoDocGo donated two LEEP devices and two thermal ablation units to the hospitals and our team.

While most women with cervical precancer can be treated by trained nurses, more advanced cases need to be referred to the hospital for LEEP, a medical procedure used to remove abnormal tissue. This partnership, training, and equipment donation is a perfect complement to our programs and will give more women with the highest risk forms of cervical precancer access to advanced treatment.

2023-24 Highlights

Coffee Association of Canada Charity of the Year Award



In March 2024, the Coffee Association of Canada named Grounds for Health its inaugural Charity of the Year. "Grounds for Health is an exemplary choice for our Charity of the Year due to their significant impact on improving the health of women in coffee-growing communities," said Robert Carter, President, Coffee Association of Canada. "Grounds for Health's concrete actions and compassionate dedication to women in coffee-producing countries has had real-life, lifesaving effects on one of the most marginalized groups in our industry."

Launched Grounds for Health Week

Grounds for Health Week was launched in 2024. GfH Week is an international fundraising event held annually to support our health programs. The week kicks off on International Women's Day and unites coffee shops, roasters, and retailers in raising awareness and funds for our work at origin. The event highlights the importance of keeping coffee farmers and their families healthy, emphasizing that healthy women lead to a more sustainable coffee supply chain. In 2024, we had 36 shops involved and raised \$13,000!



HEALTHY WOMEN healthy coffee HEALTHY PLANET

IMPACT NUMBERS

19,352 women screened 1,370 women treated

Ethiopia
Sidama, SNNP, Oromia,
Wonsho Districts



7,741 women screened 1,140 women treated



KenyaNyeri County



Grounds for Health is now a 1% for The Planet Partner!

1% for the Planet is a global movement where businesses and individuals commit to donating 1% of their annual sales or income to environmental causes. These companies support organizations that focus on protecting the people and the planet, such as those tackling climate change, public health, pollution, and conservation.

Women's health programs are a proven climate adaptation strategy, so we were proud to be named a 1% for the Planet Environmental Partner this year and to receive support from committed companies.



Companies that donate 1% to GfH









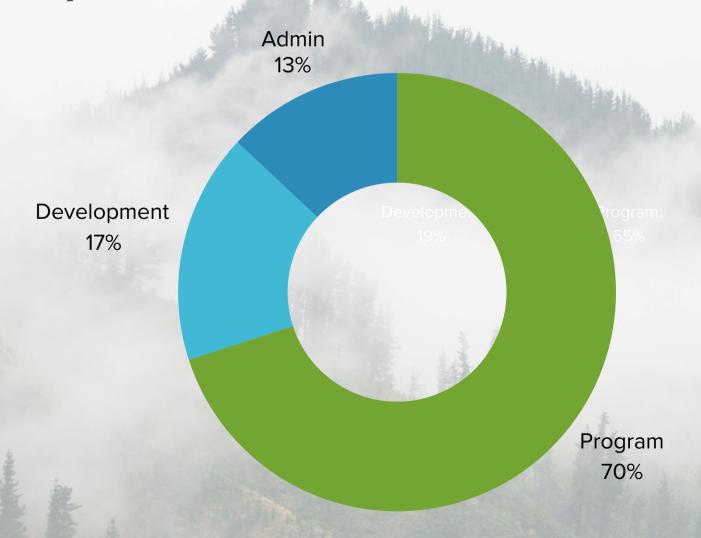


2024 Financials

Fiscal year Oct '23 - Sept '24

Income		Expenses		
Donations	\$554,448		Program	\$420,718
Auction	\$14,309		Development	\$104,320
Total Donations	\$568,758		Administration	\$79,316
			Total Expenses	\$604,353

Expense Breakdown



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