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GRACE Cares 2022 Annual Report





2022 Highlights



Community Empowerment and Education

375 students taught at 3 schools.

25-50 local families supported with food items and basic necessities.

750 children benefitted from the mobile book program.

\$75,000 saved by savings groups and

\$91,000 in small loans for local investments.

18,000 hats sold to retail partner Sunshine Tienda.



Health and Well-Being

22 Community Health Leaders led workshops in their communities.

582 people participated in community learning workshops.

300 people received eye exams and glasses.

175 women received family planning courses and reusable menstrual kits.

Collected more than 40 varieties of ancestral medicinal plants.



Water and Sanitation

74 water tanks (*tinacos*) installed.

86 homes now with water on-demand.

265 people gained access to clean water, including 91 children.

14 water filters installed.

1 borehole completed.

11 WASH trainings conducted.

2022 FINANCIAL INFORMATION*

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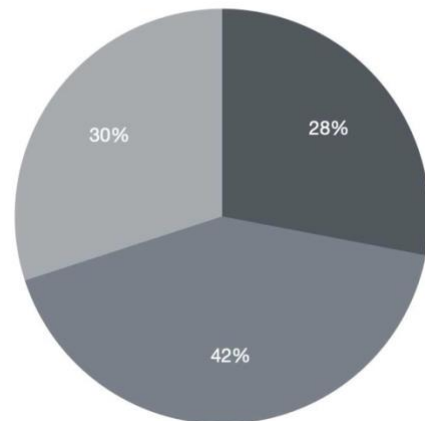
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\$154,551
Revenue

\$160,246
Expenses

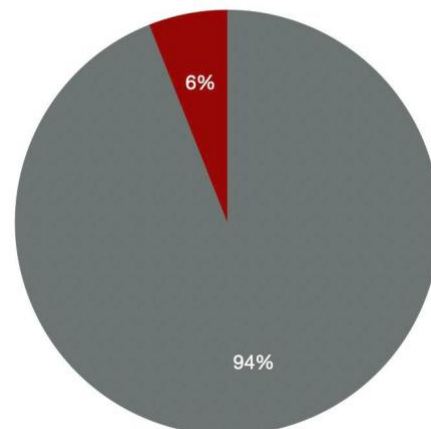
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2022 Donations by Source



● Programs ● Administration

2022 Expenditures



*Our detailed financial review is available upon request at info@gracecares.org.

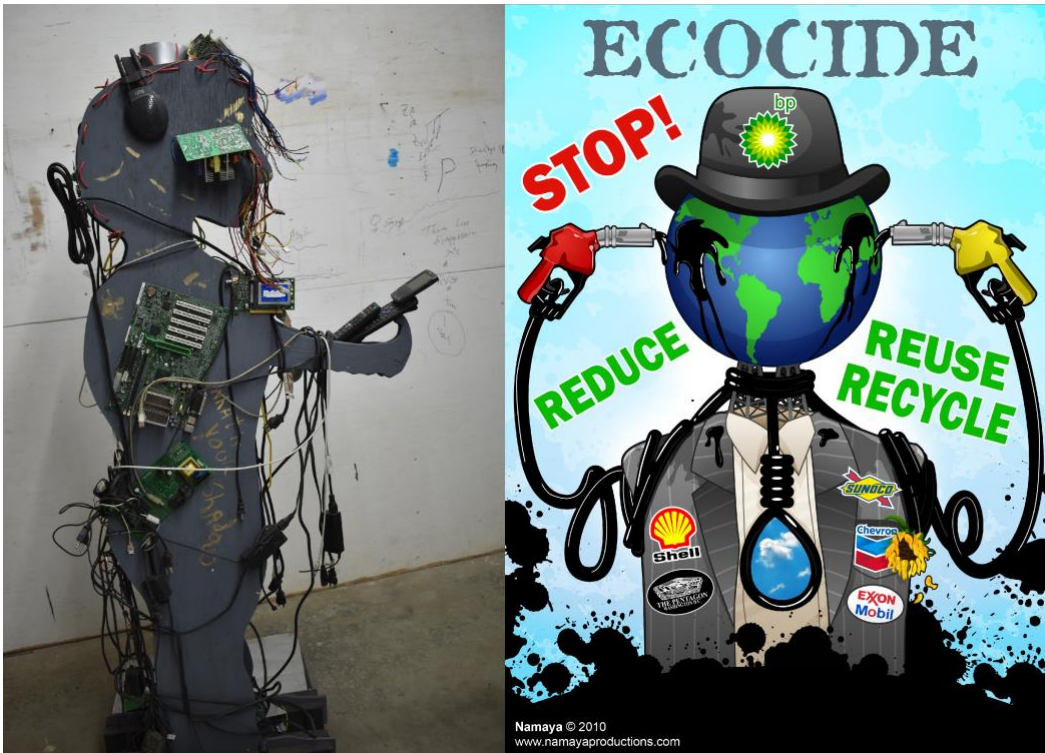


B4 Peace

- [B4 Peace](#) continued to wait for COVID to clear in 2022 as we had an invitation to install a sculpture installation art project at the *War Remnants Museum* in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. We are hoping that we get the final greenlight in 2023.
- We received a grant from the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance to give a performance and presentation of “Agent Orange: Do Not Forget Me” in March at the St Petersburg Quaker Meeting House.
- At the Codaworx Conference in the summer of 2022 we gave a presentation on using sculpture, art, and performance for projects on social justice.
- At the Veterans for Peace Conference in August we gave a presentation on Agent Orange.
<https://namayaproductions.com/projects/agent-do-not-forget-me/>
- In September we met in Washington, DC, with leaders of the work in Vietnam on Agent Orange remediation and unexploded weapons that still litter Vietnam. Approximately 20 to 25 percent of Vietnam is still affected by Agent Orange poisoning that was sprayed throughout Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1961-1971.



- We continue to work collaboratively with the organization MASVLC (Medical and Surgical Volunteers for Vietnam Laos and Cambodia).
- In 2023 we will continue to work with organizations like MASVLC, Veterans for Peace, Project RENEW, and Peace Trees to highlight the legacy of Agent Orange and UXOs that have impacted Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.
- We continue to promote 100 Flowers of Peace globally.
<https://namayaproductions.com/projects/100flowersofpeace/>

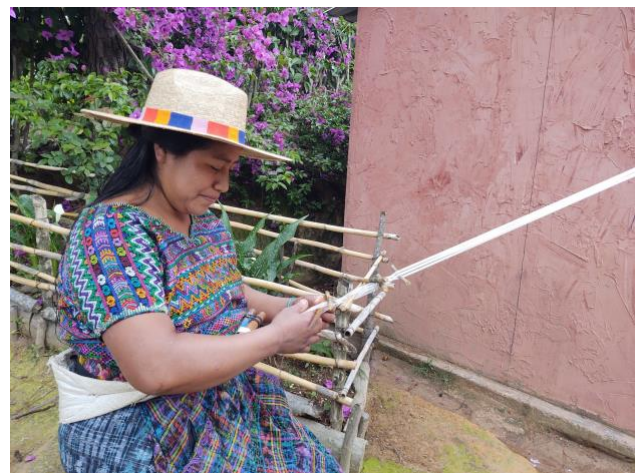




GuateBuena Association

The [GuateBuena](#) (*Útz Iximulew* in the Kaqchikel language) Association has evolved from Community Finance Guatemala into an integral association helping Guatemalan families pursue holistic well-being. In pursuit of this expanded vision, 2022 brought new and renewed initiatives to provide spiritual and emotional support and to promote physical and visual health for our solidarity group members while also continuing and expanding our core services that provide economic opportunity. Here is what was accomplished in 2022:

- Community finance program: the 25 solidarity and savings groups saved more than 72,000 USD and supported members with more than 91,000 USD in small loans, allowing investments in agriculture, small businesses, education, health care, and basic services. Members earned nearly 16,000 USD in interest.
- Ixoqi': Our artisan social enterprise sold more than 18,000 hats to retail partner Sunshine Tienda, generating income for more than 100 women artisans from the solidarity groups, strengthening the nutrition, health, and education of participating families.
- Launched a small credit union, COFOCOPI, to offer additional loans to the solidarity groups and to local social entrepreneurs. COFOCOPI is a pilot for our vision of establishing a larger financial institution that is non-exploitative and financially empowering for the benefit of local people.



- **Spiritual & emotional well-being:** Introduced mindfulness and gratitude practices to the women's solidarity groups and to the weavers of Ixoqi'.
- **Ancestral Medicine:** researched and collected more than 40 varieties of ancestral medicinal plants, with plans to develop ancestral medicine workshops and materials on herbal health for families.



- **Visual Health:** Provided eye exams and glasses to more than 300 people. Donated glasses to two groups of elderly people in nursing homes.
- **Reproductive Health:** offered family planning courses and launched a menstrual health pilot, offering menstrual education workshops and reusable menstrual kits to 175 women. These kits help reduce expenses and plastic waste from more than 300 disposable towels per woman per year.



Lucknow Project

In 2022, the [Lucknow Project](#) accomplished the following:

A volunteer teacher from the United States spent October through December teaching English conversation daily to students at all of our participating schools in Amethi. A volunteer from Delhi accompanied him to assist with teaching at different grade and knowledge levels. The teacher taught at 3 schools for approximately 375 students.



- We continued efforts to maintain our community program, supporting underprivileged local residents with food items and basic needs. Local residents currently participating in our community program remains somewhere around 25-50 families depending on needs.





Munali Youth Empowerment Program

In 2022, [Munali Youth Empowerment Program](#) (MYEP) managed to purchase 3 bicycles for use in the field for outreach and for conducting children's group sessions in the community. The new bicycles each have a storage container where volunteers are able to carry books to conduct their sessions in far or distant places. We were able to reach out to approximately 750 children with our mobile book program.



MYEP increased its outreach points in the community from 4 to 8. The new locations include George/Matero compounds, Mandevu compound, Chaisa compound, and Children urban. We have also set up and erected Mobile Library Booths in 3 locations in the mentioned locations for children to access books that are rotated on a regular basis. Stationery and some office utilities were purchased for the office to help with the operations and smooth running of the organization.



With the financial support of the GREAG Foundation and GRACE Cares, we were also able to purchase more children's books for the mobile libraries and provide stipends to the National Coordinator, Fields Ops Coordinator, and volunteers. Thus far, we have recruited 8 new volunteers. This will bring the total number of volunteers to 11.





Project Hearts

[Project Hearts](#) believes that once a person has their basic physical needs met, they will then have the stability to improve their emotional, spiritual, and mental health. They will then have the capacity to pursue their dreams and achieve a dignified quality of life. We also believe that as more and more individuals transform themselves, they will also inspire similar transformations in their spouses, children, parents, and communities, thus exchanging the cycle of poverty for a cycle of empowerment. Our programs and activities are complementary to one another, allowing our staff to address several of the varying causes of poverty in Baitoa. By focusing on Water Initiatives, Community Learning, and Holistic Well-Being, participants experience improved health, increased self-worth, and economic advancement.

Here is the 2022 impact of Project Hearts:

Water Initiatives:

- \$6,300 saved by families to invest in other needs
- 265 people gained access to clean water, including 91 children
- 86 homes now have water on-demand
- 74 tinacos (water tanks) installed
- 14 water filters delivered, improving health in homes
- 2 filters and 1 hand-washing station donated to immigration holding center
- 2 hand-washing stations donated to a local pre-school that lacks running water



Community Learning:

- 582 adults, teens & kids learned new, life-transforming information about leadership and physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental health
- 22 Community Health Leaders (CHLs) led educational presentations in their communities
- 31 presentations were given on physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional health
- 15 workshops organized by CHLs
- 11 new graduates of our Community Health Leadership Program, *including our first male leader!*
- 7 health leadership workshops to empower teens



Holistic Well-Being:

- 96 adults active in discussions
- 91 kids learning to care for their mental health early in life
- 83 teens participated
- 24 private counseling sessions with adults, children, families, and couples
- 20 group presentations





Watha Project

The [Watha Project](#), with technical assistance from GRACE Cares, successfully completed the sixth borehole in Garsemuke village and conducted eleven Water Access, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) trainings in 2022.



There was full community participation in the entire process of digging the boreholes, and we have thus far built a total of six boreholes in five villages—2 in Garsemsuke, 1 in Bombi, 1 in Katana-Hakeye, 1 in Bakeye, and 1 in Mchekenzi.



Moreover, we have also been conducting WASH trainings under our WASH program in all villages to improve water access, sanitation, and hygiene as well as empowering local communities to lead the process. The program has really impacted the local community with reduced numbers of cholera cases and other related diseases. We work very closely with County Government of Kilifi through our nearest Bombi Dispensary to provide guidance to communities' health-care providers and education practitioners. We are all committed to ensure that we reduce the risk of infection and improve prevention and control measures during outbreaks of cholera or any other infectious diseases.





Youth Cultural Promotion Association

Youth Cultural Promotion Association (YOCUPA) held their first ever stakeholders' workshop in Zambia aimed at introducing its new YOCUPA 7ASIDE – ASHAGs (Anti-Sexual Harassment Groups) innovation that aims at fighting sexual and gender-based violence in learning institutions, workplaces, homes, and community spaces. The stakeholders' workshop, attended by the Lusaka District Commissioner, attracted 43 participants. The event was broadcast on National Television and other private media houses and was sponsored by GRACE Cares, resulting in YOCUPA forging partnerships with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, COMESA secretariat, and other local NGOs.



The workshop was followed by the launch of the Theatre for Community Action (TCA) outreach performances in two local community areas of Chawama Compound. The community drama outreach performance reached over 1,500 participants who were educated and made aware of the dangers of sexual harassment and gender-based violence. The post-event discussion brought out many critical issues which the local people raised as the result of the performance. The impact was felt when two Anti Sexual Harassment Action Groups (ASHAGs) were established and attached to the Ward Development Committees as entry points and the place of contact for the purpose of follow ups, monitoring, and evaluation.



The other GRACE Cares funded activity in 2022 was the launch of the World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Violence which was introduced and adopted by the United Nations on 18th November 2022. The official launch attracted 33 media journalists from various media houses and was attended by the District Commissioner for Lusaka District. The activity attracted different stakeholders and was attended by over 400 participants. The news and information were highly publicized and reached millions of viewers who followed the media broadcast.



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