

2025 ANNUAL REVIEW



**VILLAGE
WATER**

*Transforming
lives through
safe water*



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

2025 has been a year of real progress, made possible by our supporters.

We've been working closely with our local partners to strengthen district systems, so decisions are made closer to the communities they serve. This helps make sure solutions last. With better data and a clearer understanding of where the gaps are, we're able to focus our work where it's needed most and reach more people.

This year, we launched our household sanitation programme, helping families improve their own facilities while creating opportunities for local businesses. We've also continued to invest in essential infrastructure, repairing water points and expanding access to safe water.

This means stronger systems, more local ownership, and services that last.

Together, we are transforming lives through safe water.



Ian Stone - CEO





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

This year has been one of great achievement despite many challenges especially in the current fundraising landscape. We have reached 102,526 people through safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services (WASH) in Zambia and Mozambique.

Our approach ensures that holistic WASH services are provided for all, leaving no one behind, and the results are demonstrating the impact we are having. Our partnerships with ECHO in Zambia, WATSAN in Mozambique, and local authorities are continuing to deepen.

The dedication of the Village Water team supported by our incredible trustees has enabled us to achieve so much this year. My thanks to them all.



Andrew Picken, OBE - Chair of the Board

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARTNERS

In 2025, our work continued to restore hope in the communities we serve. I recall visiting a community where families once dug into dried riverbeds for muddy water, mothers shared their quiet fears, aware of the risks but with no alternatives. Today, thanks to steadfast donor support and strong community engagement, that reality is changing. This year, we rehabilitated water points across many communities, restoring reliable access to safe water for thousands of families. The government and communities have expressed deep gratitude for this work and for our continued commitment. Together, we are building stronger systems that protect children and create healthier futures.

Blessing Njopera, Director of WATSAN, Mozambique



ECHO is grateful for the continued partnership with Village Water, which has enabled us to make significant strides in 2025. Together, we supported Nalolo and Mumbwa Districts in developing robust District WASH Plans, strengthening systems and integrated programming at both district and ward levels. Our district WASH Dashboards enhanced monitoring and planning. Thanks to this collaboration, more schools, health centres, and communities now have reliable access to new water, sanitation, and hygiene services. Village Water’s support was critical during the cholera response in early 2025. The impact of our joint efforts is evident in healthier, empowered communities, and we look forward to building on these achievements in the future.

Mubiana Muyangwa, Executive Director of ECHO, Zambia



OUR VISION

Better health, education and opportunity for everyone, through safe water, sanitation and hygiene, along with additional integrated activities, improving the lives of the people we work with.

Our 2030 vision: By 2030, we will transform the lives of millions through the implementation of district wide plans for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Better health, education and opportunity while moving towards 100% WASH coverage.



OUR VALUES



BOLD INNOVATION

We invest in new ideas and programmes that help us build brand, income and impact. We foster a culture of innovation and boldness.



CULTURE

We continue to put people at the centre of all we do. We listen to people and make positive changes to ensure everyone we meet has a voice. We care about what we do and the people we work to help.



FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY

We recognise the dynamic nature of our work and will remain flexible and adaptable in our approach. Embracing change, we'll respond promptly to emerging needs and challenges, ensuring our strategies remain effective and relevant.



INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY

We celebrate diversity and champion inclusivity. Our initiatives actively engage and empower people of all backgrounds, ensuring a broad range of perspectives contribute to the work we do. We foster an environment where everyone feels valued and included.



SUSTAINABILITY

Committed to long-term impact, we prioritise sustainable practices in all aspects of our work. From project implementation to resource management, we aim for solutions that endure, positively affecting communities and the environment.



TRANSPARENT IMPACT

Openness and accountability are central to our values. We will communicate openly about our successes and challenges, ensuring transparency in our operations. By sharing the impact of our work, we build trust and inspire confidence in our supporters and partners.



THELMA - RENEWING OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL MOZAMBIQUE

Thelma, a 24-year-old mother of three in Mozambique, once faced daily hardship due to a lack of safe water. The nearest source, a river three hours away, often dried up during the dry season, leaving families without reliable access. Poor sanitation and limited knowledge of hygiene practices led to frequent illness, especially among children.

These challenges deeply affected Thelma's life. As a young girl, she often missed school or arrived late because she had to walk long distances to collect water. Managing her menstrual cycle without proper facilities made attendance even more difficult. Eventually, she dropped out of school and married at a young age, limiting her opportunities for personal and economic growth.

Things began to change when WATSAN and Village Water repaired the community's water point and provided hygiene and sanitation training.

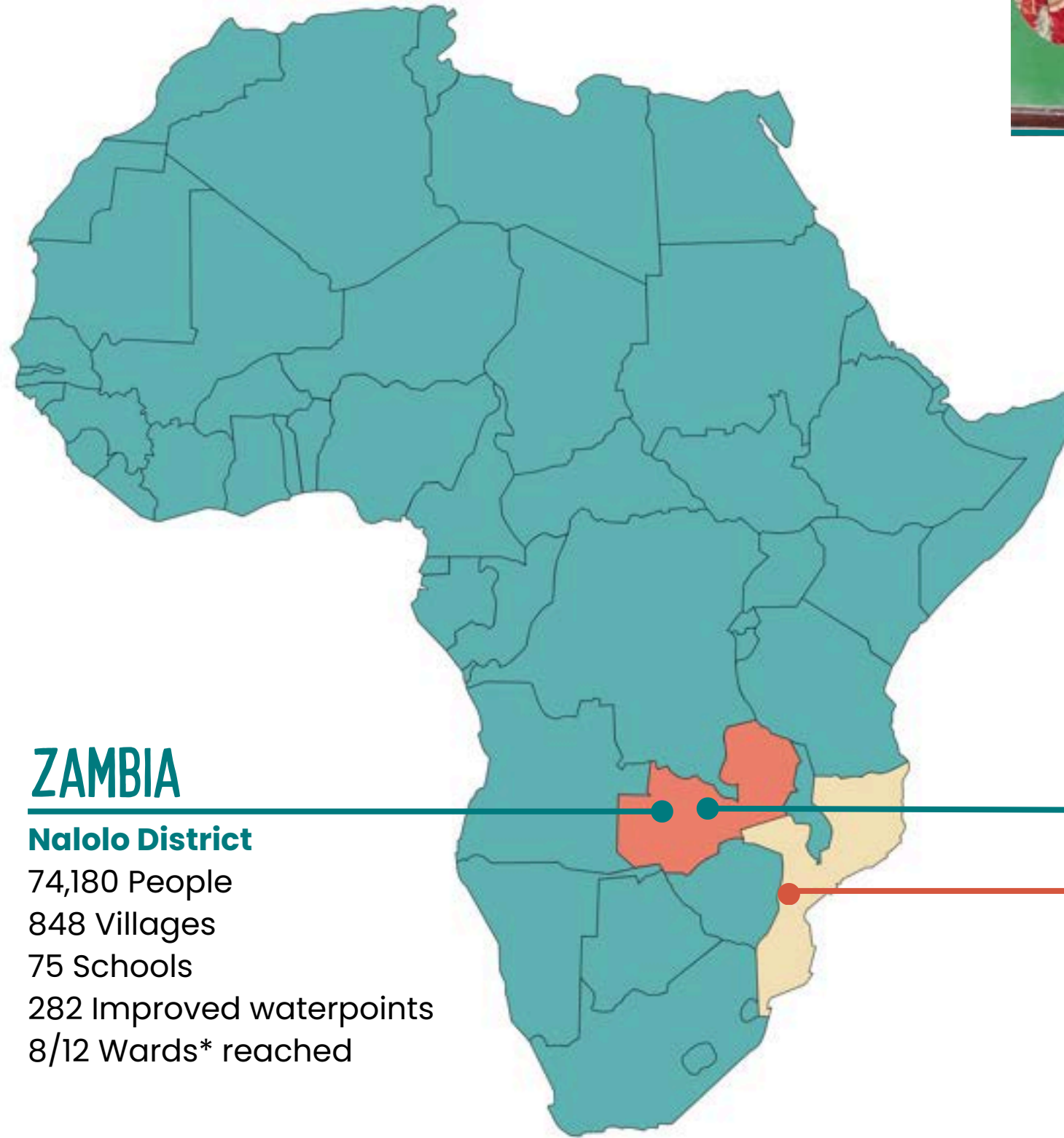
With access to safe water nearby, Thelma's family now enjoys better health and improved living conditions. She no longer spends hours collecting water and instead focuses on other activities like selling maize and caring for her children.

Today, her daughter attends school regularly and has the chance to focus on her education and build a brighter future.

"Since we no longer spend hours fetching water, I now have time to focus on activities that will benefit me, such as farming, selling maize, and taking care of my family."

- Thelma

WHERE WE WORK



ZAMBIA

Nalolo District

74,180 People
848 Villages
75 Schools
282 Improved waterpoints
8/12 Wards* reached

Mumbwa District

328,020 People
895 Villages
165 Schools
665 Improved waterpoints
4/22 Wards* reached

MOZAMBIQUE

Báruè District

185,641 People
437 Villages
126 Schools
181 Improved waterpoints
2/8 Wards* reached

*A ward is a subdivision of a district, where an average of 20,610 people live.

OUR PROGRESS ON THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



This is the core of our work, providing sustainable water supply systems and sanitation solutions to ensure communities have access to safe, clean water and improved hygiene.



Improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services prevent waterborne diseases, significantly improving community health, particularly in vulnerable populations like children and the elderly.



Providing access to clean water and sanitation, helps communities reduce the economic burden of diseases and loss of productive time, which contributes to alleviating poverty.



When children, especially girls, don't spend time collecting water, they are more likely to attend school. Girls attend school more during periods when facilities accommodate their needs. Pupils want to attend school when sanitation facilities are adequate and dignified.



Safe water supports economic productivity, both through better health outcomes and by enabling livelihoods that depend on water (agriculture, small businesses, etc.).



Women and girls are disproportionately affected by poor water and sanitation access. Improving services reduces their time burden and boosts education and work opportunities. Girls clubs help educate and support girls to know their rights.



Sustainable water management improves climate resilience to droughts and floods. Investing in climate-resilient infrastructure ensures safe water access and reduces emissions by lowering the need to boil water.




OUR IMPACT SINCE 2004


 **2,063,935**
people reached


909,293 **1,154,642**
Zambia Mozambique


 **5,159**
communities reached

 **4.1M**
tonnes of carbon emission savings

 **96%**
functional waterpoints

 **93%**
waterborne disease reduction

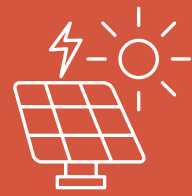
 **94%**
improved menstrual health knowledge

 **89%**
drop in girls' school absenteeism

 **2 HRS 25 MINS**
saved per household from reduced need to collect water and firewood

2025 IMPACT

INFRASTRUCTURE



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Solar systems constructed



10

New waterpoints constructed



1,161+

Rehabilitated waterpoints in villages

TRAINING



159

Hygiene and sanitation educators trained



56

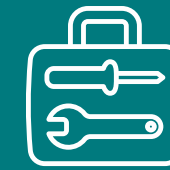
Area pump minders trained



3,606

Students trained in menstrual health management

ENTREPRISE



15

Toolkits provided to area pump minders



6

Masons trained in household sanitation improvement

REACH



13,537

Students reached with hygiene and sanitation training



80

Schools reached



130

Water committees trained in water system management



4,239

Water quality testing completed

OUR DISTRICT WIDE APPROACH

Working with district, provincial and national partners in Zambia and Mozambique, we support lasting, local solutions to reach 100% coverage of safe water and sanitation, leaving no one behind.

MASS HYGIENE AND SANITATION PROMOTION:

We support large-scale outreach campaigns in villages and schools across 3 districts to promote hygiene practices and menstrual health. In schools, girls and boys engage in open discussions that challenge stigma, improve health, and build confidence.

SCHOOL AND HEALTH CENTRES:

We construct solar-powered water systems, gender-separated toilets, urinals, showers, and accessible facilities. We also support girls' health classes and reusable pad-making workshops to improve school attendance and promote inclusion.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

Depending on the community, we install new water points or piped systems, test water quality, and train community members in maintenance.

ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT:

We mentor local masons and pump minders, helping them grow WASH businesses that offer reliable, affordable services. Toolkits are available for hire, supporting long-term maintenance and local ownership.

DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

We help connect key stakeholders, district councils, NGOs, WASH providers, and local WASH businesses, through coordination meetings and joint training. Together, we identify priorities and align resources to strengthen planning and delivery.



HOUSEHOLD SANITATION PROJECT

This project promotes sustainable and equitable access to safe and appropriate sanitation services, addressing basic needs to improve public health outcomes and contribute to poverty alleviation among rural populations.

Six masons received training in household sanitation options, building their capacity to run viable sanitation businesses.



Training masons in household sanitation is key to sustainability and local capacity. The programme combined construction and business skills, enabling masons to provide durable, affordable solutions while running viable enterprises.



The training also promoted improved household hygiene and sanitation practices, raised awareness of disease prevention, and built entrepreneurial skills. It enables masons to earn sustainable livelihoods while improving community health and sanitation coverage.



HOUSEHOLD SANITATION TRAINING

BUILDING SKILLS AND LIVELIHOODS

The household sanitation training in Nalolo District, Zambia is equipping community members with practical skills to construct improved household latrines. The initiative aims to increase access to affordable sanitation while creating livelihood opportunities through the development of local masons. Participants are gaining hands-on technical skills that enable them to provide low-cost sanitation solutions within their communities. This provides households with a range of affordable options to improve their sanitation.

Mubiana, a trainee mason, has strengthened his existing skills and expanded his income opportunities. He is now better positioned to offer affordable services and meet the needs of households in his community. The training has also empowered women such as Ireen and Likando, who are entering a traditionally male-dominated field. Their participation reflects growing interest among women in technical trades and highlights increased confidence, self-reliance, and opportunities for income generation.

The training is contributing to improved sanitation access, increased household incomes, and greater gender inclusion. It is also shifting perceptions, with participants viewing sanitation work as both a business opportunity and a contribution to community health.

“I want other women to see that we can build, we can design, and we can earn. This skill will help me stand on my own”.

- Likando, trainee



INTEGRATED PROJECT

Our integrated project is a vital initiative designed to address essential community needs while promoting health, sustainable development, and environmental stewardship. The project was successfully implemented in a community in Nalolo District, Zambia (270 people), where it focused on delivering a reliable piped water system to support both domestic use and agricultural activities, with a strong emphasis on water, sanitation and hygiene, livelihoods, and long-term sustainability.



Improved Water Access: Reliable, safe water is essential for productive agriculture. A 10,000-liter tank and solar-powered pump provide a consistent, renewable water supply for farming, even during low rainfall.



Enhanced Agricultural Productivity: Efficient irrigation and sustainable gardening allow year-round farming, boosting crop yields, improving food security, and reducing dependence on unpredictable weather.

Strengthened Local Livelihoods: By promoting self-sufficient food production and selling surplus produce, the project boosts household incomes and community wellbeing, with some earnings reinvested to maintain the water system sustainably.



IMANA COMMUNITY

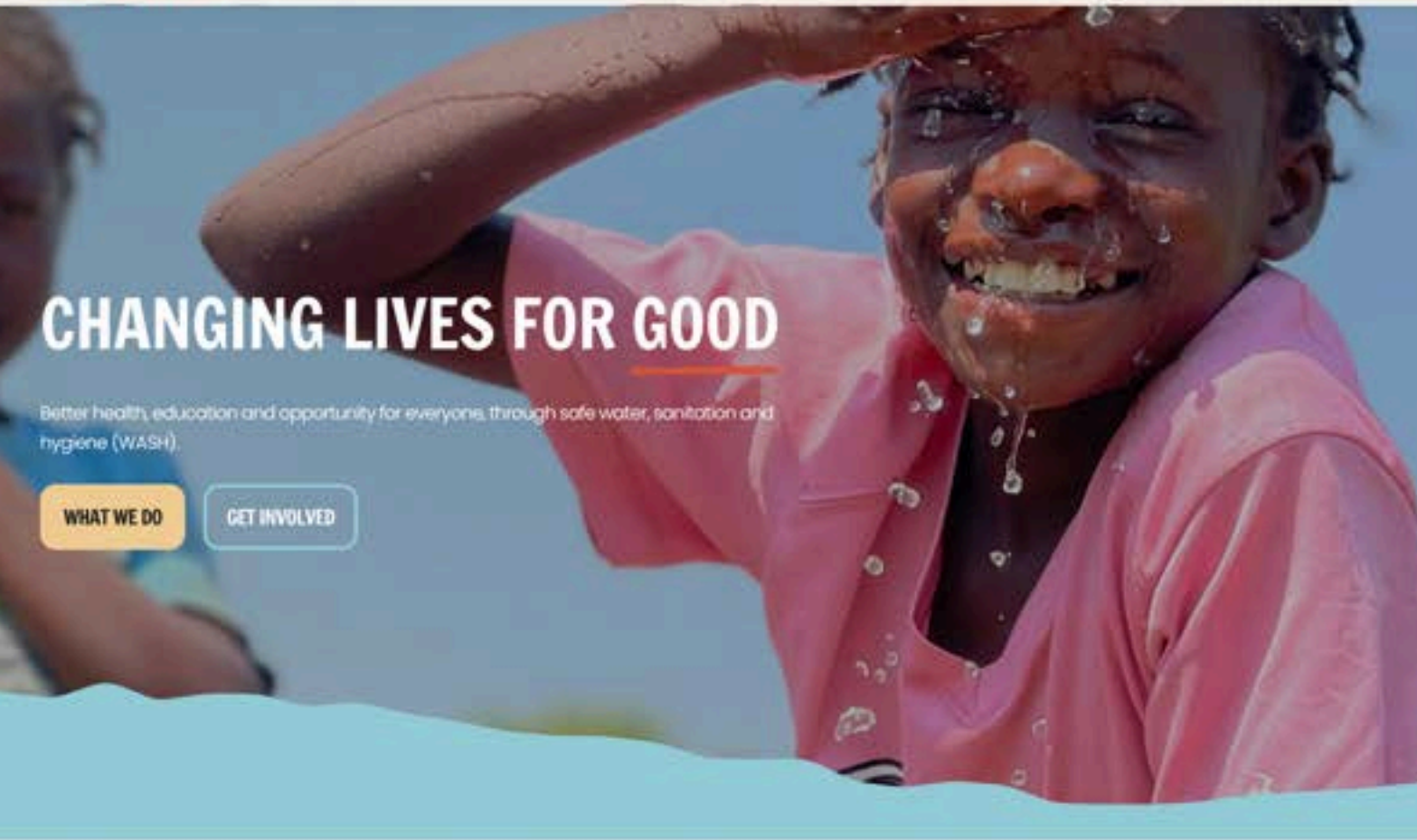
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH RELIABLE WATER ACCESS

The introduction of a reliable piped water system in Imana community in Zambia has significantly improved daily life and agricultural productivity. Previously, residents, especially women, walked long distances to collect water, often from unsafe sources shared with animals, particularly during dry seasons.

The installation of piped tap water has brought immediate and meaningful change. Households now have direct access to safe water, greatly reducing the time and effort previously spent on water collection. With direct access to safe water, households now save time and effort, improving health and allowing more focus on family care and income-generating activities. The reliable water supply has also strengthened resilience to climate challenges such as drought, enabling year-round gardening and boosting food security.

Surplus produce can be sold to support household needs, including education, while tree planting initiatives contribute to environmental sustainability. Overall, the project has enhanced livelihoods, resilience, and community wellbeing through improved water access and agricultural opportunities.

“I never thought I would sell vegetables from this garden. Now I bring home money from tomatoes, and my children eat better too.”
– Namakui, Imana community resident



CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD

Better health, education and opportunity for everyone, through safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

WHAT WE DO GET INVOLVED

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2025, we launched our new website to better share our work and impact with supporters and donors. As our organisation has grown, we saw the need for a modern, accessible platform that clearly showcases our mission, programmes, and the difference supporters make. The website improves user experience, making it easier to learn about our work, stay updated, and find ways to get involved, while providing clearer information for donors and partners on how their support benefits our projects and the communities we serve.

In November, our BBC Radio 4 Appeal, presented by our ambassador Advolly Richmond, highlighted our work supporting children in rural Mozambique. The appeal raised vital funds for safe water, sanitation, and hygiene education, services that help children stay healthy and attend school. It also introduced our work to new supporters across the UK and raised awareness of the challenges faced by rural communities across Mozambique. We are deeply grateful to everyone who listened, donated, and supported the appeal.



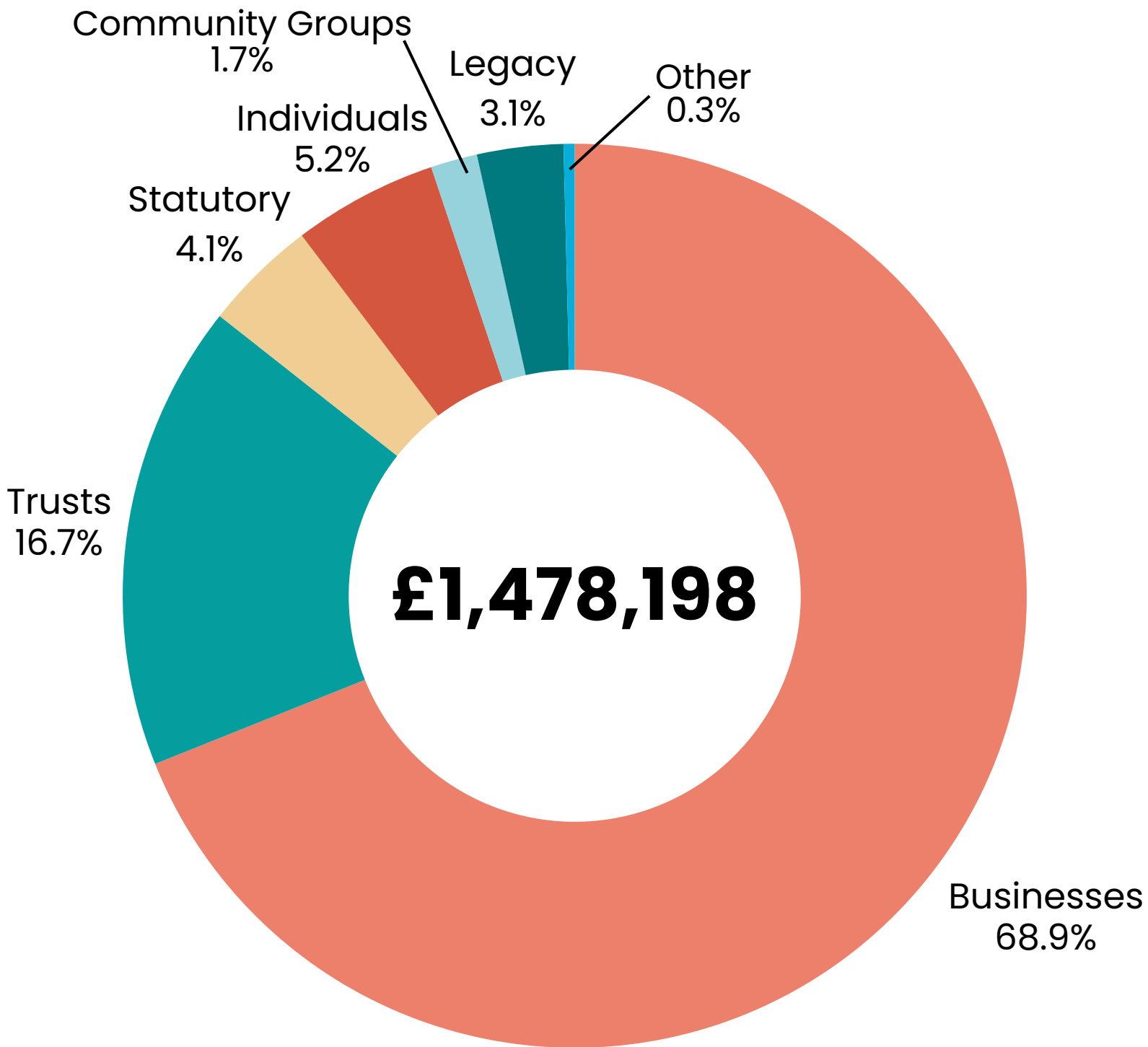
£67,059



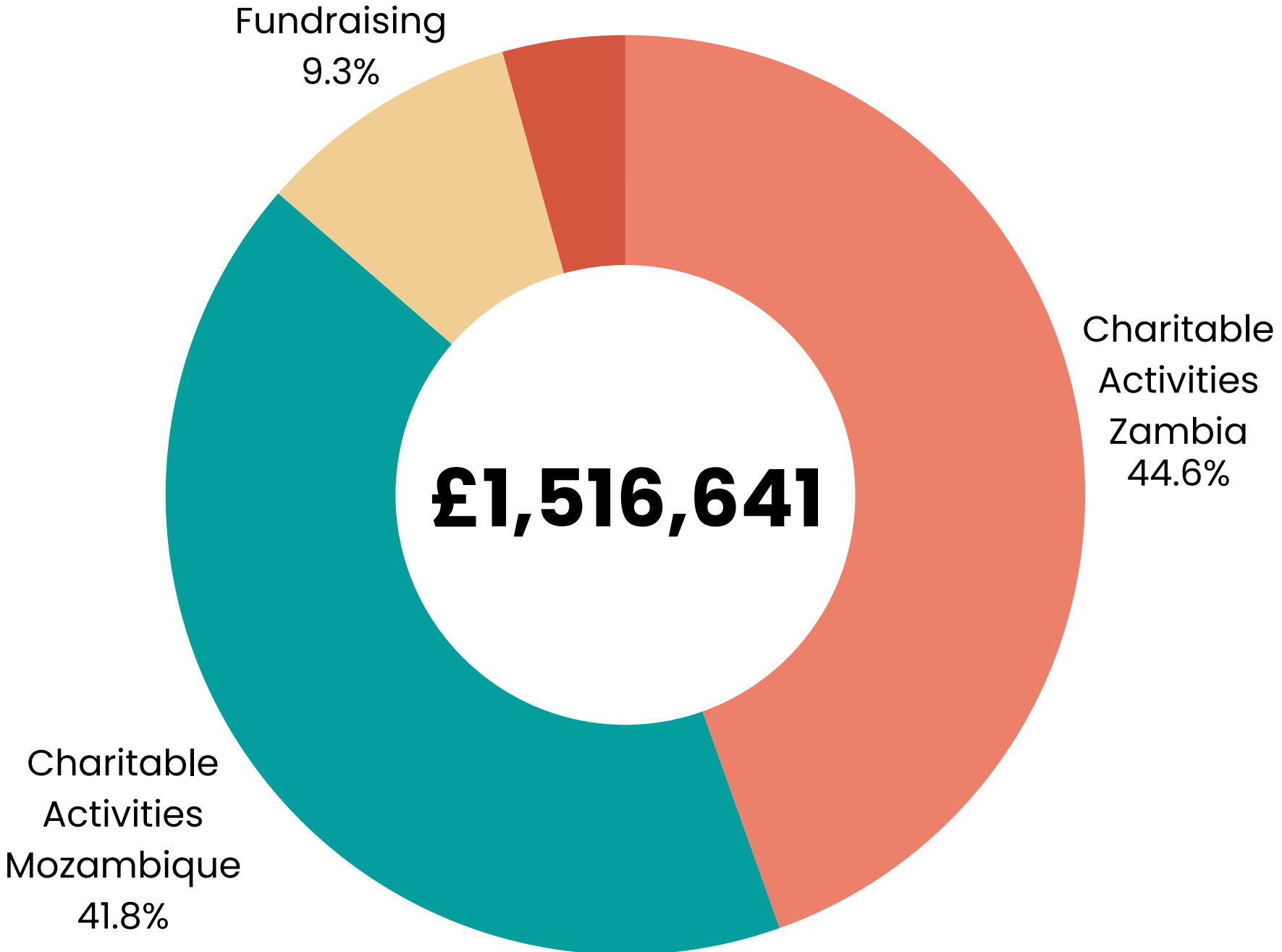
The 2025 Big Give Christmas Challenge was extremely successful. We raised £67,059 within the first 48 hours of the campaign and went on to surpass our original goal of £65,500, demonstrating the incredible generosity and support of our donors to provide safe water and sanitation education for children in Zambia and Mozambique.

FINANCIALS

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



We'd like to thank everyone who has donated to Village Water. Thanks to your generous support, we're able to reach more people and make a bigger difference. Your generosity empowers us to plan with confidence and maximise our impact.



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**THANK YOU FOR MAKING 2025
SUCH A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!**

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