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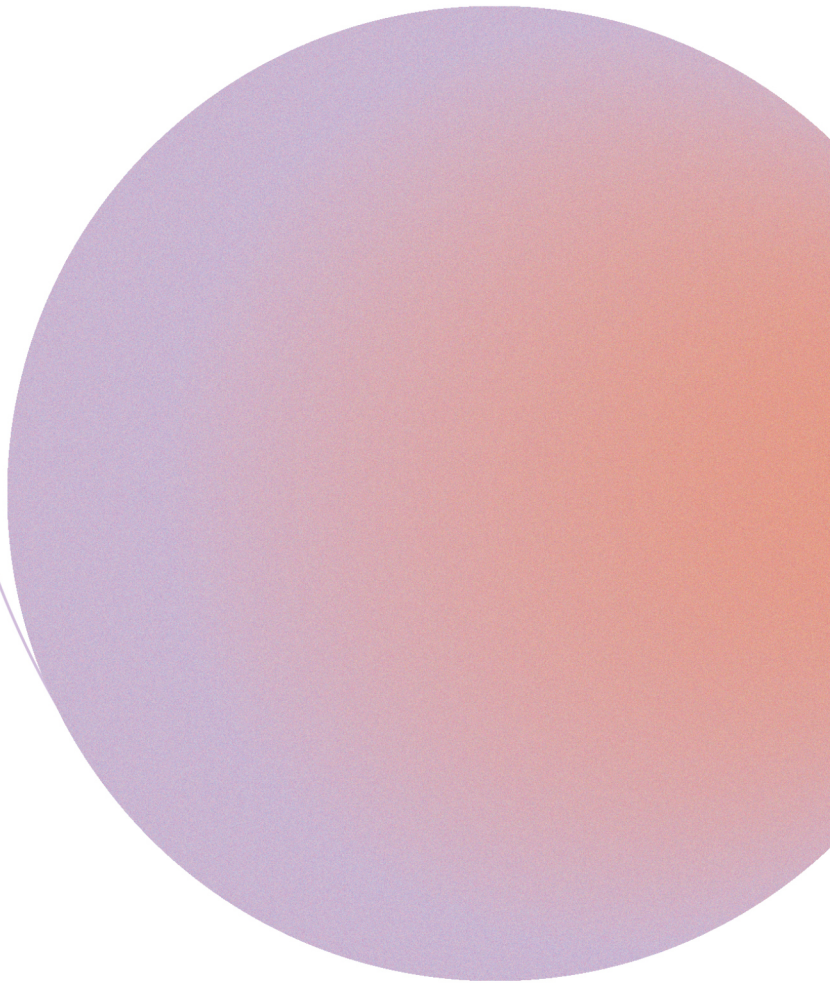

Great Love Never Rests —Bringing Care to the World

Tzu Chi establishes sustainable aid systems through concrete actions, transforming kindness into impactful relief.



Aid Without Borders

Relief to **139** countries and regions, transcending religion and nationality.

Tzu Chi volunteers present in **68** countries and regions, delivering localized relief and long-term companionship.

Local Empowerment

Commitment to Housing



26,105 permanent homes built across **19** countries and regions, providing disaster survivors with safe shelter (as of Feb. 2026).

273 schools constructed in **18** countries and regions, ensuring educational opportunities to empower the next generation (as of Feb. 2026).

Hope Through Education



20,197 free clinic sessions held in **59** countries and regions, providing over **4.83** million instances of care in remote areas.



Safeguarding Health

162,372 metric tons of rice from Taiwan distributed across 20 countries and regions to alleviate hunger for families in need.

Nutritional Support

Compassion in Circulation

1,417,024 eco-blankets distributed to **48** countries and regions.



Uses upcycled PET bottles for a sustainable future.

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1 Words from Our Founder



Tzu Chi Charity Foundation Founder,
釋證嚴
Shih Cheng Yen

Over time, anything can be accomplished.

Time keeps passing, year after year, and in the blink of an eye, Tzu Chi is entering its sixtieth year. Reaching sixty years is no easy feat. It is a precious milestone resulting from the united efforts of many people. From the "fifty-cent" Bamboo Bank Era six decades ago to the present, the footprints of Tzu Chi's charity and care have reached 139 countries and regions. The further these footprints spread, the wider the power of love extends.

While we are rooted in the Buddha's spirit, Tzu Chi is unique in that we respect all religions without distinction. Across different cultures and nations, people identify as Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, and more—but ultimately, the common faith we share is a broad, open path of Great Love.

Cultivating Goodness to Gather Blessings

Every day, I reflect on my life and feel it has been truly fulfilling. I hope this meaningful way of life, and this boundless Great Love, can be passed down for generations to come.

In recent years, the climate crisis has worsened, and disasters have multiplied. Whenever I see countries suffering from poverty and hardship, it always reminds me of the Buddha's teaching that life is suffering. Those of us living in a peaceful society must realize that we already live in a pure and undefiled Pure Land. How do we achieve this purity? By uniting our minds toward goodness. With goodness in people's hearts, society will be at peace, and nations will be in harmony. This is what makes a Pure Land.

We must quickly call on others to join us. No matter how much wealth we possess, there will always be more relief work to do. The most important thing is to mitigate disasters and cultivate more love in the world. With love, people will sow blessings and give of themselves. Then, bit by bit, this strength will grow and the accumulated blessings will dispel disasters.

The more blessings we create, the fewer disasters there will be. When there are many kindhearted people, there will naturally be harmony in the world. Hence, everyone must cultivate to grow in wisdom and love. When we cannot bear to see others suffer, the Great Love within us will naturally arise.

As the saying goes, "A family that accumulates good deeds will surely have abundant joy." Only when we care for one another—when love continues to grow—will our blessings naturally multiply. There are people suffering in every corner of the world, and many helping hands are needed. Just like the Thousand-Hand, Thousand-Eye Guanyin Bodhisattva, if five hundred people reach out to help, there will be a thousand hands. Whether it is one hand, a hundred hands, or a thousand hands, immense strength is born when we all join together.

Continuing Dharma Affinities and Carrying the Venerable Master's Mission Forward

Tzu Chi began in Taiwan, and its Great Love has now spread across the globe. For this, I am deeply moved and profoundly grateful.

"For Buddha's teachings and all sentient beings" is the mission I inherited from my mentor, Venerable Master Yin Shun, who in turn carried forward his own master's vow. Tracing this lineage back to over 2,500 years ago, the spirit passed down from Shakyamuni Buddha has no bounds. The Buddhas and Bodhisattvas mentioned from countless eons ago passed down the Four Noble Truths of suffering, accumulation, cessation, and the path—the true essence that leads to the realizations of impermanence, suffering, and emptiness. We must cherish the good fortune of encountering the Buddha Dharma, and be all the more mindful with every step we take and every move we make in our daily lives.

In learning Buddhism, our direction must be clear, and we must know which door we entered through. Walking through the Tzu Chi Dharma door steadfastly, you will arrive at the home of the Tathagata. Within these doors, we train and cultivate the Bodhisattva spirit without going astray, and return to the world to walk the Bodhisattva path. This Bodhisattva path will bring great value to our lives, as the true value of life is when everyone interacts with gratitude, respect, and love.

Sixty Years of Tzu Chi Passing Down Goodness for Generations to Come

I hope everyone embraces this sense of mission and seizes every moment with an upright mind to diligently walk the Bodhisattva path. This way, you will never lose your direction in life. In every gesture, the Dharma is in your hands; in every stride, the Dharma is in your steps. When you walk the right path and do the right things, you will naturally earn the respect and reverence of everyone..

Never Forget the Fifty-Cent Era

Tzu Chi's initial name literally meant "Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Association for Overcoming Difficulties to Provide Compassionate Relief." Back then, we had neither people nor money. Life was so challenging that I used to say, "A grain of rice holds the sun and the moon, and the whole world is within the pot we cook." Next to a small wooden cabin, we would cook porridge outdoors in a large pot with very little rice and a lot of water. When we lifted the lid, the broth was so thin we could see the reflection of the sky and the clouds. It was from that very moment that I vowed to establish Tzu Chi, and word began to spread in the local markets to set aside "fifty cents" a day.

From the Bamboo Bank Era of saving fifty cents a day, to saving rice in rice banks, and now the promotion of Stores with Love across Taiwan, we do not merely do good ourselves—we inspire others to do the same. We awaken the love in people's hearts, turning that love into a seed that blesses the world. Only when everyone shares these good thoughts and walks the Bodhisattva path can our world truly become a Pure Land.

We must resolve to do good for the world so there may be peace in every nation. Wherever there is poverty and suffering, we must pool our strength to help, transcending religion and nationality. We must not underestimate even the tiniest acts of kindness, and not be deterred by all the suffering we see. When we vow to take action, we can unite our strengths to give with love, act with kindness, and sow blessings every day. With love and kindness, this legacy will be passed down from generation to generation.

Words from the CEO



Tzu Chi Charity Foundation CEO,

Po-Wen Yen

According to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) early 2025 Global Risks Report, the world faced a landscape of "deepening polarization," where armed conflicts, extreme weather, and geoeconomic confrontation emerged as the top three global risks. Looking back, the clouded judgment of many world leaders left societies profoundly unstable and insecure, severely hindering NGOs from delivering critical aid to refugees and the economically disadvantaged. Amid these global challenges, Tzu Chi volunteers worldwide continue to work tirelessly "for Buddha's teachings and all sentient beings". By transforming Master Cheng Yen's three aspirations into concrete relief and care, we have bridged boundaries, faiths, and races to reach 139 countries and regions.

Global Impact and Taiwan's Resilience

In 2025, despite a surge in humanitarian demand, we persisted with our "Transforming Africa" initiative, building schools in South Africa and Mozambique and drilling wells in Zimbabwe. I pay special tribute to Brother Tino Chu, our "Well-Digger of Zimbabwe," who passed away peacefully in early 2026 during a relief mission. Under Brother Chu's leadership, over 4,700 wells in Zimbabwe have been repaired and drilled, and more than 17,000 individuals continue to receive meals daily. A true living Bodhisattva, he vowed to return to Zimbabwe for five consecutive lifetimes. Concurrently, in the Buddha's homeland of India and Nepal, our volunteers from Singapore, Malaysia, and Taiwan have partnered to drive a deep, humanistic transformation across our core pillars of charity, healthcare, and education.

Closer to home, Taiwan faced earthquakes and typhoons in the Jianan region in early 2025, and severe mudslides in Hualien's Guangfu Township in September. Mobilizing immediately alongside passionate youth, Tzu Chi deployed a custom digital mapping platform to maximize efficiency. Working with the military and police, this collective force cleared 100% of affected households in just ten days; and over the following weeks, 500,000 "shovel hero" volunteers joined the recovery.

Expanding our social impact over the past nine years, we provided 147,000 refurbished assistive devices to vulnerable families and the elderly, generating a social return on investment (SROI) tens of times our initial costs. Similarly, our Stores with Love initiative to revive the spirit of fifty-cent donations has expanded from Hualien to over 67,000 shops across Taiwan, creating a powerful, community-driven network of mindfulness and goodwill.

The Tzu Chi Canon and Sustainable Governance

In an increasingly volatile global landscape, Tzu Chi remains committed to rigorous institutional governance. Partnering with National Taiwan University's College of Management, a custom, 20-session sustainable governance curriculum was launched to equip leadership with crisis management, strategic analysis, and financial oversight skills. To enhance accountability, we published the book Sustainable Governance: Ensuring Great Love Endures in Chinese. Internationally, we actively champion our humanistic spirit, vegetarianism, and environmental philosophies across 17 United Nations and faith-based platforms, while partnering with 32 global NGOs on initiatives tied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2025, Tzu Chi volunteer shifts exceeded 20 million shifts. Valued at the standard minimum hourly wage, this unpaid contribution reached 16.8 billion TWD (approx. 534 million USD)—nearly double our total charitable expenditures. Beyond serving without compensation, volunteers pay their own expenses, take personal leave, provide their own gifts, and make financial donations, a rare global paradigm of volunteerism.

Looking ahead, the Global Risks Report identifies geoeconomic confrontation, societal polarization, and armed conflict as the top threats of 2026. With the global refugee population projected to reach 135 million amid shrinking international aid budgets, more lives are in jeopardy. To meet these challenges, we will strengthen our operational resilience to ensure relief efforts remain steady.

To mark Tzu Chi's 60th anniversary, we have launched several key commemorative initiatives. The Tzu Chi Canon, chronicling over half a century of humanitarian work, is being recompiled into 400 volumes, including 100 volumes spanning historical, disciples, and academic records that detail the comprehensive history of Tzu Chi. Concurrently, a multimedia exhibition on Buddhist cultural heritage, Journey to Enlightenment, will open at Harvard University and the National Science and Technology Museum in Kaohsiung, blending art and technology to parallel the eight great sacred sites of Buddhism with Tzu Chi's practical efforts. A commemorative film, The Birth of Tzu Chi, capturing Master Cheng Yen's early spiritual journey and the founding of Tzu Chi will also be released.

Based on Master Cheng Yen's three enduring aspirations: "to purify people's hearts, bring harmony to society, and create a world free of disasters", the most fundamental wish is to purify people's hearts. When our hearts and minds are purified, society will naturally become harmonious; and disasters will naturally decrease around the world. And, when harmony extends from society to nature and all sentient beings, the world will truly be free of disasters to ultimately fulfill these three aspirations.

Passing on the Dharma Lineage and Embracing the Future

For sixty years, Tzu Chi's development has been anchored by our core mission—"for Buddha's teachings and all sentient beings"—and our three enduring visions: to purify hearts, harmonize society, and create a world free of disasters. We remain firmly dedicated to the Bodhisattva Path, passing on the Jing Si Dharma Lineage and ensuring a sustainable future for the Tzu Chi School of Buddhism. Upholding our original intentions, we use sustainable governance as our foundation and compassionate action as our practice. May we continue to reach every suffering corner of the globe, ensuring the Great Love established by the first generation of volunteers under Master Cheng Yen's guidance remains rooted for the next sixty years.

2 Global Charitable Efforts

From grassroots community engagement to global implementation, Tzu Chi builds a resilient future through compassion and sustainability.

Driven by empirical data while upholding integrity and transparency, Tzu Chi transforms global goodwill into concrete relief. From emergency response and post-disaster reconstruction to poverty alleviation, empowerment, and sustainable development, we work to inject resilience and long-term momentum into society.

Demonstrating a commitment to translating sustainability into concrete action, Tzu Chi received 19 prominent domestic and international awards in 2025.

I always refer to Tzu Chi volunteers as 'Bodhisattvas.' They give unconditionally as 'proactive mentors' who go wherever they are needed.
—Master Cheng Yen



Domestic and Global Social Impact

- **NGO Leadership:** First in the NGO category for both the Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility Award and the Sustainable Talent Award by CommonWealth Magazine.
- **Workplace & Family Support:** Family-Friendly Workplace Award from Parenting Magazine for maintaining a "per-son-centered, family-wide, and continuous" childcare and long-term care support system.
- **Inmate Rehabilitation:** Silver Taiwan Sustainability Action Award (TSAA) for the Foundation's rehabilitation and psychosocial support program at Hualien Prison.
- **Green Building:** Silver certification from the Taiwan Sustainable Building Awards for the Guandu Jing Si Hall.

International Humanitarian Aid

- **Educational Reconstruction:** Global Corporate Sustainability Award (GCSA) Best Practice Award for the Project Hope school reconstruction initiative in Mozambique.
- **Renewable Energy in Relief:** Silver Asia-Pacific Sustainability Action Award (APSAA) for deploying solar-powered community initiatives in Myanmar.
- **Vulnerable Care:** SGS Sustainable Society Award for sustained impact in social inclusion and supporting disadvantaged groups.

Sustainable Governance and Environmental Commitment

- **Net-Zero Target:** Officially committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- **Transparency and Security:** Taiwan Corporate Sustainability Award (TCSA) Information Security Leadership Award and a GCSA Silver Award for institutionalized information security management and transparent sustainability reporting.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Golden Book Award from the Ministry of Economic Affairs for a co-authored publication guiding social innovation.

2025 Charitable Achievements

	Instances of Service & Support	Volunteer Engagements	Relevant Action Plans
Social Assistance	21,902,169	2,239,674	End Poverty and Hunger Address Declining Birthrate and Aging Society Foster Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development
Disaster Relief	621,433	74,628	Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Resilience End Poverty and Hunger Foster Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development
Scholarships and Grants	26,507	38,599	Youth Support and Development End Poverty and Hunger
Child and Youth Welfare	1,885,092	219,573	Youth Support and Development Foster Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development
Elderly Welfare	2,905,673	15,549,181	Aging Society Care Initiatives
Community Welfare	1,021,807	1,368,711	End Poverty and Hunger Environmental Education and Climate Action
Volunteer Support & Development	4,252,981	741,229	Foster Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development End Poverty and Hunger
Education Mission	43,078	8,515	Foster Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development Environmental Education and Climate Action
Total	32,658,740	20,240,110	

Volunteer shifts in **2025** totaled **over 20 million** instances, representing an equivalent economic contribution of **16,799,291,300** TWD.

Calculation Method: Total annual volunteer instances × 830 TWD per instance.
Calculation Basis: In 2025, Taiwan's minimum hourly wage is 190 TWD. The calculation is based on an average of four hours of service per instance per day, plus a meal allowance of 70 TWD: (190 TWD x 4 hours) + 70 TWD = 830 TWD. This amount does not include other costs personally covered by volunteers, such as domestic and international transportation, accommodation, or other out-of-pocket expenses for relief items.

2025 Charity Work in Taiwan

Tzu Chi builds a robust safety net -from individuals to entire communities--guided by the "Five Comprehensive Principles" of providing person-centered, family-wide, continuous, comprehensive, and community-wide support.



Support for Disadvantaged Families

322,936 instances in **22** counties/cities

Emergency Cash Relief

17,201 cases in **21** counties/cities

Home Repairs

564 homes across **20** counties/cities

Home Safety Improvements

8,135 homes across **22** counties/cities

Eco-Friendly Assistive Devices

53,909 items across **22** counties/cities

Care for Vulnerable Community Groups

24,561 instances of care across **13** counties/cities

Educational Care in Remote Areas

60 locations in **7** counties/cities

Educational Grants and Scholarships

26,507 students in **21** counties/cities

Tutoring Services

28 locations in **9** counties/cities

Support for Disadvantaged Children and Youth

221,901 instances in **16** counties/cities

Community Emergency Response

207 cases in **20** counties/cities

- **Fires:** 163 cases
- **Traffic Accidents:** 12 cases
- **Typhoons:** 4 cases
- **Floods:** 1 case
- **Earthquakes:** 1 case
- **Other Disasters:** 26 cases

Post-Disaster Housing Reconstruction

150 homes in **2** counties/cities

Post-Disaster Housing Repairs

515 homes in **3** counties/cities

Community Care Centers

109 locations in **13** counties/cities

Institutional Care Services

755 institutions across **21** counties/cities

- Homeless care institutions: 1 locations
- Nursing homes and care facilities: 165 locations
- Correctional and police institutions: 588 locations
- Institutions for children and youth with disabilities: 22 locations

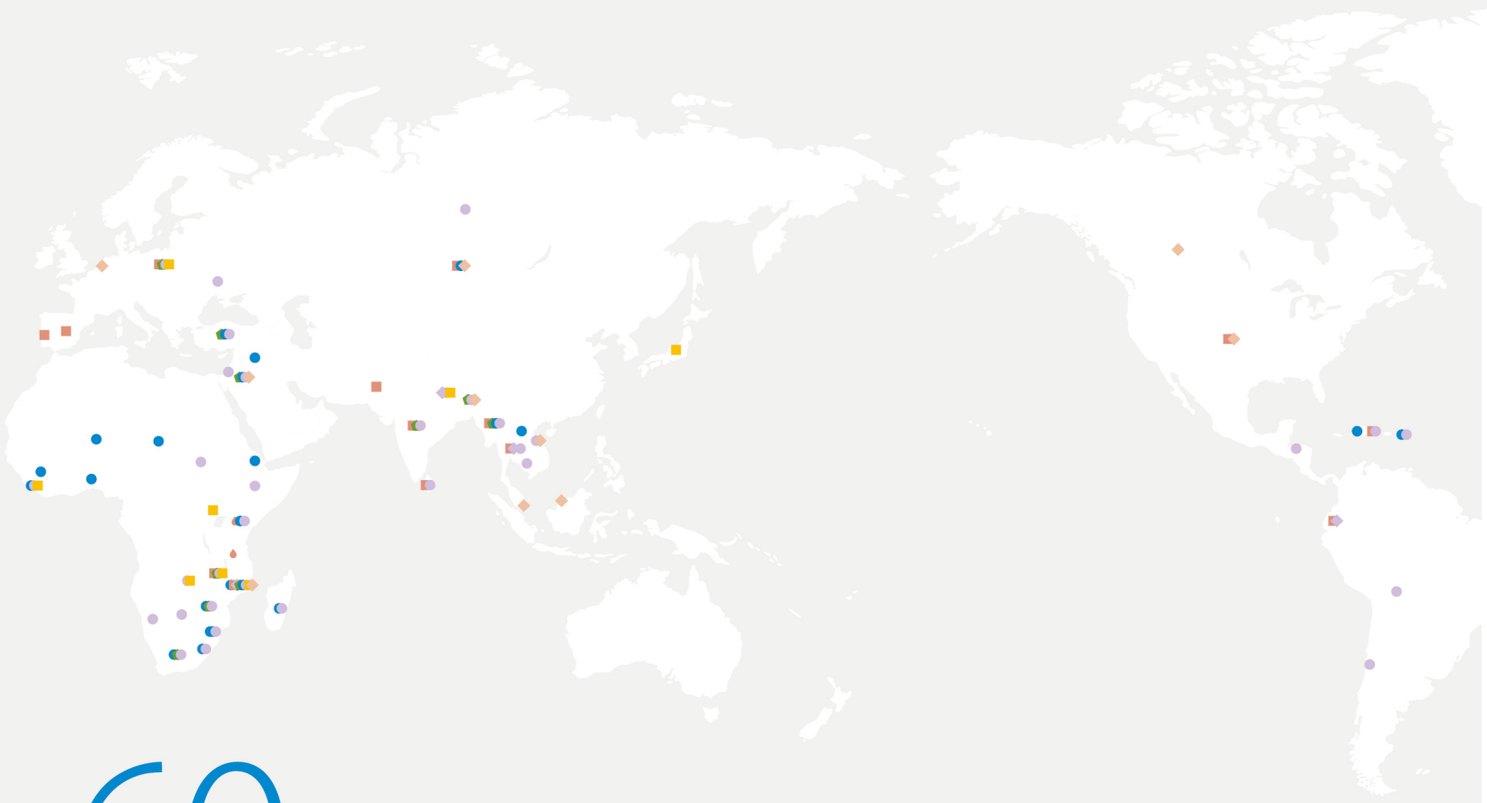
Free Clinic Services

342 sessions providing **30,458** instances of care

Long-Term Care Initiatives

- Type A Long-Term Care Units (16 locations across 10 counties/cities)
- Type B Home-Based Services (16 providers across 14 counties/cities)
- Type B Day Care Centers (14 centers across 7 counties/cities)
- Type C Community Care Points (104 locations across 16 counties/cities)
- Family Caregiver Support Points (1 locations in 1 county/city)

2025 Global Humanitarian Aid



60 Countries/Regions
Received Humanitarian Aid

Tzu Chi volunteers worldwide operate independently to carry out Tzu Chi's missions locally. In regions facing major disasters, severe resource scarcity, or a lack of local volunteer presence, the Foundation mobilizes resources and partners with international NGOs to rapidly launch humanitarian aid and expand relief efforts.

In 2025, armed conflicts, climate disasters, and economic imbalances displaced 122 million people globally, leaving over 1.1 billion in extreme poverty. In response, Tzu Chi delivered humanitarian aid across 60 countries, encompassing disaster relief, poverty alleviation, free medical clinics, educational empowerment, housing reconstruction, and livelihood support. By integrating environmental sustainability with psychosocial support, vulnerable populations are able to recover their livelihoods and break the cycle of poverty.

1 Countries/Regions
School Construction
Africa
Mozambique

39 Countries/Regions
Poverty Alleviation
Asia
Bhutan
Cambodia
India
Jordan
Myanmar
Nepal
Palestine (Gaza)
Russia
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Türkiye
Vietnam
Europe
Poland
Ukraine
Africa
Botswan
Eswatini
Ethiopia
Lesotho
Madagascar
Malawi
Mozambique
Namibia
Sierra Leone
South Africa
South Sudan
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Americas
Bolivia
Chile
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Paraguay
Saint Martin

14 Countries/Regions
Disaster Relief
Asia
India
Mongolia
Myanmar
Pakistan
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Europe
Poland
Portugal
Spain
Africa
Malawi
Mozambique
Americas
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
United States

9 Countries/Regions
Refugee Care
Asia
Myanmar (refugees of domestic conflict)
Jordan
Serbia
Thailand
Türkiye
Europe
Poland
Ukraine
Americas
Ethiopia (refugees of domestic conflict)

4 Countries/Regions
Housing Construction Assistance
Asia
Nepal
Thailand
Africa
Mozambique
Americas
Ecuador

10 Countries/Regions
Educational Aid Program
Asia
India
Jordan
Myanmar
Thailand
Türkiye
Europe
Poland
Africa
Malawi
Mozambique
South Atria
Zimbabwe

9 Countries/Regions
Rice Aid
Africa
Eswatini
Lesotho
Madagascar
Mozambique
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Zimbabwe
Americas
Haiti
Saint Martin

8 Countries/Regions
Livelihood Assistance
Asia
Japan
Nepal
Europe
Poland
Africa
Malawi
Mozambique
Sierra Leone
Uganda
Zambia

16 Countries/Regions
Medical Services
Asia
Cambodia
Jordan
Laos
Mongolia
Myanmar
Syria
Türkiye
Africa
Burkina Faso
Chad
Djibouti
Eswatini
Guinea
Mali
Mozambique
Somalia
Togo

10 Countries/Regions
Disaster Prevention & Relief Supplies Provision
Asia
Jordan
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmal
Singapore
Vietnam
Europe
Netherlands
Africa
Mozambique
Americas
Canada
United States

2 Countries/Regions
Water Resources Project
Africa
Kenya
Zimbabwe

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Action 1
End Poverty and Hunger



Ending poverty is Master Cheng Yen's vision for the mission of charity.

To break the cycle of poverty, material aid is not enough, companionship must be present. Beyond material scarcity, poverty often brings a sense of powerlessness and isolation. With ending poverty and hunger as a core mission, the Foundation has a robust social and humanitarian safety net through direct assistance, educational empowerment, and global collaboration.

Our care initiatives include

Strategic Direction	Action	Impact
Livelihood Assistance and Food Security	1. Providing emergency food aid to protect the most vulnerable groups. 2. Promoting vocational training programs and agricultural techniques.	Breaking the Hunger Cycle: Shifting from passive dependency to active production, enhancing local self-sufficiency, and strengthening community resilience against food crises.
Project Hope and Poverty Alleviation Through Empowerment	1. Distributing educational grants and repairing/ reconstructing schools. 2. Organizing professional skills training to connect with the job market.	Interrupting Intergenerational Poverty: Elevating the social participation and competitiveness of economically disadvantaged individuals, transforming education into a driver of upward mobility.
Targeted Protection and Health Equity	1. Improving infrastructure, including clean drinking water, supplies, and housing. 2. Providing nutritional supplements and health education for the elderly and young children.	Restoring Dignity: Reducing health risks caused by malnutrition and harsh environments, safeguarding basic survival rights and residential safety.
Humanitarian Care and Social Inclusion	1. Refugee shelter, educational support, psychosocial support, and integration programs. 2. Food and basic living support for refugees.	Protecting Refugees: Helping refugees rebuild psychosocial resilience, integrate into their host communities, and contribute to regional peace and stability.

3-1 Alleviating Poverty in Taiwan

Aging populations and declining birthrates have reshaped the social structure. With single-person and single-parent households increasing annually, care resources for marginalized families—those not strictly classified as elderly or disabled—remain insufficient. Upholding the principles of person-centered, family-wide, continuous, comprehensive, and community-wide support, Tzu Chi addresses the diverse needs arising from shifting social and family structures.

Emergency Cash Relief
12,532 instances
for immediate hardship relief

Winter Relief
26,447 families
supported to alleviate isolation

Home Repairs
8,699 homes
improved for safety

Medical Subsidies
3,503 instances
of healthcare access

Funeral Assistance
2,903 instances
to ensure dignified closures

Festive Season Support
46,943 instances
to promote social inclusion

Living Allowances
120,064 instances
to foster self-reliance

Home Visits
202,872 instances
to build family resilience





Disadvantaged Family Care

Fostering Self-Reliance

To build a safety net for disadvantaged families, volunteers and social workers collaborate to align material resources—including food, clothing, housing, transportation, and medical care—and stabilizes care recipients' lives through long-term companionship. Simultaneously, short-term relief is transformed into long-term empowerment guiding families from resolving immediate hardships toward achieving self-reliance.

1,075,797
instances of support

1,841,661
volunteer participations

Educational Grants and Scholarships
26,507 instances
to support academic pursuits

Funeral Assistance
156,094 instances
to foster healthy growth and learning

Tutoring Services
36,338 instances
to improve academic performance and reduce dropout rates

Diverse Learning Subsidies
29,469 instances
for skills empowerment and societal integration



Groups Served

Vulnerable Community Groups
Low-to-middle-income households, individuals with disabilities, new immigrants, women, migrant workers, unhoused individuals, and residents of remote and offshore islands.

Institutional Care
Residents of care facilities, children and youth disability centers, nursing homes, prison counseling programs, police agencies, transitional housing, vegetative patient care centers, and psychiatric rehabilitation centers.

Services Provided

Financial aid, livelihood support, home visits, care for individuals with disabilities, free clinics, house calls, rare disease support, "tea instead of alcohol" health promotion, public welfare partnerships, charitable agricultural empowerment, local revitalization, and women's empowerment classes.

Educational Empowerment

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Education is the cornerstone for breaking the cycle of poverty. By investing resources and fostering specialized talents, Tzu Chi ensures equitable educational access for disadvantaged students. This comprehensive support bridges the urban-rural divide, enhances future competitiveness, and fundamentally breaks the cycle of poverty.

248,408
instances of support

52,258
volunteer participations

Community-Based Charity

Strengthening Social Safety Nets

Communities serve as the frontline for protecting the vulnerable. Tzu Chi connects with low-to-middle-income households, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, and new immigrants, extending care to residents of nursing and care facilities. Beyond providing financial aid, free clinics, and home visits, Tzu Chi's holistic approach promotes health initiatives, agricultural empowerment, and local revitalization to create a solid social safety net.

1,098,033
instances of support

265,423
volunteer participations

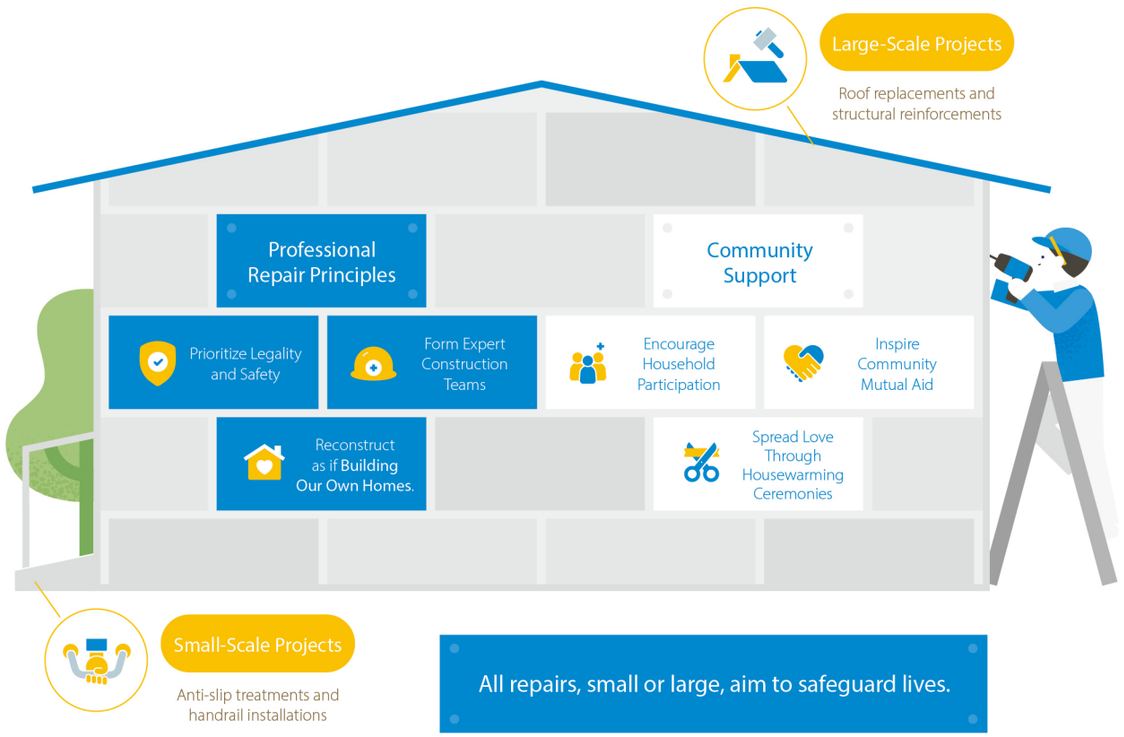
Home Repairs for Safer Living

Research indicates that prolonged exposure to poor housing conditions—such as leaks, mold, and electrical hazards—negatively impacts the learning, sleep, and overall well-being of approximately 60% of disadvantaged youth.

The home repair program integrates the expertise of construction professionals, social workers, and volunteers to deliver comprehensive care. Beyond restoring physical structures, the initiative fosters renewed hope for vulnerable families.

Prioritizing legality and safety, clear property rights and reasonable project scopes are established before work begins. Interdisciplinary teams apply a personal standard of care, evaluating each home as if they were to live there themselves. Repairs are meticulously tailored to accommodate household size, demographics, and daily routines. This commitment applies to projects of all scales; whether undertaking complete roof replacements or installing minor anti-slip flooring, every intervention fundamentally aims to safeguard lives.

To cultivate self-reliance, families are guided to actively participate in the maintenance of their homes during the repair process. With the family's consent, neighbors are mobilized to provide mutual support. Projects conclude with housewarming ceremonies to celebrate the transformation, strengthen community cohesion, and inspire a continuous cycle of goodness.



Housing Rehabilitation: Restoring Safe Homes

Single mother Ms. Lin cares for her high-school daughter and elderly mother in a dilapidated home historically plagued by chronic leaks and peeling walls. Struggling on a meager income, these harsh living conditions compounded the family's sense of insecurity and social marginalization.

Upon receiving their case report, Tzu Chi initiated a comprehensive home rehabilitation.

To prevent persistent street runoff flooding, the repair team elevated the ground floor. Volunteers also rushed to replace the roof before Typhoon Krathon struck, permanently resolving the chronic leaks. The three-month project included the renovation of ceilings, windows, handrails, electrical wiring, and plumbing facilities. By assisting the family with decluttering throughout the process, volunteers fostered a foundation of trust and emotional support.

Returning to freshly painted walls and new flooring, the daughter expressed in a letter that she never imagined living in a home that did not leak. She thanked the volunteers for their tireless work in adverse weather, expressing that their inadequate shelter had finally been transformed into a safe and warm home.





Youth Empowerment: Building Resilience Through Sports

Xiao Niu, a teenager with Asperger's syndrome, initially built his confidence through soccer with the support of his parents. In 2020, his mother fell into a long-term coma following a ruptured cerebral aneurysm. The resulting medical expenses and caregiving demands placed severe financial strain on the family, forcing Xiao Niu into temporary foster care.

Tzu Chi intervened by providing monthly living allowances and nutritional support to stabilize the family's finances. Volunteers also assisted Xiao Niu in securing the Tzu Chi New Sprouts Scholarship, ensuring his education continued despite the hardship. Consistent presence and support helped the family navigate this challenging period.

Despite his mother's condition, Xiao Niu maintained daily interaction with her. In April 2024, she emerged from her coma.

Now a high school student, Xiao Niu manages household chores and actively supports his mother's rigorous rehabilitation process as the family works toward full recovery.

Support Provided

Monthly Living Allowances
Emergency Cash Relief
Tzu Chi New Sprouts Scholarship

Achievements

- 2025 73rd Nantou County Games High School Division Futsal Championship - Champion
- 2025 National All-People's Cup Soccer Tournament - Champion



Overcoming Adversity: Empowering Individuals with Disabilities

Support Provided

Monthly Living Allowances
Emergency Cash Relief

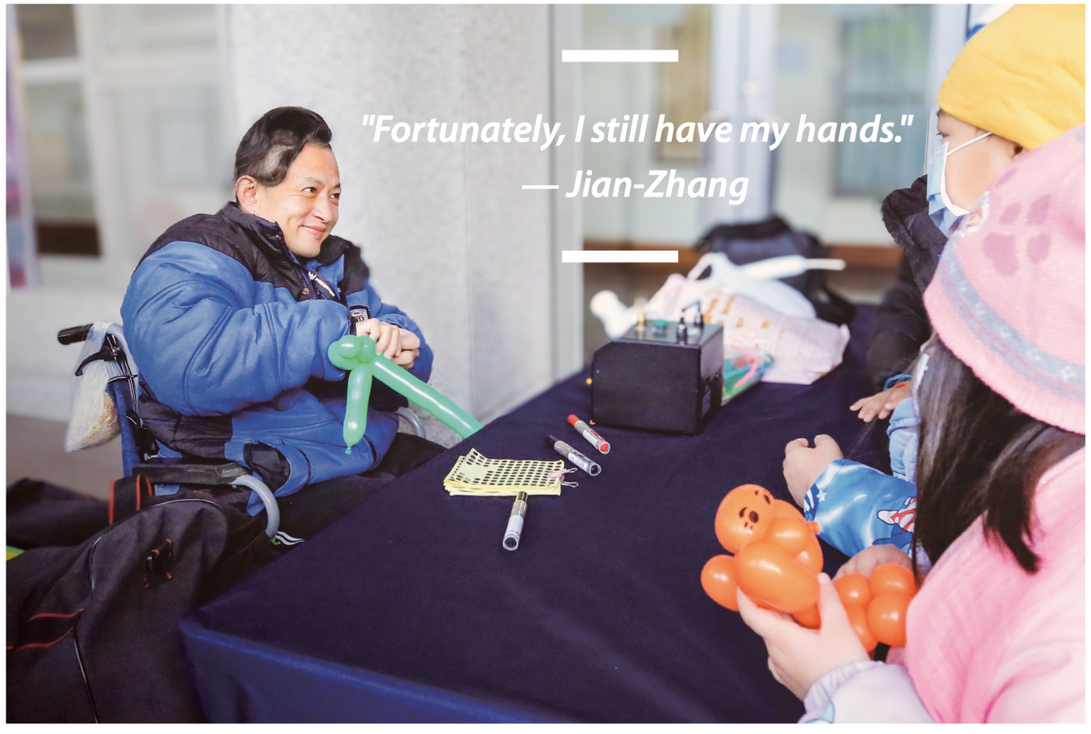
Jian-Zhang sustained severe brain trauma and lower-body paralysis from a car accident at age four. The extensive treatment and rehabilitation process resulted in a permanent loss of mobility, presenting significant early psychosocial challenges.

Determined to achieve financial independence, he actively acquired vocational skills. Transitioning from selling small goods at night markets, he specialized in balloon modeling and earned a street performer license. Overcoming his physical limitations, he learned to drive and refined his craft to build a career as a balloon artist, remaining grateful for his manual dexterity despite a limited income.

During the pandemic in 2021, his health and livelihood were severely impacted. Tzu Chi intervened with consistent material and emotional support to help stabilize his situation. As pandemic restrictions eased, volunteers assisted his reintegration into society through teaching engagements, public welfare activities, and performances.

To facilitate sustainable employment, Tzu Chi engaged him for various organizational events. He was commissioned to design a balloon arch for a charity art exhibition and create balloon figures for children at a winter relief distribution and year-end banquet—opportunities that further reinforced his confidence and self-worth.

From resentment over his condition to gratitude for his remaining abilities, Jian-Zhang's journey illustrates the impact of comprehensive companionship and livelihood support in fostering resilience and social inclusion.



Grassroots Engagement: Safeguarding Local Communities

Taiwan is home to over one million individuals with disabilities. Their families face immense pressure, often restricted by resource scarcity and the inability to plan for the future, rest, or seek healthcare. In remote areas, students are frequently hindered by fragile family structures and a lack of learning support. Concurrently, unhoused individuals struggle with societal reintegration, while foreign detainees endure overcrowded shelters and harsh winter conditions. These concrete societal challenges are the catalysts for Tzu Chi's specialized care programs, driving volunteer and social worker teams to deploy targeted interventions for marginalized populations.

Program	Target Demographics	Intervention Methods	Key Features and Impact
Institutional Care	Disability centers for children and youth, nursing homes, prison and police counseling programs, transitional housing.	Conducting regular visits tailored to each institutions specific needs, organizing humanistic activities and free clinics.	A total of 1,323 institutions were supported, serving as critical respite care for primary caregivers.
Love Without Borders: National Immigration Agency Kaohsiung Shelter Proiect	Undocumented migrant workers (primarily from Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand).	Visiting shelters to distribute winter jackets, duffel bags, and essential supplies.	Extending humanitarian care and restoring dignity to marginalized populations by replacing plastic bags with proper duffel bags for personal belongings.
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Clubhouse Model Service Center in Hualien County	Individuals aged 18-64 with chronic psychiatric conditions.	Implementing the Clubhouse Model, dividing participants into program planning and plant-based culinary groups, alongside transitional employment teams.	Operating under the principle that "there are no patients here, only working partners." The program focuses on destigmatization and demonstrating the participants' capabilities to the community.
Driving Dreams: Transit Assistance Mission for National Hemei Experimental School	Students with physical disabilities (wheelchair users) from Homei Experimental School.	Providing travel assistance every Friday and Sunday at Changhua Railway Station, helping students cross the railway tracks, navigate platforms, and safely secure wheelchair positioning inside train cars.	Utilizing a specialized reverse-pulling technique to safely navigate wheelchairs over the tracks. This all-weather support has continued for 21 years, fulfilling the students' dreams of a safe journey home and earning high commendations from school officials and station masters.
Heartfelt Words Proiect	Youths at Li Zhi High School (correctional facility).	Social workers and volunteers organize in-school humanistic activities, Buddha Bathing ceremonies, and year-end blessings. They provide emotional support, alongside financial and educational aid.	Targeting youths from fragile homes, the project utilizes long-term companionship and essay writing to encourage self-reflection. This year, 27 youths received financial subsidies to obtain Level C cosmetology certifications or motorcycle licenses, aiding positive outlooks on life.
Communitv Care and Youth Education	Seniors, students, and residents of Zigiang and Huatung New Villages.	Establishing community tutoring centers, parent-child activities, elderly care points, shuttle services, and community cleanup initiatives.	Building a 17-year foundation of mutual trust by integrating Tzu Chi's humanistic education with local youth volunteer engagement.
Refurbished Computers: Bridging the Digital Divide	Disadvantaged families, schools, and community centers.	Recycling and refurbishing secondhand computers, donating hardware, and providing operating systems and software support.	1. Engaging in cross-sector partnerships (e.g., ITRI and corporations) to provide systemic support and aid in establishing computer labs. 2. Ensuring uninterrupted digital access for rural and disadvantaged students.
Winter Relief for the Unhoused	Unhoused individuals and foreign fishery workers.	Conducting night outreach and distributing jackets, blankets, hot meals, and monetary blessings at fishing ports (e.g., Tamsui, Nanfang'ao) and local communities.	A transnational and interfaith charitable effort, utilizing multilingual care letters and collaborating with Catholic pastoral centers.
Unhoused Resettlement and Employment Project	Unhoused individuals in Taipei City.	Structured in two phases: emergency sheltering and self-reliance support. Provides accommodation, vocational training (carpentry, painting, cleaning, landscaping), and stable wages.	1. Partnering with the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Taipei City Government to establish standardized counseling and self-reliance protocols. 2. Shifting from welfare dependency to a cash-for-work model, integrating medical, long-term care, and employment counseling for tailored vocational empowerment.
Empowerment for Trainers with Disabilities and Digital Community Inclusion	Individuals with rare diseases, physical disabilities, and community seniors.	Training participants with disabilities to become community instructors through online and in-person vocational courses (AI management, painting, cosmetology, aromatherapy).	1. Providing Tzu Chi's former Kaohsiung office rent-free as a training hub. 2. Combining training with practical application to bridge the digital divide, boost confidence, and equip individuals with freelance or entrepreneurial capabilities.



Transit Assistance: 21 Years of Unwavering Support

Since 2004, Tzu Chi volunteers have provided continuous transit assistance at Changhua Railway Station every Friday and Sunday to ensure the safety of commuting students.

Before modern accessibility facilities were installed, volunteers developed a specialized "reverse-pulling" technique to safely navigate wheelchairs over the railway tracks, preventing wheels from jamming in the gaps. During brief train stopovers, teams of two to four volunteers worked together to lift electric wheelchairs—often weighing over 100 kilograms—onto the platforms and into the train cars.

Volunteers frequently missed their window to exit the train while securing the wheelchairs, requiring them to ride to the next station and travel back at their own expense. Beyond physical mobility support, volunteers offered consistent care and companionship, regularly checking in on the students' academic and personal lives. For 21 years, this uninterrupted assistance has provided students with physical disabilities from National Hemei Experimental School a safe and reliable journey home.

Refurbished Computers: Bridging the Digital Divide

The Tzu Chi Refurbished Computer Program mitigates educational disparities by repurposing decommissioned hardware into functional technology for disadvantaged families, social welfare institutions, and schools. To operationalize the circular economy, the initiative sources retired equipment from partners like the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) and utilizes public e-waste collection drives hosted by Sunfar 3C. Corporations such as KINYO complement these efforts by donating brand-new peripheral devices. Partnering with the Green Miracle Public Welfare Service Network Association ensures every refurbished unit is equipped with fully licensed software, ensuring optimal educational quality.



Operating out of logistics hubs in Taipei, Taoyuan, and Hualien, Tzu Chi volunteers personally manage the inspection, repair, delivery, and on-site installation of the computers, ensuring uninterrupted digital access for end-users regardless of geographic constraints. Between 2021 and 2025, the program delivered 2,408 refurbished computers to beneficiaries across 13 countries. Environmentally, this diverted e-waste equates to a cumulative carbon reduction of 797 metric tons, comparable to the annual carbon sequestration of 80,000 trees. Economically, the initiative has saved recipients an estimated 43.34 million TWD (about 1.37 million USD) in technology acquisition costs, successfully bridging the digital divide for barrier-free learning.

Disability Empowerment Center: Fostering Economic Independence

Tzu Chi integrates spatial, educational, and social resources to foster independence for individuals with disabilities. By providing support across e-commerce, digital education, and daily livelihood stability, the Foundation helps participants regain autonomy. In Kaohsiung, Tzu Chi provided a rent-free, fully accessible 105-square-meter venue to the NGO Gamers Without Borders to establish an employment and entrepreneurship center for families facing rare diseases and disabilities. The facility features wide aisles and barrier-free restrooms to ensure a safe environment for skills development.

To build flexible career paths, professional instructors lead courses in live streaming and AI content creation, equipping students for remote work and digital media operations. The center also provides companionship and shared learning to strengthen family support networks. As Gamers Without Borders Chairman Chih-Ming Lai noted, traditional nine-to-five roles are often inaccessible for individuals with disabilities. Therefore, the association champions "atypical employment"—emphasizing flexible hours, remote work, and digital entrepreneurship to foster true economic independence.



3-2 International Relief Operations

In 2025, global displacement reached 122 million people, and acute hunger affected a record 295 million. In response to severe geopolitical crises—including the conflict in Ukraine, food insecurity in South Sudan, and the collapse of healthcare in Syria—humanitarian aid was provided to 50 countries and regions.

Aligning with SDGs, Tzu Chi addresses the core survival needs of vulnerable populations through food and water security, education initiatives, medical aid, and livelihood training. Through long-term companionship, a sustainable cycle of self-reliance is fostered through combining material aid with technical training and local participation.

Core areas of intervention

Basic Needs |	Financial aid, emergency relief, community care, housing repairs, institutional care, winter relief, and material distributions
Education |	Scholarships, school operations, mentorship, and tutoring services
Nutrition |	Food aid, feeding stations, food banks, and institutional or school-based food assistance
Livelihood Development |	Vocational training, Great Love farms and community gardens, agricultural training, and cash-for-work programs
Water Access |	Well drilling, well repairs, purification system installations, and water treatment distributions
Healthcare |	Medical subsidies, equipment donations, free clinics, health screenings, and sobriety counseling initiatives
Sanitation |	Pediatric, family, and feminine hygiene education, head lice prevention, and community environmental restoration
Specialized Projects |	International refugee care, permanent housing construction, school rebuilding, and rice distributions

Relief Operations

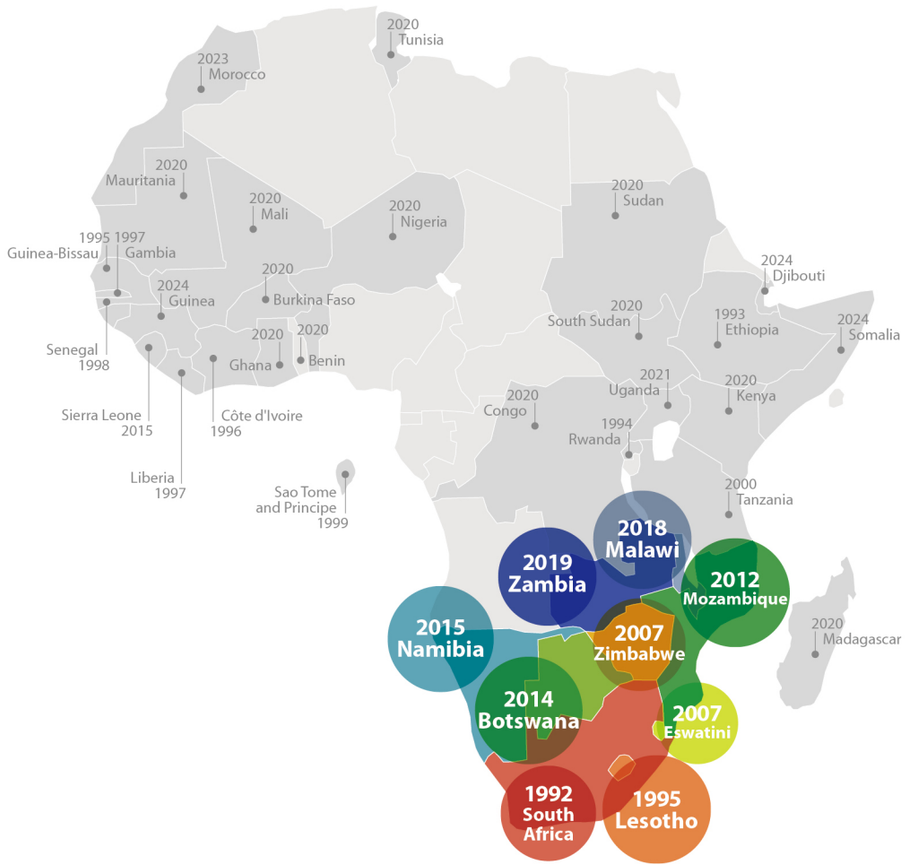
39 countries
18,072,015 beneficiaries
105,915 volunteers mobilized

International Refugee Assistance

6 countries
764,128 beneficiaries
36,729 volunteers mobilized

Agriculture and Food Agency Rice Donation

9 countries
976,254 beneficiaries
16,749 volunteers mobilized



Transforming Africa: Footprints in 38 Countries

Transitioning from economic and material aid to systemic programs in partnership with governments and local NGOs, Tzu Chi addresses basic needs in water, food, and education to establish sustainable community development models, allowing beneficiaries to regain dignity and become self-reliant.

ZIMBABWE Drilling Wells in the Land of Stones

Chronic water scarcity and inadequate infrastructure leave many rural Zimbabwean communities without clean drinking water. In 2013, volunteer Tino Chu launched the "10,000 Wells Project" to address this crisis through sustainable water engineering.

The first well opened in the Epworth community on November 11, 2023. By February 10, 2026, 4,715 wells had been built or repaired, advancing toward the goal of 5,000 wells by 2026. This drilling project goes beyond infrastructure, driving cross-sector community transformation across survival, education, economic, and social empowerment.

To safeguard public health, drilling teams combine traditional water-finding expertise with PQWT groundwater detectors to pinpoint sources and prevent dry wells. This stable access to clean water mitigates cholera risks to break the cycle of disease. Since clean water is a prerequisite for school registration, the project has also saved several campuses from closure. Relieved of walking 3 to 10 kilometers daily to fetch water, children can finally return to the classroom.

The wells also serve as vital livelihood support, allowing communities to grow vegetables on arid land, sustaining hot meal programs and aiding 200 or so surrounding households. Wells located near schools, paired with food aid, provide stable lunches for students and vulnerable groups. Socially, youths who once carried water have become drilling volunteers. With government certification, the team's techniques and workflows are now institutionalized. A $2 USD monthly management fee per household establishes maintenance mechanisms and community responsibility.

The "10,000 Wells Project" demonstrates that when water becomes a shared community asset, it brings comprehensive improvements in health, education, livelihoods, and cohesion, injecting lasting resilience and hope into drought-stricken communities.



Implementation Methods

Drilling Teams | 7 teams, with about 30 members each.

Application Process | Online registration. Following application receipt and assessment, teams are dispatched for execution.

In recognition of Tzu Chi volunteers' long-term support of drilling wells in rural and impoverished areas as well as training local volunteers in the necessary techniques, Zimbabwe's Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (RIDA) organized a specialized technician course, certifying 71 Tzu Chi well-drilling volunteers on October 10, 2025.

Isaac, an eight-year drilling team veteran, shared: "I know this is life-saving work. Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan once said that with love, we can change the world. When water springs from the ground, we see the power of love." Vice Principal Phiri of Busawachu Gugudza Primary School stated: "We have over 2,300 students and staff living here without water. With the new well, what we want most is to build flush toilets."

The Well-Digger in Stone Country

In 2007, Tino Chu began dedicating himself to serving the people of Zimbabwe, beginning with aid distributions, hot meal programs, and well-drilling projects. While repairing a well, a rebounding component struck his eye, leaving him nearly blind, but the injury never stopped him from helping others.

He has helped expand Tzu Chi's work across the country, with more than 3,000 local volunteers now serving their communities in nine of Zimbabwe's ten provinces. Chu remained faithful to his vow until his peaceful passing in his sleep on February 24, 2026.

MOZAMBIQUE A Path to Reconstruction and Transformation

Launched in 2021 for HIV-positive children in Sofala Province, the child nutrition project has since expanded to Maputo. Supplying multigrain powder, rice, beans, and peanuts, the initiative pairs food aid with home visits and hygiene education. By collaborating with local health centers across districts like Dondo, Nhamatanda, Buzi, and Beira, the program continuously monitors the nutritional recovery of assisted children.

Tzu Chi's grassroots initiatives in Mozambique—including Taiwan AFA rice distribution, emergency relief, hot meals, nutritional support, vocational classes, and free clinics—have evolved into comprehensive development aid. By integrating educational reconstruction, housing projects, and character education, the Foundation is driving generational transformation.

Following Cyclone Idai in 2019, Tzu Chi launched a massive school reconstruction initiative to restore safe educational access. Of the 23 planned schools, 15 were completed by late 2025. This includes the nation's two largest secondary schools (Nhamatanda and Mafambisse) and its largest primary school (Esturo). To further boost enrollment, volunteers provide rice and beans to families reliant on child agricultural labor, enabling these children to return to the classroom.

These infrastructure projects yield profound socio-environmental impacts. In mining regions like Nhangau, new schools rescue children from exploitative labor. Campuses were designed with environmental preservation in mind, deliberately retaining mature trees and integrating green spaces. For displaced populations, Tzu Chi built four Great Love Villages, successfully handing over homes to 3,132 households by February 2026. These settlements prioritize public health; for instance, the 2,067-home Guara Guara village integrates indoor sanitation into its architecture to prevent disease. Furthermore, the newly opened Metuchira community center serves as a vital hub for education, socializing, and community cohesion.



During the school handover ceremonies, Mozambique's President Daniel publicly committed to integrating Tzu Chi's "Jing Si Aphorisms" into the national curriculum to cultivate student character. The reconstruction project also earned the 2025 Global Corporate Sustainability Award (GCSA) for Best Practice and a Silver Global Good Award for Education Excellence.

Empowered by Tzu Chi's long-term companionship, over 7,000 local volunteers have transitioned from disaster survivors to active community leaders. They now drive a sustainable cycle of mutual aid, addressing diverse local challenges and actively utilizing education to eradicate poverty.

ESWATINI Local Farming, Local Feeding

A severe six-year drought beginning in 2001 left nearly 60% of Eswatini's population impoverished. In 2007, South African Tzu Chi volunteers mobilized Taiwanese businesspeople and Mozambican volunteers for cross-border relief, distributing cornmeal to 2,000 households and establishing long-term charitable ties.

In March 2025, Tzu Chi partnered with the Rotary Club to host a large-scale free clinic. Over five days, the initiative provided medical care to over 3,000 adults, dental checkups for 5,000 students across nine schools, and additional HIV testing, physical therapy, and nutritional assessments.

Identifying a malnutrition rate exceeding 20% among children under five during these clinics, volunteers set up over 40 weekly hot meal stations nationwide. In September, Tzu Chi signed an MOU with the Eswatini government to supply nutritional supplements, such as multigrain powder, to ensure proper early childhood development.

To combat food dependency driven by climate change and land shortages, Tzu Chi promotes agricultural upgrades through its Great Love Farms. The harvested vegetables empower residents to achieve agricultural self-reliance while directly supplying the community hot meal stations, creating a sustainable "local farming, local feeding" circular model.



SOUTH SUDAN Food for Education

In South Sudan, food is a prerequisite for education. To prevent children from dropping out due to hunger, Tzu Chi launched the "Food for Education" program in 2022. Overcoming security and logistical hurdles, food is procured from Kenya to supply St. Bakhita Girls' School, expanding to St. Comboni Boys' School the following year.

Reliable meals averted imminent school closures. By eliminating the constant fear of hunger, this daily nourishment laid the groundwork for academic success. Over two years, passing rates soared and enrollment surged—increasing by over 30% at the girls' school and 60% at the boys' school.

These campuses also serve as vital safe havens. St. Bakhita shields girls from child marriage and domestic violence, while St. Comboni shelters nearly 200 civil war refugees and orphans, offering room and board even during holidays. This secure environment allows students to prioritize learning over basic survival.

"Your presence has wiped away our tears," wrote Consolata, principal of St. Bakhita. In this arid region, about $0.5 USD provides a child with three daily meals, empowering impoverished students to safely pursue their education.





KENYA From Disaster Relief to Environmental Restoration

Transitioning from emergency relief to long-term impact after the 2024 floods, Tzu Chi integrated environmental sustainability and youth empowerment into a self-reliance model. This approach tackles chronic public health deterioration and unemployment in local slums.

In 2024, severe droughts followed by torrential floods caused massive displacement. Partnering with the Camillians and Love Binti International, Tzu Chi distributed food, educational supplies, and rent subsidies, while assisting with housing repairs in Nairobi's Mathare and Mukuru Kwa Njenga slums, as well as Baringo County. In Baringo, the Foundation also promoted agricultural recovery by providing seeds and technical training. This empowered young farmers to implement crop rotation, gradually restoring production and achieving a bountiful corn harvest to rebuild their livelihoods.

To combat chronic waste accumulation and disease in Mathare, over 120 youths across 10 groups were supported to establish the government-certified Utalii Zero Waste Alliance. Sustained by micro-payments, these youth teams conduct weekly door-to-door trash collection, scaling their services from 811 to over 1,500 households. Bolstered by 50 newly installed metal bins, the project promotes recycling and composting to forge a community circular economy.

Consequently, cleared drainage systems have reduced both flood and disease risks. Marginalized youths regained their dignity, transforming into community protectors. By introducing eco-brick technology utilizing recycled plastics, a green economy has also been created. This initiative successfully converts disaster relief into sustainable prosperity, restoring both environmental and social resilience.

SIERRA LEONE From Crisis to Sustainable Resilience

Target Areas: Koindu, Freetown
Interventions: Food aid, emergency relief, community disaster resilience programs, vocational training, agricultural empowerment
Partners: Caritas Freetown, Healey International Relief Foundation, Lanyi Foundation

Following the 2014 Ebola outbreak, survivors in Sierra Leone still face lingering health and social challenges. Since 2015, Tzu Chi has maintained a continuous 11-year presence, prioritizing the epicenter, Koindu, and the capital, Freetown.

While most international organizations withdrew, Tzu Chi remained. The Together We Smile School, originally founded for Ebola orphans, has expanded its enrollment from 40 to 480 students. In Freetown, regular supplies of rice, multigrain powder, and eco-blankets are provided to institutions like the St. George Foundation.



To empower women and foster economic independence, Tzu Chi partners with the Lanyi Foundation on a tailoring program, which launched its second cohort in September 2025. First-cohort graduate Regina is now a teaching assistant. Utilizing a rent-to-own model, students pay 80 Leones (approx. $3.40 USD) monthly for equipment, gaining full ownership after one year. Mary, a student with a disability who formerly relied on begging, is now economically self-sufficient through her tailoring skills.

To combat food import dependency, rural women's agricultural initiatives balance livelihoods with food security. Under this model, 70% of the local rice harvest is purchased for charity distributions, allowing farmers to sell the remaining 30%. In Juring and Latu villages (Pujehun District), a recent agricultural pilot yielded 11 metric tons of rice seeds. Additionally, in coastal Susan's Bay—plagued by garbage-induced flooding for 17 years—a micro-grant disaster prevention program successfully cleared blockages, achieving a "zero flood" record over the past two years.

From recovering from Ebola to addressing the economic and environmental impacts of climate change, community resilience has been built through emergency relief, education, vocational training, agricultural assistance, and disaster mitigation—supporting locals to overcome epidemics, floods, and poverty.

UGANDA Empowering Rural Women and Youth

Interventions: Health education, Million Cloth Pads Project, agricultural training
Partner: Love Binti International

In the fifth year of partnership with Love Binti, efforts center on the "Sustainable Community Empowerment" for rural women. Health education, including cloth pad sewing, is provided to women and girls. This year, 38 workshops were conducted across schools and community groups in nine districts—including Butebo, Kampala, Gulu, and Moroto—directly assisting 2,500 individuals.

To address period poverty on a larger scale, the "Million Cloth Pads" project upgraded hand-sewing classes into local workshops equipped with industrial sewing machines. By collaborating with local NGOs and former graduates, this initiative creates employment and enhances community self-reliance while significantly boosting pad production to reach more girls.





Youth agricultural training is another priority. The Light Farm Demonstration School in Kagulu Village (Mukono District) offers an intensive, field-based curriculum for 30 youths. The program promotes crop diversification over monoculture and integrates Taiwanese pickling techniques, providing smallholder farmers with comprehensive support from seedling cultivation to market sales.

Starting with the provision of reusable cloth pads, these initiatives have expanded into women's employment and youth agricultural training—restoring dignity to Ugandan women and tangibly transforming the economic futures of marginalized communities.

BUDDHA'S HOMELAND Transforming Livelihoods and Rebuilding Homes

NEPAL

Core Areas: Lumbini, Kapilavastu, and Kathmandu

Interventions: Charity Support: Long-term aid for vulnerable families, permanent housing construction
Medical Aid: Operation of the Lumbini Free Clinic, outpatient services, and rural health screenings
Education Support: Campus-based Jing Si Aphorisms teaching, school construction
Livelihood Empowerment: Vocational training (tailoring, computer literacy, Hope Mushroom Farm), employment assistance





Since 2022, the first Saturday of each month has been designated as "Charity Day" for regular essential supplies distributions. To counter harsh winter conditions in Lumbini, winter relief distributions are organized alongside home visits to assess children's schooling and living conditions, extending material aid into comprehensive care that strengthens the social safety net.

To foster self-reliance, diverse vocational training and micro-enterprise support have been introduced. Through the "Mushroom Rays of Hope Project," villagers learn mushroom cultivation techniques to generate income and improve livelihoods. Participant Radha noted, "Women like us cannot travel for work. Growing mushrooms allows us to cover daily household expenses." Additionally, tailoring and computer literacy courses equip vulnerable women with practical skills alongside basic bookkeeping and business concepts; 11 tailoring graduates have successfully obtained national vocational certificates.

On May 15, a tailoring vocational and entrepreneurship training center began trial operations in space leased from Karuna Girls College, establishing systematic operational frameworks for trainees. Furthermore, micro-capital grants assist visually impaired individuals in running incense and candle businesses, or fund tricycles for transport livelihoods. Trainees report a newfound ability to contribute to household expenses rather than being confined to the home. For instance, Krishna, a participant with a disability, secured a stable livelihood and regained personal dignity by making incense.

In infrastructure development, a partnership with FORWARD Nepal resulted in the construction of 100 Great Love homes in Sunsari District. Following the handover ceremony on November 25, 2025, each household received rice, cooking oil, and land ownership certificates. Through cross-sector collaboration and official engagement, vulnerable families previously confined to thatched huts transitioned to safe, weather-resilient homes within a single year.

In December, an MOU was signed with the Kapilavastu municipal government, followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for the Kapilavastu Great Love Village. The project plans to construct 150 permanent homes alongside a kindergarten, a marketplace, and a social education center, aiming to elevate living standards, stabilize the economy, stimulate employment, and revitalize the Buddha's homeland.







INDIA

Core Areas: Bodh Gaya and surrounding areas

Interventions: Vocational training, cash-for-work programs, school supply distributions (backpacks, uniforms, footwear), rural health screenings, and nutritional supplement initiatives, and flood relief in Arunachal Pradesh, Northeast India.

In the land of the Buddha's enlightenment, community development in Bodh Gaya and surrounding villages centers on skills training, employment support, health education, and culturally grounded community development, empowering residents toward self-reliance.

In 2025, vocational training reached important milestones. A knitting class launched in Silaunja Village in January expanded to a second cohort by February. An advanced tailoring class began producing school uniforms on a piece-rate basis, turning skills into income. Tetri, who previously received a prosthetic limb for elephantiasis, is now learning to sew, while program beneficiary Pratima has begun taking local orders. In July, the first 10 advanced trainees graduated, and by September outstanding graduates were hired as salaried staff, further professionalizing the handicraft program. In July and December, trainees delivered uniforms they had sewn to children at Rahul Nagar Government Primary School and Ghato Government School, many receiving their first school uniforms.

A food cart subsidy program launched in April helped vulnerable families establish livelihoods. Bhimsen, from Sujata Village, opened a juice cart named Buddha Juice, embracing the Bamboo Bank spirit by combining business with giving. By year-end, two more families also launched their own small businesses.

Beyond livelihoods, the team strengthened community infrastructure and public health through house numbering, tutor training, and a head lice prevention campaign. Uniforms and 553 pairs of athletic shoes were also distributed to students at two local schools.

Support also continued for Chakma students at the Alice Project School Bodh Gaya and for the Sanghamitta Institute's Zen farming initiative promoting agricultural self-sufficiency.

From vocational training to livelihood support and volunteer engagement, each step advanced the vision of revitalizing the Buddha's homeland, with community transformation becoming increasingly visible throughout 2025.

International Refugee Care

In 2025 international refugee care focused on displaced populations within countries

764,128

instances of assistance to refugees in Turkiye, Jordan, Serbia, Poland, Ukraine, Thailand, Myanmar, and Cambodia.



TÜRKIYE Miracles Wrought by Education and Care

Research Findings: How Companionship Heals Trauma

Quantitative research confirms that education and compassionate care can heal the wounds of war. Based on 947 surveys across supported families, students, alumni, and teachers, refugee children receiving over five years of companionship exhibited significantly reduced psychological distress alongside marked improvements in post-traumatic growth and subjective well-being. Furthermore, structural equation modeling (SEM) demonstrates that this long-term support accounts for a 22% variance in subjective well-being and contributes 39% toward positive mental health outcomes.

Established following the 2011 Syrian civil war, El Menahil International School in Türkiye ensures displaced children can still pursue their futures. Certified by US institutions and the Turkish Ministry of National Education, its comprehensive curriculum has supported 31,819 on-campus and online students over the past decade.

Former children of war are now transforming into future leaders. Adam, who carried a rifle in 2012, is a first-year medical student. Shaimaa, who fled the conflict, studies physics with dreams of becoming an astronaut. Muhammad Hak, supported since primary school, is a second-year computer science student now mentoring his younger peers.

Notably, these youths are transitioning from receivers to givers. Former scholarship recipients Mousa and Anas leveraged their computer science expertise to develop "Zero Waiting," a mobile, paperless charity system. Tagged "Designed by Love," the app automatically generates family trees and calculates relief stipends, significantly boosting humanitarian efficiency.

From armed youths to medical students, and from displacement to tech-driven charity, the story of El Menahil demonstrates that sustained educational investment and companionship can truly create transformative miracles.

SYRIA Inauguration of the Free Clinic



Partnering with Doctors of the World Türkiye and local authorities, the Kafr Free Clinic was established in Idlib Province. As residents gradually return, the clinic serves as the sole medical lifeline for thousands of families rebuilding their lives.

Reconstruction remains arduous. Facing harsh winters without adequate shelter, many returning families were nearly forced back into refugee camps, prompting urgent appeals for aid. Collaborating with the Idlib Social Affairs Bureau to overcome cross-border logistical hurdles, 4,000 blankets were distributed across Mouka and Hass on January 12 and 13, 2026, with ongoing assistance planned to safeguard resettling returnees.

JORDAN

Tzu Chi Jordan's Milestones in Refugee Care since 1997:

2003: Provided care at the Ruwaished Refugee Camp for families displaced by the Iraq War.

2011–2012: Launched the Syrian Refugee Relief Project following the outbreak of the Syrian civil war.

2013: Initiated medical subsidies for refugee surgeries.

2018: Signed aid agreements with the Tarabot Community Center and the Mafraq Refugee Learning Center to improve educational environments for refugee and underprivileged Jordanian children.

2019: Approved by the Jordanian government as an official International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) on January 23, marking the first legally registered international charity of its kind in the Middle East.

Jordan's Gaza Refugee Camp shelters over 50,000 Palestinian refugees across three to four generations. When five-year-old Oday required an urgent cochlear implant, a cross-border partnership with Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) successfully facilitated the surgery, bringing profound relief to his father, Hamza.

Responding to a MAP alert regarding a critical dental care shortage among families of Palestinian child cancer patients, a two-day clinic at the Al-Fanar Hotel (October 15–16) treated 107 individuals. Residents from the Al-Hanan Home, a long-term care project, also gave back by volunteering for registration and screening.

"Our volunteers include Muslims, Christians, Druze, and Buddhists, but we all share the same inherent nature—to serve as volunteers," noted a local representative. In the multi-faith Middle East, operations rooted in mutual respect successfully transcend cultural and religious divides, allowing international relief networks to firmly take root.



UKRANIAN REFUGEES

Objectives focus on breaking isolation, building transnational belonging, improving employment opportunities, stabilizing mental well-being, and facilitating life reconstruction. In its fourth year, 125,004 instances of care have been provided.

Core Focus in POLAND

- Grassroots volunteers facilitate economic assistance, vocational training, youth tutoring, community outreach, medical services, food aid, institutional care, and emergency relief.
- Partnerships with the Polish Women Can Foundation, Almedis Clinic, and the Camillians deliver food, education, and medical support. This includes the "Safe Haven" project—which offers legal and psychological counseling—alongside language classes, art programs, and summer camps.

Core Focus in UKRAINE

- Collaborations with Israeli humanitarian organizations have established child-friendly spaces, resilience-centers, and crucial water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure.
- Joint efforts with Ukrainian food organizations facilitate sustained emergency food distribution.



Responding to ongoing displacement, humanitarian aid across Ukraine and Poland spans livelihood support, medical assistance, and vocational training to help refugees rebuild.

To ensure livelihood and healthcare security, monthly prepaid cards ease financial strain on refugee families. For households with ill or disabled members, a specialized "Pharmacy Aid Card" accepted at 9,200 Polish pharmacies enabled over 500 families to maintain uninterrupted treatments last year. Concurrently, food packages distributed deep within devastated Ukrainian cities stabilize affected households.

For skills empowerment, Polish language and baking classes are offered alongside winter first-aid training. After completing the baking course, a 64-year-old refugee successfully launched a business, regaining economic independence. Beyond material aid, monthly "family gatherings" and year-end "vegetarian dumpling clubs" foster cultural integration and comfort homesick families.

Most inspiring is the resulting cycle of mutual aid, as beneficiaries become contributors. A refugee who returned to Kyiv now sews warm clothing and assists with trauma first-aid in freezing temperatures. Similarly, a mother relieved of healthcare expenses via the Pharmacy Aid Card now volunteers to provide free haircuts to her community. Since 2022, these operations have successfully fostered a warm, family-like bond among refugees and their host communities.





| LATIN AMERICA | Poverty Alleviation and Educational Outreach

In 2025, poverty alleviation across:

Sint Maarten, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador, Paraguay, Chile

22,101 volunteer shifts

183,245 instances of assistance

Through large-scale distributions and individual case assessments, staples like rice, cooking oil, and oats were reliably delivered to impoverished communities, schools, and institutions. In Sint Maarten, volunteers navigated rugged mountain paths on foot to bring supplies directly to a remote orphanage.

Targeting marginalized populations, diverse programs delivered winter relief, home healthcare, and hot meals. In Chile, paralyzed shelter residents received winter bedding, rehabilitative massages, and a one-million-peso grant. In Honduras and Guatemala, home visits provided rehabilitation guidance for stroke survivors and children with rare diseases, alongside adult diaper donations to nursing homes. In the Dominican Republic, the La Romana Hot Meal Project consistently feeds nearly 80 isolated or disabled individuals weekly.

Beyond material aid, initiatives foster personal empowerment. In Sint Maarten, school breakfast distributions effectively reduced hunger-driven dropout rates. In the Dominican Republic, former primary school beneficiaries—including Karina, Alejandro, and Sara—returned post-graduation to serve as teachers and administrators, embodying the transformative cycle of education.

These efforts have earned notable recognition. For outstanding service, the Sint Maarten team received the "Community Contribution Award" from the American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of Medicine's Now Generation Foundation, validating the tangible impact of cross-border humanitarian aid.

| MONGOLIA | Ambulance Donation through Tripartite Collaboration

Mongolia's vast territory and sparse population create severe healthcare disparities, leaving remote hospitals struggling with emergency transfers due to a lack of ambulances.

On February 18, 2025, Tumurbaatar Amarsanaa, Representative of the Ulaanbaatar Trade and Economic Representative Office in Taipei, visited Tzu Chi's headquarters in Hualen and highlighted this urgent need. To address the shortage, resource assessments identified that the Taoyuan City Fire Department annually retires dozens of well-maintained ambulances strictly due to service-life regulations.

This led to a cross-sector partnership blending environmental sustainability with international relief. The Taoyuan City Fire Department donated six decommissioned ambulances, successfully repurposing the vehicles for continued use. Furthermore, to combat Mongolia's extreme winters, 2,592 eco-blankets were shipped alongside the ambulances in October 2025, providing warmth for patients, medical staff, and for use during disaster relief operations.

What began as a request for a single ambulance evolved into a collaborative initiative, bridging a critical gap in Mongolia's healthcare infrastructure.



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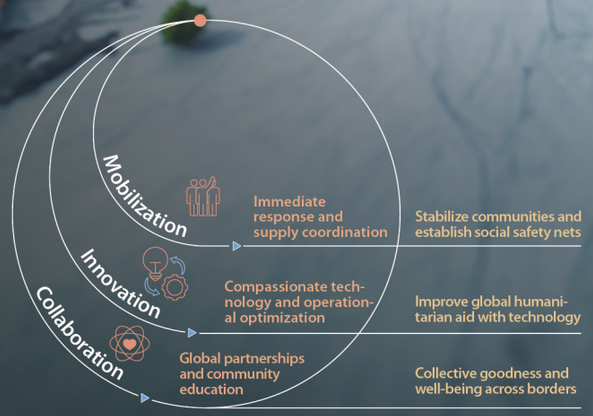
Action 2

Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Resilience





Action Focus

Amid escalating extreme weather and complex crises, disaster management has evolved from reactive relief to comprehensive resilience-building, encompassing prevention, emergency response, and long-term reconstruction. The year 2025 marks a critical milestone for deepening societal resilience.

Humanitarian care is seamlessly integrated into all operations through reconstruction projects, public-private partnerships, applied technology, and transnational networks. Initiatives help affected populations rebuild while empowering communities to cultivate self-reliance and mutual aid. Each mobilization drives a sustainable shift from disaster relief to proactive prevention, moving beyond basic assistance toward collective well-being. Ultimately, these efforts strengthen the overarching response capacities of communities, organizations, and society at large, safeguarding lives and homes against mounting environmental risks.

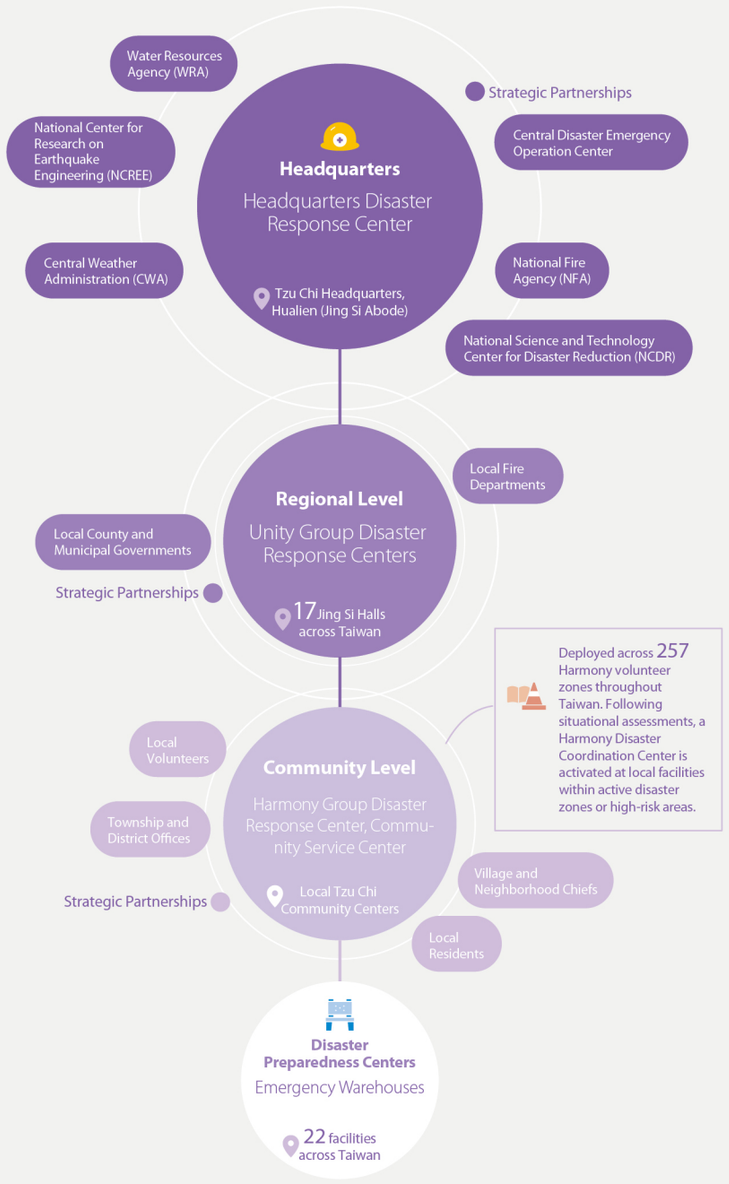
4-1 Disaster Response in Taiwan

Our response

In 2025, building on years of disaster response experience, public-private partnerships helped strengthen the disaster-response network.

During preparedness and emergency response, cross-agency collaboration supported large-scale disaster-prevention training in local communities. "Compassionate technology," including drone monitoring and electricity-free water purification systems, was introduced. When disasters struck, volunteers mobilized to provide hot meals, financial aid, and emotional support. During reconstruction, professional repairs to homes and schools helped residents and students quickly resume daily life and learning. From emergency relief to sustainable resilience, expertise, technology, and cross-sector collaboration build a stronger safety net for communities.

Tzu Chi Disaster Response Center Operational Model



Disaster Response with Tech-Driven Humanistic Care

In 2025, relief operations were mobilized for 207 disaster incidents, encompassing major earthquakes, typhoons, torrential rains, and sudden emergencies. Key responses included the 2025 Tainan-Chiayi Earthquake; Typhoons Danas, Ragasa, Fung-wong, and Podul; and southwest monsoon torrential rains. Emergency care was also provided for localized crises, such as a residential building collapse in Sanchong, and factory and residential fires in Changhua and Xinzhuang, stabilizing affected families during times of crisis.

Emergency Relief

- 207 disaster incidents
- 24,094 instances of household support
- 7,854 families received cash relief
- 155,362 hot meals served
- 13,394 care packages distributed
- 515 homes repaired
- 838 multi-purpose foldable beds provided
- 227 partition tents provided
- 58,856 volunteer shifts

Post-Disaster Reconstruction

- 144 units completed at the Great Love Residential Complex in response to the 2024 Hualien Earthquake
- 6 prefabricated transitional homes rebuilt on-site in Tainan

Disaster Prevention

- 7,467 Tzu Chi volunteers trained and certified as Disaster Relief Volunteers (Mar. 2026)
- 40 drone pilots trained
- 26 obtained operator license
- 33 Disaster Relief Volunteer training courses conducted or participated in
- 31 community disaster preparedness sessions under the "Disaster Relief Volunteers in Communities" initiative
- 20 disaster response workshops

Disaster Preparedness and Relief Support Operations:

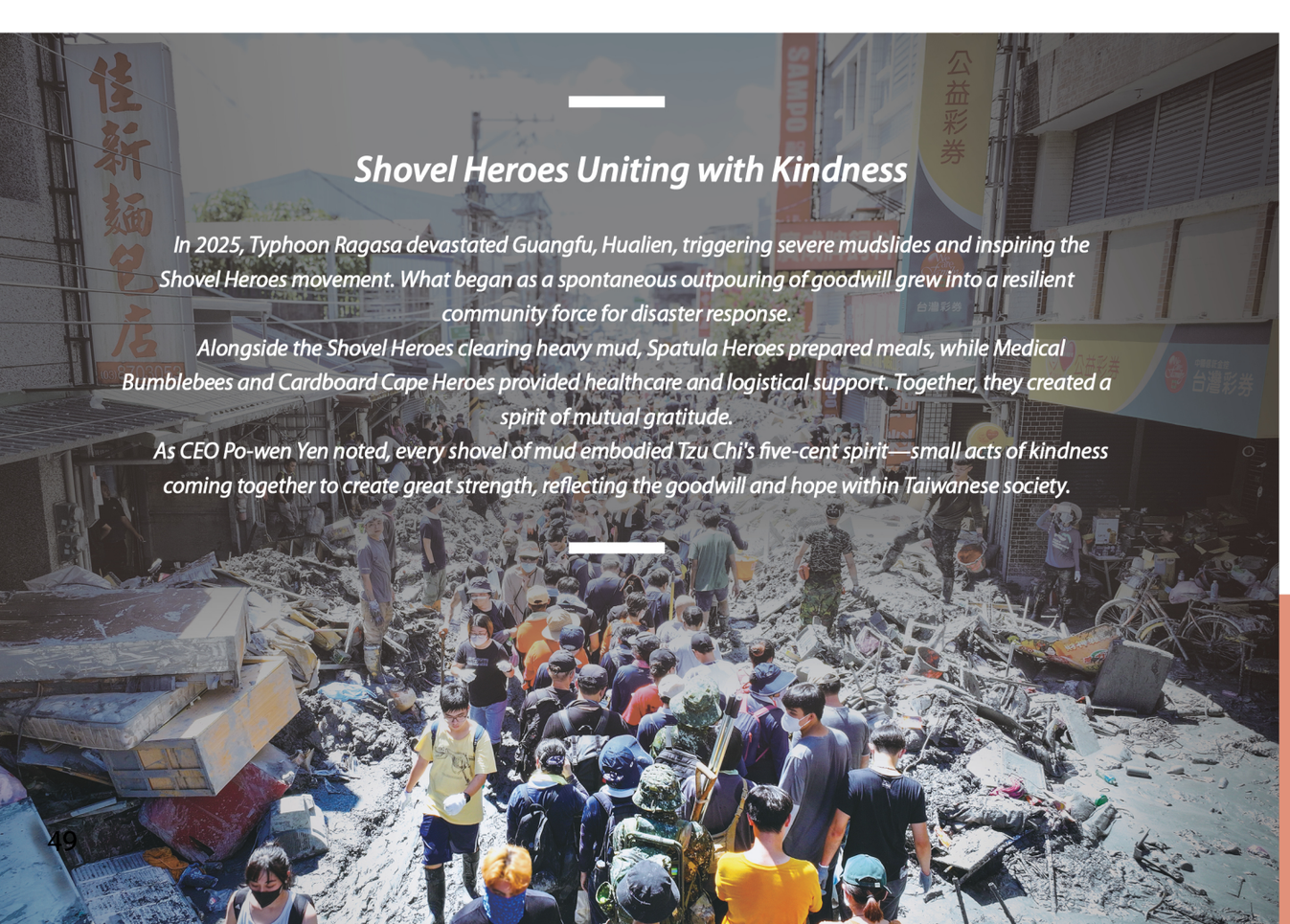
- Compassionate technology research & development
- Eco-awareness & disaster prevention exhibitions
- Emergency relief team training & equipment showcases
- Compassionate technology interactive experiences
- Warehouse & inventory management training
- Community & campus disaster education
- Parent-child disaster readiness activities

Typhoon Ragasa

On September 23, Typhoon Ragasa severely impacted eastern Hualien, triggering a barrier lake overflow along the Matai'an Stream. Catastrophic flooding affected Guangfu, Wanrong, and Fenglin townships, with over 1,600 homes in low-lying areas of Guangfu inundated by mud. The disaster severed local transportation, disrupted power grids, and cut off access to vital medical and living resources.

Guided by the core disaster relief principles of directness, priority, respect, practicality, and timeliness, operations were launched via public-private partnerships. A structured five-phase framework integrated digital infrastructure to streamline the transition from emergency response to livelihood reconstruction. Frontline volunteers utilized an online system to report live imagery and needs assessments, which were aggregated onto centralized dashboards and GIS platforms to optimize resource deployment. A specialized decision-making mapping platform matched local cleanup demands with volunteer deployments while tracking field progress in real time. A digital verification pipeline validated recipient identities and logged specific needs to ensure precise delivery of material aid and soothing comfort.

Following the emergency phase, targeted evaluations guided the distribution of customized aid, including specialized home repairs, refurbished computers, and reconditioned assistive devices. This integration of technical precision and humanistic culture successfully empowered residents to restore their daily routines and rebuild stable homes.



Shovel Heroes Uniting with Kindness

In 2025, Typhoon Ragasa devastated Guangfu, Hualien, triggering severe mudslides and inspiring the Shovel Heroes movement. What began as a spontaneous outpouring of goodwill grew into a resilient community force for disaster response.

Alongside the Shovel Heroes clearing heavy mud, Spatula Heroes prepared meals, while Medical Bumblebees and Cardboard Cape Heroes provided healthcare and logistical support. Together, they created a spirit of mutual gratitude.

As CEO Po-wen Yen noted, every shovel of mud embodied Tzu Chi's five-cent spirit—small acts of kindness coming together to create great strength, reflecting the goodwill and hope within Taiwanese society.

88,401 hot meals and food items distributed — 47,960 hot meals prepared and served via mobile kitchens; 40,441 meal boxes, bread loaves, snacks, popsicles, beverages, etc. provided

2,871 households received cash relief

3,106 care packages distributed

1,121 homes cleaned

68 professional home repairs — structural doors, windows, plumbing, and electrical systems

4,600 free medical consultations

1,202 medical and healthcare kits distributed

106 refurbished computers donated

110 reconditioned assistive devices — for vulnerable families and eldercare facilities

26,113 volunteer shifts — including 21,337 shifts for cleanup operations

Guangfu Township Barrier Lake Overflow

Strategic Framework for Disaster Relief & Recovery

Operationalizing Public-Private Partnerships for Community Resilience

Emergency Response | Livelihood Restoration | Psychosocial Support | Agricultural Recovery | Resilience Capacity Building

Sep. 21- Oct. 04

Phase 1

1. Immediate setup of the Emergency Response Center.
2. Deployment of comprehensive material and logistical aid.
3. Tech-driven decision making and situational analysis.
4. Execution of a centralized volunteer deployment hub.

Oct. 04 - Nov

Phase 2

1. Distribution of emergency cash assistance.
2. Provision of educational subsidies and support.
3. Delivery of refurbished assistive devices.
4. Professiona structural repairs for damaged homes.

Nov. 2025 - Feb. 2026

Phase 3

1. Implementation of holistic wellness checks and free clinics.
2. Organization of community prayer gatherings.
3. Fundraising via charity runs.
4. Hosting of Year-End Blessing Ceremonies.

Nov. 2025 - Feb. 2026

Phase 4

1. Evaluation and assessment of farmland rehabilitation models.
2. Implementation of sustainable recultivation pilot programs.

March 2026 onward

Phase 5

1. Launch of specialized Disaster Relief Volunteer training courses.
2. Training and development of local community leaders.

Disaster Relief & Cleanup **Timeline**

	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25-30	10/3	10/4
Relief Efforts	14:30 Headquarters Disaster Response Center activated.	Wellness check messages dispatched.	Relief supplies delivered to emergency shelters, including multi-purpose foldable beds, eco-blankets, privacy partition tents, and hot meals.	CEO leads on-site disaster assessment in Guangfu Township.	Cleanup operations initiated.	Large-scale mobilization for cleanup operations concluded.	Emergency relief funds distributed. Refurbished computers installed. Doors, windows, and utilities repaired for affected households.
Event Progression	08:30 Severe typhoon sea warning issued.	Early warning alerts issued.	Barrier lake upstream of the Matai'an River overflowed, causing severe damage across the township.	Operational zones coordinated and confirmed with the Hualien County Government.	Central government declared 100% completion of residential mud clearance.		

Typhoon Danas

On July 6, Typhoon Danas made landfall in Budai, Chiayi, bringing severe winds and torrential rain that devastated Yunlin, Chiayi, and Tainan. Massive flooding, prolonged power outages, and structural damage severely disrupted local lives. In response, a 46-day relief and recovery operation was launched across four key areas.

Immediate relief provided balanced vegetarian meals to affected residents and public sector emergency personnel. Concurrently, youth volunteers cleared fallen trees and debris during their summer break to ensure schools could reopen normally. Priority roofing repairs and residential restoration were directed toward solitary seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families. Furthermore, home visitations were conducted across disaster zones to distribute cash relief and care packages, while identifying cases requiring long-term care.

To address the high risks of working at heights and the fact that local volunteers were themselves affected, the housing repair initiative deployed a strategy combining cross-regional mobilization with professional contractors. Volunteers from central and southern Taiwan provided mutual support, while Dalin Tzu Chi Hospital and the Yunlin and Chiayi Jing Si Halls managed meal services and logistics. High-risk roofing projects were outsourced to 18 professional contractors, who utilized sandwich steel panels with zinc-aluminum coatings to maximize future wind resistance. Throughout the project, volunteers handled material transport, environmental cleanup, and resident care.

Additionally, Tzu Chi's venues functioned as service hubs to provide daily care, administrative assistance, and resource coordination. This model of cross-regional collaboration and specialized labor efficiently supported residents in transitioning back to normal life.

20,862 hot meals and boxed lunches served

2,626 households provided with cash relief

3,480 care packages distributed

87 schools cleared of debris (from primary to higher education) | 700 + youth volunteers mobilized

175 damaged homes repaired

11,145 home visits | 369 households transitioned to long-term care

24,337 volunteer shifts for disaster recovery



Collective Impact

- *Digital networks were used to mobilize youth volunteers and community members to join the post-disaster recovery effort.*
- *This active engagement inspired several construction and engineering firms—including Yuan Xing Construction and [Yabisi Engineering]—that initially lacked operational capacity to overcome logistical challenges, absorb a portion of the costs, and prioritize home repairs for affected residents.*
- *Following the completion of structural repairs, a Mid-Autumn Gratitude Night was hosted to bring comfort and unite the community.*







2025 Tainan-Chiayi Earthquake

39,469 hot meals served
497 foldable beds provided
193 privacy partition tents distributed
3,875 home visits conducted
240 households received cash relief
4,000 care packages delivered
250 housing repairs
7,024 volunteer shifts for disaster response and reconstruction



On January 21, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck south-central Taiwan, severely impacting parts of Chiayi and Tainan. Extended power outages, water disruptions, and widespread structural damage upended daily life. In response, volunteers mobilized to deliver hot meals, cold-weather supplies, and urgent cash assistance. Comprehensive door-to-door check-ins were also conducted to provide vital emotional support, assess property damage, and register families for immediate aid.

Once immediate relief efforts stabilized the community, mid-to-long-term recovery commenced under the "0121 Tainan-Chiayi Earthquake Recovery and Repair Team." Skilled volunteers from across the country, specializing in masonry, plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and painting, were mobilized. Repairs prioritized low-income families and solitary seniors who lacked the financial means to rebuild homes that were damaged but had escaped emergency safety closures. This critical intervention resolved acute labor and material shortages, allowing displaced seniors to safely return home and helping families stabilize their lives.

To anchor long-term community resilience, a memorandum of understanding for the "Settling Home Project" was signed with the Tainan City Government on March 20. The project involves constructing three-story multi-family welfare housing units built with the Alfa Safe seismic-resistant system, scheduled for completion in 2027. Concurrently, six prefabricated homes rebuilt directly on original family plots were handed over to residents in January 2026. This integrated operational model spans immediate emergency aid, structural restoration, and permanent rebuilding to support residents throughout their recovery.



Hualien Earthquake Recovery: Inauguration of the Great Love Residential Complex

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck off the Hualien coast at 7:58 AM on April 3, 2024, causing building collapses, casualties, and infrastructure damage. Volunteers immediately mobilized to arrive at evacuation centers with hot meals, blankets, multi-purpose foldable beds, and privacy partition tents, alongside cash relief, home repairs, and cleanup initiatives.

Guided by the recovery principles of prompt relief and safety, psychological and spiritual support, and a peaceful livelihood, a permanent housing initiative followed. Groundbreaking for the Great Love Residential Complex began in September 2024, with official inauguration on November 15, 2025. CEO Po-wen Yen stated that permanent reconstruction was achieved at transitional-housing speed to rapidly restore stability.

As Taiwan's first welfare community for the elderly and vulnerable, the five-story reinforced concrete structure provides 144 fully furnished residential units equipped with bathrooms, kitchens, appliances, bedding, sofas, and air conditioning. This comprehensive lifecycle response successfully transitioned residents from crisis to permanent resettlement.

Resilient Communities and Disaster Prevention Empowerment

Amid rising challenges from climate change and complex disasters, disaster prevention must shift from reactive emergency response to an everyday lifestyle. In 2025, a resilient society was forged through three dimensions: empowering local communities, deepening relief reserves, and fostering cross-sector partnerships.







Empowering Local Communities: Deepening Community Resilience

Guided by the core philosophy of self-help and mutual aid, disaster preparedness training was expanded to transform citizens from passive relief recipients into proactive community protectors. In 2025, 33 disaster preparedness training sessions were conducted for substitute draftees, village chiefs, corporate employees, and residents. Additionally, 31 community outreach campaigns and 20 disaster response seminars brought vital emergency knowledge to the grassroots level.

Between 2020 and March 2026, 7,467 Tzu Chi volunteers received official certification, contributing to a cumulative total of 17,561 certified Disaster Relief Volunteers through self-hosted or co-hosted programs. This continuous training establishes a robust emergency network from individuals and families to communities, reinforcing collective safety.

Deepening Relief Reserves: Compassionate Technology and Education

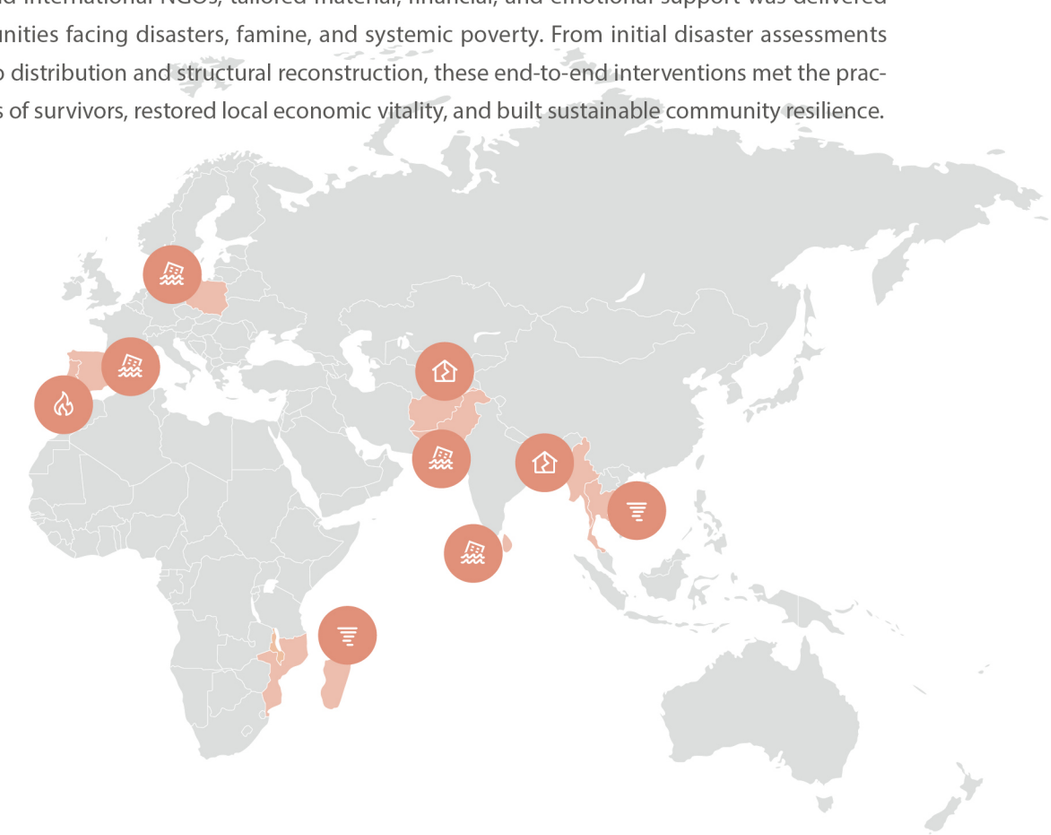
Operational readiness was strengthened through practical simulation drills combining Compassionate Technology, emergency relief teams, and warehouse logistics management. Public literacy was advanced through environmental and disaster prevention exhibitions, interactive technology showcases, and school-based family learning programs to enhance household defense capabilities.

Cross-Sector Partnerships: Building a Public-Private Safety Net

In 2025, MOUs were signed or renewed with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Agency of Rural Development and Soil and Water Conservation, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), and the Veterans Affairs Council. These strategic public-private partnerships integrate specialized professional resources into an advanced, cross-disciplinary disaster management platform to strengthen the overall relief network.

4-2 International Relief Operations

In 2025, amid mounting global climate and geological crises, international relief operations balanced immediate emergency aid with long-term recovery. Partnering with governments, corporations, and international NGOs, tailored material, financial, and emotional support was delivered to communities facing disasters, famine, and systemic poverty. From initial disaster assessments through to distribution and structural reconstruction, these end-to-end interventions met the practical needs of survivors, restored local economic vitality, and built sustainable community resilience.



Asia

Mandalay Earthquake, Myanmar	2024 Typhoon Yagi	Pakistan Floods	Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake	Sri Lanka Floods
Materials distribution Financial aid Cash-for-work Free clinic services Educational support 246 temporary classrooms and structures	-Thailand- Permanent housing	Food supplies Living supplies	Food supplies Winter supplies Hygiene supplies Eco-blankets Foldable bed	Hot meal distributions Home clean ups Food supplies Hygiene supplies
381,190 instances of support 4,119 volunteer shifts	10 households	50,643 instances of support 3 partner organizations	1,665 households 2 partner organizations	11,575 instances of support *includes continued support into 2026 366 volunteer shifts

Europe

Valencia Floods, Spain	2024 Poland Floods	2024 Portugal Wildfires
Cash cards	Cash cards Blankets Living supplies	Cash card Support gatherings
8,169 people 748 volunteer shifts	1,690 people 52 volunteer shifts	522 people 52 volunteer shifts

Americas

Ecuador Floods	Southern California Wildfires, USA
Food supplies Water purification tablets	Debit cards Living supplies (blankets, clothing, food supplies, protective gear, etc.)
11,019 people 318 volunteer shifts	15,631 people 315 volunteer shifts

Africa

Cyclone Jude

-Mozambique-	-Madagascar-	-Malawi-
Food supplies Cash-for-work	Rice distribution	Food supplies Water purification solution Blankets, clothing, mosquito nets, etc.
35,285 people 396 volunteer shifts	6,200 people 1 partner organization	23,600 people 900 volunteer shifts

Earthquake Relief — Mandalay Earthquake, Myanmar

381,190 instances of support　　**4,119** volunteer shifts

On March 28, 2025, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck Mandalay, causing widespread devastation. By May 10, the disaster had claimed 3,791 lives and severely damaged homes, schools, and temples, disrupting communities across the region.

Volunteers immediately launched relief operations, beginning with emergency assistance and gradually expanding into long-term reconstruction and educational support. From late March onward, food, essential supplies, and multi-purpose foldable beds were provided to survivors, hospitals, and schools, while cash relief helped families cope with immediate financial pressures. To support those displaced by the earthquake, a cash-for-work program was also introduced to build temporary shelters for monastics and survivors.

From late May, free clinics were held across disaster-affected areas to address urgent healthcare needs. At the same time, 247 temporary classrooms and other structures were built at 83 schools, monasteries, and orphanages in Mandalay, Naypyidaw, and Sagaing, helping restore essential educational and religious functions.



From September onward, educational support expanded through student aid programs providing stationery and learning materials, while food assistance for monasteries continued. Schools also incorporated Jing Si Aphorisms and environmental principles into their curricula through the "Campus Rice Bank" project, encouraging children to develop mindfulness and kindness toward others.

Through this multifaceted approach, relief efforts evolved into long-term recovery and development, helping communities rebuild while fostering hope through education and humanistic culture.





Earthquake Relief — Eastern Afghanistan Earthquake

1,665 households　　**2** partner organizations

In August 2025, a magnitude 6 earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, affecting over 50,000 people and causing more than 5,000 casualties. The epicenters in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces are located in rugged, mountainous terrain where landslides and severed roadways hindered initial rescue efforts.

A partnership was forged with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to leverage their 38 years of local presence and 6,000-strong mobilization network. Due to complex regional geopolitics, the initially planned rail and land transport routes were disrupted. In response, Airlink helped airlift eco-blankets and foldable beds in batches from Chengdu and Shanghai to Dubai, and then transshipped to Kabul, successfully opening an emergency air corridor.

Relief efforts focused directly on survivor needs, distributing food packs to 1,415 households, winterization kits to 1,665 households, and hygiene kits to 1,615 households. Each food pack provided around four months of essential sustenance. Additionally, 4,248 eco-blankets were prioritized for vulnerable groups, families with disabilities, and medical facilities.

In February 2026, teams traveled into the mountainous regions to conduct assessments, compile registries, and distribute winter supplies and hygiene kits. Although border conflicts temporarily halted operations in late February, distributions resumed on March 11 and concluded in April, delivering critical aid to isolated regions.



Typhoon and Flood Relief — Valencia Floods, Spain

8,169 households aided **748** volunteer shifts

In late October 2024, a low-pressure system triggered catastrophic flooding across Spain, claiming at least 217 lives and leaving nearly one million residents in the hardest-hit Valencia Province without essential infrastructure.

In response, a team of volunteers from 10 countries—including the United Kingdom, Germany, and France—launched an initial disaster assessment in January 2025. Between March and June, successive teams conducted home visits and coordination meetings with local municipal governments and non-profits, including Fundación Altius España and Caritas. These efforts finalized aid evaluations, beneficiary criteria, data privacy protocols, and local volunteer recruitment.

Following eight months of cross-border coordination, seven large-scale distributions were executed between July 9 and 15. Displaced residents received Mercadona supermarket cash cards, securing essential living expenses for several weeks up to three months.

To respect local culture, local community support was encouraged. Local Chinese cafe owner Xiaoling Zheng provided her venue for volunteer briefings, while affected resident Jose Manuel stepped forward as a translator to bridge cross-cultural communication. Despite complex international regulations and cultural barriers, this sustained collaboration built deep institutional trust and community consensus.

Typhoon and Flood Relief — Cyclone Jude, Africa

Mozambique: **7,015** households **Malawi:** **5,000** households **Madagascar:** **1,207** households

In March 2025, Tropical Cyclone Jude swept through Mozambique, Malawi, and Madagascar, causing widespread flooding, infrastructure collapse, and displacing hundreds of thousands of residents. To address the compounding challenges of displacement, food insecurity, and public health risks, a multinational disaster response was activated alongside local volunteers and partner organizations to deploy food aid and disease prevention measures.

In Malawi, 36 volunteers traveled to 10 heavily affected areas and 28 evacuation shelters. Registries were finalized with the help of local leaders, while corn flour, nutritional grain powder, and blankets were procured locally. To mitigate the risk of malaria and waterborne diseases, 5,000 mosquito nets and 300 cases of water purification solutions were distributed.

In Mozambique, volunteer teams navigated flooded areas and broken roads across 12 affected communities to conduct on-site verifications and distribute food packs containing corn flour, beans, and peanuts to 7,015 families, while continuing to evaluate long-term agricultural rehabilitation projects. In Madagascar, a joint assessment with the local Lions Club resulted in 5 rice distributions across 7 affected villages, benefiting 1,207 families.

This coordinated multinational relief effort supported over 13,000 families, addressing immediate food shortages while implementing critical sanitation measures to prevent post-disaster disease outbreaks.



Typhoon and Flood Relief — Torrential Rain and Flooding, Ecuador

11,019 instances of support **318** volunteer shifts



From mid-February 2025, continuous torrential rains triggered river overflows, mudslides, flooding, and road collapses across 24 provinces in Ecuador. By May 16, the disaster resulted in 49 casualties, displaced nearly 50,000 people, and disrupted life for over 190,000 residents, with Manabí Province suffering the most severe impact.

Most residents in the affected zones relied on agriculture for their livelihood; the floods destroyed primary cash crops such as bananas, lemons, and cocoa, while contaminating water towers and inundating homes. In response to these urgent needs, relief priorities were directed toward food security and water purification tablets.

Once weather conditions stabilized in March, volunteers began assessments, home visits, and registration, while encouraging residents to join the community cleanup efforts. To maximize utility, aid packages were calibrated according to local price indices, dietary preferences, and household demographics.

Distribution operations took place between mid-August and early September, with packages scaled by family size. Households with one to four members received a 31 kg supply pack of rice, corn flour, pasta, cooking oil, sugar, oats, various beans, and 10 water purification tablets. Households with five to seven members received an additional sack of rice, while families with eight or more members received two full supply packs.

Typhoon and Flood Relief — Pakistan Floods

50,643 instances of support **3** partner organizations



Severe summer monsoon rains in Pakistan triggered massive flooding and landslides, affecting nearly 7 million people nationwide, with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces experiencing the heaviest devastation. Contaminated water sources, an early winter, and substantial food deficits worsened the plight of survivors. Relief operations targeted vulnerable, low-income families and individuals with disabilities, reaching deep into Buner District—where entire villages were nearly erased—and the remote, terrain-altered Mingora mountainous region of Swat District.

In the absence of local Tzu Chi volunteers, and aligned with SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), collaborations were established with three local non-profits: the We Care Foundation, the Madina Islamic Research Center (MIRC), and Shirkat Gah. Following thorough due diligence and registry verifications, these joint forces completed 21 field distributions within a month.

To support the local economy, all relief supplies were sourced locally and tailored to seasonal needs. Each family pack contained staple foods, daily essentials, and hygiene supplies sufficient for two months, along with certified eco-blankets to protect survivors against winter conditions. Building upon partnerships established during the 2005, 2010, and 2022 relief operations, this collaborative framework expanded delivery capacity, fulfilling the principles of directness, priority, and practicality.

Typhoon and Flood Relief — Sri Lanka Floods

11,575 instances of support **366** volunteer shifts **1** partner organization

In late November 2025, Tropical Cyclone Ditwah struck Sri Lanka, triggering its worst flooding and landslides in decades and prompting a national state of emergency. Operating under the principles of directness and priority, relief was concentrated in the capital city of Colombo and Hambantota, where regional offices are present.

Initial operations focused on emergency survival, addressing displacement and the lack of clean drinking water. As floodwaters receded, efforts transitioned to environmental cleanup and securing a one-to-two-month supply of basic provisions.

In Hambantota, immediate aid was delivered to emergency shelters at the request of the local government. In Colombo, 800 morning and evening meals were supplied to shelter residents on November 28 and 30, followed by distributions of bread and bottled water to 200 families on December 1. On December 7, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Scout Association, volunteers helped clear mud and debris from affected homes.



To prepare for subsequent distributions, volunteers procured items from local markets including rice, dhal, chickpeas, flour, oil, tea, coconut milk powder, and spices, alongside hygiene items like soap and laundry powder. The first major distribution took place on December 14 in the Homagama region, providing 1,378 families with enough supplies to last one and a half months. Follow-up operations continued into early 2026 across severely affected regions to ensure long-term resource stability.



Long-term community recovery initiatives continued into 2026. On January 17, living supplies were distributed to 1,205 affected households in Godatuwa. As communities stabilize, focus has transitioned to educational recovery. School supplies and shoe vouchers were distributed to 1,186 students in Godatuwa on April 10, followed by an additional 216 sets distributed in Bogawantalawa, Central Province, on April 27. Further initiatives will focus on restoring learning environments by providing classroom essentials such as desks, chairs, and blackboards.



Fire Relief — Southern California Wildfires, United States

4,360 debit cards **3,888** food packs and blankets distributed

226 prescription glasses provided by Tzu Chi Vision Mobile Clinic

Ignited on January 7, 2025, and fueled by dry conditions and Santa Ana winds, severe wildfires in Los Angeles scorched approximately 233 km2 across five major fire zones. By February 21, the disaster had caused 29 casualties, damaged over 16,000 structures, and displaced more than 200,000 residents. The disaster impacted a diverse demographic, ranging from affluent homeowners to vulnerable populations, including working-class families, Hispanic migrant renters, and retirees unable to afford reconstruction.

An emergency response and care center was established the day after the outbreak to provide meal services for displaced families. Concurrently, assessment teams visited multiple evacuation shelters and delivered water and hot food to households facing power outages near the fire zones. To mitigate severe air pollution caused by the fires, substantial quantities of N95 masks, safety goggles, and air purifiers were distributed to shelter residents and frontline first responders.

Integrating with FEMA and local government Disaster Recovery Centers, volunteers registered affected residents for direct financial aid, distributing debit cards valued between $1,000 and $1,500 based on household size. Comprehensive on-site support included eco-blankets, hot vegetarian meals, traditional Chinese medicine acupuncture clinics, and custom prescription eyewear provided by the Tzu Chi Vision Mobile Clinic.

To ensure aid integrity and prevent duplicate claims, a remote verification team developed an automated address-matching program to validate applicants against official fire boundaries. Alongside material relief, distribution sites featured prayer walls and dedicated spiritual dialogue spaces, offering crucial emotional comfort for survivors navigating the trauma of long-term recovery.

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Action 3

Elderly Care & Youth Empowerment

Action Focus

Driven by an aging population and declining birth rates, current initiatives focus simultaneously on youth education and elderly care. Financial aid and empowerment programs equip disadvantaged students to thrive and step into public service. Meanwhile, expanded community hubs, health initiatives, and in-home care create secure, dignified environments for seniors. These efforts ultimately strengthen local support networks, bridge generational divides, and build a more sustainable, inclusive society.

5-1 Building the Power to Transform the Future

In response to declining birth rates, current initiatives prioritize comprehensive youth development. By integrating after-school mentorship, digital learning, and campus reconstruction, these programs bridge educational gaps and safeguard the right to learn in remote and disaster-stricken areas. Concurrently, young leaders equipped with global perspectives and local experience are developed through four core areas: international exchange, skill empowerment, organizational development, and innovative public service.

When Children Are Understood, Change Happens

Support
Steady Schooling and Livelihood Assistance

Development
After-School Mentorship and Capacity Building

Empowerment
Youth Innovation and Civic Engagement

1,885,092 instances of support

219,573 volunteer shifts



5-1-1 From Companionship to Empowerment: Helping Disadvantaged Students Find Their Path

Tailored to local needs, youth empowerment programs integrate financial aid, the New Sprouts Scholarships, and diverse skill-building courses to deliver comprehensive support—ranging from livelihood assistance to psychological care.

To further build youth capacity, programs emphasize industry mentorship and hands-on civic engagement. Volunteer activities, such as environmental conservation and home care for the vulnerable, cultivate critical problem-solving skills. Concurrently, partnerships with alternative schools provide a vital safety net for at-risk youth. Geographical barriers are also bridged through remote education initiatives, such as the innovative "Online Mentorship Work-Study Program," which connects university mentors with rural students to enhance digital literacy.

Ultimately, this educational support goes beyond mere resource injection; it serves as a long-term stabilizing force. When marginalized children are understood and supported, they transition from passively accepting aid to actively becoming "co-creators of social value."

248,408 instances of benefit

52,258 instances of volunteer participation

Financial Aid	After-School Mentorship	Long-Term Companionship	In-Depth Home Visits
Providing educational and livelihood support to ease family burdens.	Matching university students for online/offline tutoring.	Subsidies for professional development and broadening horizons.	Regular care from dedicated teams to ensure all needs are addressed.



28 After-School Tutoring Programs Nationwide

Taichung City

Dongshi Tutoring Program	Since 2023
Huatung Village Tutoring Program	Since 2024
Ziqiang Village Tutoring Program	Since 2024

Tainan City

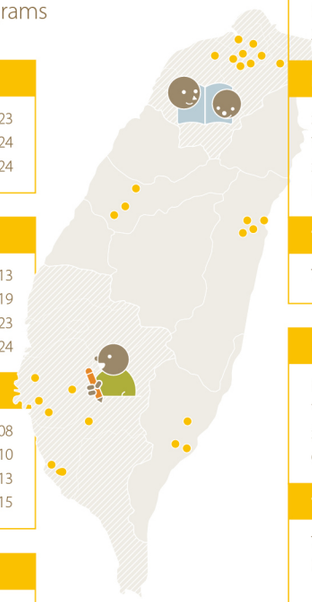
NCKU Tutoring Program	Since 2013
Tainan Chapter Tutoring Program	Since 2019
Jiali Tutoring Program	Since 2023
Yujing Tutoring Program	Since 2024

Kaohsiung City

Kaohsiung Chapter Tutoring Program	Since 2008
Shanlin Tutoring Program	Since 2010
Shanlin Youth Center	Since 2013
Fongshan Tutoring Program	Since 2015

Penghu County

Penghu New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2025



Taipei City

Tianmu New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2009
Guandu New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2010
Da'an New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2010
Zhongzheng New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2023

New Taipei City

Sanchong New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2007
Yonghe New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2009
Shulin New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2010
Banqiao Chihlee New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2023

Taoyuan City

Taoyuan New Sprouts Tutoring Program	Since 2010

Hualien County

Etude Bookstore	Since 2020
Yuncai Tutoring Program	Since 2023
Shuiyuan After-School Program	Since 2024
Guofu After-School Program	Since 2025

Taitung County

Taitung Tzu Chi Tutoring Program	Since 2008
Dongxing Friendly Tutoring Program (Taromak Academy)	Since 2020
Longtian Friendly Tutoring Program	Since 2020

B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering, National Cheng Kung University

M.S. in Semiconductor Packaging and Testing, National Cheng Kung University



Now a lead engineer at a top tech firm, Li-Cheng was supported by the program from elementary through graduate school. After his father passed away, his mother struggled with declining health while raising him alone. Throughout his education, steady mentorship and financial aid provided a vital safety net, guiding him through difficult times and keeping his future on track.

"This support was a constant throughout my life," Li-Cheng notes. "They believed in me, and I want to pay that gratitude forward whenever possible."

He now seizes every opportunity to give back. He recently shared his expertise at the 2025 New Sprouts Scholarship Academic Expo, and he regularly facilitates youth incubation camps and mentors students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Volunteer Kuo-Hsing Chang recalls his dedication: "Even during the most demanding year of his master's program, he never gave up tutoring. He saw his younger self in those children and wanted to pass on the decade of love and guidance he had received."

Youth Support and Development

Through long-term support, many students have overcome their adversities to earn recognition for their remarkable achievements. With resilience, they navigated their challenges, proving to the world that "adversity is never the end, but the beginning of growth."

2021-2022 National Middle School Athletic Games Gold Medalist

2023 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games Silver Medalist

2024 National Intercollegiate Athletic Games Gold Medalist



"I want the ability to protect my mother." This desire became Min Li's greatest driving force.

As the child of a single, new-immigrant mother, Min faced early bullying that led her to withdraw socially. Discovering boxing in the ninth grade provided a critical turning point. Through sheer perseverance and rigorous training at National Nei-Pu Senior Agricultural-Industrial Vocational High School, she overcame early athletic disadvantages. She went on to secure championships at both the National Middle School and National Intercollegiate Athletic Games, ultimately earning her place as a national boxing athlete.

Behind her success, the Youth Incubation Program provided vital, tailored support. Timely financial aid relieved her family's economic burden, allowing Min to focus entirely on her academics and intensive training. Furthermore, capacity-building initiatives enabled her to earn an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1) certification, equipping her with a secondary career path. Ultimately, long-term mentorship from volunteers helped her overcome past insecurities and step into the future with renewed confidence.

"I am deeply moved by the family-like support system standing behind me." — Min Li, Student

2025 Presidential Education Award

2025 Asian Youth Para Games:
- **T35 Long Jump Silver Medal**
- **F35 Javelin Bronze Medal**
- **Broke his own national records in the 100m sprint and long jump.**

2024 National Disabled Games:
- **100m Gold (breaking meet and national records)**
- **200m & 400m Silver**
- **1500m Bronze**

An indigenous Bunun student from Haiduan Township, Taitung County, Chi-Hsi Chiu was born with cerebral palsy and relies on mobility aids to walk. Encouraged by schoolteachers and sports coaches, he put on track spikes for the first time, stood at the starting line, and turned his dream of "running" into reality. In 2024, representing Taitung County at the National Disabled Games, he shattered meet and national records. In 2025, he was selected for the national team for the Asian Youth Para Games, capturing silver in the T35 long jump and bronze in the F35 javelin, while again breaking national records in the 100m sprint and long jump.

Demonstrating the resilient Bunun spirit on the field, Chi-Hsi is also a "Role Model" representative for the 2025 New Sprouts Scholarship. Standing on the podium, he hopes to become a role model for more children with disabilities: "No matter how many physical limitations there are, as long as you have a dream, you can shine!"



"Just pushing through to the finish line is the greatest validation I can give myself." — Chi-Hsi Chiu, Student

Gratitude Learning Center

In the rural areas of Miaoli, many children face significant developmental challenges due to fragmented families and limited educational resources. Established in 2009, the Gratitude Learning Center supports these youths through academic tutoring, character education, and capacity building. Today, it serves as a secure anchor for the community, fostering a cross-generational environment defined by shared goodness, learning, empathy, and prosperity.

The Center's holistic approach begins with regular home visits to assess each family's unique needs. To ensure accessibility, it provides age-appropriate classes and safe transportation. During sessions, volunteers combine daily care with academic mentoring—assisting with personal hygiene, leading team activities, and preparing healthy meals to build students' confidence and positive habits.

The diverse curriculum extends beyond traditional subjects to cultivate independent living and interpersonal skills, featuring courses in daily etiquette, financial literacy, and plant-based cooking. Furthermore, a "big hands holding small hands" intergenerational mentorship model encourages civic engagement. Through community field trips and volunteer service, children learn to connect with their local environment and put compassion into action.

Crucially, this support extends from the classroom into the home. By actively involving parents in activities, the Center builds a strong parent-teacher partnership. This engagement helps parents understand their children's learning journeys, naturally integrates positive values into daily life, and stabilizes the family support system.

Over the past 17 years, the Gratitude Learning Center has evolved from a simple after-school program into a comprehensive, long-term support network. By establishing deep trust with local residents, it has strengthened the safety net for remote families, empowering children to safely grow and thrive.







5-1-2 Cross-Sector Empowerment and Sustainable Co-Creation

Action Focus

Multiple youth initiatives are integrated into a comprehensive social impact platform that combines capacity building, incubation, and international exchange. Through industry mentorship, specialized training, and targeted resources, the platform empowers young innovators to turn creative ideas into concrete actions, driving diverse projects across agriculture, education, environmental protection, and social care.

In addition to deepening local services, the platform links international volunteer programs, cross-border digital mentorship, and international exchanges to broaden youths' global perspectives and build transnational collaboration networks. By connecting local action with global outreach, these initiatives collectively amplify social impact and advance a vision of sustainable, shared prosperity.

TIYA Sustainability Annual Convention : Connecting Youth Leaders from 14 Countries

Relocating to Singapore for the first time, the 4th TIYA Sustainability Annual Convention transformed into a dynamic "Asian Youth Workshop." Focused on the UN SDGs, nearly 200 youth leaders from 14 countries gathered to tackle global challenges. Shifting from traditional experience-sharing, the event emphasized solution co-creation. Delegates discussed their communities' specific sustainability challenges with UN representatives, social enterprise leaders, and experts, translating broad concepts into actionable plans for poverty alleviation.

Practical learning included field visits to the Sustainable Singapore Gallery and Semakau Island, where participants studied wastewater recycling, ecological conservation, and the indigenous Orang Laut culture. Acknowledging climate anxiety, the venue also featured an "All Day Recharge Station," utilizing mindfulness and music to foster mental and physical resilience.

Guided by mentors, delegates drafted concrete proposals. Malaysian youths planned to adapt Singapore's wastewater strategies against marine pollution, while Nepalese delegates designed rural water management initiatives to advance SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

UN ESCAP sustainability consultant Christian noted that young leaders often lack crucial financial networks and mentorship, making such exchange platforms vital for formulating real solutions. Moving forward, continuous collaborations with international organizations will drive the Generation Hope Goals, transforming global youth from advocates into active changemakers.

Cross-Sector Tech Empowerment: Realizing Digital Equity

Coding writes more than just commands; it scripts new possibilities for the future.

Trained 95 seed instructors

Engaged 287 students in continuous programming education



In August 2024, a partnership was established with the Coding Alliance to equip refugees and remote students with critical digital skills. The initiative prioritized El Menahil International School in Türkiye (serving Syrian refugees), Chiangmai Tzu Chi School in Thailand, and Mofambisse Secondary School in Mozambique.

To overcome hardware and geographical barriers, the project utilized a dual strategy of teacher training and online mentorship, with instructional materials translated into local languages like Arabic and Portuguese. In rural Mozambique, computer labs were built from scratch, and local teachers with no prior IT background were trained as seed instructors. In Thailand, Taiwanese experts mentored high schoolers online, empowering them to serve as junior coding teachers for elementary school camps and ensuring skills were passed down locally.

This training culminated in the June 2025 "International Scratch Olympiad," which challenged students to integrate environmental protection and plant-based diets into visual programming. Students from El Menahil swept the top three awards, demonstrating their newly acquired digital competitiveness on a global stage.

The initiative has successfully trained 95 seed teachers and engaged 287 students across three countries, providing ongoing skills development to enhance youth employability and opens doors to international opportunities, fundamentally transforming the local educational ecosystem.



The El Menahil Promise

Launched in 2023 in partnership with National Taiwan Normal University, the El Menahil Promise: Mandarin Learning Program for Syrian Refugees provides one-on-one online language mentorship to refugee students. Supplementing this digital outreach, volunteers travel to Sultangazi, Istanbul, Türkiye, during academic breaks to host immersive language camps and provide international care.

In October 2025, this 7,000-kilometer digital connection transitioned into real-world relationships when 12 Taiwanese youth volunteers traveled to El Menahil International School for an autumn Chinese camp, meeting the students they had long mentored online in person for the first time.

The volunteers brought practical gifts like colored pencils and notebooks, instantly breaking the ice. Taiwanese mentor Szu-Yu Chen shared that transitioning to the giving end was profoundly rewarding as she usually receives gifts from others. So being able to bring joy and blessings to these children was deeply moving.

The camp utilized interactive games, music, and crafts to create an engaging learning environment. "The teachers' patience made me love Mandarin even more and inspired me to study harder," said student Mohammed. For the volunteers, moving from online tutoring to face-to-face companionship deepened the experience, turning a language lesson into a meaningful cross-cultural bond. Through consistent care and action, this initiative continues to build global understanding and warmth across borders.



From Dream to Impact: Defining the Future



On December 6, the "From Dream to Impact" annual summit integrated the Vision Future Incubator Initiative and the TIYA Sustainability Annual Conference. Serving as a cross-sector platform for global youth, the event showcased startup achievements through rapid three-minute pitches and featured expert keynotes to inspire innovative solutions to complex social issues.

Youth empowerment programs yielded strong results in 2025. The 8th Vision Future Incubator Initiative equipped 11 teams with 60 hours of workshops, one-on-one mentorship, and grants. To date, it has incubated 88 teams, helping seven establish formal organizations. Additionally, the National Compassionate Science and Technology Innovation Competition mobilized 20 teams to design 5R-based tech solutions for charity and healthcare.

Community engagement and capacity-building efforts also expanded rapidly. The "Young Shan" Initiatives engaged 595 youths across 52 local service projects, while the Youth Social Impact Program trained 89 individuals in digital literacy and social innovation. Globally, the Collegiate Global Humanities Education Exchange dispatched 25 volunteers to Malaysia, the Philippines, and Nepal, and the International Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) selected 39 young leaders from nine countries.

"The future of our planet should be defined by the youth," stated CEO Po-wen Yen, emphasizing that translating ideals into concrete actions is the foundation of lasting social impact.

Youth Co-Learning Hub: Spatial Innovation and Empowerment

To counter an aging volunteer base, community-based youth empowerment and engagement initiatives are being actively promoted. As part of this effort, Taiwan's first Youth Learning Hub officially opened at the Tzu Chi Anping Liaison Office in Tainan, utilizing spatial innovation to connect with the new generation.

Spanning over 66 square meters, the Awakened Youth Learning Hub features a vibrant, multifunctional design crafted entirely by young volunteers. By incorporating minimalist wood elements, clean white tones, beanbag seating, and a dedicated reading corner, the project successfully reimagined the traditional facility. For its inaugural event, the CEO hosted an informal dialogue with students, facilitating a warm, cross-generational exchange on future visions.

The hub serves as a replicable model for sustainable education, designed to deepen self and environmental awareness among youth. Through cross-departmental coordination and external design collaborations, the initiative establishes a permanent support system that bridges generational divides, strengthens neighborhood networks, and fosters shared community prosperity.



5-2 Stable Homes and Friendly Communities for Seniors

Taiwan officially became a "super-aged society" by late 2025 with over 4.67 million people (> 20% of the population) being 65 or older. Among these seniors, 25.8% live alone and 12.5% rely on other elderly caregivers, with those in remote and mountainous areas facing the greatest risks.

Aligned with the UN's Principles for Older Persons, initiatives promote senior independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity. By leveraging youth engagement, community integration, and technology, these programs enhance seniors' living environments, health, and mental resilience, empowering them to age securely in familiar neighborhoods.

2,905,673 instances of care

15,549,181 volunteer shifts









Eco-Friendly Assistive Device Platform: Easing Caregiving Burdens

Financial constraints and remote locations often prevent mobility-impaired or bedridden individuals from accessing costly medical equipment. To address this, the Eco-Friendly Assistive Device Program recovers, repairs, sanitizes, and loans second-hand equipment free of charge, directly easing financial and caregiving burdens.

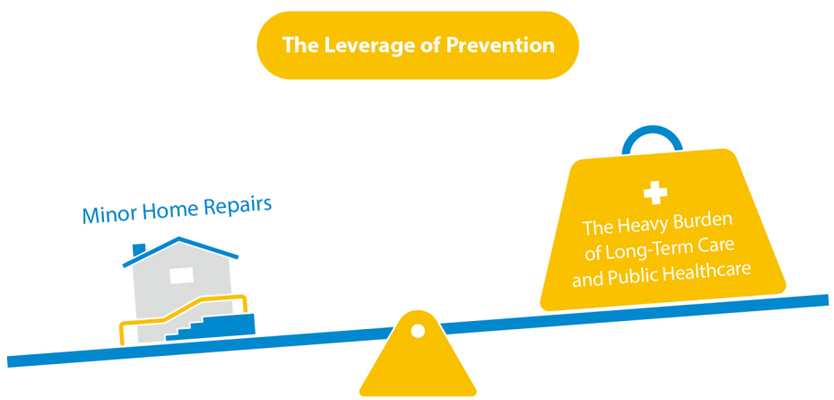
Equipment is delivered directly to homes, regardless of distance. For instance, in the mountainous Pingxi district of New Taipei City, a bedridden former miner relied on a broken, 20-year-old medical bed, forcing his family to manually lift him—a labor-intensive and risky process. Following a clinic referral, a 75-kilogram electric medical bed was transported up the mountain, installed, and demonstrated, providing the family with immediate safety and relief.

By supplying essential devices like adjustable beds and walkers, the initiative prevents falls, enables safe movement, and significantly improves seniors' dignity and quality of life. Entering its ninth year, the platform has established 20 hubs and 138 distribution points across Taiwan as of May 2026. This network connects and shares resources, giving discarded devices a second life while strengthening resilience for a super-aged society.









Home Safety Improvements: Strengthening Risk Prevention

Seniors spend up to 20 hours a day indoors, where inadequate lighting and a lack of handrails pose severe fall risks. To build home safety barriers for solitary, elderly-couple, and disadvantaged households, the Stable Homes Project targets hidden hazards in bathrooms, doorways, thresholds, and stairs across Taiwan's urban and remote communities.

In 2025, home safety improvements were completed for 8,135 households across 22 counties and cities. Proactive interventions included installing safety handrails, bed transfer aids, anti-slip bathroom features, improved lighting, and converting squat toilets to sitting ones—reducing physical strain and fall risks. During these modifications, volunteers also identified underlying needs, extending support beyond hardware through home care visits and the distribution of essential winter supplies.

Digital Health Care Stations: Community Health Defense Lines





Many seniors lack awareness of asymptomatic cardiovascular risks like atrial fibrillation, frequently missing critical intervention windows. The "Digital Health Care" initiative integrates community locations, smart devices, and cloud systems to embed ECG and blood pressure monitoring into daily care routines, ensuring early detection and timely medical referrals.

At 53 Jing Si Halls, seniors utilize internationally certified smart devices to monitor their health. Data automatically syncs to the cloud, tracking abnormalities and triggering proactive medical alerts. For remote and indigenous areas lacking medical resources, the initiative partnered with Hon Hai Technology Group to deploy "CoDoctor Pro" multi-functional devices. Donated to 26 remote townships in Hsinchu, Chiayi, and Hualien, these lightweight units assist health center staff during mobile clinics, effectively overcoming manpower and equipment constraints to boost primary care efficiency.

As of February 2026, the care stations have achieved significant milestones:

- Total Screenings: 26,483 instances of testing completed.
- Chronic Abnormalities: 4,698 individuals identified with atrial fibrillation or arrhythmias, receiving recommendations for further examination.
- Immediate Alerts: 324 individuals detected with high-risk conditions (e.g., atrial flutter, bradycardia), prompting immediate medical attention.

Through corporate common goodness, this model successfully brings digital health technology into local neighborhoods, increasing screening coverage and establishing a robust preventive medicine network for an aging society.



Elderly Care Locations: A Senior Support Network

Community and long-term care stations form a critical support network in a super-aged society. These locations provide comprehensive interventions, including personalized nutritional assessments, adaptive exercises, medication safety oversight, and diverse social activities. Proactive transport ation and home visits combat isolation, ensuring seniors remain engaged in familiar neighborhoods to delay dementia and physical decline. These centers empower seniors to utilize their skills, shifting them from passive care recipients to active participants with renewed purpose.



Programs focus heavily on physical and cognitive revitalization. "Memory Enhancement" classes incorporate targeted health exercises, table-drumming routines, and dance to stimulate both mental and physical vitality. Within day care and long-term care services, storytelling and Jing Si Aphorisms are integrated to provide psychological support, offering essential relief to seniors burdened by heavy family caregiving responsibilities.

Health promotion also extends outdoors through guided walking events across southern Taiwan, featuring fully escorted routes of varying difficulty. These initiatives recently culminated in stage performances by nonagenarians advocating the message of "living long and living healthy"—providing renewed vitality and respite for stressed families. Ultimately, care extends beyond the centers themselves, utilizing meal delivery services and continued home visits to project sustainable support directly into the community.

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Action 4
Environmental Education and Climate Action

Action Focus

The intensifying effects of global warming and extreme weather severely threaten food security, water supply, and economic stability. Environmental protection is essential for mitigating the climate crisis and serves as the core of sustainable development.

By committing to coexist with the Earth, actions are guided by the "Seven Environmental Principles" (making environmentalism a part of daily life, appealing to youth, knowledge-based, family-oriented, spiritually uplifting, refined, and health-focused). Initiatives range from rooting disaster prevention education to advocating for zero-waste diets, plastic reduction, and low-carbon lifestyles. These concrete steps toward net-zero sustainability aim to reduce climate risks and mitigate disaster impacts.

6-1 Net-Zero Governance and Green Energy Transition

With "energy conservation, green energy, and circularity" at the core, energy management has been intensified and renewable energy adoption expanded. Tangible initiatives across Tzu Chi's missions and facilities drive steady progress toward the 2050 net-zero emissions target.

Institutional Governance

- Completed carbon accounting across 23 Jing Si Halls.
- Established carbon management frameworks and emission reduction pathways.
- Utilizated TCFD and TNFD risk identification tools to disclose climate and environmental risks and outcomes in phases.

Operations Transformation

Smart energy management and green energy applications have achieved the following:

- **Renewable Energy Deployment:** Installed solar photovoltaic systems across 49 facilities and secured 364 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
- **Smart Energy Monitoring:** Established a solar power monitoring system and a nationwide power dashboard, deployed Energy Management Systems (EMS) at 10 facilities (including Plantārium), and integrated sub-meters to track power distribution and optimize energy efficiency.
- **Compliance Certification:**
  - Achieved ISO 50001 Energy Management System certification for five facilities.
  - Secured the "Green Level Net-Zero Mark" from the Taiwan Alliance Net Zero Emissions Association (TANZE) for ten facilities, demonstrating measurable carbon reduction outcomes.



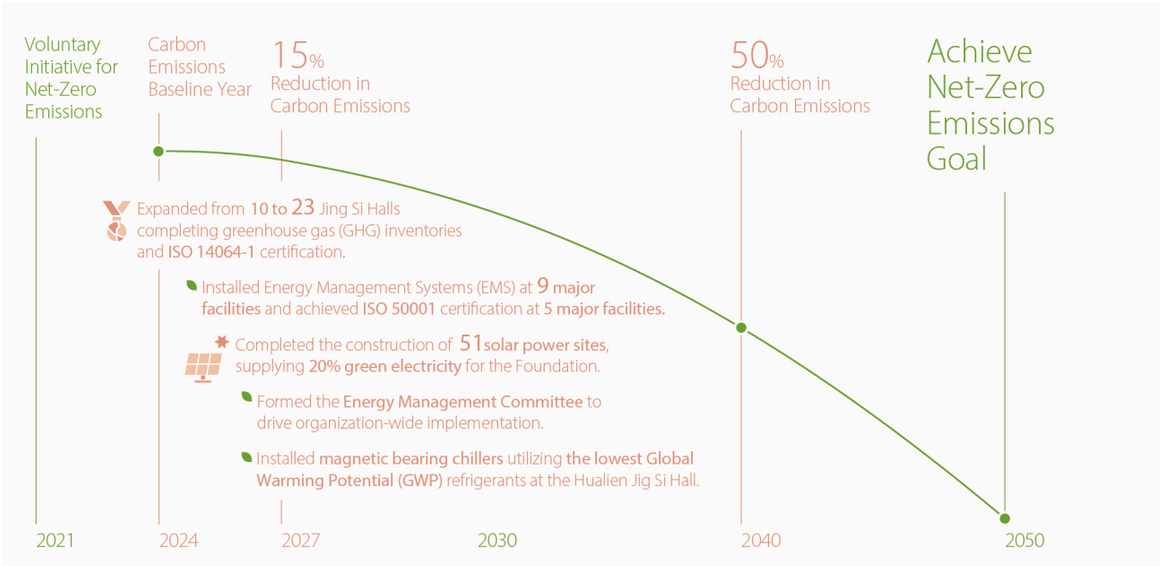


At the Net-Zero 2025 Certification Ceremony held by the Taiwan Institute for Sustainable Energy (TAISE) on December 23, Tzu Chi was awarded the Green Level Mark. This recognized comprehensive net-zero strategies, from obtaining ISO 50001 certification to promoting renewable energy certificates and resource circularity.

Taiwan's first fully off-grid All-Green Energy Charging Demonstration Station officially opened at the Hsinchu Jing Si Hall on April 1, 2026. Independent of the external power grid, it is powered entirely by solar power, enabling zero-carbon EV charging services.

Integrating solar power, energy storage, and blockchain technology, this energy system has the capacity to supply power to the community. It maintains basic operations during disasters or grid anomalies, demonstrating the practical application of energy solutions by non-profit organizations.

Net-Zero Emissions Goal and Timeline



Net-Zero Emissions Commitment Advancing science-based net-zero emission actions in strict alignment with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) principles.

With 2024 as the baseline year, annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions totaled 9,395.87 metric tons of CO_2e. Since 2022, third-party verification has been conducted annually by SGS under the ISO 14064-1:2018 standard.

A Three-Pronged Approach:
Seven Environmental Principles × Circular Economy × Humanitarian Aid

Recycling volunteers perform simple, repetitive tasks daily, executing them to the highest standard. This meticulous dedication to environmental protection also brings great value to their lives.

Recycling and Sustainability Locations

92,960 recycling volunteers in Taiwan

11,367 environmental education stations and community recycling points

46,979 visitors (across 572 groups)

42,041 attendees across 428 eco-awareness campaigns

Circular Economy Impact

78,299.856 tonnes of recyclables in 2025

Equivalent to **3,523,879** tonnes of CO_2e reduction since 1992

Approx. **470,000** homes' worth of annual energy use eliminated

(Based on U.S. EPA calculations for average home energy use of 7.45 metric tons of CO_2e per year.)

Daily environmental stewardship translates seamlessly into disaster relief operations. When heavy rainfall from Typhoon Ragasa caused a barrier lake on Matai'an Creek to overflow, severe flooding inundated the urban center of Guangfu, Hualien. With Guangfu Railway Station serving as a staging area, service stations were established in the front plaza to provide immediate support to affected residents and relief personnel. To maintain hygiene and prevent secondary environmental issues, clearly marked recycling zones were implemented to guide proper waste sorting.

Furthermore, resource recycling effectively bridges circular economy principles with disaster resilience. For instance, recycled PET bottles have been transformed into 1.39 million eco-friendly relief blankets. This process upcycles waste into crucial humanitarian supplies, reducing carbon emissions while bolstering societal resilience against extreme weather events.





6-2 Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

Mobile Environmental Education Vehicles

2025 Outcomes: **59** sessions hosted for schools, businesses, civil groups, and government agencies **71,362** instances of support

2020–2025 Cumulative Impact **218** sessions hosted **349,556** instances of environmental education experience

Annual Earth Day initiatives collaborate with government and civil society to advocate for three core priorities: zero-waste plant-based diets, plastic-free environments, and species protection. On April 19, an event at Taipei's Daan Forest Park featured a plant-based market and interactive environmental zones, encouraging the public to utilize reusable tableware, eliminate single-use plastics, and mitigate climate change through dietary choices. Concurrently, the Mobile Environmental Education Vehicle and the "Net-Zero Future Pavilion" were deployed on-site to drive public engagement in sustainable daily practices.

At large-scale public events like the Taiwan Lantern Festival, volunteers are regularly stationed to facilitate waste sorting and advocate for litter reduction. During the 2025 Lantern Festival in Qingpu, Taoyuan, the Mobile Environmental Education Vehicle was integrated into the exhibition. Through interactive technology, physical displays, and guided tours, complex concepts such as net-zero emissions and the circular economy were translated into accessible, practical knowledge.

Over the 17-day event, 12,027 people visited the exhibit, with 9,474 completing interactive learning challenges. Amid a high-consumption environment, this presence provided crucial point-of-consumption education, prompting immediate waste reduction practices and empowering attendees to apply environmental and disaster prevention concepts in their daily lives.



Promoting Plant-Based Lifestyles

2025 VO2 Plant-Based Meal Ordering Platform

55,609 meals ordered
333,654 pieces of single-use tableware avoided
82,857 kg of CO_2e emissions reduced
26 pickup locations established (18 permanent, 8 event-specific)
4,776 meals delivered across 30 rural elementary schools and 18 long-term care facilities



2025 Plantārium

33,900 meals served
5,148kg of CO_2e emissions reduced
1,419 attendances in Eco-Education tours
1,428 total engagements via sustainability advocacy



2024–2025 Future Market

8 sessions hosted
97,500 instances of participation
58,500 instances of experiencing plant-based or eco-friendly products

2024–2025 Eco-Friendly Plant-Based Hotels

48 hospitality establishments newly awarded the certification mark
1,180 hospitality industry professionals participating
8 briefing and outcome presentation sessions hosted
8 plant-based breakfast culinary training sessions held

Jointly launched in 2023 in partnership with the Hualien County Government, the "Plant-Based Friendly Hotel" certification program promotes sustainable tourism. To date, a total of 60 hospitality providers have received the certified label.

In 2025, an additional 25 providers achieved certification, recognized at an October award ceremony attended by over 100 industry representatives. A key development was the certification of indigenous bed and breakfast operators offering unique indigenous plant-based cuisine, demonstrating the integration of local agricultural ingredients, cultural heritage, and environmental values within Hualien's tourism sector.

The initiative guides businesses to practice environmental sustainability through low-carbon dining and actionable land stewardship.

*Based on 2011 EWG carbon emission data, one meatless meal per person reduces carbon emissions by about 780 grams.

Plant-Based Hotel Certification Mark Tiers

Requires clear signage indicating designated plant-based dining areas.
6 Veggies: 100% Vegan
5 Veggies: Ovo or lacto vegetarian
4 Veggies: Ovo-Lacto vegetarian
3 Veggies: Over 80% plant-based
2 Veggies: Over 60% plant-based
1 Veggie: Over 40% plant-based





Hualien Green Living Month

The 2025 "Hualien Green Living Month" operated under the theme "Progress through Transformation," symbolizing regional recovery. Flagship events—including the "Veggie Run," the "Future Market," green tourism initiatives, and photography exhibitions—translated carbon reduction concepts into concrete public action. This approach integrated daily sustainability practices with social advocacy, advancing toward the 2050 net-zero emission vision.

Our focus actions

- **Low-Carbon Diets and Climate Mitigation:**
  Dietary transitions were prioritized to reduce carbon emissions. Data indicates that replacing a beef burger with a plant-based alternative cuts carbon emissions by nearly 80% (from 4.5 kg to 1 kg). Hualien's "Veggie Run" was held in conjunction with "Future Market" and the Earth Day "Meatless Market," gathering over 100 local and plant-based vendors. Public figures, including plant-based advocate Yankee Yang, ultramarathoner Wei-Ming Lo, and national triathlete Tim Yang, led the run, promoting low-carbon dining alongside physical wellness.
- **Zero-Waste Living and the Circular Economy:**
  Event markets mandated reusable tableware to eliminate single-use waste at the source. By shifting consumption patterns, the public was encouraged to adopt daily habits of cherishing resources, reducing plastic usage, and committing to zero food waste, reinforcing the value of green sustainability.
- **Local Support and Community Goodness:**
  To incorporate post-disaster recovery into the initiative, businesses from affected areas, such as Guangfu Township, were specifically invited to operate stalls. Participants and volunteers supported local agriculture through direct purchases, actively aiding residents in community reconstruction.

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Action 5

Global Partnerships and Sustainable Development

Action Focus

Global partnerships centers on four core objectives: **resource integration, complementary strengths, local action,** and **global care.** Humanitarian and sustainability initiatives have transitioned from isolated efforts to cross-sector alliances. By partnering with governments, academia, corporations, communities, and international stakeholders, social impact is scaled through an enduring network that transforms altruistic ideals into actionable, accessible realities.

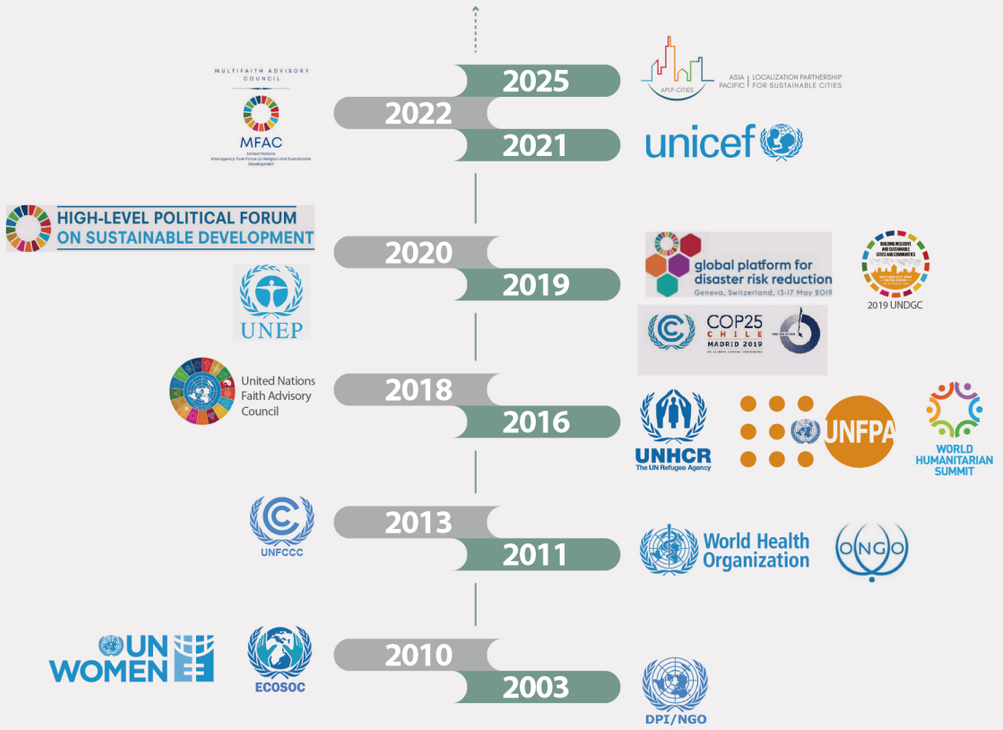
Partnerships with 33 international charities, alongside the advocacy of Tzu Chi's discourse at the UN and other global platforms, amplify this shared impact for the common good. Furthermore, global alliances and public-private collaboration expand the reach of humanitarian aid, delivering care directly to the most vulnerable.

Deepening UN Partnerships and Sustainable Action

With a long-standing commitment to international disaster relief and global affairs, official UN NGO accreditation was achieved in 2003. This global engagement deepened with the granting of special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2010, followed by joining the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council (MFAC) for interfaith dialogue in 2018, and gaining observer status with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2019 for environmental achievements.

These commitments are realized across three primary areas: climate and humanitarian action, cross-sector dialogue and inclusion, and building platforms for youth engagement in global issues. In the face of future challenges, humanitarian care will continue to be translated into concrete action that aligns with international frameworks, serving as a vital stabilizing force for global sustainable development.

18 United Nations Platforms



33 Global Humanitarian Partners



7-1 Cross-Sector Collaboration for Social Good

Collaborated with 22 city/county governments
Partnered with 10 central ministries, 17 professional units, and 9 academic institutions
Engaged 221 businesses in Corporate Common Goodness

In Taiwan, the "Collaborating for the Common Good" initiative, launched in 2019, connects central and local governments, corporations, academia, and professional institutions into a cross-disciplinary platform to maximize the social value of resources. As of April 2026, collaborations have been established with 60 public and private sector entities, alongside MOUs signed with 321 businesses to jointly advance disaster preparedness, social welfare, education, environmental protection, and sustainable development.

In disaster prevention, strategic partnerships with all 22 cities and counties across Taiwan ensure rapid resource mobilization and relief deployment during emergencies. Examples include joint government initiatives to build autonomous disaster-resilient communities and post-disaster reconstruction efforts through the "Sturdy Homes Project."

Collaborative relief efforts yield concrete outcomes. Following Typhoon Danas in 2025, corporate donations of building materials facilitated roof repairs for 175 affected households across Chiayi and Tainan. Similarly, after the April 3 Hualien earthquake (2024), corporate partnerships supplied essential provisions equipped with integrated lighting and charging capabilities to support residents in rebuilding their lives.

This collaborative impact also extends to education and digital equity. A public-private refurbished computer initiative restores retired corporate equipment for distribution to remote areas and disadvantaged families. Paired with foundational digital literacy training provided by volunteers, this effort helps narrow the digital divide. Furthermore, MOUs with organizations like the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research promote ESG education among youth, leveraging digital tools to enhance the accessibility of sustainability learning.

Internationally, a collaborative project with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs deepens exchanges between international humanitarian groups and civil society organizations. Ongoing partnerships with governments and international academic institutions advance global humanitarian exchange and humanistic research, transforming decades of frontline relief experience into a shared global knowledge asset. This includes the establishment of the Yin-Cheng Network for Buddhist Studies across 11 top universities worldwide—including Harvard and Oxford—to host academic lectures and publish research journals.



7-2 Tzu Chi Discourse for Global Engagement

Serving as both an advocate and a validator of action, this advocacy process converts charitable acts of love into rational social impact. Every proposed concept is evidenced by direct volunteer involvement and relief operations. The resulting global footprint provides a transferable, verifiable, and shareable framework for humanitarian practice.



In response to global challenges such as climate change, poverty, public health, and inequality, through deepened international engagement Tzu Chi's grassroots humanitarian practice has evolved into a key partnership in global governance.

In 2025, strategic efforts focused on sustainable development, climate action, youth empowerment, gender equality, and interfaith collaboration. Practical outcomes in disaster relief, risk reduction, environmental sustainability, community resilience, and volunteer mobilization were shared as vital references for national policies and cross-sector collaboration. Active participation in youth and regional forums encourages youth involvement in public affairs, fostering intergenerational exchange and international talent cultivation.

In climate governance, decades of experience in environmental protection, disaster response, and community rebuilding inform advocacy for climate adaptation, circular economies, and social resilience. On interfaith platforms, sharing peacebuilding and humanitarian care experiences promotes cross-cultural understanding and builds consensus for global peace and sustainable development.

From disaster zones to international forums, addressing global humanitarian needs translates frontline experience into policy advocacy and knowledge sharing. This unites governments, international organizations, academia, and NGOs in cross-sector partnerships.

2025 UN Platforms and International Conference Participations

Global Governance and Policy Advocacy

- High-Level Policy Dialogues: Engagement at the UN ECOSOC Partnership Forum and the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) focused on SDG resource mobilization, policy integration, and global review mechanisms.
- Regional Governance Collaboration: Participation in the 12th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD 12) and the 81st Session of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) advanced regional policy coordination and transnational partnerships.

Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development

- Engagement in the ECOSOC Youth Forum, the Asia-Pacific Youth Environment Forum, and the ASEAN SDG Youth Summit emphasized youth policy advocacy, intergenerational dialogue, and capacity building.

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

- Contributions at the 7th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7), the 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), and New York Climate Week offered frontline perspectives on climate adaptation and resilience building derived from decades of disaster relief and environmental practice.
- Discussions at the Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Energy (SDG 7) and the ASEAN Future Cities Forum explored energy transition, smart cities, and climate resilience.

Social Equity and Interfaith Dialogue

- Advocacy at the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) highlighted the role of women in climate action and sustainable development.
- Participation in the 8th Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana addressed the role of religion in the AI era, anti-extremism, and sustainable development.

The 69th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69)

Serving as a rotating co-chair of the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council, a "CSW Multi-Faith Tea Reception" was hosted to advance gender equality, women's empowerment, and the SDGs. The CSW Artisan Fair featured the outcomes of women's vocational training programs established globally.

In March 2025, CSW69 convened in New York with a focus on Platform for Action. Women's empowerment achievements were showcased internationally through three main pillars: implementation, advocacy, and exchange.

Implementation: Examples include a sewing training program in Nepal to help women obtain national certifications to improve household income; and in India, an alcohol cessation project and the "Five Zeros" concept effectively reduced domestic violence and improved family dynamics. The Artisan Fair displayed the vocational achievements of vulnerable women, with all proceeds supporting recovery for the Southern California Wildfires — demonstrating a compassionate cycle of economic independence.

Advocacy: A parallel event titled "Women on the Move" highlighted cross-border refugee assistance in partnership with Catholic groups and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). This promoted a humanitarian model of inclusion, cross-sector collaboration, and respect for faith, emphasizing women's leadership by guiding them to shift from aid recipients to aid providers.

Exchange: A high-level multi-faith meeting at the Tzu Chi Center opened channels for equitable and inclusive dialogue. Additionally, a wellness session utilized a sign language song performance to convey the humanistic values of gratitude, respect, and love, alongside the ethos of protecting life. These global practices contribute stabilizing energy to global sustainability and gender equality.



The 7th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)

Accredited as an NGO observer to UNEP in 2019, representation was established on the Women's Major Group and the Faith for Earth Youth Council. Ongoing participation in these international meetings advocates for "environmental and spiritual education" while proposing concrete actions for climate change.





Serving as the world's highest-level environmental decision-making body, UNEA-7 convened in Nairobi, Kenya, from December 8 to 12. Under the theme "Driving Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet," the assembly gathered over 6,000 delegates to advance multilateral cooperation for global environmental governance.

During the assembly, Tzu Chi's delegation and Mozambican youth representatives shared concrete outcomes in environmental protection and community resilience across multiple forums. Key presentations highlighted sustainable agriculture and ecological restoration in Mozambique, where improved farming methods, land rehabilitation, and organic agriculture successfully boosted community food sovereignty. Practical results from the Philippines in disaster education and post-disaster reconstruction demonstrated how community mobilization enhances disaster resilience. Furthermore, examples of interfaith partnerships in Poland and the engagement of Mozambican female volunteers in environmental education illustrated effective cross-cultural collaboration and the critical role of women in climate action.

International advocacy was translated into local action through a project in Kenya. Partnering with the Camillians, youth were empowered to establish a Zero Waste Alliance in the Mathare slum. This initiative mobilized the local community to improve sanitation and transform garbage-filled vacant lots into agricultural green spaces. It successfully established a sustainable model of interfaith collaboration, serving as a key practical case study for international exchange.

The assembly concluded with the adoption of several resolutions, pledging to advance sustainable solutions, strengthen multilateral environmental partnerships, and enhance global governance to build a more resilient planet.

Forums and Academic Symposiums



Collaborations with over a dozen domestic and international higher education institutions explored the integration of technology and humanities, sustainable development, disaster prevention and relief, youth empowerment, contemporary Buddhism, and altruism. These engagements included:

- **Hosted:** The 10th Tzu Chi Forum, the Global Symposium for Common Goodness, the Yin-Cheng Distinguished Lecture Series on Buddhism and symposiums, and the Tzu Chi Studies Lecture Series.
- **Co-hosted:** The Venerable Master Yin Shun Symposium and the Buddhism and Environmentalism Symposium.
- **Participated in:** The Berkeley Innovation Forum, the Whole-of-Society Defense Resilience International Forum, and the International Forum on Crisis and Emergency Management for Sudden Major Natural Disasters.

University of London: Buddhism and Environmentalism Symposium

On October 18-19, a "Buddhism and Environmentalism Symposium" was co-hosted with SOAS University of London. The event convened 13 international scholars from the US, Canada, the UK, Hong Kong, and Taiwan to explore how applied Dharma is translated into concrete environmental action, seeking practical solutions for global climate change.

The symposium deconstructed environmental practices from an academic perspective. Professor Natasha Heller (University of Virginia) noted that "gratitude," as a core virtue, can further drive sustainable farming. Professor Mayfair Yang (University of California Santa Barbara) observed that volunteers' focused recycling efforts resemble meditation, embodying the Buddhist view of karma and the interconnectedness of all life. Associate Professor WeiShan Huang (Hong Kong) commended this as a paradigm of "sacred service" in a secular urban context. Professor Stefania Travagnin further pointed out that environmental actions in Latin America have successfully energized small and medium-sized communities, realizing "localized religious environmentalism" and women's empowerment.

During the roundtable, Master De Yi shared the simple, earth-revering lifestyle practiced at the Jing Si Abode. Deputy CEO Rey-Sheng Her elucidated Dharma Master Cheng Yen's philosophy of gently protecting life and utilized case studies to advocate for plant-based diets, explaining the progression from green living to Buddhist environmental action. CEO Po-Wen Yen delivered a keynote presenting the implementation of a "dual transformation," tightly integrating humanitarian disaster relief with net-zero carbon emissions and ecological conservation.

Professor Graeme Earl, Dean of the College of Humanities at SOAS University of London, highly affirmed the universal value of bringing the Dharma into the community. Alongside presenting midterm results from 2024-2026 research projects, the symposium's findings will be compiled into an academic monograph to sustain international influence on Buddhist environmentalism.



The 10th Tzu Chi Forum

Held from December 4 to 5 at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong and the Tzu Chi Hong Kong Chapter, the 10th Tzu Chi Forum convened over 30 experts and scholars under the theme Technology for Goodness. Discussions deepened Dharma Master Cheng Yen's teachings on altruism and the necessity of an Economy of Goodness for social stability, focusing on guiding development toward Compassionate Technology to address global climate change and humanitarian crises.

Highlighting the practical application of Compassionate Technology in disaster relief, CEO Po-Wen Yen advocated harnessing collective intelligence to apply AI in disaster prevention and global crisis solutions, ensuring human-centric care. Drawing on Taiwan's major earthquake experiences, Tang Prize Foundation CEO Jenn-Chuan Chern emphasized that rescue operations must integrate psychological support to maximize the effectiveness of technological aid.

Addressing digitalization and demographic shifts, Master Insight Media representative Man Cheuk Fei urged stakeholders to confront the ideological and ethical dilemmas of AI platforms. To tackle Hong Kong's aging population, Asia Financial Holdings Chairman Bernard Charnwut Chan advocated for gerontechnology to enhance elderly care. Furthermore, Tsao Pao Chee Group Chairman Chavalit Frederick Tsao and former president of the World Conference on Transport Research Society, Yoshitsugu Hayashi, proposed that technology must return to moral cultivation and improve human quality of life, drawing on traditional virtues and interdisciplinary urban transport planning.

Tzu Chi's Deputy CEO Rey-Sheng Her noted the forum's successful execution in Hong Kong resulted from the local chapter's ongoing Economy of Goodness courses over the past two years, which mobilized nearly 200 entrepreneurs to practice Dharma Master Cheng Yen's economic philosophy. The two-day forum—featuring nine keynote speeches and eight panel discussions—sparked interdisciplinary discourse on ethics-driven social innovation and forged a concrete consensus on solving human challenges through common goodness.

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2025 Financial Overview

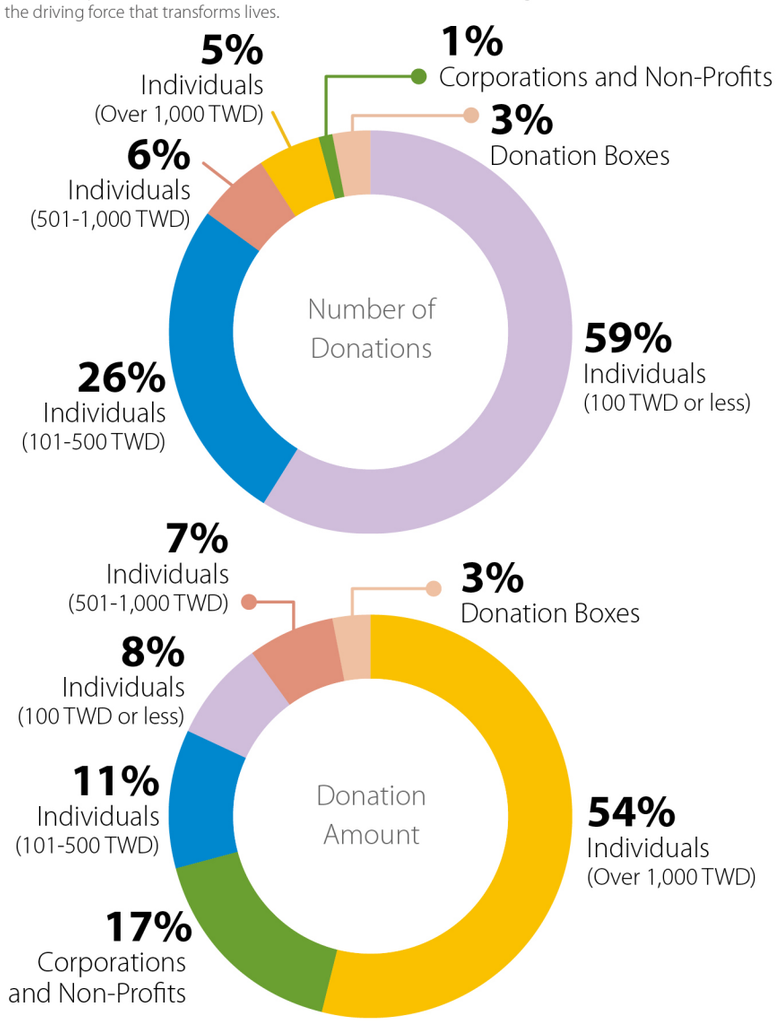
Tzu Chi Foundation's 2025 financial statements were audited by KPMG Taiwan and were issued in May 2026, with an unqualified opinion:

The balance sheets of Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the statements of income and expenditure, statements of changes in net assets, and statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the accompanying notes to the financial statements (including a summary of significant accounting policies), have been audited.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with the "National Social Welfare Foundation Accounting and Financial Statement Preparation Standards" and the "Enterprise Accounting Standards" issued by the Accounting Research and Development Foundation of the Republic of China.

2025 Donation Breakdown

We are deeply grateful for your support throughout this journey. Together, we continue to advance global humanitarian aid, uplift the vulnerable, and build a sustainable future. Through our collective action, we become the driving force that transforms lives.



Note:

1. The Foundation's donations are rooted in the core values of inspiring compassion and fostering a virtuous cycle in society. Every act of kindness is invaluable. We are grateful to Tzu Chi volunteers who regularly visit members, and simultaneously leverage technology to share updates on Tzu Chi's missions, consolidating the power of goodness.
2. Based on the number of donations, individual contributions of 1,000 TWD or less accounted for 91%, demonstrating the belief that "everyone can do good deeds." In terms of total donation amount, individual contributions of 1,001 TWD or more accounted for 54%, while those of 1,000 TWD or less accounted for 26%. Corporations and non-profit organizations made up 17% of the total.
3. In 2025, the new "Stores with Love" initiative with in-store donation boxes accounted for 3% of both the number of donations and total donation amount, demonstrating how small acts of kindness accumulate into a significant force.

2025 Income and Expenditure Overview

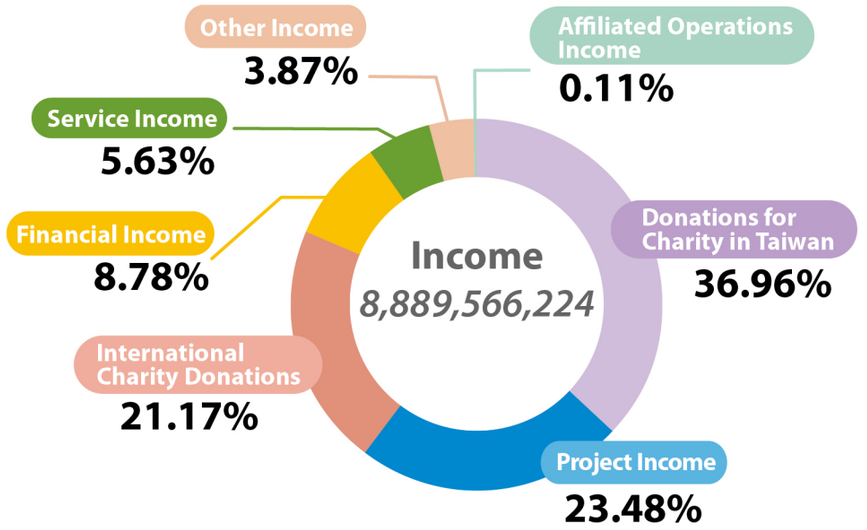
Unit: TWD

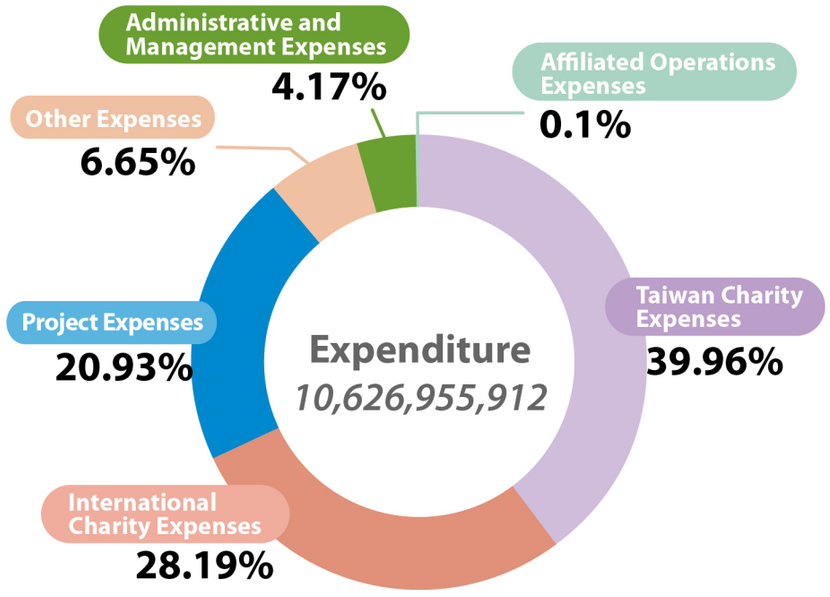
I. Charity in Taiwan:

1. **Disadvantaged Family Support:** Long-term financial aid for individuals and families, home visits, home repairs, scholarships, emergency relief, and medical subsidies.
2. **Community Care:** Welfare services for children, women, and individuals with disabilities, encompassing institutional care, school resource provisions, and nutritional support.
3. **Disaster Preparedness and Relief:** Emergency response, post-disaster reconstruction, and the R&D of relief supplies and equipment. Major 2025 responses included the Tainan-Chiayi earthquake, Typhoon Danas, and Typhoon Ragasa.
4. **Youth and Child Empowerment:** Specialized talent cultivation, social impact project incubation, spiritual growth, and public service engagement.
5. **Elderly Care Services:** Development of long-term care facilities, support for seniors living alone, the Stable Homes and Friendly Communities project, and community care hubs.
6. **Environmental Sustainability:** Advancing environmental education, resource circularity, green technology R&D, and net-zero carbon emission initiatives.

II. Charity Internationally:

1. **International Disaster Relief:** Humanitarian aid and mid-to-long-term post-disaster reconstruction. Key 2025 operations included the Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar, Cyclone Jude in Africa, floods in Ecuador, and rebuilding efforts in Mozambique.
2. **Global Poverty Alleviation:** Support for vulnerable families, orphans, and out-of-school children. Programs delivered food and financial aid, educational and medical subsidies, clean water access, and livelihood empowerment.
3. **International Refugee Aid:** Support for displaced populations, providing living allowances, educational grants, and medical assistance.

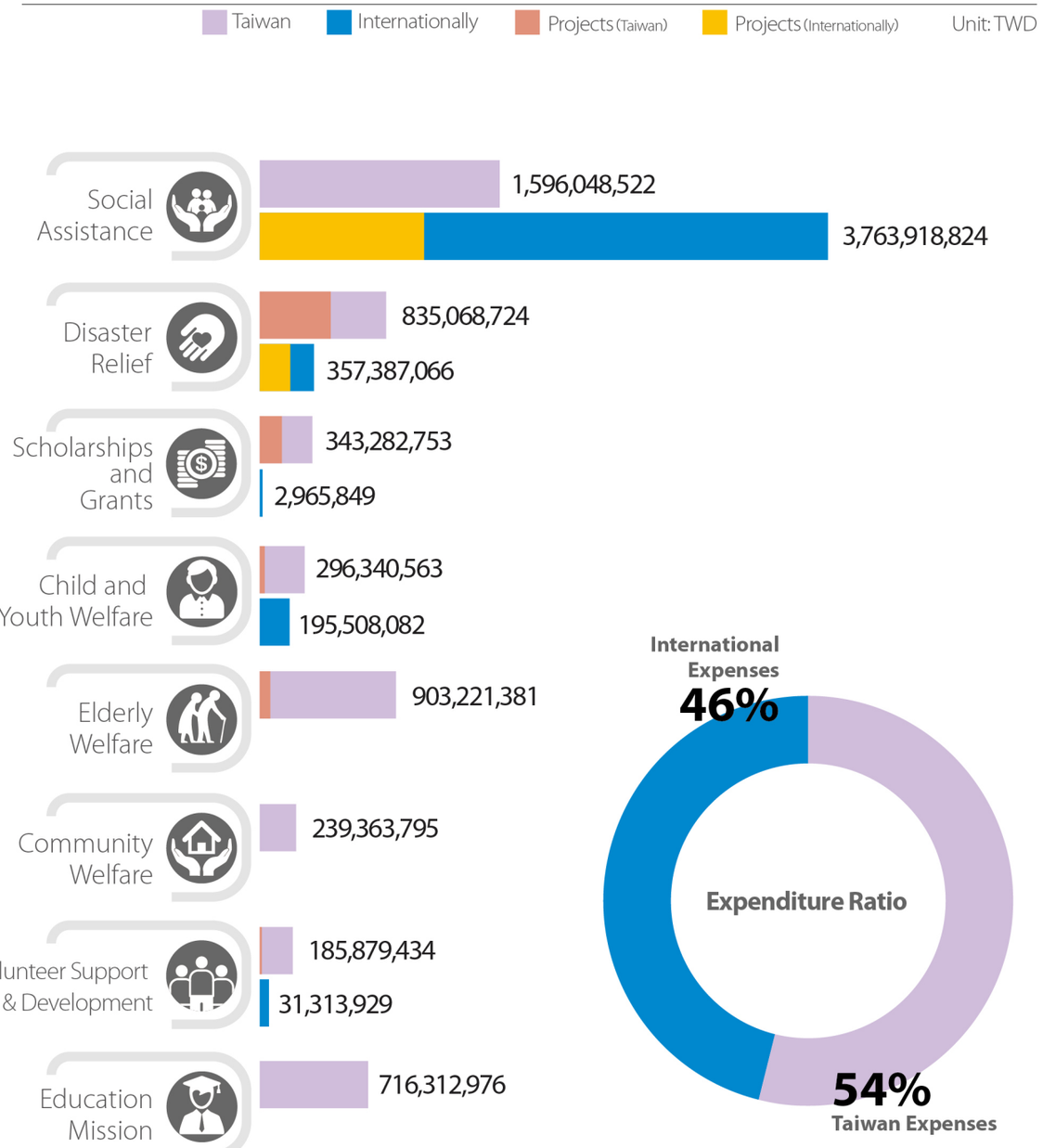




2025 Charity Expenditures in Taiwan and Internationally

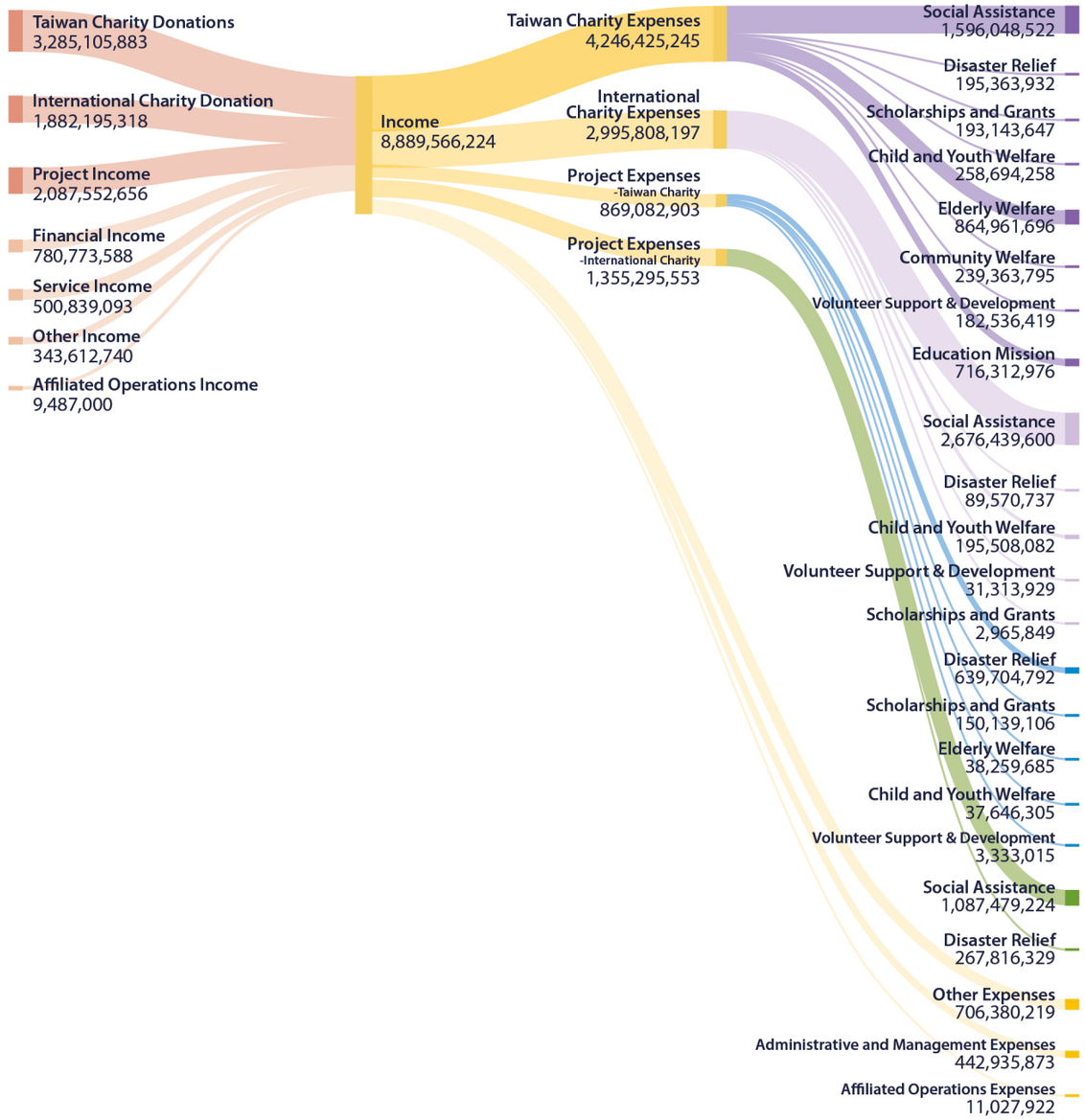
We are grateful for the compassionate support from around the globe, collectively safeguarding Taiwan and extending Taiwan's love to the darkest corners of the world.

Global Tzu Chi volunteers uphold the principle of self-reliance and actively promote local charity initiatives. When disasters strike or local resources are insufficient, the Foundation promptly injects resources or collaborates with international organizations to launch humanitarian aid, expanding the scope and impact of care, embodying Tzu Chi's spirit of "unconditional loving-kindness and universal compassion."



Sankey diagram of revenue and expenditure in 2025

When love inspires us to create blessings, every small drop of giving gathers into a powerful force. This collective goodness is what we call 'blessings,' and an abundance of these blessings can dispel disasters.



Uniting Kindness, Sustaining Love

Through concrete action, Tzu Chi fulfills its role as a global citizen—extending love beyond borders and bringing hope to the impoverished. Together, let us turn vows into action, action into impact, and bring light back to every life.

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