



Working hand to hand and heart to heart

2024 Annual Report

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The world is in such turmoil that it's often hard to know what we can do. As humanitarian workers, we remain committed to our work despite the overwhelming obstacles. **Your contributions** keep us going and **TOGETHER** we let those we serve know that there is **HOPE**.

Hands On Global is a small NGO that collaborates with other organizations—both on the ground internationally and locally in the U.S.

In 2024, our international team was on the ground in **Ukraine**, working tirelessly to provide aid. We also visited refugees being resettled in the EU as part of our **REFUGEE SUPPORT** Project.

On the domestic front, our project in Helena, Montana—**HARRT (Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team)** continues to welcome refugee families in collaboration with the International Refugee Committee.

In December, when the Assad government fell in **Syria**, our colleague from Refugee4Refugees returned to Syria. His reports from the ground have been devastating. In response, we began supporting his efforts to deliver food and medical care. At this time, we are preparing to send a team into Syria as soon as it is safe to do so.

All of this work is possible because of **YOU, OUR DONORS**. Your generosity and trust make everything we do possible. Please continue to support these vital projects.

We live in a global community where every person and every community matters. While we may be facing challenges ourselves, countless others around the world are enduring unimaginably devastating circumstances and need our support.

Thank you for your caring hearts and unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Valerie Hellermann, Executive Director

2024 Our Projects

****UKRAINE****

Our Ukraine team made a significant impact by hand delivering complex orthopedic equipment to four trauma hospitals through collaboration with **SIGN INTERNATIONAL FX CARE**. Additionally, we provided abdominal/liver surgical instruments and new endoscopic equipment to Zytomer Regional Hospital with a grant from **NOVA UKRAINE**. Our colleague Max, who manages a partner NGO in Ukraine, diligently supplies essential equipment to both civilian and frontline medical teams. At his request, Hands On Global supplied 3,000 CAT tourniquets through our **STOP THE BLEED** Campaign. These tourniquets are life and limb saving and can make a critical difference in emergency situations. We also provided financial support for the acquisition of critical emergency medications. Our team remains steadfast in its commitment to continuing our support for Ukraine.

Delivering orthopedic supplies



STOP THE BLEED - CAT TOURNIQUETS



Complex orthopedic equipment in use



Refugee Support

Over the years, our teams have worked in various refugee camps in Greece. We have had the honor of working with refugee volunteers in the camp clinics. We have met their families and heard their stories of fleeing for their lives. Some of these individuals have been granted asylum within the European Union, yet their resettlement journeys have been arduous, and resettlement remains a complex process and often with very minimal support. Our team has undertaken road trips throughout the European Union to provide assistance and check-ins whenever necessary. Our unwavering commitment to assisting those in need has only grown stronger over time. We have pledged never to forget the remarkable individuals we have encountered and had the privilege to work with.



Our colleague Omar Alshakhal, from **Refugee4Refugees**, continues his tireless efforts in Greece supporting refugees within the EVROS region. We are committed to providing ongoing financial support to his refugee support projects.

****Syria****

The recent collapse of the Assad regime in Syria has finally ended 14 years of a devastating civil war. Omar Alshakhal, a refugee in exile for 13 years, returned to Syria . He has been diligently documenting the country's devastation through video reports. The situation in Syria has deteriorated significantly, with widespread destruction and dire humanitarian conditions resulting in overwhelming needs.

The population is grappling with severe food insecurity, and medical care is severely compromised. In response, we have provided emergency funds to Omar to support individuals in his home region - Deir Ez Zor. These funds have

enabled Omar to purchase food bags and flour to establish a bakery, addressing the urgent need for basic foods.

We have engaged in FaceTime conversations with doctors at the local hospital. They shared images of the damage and explained the urgent need for repairs and equipment. The hospital is severely understaffed as many medical professionals have been either killed, fled Syria, or sought refuge in IDP (internally displaced persons) camps.

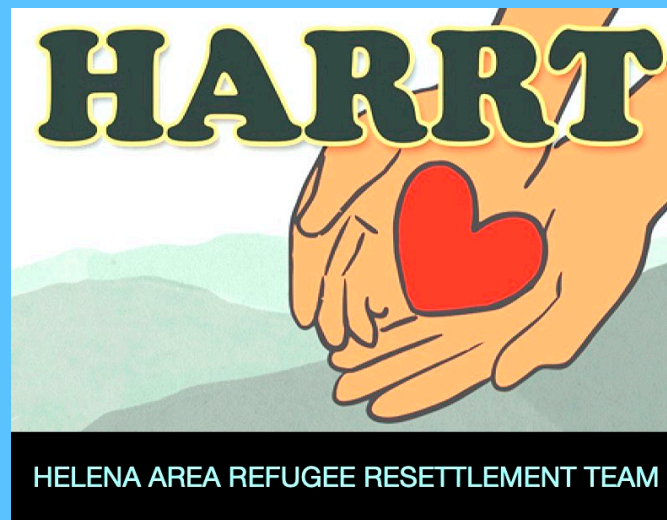


The Hands On Global team is currently mobilizing to provide support to Syria. We are currently exploring the most effective ways to contribute to the humanitarian efforts in the region with a possibility of sending in a medical team.

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HELP THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN
SYRIA**

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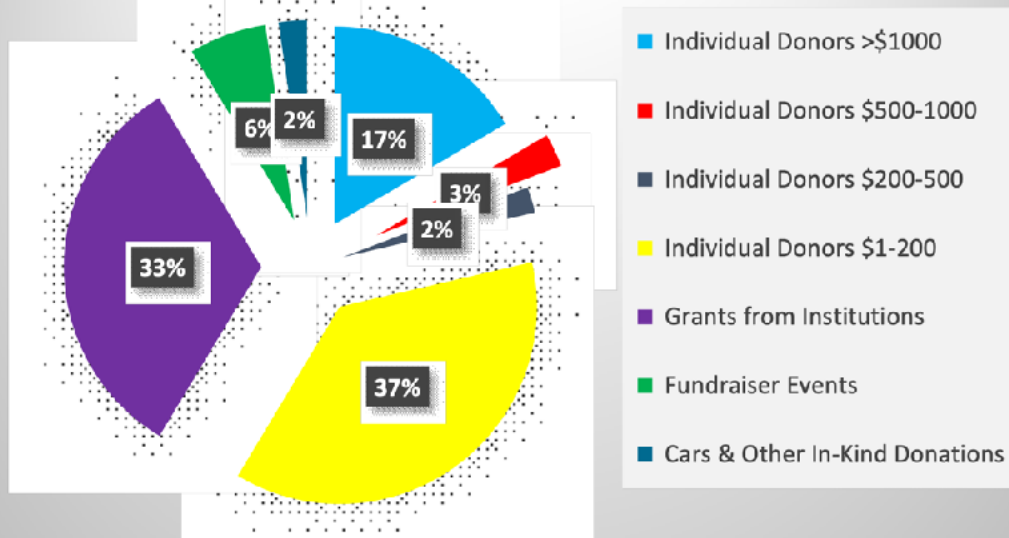


The Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team (**HARRT**) - a domestic initiative of Hands On Global, is actively engaged in providing assistance to refugees in **Helena, Montana**. Collaborating with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), HARRT facilitates the resettlement of refugees by enabling them to establish new lives within the community. **The HARRT CENTER** serves as a place for comprehensive resource services offering support to refugees across a wide range of needs. Additionally, the organization hosts Refugee Empowerment Programs, empowering refugees to become independent and self sufficient. Community integration activities are regularly held here. In 2024, **HARRT welcomed 31 refugees**, predominantly from Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is truly gratifying to assist these refugees in starting a new life safely, with opportunities for growth. They have all found gainful employment and are grateful for their childrens opportunity to attend school. We are so appreciative to the Helena community who have welcomed these refugees with remarkable warmth and unending support!

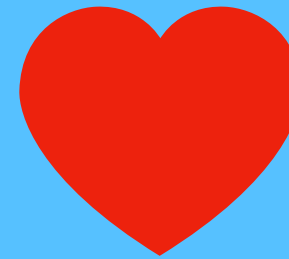


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**Elementary refugee children at
music and art ESL program**

Who Supports Us

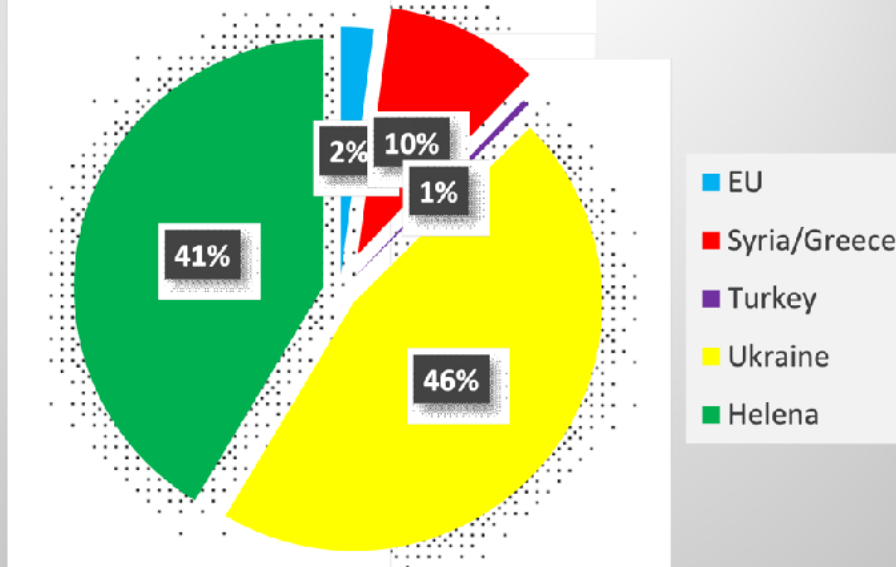


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Your donations big and small make our work possible. Hands On Global will continue in 2025 working “hand to hand and heart to heart”.



Where We Work

(Percent of Expenses)



We invite you to continue supporting our work and help us achieve even greater impact!

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