

BRINGING HOPE TO CHILDREN



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Annual Report 2025

About us

Founded in 1948 by Jean André, our foundation is committed to reaching out to children and sharing the message of God's love with them. We believe that this message is intended for all children without exception, and that each of them is free to accept the invitation to a personal relationship with God. Our aim is to help them grow emotionally, socially, and spiritually through concrete and holistic actions.

Our strategy is built around two main pillars:

- Offering camps, sports and arts activities, and Bible teaching for children in a welcoming and caring environment. In some countries, humanitarian aid is also provided.
- Training leaders and volunteers, in partnership with local churches, to work professionally and innovatively in the countries we serve.

Grain of Wheat International is active in the following countries:

Albania	Moldova
Argentina	Mongolia
Armenia	Romania
Belarus	Russia
Central Asia	Spain
Colombia	Switzerland
France	Syria
Hungary	Uganda
Lebanon	Ukraine
Madagascar	



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Editorial

Dear friends and partners,



The ministry of GWI has continued throughout 2025 with passion and determination. Our desire remains to bring hope by sharing God's love. As you will read in the following pages, field activities are carried

out through a wide range of inspiring and life-transforming projects. Neither war, poverty, natural disasters, nor limited resources can stop the commitment of the teams in each country to provide all children with safe spaces where they can play and experience kindness.

As I stepped into the leadership of GWI at the beginning of this year, one image was impressed upon me: that of a network with multiple connections. We exist to be in relationship. We are in partnership to provide a vital service to children and young people. No one can act alone.

It is together that we will be able to continue this mission. It is together, with our respective and complementary strengths, that we will succeed in passing on hope, while drawing inspiration from the biblical accounts that are filled with stories of collaboration between God and human beings.

I greatly appreciate this verse from the Bible which describes the scope of Jesus' ministry: God "appointed him as a light for the nations, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth." The GWI team is deeply grateful to be able to build strategic and impactful relationships with more than 22 countries across 4 continents.

Thank you for your trust. Thank you for continuing to stand with us in the years ahead.

Thierry Bourgeois
Director



Grain of Wheat International around the world in 2025

A total of 117,955 children were reached through Grain of Wheat's activities around the world.



CAMPS

40,244 children took part in residential or day camps.

Focus on Syria: Despite the worsening political and security situation in the country following the fall of the regime and the rise to power of a radical Islamist transitional government, the Grain of Wheat team continued its mission of bringing hope to children and young people through the love of Christ. The team successfully organised summer camps in Aleppo and Latakia, becoming the only organisation able to hold camps in Aleppo in 2025. Thanks to strong partnerships with local churches and through God's protection and provision, the ministry remained a source of safety, healing, and spiritual encouragement for hundreds of children.



CLUBS

38,754 children were encouraged in their faith through regular meetings.

Focus on Central Asia: In this region, clubs welcome children from low-income families and challenging backgrounds. These clubs give them the opportunity to explore topics such as relationships, faith, personal choices and their future, to share a meal, receive prayer support, play, and build friendships. In some places, Grain of Wheat's work, initially centred on camps, has evolved through the clubs into a more regular and relational ministry with children and teenagers. In 2025, several young people who attended the clubs began to develop a more personal faith and showed interest in baptism.



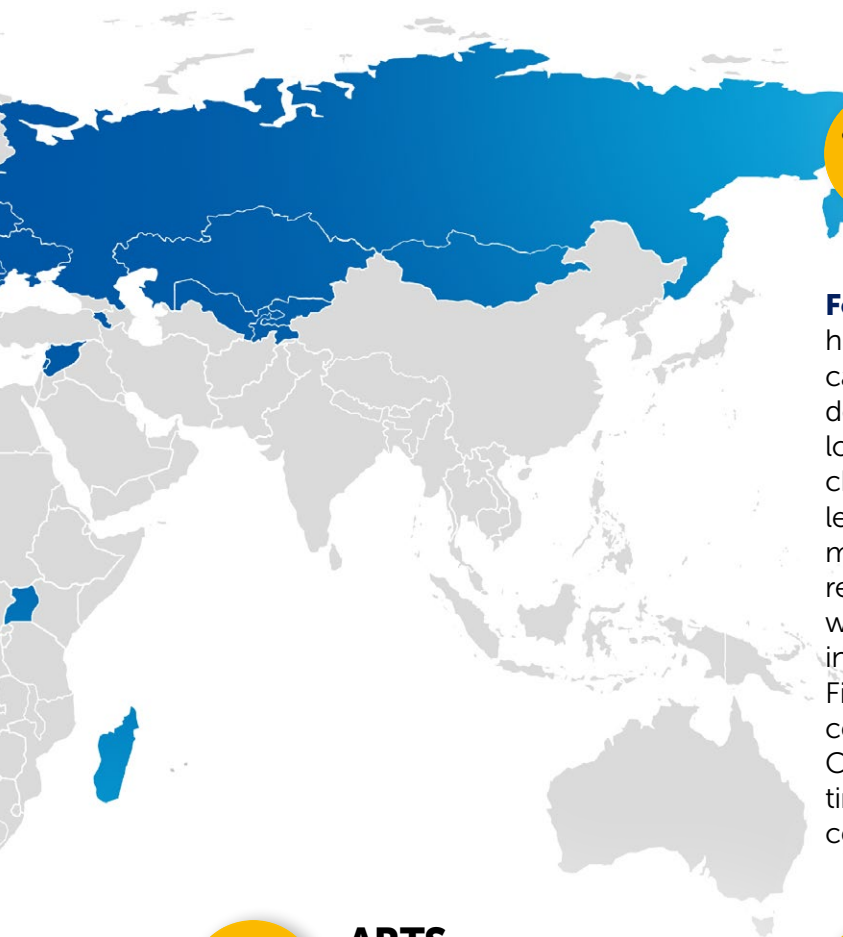
SPORTS & FESTIVALS

15,939 children and young people were reached through festivals and sports events.

Focus on Argentina: Grain of Wheat (Semilla de Trigo) took part in the organisation of a kid's festival held in a tourist spot in the city of La Plata (Buenos Aires), the "FestiKids". Together with more than 45 local churches and many other organisations, they successfully delivered several days of games, stories, choreography, dances, theater, and music, all with the aim of sharing Jesus' name. Later in the year in November, Grain of Wheat served in another large festival, "Esperanza Argentina" (Hope Argentina).

Grain of Wheat is at work in 22 countries through its activities with children. In each country, Grain of Wheat's various areas of action are combined and developed in a tailored way to provide children and teenagers with the support they need.

Thanks to your support, the achievements highlighted below offer a glimpse of the many ways our work made an impact across the countries where we serve in 2025.



HUMANITARIAN AID

3,076 children received assistance to help meet their basic needs.

Focus on Madagascar: In this country, humanitarian aid is one of the actions carried out by the ministry, with gradual development in recent years. In 2025, the local team visited several centers supporting children living on the streets in order to lead recreational activities, while distributing meals, hygiene kits, clothing, and Christian reading materials. School supplies and soap were also provided to children participating in clubs organised by local partners. Finally, in April, Grain of Wheat Madagascar celebrated the International Day for Street Children alongside 250 children, through times of sharing and encouragement centred around the Bible.



ARTS

19,942 children were able to develop and express their artistic talents.

Focus on Hungary: One of the highlights of 2025 was the release of a second music album. The first volume, released a few years ago, was a great success among families and children's ministries. God provided the musical and financial resources needed to create and record the 11 songs featured on this long-awaited new album, which was eagerly anticipated by many people.



TRAINING

3,979 volunteers from Grain of Wheat and partners were trained and encouraged

Focus on Switzerland : Grain of Wheat organised, in collaboration with other associations, a training weekend for children's ministry leaders, thereby positioning itself as one of the key ministries involved in preparing and training the next generation in its region. Running for several years, this training programme explores key aspects of child and adolescent development while equipping participants to share the Christian faith and foster children's engagement in church life.

Synergies across Grain of Wheat International

Collaborations between Grain of Wheat countries play an important role in the effective implementation of our mission. In addition to pooling the expertise and skills developed by each of the ministries, these collaborations help foster a culture of solidarity and mutual support within Grain of Wheat, as well as enabling valuable resource efficiency.

SPAIN-UGANDA : A TRAINING ON CHILD PARTICIPATION

In September 2025, the national director of Grain of Wheat in Spain, Javier Martin, travelled to Uganda to give a training on child participation. Twelve adults and fifteen children took part in this three-day training, facilitated hand in hand with Rebecca Wananda, director of the ministry in Uganda.

The participants were deeply impacted by the practical realisation of child participation. By combining theoretical sessions for the adults with inclusive and practical activities for the children, the training gave participants the opportunity to witness children actively engage and realise that their voices mattered. This experience had a profound impact on everyone involved.

"It was an incredibly powerful and eye-opening experience. The training beautifully bridged the gap between adults and children, creating an environment where

the children explicitly expressed that they finally felt their opinions truly mattered. It has sparked a beautiful shift in how we approach our ministry." Rebecca Wananda.

A major outcome of this training is the formation of a new team of ambassadors for child participation and the project of developing a working document to help share these strategies in the Grain of Wheat team.

MOLDOVA-UKRAINE : A SEMINAR ON CAMP ORGANISATION

After a five-year interruption, the Grain of Wheat ministry in Moldova was able to re-establish a training seminar for volunteers involved in organising children's camps. A total of 85 people from 17 different churches took part in this training, which was led by three members of the Grain of Wheat Ukraine team: Director Kupriionok Nadiia, together with Shkrobatiuk Zoriana and Zadoian Svitlana.



GRAIN OF WHEAT'S INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

The year 2025 was also marked by an International Gathering held in Switzerland at La Bessonne, in the canton of Vaud. Almost all country directors were present, often accompanied by their spouses. In addition, a large delegation from Syria was welcomed. Everyone greatly appreciated the opportunity to come together and collectively shape the future of GWI's mission. The sharing of ideas, testimonies, and best practices enabled participants to return to the field with renewed inspiration, motivation, and vision. Such gatherings remain a key element in the development of the ministry.

Designed for three categories of volunteers, this training was rich in both theoretical and practical content. Fundraising, the distribution of responsibilities, working effectively with different personality types, spiritual growth, and burnout prevention were among the topics taught to camp organisers. Program coordinators, meanwhile, received training on developing camp programs, from selecting themes and teaching content to coordinating teams. Guided by the trainers, participants also worked together to create a new camp programme. Finally, young camp leaders learned the foundations of building relationships, as well as how to prepare and teach Bible lessons.

Thanks to the variety of exercises and activities, participants were fully immersed in the atmosphere of the camps.

The welcoming environment also encouraged the sharing of experiences and mutual support through prayer.



Working in collaboration with local churches

Around the world, Grain of Wheat has developed is organised itself in very different ways from one country to another. Depending on their history and context, Grain of Wheat ministries work more or less closely with local churches. These partnerships take different forms and often make it possible to reach a greater number of children and families. In 2025, collaborations with local churches continued to grow in many countries.

A STRATEGY FOR MULTIPLYING RESOURCES

While some Grain of Wheat ministries welcome children from local churches and organise camps for them, other countries operate differently. Many Grain of Wheat ministries choose instead to make their resources and expertise available to churches, enabling them to multiply their impact among children in their country.

In Argentina, for example, the “El Sembrador” ministry has a large site with accommodation facilities that has been used by many churches across the country for their camps since 1973. In other cases, Grain of Wheat teams are tasked with encouraging and equipping local churches in organising their own camps. This is the mission taken on by the ministry “Little Grain” in Russia, which, since the early 1990s, has encouraged local churches to set up children ministries. Since 2024, the ministry has been using its camps in Moscow as a training ground for the churches’ leaders to be inspired to organise

their own camps. The ministry in Ukraine pursues the same mission but uses a different approach: each year, its teams visit camps organised by different churches, providing support and training to churches across the country. Another example is Romania, which regularly publishes brochures and practical guides for volunteers in their ministry and for their partners.

A GUARANTEE OF STABILITY FOR GRAIN OF WHEAT PROJECTS

These collaborations are also valuable resources for Grain of Wheat and bring greater stability to its projects. In Belarus, for example, Grain of Wheat’s close collaboration with local churches enables them, among other things, to recruit committed volunteers, reach more children, and receive financial resources as well as prayer support. Over the years, their ministry has been built on this collaboration, which has now become essential to the sustainability of their activities.



PROJECT AT A GLANCE

The opening of a Christian library

In 2025, Grain of Wheat opened a public Christian library in Romania, located in a low-income neighbourhood. Around one hundred books, specifically designed for children, are available to borrow free of charge. Many children have already taken books home to read with their parents. In this context of significant socio-economic vulnerability, most families do not have the financial means to purchase books.





Day camps: An alternative to residential camps

During the Foundation's International Gathering in 2025, Ronnie Bassous, Director of Grain of Wheat Lebanon, shared a positive and inspiring assessment of a new approach adopted by their ministry: day camps. Introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, day camps, organised in partnership with local churches, have since replaced traditional residential summer camps and offer numerous advantages, both financially and at the community level.

Hosted directly within local churches, these camps combine, over a five-day period, Bible study sessions, games, crafts, songs, and memory verse activities.

One of the main strengths of this model lies in its financial accessibility: while a residential camp costs around 40 dollars per child per day, a day camp costs less than one dollar per child.

Because these camps are easier to replicate and scale, they have enabled the ministry to rapidly reach a greater number of children. In 2023, Grain of Wheat Lebanon organised 7 day camps serving 237 children, compared to 22 camps and 988 children reached just two years later, in 2025. The goal for 2026 is to reach 30 camps and support nearly 1,500 children.

Beyond their financial advantage, day camps enable churches to strengthen their role within their communities by fostering ongoing, trust-based relationships with families. In addition, children return home each day and share their experiences with those around them, reinforcing the church's impact within families.

To support partner churches, Grain of Wheat Lebanon provides a complete program, educational resources, and a one-day training session for local leaders. When some churches lack experience, the Grain of Wheat team directly accompanies them in organising and leading the camps.



Country Spotlight

Active in 22 countries across four continents, Grain of Wheat International works with children who, in the majority of cases, grow up in difficult contexts marked by war, poverty, and complex family situations, and who do not always have sufficient access to education. Depending on the cultural, social, economic, and religious contexts specific to each country, Grain of Wheat has developed in different ways from one region to another, which contributes to the richness of the Foundation.

COLOMBIA

- **Population:**
approx. 53.9 million
- **Main religious affiliation:**
Roman Catholic Church
- **Evangelical Christians:**
7.5%*



2025 highlight: In 2025, the Grain of Wheat team ventured into areas that even local authorities avoid due to security risks. Bible reading clubs, as well as sports and arts activities, were developed there, along with training for children's ministry leaders. God continues to provide the strategy for presenting Jesus Christ to this generation. Carried out in collaboration with local churches, projects like Kids Games, Family Games, and Youth Camps have allowed to intentionally reach communities and educational institutions with the Good News.

A few key milestones: The Grain of Wheat ministry in Colombia was founded in 1995 with the opening of a children's club called "Hola Junior" in the village of Altos de Cazuca in Soacha, near the capital. Although the ministry is now also active in other domains, clubs continue to hold a central place, offering recreational activities and Bible teaching to children living in the most vulnerable areas.

2025 highlight: In addition to running overnight and day camps, expanding its daycare services, and regularly visiting families, the ministry successfully organized a Swiss–Armenian–French camp for teenagers. Following the camp, many of the participants grew stronger in their faith and began serving in their local churches, first as helpers and later as leaders in children's ministry.

A few key milestones: The ministry of the Grain of Wheat Foundation in Armenia began as a local church project, with its first camps held in 1999. Since then, it has expanded across the country, reaching both major cities and remote villages, including communities in border regions. Since 2022, the team has intensified its outreach to these areas, providing humanitarian aid while sharing the Gospel.

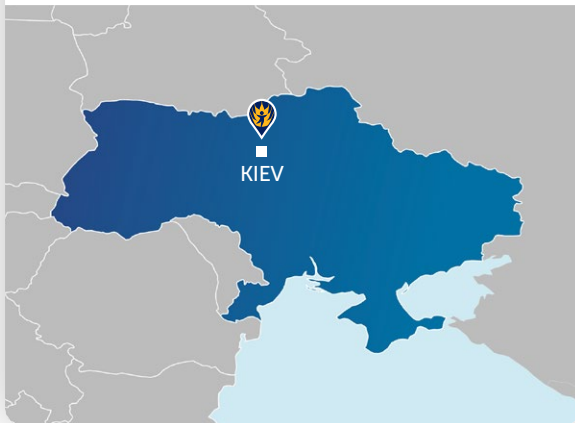
ARMENIA

- **Population:**
approx. 2,9 million
- **Main religious affiliation:**
Apostolic Church of Armenia
- **Evangelical Christians:**
8.7%*



UKRAINE

- **Population:**
approx. 39,5 millions
- **Main religious affiliation:**
Orthodox Church of Ukraine
- **Evangelical Christians:**
3,8%*



2025 highlight: Despite the war and the ongoing danger, a total of 69 camps were organised by Grain of Wheat volunteers in close collaboration with churches across the country. More than 8,200 children and teenagers were able to take part in a camp, in a safe and welcoming environment. Many of them heard about God's love for the first time.

A few key milestones: The Foundation in Ukraine was officially established in 2000, following a Grain of Wheat seminar held in 1998 for participants from across the post-Soviet region. By 2017, the Foundation had established a presence in 22 out of Ukraine's 25 regions, covering almost the entire territory of the country. Due to the war, some leaders have remained in occupied territories and have been unable to relocate. Whenever possible, they continue to organise and lead camps.

***Source:** www.operationworld.org

Anniversaries

Grain of Wheat France celebrated its 65th anniversary

A look back at a journey built alongside churches

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone for Grain of Wheat France: the celebration of the ministry's 65th anniversary. This special occasion brought together more than 150 people from all generations who have been involved with the organisation, served alongside it, or benefited from its activities.

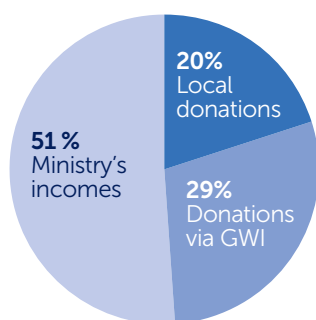
Originally called "Les Semailles", the Grain of Wheat France association was founded in 1965, shortly after the Grain of Wheat International was established in Switzerland. While clubs and camps represented the core of its activities in its early years, Grain of Wheat France has since considerably developed another area of work, specifically

designed to reach a broader audience: the organisation of festivals and artistic events such as musicals and creative camps.

This development reflects a long-standing commitment to working in partnership with churches and responding to their needs. By organising festivals or other events with them, Grain of Wheat encourages and equips churches to reach out to people beyond their walls. More generally, Grain of Wheat France is committed to further developing collaboration and synergy with its various partners.

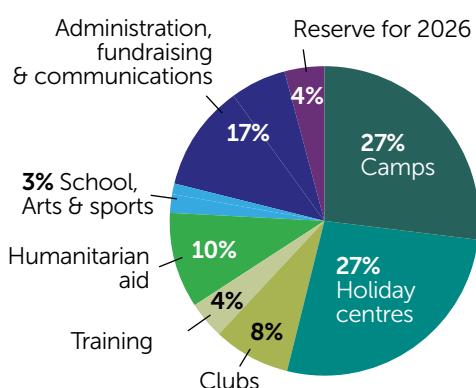
Financial overview

Our gratitude goes out to every individual and every foundation that has chosen to support the work of Grain of Wheat International Foundation. Your generosity enables us to continue reaching many children around the world. We are committed to ensuring that every donation is used wisely and effectively, in collaboration with our many partners on the ground. Your contributions are essential to the transmission of the message and the love of Christ.



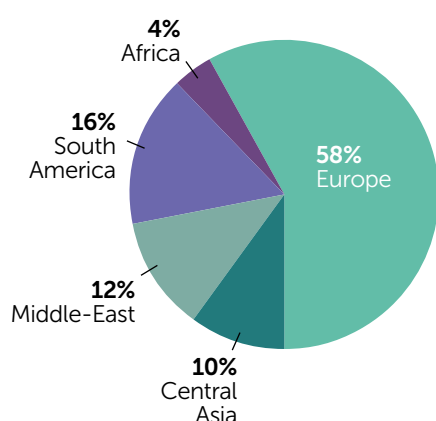
Total income 2025 – 6,278,129.00 USD

Overall, Grain of Wheat International covers 30% of its activities through its own funding, demonstrating the significant efforts made by national ministries to secure local support. However, this percentage varies considerably from one country to another, with ministries that operate a camp centre generally generating more local resources.



Total expenses 2025 – 6,278,129.00 USD

60% of GWI's expenditure is allocated to the foundation's core mission, namely camps, holiday centres, and clubs. Clubs are weekly gatherings for children, designed to maintain a connection with them throughout the year.



Resources used by region

The geographical distribution remains fairly stable, although at the beginning of 2025 Myanmar and South Africa left Grain of Wheat to join other organisations.





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