



IMPACT REPORT

REPORTING ON PROJECTS RUNNING FROM JAN — DEC 2024

WELCOME TO OUR IMPACT REPORT



Here at USPG, we care deeply about our missional work with our global Anglican church partners. We ensure that every pound you give, every support you offer and every prayer that is prayed goes a long way to making a real and tangible difference in the lives of church communities and families.

Through your generous responses to our appeals, from your church giving, regular gifts and legacy giving, you are helping to equip and transform one life at a time.

We encourage you to share the work of USPG with your families, friends and networks. Do also share with us your fondest stories and memories of USPG as we would love to hear more from our faithful supporters.

We thank you for praying with us, for standing with us, and for enriching the lives of our sisters and brothers across the nations. Your support is truly making a lasting impact.

Atim Henshaw

Director of Communications, Engagement and Fundraising, USPG

WHO WE ARE

Our vision at USPG is for the churches of the Anglican Communion to experience a deeper fellowship together in Christ and be sources of transformation within their communities and beyond. We partner with churches across the Anglican Communion in rethinking mission, energising church and championing justice.

We are led by our three objectives in realising our vision:

- 1 Rethinking Mission:** We bring people together from different parts of the global church in mutually enriching conversation and profound encounters, to increase understanding and deepen our discipleship as inter-cultural Christians.
- 2 Energising Church:** We make connections between the dioceses of the Churches of Britain and Ireland and those overseas and we seek ways in which faith and action can go hand-in-hand. We look to strengthen the unity and capacity of the Anglican Church by promoting education and leadership, by learning from each other in rich exchange.
- 3 Championing Justice:** We accompany churches of the Anglican Communion in their struggles against injustices associated with gender, climate change, migration, the human rights of indigenous people and inter-religious living. We support Christians across the world to form communities of hope and resistance, and we strive to give a platform to the faithful among those with power in the secular world.

MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SECRETARY/CEO



Let me start by thanking you all for the many ways in which you have supported and encouraged the life and work of USPG and our partner churches in 2024. You have given generously to our seasonal appeals – in Lent, Harvest and Christmas – and as a result greater resources have been available to support the church in Brazil as it seeks to reduce HIV/AIDS stigma, in Zululand where it is supporting communities in facing the challenge of food insecurity, and in Bangladesh with the church's work assisting with community healthcare.

Daily we hear of the desperate plight of those suffering in Gaza and the West Bank. We have regular conversations with the Diocese in Jerusalem and our Lent Appeal this year – Bring Care in Crisis – is supporting the work of the Diocese's hospitals as they work tirelessly to provide care and medical support to so many children, women and men, suffering and in need.

Amid all these challenges you – our faithful supporters – remain committed in your financial gifts, prayers and support in helping USPG partner with more churches and projects that are tangibly transforming lives. In this report you will see how every pound given is directly making an impact across our church partners and their communities. We have shared highlights from the four regions we partner with to provide a spotlight on the work that is taking place and the difference this work is making.

Thank you for the enduring support you have given to USPG, we offer our deepest thanks and appreciation. We ask that you share this impact report showing what USPG is doing among your friends, families and networks. We want to encourage those who hear about our work and are moved by what God is doing across the Anglican Communion to get involved and help us share our stories of change and impact.

The Revd Canon Dr Duncan Dormor
General Secretary/CEO, USPG

“NO ONE AFTER LIGHTING A LAMP HIDES IT UNDER A JAR, OR PUTS IT UNDER A BED, BUT PUTS IT ON A LAMPSTAND, SO THAT THOSE WHO ENTER MAY SEE THE LIGHT.”
LUKE 8:16

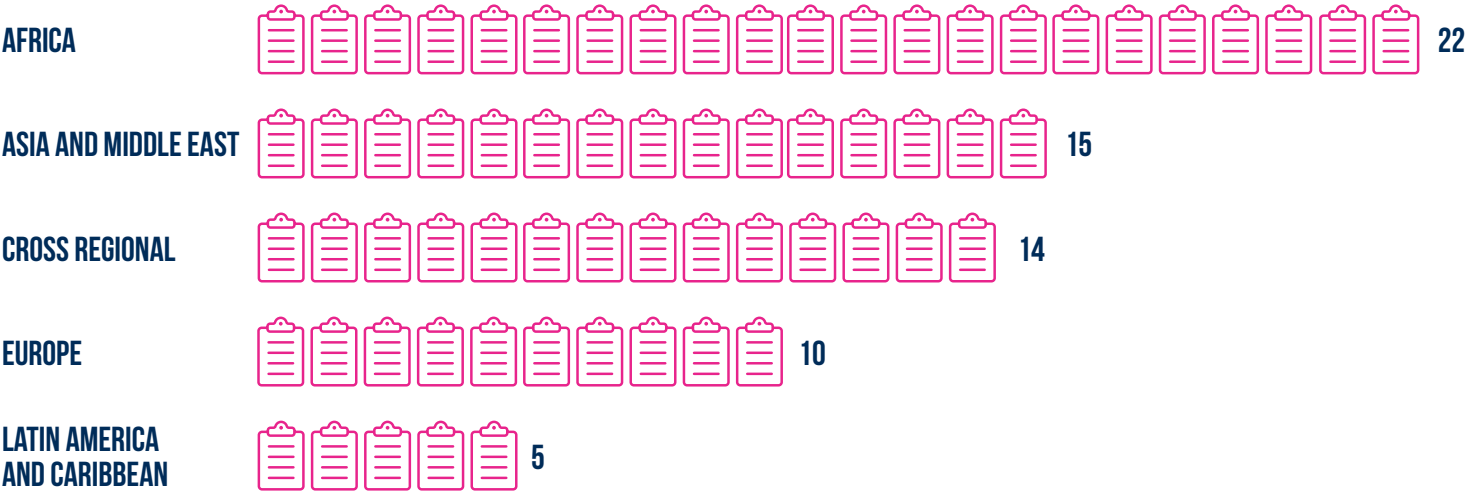
OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Over the years it has been great to see the amazing work our global church partners across the Anglican Communion are doing and how it is changing and transforming lives. For example, some of our church partners in Asia and the Middle East are involved in mission projects that focus on justice and demonstrate how we are actively working to shine God’s light and love in communities throughout the region. Below you will see a snapshot of our active projects

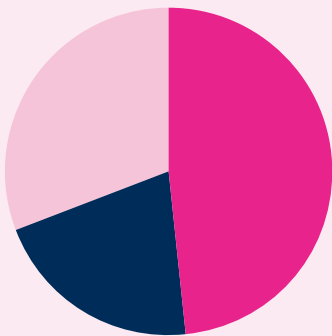
across our regions and the difference your giving is making in our programmes section of the report.

Your faithful commitment to USPG has enabled us to go the extra mile to ensure we continue to champion areas of justice, energise and equip the Church and rethink how to actively carry out our Christian mission in an ever-changing world.

NO. FUNDED PROJECTS PER REGION



FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS



APPEAL INCOME IN 2024

- LENT**
Brazil HIV Anti- Stigma
£57,827
- HARVEST**
Zululand Food Insecurity
£24,681
- CHRISTMAS**
Bangladesh Community Health Care
£36,667

TOTAL INCOME
£119,175



CHURCH GIVING IN 2024 – INCOME

£219,561



TOTAL NO. OF CHURCHES THAT GAVE

291



INDIVIDUAL GIVING IN 2024 – INCOME

£371,032



TOTAL NO. OF SUPPORTERS THAT GAVE

2198

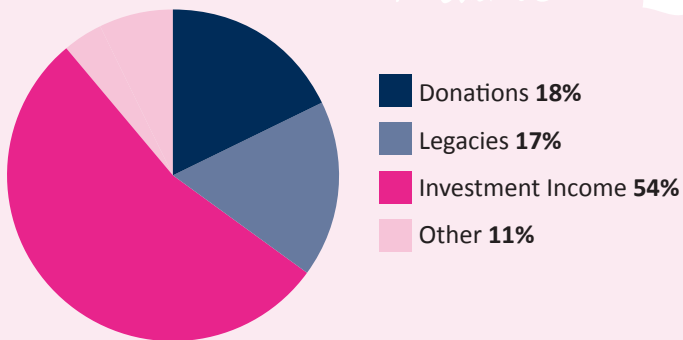
FINANCES

Each pound you give goes a long way to realising the missional work of our global church partners across our regions. From supporting anti-human trafficking programmes in Asia to

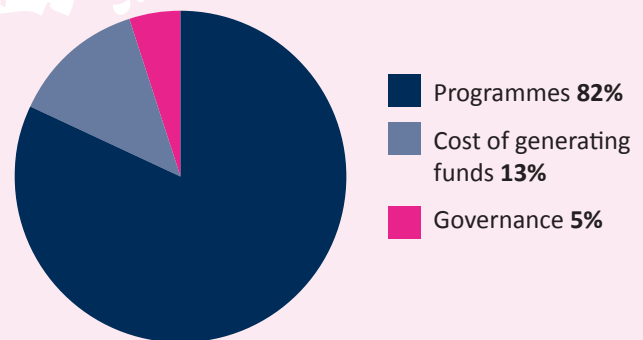
preventing HIV transmission in Africa as part of our health promotion programmes. The difference you are making to these communities is very tangible and real.

Thank you for being our faithful supporter

2024 INCOME



2024 EXPENDITURE



WHAT WE RAISED

£3.4 M

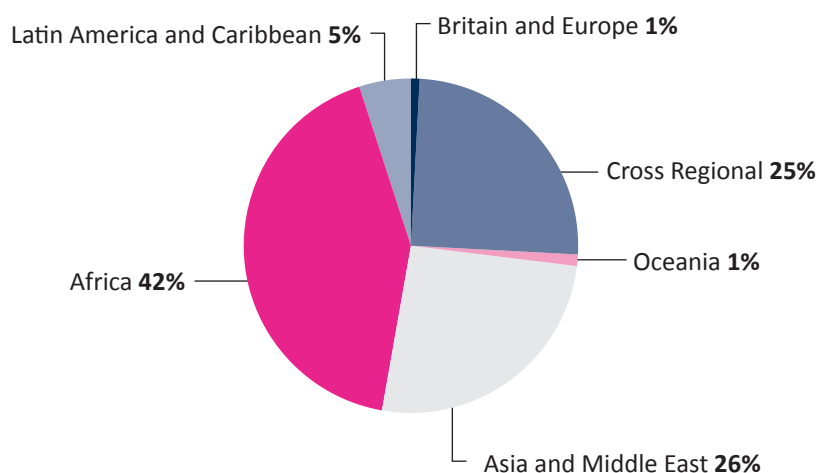
For every £1 you give, 82p goes directly to our programmes.

WHAT WE SPENT

£4.2 M

We are committed to our partners to ensure they receive the full support they need.

2024 GLOBAL MISSION SPENDING



OUR PROGRAMMES

ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Training Lay and Ordained in Mission in the Future (with a focus on the youth in the region)

Location: Jerusalem and the Middle East

Partner: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East (JME)

This programme is a two-year mission initiative with the aim to train lay and ordained young adults within the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

The programme includes envisioning, equipping and mentoring the youth through training and online mentoring. The province is exploring forms of mission and ministry and through its Provincial Synod has encouraged a strategy development process for the youth and member churches.

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has been reorganised. It now consists of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf (Cyprus, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman and Yemen); the Diocese of Iran and the Diocese of Jerusalem (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel).

KEY OUTCOMES

Activities: Year 1 – Amman, Jordan

- The aim of this project was to train participants on the development of strategic plans for the work of the province, at provincial and diocesan levels, centred around the Five Marks of Mission.
- The first-year training programme was held in Jordan with a total of 14 participants.
- All participants are actively involved in their home church. They are recognised as church leaders; some are worship leaders, or organise youth camps, lead Bible studies and/or Sunday school and youth work.

Year 2 – Cyprus

- For the second and final year of the programme, the youth conference ‘Under the tent of Abraham and Sarah’ was held in Cyprus in August 2024 with a total of 21 participants – including thirteen males and eight females.
- Topics discussed during the conference were centred around “Restoring the Call of Hospitality and Peacebuilding”. Due to the ongoing conflict in Gaza, this topic helped the participants to understand and explore ways in which they could help the Church navigate through conflict and encourage restoration.



IMPACT STORY

“As part of the programme itinerary, we attended a session from The Revd Anne Fletcher, where she presented the Diocesan Social Concern work in Cyprus. This impacted me to hear the numbers of refugees arriving to Cyprus.” Nadia Sanchez, Regional Programme Coordinator, USPG.

The theme for the week was “Under the Tent of Abraham and Sarah”. The programme included discussions and activities on welcoming the stranger, peacebuilding in the context of religious conflicts and partnering with God. Learning was achieved in many ways and included field trips to places such as Nicosia and Varosha using the historical context of the Cyprus conflict and the island’s peacebuilding efforts to support understanding and empathy.

Their time together was also rooted in worship, prayer, and spiritual reflection culminating in a service of Holy Communion at St Mark’s Chapel where the participants stated their commitment and intent to take forward what they had learnt to their local churches and communities.

The Rt Revd Sean Semple, Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf, said:

“There is great significance in the group meeting here in Cyprus. Cyprus is a divided country, and therefore it is so important for us to be gathered in a place of division, a place that has had a painful history and to seek here God’s inspiration to be people who can reconcile and be peacemakers.”

Speaking of his hopes for the time together, The Revd George Vidiakin said:

“WE HOPE TO BRING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER. IT IS NOT A COINCIDENCE THAT THE WORDS COMMUNITY, COMMUNION AND COMMUNICATION HAVE THE SAME ROOTS. SO, WE ARE HAVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES TOGETHER WHICH WILL HELP DEVELOP GOOD COMMUNICATION AND BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL THE COUNTRIES ACROSS THE PROVINCE.”

OUR PROGRAMMES

ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) Programme

Location: North and South Dinajpur District

Partner: Diocese of Durgapur, the Church of North India (CNI)

The programme's main objectives are to reduce modern day slavery and trafficking of people, promoting gender equality and supporting livelihoods. When formulating the approach, the team decided on a three-pronged approach – Prevention, Protection and Prosecution.

The programme is targeted at young people, their families and neighbours, police, and child line offices in North and South Dinajpur District, an area which serves as a hub for cross-border trafficking in the country. Local communities in this area are poor, mostly illiterate, and lacking job opportunities, making them easy prey for traffickers. The programme conducts awareness campaigns to make local communities aware of the activities of the traffickers.

The prosecution aspect focuses on seeking justice for victims of human trafficking through legal sessions, supporting families in recovering victims and filing cases with local police forces.

KEY OUTCOMES

- **Camps in mosques** – Anti-trafficking awareness camps have been conducted in different mosques in the Muslim community. About 540 men and 35 women were directly reached in 11 mosques in different areas.
- **Tribal villages** – Awareness meeting was held with the local communities on preventing human trafficking and some evil practices of society. Approximately 245 men and 295 women were directly present in nine meetings.
- **Schools** – Awareness camps were conducted in 10 schools reaching to 1350 teenage girls
- **St Michael's** – St. Michael's Safe Home in Baldahura, Malda, provides computer literacy, safe accommodation, and food to 72 victims of trafficking and survivors of victim families.
- **Sewing** – Through the project intervention, 38 people received sewing training from two training centres in 2023. After completing the training, 12 started making dresses for school students.
- **Staff** – A training programme was organised in two places with two male and 20 female participants. The participants were trained in addressing and identifying AHT issues.



IMPACT STORY

The Diocese of Durgapur in Northern India is close to the border of Bangladesh. Due to its location and economic climate, many girls and women are vulnerable to being trafficked. The Church in North India has witnessed firsthand the devastation that human trafficking has had on communities and feels called to work against it in the light of Christ.

The Rt Revd Sameer Khimla, Bishop of the Diocese of Durgapur, shares a story of a young woman in the local area. She had an abusive upbringing and had been married off at a young age to a much older man. The marriage was abusive and she in turn was sold into the sex trade by her husband. A team from the Diocese of Durgapur was able to work with local authorities to locate her and managed to bring her home. Even though she is now safe, her journey ahead will not be easy. However, she is doing well and has started skills training provided by the CNI with the view to support herself long-term.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Programme in Durgapur has been running for over ten years and they not only work alongside local authorities, but also with other faith groups like the Muslim community to confront the issue in the most effective way possible. USPG has been proud to support this work which includes the running of St Michael's

Safe Home, where girls can live safely whilst learning life and work skills so they can be self-reliant moving forward.

The approach that they have taken has now been adopted by the whole province as well as by the Church in Bangladesh with whom they share a common border.

The Rt Revd Sameer Khimla said, "I believe these problems need to be challenged, prevention is the key".

USPG continues to journey alongside the diocese as they undertake this vital, life-saving work. In the words of Senior Regional Manager for Asia & Middle East, The Revd Davidson Solanki, "the church is shining its light in dark places and it's very bright".

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The Revd Davidson Solanki



OUR PROGRAMMES

AFRICA



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Preventing Mother to Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) Programme

Location: Tanzania

Partner: Anglican Church in Tanzania (ACT)

USPG has supported three phases of the PMTCT programme since it began in 2014. The PMTCT programme aims to prevent the infection of HIV/AIDS, unwanted pregnancies in women who are HIV-positive and the transmission of HIV from mothers to children. The programme also provides support and care for families, children and mothers who are HIV-positive and helps to reduce HIV-stigma through sensitisation meetings.

The second phase of the programme took place between April 2021 to March 2024. It was based at Mvumi Mission Hospital, Central Tanganyika Diocese and Muheza Mission Hospital, Tanga Diocese. The goal of the programme was to contribute to the national reduction of transmission of HIV from mother to child and improve mothers and children's health in Muheza District, Tanzania which resulted in 810 children that were born HIV-free to 810 HIV mothers.

The third phase of the PMTCT programme (July 2024 – June 2027) is now based at Kilimatinde Hospital, a Mission Hospital in Tanzania. It aims to enhance health outcomes for mothers, newborns, and children as well as end Mother to Child Transmission services (eMTCT) for 5,000 Women of Childbearing Age (WCBA) and 4,000 children under the age of five, in Manyoni District, Singida Region, Tanzania by June 2027.

The PMTCT programme has contributed to the decline of HIV infections among children by making Integrated Maternal and Child Health (IMCH) services more accessible, increasing awareness about HIV, making couples HIV counselling and

testing more available, conducting community and hospitals outreach in selected villages and providing essential medical supplies/consumables. For example, in the Chamwino District, Central Tanganyika, the mother-to-child transmission rate declined from 70% in 2014 to 5% in 2020, after the completion of the first phase. The PMTCT programme has also made IMCH services more accessible to women of childbearing age (WCBA). In the first and second phases, IMCH services were made accessible to 11,800 WCBA. Over 5000 WCBA have also been given access to IMCH services in the third phase so far.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Positive changes in mothers' health and prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV were experienced and demonstrated by more than 18,000 Women of Childbearing Age and more than 14,000 children under the age of five.
- The mothers have the knowledge, skills and ability to apply safe motherhood, adherence to medication and care for the babies – leading to positive health outcomes of healthy mothers – and HIV negative babies. The number of WCBA and pregnant mothers attending Mvumi and St. Augustine Muheza Mission Hospitals and their outreach centres increased by 50%.
- 680 HIV positive mothers and 452 HIV positive males started Antiretroviral Therapy (ART).
- Children born to 880 HIV+ mothers did not have HIV infection at birth (equal to 100%).
- Reduce AIDS mortality to 0% among pregnant mothers living with HIV/AIDS and enrolled in the project.
- Male involvement increased from 5% to 80% because of increased knowledge and awareness.
- Due to the increased awareness in the communities, one community built a health centre. Operations are being supported by the government. The second community (Kilolo) has started building a health centre to bring PMTCT and other health services closer to the people.



IMPACT STORY

Jemima* is 23 years old and a single parent from Mkuzi village, Muheza District, Tanga region. She used to work as a bar maid in downtown Tanga for five years until she became pregnant and after serious morning sickness due to her condition, she decided to go back to her parents at Mkuzi village in Muheza.

On her first visit to Muheza Mission Hospital health clinic, she underwent routine services including counselling and testing for HIV. Jemima tested positive for HIV and was registered as a PMTCT client and started ARVs straightaway. Following this, Jemima began to isolate herself, often staying at home and avoiding social interactions – even with her relatives – out of fear that they might discover her HIV status and share it with others.

She kept becoming ill because she was not ready to go to hospital for her check-ups and treatment. Her mother used to pick up her ARVs. It wasn't until the programme volunteer and Mkuzi parish priest started visiting her at home and counselling her that she was ready to go out and meet people and start living a normal life again. Soon after, her health began to improve.

Now Jemima has a two-year-old baby who is free from HIV as a result of PMTCT interventions carried out by the programme team. She said, "I was never aware of feelings of self-stigmatisation until I experienced them. It is like living in darkness. Thanks to the PMTCT Programme and the priest I was guided out of that darkness into the light."

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Jemima*

OUR PROGRAMMES

EUROPE



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Ukrainian Space

Location: Budapest, Hungary, Europe

Partner: St Margaret's Church, Budapest, Hungary

Ukrainian child refugees are facing many challenges, including language barriers, schooling hardships, socialisation and adaptation problems, and psychological issues related to traumatic life experiences. Parents need to obey the law requiring that all children up to 16 years old must attend Hungarian schools; at the same time, many Ukrainian schoolchildren continue to study online (or do home assignments) at their respective Ukrainian schools, which often results in physical and psychological overload and stress. This is exacerbated as children want to socialise with Hungarian peers, but struggle with the language barrier.

The Ukrainian Remény/Hope Association ("Ukrainian Space") was registered in October 2022 in Budapest, Hungary by a team of Ukrainian school teachers and academics who had been working with Ukrainian families living in Budapest on a volunteer basis since the spring of 2022. Ukrainian Space aims to provide cognitive, cultural, moral, spiritual and emotional support for Ukrainian children aged 5 to 14 and their parents to ensure safe integration, seamless adaptation and harmonious coexistence with the Hungarian community.

To achieve this mission, the association supplements the children's education in the schools they already attend: Hungarian public schools (offline) and Ukrainian schools (online). Ukrainian Space provides afternoon educational support on weekdays and Saturdays for about 40 Ukrainian refugee families that fled the war and who are now residing in Budapest. The lessons are taught in Ukrainian, except for those of English and Hungarian which are, naturally, delivered in these languages. All our teachers are qualified secondary-school teachers with a long work experience in secondary and higher schools. Ukrainian Space also offers a large number of extracurricular activities, such as day trips to parks, the zoo, and museums. The core deliverables Ukrainian Space has provided are:

- Premises, equipment and materials to support children's study and adult pastoral care, including trauma counselling.
- Weekday lunches.

KEY OUTCOMES

Year-round, Ukrainian Space offered afternoon classroom lessons on weekdays and Saturdays in the following subjects:

- Preparation for Elementary School (2 groups: Ukrainian and bilingual Ukrainian-Hungarian)
- Hungarian language (2 adult's groups; 1 children's group)
- English language (3 adult's groups; 3 children's groups)
- Art
- Science
- History
- Computer Programming

In addition, Ukrainian Space held regular extracurricular sessions in Yoga, Robotics, Drawing, and other subjects.

Ukrainian Space also organised a number of seasonal activities. In the summer months, they ran three sessions of the Summer Day Camp – five weekdays in June, July and August, respectively. Whenever possible, Ukrainian Space organised outdoor activities like trips to museums, exhibitions and other amenities, which not only have educational value but provide opportunities for Ukrainian families to meet. Ukrainian Space provided the children with two meals a day (breakfasts and lunches; the latter were provided thanks to our agreement with the Budapest City Hall). Altogether, Ukrainian Space had about 55 children attending our Summer Camps.

Throughout the year, Ukrainian Space held the following masterclasses for children and their families: Making Easter Natural Wax Candles; Making Advent Wreaths; Decorating Christmas Gingerbreads (2 masterclasses – one for Ukrainian families; one for a local Seniors' Home).

Ukrainian Space had four puppet performances: two were delivered by Hungarian volunteers (in April and December); two (traditional Ukrainian Nativity scene) were prepared and staged by our children for the Seniors' Home and for Ukrainian families.

As part of our Ukrainian folk and Christian customs preservation programme, Ukrainian Space produced a video film (in Ukrainian, with Hungarian subtitles) about the art of baking traditional Easter bread in Transcarpathia, Ukraine: youtu.be/5_wkYyBvNWI



Together with our students, the staff and guest teachers of the Ukrainian Hope Association developed, designed, illustrated and printed 300 copies of the Advent Calendar in Ukrainian. During the Advent period (from 1 until 24 December 2024), the stories of the calendar were supplemented with illustrations / fairy tales / Christmas carols recited / sung by our teachers and students.

Ukrainian Space held a Christmas party for our students and their parents. All our children received Christmas presents. The concert programme included the performance of a Ukrainian string ensemble from Budapest, and the Nativity puppet theatrical shown by our students.



IMPACT STORY

Tatiyana* is an experienced college English teacher from Kyiv, Ukraine. She has faced significant challenges, including the pain of being forced to quit her beloved work in Kyiv and leave Ukraine unexpectedly and relocate to Hungary together with four younger members of her family.

As a result, she faced a deeply emotional struggle having to start her professional life all over again in another country and get accustomed to living there at a senior age, as she does not want to become a 'burden' to her younger family members.

After discovering the Ukrainian Space project, she loves to engage with those that attend as it gives her an opportunity to put her gifts and talents to

work as a professional teacher who knows how to communicate with younger students. Since joining the project, she has found emotional support and a sense of belonging amongst friends and her family.

She teaches children in several age groups with different language abilities who have faced significant challenges coming from the war-stricken country. This has helped her feel a sense of purpose in her teaching. She expresses feelings of joy and comfort from being able to run informal classes for children. She described this as a spiritual relief, saying, "Having a group of kids to pass on my knowledge to is similar to the highlights of the decades of my work in Ukraine."

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Tatiyana*



OUR PROGRAMMES

AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN — BRAZIL

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Casa A+ HIV/AIDS Transformation Programme

Location: Tocantins, Brazil

Partner: Anglican Diocese of Brasilia



OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Casa A+ HIV/AIDS Transformation Programme is a programme led by the Anglican Diocese of Brasilia with collaboration from USPG featured during the Lent Appeal 2024. It seeks to break down the stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) in Tocantins, Brazil.

Project aims:

- Avoid discrimination against PLHIV in the medical community.
- Provide and distribute HIV self-test kits nationwide.
- Education and awareness campaigns in favour of PLHIV and women.
- Empower women and PLHIV families with economic empowerment by skills.
- Develop partnerships with civil society and public health organisations for longer-term impact.

Casa A+ has succeeded because of the publicity and advocacy offered by the USPG Lent Appeal 2024 and the Advocacy Office of the Diocese of Brasilia, funded by USPG. This campaign was vital to raising awareness and gaining community endorsement for the project's key programmes, including giving out HIV self-test kits, forging alliances, and forging connections with public health agencies. This public engagement campaign for Lent focused on the importance of communal solidarity, which was about opening the possibility of accepting, healing and supporting each other with PLHIV. If it had not been for the support of the Lent Appeal, the project might have taken longer and been less successful.

KEY OUTCOMES

1. Potential direct and indirect benefits:

- Indirect Access: 80 individuals (25 men (18-50), 26 women living with HIV and 29 nursing students) were directly reached via workshops, testing campaigns and training sessions.
- Indirect Impact: The distribution of knowledge, through participants to their families, friends and co-workers, indirectly reached approximately 320 individuals.

2. Open access to HIV self-testing more widely.

- 40 HIV self-tests were distributed during significant project events to nursing students and health care providers. These tests offered a simple, anonymous, private way to test for HIV, especially in conservative areas where HIV testing has continued to be frowned upon.

3. Stigma and discrimination reduced:

Workshops and talks successfully removed stigma by dispelling misconceptions about HIV. Nursing students exhibited a newfound awareness and understanding of how to manage PLHIV in the hospital environment, creating an environment of kindness and inclusion.

4. Building on public-private partnerships and creating opportunities for private sector engagement:

The project's efficacy depended on close collaboration with public bodies such as CAOSADE, the Ministry of Public Health (Nucleo Maria da Penha) and Casa 8 de Março. Such partnerships brought about:

- Health care advocacy for PLHIV rights.
- Handing out HIV self-tests in nine cities in Tocantins.
- Workshops where health education and income-generating opportunities for women intertwine to make them economically independent.

5. Strengthening of underprivileged women:

The project conducted workshops for underprivileged women, such as a popular "love cooking" session. The workshops encouraged health awareness and financial empowerment, both in HIV/AIDS education and economic empowerment, for a sustaining impact.

6. Educative reach and community development:

The project also hosted workshops on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and maternal health, attended by 28 nursing students at a Palmas technical school and at more significant community events such as Health on the Beach, which offered free HIV testing and counselling.

7. Location awareness and outreach strategy:

Collaborations with the State Epidemiological Hospital Surveillance Network (REVH-TO) brought the programme to nine Tocantins cities and enabled HIV testing and health rights education across the state.



IMPACT STORY

My name is Creuza, I am 75 years old, and I live with my son Sinval here in Palmas, Tocantins. We have been receiving visits from Casa A+ for four years, and I can say with certainty that our lives have changed greatly since then. They have always supported us, but after the last Lent campaign promoted by USPG, the care and attention became even better. The assistance we receive is something that, to me, is priceless.

Sinval, my son, lives with HIV, and this has brought many challenges to our family. Initially, we faced a lot of prejudice. People looked at us differently, and he ended up becoming very isolated, confined inside the house, afraid of how others would treat him. This hurt me deeply. Seeing my son unhappy, unable to live his life as before, was one of the worst experiences I've had as a mother.

After the Lent campaign, USPG and Casa A+ joined forces even more, and I have witnessed genuine improvements. The support they provide is more than just medical. They bring comfort, words of

hope, which sustain us during the most difficult times. Knowing that we are not alone, that there are people who care about us, is what gives us the strength to carry on.

I have great faith that, one day, no family will have to endure the isolation we experienced. No illness should separate people from one another. I pray every day for prejudice and stigma to end so that everyone is treated with respect, love, and the dignity they deserve. No illness can define who a person is.

I want to sincerely thank everyone at Casa A+, especially Reverend Magela, who is a light in our lives and our family. The work they do is a blessing. They are angels that God has placed on our path, and I couldn't be more grateful. I also want to thank USPG, which has been such an important partner. Seeing the love they have for my son and so many others gives me hope that I carry with me every day.

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Creuza

OUR PROGRAMMES

GLOBAL



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Programme: Fellowship of Anglican Scholars in Theology (FeAST)

Location: Global

As part of its efforts to stimulate, support and strengthen theological engagement across the Anglican Communion, the United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG) launched a global forum of younger theologians called FeAST (Fellowship of Anglican Scholars of Theology).

FeAST is a global platform for encounter and exchange which seeks to forge 'academic solidarities' through mutual mentoring and support. It is intentional about overcoming the 'opportunity divide' that affects theological scholarship, where access to publishing and participation in international conferences is limited for people from the majority world.

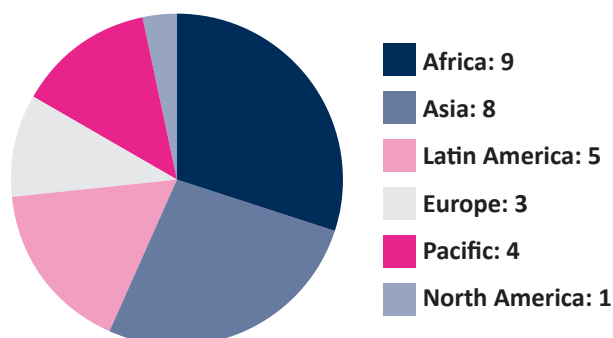
One of the main pillars of FeAST is an annual conference which opens possibilities for different theologies to cross-fertilise and the fostering of genuinely global perspectives in theology. The inaugural annual conference of FeAST took place in Colombo, Sri Lanka from the 9th to 14th November 2024 and focussed on the theme *Transformative Theologies: Rethinking Pedagogy, Praxis and Perspectives*.

30 participants from 20 different countries participated in the conferences and presented papers on a range of topics. Some of the topics that were dealt with included: 'Reading Ruth with Trafficked and Migrant Women', 'Political Satire, Prophetic Consciousness, and Ecclesia: Standup Comedy as Subaltern Strategy', 'Perceptions of Pentecostal Churches Regarding the Phenomenon of Poverty in Guatemala', and 'Toward a *Wahine Maori* Theology of Liberation' – to name a few. USPG plans to publish these papers as part of a new book series on *Rethinking Mission*.

The highlight of the conference was drawing participants from countries which are not often represented around academic tables. The presence of participants from Vanuatu, Guatemala, Brazil, Argentina, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands reflected USPG's intentionality to ensure that participants

benefitted from the wisdom of fellow Anglicans from Pasifika and South America.

NO. PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED FEAST CONFERENCE 2024



Participants also had the opportunity to meet with the renowned Asian Theologian Aloysius Pieris and visit his Thulana Research Centre which is a living testimony to the power of inculturation which adds depth to the richness of the gospel.

Participants cherished the opportunity to forge friendships with fellow theologians from across the Anglican Communion and recognised the immense potential that such friendships, across geographical and theological borders, held for the future of the Communion, not the least in terms of enabling us to engage with theological difference in a spirit of humility, hospitality and hope.



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