



ROAM HUMANITARIAN IMPACT REPORT

2025

MISSION + VISION

The mission of ROAM Humanitarian is to execute impactful and sustainable change for communities in need around the world, create meaningful cultural and service experiences for humanitarian participants, and to grant service scholarships for deserving families to ROAM with purpose.



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2025 RECAP

11

TOTAL EXPEDITIONS



81

DAYS ROAMING



73+

PROJECTS COMPLETED

319

ROAMERS ON EXPEDITIONS

5

COUNTRIES VISITED



26,615

LIVES TOUCHED

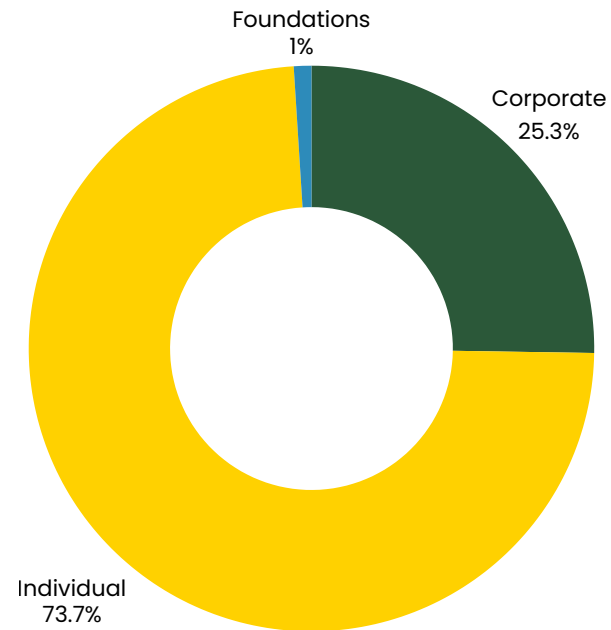
2025 FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statement of Activities As of December 31, 2025

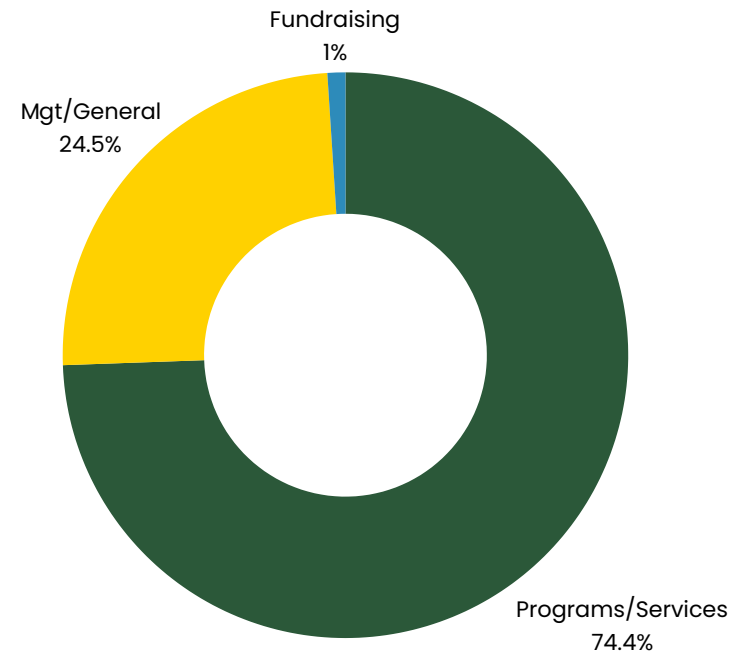
REVENUES	2025
Corporate	350,886
Individual	1,024,793
Foundations	15,000
Total Revenues	1,390,679

EXPENSES	2025
Program/Service	804,069
Mgt/General	273,126
Fundraising	26,738
Total Expenses	1,103,933

REVENUES



EXPENSES



A woman in traditional Tanzanian attire, including a red and white striped shuka and multiple colorful beaded necklaces, is holding a young child. They are standing in front of a wall made of vertical wooden planks. The woman has a serious expression, and the child looks slightly to the side.

TANZANIA

AFRICA

ARUSHA + SURROUNDING AREAS

NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

22

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

19,070

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

97

WHO

40 ROAMers

Partnering organization: Water for Life

WHEN

March 29-April 6, 2025

WHAT

The communities we serve have limited access to basic necessities like clean water, food, and education. Additionally many of the families do not have a sustainable source of income.

With generous donations, ROAMers were able to fund our projects. We have lasting relationships with many of the communities we visit, and our in-country partner helps us identify villages in need of support when necessary.

On our spring expedition, we took 40 ROAMers to Tanzania, focusing on water sustainability, uplifting communities, and supporting women.

We visited a primary school in need of a sustainable and improved water collection system. Thanks to Water for Life, we were able to donate and install two large water tanks for the community. This will significantly improve their rainwater collection system and transform the lives of those living there. We also donated 50 Water for Life filters and educated families on how to use them properly.

Sewing classes were taught, and the school received four new sewing machines and fabric to help generate ongoing revenue. Fifty menstruation kits were distributed, and a women's health class was conducted for a large group of girls. Relationships blossomed between ROAMers and local children through crafts and activities. Soccer balls and hygiene supplies were also donated to the school.

ROAMers had the opportunity to "adopt an elder" from a rural village for a day. After a warm welcome filled with chanting, dancing, and jumping, each family was paired with an elder. Families carried new mattresses, sheets, blankets, food, hygiene kits, and a water filter to their elder's home—some walking long distances. ROAMers helped set up their elder's new bed, replacing the old one, which was often just a piece of

cardboard or a pile of potato sacks. This eye-opening experience gave ROAMers a real glimpse into everyday life in rural Tanzania.

We also visited a remote village, where we repaired a previously dug but broken well, restoring the community's access to clean water. Along with the well, we donated 50 Water for Life filters and taught maintenance lessons. A women's health class was held, and 50 menstruation kits were distributed to women and girls. Fifty hygiene kits were also given out. The children received school supplies, toys, Play-Doh, stickers, and other fun items.

ROAM has built a lasting relationship with a primary school serving children of single mothers. On this expedition, we awarded eight sewing business grants to mothers who had attended sewing and self-reliance courses for at least six months. These grants will enable them to provide for themselves and their children. ROAMers painted the inside and outside of the school, bringing life and color to the walls so children could feel excitement and joy about learning. We also built a new roof for a family whose house had recently burned down. Additional donations included menstruation kits, Water for Life filters, and hygiene kits, alongside educational sessions for women.



At an orphanage, we began construction on a chicken coop that will allow the orphanage to raise and sell broiler chickens to generate income for their needs. ROAMers also painted murals on the girls' dormitory walls, creating a warm and welcoming environment to call home. Soccer equipment was donated, and ROAMers played soccer with the children. We also donated 75 school and hygiene kits, along with 20 sets of sheets to ensure the children have a comfortable place to sleep. At this orphanage, there is a special little girl named Regina, whom ROAM has been supporting through life-changing facial surgery. On this trip, we brought her a school curriculum so she can continue learning, even while unable to attend school.

ROAMers participated in a new and expecting mothers' project in a rural Maasai village. We built a home for a single mother with children and provided education for many new and expecting mothers. We donated new mother kits and nourishing food, along with a class on pregnancy and childbirth. Additionally, we conducted women's health classes and distributed 50 menstruation kits. A new initiative ROAM is pursuing involves educating new mothers about the risks of female genital mutilation (FGM). We aim to empower women to protect their daughters and prioritize education over harmful traditional practices.



WHO

37 ROAMers

Partnering organizations: Water for Life

WHEN

June 14,-22, 2025

WHAT

Members of these communities have a hard time providing for themselves and their families. They have a hard time accessing basic necessities and daily essentials.

With the support of our partnering organizations and generous donations from ROAMers, we were able to provide essential supplies to families and communities in need and fund impactful projects throughout the expedition.

ROAM embarked on its first summer expedition to Tanzania, focusing on well water projects, supporting women, and working in orphanages.

ROAM has built a lasting relationship with a school where all the students are single mothers. It's a vibrant and loving community, but still in need of basic necessities and educational support. ROAMers painted murals to bring color and excitement to the classroom walls and brought activities and games to play with the children. We held water filter classes and distributed Water for Life filters to mothers for their families. In addition, we offered menstruation education courses for teenage girls and women in the community. Sewing grants and fabric were also distributed to women who had been attending sewing classes for six months, empowering them to start their own businesses and provide for their families.

We visited the home of a single mother with 11 children, where we painted the walls, cleaned the floors, and built metal bunk beds with donated bedding and luxurious Minky Couture blankets. She also received high-quality plastic dishes, metal silverware, plastic cups, and large baskets of food, as her family often doesn't have enough to eat even one meal a day.

We plastered a home for a family whose house had recently been destroyed in a fire. ROAMers carried buckets of sand down a steep hill to create the plaster and covered the interior walls. We also brought more supplies for the women who make Anyorr jewelry, helping them continue learning how to support themselves and their families.

ROAMers returned to a local orphanage we've supported in the past. On a previous trip, ROAM built a chicken coop and donated chickens. The orphanage recently received its first check from this new business and was thrilled. On this expedition, the orphanage was selected to receive a well—ROAM donates one well to a community each expedition. Previously, they had no sustainable water source and often went without water. Thanks to the new well, they now have access to clean water every day. The children also received hygiene kits, and ROAMers spent time connecting with them through fun activities and games.

ROAMers also visited a boys' orphanage and spent the afternoon with an after-school soccer program. These boys lack basic needs such as water, food, and shelter, but the program gives them joy and a sense of belonging. We brought donations of gently used cleats, jerseys, athletic shorts, workout jump ropes, and soccer balls with pumps. We played a friendly game against the team and had so much fun bonding with them.

In a rural village, we identified 12 elders most in need and delivered mattresses, bedding, solar lamps, Water for Life filters, and hygiene kits. Each elder was paired with a family who carried their new mattress and bedding to their home. ROAMers then made the beds and shared the heartwarming moment of watching elders lie down on a comfortable mattress for the first time. We also brought toys, crafts, and activities for the village children.



ROAM also donated building supplies for a new home for a single mother of four who had left an abusive marriage. The mother relocated to a new village seeking safety and a fresh start. The home was built using a traditional method—constructing a wooden and stone frame, then coating it in a mixture of cow manure, dirt, and water that hardens like cement. We also focused on supporting new and expecting mothers in the village by teaching a class on childbirth and postpartum care. Donations of newborn kits, baby clothes, and children’s clothing were distributed. Women’s menstruation classes were also held, and water filters were provided.

We visited a government school where students—primarily girls—struggle to access clean water. These girls endure long and dangerous walks to fetch buckets of dirty pond water, which forces them to miss class and puts them at risk of assault. After witnessing the severity of the need, our group donated additional funds to build a well for the school. We also installed rainwater tanks, taught menstruation classes, brought water filters, built desks, delivered school kits, and engaged in activities with the children. A few students suffering from dental infections received extractions.

Lastly, ROAMers visited a low-income daycare that provides free care for many children of single mothers. The center struggles to feed and support the children. We brought 50 school kits, 100 hygiene kits, toys, stickers, and activities for the children. ROAMers painted several interior walls in the walkways and kitchens and also painted newly donated chicken coops. We leveled the ground for coop installation. These coops will allow the daycare to start a small business and generate sustainable income.

IMPACT STORY:

“As we walked with our bibi (grandmother) to her hut, she held my hand tightly, leaning on me because her leg was injured and hurting. We moved slowly toward her humble home, and once we arrived, we gently helped her into a chair. My children held her hands and tried to talk with her, offering smiles and comfort. My husband and I brought in her new mattress, carefully made her bed, and handed her each item we had brought. With every gift, she lifted it to the sky and ululated—praising and thanking God. She became emotional, overwhelmed with gratitude, as if she couldn’t believe it was real. We surrounded her with hugs and affection. We’re also in the process of donating a walker to help her move around more easily. It was such a beautiful and moving experience”



WHO

20 ROAMers

Partnering organization: Water for Life

WHEN

October 11-19, 2025

WHAT

In Tanzania, safe housing for women, access to basic necessities, and education remain out of reach for many. ROAM's continued support helps provide families with access to resources they may never otherwise receive.

With the continued support of ROAMers and our partner organizations, we were able to provide essential resources to these communities. We also could not have identified families in need without the help of our in-country partners



ROAM Humanitarian embarked on an expedition to Tanzania with a focus on supporting single mothers, vulnerable young girls, and communities experiencing severe poverty. We spent time serving a homeless mother living with HIV. Due to a previous job as a pack carrier, she suffers from severe back problems, making it difficult for her to obtain work and provide for her family.

We repaired the floor of her home and painted the interior so her family could have a safe and welcoming place to live. Supporting this family helped the mother feel seen, loved, and valued. We also donated clothing and other essential items to children in the village.

ROAMers also visited a children's academy and daycare, where they built a fence and painted the exterior so the children could safely play outside. They painted the playground and transformed the interior walls with colorful artwork and uplifting words to create a more

positive learning environment. In addition, we were able to help a single mother relocate to a safer living situation. She had been living in an unsafe area and is caring for a young daughter who is unable to walk.

On our Tanzania expeditions, we also participate in an elder support project in rural villages. Many elders sleep on the ground and have never owned a mattress in their lifetime. ROAMers broke into small groups and personally carried new mattresses to each elder's home, removed their old sleeping arrangements, and made the beds with new sheets and bedding. The elders were also provided with Water for Life water filters, giving them and their families access to clean drinking water.

ROAMers had the opportunity to visit and work on the ROAM Humanitarian Tanzania Women's Shelter, which is currently under construction. They helped move cinder blocks into place for the foundation of the perimeter fence, allowing construction to move forward more quickly. The Women's Shelter will serve as a safe haven for young girls at risk of female genital mutilation.

We also visited a remote village to support a single mother and provide education for women. We built a home for the mother and her family so they could have a safe and stable place to live. ROAMers taught a class on the female body and menstruation for women and teenage girls in the village. Many had never received education about their bodies and were relieved to learn that menstruation is normal and nothing to be ashamed of. Menstruation kits were distributed to all participants.

ROAMers also visited a community orphanage that has limited funding and struggles to provide consistent meals for the children. We supplied enough food to last several weeks and spent the afternoon playing soccer with the children. We also left soccer equipment so the kids could continue practicing and developing their skills.

We served at a low-income daycare where, without this support, many children would have nowhere to go during the day, making it difficult for their parents to work. Due to limited resources, the daycare struggles to meet basic needs. We provided several weeks' worth of food for the children, installed a playground to give them a safe space to play, and funded the construction of a chicken coop and the purchase of chickens. This will allow the daycare to become more self-sustainable by providing a reliable source of protein for the children.

The ROAM Humanitarian Women's Center in Arusha, Tanzania is a safe haven where women and girls can find protection, dignity, and hope. Through protection, education, and empowerment, the ROAM Humanitarian Women's Center envisions a future where women and girls are free from harm and able to thrive as confident, informed, and self-reliant members of their communities. The center will serve as a catalyst for healing, prevention, and lasting social change. During December—when the risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is at its peak – the



center will provide critical shelter, safety, and support to those seeking refuge.

MISSION STATEMENT

The ROAM Humanitarian Women's Center Tanzania exists to protect and empower women and girls from vulnerable and at-risk communities. The center will provide education, advocacy, and holistic support—particularly for those fleeing or at risk of Female Genital Mutilation and abusive relationships. Through access to health education, life skills training, counseling, and community outreach, the ROAM Humanitarian Women's Center will foster resilience, restore dignity, and equip women and girls with the tools they need to build safer, healthier futures for themselves and their communities.

Why is ROAM Humanitarian building this center?

Naomi and her two children narrowly escaped life-threatening abuse, the imminent risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), and forced child marriage. Through ROAM's intervention, they found safety, shelter, food, and essential support. Naomi also received a business grant, school fees for her children, and health insurance—allowing her to safely deliver her twin babies in a reputable hospital. Today, this family of five is not just surviving; they are thriving. Naomi's story shows what is possible when women are protected, supported, and given the opportunity to rebuild their lives....But not every story has a happy ending.

Last December, during "cutting season," a woman named *Cindy approached a ROAM advocate after hearing about ROAM through a friend. She was desperately seeking help. *Cindy had suffered horrific fourth-degree burns over much of her body after her husband set her on fire for trying to protect their 10-year-old daughter from FGM. Each year during this season, thousands of girls are subjected to this dangerous practice—often performed without medical supervision and frequently resulting in severe infection, infertility, or death.

ROAM immediately brought *Cindy and her children to safety, and she was admitted to the ICU. Despite weeks of intensive care, her injuries were too severe, and she tragically passed away. In the aftermath, ROAM committed to supporting her children financially through high school at a highly respected boarding school, while continuing to work through arrangements for their long-term care.

The ROAM completed the Women's Center in now complete and our goal is to be fully operational by December 2026, providing a safe and welcoming place for women and girls to seek shelter, gain education, and learn skills to protect themselves, changing their lives and generations to follow.

*Name changed





PERU

CUSCO + SURROUNDING AREAS

NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

7

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

500

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

24

WHO

24 ROAMers

Partnering organization: Water for Life

WHEN

November 22-30, 2025

WHAT

In Peru many communities outside of the tourist areas struggle to make ends meet and with basic necessities. We make it a point to work with these families to help them get the resources they need.

With the help of our ROAMers, we are able to provide communities with the necessities they need. Through Water for Life, we can provide families with clean drinking water. And with the support of our in-country partners, we are able to identify and assist the communities most in need.

We embarked on a fall expedition to Peru, focusing on community assistance, sustainable agriculture, and supporting orphanages.

We visited a girls' home for orphans, where we brought notebooks, candy, toothpaste, toothbrushes, games, toys, and school supplies. We also painted rooms to create warm and inviting spaces, made toys together, re-stuccoed walls, and even set up a mini salon to do the girls' hair and nails. We supplied and chopped wood, which is critical for the orphanage to cook meals. In addition, we hired local chefs to provide lunch for the entire orphanage on the day we were there. We also hired a local dentist to check all of the children's teeth and distributed Water for Life water filters to give the orphanage lasting access to clean drinking water.

We spent a morning with eight local families, providing them with an opportunity to earn income by preparing breakfast for us. We also planted trees that will benefit not only current families but future generations as well. The goal was to plant trees that attract birds, which in turn can draw birdwatchers and help build the local economy through tourism.

ROAM Humanitarian attracted the attention of local government officials, who were present throughout the project. They expressed interest in using experiences like ours to attract tourists and boost the local economy while maintaining their culture, customs, and land.

We visited a remote area far beyond the typical reach of tourists. The community is highly skilled in textile work and sustains itself through farming and the land. To support their long-term well-being, we purchased trees to aid their sustainable agriculture efforts. In the past, eucalyptus trees were planted, but these consumed too much water. Our goal was to introduce native trees better suited to the local environment, helping create a more balanced and sustainable ecosystem. Additionally, we taught the children about dental hygiene to help them develop lifelong habits that support good health.

Another local community needed help purchasing groceries, so we bought and delivered food for families living in extreme poverty, including widows and the elderly, to ensure they had meals. We spent time with the children playing games and building connections, and we also left them with small Christmas gifts. We held a women's health class for young teenage girls and women and distributed menstruation kits.



We visited a special needs school where we helped paint classrooms to create a warm and welcoming learning environment. We also worked in their garden, helping them grow food for the children and building a fence to protect the space. We left them with seeds and plants so they would have continued access to fresh produce.

ROAM Humanitarian has been developing a relationship with a local woman in her early 60s who is raising her six grandchildren in significant poverty. She works hard but is unable to meet the financial needs required to fully provide for herself and the children. This was the second time we served her, and during this visit we helped improve her family's living conditions. We painted the interior walls of her home, provided much-needed groceries with nutritional staples, purchased a new toilet and sink set, and hired a plumber to install them, as the existing fixtures were dysfunctional. We also purchased a water heater and paid for professional installation, as she previously had to boil water for bathing. After seeing her living conditions, the ROAMers donated additional funds to purchase two new couches, a new mattress, and sheets for Ana.

We also visited a school in a remote area of the Andes Mountains that has very limited access to outside support. We helped clean the classrooms to ensure the children had a safe and clean learning environment and provided school kits, educational activities, and balls for the children.

IMPACT STORY: The people in the remote community we visited take immense pride in their land, and it is evident in the meticulous care they give to their surroundings. Their yards were impeccably clean—a testament to their hard work and dedication. We were deeply moved by their gracious hospitality. They welcomed us with flower petals sprinkled on our heads, warm embraces, music, and heartfelt greetings.

Their leader, along with several men and children, joined us in planting trees. It was a beautiful exchange of service; while we hoped to help them, their eagerness to serve us was equally genuine. The children were thrilled to see the photos we took of them and even more delighted when we printed copies for them to keep.

They prepared a special meal for us in a traditional rock pit oven, featuring a variety of potatoes, chicken, lima beans, guinea pigs, alpacas,



and plantains. The meal began with a delicious soup and cornbread appetizer.

After lunch, they invited us to try on their traditional clothing, which they had gathered from across the village. We then danced together, sharing in the joy of their vibrant culture.

The people are truly beautiful, kind, and generous. Their warmth and hospitality left an indelible mark on our hearts, and this extraordinary experience will stay with us forever.

BALI

UBUD + SURROUNDING AREAS



NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

7

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

804

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

27

ROAMers also had the opportunity to visit a small island that, in recent years, has been almost entirely overtaken by tourism. Once fully owned by locals, the island now has only a few feet of public beach available to them. A local community member is dedicated to restoring marine life by planting coral and educating the next generation about ocean conservation. ROAMers worked alongside locals to plant coral and learn about its importance in maintaining ocean ecosystems. A menstruation lesson was also conducted, and the children participated in games and crafts on the beach. Additionally, new mother kits were donated to new and expectant mothers and soap was distributed to each family in the village.

With extra new mother kits remaining after the community distribution, ROAMers donated the surplus to a local hospital. Five mothers who had recently given birth received kits, while seven more were left for future patients.

ROAM Humanitarian visited a school for students who are unable to attend school due to low income and are now working toward the equivalent of a GED. ROAMers organized a picnic to get to know the teens. Meaningful connections were made over lunch and a spontaneous dance party! The teenage girls participated in a menstruation lesson and gifted supplies, and all students attended a life coaching class, led by a ROAMer, to inspire and motivate them to work hard toward their future goals. A large donation was made to help the school cover rent for another 6 months.

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new home, built on higher ground, will prevent flooding, and thanks to ROAMers, each family member will now have their own bed. In this community, ROAMers also distributed 50 food bags, provided water filters, and conducted menstruation lessons for the girls and women.

The ROAMers then visited a preschool and kindergarten to build an on-site bathroom. Before this, students had to walk down a busy street to a neighbor's house to use the restroom. The new facility will make it much safer and more convenient for the children. Additionally, a new playground was donated and assembled, while the old playground was repainted in bright, cheerful colors, making it feel brand new.

Another significant project was at a school for undocumented children. Without this school, these students would have no access to education. The institution also helps children obtain official documentation by the time they graduate. ROAMers connected with the students through English lessons, arts and crafts, and games. Each child received a food bag containing enough provisions to feed their entire family for a few weeks. Additionally, ice-powered fans were donated to the school, providing relief in classrooms that often suffer from poor air circulation and occasional power outages, creating a more comfortable learning environment.



BALI

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SPRING 2025





FIJI

TAVEUNI + SURROUNDING AREAS

NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

11

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

1,772

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

61

WHO

42 ROAMers

Partnering organizations: Water for Life, Days for Girls

WHEN

March 29-April 6, 2025

WHAT

The communities we serve in Fiji lack consistent access to clean water and are located in remote areas that can only be reached by boat. ROAM works to complete projects that these communities would not otherwise be able to accomplish.

With the generous support of ROAMers, we are able to fund these projects, and thanks to our in-country partner, we can identify the communities most in need.

ROAMers embarked on an expedition focused on community development and supporting students and impoverished families.

We visited an underfunded boarding school that houses many teenagers but operates with limited funds, often leading to food rationing. ROAM Humanitarian shopped for and donated food, helping ensure the students had enough to eat, allowing the school to allocate their resources elsewhere. ROAMers also spent the afternoon building connections with the students by playing rugby together.

We also visited a waterfall village without sustainable access to clean water. ROAMers taught lessons on assembling and maintaining Water for Life filters and buckets, which were distributed to families throughout the village—giving them daily access to clean water and transforming their lives. We provided menstruation education to all the young girls and women, distributing reusable menstruation kits and bras to the teenage girls. We also left the schoolchildren with educational activities and lessons.

ROAM Humanitarian has developed a lasting relationship with a remote primary school accessible only by boat. Because of its location, the school receives little to no government assistance and is in desperate need of support. In previous years, we built a library, and during this expedition, we constructed a new kindergarten classroom to replace their previous termite-infested structure. We also taught menstruation education classes, taught and donated Water for Life filters, and provided engaging school activities. We then shared a nutritious meal with the students and practiced English, fostering meaningful connections.

In a rural village experiencing a ringworm outbreak, we distributed Water for Life filters to families and conducted women's health classes for all girls and women. We also held hygiene and handwashing lessons for the entire community in an effort to stop the spread of the infection.

We also visited a village of 300 people, home to families, widows, single mothers, and the elderly, where everyone is cared for through a strong sense of community. Those who are able contribute to shared resources. Here, we donated food, taught menstruation classes, handed out reusable menstruation kits and Water for Life filters, and provided a chainsaw to help with cutting firewood for their communal kitchen. We also donated school and art supplies for the children, as well as bras for teen girls and young mothers.

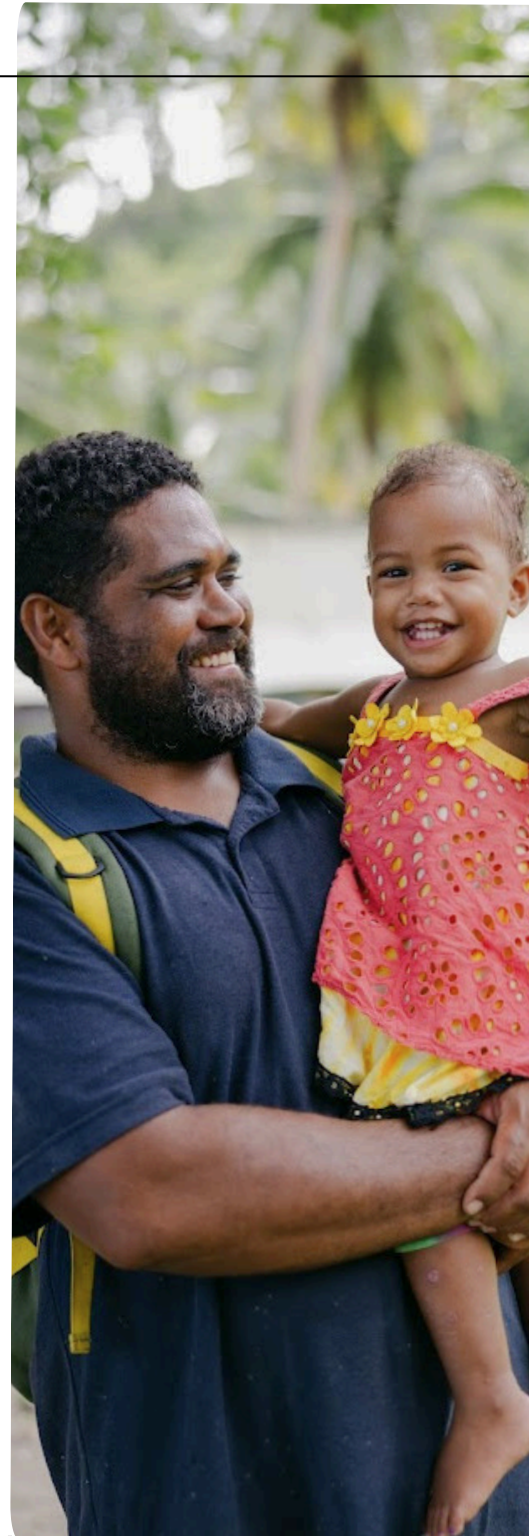


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WHO

19 ROAMers

Partnering organizations: Water for Life, Days for Girls

WHEN

July 3-11, 2025

WHAT

In July we set out on an unforgettable expedition to Fiji, where we were able to connect with schools, villages, and communities in need while working alongside them to bring hope and lasting change.

We had the opportunity to visit a boarding school, and we quickly learned the depth of resilience among the students. Many are orphans, come from single-parent households, or cannot afford public school tuition. Because of this, the school often has to ration food, as some students are unable to pay. To help ease this burden, we delivered food supplies to last a few weeks, along with mixing bowls, kettles for boiling tea, a sick bed with sheets, and first aid supplies. Every item we brought was received with gratitude and excitement.

In a Waterfall Village, we distributed 25 water filters, held women menstruation classes, and much-needed school supplies. We spent time with the children, sharing activities and laughter, and left knowing that these small contributions will make daily life a little healthier and brighter for the whole community.

At a remote community, we began to build a piggery and gifted provided funds for 10 piglets. We carried supplies to the remote site where the piggery was built, creating a sustainable source of food and income for the future. In addition, we donated 10 tables, 30 wooden chairs, wood for bookshelves, nine pairs of work boots, a phone for the community leader, and a chainsaw to support their labor. We also brought donations of clothing, bras, and books.

At an Island School, we focused on finishing and furnishing the new kindergarten classroom. Together, we painted the walls, installed windows, donated all school supplies, and furnished the space so the youngest students could learn in a safe and inspiring environment. We

also spent time in the classrooms, playing games and teaching lessons, and connecting with the children. The kindergarten building was completed in full with a special dedication to a beloved kindergartener who had recently passed. The dedication by the community leader was beautiful.

In remote Waterfall Village, we met with the community and learned about their challenges. The school had recently lost funding after a previous headmaster misused donor support, leaving students without resources. With a new headmaster in place, we stepped in to help by donating 30 women's menstruation kits, 25 water filters, and school supplies. We also held health and hygiene classes to address a severe ringworm outbreak among the students and donated alcohol wipes, coconut oil, and tea tree oil to aid in treatment and prevention.

One of the most memorable evenings of the expedition was when the school hosted a fundraising dinner for us. Their goal was to raise enough money to send students to the mainland to participate in sports tournaments—a dream that would otherwise be out of reach. Sharing this meal with the community reminded us that true giving goes both ways; while we came to serve, we were also deeply touched and inspired by their generosity and spirit.



IMPACT STORY: A feisty child, Abu, the son of the school’s construction contractor was meant to be one of the very first children to start kindergarten in the new classroom ROAM finished. But before he ever got the chance, Abu was diagnosed with cancer, and heartbreakingly, he passed away.

When we gathered in that bright new classroom, we couldn’t help but feel his absence. To honor him, we dedicated the room in his memory and hung a plaque. One by one, the current kindergarten students dipped their hands in paint and pressed them onto the wall beneath the dedication. Tiny handprints lined the wall—living, colorful reminders of the classmates Abu never got to join, and of the joy and life he should have been part of.



CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH + SURROUNDING AREAS



NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

11

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

3,726

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

46

WHO

14 ROAMers

Partnering organizations: Water for Life, Charity Vision

WHEN

June 26-July 4, 2025

WHAT

Communities in Cambodia struggle to access basic necessities like food and clean water. Learning English is also important, as it can open up future job opportunities. However, it can be challenging for those in rural areas who lack access to teachers or people to practice with.

With the help of ROAMer donations and our partnering organizations, we were able to serve the people of Cambodia. We also created lasting relationships with many of the communities we visited, giving us the opportunity to build meaningful connections with the locals.

ROAM Humanitarian embarked on an expedition to Cambodia focused on community outreach, offering vision screenings, providing essentials to those in need, helping children learn English, and more.

ROAMers visited a community where eyeglasses are considered a luxury. We brought reading glasses for adults in need, fitted them properly, and matched them with the correct prescriptions. It was pure magic to see their faces light up as they experienced clear vision for the first time. While the adults received their glasses, we provided fun activities to keep the children entertained.

We also visited an orphanage that needed help repainting its classrooms and supporting the children's English education. ROAMers spent the day painting classroom walls and building meaningful relationships with the children through English lessons and games of soccer. The children were enthusiastic about learning and practicing their English—it was a joy to share in their excitement.

At a community center that supports young adults who grew up as orphans, we spent an afternoon helping those learning life skills to build brighter futures. We brought food donations to support their nutrition, distributed hygiene kits, and held women's health classes, including the distribution of reusable menstruation kits.

Another orphanage visit allowed us to give extra attention to children needing support with their English. We spent time in the classroom, played games, and donated soccer balls, jump ropes, and other toys to encourage learning through play.

ROAMers also supported an after-school reading program in need of basic school supplies and a safer playground. We donated notebooks, pencils, crayons, books, bracelet-making supplies, games, and sports equipment. We also taught menstruation classes, distributed reusable menstruation kits, and provided Water for Life filters to the students' families. In addition, we helped assemble a playground for the children and practiced English with them throughout the day.

Finally, we visited an organization that trains rats to detect explosives and landmines—saving lives and allowing communities to live without fear. These highly trained rats can locate explosives much faster than humans. As part of our support, we adopted/sponsored four rats.



WHO

32 ROAMers

Partnering organizations: Water for Life, Love 4 Mia, and Local Optometrist

WHEN

November 22-30, 2025

WHAT

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ROAM embarked on a fall expedition to Cambodia focused on education, clean water access, and other basic necessities.

We visited an intermediary school serving young adults who need to complete their GED or pursue additional education. This school provides free boarding and meals, allowing students to focus on their studies rather than facing homelessness. ROAM provided three months of groceries and a \$3,000 donation to help cover housing costs for the school.

ROAMers spent two days in a rural community partnering with a local optometrist to provide eye exams and fitted glasses for community members. We also distributed 60 Water for Life water filters, as access to clean drinking water in this community is extremely limited. In addition, we built a water tank for the community school to collect and filter water, repainted the school to create a bright and welcoming learning environment, and rebuilt the pavement foundation to improve safety. Women's health and menstruation classes were also held, and feminine hygiene products were donated to 70 girls and women.

We visited a school dedicated to educating children living on the margins of Cambodian society. English is taught and spoken as a vital lifeline, providing students with opportunities to move from poverty toward hope

and stability. The project's primary needs were funding for educational supplements and opportunities for students to practice English. Our team engaged students through games, activities, art, and conversation.

We also spent an afternoon at an after-school reading program where English classes are taught to children. In this context, English is currency and a key pathway to future employment. During our time there, we built a badminton court and planted a garden to support the program's long-term goal of creating a farm-to-table restaurant and becoming self-sufficient. ROAMers taught English while forming meaningful, heartfelt connections with the children.

Finally, we visited an organization that trains rats to detect explosives and landmines—saving lives and helping communities live without fear. These highly trained rats can locate explosives much faster than humans. As part of our support, we sponsored five rats.

A special moment we shared was when we went to a school built on top of a landfill for impoverished children. Pure joy filled the air at the school the moment we arrived. Laughter echoed through the classrooms as children swarmed us with high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, and the same joyful question asked over and over again: "What is your name?" From the very start, it was clear—this day would be special.



IMPACT STORY: Our goal was simple at one of the schools we visited: conversation in English. We found a rhythm quickly, beginning with introductions from our team and flowing into activities led by each member. The day came together beautifully thanks to the support of native speakers who helped translate instructions and bridge any gaps, making real connection possible.

One of those native speakers was a gifted artist. She surprised one of the ROAMers by creating a handmade bookmark with her name written in Cambodian. We learned that the letter J doesn't exist in the Khmer language, so we worked together to find a creative solution. The result was stunning—a bookmark adorned with lotus flowers. It was a small gift, but is truly treasured.

Another moment from the day left a lasting mark. A young woman shared her story with us—she had arrived at the school at just thirteen years old. The youngest in her family, she and her brother are the only English speakers. She spoke about living at a ministry with her brother while he searched for a school where she could thrive. When he found the school, he knew immediately it was the right place.

She worked relentlessly to get where she is today. A fighter in every sense, her determination radiated from her as she spoke about her goals and her future. English opened doors for her, and she continues to practice and learn at every opportunity, excited for what lies ahead.

Her story, along with those of many other young girls at the school, is featured in the book SREY. She told me that when her photo was taken for the book, she felt embarrassed by who she was at the time. Today, she beams with pride—proud of the girl in that photo and the woman she has become.

She is an inspiration—and a reminder of the quiet power of education, support, and belief.



RISE

YOUTH SERVICE EXPEDITIONS



NUMBER OF
SERVICE PROJECTS

15

NUMBER OF
LIVES TOUCHED

743

NUMBER OF
ROAMERS

59

CAMBODIA

RISE 2025

This year ROAM partnered with RISE - Roam Illuminate Service Expeditions. RISE combines the transformative spirit of Illuminate with the intentional service focus of ROAM, offering youth powerful experiences that blend adventure, faith, and lasting impact. Here are some highlights of the RISE 2025 expeditions.

In the summer of 2025, RISE embarked on expeditions to Peru and Fiji, where students participated in service projects focused on community support, education, health, and sustainability.

In Peru, the team served remote communities in the Cusco mountains by planting 300 trees on a family farm, donating water filters to provide clean drinking water, and providing school supplies, clothing, and nutritional support for families in need. They also partnered with a local church to support 15 families with food and clean water filters while teaching women's health education and distributing reusable menstruation kits.

Additional projects included supporting a special needs school by donating supplies and building a sensory "sand house," serving at an orphanage by painting rooms, providing dental care, and funding therapy services, and helping a large family by planting 20 native trees, building bunk beds, and donating clothing and school supplies.

In Fiji, RISE participants served at remote schools by painting classrooms, helping build a fence perimeter, and donating school kits for students in need. They also donated food to a boarding school that continues to educate students who cannot afford tuition and wrote personal notes of encouragement to students taking exams.

The team also connected with rural villages by helping create more community space, delivering groceries to families facing food insecurity, and helping to build a piggery to establish a sustainable food source. They also taught menstruation education classes and distributed reusable kits to women and girls.

Through these expeditions, RISE empowered youth to serve communities in meaningful ways while developing compassion, leadership, and a deeper understanding of global citizenship.



