



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

EQUIPPING LEADERS

TO SOLVE THEIR COUNTRY'S VULNERABLE CHILDREN CRISIS



Dear friends,

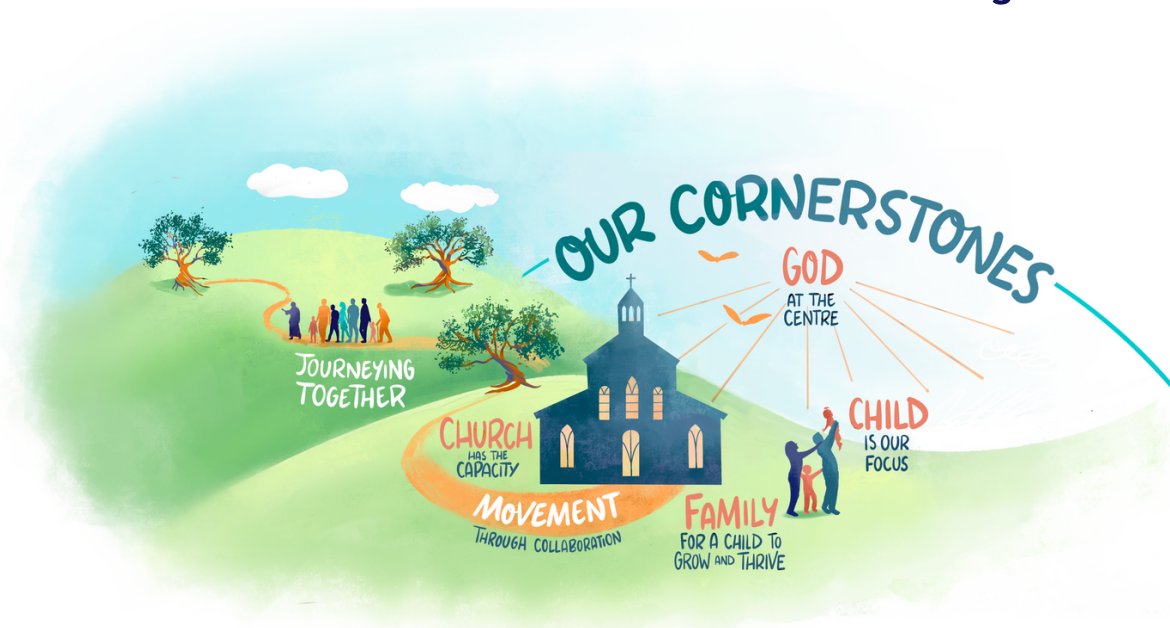
We are grateful to all who have supported us through another year of seeing the movement for a World Without Orphans grow across Europe, and we trust this snapshot will encourage you.

We are mainly grateful to our heavenly Father for the lives of families and children improved through the week-by-week work of our national teams and their partners in local communities and churches.

In continuing crises and difficulties, the numbers in this overview, and the many more not cited, represent the mercy of God experienced in individual children's lives.

We started 2023 by gathering for refreshment and equipping at a European Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria, and we entered 2024 looking forward to a Global Forum under the theme of 'From Crisis to Hope'. We pray hope will arise in you as you take a glimpse into our year of 2023.

Richard Procter,
Leading Coordinator



WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

456,000

children live in residential facilities in Europe and Central Asia

294 per 100,000

children in residential care facilities in Western Europe: nearly triple the global average.



SEEING CHANGE

In Bulgaria and Moldova, family-based care has become the dominant formal alternative care arrangement.

OUR FOCUS AREAS:

Children with disabilities account between 4% and up to 87% of children in residential care facilities. This proportion increased between 2015 and 2021.

Children on the move in the EU: There is an increased use of residential care for unaccompanied and separated refugee and migrant children.



2023 GARDENING PLAN



Goals: Create a national Facilitation Team and take first steps towards a national movement.

Outcome: National movements beginning in Finland, Serbia and Germany. Two roundtables with 45 participants.



Goals: Three-day in-country consultation and planning events for emerging national movements. Coaching and mentoring of leaders.

Outcome: Preparing Thrive events for 2024 in Serbia and Finland. Online coaching and mentoring for national team leaders in Egypt and Serbia (5 sessions).



Goals: Ongoing support for national leaders of existing and growing WWO movements in Europe.

Outcome: 224 people from 29 nations joined the European forum. Ran online learning/training events, and many mentoring sessions. Support visits to Moldova and Romania.



EUROPEAN FORUM 2023

224 people from 29 nations came together in Sofia, Bulgaria for 3 days in March 2023 to connect, learn, and be refreshed.

Specialist **international speakers**, national 'without orphans' **leaders** and **practitioners** presented, taught, and facilitated discussions.

Prayer and counselling were available to the many who have served faithfully through the pandemic and the war in Ukraine.



2023 UKRAINE APPEAL FUND

- Romania** Supported ARFO (Romania Without Orphans) with their ministry to Ukrainian children and mothers in refugee centres.
- Moldova** Supported ACOMO (Moldova Without Orphans) with firewood for families hosting Ukrainian refugees.
- Bulgaria** Supported Bulgaria Without Orphans partners in “There is Hope for Me” trauma training for 50 families.
- Poland** Supported two partners as they continue using Friendship Cards among children and families. Three YWAM staff members joined TBRI training and 30 children joined a Christian Therapeutic Summer Camp.
- Hungary** Provided finances for a Family Camp that hosted Ukrainian refugees.
- Ukraine** Humanitarian Aid to families at risk after the destruction of Kakhovka Dam.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

87 training hours provided

5 days of planning & strategizing with the team & national leaders

2 successful fundraising campaigns

365 leaders & activists trained or mentored

£21k raised towards Ukrainian refugees in 6 countries

29 nations represented in our events

102 churches involved in 4 new country networks...

...860 children helped as a result

13 national movements in Europe

116 Ukrainian families helped

OUR ROADMAP





2023 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

INCOME

£164 466

Donations to activities 40%

European Forum 27%

Charged income 18%

Ukraine Appeal Fund 14%

Other 1%

EXPENSE

£148 860

European Forum 32%

Indirect Expense 26%

Ukraine Appeal Fund 16%

Nurture Programme 14%

Consultancy & Advice 6%

Thrive Projects 5%

Watering Programme 4%

DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: £113,523

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION: £30,840

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATION: £4,497

FEEDBACK



"I heard a lot of shocking information that reminded me how many orphans still live in orphanages. My heart is broken realising how many of them never got a chance for a new life as I did."

"Everyone was blessed, encouraged, and motivated to make a difference regarding the problem of orphans in Serbia."



"I want to make a plan on how to train on trauma informed care for those that work with kids."

"Traffickers prey on vulnerability. My role is to prevent vulnerable children from being preyed on."



"I learnt that healing from trauma IS POSSIBLE."

"It was great for our own team to have this time together."

"I would like to try and start a national movement."

"I strongly recommend to have this session (Prayer & Counseling) in the next events which WWO will organize!"

"The training gave us alternative ways to deal with difficult emotions - a skill we desperately need as adults, teens, and children in our everyday lives. I will use it in my future work with children."



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