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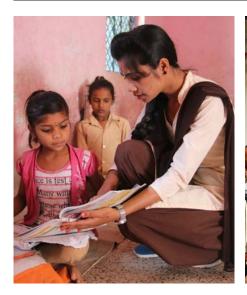
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We protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes, unleashing their potential for positive change and action.







## Who we are

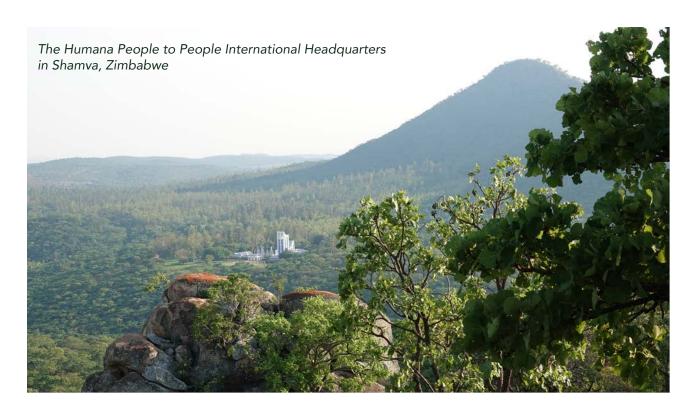
The Federation Humana People to People is an international development organisation comprising a network of 29 members. Each member is an experienced local organisation that is independent and autonomous. Our members share the same values, aspirations, and visions when carrying out development work globally.

We address the most pressing social, economic, environmental, and humanitarian challenges in Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Our key focus areas include health, education, sustainable agriculture and environmental practices, community

development, and the sustainable reuse and circularity of textiles. Throughout our history, we have engaged with local communities by listening to their needs, learning from their experiences, and incorporating their perspectives into our programmes. This collaborative approach enhances our development strategies and responses to emerging, complex challenges. We value the process of mutual growth, as it strengthens our ability to tackle these dynamic issues effectively.

In the process, we build local capacity and agency, prioritising sustainability.

We align our development work with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and national and continental development strategies.



You may also know us as





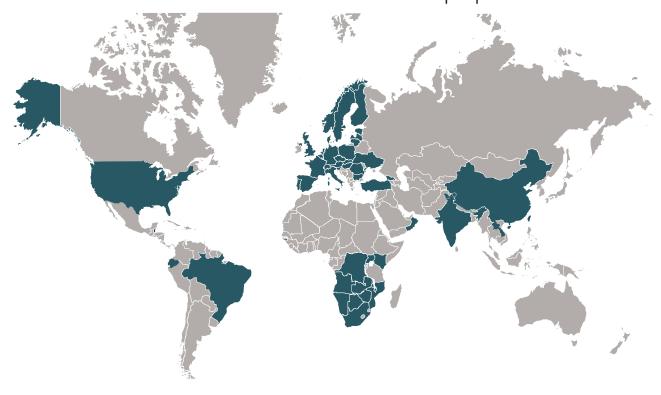






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15 M
people reached











1,831

46
countries

project units

## Chairman's welcome



## Welcome to Humana People to People's Progress Report 2024!

In this report, you will get a glimpse of how the Humana People to People movement responds to some of the tough challenges we all, as humanity, face every day.

Together with the families protecting their children, the youth in search of a roadmap for their future, the women farmers and their husbands and neighbours wrenching a living out of the all-too-dry land, the TB patients supporting each other to finish the treatment, and the market seller who just paid her daughter's tuition fee from the sale of second-hand clothes – together with all the people, we carry on.

We carry on, reaching for our mission: to protect the planet, build communities and support people by connecting them with others in transformative programmes.

Just by trying, we already unleash the potential of all of us for necessary, positive change. We live the change.

It is a glimpse. In these few pages, we can't cover the complexity of the challenges and the actions they require to create development, so please read them as examples of what we have achieved together during the year.

What we have achieved leads back to our name. Humana People to People is a beautiful name; we are proud of it. Humana for humanity, and People to People as the way we always act in the world.

Enjoy the reading.

Snorre Westgaard, Chair



## Introduction

Communities are where we create and live our lives. A community is not merely a place; it is the social bonds, culture, shared values, history, and sense of belonging that allow us to make meaning.

"590 million
people may continue
to live in extreme
poverty by 2030
if current trends
persist."
United Nations Sustainable
Development Goals Report,
2024

When people come together to pursue local development under organised structures with clear leadership and functional democratic spaces, communities can unleash their capabilities. They often surprise even themselves with the richness of their visions and creativity. Such communities are better equipped to address their needs and respond to local challenges.

Coming together is needed especially when people live under the limitations of poverty, be it in rural environments or the slums of big cities. Daily life is characterised by small and big efforts from every community member to sustain basic needs, and these efforts make communities work. However,

those valuable efforts can be overturned in the blink of an eye – by a storm, heavy rain or no rain at all, or by changes derived from world events far away. Belonging to a community gives a sense of connection and strength. It gives access to support and also provides a reason for developing it. Resilience is born out of coming together.

With climate crises and disasters becoming increasingly frequent, more and more communities are realising their need to build resilience, whether through food production, safe shelter, or securing the infrastructure upon which the community depends. They also come together to create their responses to a changing situation.

### What we do

Our Community Development programmes engage and strengthen families and individual family members to lead the development of their communities.

The family is the key unit of the community, being the most direct agent with the capacity to push the development frontiers. Families have the experience of supporting each other and their individual members; on the ground, here and now.

In the Community Development programmes, families and individuals of all ages are invited to participate in new developments, committing themselves to the activities that will benefit their community. Action Groups are community-based structures led by the local people

that can stay for the long haul and build sustainability.

The Action Group coordinates and creates spaces for people to engage each other and take action. In these spaces, a cascade of actions takes shape: sharing knowledge, skills training, support to entrepreneurship, women empowerment, protection of child rights, climate actions, support to the orphans and disabled, to mention a few examples. The Action Groups create an environment of inclusivity and flexibility, and the decision-making takes all on board. All the actions aim at building the capacity of the families, the individuals and the community to achieve better control of everybody's lives as a collective.



#### The Mother



**Paulina Koloba,** Doornkop, Soweto, South Africa

"I have embraced my status, and it has transformed my life. I'm here, alive, and witnessing my children's growth."

I faced many health challenges; I am HIV positive, have high blood pressure, suffer from kidney stones, and have survived tuberculosis. I am married and have seven children. Financially, we depended on my husband's salary and social grants for survival, which were insufficient, and my children struggled in school without sufficient support.

In 2005, I learned about Child Aid Doornkop through the TCE programme when a Field Officer visited me about an HIV awareness campaign. I opened up about my status and received counselling, resumed my medication, and joined a TRIO, which is a support group.

Through the project, I learned horticulture skills and received seeds for my backyard garden that provides healthy vegetables. My children are enrolled in the Orphans and Vulnerable Children programme, which helps with homework, and I'm proud my oldest daughter passed her Matric. This project has truly transformed our lives, and I'm grateful to see my children grow.

### Child Aid Doornkop, Humana People to People South Africa

Child Aid Doornkop is dedicated to improving the community's economic and educational prospects to create a brighter future for families in Doornkop. It has significantly impacted families by addressing child poverty. With many adults and youths facing unemployment, families often depend on government grants for survival. The project aims to empower these families so they can better sustain themselves.

Child Aid Doornkop offers comprehensive services to improve family economic stability through training in horticulture, home-based care, digital literacy, and entrepreneurship. The programme teaches skills that are valuable in the job market and encourages business creation. It also emphasises community education on health and hygiene, raising awareness for better health practices and access to healthcare resources.

The project focuses on the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children by providing enriching afterschool programmes. Caregivers offer nutritious meals and homework assistance, fostering a supportive environment for academic and social growth. Child Aid

The project has restored community hope and courage by transforming many lives. Families are now sustaining themselves through backyard gardens. Youth trained in entrepreneurship are starting businesses and applying for jobs with certificates. Children's school results have improved. The project reached more than 530,000 people in the past seven years.



#### The Community Leader



**Juliana Cailo,** Club Chairperson for Tyipulo Group, ADPP Angola

"I am deeply passionate about addressing the issues of water and Climate Change together with my community."

I became a volunteer and took the lead in mobilising the community during the formation of Farmer Field Schools and Water Sanitation Groups because our community needed support to solve the severe water and food scarcity we were experiencing.

In the groups, we have been inspired to work together and strengthened to start a positive development journey as a community. We accepted the challenge of changing our attitudes, and today, we cultivate our own food and have access to safe drinking water in schools and at home, a truly transformative change to our lives that we never expected.

As chairperson, my experiences with Farmer Field Schools and Water and Sanitation Groups have empowered me to advocate for development and sustain these initiatives, offering practical solutions to our community's challenges. The knowledge we have gained will stay with us, and the groups we created will continue.

### Increased Community Resilience in Cunene Through Access to Water for Domestic and Agricultural Purposes Project, Angola

Over the past decade, Cunene Province in Angola has suffered consecutive droughts, negatively impacting the communities' food security. In response, the project engages communities in Cunene to address the lack of access to safe water for drinking, irrigation, and livestock, which is key to improving food security, nutrition, and health.

Water and Sanitation Groups and Farmer Field Schools are central to the project's success. They promote women's participation, strengthen community cohesion, share developmental ideas, and find solutions to common challenges. The groups provide a training ground for sustainable water management, conservation agriculture, climate actions, and health and sanitation issues.

The project has contributed to 50% female participation in decision-making and the establishment of gardens, drip irrigation, community taps, and tanks. Women are now more productive since they are no longer spending time walking long distances to find water in crocodile-infested rivers.

The involvement of group committee chairpersons and the training of youths in water technician skills have contributed significantly to changing the communities' attitudes and behaviours towards water use and sanitation, ensuring the project's future sustainability. In 2024, the project worked directly with 38,000 people in 39 communities and indirectly reached 350,000 people with key messages on Climate Change, water, and sanitation.



## Community Development throughout Humana People to People



1.8 million people reached





224 project units





201,365 families



Humana People to People has engaged in Community Development together with the people ever since the start of the movement.



## Introduction

Smallholder farmers are not just food producers; they are the pillars of rural food systems and guardians of our biodiversity. Investing in their success is both a moral obligation and a sound survival strategy.

"Between **713 and 757 million people** may have faced hunger in 2023 – one out of 11 people in the world, and one out of every five in Africa."

FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO (2024)

Globally, hunger and malnutrition affect millions of people, especially in rural areas, where extreme poverty and food insecurity remain deeply entrenched. Smallscale farmers produce up to 70 per cent of the food consumed in low- and middle-income countries. They are the pillars of the global food systems and the backbone of rural economies.

Even in areas where modern technologies exist, they do not always reach smallholder farmers as there are limited extension services and dissemination tools. Furthermore, smallholder farmers are often excluded from the formal economy, essential agricultural value chains, and access to markets in the rural economy.

Climate Change affects smallholder farmers as they rely on natural livelihood systems and are sensitive to variations in rain, sun, and winds. Unless urgent action is taken, ensuring the food security of a growing world population will not be possible under a changing climate. Climate Change multiplies existing threats to food security. Smallholder farmers endure frequent and intense natural disasters, land and water scarcity, and crop failure.

Smallholder farmers need to adopt sustainable farming practices, and in the process, they will create employment opportunities and rural development. Not only for their own sake but for all of us.

## What we do

Our Farmers' Clubs programme works with smallholder farmers to adopt sustainable farming and adapt to Climate Change.

Farmers and their families are at the centre of the activities. Farmers organise in clubs of 50, further broken into core groups of 10 - led by a step-up farmer.

Within each core group, farmers access training, strengthen their cooperation, solve challenges, and develop sound ethical practices that are in harmony with nature. Each core group has a Farmers' Field School, a platform for hands-on training and transfer of new knowledge, enabling farmers to challenge conventional

farming against sustainable and traditional farming. The Farming Instructor, who lives amongst the farmers, facilitates weekly training. Farmers learn mulching, intercropping, moisture retention, zero tillage, organic farming, drought-resistant crops, crop diversification, internal savings and lending, small-livestock rearing, agroforestry and horticulture production.

They also exchange traditional knowledge and evaluate its use in the present conditions. Collectively, farmers organise the sale of their produce at local markets and further afar, formalise land ownership, and invest in technology for irrigation and processing.



#### The Farmer



**Eldah Mudyiravanji,** Farmers' Clubs Chivi, DAPP Zimbabwe

"As I grow small grains, I feel the energy coursing through my veins."

As a dedicated smallholder farmer, I grow small grains, tend vibrant gardens, and raise small livestock, contributing to my community through sustainable agriculture. Our sandy-loam soil and low rainfall present challenges, leading to low income and food insecurity.

Climate Change is a pressing issue here. Through DAPP Farmers' Clubs, I have adopted farming practices designed to respond to the effects of Climate Change. Through demonstration plots, I have also learned conservation farming, focusing on drought-resistant crops like millet, rapoko, and sorghum.

This approach has allowed me to produce a surplus that covers my household's children's education and ensures my family has enough nutritious food. The success of our methods has attracted more members to our club, with many now practising potholing and organic farming. The establishment of the Farmers' Clubs in Chivi has provided lasting benefits, empowering us to sustain our progress independently.

#### Farmers' Clubs Chivi

The Chivi district is one of the drought-prone areas in Zimbabwe, with poor agricultural soil and being affected by global warming and Climate Change. These challenges are crippling families financially, many of whom rely on land for survival. As a result, it has become difficult for them to meet basic needs, leading to malnutrition and occasionally hunger.

Farmers, including the youth, are organised into clubs to share knowledge, inspire one another and make collective decisions to thrive together. The project has established conservation demonstration plots as hands-on learning and monitoring platforms, showcasing best practices for drought-resistant small grain production. Farmers are encouraged to adopt agroforestry by planting fruit trees in their fields. The farmers keep small livestock, which helps mitigate food insecurities caused by low rainfall.

In 2024, the project supported 35 Internal Savings and Lending groups with 420 farmers, who successfully secured basic needs, gas stoves and farming inputs for the 2024/2025 season.

DAPP Farmers' Clubs have provided tremendous relief to the community. 1,503 smallholder farmers expanded their knowledge of income-generating activities, leading to increased earnings and asset accumulation. Clever climate conservation techniques have gained wider acceptance among farmers engaged in field crop and garden farming, resulting in improved land management and food security.



#### **The Community Member**



Wilthon Wilfrido Delgado Moreira, Farmers' Clubs El Empalme Coast, Ecuador

"As a farmer and an active community member, I feel happy to witness our collective progress."

I have moved away from monoculture practices and learnt to diversify crops and livestock to build resilience against Climate Change. I'm now aware of the harm agricultural chemicals can cause to our land and health.

Through the project, we have gained new knowledge as a club that we previously lacked, such as properly managing plantains and vegetables. Our training in the model gardens and demonstration plots has improved our farming techniques. The crops we harvest have also generated additional income, positively impacting our family's economic well-being.

This project has taught us to work the land more sustainably, fostered an appreciation for collective effort, and strengthened our community through Farmers' Clubs. Together in the clubs, we build more sustainable means to better prepare for future challenges.

#### Farmers' Clubs El Empalme Coast, Ecuador

In Ecuador, most smallholder farmers are stuck with monoculture cultivation, which fails to cope with worsening Climate Change year after year, making it difficult to meet daily needs.

Farmers' Clubs El Empalme Coast works with 768 smallholder farmers and 3,840 family members to develop sustainable agricultural practices to adapt to the ever-changing climate conditions. The project provides low-cost sustainable solutions and promotes the exchange of collectively gained experiences amongst the Farmers' Clubs to support the farmers in improving their production, livelihoods, and quality of life.

At the centre of the Farmers' Clubs are demonstration gardens and plots that serve as learning spaces to share ideas on sustainable agricultural techniques, such as the use of organic inputs, efficient irrigation, agroforestry and crop rotation, which are replicated in the farmers' fields to build resilience against climate impact.

The project prioritises empowering women to exercise their agency. Financial literacy training enhances farmers' ability to manage resources and foster collective savings, amounting to US\$7,800 annually in collective contributions through savings clubs.

The established democratic structures of Farmers' Clubs and strong relationships with local authorities ensure the continuation of sustainable project activities.







188,617 smallholder farmers



Smallholder farmers hold the key to sustainable solutions.



## Introduction

The gap between health needs and the resources available to meet them is alarmingly wide. In the countries we focus on, preventable diseases are often not being prevented, and curable diseases are frequently not cured. This results in premature deaths, poor quality of life and economic strains for millions of people of all ages.

"Expansion of people accessing HIV treatment has halved AIDS-related deaths since 2010 from 1.3 million to 630,000 in 2023. However, the world will not achieve the target of reducing AIDS-related deaths to below 250,000 by 2025."

**UNAIDS 2024** 

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Global solidarity has been crucial in making medical advancements accessible. Notably, the waiver of patents for life-saving anti-retroviral treatments in the 2000s has significantly aided the fight against AIDS. Additionally, support for national health systems in struggling countries has been critical. In the case of tuberculosis, new technologies have been made available to communities, enabling early detection, prompt diagnosis, and complete treatment, ultimately saving millions of

lives. Malaria, which poses a substantial threat, especially to children, remains largely underfunded despite recent advancements towards developing a vaccine against it.

With the rapid rise in climate-related disasters and the overall decline in agricultural production due to Climate Change, nutrition has become increasingly important for promoting health for populations worldwide.

In light of geopolitical developments worldwide, it is more important than ever to build local supply chains for medicines and medical equipment and to strengthen communities' resilience and self-reliance. It is equally essential to develop facilities and improve access to public health care so prevention can take priority among the millions of people who don't have access today.

### What we do

# Our health programmes mainly respond to the HIV epidemic, TB, malaria and malnutrition.

We have established project structures, but the true strength of our health projects lies in our connections with the communities we serve. Our project leaders reside in the communities and deeply understand the people's needs and conditions. Working together with local people, we impact lives and become vital to their journey.

The project starts with the people to be at the centre of the programme. Community members must view the programme as their own, recognising that they hold the power to make decisions about their health and transform their lives.

This approach places them in the lead of the activities.

People organise in groups based on the challenges or diseases they confront. They may be the infected, the affected, those at risk, influential individuals, or those who care. They identify obstacles, they plan actions to take, and together with their project and health partners, they drive the project forward, collectively devising tools to take control and combat these issues. As a team, they define the steps to success.

Support groups are formed as trios, creating a robust network of encouragement and solidarity for those diagnosed or infected, fostering an environment of hope and resilience.



#### The Youth



Rhodha Chipoka, TCE Loto Langa project, DAPP Malawi

"I'm Rhoda from Nambadzo village, Malawi. I faced challenges with school fees during my secondary education, as my parents struggled in the grip of poverty."

Our cultural norms and poverty forced girls into early marriages and unplanned pregnancies, heightening their vulnerability to sexual violence and HIV and hindering their aspirations.

The project Loto Langa by DAPP Malawi has been transformative. It empowers young women through career development, promotes livestock production, establishes village savings groups, and educates us on HIV and sexual violence. I joined the project not only to protect myself but also to equip myself with the skills needed to thrive.

I am proud to be my community's first female motorcycle mechanic and a role model for young girls pursuing careers. I aim to open a garage as a training centre for girls, demonstrating that when girls are empowered, they can shatter barriers and transform their lives and communities.

## Total Control of the Epidemic/Loto Langa (My Dream)

Chiradzulu District in Malawi is deeply rooted in cultural and traditional norms that stifle the aspirations of young girls. In this setting, adolescent girls and young women confront challenges, including the peril of contracting HIV, unplanned pregnancies, and early marriages. Such circumstances limit their potential when they should be pursuing their dreams.

Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) Loto Langa project engaged community members to create a safer environment that lowers girls' HIV infection risks. Central to this initiative are girls, who gain opportunities to shape their futures through education on self-care, staying in school, livestock production and savings groups, and learning to advocate for themselves and seek support in challenging situations. Families Matter parenting sessions equip parents with tools for open discussions about HIV and sexual health. They get educational support and school fees to reinforce their commitment to success.

The TCE Loto Langa project has significantly improved the lives of girls in Chiradzulu, demonstrated by increased access to HIV testing services. In 2024, 34,000 youths enrolled in the program, highlighting its community importance. A notable decline in unplanned pregnancies and early marriages leads parents to prioritise discussions about HIV and sexual health. This has positively transformed the socioeconomic status of young women, fostering a brighter and more empowered future.



#### The National HQ Leader



**Orlando Mapute,**Senior Programme Officer, National
Headquarters, ADPP Mozambique

"Taking proactive steps to reduce malaria can pave the way for a healthier future for all."

At the ADPP Mozambique National Headquarters, we are at the heart of all the projects implemented by our organisation. We draw valuable lessons from one initiative to enhance another, ensuring that each experience contributes to the overall success of our endeavours.

By proactively addressing challenges, we engage with all projects, cooperating closely with project leaders who work directly in the communities, supporting the project's sustainability and continuity. We actively impart these insights to new projects we launch, amplifying our impact and enriching our collective journey.

We share with other projects the experiences from the Malaria project, where it is woven into the fabric of the community. Here, volunteers are the backbone of the project, working with Ministry of Health workers to raise awareness and strengthen health facility support. Teachers empower students to engage parents in the cause. This intertwined approach promotes sustainable malaria prevention and care, leading to better adherence to protective measures in the community.

### Accelerating and Strengthening the Quality of Malaria Control Interventions in Mozambique

ADPP Mozambique is dedicated to educating and mobilising communities about malaria prevention to eliminate new infections. The spread of malaria is often due to a lack of awareness, improper use of mosquito nets, and delays in seeking medical treatment.

The malaria prevention project operates in 20 districts across Niassa and Nampula, collaborating with various organisations and the Ministry of Health. The project's success is deeply rooted in the network of existing community structures, built upon the commitment of dedicated teachers and passionate volunteers who own the programme and empower local populations to engage in discussions about malaria. The project network reaches even the most remote areas with vital prevention information. This approach fosters community ownership of health and enhances program sustainability.

The initiative has raised awareness of preventive strategies, encouraged consistent use of insecticide-treated nets, increased demand for medical services, and fostered a proactive community that can effectively address this health challenge and reduce malaria cases.

The project is positively impacting the lives of 5 million people with 18,900 dedicated teachers and 6,050 passionate volunteers, and collaborating with the Government and Civil Society Organisations.



### Health throughout Humana People to People



10.3 million people reached





**631** project units





Humana People to People health projects focus on the biggest health challenges: Total control of the HIV epidemic; fighting the spread of TB; taking part in eliminating malaria; and improving nutrition.

#### Humana People to People at AIDS 2024

We participated in AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference in Munich, Germany. The idea behind our HIV prevention work is that "Only the people can liberate themselves from the HIV epidemic." For the past 24 years, we have worked together with the people and communities affected by the HIV epidemic to ensure that they take a leading role in ending AIDS by 2030.

With this approach, we have gained extensive experience across 12 countries in how best to prevent the spread of HIV and how to support people who have acquired the virus to get and remain on treatment. The Total Control of the Epidemic (TCE) programme has impacted over 24.8 million people since its start. Empowering communities to end the HIV epidemic is fundamental. An empowered community can stop the spread of HIV, knows the right decisions to make, values accessing health facilities and organises a local support system for adherence to HIV treatment.

We presented what we have learned and how we use it at our exhibition booth,

in panel and poster presentations, and in media engagements during the conference.

At a dedicated event with one of our partners, Humana People to People launched a short video featuring DAPP Malawi and its HIV prevention work among adolescent girls and young women in rural Malawi. Humana People to People Botswana presented success in initiating and linking people on ART for increased treatment retention and viral load suppression.

Four poster presentations were given by ADPP Angola, ADPP Mozambique, Humana People to People Botswana, and Planet Aid Inc. (USA).

The ways the TCE programme engages individuals and communities in responding to HIV caught the interest of several media outlets and received global coverage. Notable global media houses that featured TCE were Deutsche Welle, Voice of America, Citizen News Service, DevEx, Harvard Public Health Journal, Channel Africa, Global Health Pursuit Podcast, and Agencia Brasil Aids.





## Humana People to People India presents at the World Lung Health Conference in Bali

Humana People to People India attended and presented at the World Conference on Lung Health in Bali, Indonesia, from 12 to 16 November 2024. Four presentations focused on fighting TB amongst the most exposed homeless and migratory people in Delhi, Hyderabad, Howrah, and peri-urban Mumbai metropolitan cities of India.

India accounts for 25% of the global tuberculosis (TB) burden, with an estimated 2.77 million TB incidence in 2022, according to the World Health Organisation. The rising number of people undiagnosed with TB and not on treatment remains a significant challenge driving TB transmission within most at-risk communities.

Humana People to People India showcased the importance of targeting TB response to homeless people, migrants, mobile populations, and people living in unauthorised slums. When aiming at identifying more individuals who are yet to receive treatment, it is essential to engage the community in TB response through screening, active case detection, and treatment access. A network of Community Health Workers identifies people with symptoms of TB, leads the process of active case finding, and assists those found with TB in getting treatment. Thereafter, they get support till they have been cured.

Innovative approaches to accelerate the impact on local TB dynamics include community chest X-ray screening, Artificial Intelligence-aided cough-sound screening, follow-up at the home of former TB clients successfully treated in the last two years and screening their household contacts. The project went for intensified screening of the clients at some popular local liquor shops, followed the symptomatic but sputum-negative presumptive cases and facilitated their retest.

The results revealed that community X-ray screening in Delhi among 1,916 people found 328 presumptive cases, with 33 diagnosed with TB. Al-aided coughsound screening screened 810 people and found 197 presumptive cases, with 19 people detected with TB. Follow-up of the initial 56 sputum-negative presumptive cases who continued with symptoms resulted in 45 retests, and 30 were diagnosed with TB.

Other Humana People to People members who also attended and made presentations were ADPP Mozambique, DAPP Malawi, and DAPP Zambia. A key observation at the conference is the growing call for an increase in funding TB programmes, as the split in the ratio of funds going towards the TB and HIV epidemic needs urgent address.





## Introduction

Education is a complex area that may be difficult to measure in terms of its success or failure. But when looking at it in simple ways, we can see there is a crisis: Years in school are one of the indicators used when measuring the Human Development Index.

"..SDG 4.7 embraces the social. humanistic and moral purposes of an education that promote human rights, gender equality, peace and non-violence, global citizenship, and cultural diversity and culture's contribution to sustainable development." **UNESCO Global Education** Monitoring Report 2024

Most children in Guinea Bissau go to school for 3.7 years. In Mozambique, it is 3.9 years, Malawi and Angola its 5.2 and 5.8 years respectively. India, with its more than 1.4 billion people, offers 6.6 years of school for this vast population living in a highly complex society. Just think of it. We are talking about future generations who will have to shoulder the challenges of the world we leave for them, with its increase in climate disasters, wars and inequalities.

These numbers point to a fundamental challenge: Education is needed, along with all that goes by it, such as school buildings, furniture, books, and other teaching materials. Teachers are needed in their millions.

Funding is needed. Technological devices will not do the trick.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, two decades of progress were erased, and learning declined worldwide to the extent that it will take 22 years for a 4<sup>th</sup> grader to recover to a pre-pandemic level of reading—that is, in the wealthy parts of the world¹. In the countries mentioned above, it has not even been measured, but we can imagine the figures. Just think of it.

We are talking about future generations who will have to shoulder the challenges of the world we leave for them. Yes, this sentence is a repetition, but it is a necessary one.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>UNDP Human Development Report 2023-24 p. 34

### What we do

Humana People to People's response is to continue: continue to train teachers for pre- and primary school, to organise graduated teachers from the 56 teacher training programmes and to run education programmes that bring children back to school and back to learning when they have been excluded. We continue to train youth for useful vocations and develop their skills for taking up a meaningful and productive place in society. We continue to include literacy campaigns for adults wherever we can, and we organise community preschools.

We train teachers because they are central to children's lives within the school. Their role extends beyond teaching languages and science; they guide students

through the complexities of learning - and life. They create an environment where students can safely engage in discussions, learn to work together and receive feedback. Students of all ages learn to understand empathy, cultural awareness, and reasoning.

We offer primary school teachers who graduated from the colleges the opportunity to participate in a Graduated Teachers' Network that supports the individual teacher.

In 14 vocational training centres, students learn vocational skills and add a broader view of life and the world to become better equipped to form their future.



#### The Headmaster



Conceição da Gloria Sozinho, ADPP Teacher Training College, Chimoio, Mozambique

"Addressing the community's challenges is not just a goal; it's a necessity that requires our full commitment and energy."

I grew up in a large family and faced financial struggles that interrupted my education. My background didn't stop my passion for teaching; I pursued my dream to become a teacher with determination and willpower. I worked to fund my tuition while supporting my family. Now a principal, I strive to inspire my students, especially the young girls. They will drive change for future generations.

ADPP Mozambique's teacher training began after the 1992 Peace Agreement. The country urgently needed schools and dedicated teachers after a devastating 16-year war. The war left many children without access to school, and there were limited resources to train qualified teachers.

As principal, I always encourage students to form strong cooperation bonds, use local resources to enhance teaching and boost children's engagement. Our teachers incorporate learning through play to help children understand concepts more easily. They become effective teachers and community activists, linking education with community development.

## The ADPP Teacher Training College, Chimoio

The ADPP Teacher Training College in Chimoio was inaugurated in 1997. Its mission is to train passionate and dynamic primary school teachers who advocate for innovative teaching and learning. These teachers are trained to lead transformative community development initiatives where they serve.

The college offers a three-year teacher training programme focusing on effective teaching methods and community development. It combines academic studies with practical experiences in local primary schools and enriching study trips to explore the diverse society they will serve.

The Teacher Training College prioritises the students' independence, integrity and cooperation in the learning process. They use these experiences, sharing them with their learners in school, and they involve parents and colleagues, making the school a true centre in the community.

After graduation, teachers can join the Graduated Teachers Network to collaborate and share experiences to better respond to the many daily challenges in their work. They focus on teaching quality and promote campaigns on health, culture, gender, sports, and environmental protection. The College supports Mozambique's mission to improve primary education for all children. Since the inception of the school, over 1,800 teachers have graduated.



#### The Graduate



**Fatuma Fati,** electrician trained at ADPP Vocational School in Bissorã,

"It requires willpower, fearlessness, and determination to break the barriers in taking traditionally maledominated jobs."

Guinea Bissau

My name is Fatuma Fati, and I am from Guinea-Bissau. I have been an electrician at Pro-solia since 2019. Five years ago, I completed my electricity course at ADPP Vocational School, becoming a leading woman electrician in this role. I specialise in solar panel maintenance and take on tasks many male colleagues avoid.

Inspired by my sister, I applied for the programme in electricity and solar course, and now my younger sister studies electricity at the Vocational School Bissora.

I have established a group for women dedicated to uplifting one another and breaking through barriers in fields traditionally dominated by men, showing that no profession is off-limits to us. As we support each other, we can achieve remarkable heights and create transformative change in the world. As women, we can redefine boundaries and inspire future generations.

#### ADPP Vocational School in Bissorã

The ADPP Vocational School is a boarding institution that has offered vocational training for young people from all over the country since its inception in 1997. In some periods of the country's sometimes turbulent existence, the school has been the only option for vocational training. The training programmes are tailored to meet the needs of the local labour market, and entrepreneurship is integrated into the curriculum across all courses.

The ADPP Vocational School inspires hope for the country's youth, offering them the opportunity to unlock new possibilities in life. With a dedicated focus on empowering girls through skills development, the school aims to enhance their social and economic independence. Graduates from the programmes emerge as skilled professionals with diverse technical and cooperative competencies, entering established companies or launching their own ventures, transforming their lives and elevating their communities. Vocational training helps reduce youth marginalisation and offers a vital alternative to emigration, which, for many, is seen as the only alternative to a life in poverty.

Beyond its educational mandate, the school engages with the community, providing vital services, initiatives, and cultural activities. Cultural life and events held at the ADPP Vocational School have positively impacted the surrounding communities, enriching lives and promoting connection.



## **Education throughout Humana People to People**



**68,400** teachers graduated since 1993







1.8 million people reached



**82** schools and training institutions



297 project units





**315** other teaching and learning projects



## Introduction

Global reuse is the circular textile economy in action. Already, the textile value chain from raw materials through production to garment sales is global. Changing it into a circular chain must also be global.

"Global annual textile consumption per person has increased twofold, rising from **7 kg to 13 kg [between 2000 and 2015].**This growth has driven overall global textile consumption to nearly 100 million tonnes annually."
K. Shirvanimoghaddam and B. Motamed, Death by waste: Fashion and textile circular

economy case, 2020

Between 2000 and 2015, clothing production has approximately doubled, driven by a growing middleclass population across the globe and increased per capita sales in developed economies. Large amounts of non-renewable resources are extracted to produce clothes that are often used only a few times - we use each garment 36% less than a decade ago. Over two-thirds of textiles go to landfills at the end of their use, and less than 1% is recycled into new clothing. The throwaway culture driven by ultra-fast fashion is cause for serious environmental, health, social, and economic concerns and calls for action.

The voices calling for changes in this vital

production and consumption area towards a circular model are getting louder. The action called for is bold: to minimise the environmental impact dramatically and make the best possible use of already-produced clothing.

The global reuse sector already plays a significant role in achieving this. It also has a notable socio-economic impact, stimulating local economies, creating millions of jobs, and making good-quality clothing accessible to lowincome groups. The global reuse sector is ready, able, and willing to contribute to changing to a more circular textile ecosystem.

### What we do

The Humana People to People network has collected, sorted, and sold used clothes for over forty years. It starts with collecting clothes people no longer want but deem usable for others. With separate collection for reusable clothes, followed by professional sorting, our network achieves reuse percentages of 75 or higher. Each item is carefully evaluated for quality and its opportune market. The clothes are sold for reuse in the Global North or South, depending on specific market criteria.

Shops, sorting centres and wholesale outlets are respectful and well-organised, ensuring the dignity of staff and customers, be it in the Global North or South. People feel dignity and pride when they can access good quality, affordable clothing and

choose the style they like. This supports the fundamental human right to clothing for millions of households in low-income countries.

Jobs and income created in the reuse business are fulfilling for the thousands of people directly employed and many millions more across the Global South who rely on selling clothes to the next customers.

Wholesale customers in the Global South get support to build their business skills and knowledge. Thereby, the reuse business helps to develop the local labour market. Finally, surplus derived from the reuse business funds 23% of the social development work operated in 16 countries by Humana People to People members.



#### **Case Study**

## Humana People to People Baltic, Lithuania

Humana People to People Baltic in Lithuania operates one of the largest sorting centres for second-hand clothes and shoes in Europe, employing over 500 people. Skilled sorters sort 160 tonnes of clothes per day into over 300 categories to maximise the potential of each clothing item with an understanding of the global reuse market and local demand in importing countries. 75% of second-hand items collected are reusable, 20% are recyclable, and only a small fraction, around 5%, is used for waste-to-energy or other purposes.

### **IMPACT:**

### **Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals**



SDG1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere



# How do we impact this:

The contributions of the Humana People to People network in the second-hand clothing industry far exceed the direct impact of sustaining and transforming lives to ensure decency and dignity. Humana People to People recognises the strategic importance of used clothing in sustaining the livelihoods of millions living in some of the world's most economically challenged regions.

The funds generated from secondhand clothing projects contribute to poverty reduction by providing flexible funding for development programmes, driven by the revenues from people donating and purchasing secondhand clothes. In 2024, Humana People to People's second-hand clothing operation provided US\$28.3 million in development funding to support countries in the Global South in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1.

In Mozambique, the second-hand clothes trade accounts for at least 65% of the money circulating in the markets, with food a close second at 25-30%.

### **Development projects**





SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



## How do we impact this:

The second-hand clothes sector is more than just a market for used clothes; it's vital for employment in the circular economy. The Humana People to People network creates more than 8,000 formal jobs directly with its members and 116,200 informal jobs in logistics, sorting and sales throughout Africa and Central America. Both formal and informal employment sustain economic development.

In Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, and several other countries, Humana People to People members and associates support second-hand clothes traders in developing their business knowledge and skills to increase their surplus. With that, they support their families and improve their quality of life by accessing education and healthcare. The sale of second-hand clothes is a long-term need that is highly beneficial and transformative to local economies.

In Guinea-Bissau, Angola, Zambia and Mozambique, each tonne of imported second-hand clothes sustains an estimated 6.5 jobs.



8,000 formal jobs



116,200 informal jobs

in logistics, sorting and sales throughout Africa and Central America.



Angola, Zambia and Mozambique

### SDG 12: Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns



## How do we impact this:

Collecting, sorting and reselling used clothes: Over 50% of discarded garments in Europe end up in landfills or incinerators, and this figure rises to 85% in the USA. In 2024, Humana People to People members contributed to sustainability by repurposing 139,000 tonnes of used clothing in the USA and Europe.

Reducing the production of new textiles: By selling second-hand clothes for reuse, fewer natural resources are used to produce new textiles. A new garment has nearly 70 times the environmental impact

of a reused one.

Tonnes (%) that end up in land fills or incinerators **Europe** 



Legislation and trade arrangements support: Through sector organisations and in many other ways, we take initiatives to increase policymakers' awareness of the social, economic, and environmental benefits of reusing textiles. Global coordination is needed. Otherwise, current efforts are set to become a zero-sum game.

Increased consumer consciousness and sustainable buying choices: Increased awareness of the environmental harm from fast fashion and positive experiences with the reuse of secondhand clothes are driving this change.





# SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat Climate Change and its impacts



## How do we impact this:

Less CO<sub>2</sub> is emitted during the production and disposal of textiles - Doubling the number of times a garment is worn reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 44% compared to buying a new one. Humana People to People calculates that for each tonne of clothes we collect, we save 6.1 tonnes of carbon emissions. In 2024,

Humana People to People's second-hand clothes operation saved 849,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Humana People to People supports all projects aimed at addressing Climate Change with funds generated from the sale of second-hand clothes, promoting resilience and adaptation to its impacts.





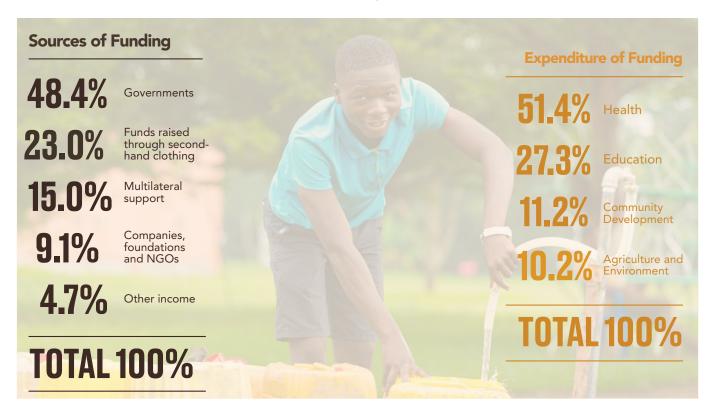
# **Accountability and Transparency**

The Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement (the Federation) is a Swiss-registered association. It follows Swiss standards for policies and procedures, risk assessment, and internal controls. Berney Associés SA audits our accounts according to Swiss law and under the International Standards of Auditing.

The General Assembly ultimately oversees the Federation and comprises the 29 member associations. The Federation's Committee is accountable for both financial and operational activities, with reporting responsibility to all members.

Members of the Federation are audited according to international financial and reporting standards. This includes funds received by global partners, which are also accounted for according to the determinations in the partnership agreements.

As a Federation, we are primarily accountable to two groups: first, our members, who carry out their work in some of the most challenging regions of the world together with their partners. Second, we are accountable to the people we reach through these programmes. We take this accountability very seriously and respond to it through rigorous monitoring, auditing, and reporting of all activities, in addition to financials.



In 2024, our members spent approximately US\$123 million on education and social development projects worldwide. Income raised through development partnerships constituted the

majority of our total income at 72.3%, while 23% was generated through the collection and sale of second-hand clothes. Other income represents the remaining 4.7%.





# **Good Governance**

We are committed to the highest accountability, transparency and good governance standards.

The Federation Humana People to People has been certified through an external audit by ACPO SA of Switzerland for governance policies and procedures and their implementation, using the NGO Governance Benchmark by NGO Governance Standards SA of Geneva, Switzerland. The standard was developed by Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) to provide non-governmental organisations with a management tool dedicated to highlighting their key strengths and weaknesses in their functioning.

It targets three key objectives: 1) show evidence of accountability, 2) strengthen trust concerning their donors, and 3) highlight areas of improvement to foster operational efficiency.

Our organisation had its first certification in 2018, renewed in 2021 by SGS, and ranked among the top 5% of organisations certified under that system.



# **Partnerships**

The projects and activities presented in this Progress Report are all results of partnerships that we value immensely.

Partnerships between Humana People to People members and public and private funders make the investment in social, economic and human development possible. The members and the partners enter into a symbiotic cooperation, building on common visions and ideas and ending in activities and projects where energy, experience and resources make things happen. Truly people to people efforts.

The Federation and its members are proud to work with partners, including national and local governments, foundations, the private sector, multilateral agencies and international organisations.

We want to thank all our partners for their continued support and commitment to working with the people on the ground and pursuing much-needed development for positive, lasting change.

























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