

# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2024

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# our vision

a world in which people in fragile and conflict settings can actively contribute to rebuilding their own lives, health and wellbeing. We believe even the most vulnerable people have the inner strength to (re)build a better future for themselves and those around them.



# our mission

to create an inclusive world by supporting and strengthening the healthcare and mental health system in communities affected by conflict or disaster so they may regain control of their own health and wellbeing.

# our impact



**6M**

## Essential healthcare

Outpatient consultations



**141k**

## Mental health and psychosocial support

Beneficiaries of services



**15k**

## Safe spaces and services

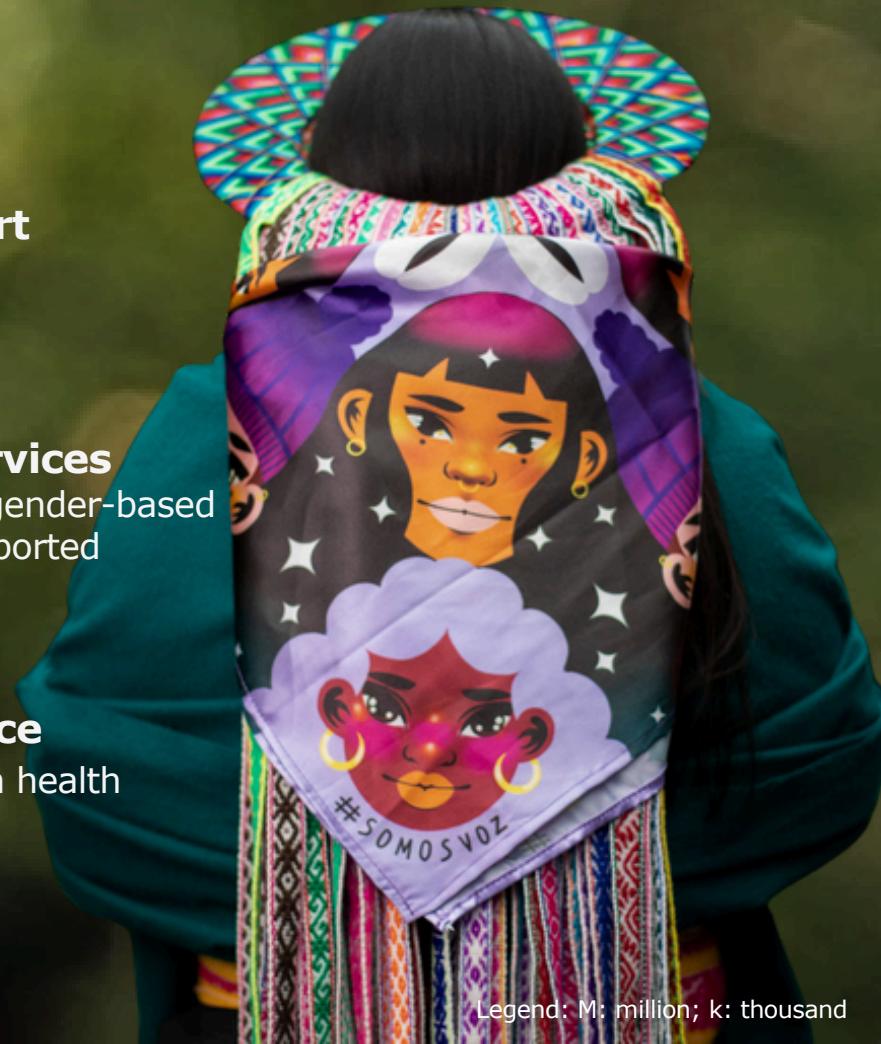
Survivors of sexual and gender-based violence treated and supported



**1.7M**

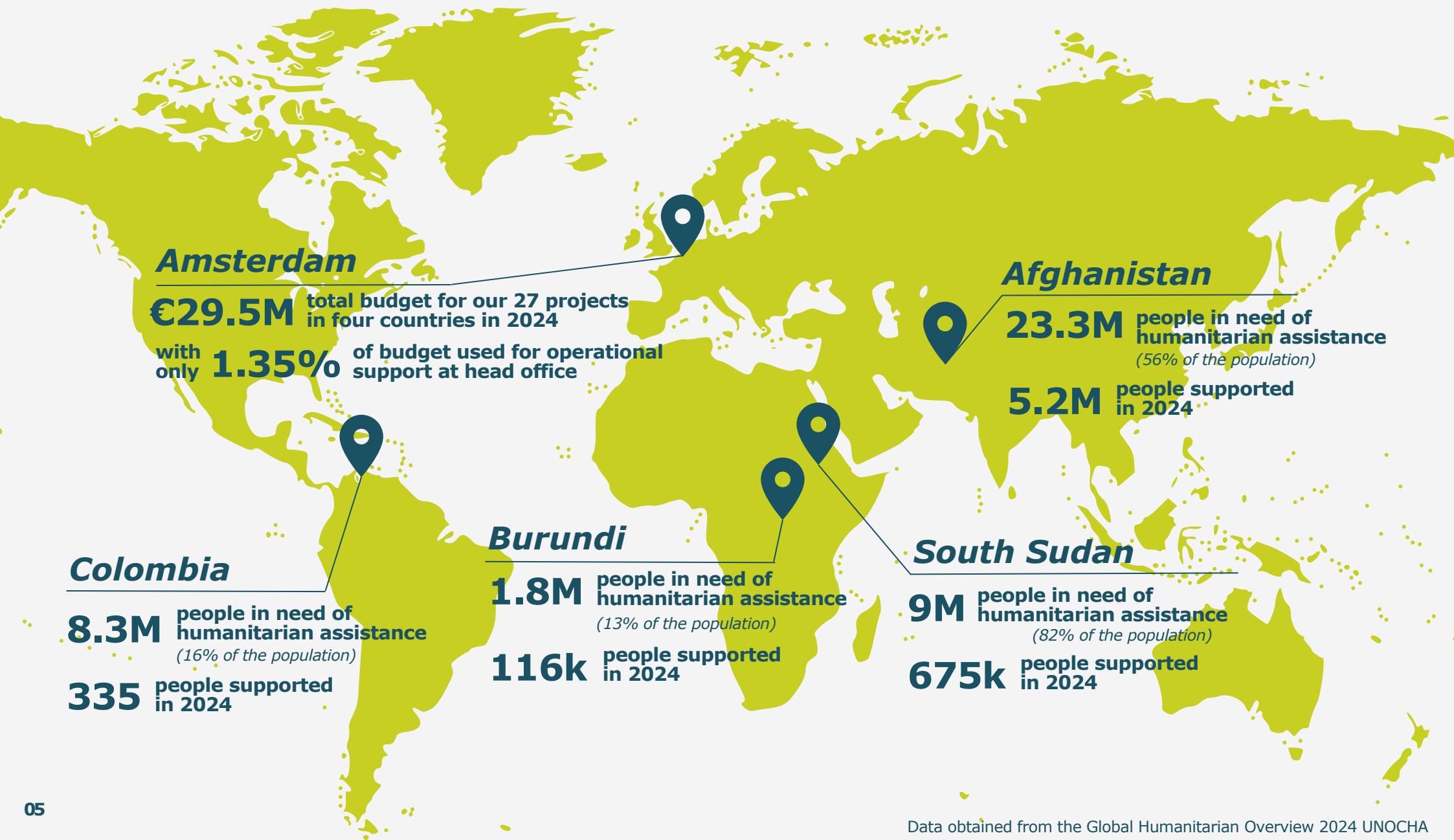
## Community resilience

E.g., people reached with health awareness sessions



Legend: M: million; k: thousand

# where we work





### Essential healthcare

We offer essential health services, because in times of need access to regular healthcare is often withdrawn.



### Mental health and psychosocial support

We offer mental health support, because people who are mentally healthy can cope with challenging situations better.



### Safe spaces and services

We offer safe spaces and services for women and children, since they are often the ones suffering the most from conflict.



### Community resilience

We build community resilience by helping communities to regain trust in themselves and in their future.

# our approach

# Afghanistan



As one of the largest NGOs operating in Afghanistan, we have been a key partner in the country's health system strengthening since 1994. In these 30 years, our work spanned across health system strengthening, including mental health services, protection, and community resilience, and ensuring access to essential care in a complex and challenging context.

In 2024, despite growing restrictions on women's rights and access to services, we continued delivering life-saving healthcare, strengthening mental health support, and emergency response. We tackled infectious diseases, malnutrition, and expanded psychosocial care, ensuring critical health services reached the most vulnerable—especially women, children, and displaced populations.

## 2024 in numbers

**18**  
*projects*

**4,176**  
*local colleagues*  
*F: 34.2%; M: 65.8%*

**5.2M**  
*beneficiaries*  
*F: 55.8%; M: 44.2%*

**7,811** *trained in healthcare and MHPSS support*  
*F: 50.6%; M: 49.4%*

# Restoring sight

## ***Mauladad's journey back to vision***

For years, Mauladad's world slowly faded into darkness. At 65, cataracts had taken his sight, forcing him to rely entirely on his sons.

In Afghanistan, where up to 800,000 people suffer from blindness—many due to preventable causes—access to eye care remains a challenge, especially in remote areas. Cataract surgeries are often unavailable or unaffordable for those who need them most.

Through HealthNet TPO's Accessible Eye Health Care Project, in partnership with **Afghanistan's Ministry of**



**Public Health and the Fred Hollows Foundation,** Mauladad received a free cataract surgery. He was one of 610 women and men who regained their sight in the last quarter alone.

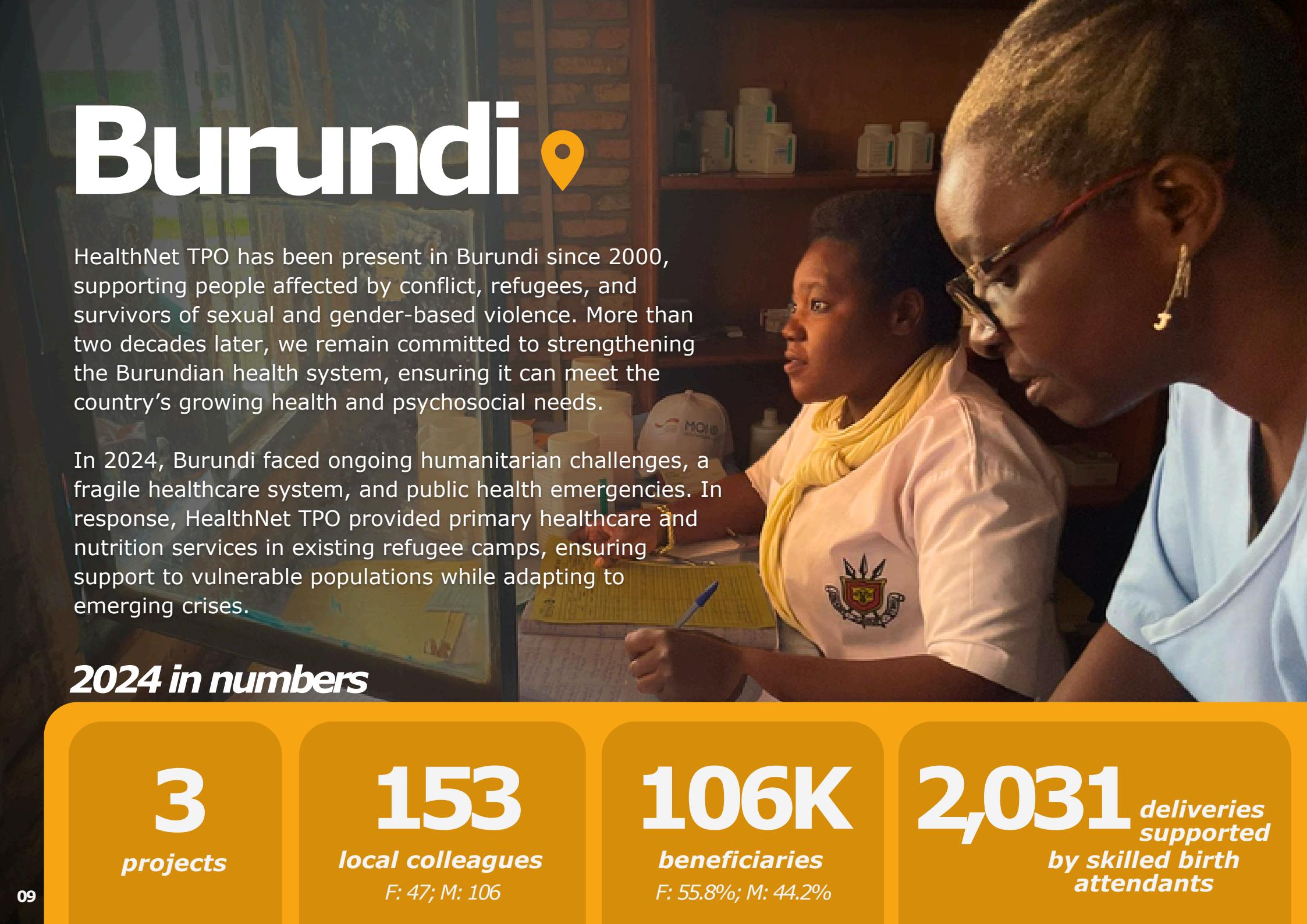
No longer dependent on his sons for daily tasks, Mauladad has reclaimed his independence. His story is just one of thousands. Every year, despite limited resources, HealthNet TPO conducts over 5,000 cataract surgeries, restoring not just vision, but dignity and hope.

With continued support, we can bring sight—and a brighter future—to thousands more Afghans.

*I depended entirely on my sons, who already struggle to provide for our family. But after my surgery, I can finally see again. Regaining my sight transformed my life and the one of my family.*

*Mauladad, 65-years-old*

# Burundi



HealthNet TPO has been present in Burundi since 2000, supporting people affected by conflict, refugees, and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. More than two decades later, we remain committed to strengthening the Burundian health system, ensuring it can meet the country's growing health and psychosocial needs.

In 2024, Burundi faced ongoing humanitarian challenges, a fragile healthcare system, and public health emergencies. In response, HealthNet TPO provided primary healthcare and nutrition services in existing refugee camps, ensuring support to vulnerable populations while adapting to emerging crises.

## 2024 in numbers

**3**

*projects*

**153**

*local colleagues*

*F: 47; M: 106*

**106K**

*beneficiaries*

*F: 55.8%; M: 44.2%*

**2,031**

*deliveries supported*

*by skilled birth attendants*

# Healing through nutrition

Judit, a dedicated nutritionist at HealthNet TPO, witnesses this reality every day. She works on the frontline, identifying and treating cases of acute and severe malnutrition.

Through a partnership with the government and support from UNHCR, HealthNet TPO provides life-saving nutritional treatment to those who need it most. But addressing malnutrition is not just about survival—it's about recovery and resilience.

Alongside food support, HealthNet TPO integrates healthcare, mental health, and reproductive services to ensure a holistic approach to wellbeing.

“—  
*At the refugee camp, we treat more than 50 cases per month, people get stronger, healthier and the children and family can have health development to prevent death.*  
—”

*Judit, nutritionist*

With these efforts, approximately 98,000 refugees, asylum seekers, and returnees receive essential care, giving families the strength to rebuild their lives. “When we treat malnutrition,” Judit says, “we’re not just saving lives—we’re giving people a chance at a healthier future.”

By continuing to support these interventions, we can break the cycle of hunger and help communities thrive.



# Colombia •

Since 2016, HealthNet TPO works in Colombia to enhance protection services for women and promote health by expanding access to psychosocial care and fostering safer communities. Through collaboration with community agents, we strengthen mental health capacities, restore social cohesion, and work to prevent gender-based violence.

With Colombia ranking as the third country globally with the highest number of people forcibly displaced by armed conflict—after Sudan and Syria—our work remains crucial. Within the Women Advocate Peace project (2021–2025), we develop collaborative research and advocacy initiatives with communities and civil society, promoting awareness, technical training, and psychosocial support to help women reclaim their rights and wellbeing.

## 2024 in numbers

**1**

*projects*

**7**

*local colleagues*

*F: 6; M: 1*

**335**

*female beneficiaries*

**106**

*trained on healthcare*

***SGBV support and MHPSS***

*F: 65.1%; M: 34.9%*



# 'Somos Voz' – 'We Are Voice'

***In a small theater in Bogotá, 24 women gathered, each carrying stories of resilience, pain, and strength.***

They were feminists, activists, dancers, journalists—women from different backgrounds, yet bound by the shared experience of gender-based violence. This was Somos Voz, a space designed by HealthNet TPO Colombia, GOAL, and Buen Ayre Visual to heal, empower, and transform, becoming a place where voices merged, creating a tide of collective power.

The workshop was a blend of movement, storytelling, and emotional release. Some women danced, others spoke about their struggles, and many shed tears. But at its heart, it was about reclaiming joy.



"This space was a gift," Fabrina Acosta, one of the participants, shared. **"It wasn't just about pain—it was about finding new ways to live beyond it."**

As the event ended, a powerful realisation settled among the women: they were no longer just survivors—they were voices. "We are voices" - Fabrina said, - "Let no one forget it."

The gathering was not just a moment but the start of a movement. From the raw, honest conversations emerged 16 short documentaries, set to be the foundation of an audiovisual campaign advocating for safer spaces for women and girls (check it out at page 19!).

*“— Women, like the waters, when they gather, they grow. —”*

# South Sudan



Since 1995, HealthNet TPO has provided primary healthcare and hospital services in South Sudan, focusing on strengthening the health system, improving mental health, and preventing gender-based violence. By working closely with local authorities and community leaders, we help build resilience in the face of ongoing challenges.

In 2024, South Sudan continued to grapple with conflict, a neighbouring war in Sudan, a fragile healthcare system, and limited infrastructure. Despite these hardships, our local team remained dedicated to expanding healthcare access, strengthening maternal and child health services, and supporting peacebuilding efforts, ensuring that communities receive essential care and protection.

## 2024 in numbers

**5**

*projects*

**87**

*local colleagues*

*F: 18; M: 69*

**675K**

*beneficiaries*

*F: 50.5%; M: 49.2%*

**2,122**

*trained in healthcare  
and MHPSS support*

*F: 30.7%; M: 63.9%*

# Breaking the silence

## ***Suicide Prevention in South Sudan***

In 2020, South Sudan recorded the 13th highest suicide rate globally, with many cases affecting young people aged 15 to 29. Yet, stigma prevents open conversations, leaving families isolated and those at risk without help. A major obstacle to addressing suicide in South Sudan is the stigma surrounding mental health issues. **Cultural perceptions often view suicide as a moral failing or as a hereditary sin**, and families impacted by it may face social exclusion.

HealthNet TPO is working to change this paradigm, trying to create awareness and mobilising community support to prevent suicides. Beyond awareness, we train health workers and community leaders to identify and support those at risk while strengthening local support networks.

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*We aim to make mental health discussions part of everyday life, so people feel empowered to seek support when needed.*

*Boniface Duku, Programme Coordinator*

Trying to reach a wider audience Boniface Duku, HealthNet TPO Programme Coordinator for the Leaders of Peace Programme, participated in radio broadcasts on Eye Radio and Radio Miraya, spreading vital information on recognising warning signs and seeking help.

Lastly, trying to establish a systematic impact, HealthNet TPO, in partnership with the South Sudanese government, is also helping integrate mental health services into the national healthcare system. By fostering understanding and support, HealthNet TPO is making mental health care accessible and saving lives.



*Pamela Kermit,  
psychosocial  
health  
worker in  
Terekeka.*

# our projects

## Afghanistan

### Malnutrition prevention and treatment

Malnutrition remains a major challenge in Afghanistan, affecting children's growth and survival. HealthNet TPO implements nutrition programmes that provide targeted supplementary feeding, integrate nutrition services into hospitals, and support families with life-saving interventions. These efforts ensure that malnutrition is prevented and treated, particularly in crisis-affected areas.

Targeted supplementary feeding programme - WFP

📍 *Khost, Kabul, Kunar and Laghman*

**25k**  
children under 5  
treated for severe  
acute malnutrition

**4.9M**  
outpatient  
consultations

### Essential Health Services

Access to essential healthcare remains a challenge in Afghanistan, particularly for women and children. HealthNet TPO strengthens maternal, newborn, and child health services by supporting hospitals, emergency response mechanisms, and integrated healthcare programmes. These interventions aim to reduce maternal and child mortality, improve emergency care, and expand healthcare access in underserved regions.

MSF support - Médecins Sans Frontières

📍 *Khost*

Provision of Essential  
Life-Saving Healthcare  
Services - WHO

📍 *Baghlan*

Assistance for Families &  
Indigent Afghans to Thrive  
(AFIAT) - MSH/USAID

📍 *Khost*

Eye Care System Integration for Sustainable  
Development - The Fred Hollows Foundation

📍 *Kabul, Nangarhar, Kunar, Khost and Laghman*

Provision of Essential Integrated Health Services in  
Areas of Return of Kunar and Laghman - UNOCHA

📍 *Kunar and Laghman*

Centre for IMPACT (Research project) - NIHR

Health Emergency Response - UNICEF/The  
World Bank

📍 *Khost, Kunar and Laghman*

**63K**  
pregnant women  
were supported by  
skilled birth  
attendants in health  
facilities

## Infectious disease detection, prevention and treatment

Preventing and controlling infectious diseases is critical to protecting Afghanistan's population, particularly vulnerable groups such as refugees, returnees, and mobile populations. HealthNet TPO focuses on early detection, vaccination, treatment, and strengthening healthcare systems to improve disease response. Our projects tackle tuberculosis (TB), malaria, polio, measles, HIV/AIDS, and COVID-19, ensuring that life-saving interventions reach those most in need.

TB Resilient & Sustainable Systems for Health - UNDP/GFATM

📍 *Badghis, Farah, Ghor, Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar, Zabul, Uruzgan and Helmand*

Combined grant on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria - UNDP/GF

📍 *Laghman, Kunar and Khost*

TB interventions refugees, returnees and mobile populations - UNDP

📍 *Herat, Nimroz, Kandahar, Khost, Laghman, Nangarhar and Bamyan*

Provision of Hospital Services through Standalone Infectious Diseases Hospital - WHO

📍 *Nangarhar*

Polio routine immunisation - Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

📍 *East-regions Afghanistan*

**980k**  
beneficiaries  
were vaccinated either  
against malaria,  
pneumonia,  
diarrhea, TB, HIV/AIDS  
or COVID-19.

## Mental health and psychosocial support

The worsening of mental health conditions is a growing crisis in Afghanistan. HealthNet TPO integrates MHPSS into healthcare services, ensuring access to community-based support, specialised mental health care, and hospital-based interventions. Through these projects, we provide psychological first aid, strengthen referral pathways, and improve access to care for those experiencing trauma and distress.

Youth focussed programme - UNFPA

📍 *Kabul*

Increased access to integrated Mother and Child Health Services - UNFPA

📍 *Nangarhar, Herat, Nimroz, Farah, Kapisa, Laghman, Kunar, Parwan, Khost, Paktia, Ghor and Takhar*

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support - UNHCR

📍 *Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Regions*

 **812** people trained  
on mental health and  
psychosocial support.

Supporting Provision of Mental Health Hospital Care in Kabul Mental Health Hospital - WHO

📍 *Kabul*

Strengthening Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services in Afghanistan - European Commission

📍 *All provinces*

Capacity strengthening and scale up of integrated MHPSS programming in Afghanistan - UNICEF

📍 *Kabul*

# Burundi

HealthNet TPO is committed to strengthening primary healthcare, mental health, and child protection services while responding to emerging health crises. In collaboration with key partners, throughout 2024 we provided essential healthcare and psychosocial support for refugees and returnees, protected vulnerable children in humanitarian settings, and responded to infectious disease outbreaks like MPOX. Our work ensured that the most at-risk populations received the care and protection they needed to rebuild their lives in a challenging environment.

**2.4k** children  
fully immunised through  
HNTPO-supported facilities

Enhancing Primary Healthcare and Nutrition Services  
for Refugees and Returnees in Burundi - UNHCR

 *Bubanza, Bujumbura, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Ngozi, Ruyigi, Muyinga, Makamba, Rutana, Rumonge,*

Emergency response to MPOX outbreak in  
Burundi - Streetchild via UNICEF

 *Bujumbura*

Strengthening Child Protection and Service Delivery  
for Children Affected by Humanitarian Emergencies  
in Burundi - Streetchild via UNICEF

 *Mubimbi*

# Colombia

After decades, Colombia still experiences the long-term effects of conflict, with women often at the forefront of peacebuilding efforts. Throughout 2024, HealthNet TPO supported initiatives that empowered women as key actors in conflict resolution and social transformation. Through the Women Advocate Peace project, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of the Dutch Women, Peace, and Security National Action Plan IV (under Security Council Resolution 1325), we strengthened women's leadership, promoted dialogue, and enhanced community resilience. By fostering inclusive peace processes, we contribute to sustainable stability and the protection of women's rights in Colombia. This important project will continue till the end of 2025.

Women Advocate Peace - Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

 *Bolívar, La Guajira, Putumayo and Meta*

**335** people  
received MHPSS and  
psychosocial service

# South Sudan

HealthNet TPO continued its commitment to improving healthcare access, strengthening maternal and child health services, and supporting peacebuilding efforts. In collaboration with key donors, in 2024 we provided essential healthcare services, enhanced medical infrastructure, and contributed to community-led peace initiatives. By integrating health and strengthening health systems and interventions, we worked towards building stronger, more resilient communities in South Sudan.

**4k** people  
received family  
planning services

Leaders of Peace - Dutch Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs

 *Terekeka, Juba, Torit, Panyijiar, Yambio, Aweil, Magwi Counties*

Providing Essential Healthcare Services - Health  
Pooled Fund

 *Terekeka, Nyamlel, Raja, Kuajok*

Renovation, Electrification and Equipping/Capacity  
building of MCH in Lietnhom PHCC Gogrial East  
Warrap state - UNMISS

 *Eat Payman, Gogrial East*

Completion of 5 rooms MCH - UNMISS

 *West Payman, Gogrial East*

CCM Funding Recipient - The Global Fund

# our partners



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the  
Netherlands

## 'Somos Voz' – 'We Are Voice': A Journey from Violence to Healing

HealthNet TPO Colombia x GOAL x Buen Ayre Visual GBV Campaign

To mark International Women's Day on November 25, 2024, HealthNet TPO Colombia, in collaboration with GOAL and Buen Ayre Visual, launched the Somos Voz initiative. As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, the campaign featured 16 powerful videos, each highlighting a different form of gender-based violence. [Watch the campaign here](#).

These stories of survival and resilience not only raised awareness but also fostered dialogue and solidarity within communities. By amplifying the voices of Colombian women and girls who have endured violence, Somos Voz empowered them to advocate for change and contribute to lasting peacebuilding efforts.

Through this collaboration with GOAL, the campaign reached more people, sparking wider conversations on gender-based violence. Working together enhanced both organisations' impact, highlighting the power of collective action in creating change.



# collaborations



## Bikes to Empower Health Workers in South Sudan

HealthNet TPO x WeWard Fundraising Campaign

In partnership with WeWard, HealthNet TPO launched a fundraising campaign to provide bicycles for health workers in South Sudan. These bicycles are a lifeline, enabling healthcare teams to travel long distances and reach remote communities where medical services are scarce.

By improving mobility, this initiative ensures faster access to essential care, from maternal health check-ups to emergency treatments. It not only strengthens healthcare delivery but also empowers frontline workers, reducing the physical strain of walking for hours to serve those in need.

Thanks to WeWard's platform and its engaged community, the campaign successfully mobilised public donations, demonstrating the power of collective giving.

# a letter from our managing director

2024 was a challenging year, where HealthNet TPO had to overcome financial and operational challenges to expand essential health and MHPSS services in fragile regions. Nonetheless, by enhancing collective resilience and strategic achievements we set the stage for future successes.

As we reflect on 2024, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together at HealthNet TPO. Despite facing financial uncertainties and operational challenges, we have continued to deliver essential health services, expand mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programmes, and strengthen our presence in fragile and conflict-affected regions. Our teams in Afghanistan, Burundi, Colombia, and South Sudan have shown remarkable resilience, ensuring that even in the most difficult circumstances, communities receive the care and support they need. The successful securing of long-term partnerships and the expansion of our organisational capacity have positioned us well for the future.

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus remains steadfast on strengthening MHPSS integration, enhancing programme monitoring and evaluation, and broadening our advocacy efforts

on critical issues such as gender-based violence prevention and health system improvements.

We will also continue to build strategic partnerships, diversify funding sources, and invest in digital platforms to increase our global reach. The expansion of our team in Amsterdam also marks a step forward in improving our operational effectiveness, ensuring that we have the expertise and resources needed to support our field teams effectively.

However, we acknowledge that significant challenges lie ahead. The shifting landscape of international development funding, including reductions in government and institutional support, requires us to be more adaptive and financially resilient. The political and humanitarian crises in regions where we work, particularly in Afghanistan and South Sudan, continue to place immense pressure on our teams and resources.

While we have made progress in stabilising our financial reserves, the pace of recovery remains slow, underscoring the need for innovative funding strategies and operational efficiency.

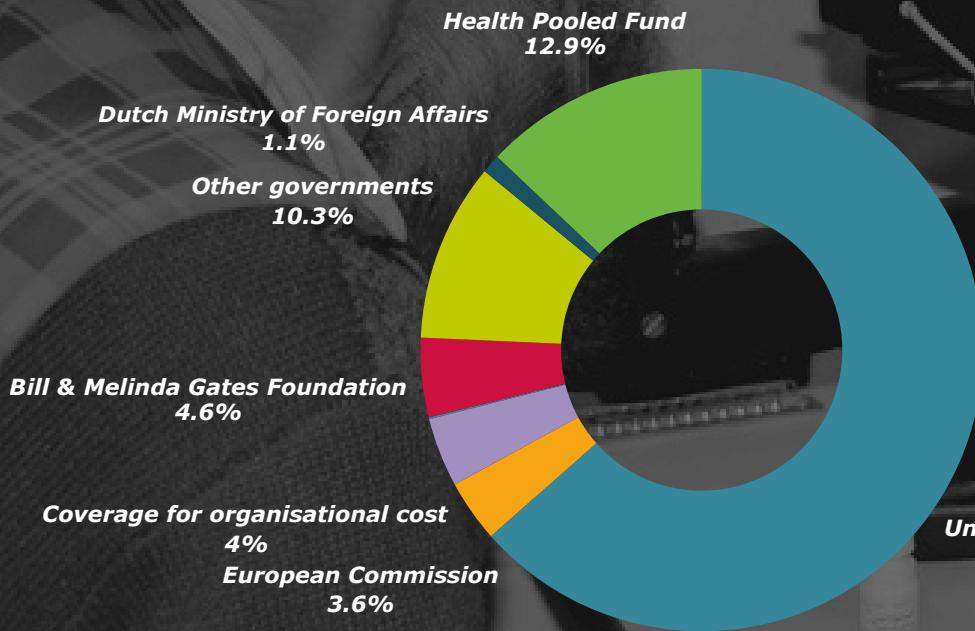
Despite these challenges, I remain optimistic. HealthNet TPO has a long history of overcoming adversity, and our strength lies in our ability to innovate, adapt, and remain committed to our mission. I want to thank each of you—our staff, partners, and supporters—for your dedication and perseverance. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Let's move forward with confidence, knowing that even in uncertainty, our impact remains strong.

**Hans Grootendorst**  
*Managing Director*



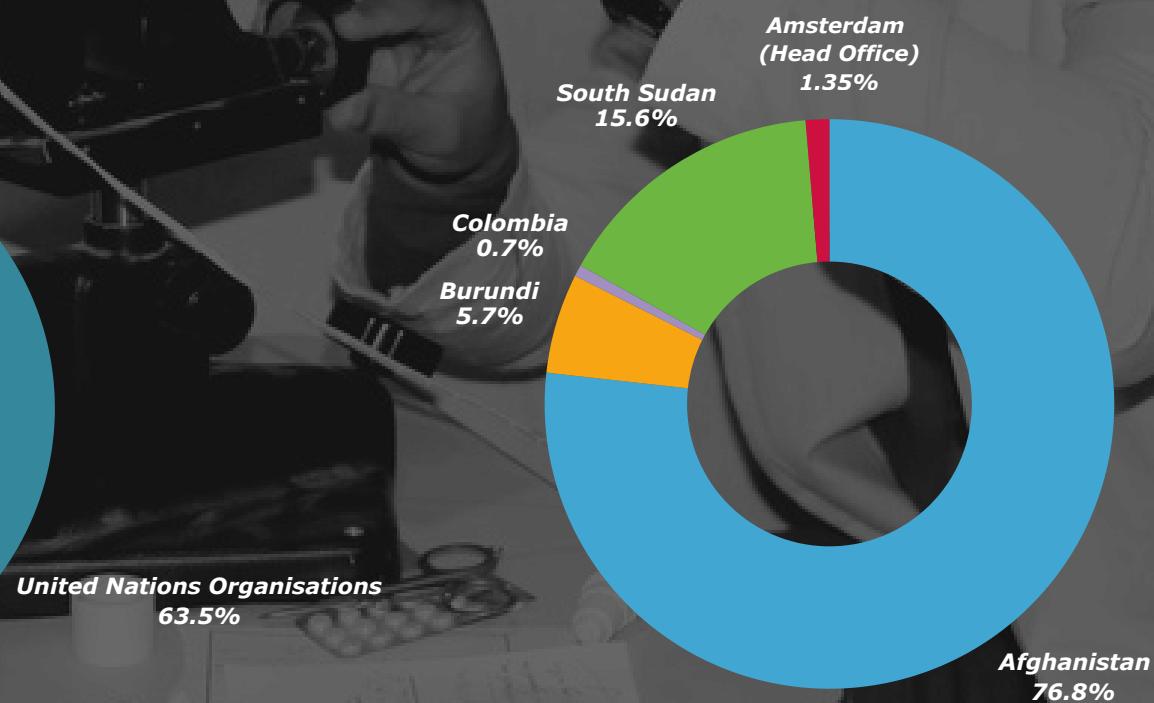
# financial outlook

## Income (fundraising + institutional donors)



In 2024, HealthNet TPO managed a total budget of **€29.5 million**, funding 27 projects across four countries to deliver essential healthcare and mental health services in some of the world's most challenging contexts. Only 1.35% of the budget was allocated to operational support at our head office. This ensures that the vast majority of resources directly support communities in need, reinforcing our mission to provide sustainable, high-impact health interventions while maintaining financial resilience and accountability.

## Expenses (per countries)





**restoring *health*  
rebuilding communities**

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