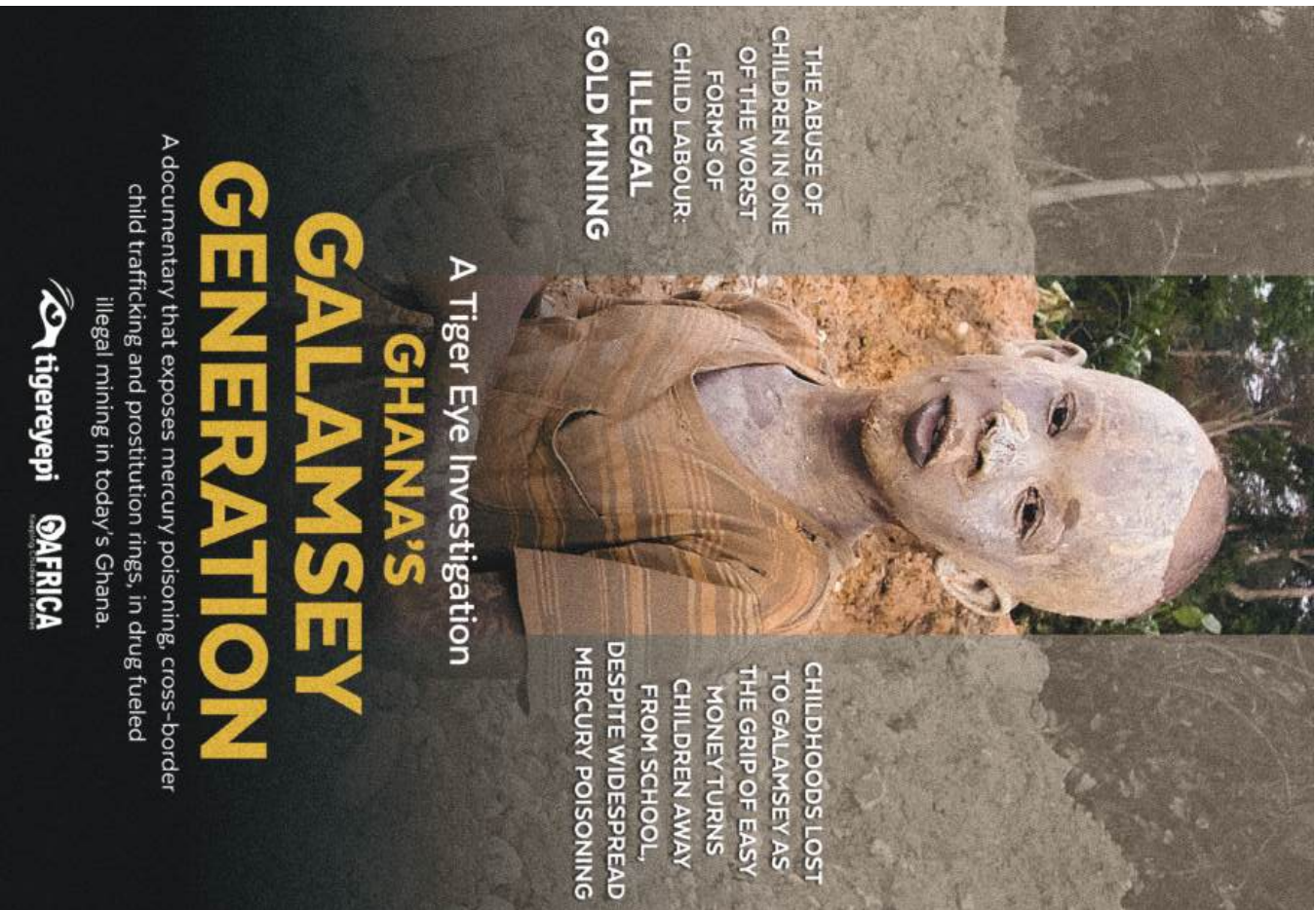


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# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024





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# GHANA'S GALAMSEY GENERATION

A documentary that exposes mercury poisoning, cross-border  
child trafficking and prostitution rings, in drug fueled  
illegal mining in today's Ghana.



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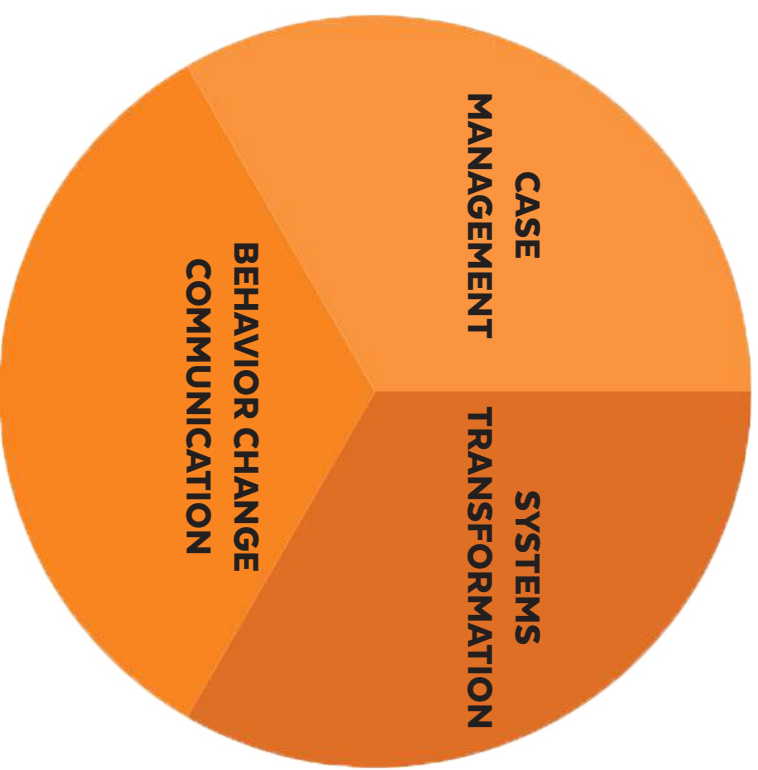
# WHO DO WE SERVE

OAfrica exists to support vulnerable children and their families in Ghana. Our projects empower children and young adults in need of care and protection due to institutionalization, abandonment, neglect, disability or abuse.

We accomplish this by strengthening families and reintegrating separated children whose rights have been compromised due to poverty, violence, trafficking, disease and discrimination into safe, stable and loving households. We provide the following core services:

- Tracing and Reunification of Separated Children
- Specialised Foster Care
- Social Worker Visits
- Income Generating Activities
- Counselling Services to Families
- Positive Parenting Training
- Educational Support
- Medical Support
- Support for Families Living with HIV
- Cash Transfers
- Accommodation

# CORE COMPETENCIES





# OUR MISSION

We advocate for and empower vulnerable children and young people whose rights have been compromised due to institutionalization, poverty, violence, trafficking, abuse, disease and discrimination.

We support communities by strengthening families through education and by reintegrating children into safe, stable and loving environments.

# OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a world in which all children grow up safely in permanent families with appropriate care and protection and with all rights and equal opportunities.

# OUR VALUES

- Family-oriented
- Child-centered
- Child Participation
- Non-Discrimination
- Gender Equality
- Promotion of Autonomy



# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

2024 was a milestone year for OAfrica. It was the year our team in Ghana saw a long-held vision become reality—the transition to a project-based organization. This shift has been a core objective in our last three strategic plans, and seeing it come to life is both exciting and deeply rewarding.

## What does it mean to be project-based?

For us, it means embracing a more agile, responsive management structure. It means being sustainable over the long term and increasing our impact, while working with a skilled and experienced team capable of delivering across all our key focus areas:

- Family Strengthening and Sustainable Livelihoods
- Child Labour and Child Trafficking
- Family and Foster Care
- Young Adults and Care Leavers
- Education
- Child Protection and Care Reform
- Advocacy and Behaviour Change Communication

For 23 years, OAfrica has been working exclusively in vulnerable communities across Ghana, protecting children who are out of home or out of school due to abandonment, neglect, trafficking, institutionalization, or child labour. We are committed to strengthening families and communities so they can provide safe, loving care for their own children. We firmly believe that poverty and ill health should never be reasons for family separation, or the loss of a child's rights.

While our mission remains unchanged, the way we achieve it has evolved. We are confident that this new approach will lead to greater impact, reaching more children and delivering stronger, more sustainable outcomes, all without creating dependency. None of this would be possible without you—our friends, donors, and supporters. Your belief in our work has made these achievements possible, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

With gratitude,

Lisa Lovatt-Smith  
Founding CEO







# CHILD LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING

We kicked off the year with a campaign and press conference around the screening of our undercover documentary exposing the use of child labour in illegal mining, locally called 'galamsey'. The film "Galamsey Generation" revealed severe ecological destruction, child rights abuses, illegal drug activity, and human trafficking for the worst forms of child labour and prostitution. It highlighted the widespread negative impact of these mines, especially on children.

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# FAMILY STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

The Back-to-Families project reintegrates 50 children annually from institutions into extended families, providing stable, supportive environments for children to grow up in. It also establishes micro-enterprises for these families, mostly for women carers, ensuring long-term economic sustainability for families so children can remain at home, and in school.





# FAMILY & FOSTER CARE

Families provide love, security, and a sense of belonging. Since 2002, our cash-transfer and scholarship program has helped over 1,000 children who were out-of-home or in institutions, or in danger of being institutionalized, to transition into family-based care, including foster care, supported single-parent care and extended family care.





# YOUNG ADULTS & CARE LEAVERS

We provide psychological support and comprehensive care to older teens transitioning to adulthood. As they gain financial autonomy, we guide them into independent living. As well as upholding 770 OAfrica care leavers, we advocate for all members of the Care Leavers Ghana Network. We join them in recommending extended services for youth leaving care, reducing stigma and ensuring family-based alternatives for all children who need care.





Alongside our long-running scholarships for children in family-based care, we launched a new needs-based educational scholarship in 2024 for young children in a deprived peri-urban community in the Volta Region. The school serves 186 pupils aged 3 to 16, and we aim to expand the program to over 100 new scholarship beneficiaries.

# EDUCATION





**#StopChildLabourInGalamsey**

# CHILD PROTECTION & CARE REFORM

This year, we advocated across all media to end child labour in illegal mining and supported the Ghana Association of Social Workers in hosting World Social Work Day on this theme. Our efforts reached 90,000 people on social media, along with readers of nine newspapers and viewers of three TV stations. We also held a child protection workshop in a community affected by illegal mining and in collaboration with the Ghana Internet Safety Foundation organized a festival on awareness of cyberbullying, sexual abuse, and child labour, which was shared on social media and broadcast on three TV channels.

# CONTRIBUTORS 2024/ GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

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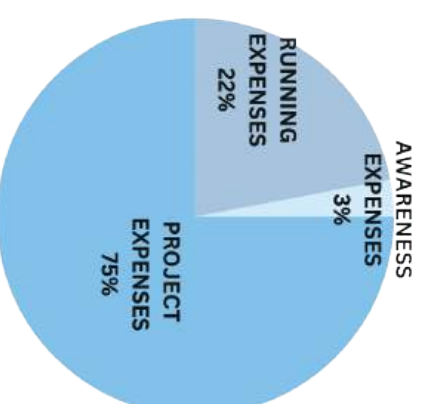
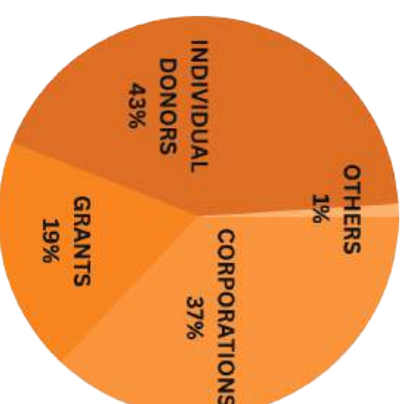
<b>INCOME (GHC)</b>	<b>3,621,186</b>
International Donations (OA offices abroad)	3,573,599
Local Donations, Akosua Fund & Other Income	47,587
<b>Project Expenses</b>	<b>2,619,762</b>
Family and Foster Care	608,974
Young Adult and Care Leavers	696,433
Education Scholarships	171,090
Child Protection and Care Reform	302,828
Advocacy and Behaviour Change	443,525
Child Labour and Child Trafficking: Galamsey Project	74,536
Family Strengthening & Sustainable Livelihoods: Back to Families Project	322,376
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>626,557</b>
Accommodation and Rent	20,000
Audit Fees	16,000
Communications and Partnerships	10,515
Fundraising Expenses	151,414
General Office Expenses	22,253
Insurance	27,947
Licenses and Fees	4,736
Project Management Cost	266,772
Telephone, Internet and Courier	17,262
Travel and Transport	59,538
Workshops and Meetings	14,597
<b>Depreciation Expenses</b>	<b>15,523</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,246,319</b>
Surplus from Operating Activities	374,867
Finance Cost	15,734
Surplus for the year	359,132
Balance at 1st January	372,480
Balance at 31st December	731,612

## Global Financial Summary 2024

Total Income: €314,998

Total Expenses: €314,000

Surplus: €998





# GLOBAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2024

	FRANCE (€)	ITALY(€)	SPAIN(€)	DE(€)	USA(\$)	UK (£)	TOTAL(€)
<b>1. INCOME</b>	<b>110,295</b>	<b>103,323</b>	<b>34,386</b>	<b>29,378</b>	<b>36,610</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>314,998</b>
INDIVIDUAL DONORS	82,002	6,436	12,386	12,378	24,610	-	136,089
CORPORATIONS	19,888	55,722	22,000	17,000	-	-	114,610
GRANTS	8,400	41,164	-	-	12,000	-	60,724
OTHER	4	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,574
<b>2. RUNNING EXPENSES</b>	<b>27,744</b>	<b>26,560</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,614</b>
ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	5,534	3,204	5,003	146	1,258	-	15,057
HUMAN RESOURCES - SALARIES	-	14,166	-	-	-	-	14,166
HUMAN RESOURCES - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	9,711	9,183	5,397	-	2,315	-	26,444
FUNDRAISING/PR	12,499	7	-	-	474	-	12,947
<b>3. AWARENESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,434</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,340</b>
SENSITIZATION	8,434	256	-	650	-	-	9,340
<b>4. PROJECT EXPENSES</b>	<b>80,105</b>	<b>74,539</b>	<b>21,235</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>32,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>236,045</b>
TRANSFERRED TO GHANA	19,000	40,000	20,000	30,000	29,500	-	136,435
SPENT ON BEHALF OF GHANA	61,105	34,539	1,235	-	2,937	-	99,610
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>116,284 €</b>	<b>101,355 €</b>	<b>31,635 €</b>	<b>30,796 €</b>	<b>\$ 36,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>314,000 €</b>

Note: USD converted at 0.93 €, GBP at 1.19 € (2024 average rates)

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