



# 2023 CANADA

## IMPACT REPORT

Empowering Lives,  
Building Sustainable Futures



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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear ANIDA Family,**

As we reflect on the transformative impact of our work in 2023, we are filled with pride and gratitude. Our journey has been illuminated by countless stories of hope and resilience, each one a testament to our shared commitment to creating a compassionate and understanding world.

This year, we took a significant step by expanding our reach to a new continent. In the Philippines, we discovered a pressing need for clean water in a village called a Purok. Picture the villagers gathering water from a nearby river, often contaminated and unsafe for consumption. Listening to the heartfelt pleas of local leaders, we initiated a vital water project. By working closely with the community, local leaders, and the local government, we are not just providing clean water; we are bringing hope, health, and a brighter future to countless families. This endeavor, born from community engagement and collaboration, aims to eradicate the scourge of unsanitary water, which has long been a major cause of illness.

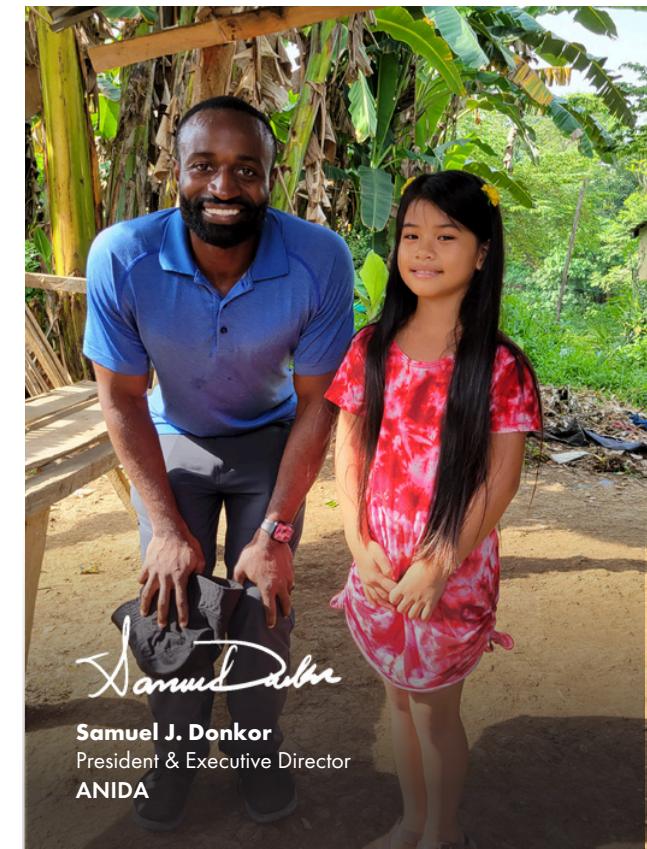
Our commitment to improving healthcare access was further demonstrated through our first medical mission in Liberia. Imagine a school property in Ganta transformed into a bustling temporary clinic. People traveled up to two hours, their journeys beginning in the pre-dawn darkness, to reach this site. The air buzzed with anticipation as families, some of whom had camped overnight, waited to receive medical care. Our team, including one pharmacist from the US and local doctors, worked tirelessly. All medications were purchased locally to support the community and ensure their effectiveness. Over the four-day span of the program, we served over 920 Liberians. By 2 AM on the final day, all available tickets were completely out, showcasing the immense need and our dedication to addressing urgent healthcare needs.

The transformative power of education and empowerment is vividly illustrated in the lives of our beneficiaries. Take Sappeh Philip Kwaku, for example. Philip joined our Hope for Tomorrow program as a child in elementary school. After excelling in his studies through secondary school, he earned an ANIDA scholarship to study at university. Today, he is employed with us, completing his National Service. Philip's journey from a young student to a dedicated team member exemplifies the profound impact of our programs.

As we move forward, let us carry the spirit of hope and resilience that defines ANIDA. Our programs are creating leaders across continents. It starts with children confidently taking action in their classes, knowing they will be supported. Women are venturing out and starting their own businesses after completing classes at the Women Development Center. Farmers are working at community farms, earning enough to support their families. Students are becoming the first in their families to earn a university degree. The impact you are making is changing lives and alleviating poverty in a sustainable way.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of you, our ANIDA family, for your unwavering support and dedication to our cause. Together, we are truly changing the world for the better, one person and one community at a time. Whether you are staff, volunteers, donors, or beneficiaries, your role is essential and invaluable. Each of you is a cherished part of the ANIDA family, and we could not achieve our mission without you.

Thank you.



Samuel, sharing a joyful moment with Baby Jane, a top student in her school and one of the sponsored children in the Philippines.

## WHO WE ARE

For the past 26 years, ANIDA, founded on Christian values of genuine care and compassion, has significantly impacted communities facing both absolute and relative poverty. Each year, dedicated donors and volunteers join us to bring smiles to those in need. We use best practices and innovative methods to collaborate with these communities, nurture leaders, and establish systems for sustainable development.

We recognize that poverty is a complex issue requiring a comprehensive approach. We believe poverty is not just a lack of resources but also a mindset. To address this, we focus on education, health, and sustainable income initiatives.

**Education:** We ensure children receive a proper education, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to break the cycle of poverty.

**Health:** We prioritize health because, even with education, one cannot escape poverty without good health. Thus, health is a critical component of our efforts.

**Sustainable Income:** We provide training and opportunities, especially for women, to acquire skills that generate sustainable income. This empowerment enables them to support themselves and their families long-term.

Finally, we believe that once individuals rise out of poverty, they should be equipped with leadership skills to help others and sustain the positive impact within their communities.



**Top Right:** Our volunteers unloading the weekly deliveries we receive at our Food Bank

**Top Left:** Our volunteer team packaging and preparing dry and wet hampers for the upcoming week per household

**Bottom Photo:** An Enterprise Mobility group joining us for their volunteer giveback day at our Toronto Food Bank location

# VISION, MISSION, AND CORE VALUES STATEMENTS



## Our Vision Statement

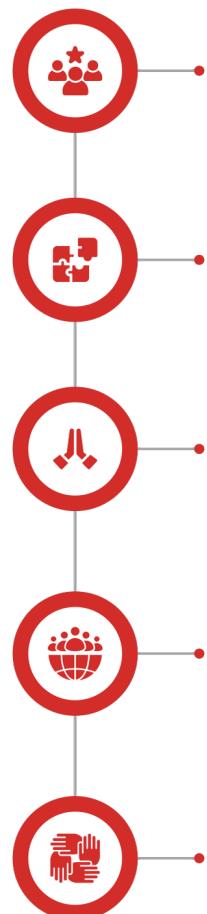
A community empowered to bring transformation to the nations.



## Our Mission Statement

Our mission as a Christian global development organization is to collaborate with communities to increase the standard of living of children, women, and families through access to education, health, and sustainable income.

## Our Core Values



**Servant Leadership:** Servant Leadership is fundamental to our approach, infusing every action we take. It's about more than humility; it's about a proactive commitment to serve. Our leaders are on a continuous growth journey, driven by the desire to help others and enhance their ability to be effective servants and leaders.

**Integrity:** Integrity is our guiding principle, shaping our daily habits and reflecting our deepest values. We are dedicated to living our truth, embracing honesty and fairness in all we do. This commitment to integrity challenges us to constantly evaluate and align our thoughts and actions with ethical standards.

**Faith:** Guided by the values of Christ, we are compelled to help others, driving our commitment to serve all people without regard to religion, race, or gender. This inspiration shapes our approach, encouraging resilience, mindfulness, compassion, and peace as we assist each individual in finding their purpose.

**Community:** We believe in the power of community, built on a shared sense of purpose and passion. Our communities are circles of trust and growth, nurturing leadership potential and offering everyone a sense of belonging. In our communities, every member finds a place to call home and thrive.

**Diversity:** Diversity is our gateway to viewing the world in all its variety. It drives innovative thinking, which is crucial for solving complex problems. Working within a diverse team opens ourselves to new perspectives, leading to more effective and practical solutions.

\*With over 26 years of experience, ANIDA has successfully empowered children, women, and communities through our education, health, and sustainable income programs. Working alongside dedicated donors and volunteers, we have positively impacted over 1 million people worldwide and are ready to extend our reach even further.

# EMPOWERMENT JOURNEY

Experience the transformative power of impact with ANIDA's empowerment journey. Your unique contribution paves the way for thriving communities, bringing them one step closer to a sustainable future. Our empowerment journey is a holistic approach that encompasses the following key stages:

## Invitation and Community Recognition

We warmly invite communities in need, recognizing their strengths and potential and setting the stage for a collaborative partnership built on mutual respect and understanding.

## Collaborative Planning

We believe in the power of your collaboration. Together, we develop a comprehensive plan addressing community members' specific needs and priorities, ensuring our efforts are targeted and impactful.

## Long-term Engagement and Impact

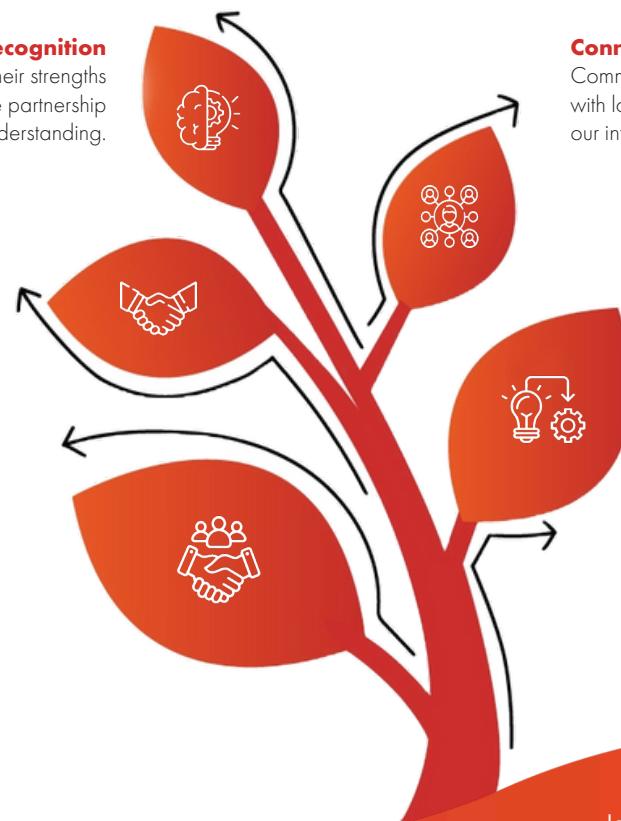
Sustainable change takes time. We are committed to long-term community engagement, ongoing support, and monitoring. We measure our impact through specific impact measurement methods, ensuring our efforts are effective and lasting.

## Connecting with Community Leaders

Community leaders play a crucial role in driving change. We work closely with local leaders to gain insights into the community's dynamics and ensure our interventions are culturally sensitive and contextually relevant.

## Program Implementation

After laying the groundwork, we implement our programs, leveraging the collective efforts of community members, volunteers, and partners. Our past successful projects, such as Women Development Centre, demonstrate our commitment to positive change.



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Join us on this empowering journey and participate in something truly transformative. Together, we can create a world where every community can thrive.



# THE NUMBERS BEHIND OUR STORY



# 2023 CANADA IMPACT REPORT STATISTICS

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## Community Support

- **61%** increase in client services.
- **16,025** food bank visits .
- **\$1.23 M** in-kind donations received to fight food insecurity.
- Over **3,750** individuals supported.
- Approximately **229,380** pounds of food distributed.



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## BACKGROUND

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Reflecting on our journey, ANIDA proudly highlights our global influence through significant milestones that have profoundly impacted communities worldwide. Our diverse initiatives reflect a deep commitment to education, health, economic empowerment, and community development:

The ANIDA Food Bank not only alleviates hunger but also fortifies the community by providing nutritious food essential for sustaining health and fostering the resilience needed for Canadian families to thrive.

These initiatives are more than programs—they are lifelines to the communities they serve, underlining ANIDA's unwavering commitment to fostering enduring change. With the ongoing support of our partners, we continue to propel forward, paving the way for a sustainable and prosperous future for all.



## CANADA

The ANIDA Food Bank in Canada has significantly impacted the community by assisting needy individuals. We are deeply grateful for the community's support, which has allowed us to address food insecurity and alleviate hunger among vulnerable populations.

Here are some key highlights:

### Region

## North America

### Capital City

Ottawa

### Population

40.2 MILLION

Communities we are currently serving  
Toronto and Ottawa

## Food Distribution

The food bank has distributed substantial food to individuals and families facing food insecurity, which includes nutritious meals, fresh produce, and pantry staples, ensuring recipients can access various food items to meet their dietary needs.

Bread Night is a weekly event held at the Toronto ANIDA Food Bank, where donated baked goods from partners at COB's Bakery are collected and prepared for distribution. Each Wednesday night, volunteers gather at a nearby COB's Bakery location to collect the donations, then return them to the food bank for packaging.

This initiative has provided a sustainable source of bread and baked goods for our food distribution service and fostered a sense of community and collaboration among our volunteers.



**Caption:** Dedicated volunteers carefully assembling food hampers, ensuring each package is ready for distribution to families in the community

## Community Outreach



**Caption:** Team photo of the Cashmoney Team lent a hand at our Toronto Food Bank with their generous donations and time in delivering the hampers

The food bank has been actively involved in community outreach to raise awareness about food insecurity and the range of services it offers.

Implementing outreach programs and establishing partnerships with local organizations has broadened its reach, extending crucial support to more needy individuals.

ANIDA operates a community garden where we grow produce, including tomatoes and onions. This initiative involves volunteers who help maintain the garden and learn about gardening practices, promoting food security and healthy living in the community. The garden provides fresh produce for our food distribution service and offers a space for education and community building.



## Impact on Families

The food bank's efforts have brought about significant positive change in families struggling to make ends meet. By providing access to nutritious food, ANIDA has improved the health and well-being of families, particularly children and seniors, and instilled hope and optimism in their lives.

## Volunteer Engagement

ANIDA Food Bank's success is a testament to the power of the community. The food bank has been fortunate to receive the support of dedicated volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to help with food distribution and other operational activities. Their involvement has been instrumental in the food bank's success in serving the community.

## Future Plans

ANIDA Food Bank is committed to expanding its services and reaching more individuals and families in need. With the continued support and collaboration of local businesses, organizations, and government agencies, we can enhance our impact and address food insecurity more effectively. Your ongoing involvement and support are crucial in this journey.



**ANIDA Food Bank's success  
is a testament to the power  
of the community**

Caption: Eugenia, a long-time volunteer, contributing her time to support families as she prepares food hampers in our Ottawa location.



# JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## TESTIMONIALS



**Kenardo & Josh**

I decided to come because I've been seeking ways to contribute to the community positively. Volunteering allows me to make a meaningful difference while uplifting my sense of purpose and value.

-Josh.

It feels great to serve the community!

-Kenardo.



**Kuljot**

Volunteering is the right thing to do to help the community. As I want to become a police officer in my career, volunteering is the best way to gain experience serving the community and helping people. Volunteering at ANIDA helped me learn new skills, meet new people, make friends, sharing skills and experiences. Giving back and setting an example.

-Kuljot.



**Azeez Sannin**

I feel great after helping at ANIDA's senior delivery. I am always happy to give back to the community.

-Azeez S.

Overall, the ANIDA Food Bank's commitment to addressing food insecurity in Canada has made a significant difference in the lives of many individuals and families. Through its continued efforts and community support, the food bank is poised to make an even more substantial impact in the future.



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## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of various food items. On the left, a silver tin can is visible. Next to it is a large, ripe apple with a mix of green and yellow skin. In the foreground, there's a plastic bag containing what looks like shredded cheese or a similar white food item. To the right of the bag is a dark glass bottle with a yellow cap, possibly containing oil or vinegar. The background is a dark, textured surface, likely a wooden table.

The organization is firmly committed to sustainability, explicitly promoting environmentally sustainable agricultural practices, ensuring the long-term viability of health initiatives, and fostering inclusive and sustainable economic development. Leveraging technology and innovation will be a crucial strategy to enhance program effectiveness, including using digital platforms for educational purposes and implementing advanced farming technologies. Community empowerment remains a top priority, with a steadfast commitment to involving communities in project design and implementation. Partnerships and collaboration are paramount in achieving our goals; while monitoring and evaluation will be essential to ensure that programs realize their intended impact. Overall, ANIDA is unwavering in its dedication to sustainable development, community empowerment, and innovation aimed at positively impacting communities worldwide.



Global Alliance: Celebrating our partners around the world who collaborate for community transformation.

We thank our key partners for contributing to the success of our Toronto and Ottawa Food Banks. We recognize the following organizations for their generous support: Black Creek Community Farm, Cash Money, Cobs Bread, Enterprise Car Rentals, Jane & Finch Centre, North York Harvest, Ottawa Food Bank, Plan Group, and Second Harvest.



The New Farm



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ANIDA conducts programs and projects to facilitate education, alleviate human suffering, provide relief from poverty, and elevate the standard of living of those in need. ANIDA programs and projects are carried out in the context of the Christian faith to assist all people without regard to religion, race or gender.

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