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Delivering health and hope for 36 years

HEALTH PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CANADA



IN MEMORIAM: THE HONOURABLE JAKE EPP

2025 marked the profoundly sad passing of Health Partners International Canada's Chair Emeritus, mentor, and inspiration, the Honourable Jake Epp.



Mr. Epp had been a guiding force for Health Partners International Canada (HPIC) since his initial involvement and steadfast champion for our mission to increase access to medicine and improve health in vulnerable communities.

A passionate advocate for global health equity, Jake Epp served as a Member of Parliament from 1972 to 1993, including as a senior Minister in the Joe Clark and Brian Mulroney governments. Following his distinguished political career, he continued his lifelong commitment to public service as Board member and eventually Chair of the Board of HPIC. In this role, he consistently used his influence to champion solutions to the challenges faced by vulnerable populations around the world.

Mr. Epp played a pivotal role in HPIC's growth and helped navigate the complex landscape of international health and development. His advocacy efforts were instrumental in securing critical funding and support for HPIC's programs, enabling us to reach more people in need. His deep connections within government and the pharmaceutical industry fostered dialogue and collaboration, leading to innovative solutions to global health challenges.

His contributions are immeasurable. His vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to improving global health have left an indelible mark on HPIC and the communities we serve.

His legacy will continue to inspire our mission and guide our work.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

2024–2025 was a year marked by increased scale, rising complexity, and deepening humanitarian need.

Escalating conflicts, large-scale displacement, and the collapse of essential health services intensified crises in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Iraq, Haiti, Malawi, and Mali—where hospitals and clinics struggled to meet urgent medical needs.

HPIC responded to these challenges by mobilizing medicines to these conflict zones as well as delivering relief to areas devastated by natural disasters - including Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean, the earthquake in the Philippines, and floods in Pakistan.

The numbers in this report represent the collective effort of many - the HPIC team, our dedicated partners at home and abroad, the Canadian pharmaceutical industry, private donors, and countless individuals and community groups. Together, we are united by a single mission—to increase access to medicine and restore health for those who would otherwise go without.

Thanks to your support and that of our partners, HPIC expanded its entire global impact—delivering life-saving medicines to people in need across 39 countries.

For me, it is the individual stories from the field that bring this mission to life. Stories like Maria's in Guatemala—a mother of nine—who lived with chronic pain for years, unable to haul water or wood for her family. When she heard about a mobile medical clinic stocked with HPIC-provided supplies near her village, she walked over five hours to receive a simple hernia repair. That procedure restored her health, and Maria was once again able to care for her loved ones.

Or the note we received from a doctor working in a mobile clinic in Gaza:

“Your donations are not just boxes of medicine—they are lifelines. They have helped us treat patients who would have otherwise been turned away and brought hope to families in their darkest hours. For many, the medicine you sent meant the difference between life and death. We may never meet, but our patients will never forget your kindness.”

The power of restored health is immeasurable. Children stay in school, parents can provide for their families, and communities thrive. By partnering with us, you are part of this lifeline that brings health, hope, and the promise of a better future to people all over the world.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois D. Brown".

Lois Brown

President, Health Partners International Canada

OUR 2025 IMPACT



39

countries supported



\$15 million
in medicines delivered

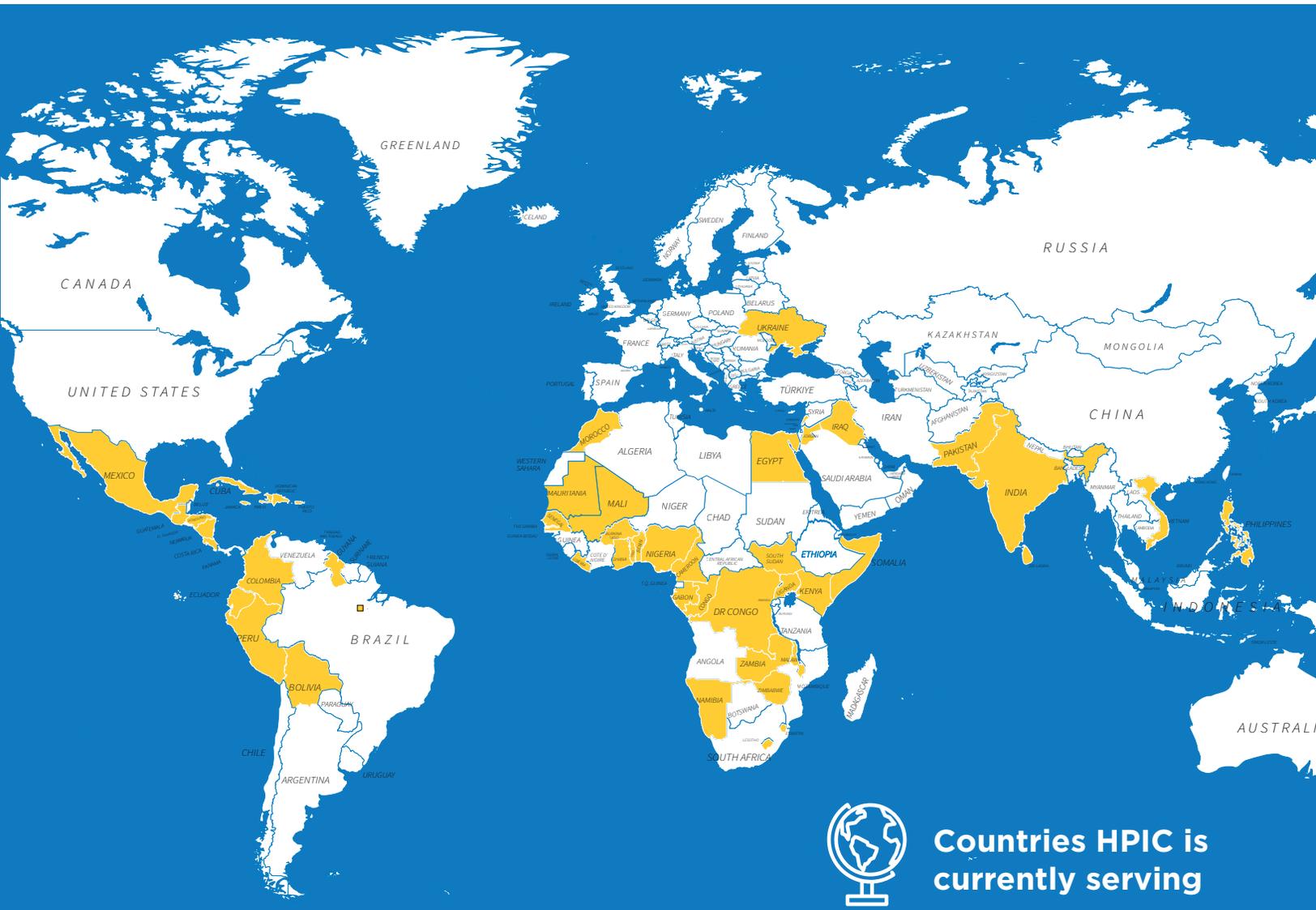


751,976
patients treated



1.5 million
treatments provided





Countries HPIC is currently serving

OUR PROGRAMS

HPIC's mission falls into three categories:



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

When disaster strikes, HPIC can quickly coordinate with our partners to provide life-saving medicines and medical supplies to communities affected by crises such as conflicts, natural disasters, and humanitarian emergencies. HPIC-supported medicine helps prevent avoidable deaths and sustain frontline services during emergencies.

ACCESS TO MEDICINE

HPIC strengthens health systems by improving access to essential medicines through partnerships with on-the-ground organizations, hospitals, and ministries of health. Large volumes of medicine and medical supplies are shipped to countries experiencing shortages. Our Humanitarian Medical Kits (HMKs) act as portable 'pharmacies in a box' giving medical missions a means of rapid deployment of medication where health systems are overwhelmed or hard to reach.



WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Preventable health challenges continue to put women and children at risk worldwide. HPIC collaborates with grassroots organizations to reduce maternal and child mortality rates in the countries we serve through targeted programs that support healthcare workers, community education, and access to quality treatments.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Our world is heating up – geographically and politically.

Millions of people lost their homes and communities to cyclones, flooding, landslides and hurricanes. A record - setting drought spread across four continents. Our world is becoming more violent with 36 countries reporting an armed conflict. Thousands have died. Those that have survived have had to scramble for basic health care.

In response to these challenges, HPIC mobilized \$4.49 million worth of life-saving medicines and supplies last year to increase access to medicine for those living in these crisis - affected areas.

CRISIS RESPONSE IN LEBANON

Lebanon continues to face multiple crises driven by protracted conflict, economic collapse, and large-scale displacement. Health facilities have suffered extensive damage, supply chains remain disrupted, and hospitals are struggling to meet rising medical needs.

Working closely with trusted national partners— including Hôtel-Dieu, Union of Relief and Development Associations, American Near East Refugee Aid, Farah Foundation, Union des Cèdres and Lebanon American University - **HPIC delivered over \$1.6 million worth of treatments and medical supplies to Lebanon in 2024-2025.** These included antibiotics, chronic disease medicines, maternal health products, and pediatric care essentials. Through this coordinated effort, more than 83,000 people across Lebanon gained access to vital healthcare services.



“These donations were essential for patients with chronic diseases in rural and vulnerable communities.

– Farah Abi Mosleh (Farah Foundation)

CRISIS RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

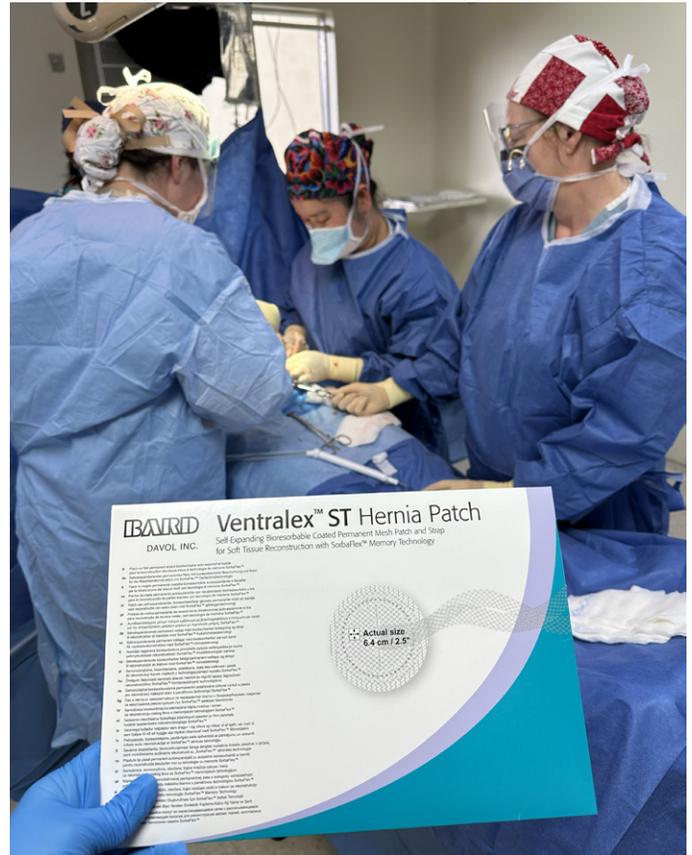
Continuous attacks have devastated Ukraine’s health system, overwhelming hospitals and severely limiting access to essential medicines—particularly for chronic diseases, trauma care, and pediatric needs. In 2025, HPIC continued to stand with Ukrainian health facilities by delivering bulk shipments of medicines **valued at over \$1 million.**

These shipments enabled hospitals and mobile units, helping thousands of displaced families access free and life-saving treatments. A key component of HPIC’s support to Ukraine was the provision of advanced Vacuum-Assisted Closure (VAC) wound-care dressings.

These specialized supplies are used to treat complex blast injuries, chronic skin ulcers, post-surgical wounds, and pressure sores. By accelerating healing and improving recovery outcomes, VAC dressings have become an essential resource for hospitals operating under extreme conditions with limited access to specialized wound-care materials.

Oleksandr Stanasiuk of the Christian Medical Association of Ukraine shared the following:

“In the spring of 2025, a man was brought to a hospital in Khmelnytskyi after suffering severe injuries during a missile attack. The patient had blast trauma, including fractures of both forearm bones and extensive soft tissue damage. Upon admission, medical staff immediately applied a VAC system using the sterile VAC dressings received from HPIC. This therapy was crucial to clean the wounds, prevent infection, and promote healing. Thanks to this support, doctors were able to perform surgical fixation with metal plates just two months later — a timeline made possible by the accelerated healing supported through VAC therapy.”



CRISIS RESPONSE IN MALI

Mali continues to face one of the most severe and protracted humanitarian crises in the Sahel, driven by armed conflict, widespread insecurity, displacement, and the collapse of essential services. Millions have been forced to flee their homes and access to healthcare, food, and other basic needs is severely disrupted.

In December 2024, HPIC responded to urgent requests from Mali’s Ministry of Health and Social Development by delivering a targeted shipment of essential medicines and nutritional supplements to the Bamako District. The shipment included metoclopramide injections, a critical medicine for stabilizing patients suffering from severe nausea, vomiting, and dehydration. These medicines have played a vital role in preventing complications and enabling effective oral rehydration and nutrition for thousands of patients.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

ACCESS TO MEDICINE



ACCESS TO MEDICINE IN ESWATINI

As a small, landlocked country in Africa, Eswatini continues to face a severe lack of medicines and supplies. In 2024-2025, HPIC mobilized \$2.2 million worth of essential medicines to Eswatini. These medicines were used to treat chronic illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes, infectious diseases, malnutrition, dermatological conditions, and pediatric and maternal health needs.

How a simple pain reliever saved a young boy

When 10-year-old Ayabongwa was bitten by a snake near his home in Mpaka, the swelling and pain left him unable to walk, attend school, or participate in the traditional dances he loved. His family feared lasting complications, as access to timely medical care is limited and medications often unaffordable. Fortunately, a local volunteer health outreach clinic was nearby.

Ayabongwa received timely ibuprofen supplied through HPIC, helping to reduce his pain and inflammation leading to a full recovery. His story is one small example of how donated medicines restore childhood, dignity, and hope for families in underserved communities.

ACCESS TO MEDICINE IN LIBERIA

After years of civil conflict and a major Ebola outbreak, Liberia's healthcare system continues to face major challenges including a shortage of trained medical personnel and inconsistent access to essential medicines. HPIC helped bridge these gaps by equipping clinics, supporting medical missions, and strengthening local capacity. In the past year, HPIC shipped **\$2 million worth of essential medicines and nutritional supplements to Liberia.**

These included antibiotics, antifungals, analgesics, antipyretics, anti-inflammatories and vitamins, helping ensure that more patients could access the care and treatments they need.





ACCESS TO MEDICINE IN SENEGAL

In July 2025, IRIS Mundial organized its first-ever mobile ophthalmology clinic in the remote district of Podor, Senegal, bringing essential medicines, diagnostic supplies, and compassionate care for the first time directly to this underserved community.

Over the course of the mission, 1,013 patients were examined - elders who had long given up hope of seeing clearly again and children struggling with infections that affected their learning and daily activities. Patients received treatment from medicines supplied through HPIC for conditions such as glaucoma, bacterial and viral infections, inflammation, and conjunctivitis.

In July 2025, Dr. Augustine Ballah and his team at Loads of Love in Liberia conducted a two-day medical outreach using medicines supplied through HPIC-provided HMKs. Over 500 people - some untreated for years - received medical care. For many, receiving free medicines was the difference between living in constant pain and reclaiming their daily lives.



One young boy arrived with his mother after having his left eye surgically removed. The wound was still raw—painful, swollen, and infected—and his remaining eye was also affected by bacterial conjunctivitis. Without treatment, he risked losing vision in his remaining eye. The team treated him with oral antibiotics, topical antibiotic drops, and prednisolone to reduce inflammation. It was not a cure for everything he had endured, but it brought real relief at a moment when he needed it most.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

In 2024–2025, HPIC expanded its Women's & Children's Health Program through multi-year initiatives in Kenya, Ghana, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Lebanon.

These initiatives focused on strengthening facility-level capacity, improving nutrition interventions, and enhancing emergency obstetric care to reduce preventable maternal and child deaths.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

In Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, the renewed M23 armed conflict has intensified the humanitarian crisis, displacing more than 700,000 people and overwhelming an already fragile health system. Despite deteriorating working conditions and severe shortages of medical supplies, midwives and healthcare workers continue to provide essential care to pregnant women and newborns.

With financial support from UNIFOR SJF, the Cap Sante-Goma collaborative led by HPIC is helping to stabilize emergency maternal and newborn care services, strengthen healthcare worker resilience, and build the health system's capacity to respond effectively in crisis situations.

The 12-month pilot project includes a rapid needs assessment, phased training sessions, distribution of essential medical supplies, and ongoing advocacy—laying the groundwork for sustainable improvements in



maternal and child health in one of the most challenging humanitarian contexts.

“This training provided new tools and powerful insights to improve our care for mothers and babies. It was practical, interactive, and tailored to our reality.”

— Elizabeth Samvura, Midwife
HEAL Africa Maternity Department (Goma, July 2025)

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH IN GHANA

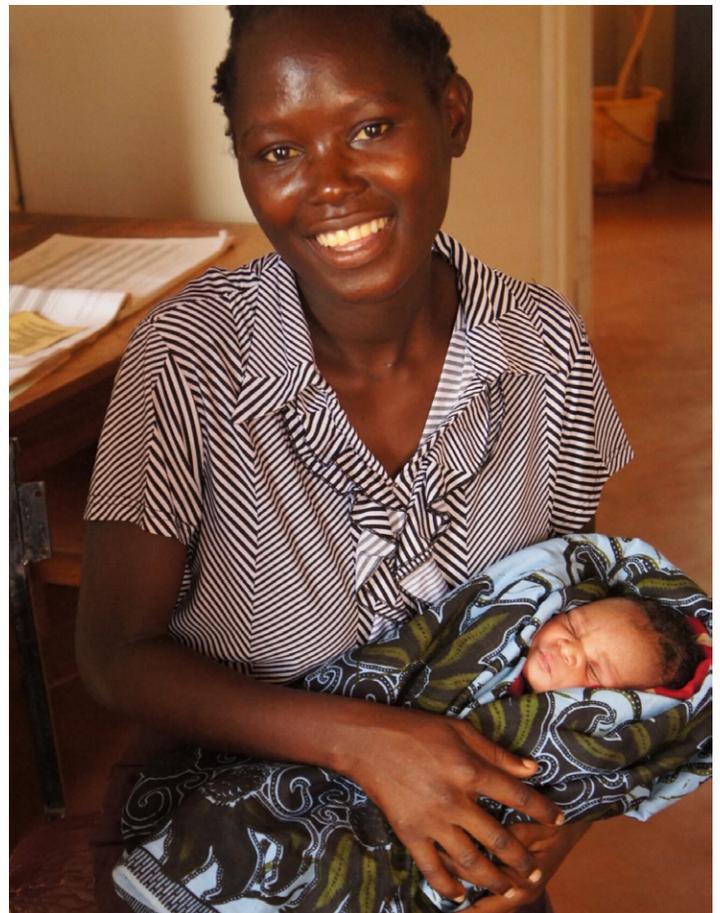
In Ghana, 1 in 17 children die before age 5 years, primarily from malaria, pneumonia, diarrhea, and neonatal causes. These challenges are most severe in the Upper East Region, where 90% of households live below the poverty line and physical access to health facilities remains limited.



The HOPE Project is a Women’s & Children’s Health initiative designed to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidity across 49 communities in the region. In 2025, the project continued to deliver strong results in capacity-building, community engagement, and improved service delivery, including the training of 30 midwives and 57 community-based agents.

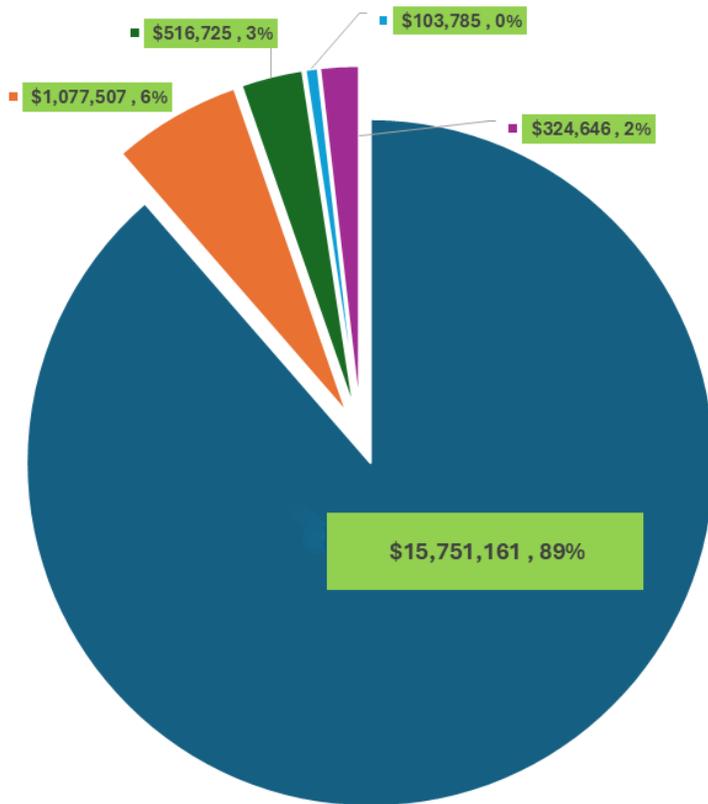
A community member, Madam Akos Zambuni, a mother of four from Senebaga, shared how the project transformed her understanding of child health:

“Before this project came to our community, many of us believed convulsions in children were caused by witchcraft. Through the durbars and household education, I have learned that malaria is dangerous but preventable. We now keep our homes clean, drain stagnant water, use mosquito nets, and protect our children. I hope the project continues and reaches other communities too.”



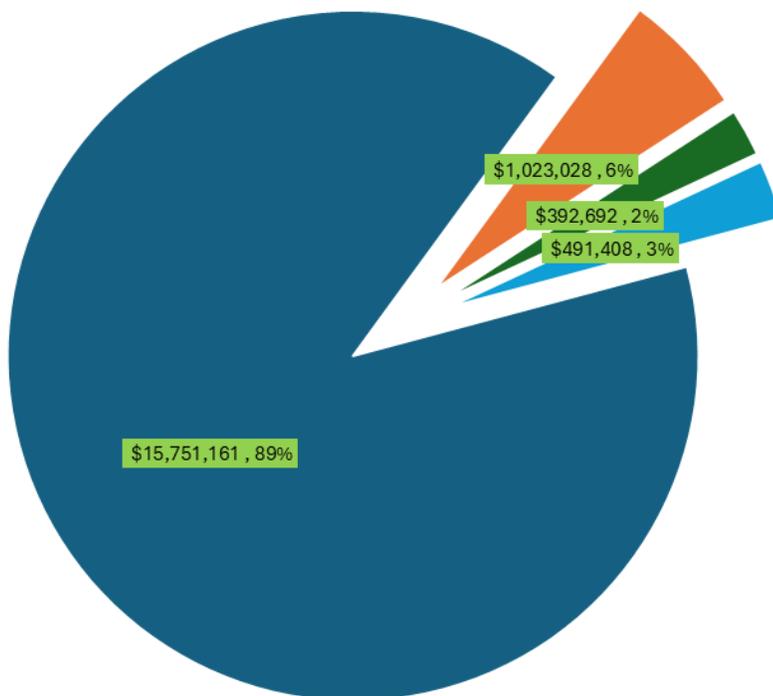
2024-2025 FINANCIALS

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REVENUE

- Gifts in Kind (Inventory)
- General Donations
- Contributions
- Government Grants
- Other Revenue



EXPENSES

- Gifts in Kind (Inventory)
- Programs
- Fundraising
- Administration

Thank you to our partners!

Since 1990, HPIC has delivered \$750 million worth of medicines, improving access to healthcare for over 35 million people in 130 countries.

Health Partners International Canada is grateful for our many partners who provide the very foundation of our mission. We mobilize the generous surplus donations of medicine and medical supplies from Canada's pharmaceutical and medical supply partners in collaboration with hundreds of Canadian and International on-the-ground partners in over 130 countries to provide health and hope to vulnerable people in need. It is the kindness and generosity from our incredible Canadian pharmaceutical partners, humanitarian colleagues, community service groups, financial contributors and volunteers, that makes our mission possible.





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**Thank you for your continued support
and belief in our mission.**

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