



# Who we are

For over 115 years, CBM has been transforming lives around the world.

We work with local partners to make sure that people with disabilities in some of the world's poorest communities have access to healthcare, education, and a future where they can thrive. Rooted in Christian values, we believe that everyone should get the same chances in life no matter where they live in the world.

## Our vision

An inclusive world in which all people with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

## Our mission

Fighting to end the cycle of poverty and disability.

## Our values

We Champion Inclusion, We Strive for Justice, We Pursue Excellence, We Embrace Partnership, We Live with Integrity.

Cover: Laxmi, age 6, was born with a physical impairment affecting her arms and legs. With support from CBM, she is receiving medical treatment and assistive devices at a hospital in Nepal to help with her mobility and independence. ©CBM Australia

# A message from our Chief Executive

We're incredibly proud of all we achieved in 2024 – transforming millions of lives – and it's a privilege to reflect on the progress we've made together. None of this work would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, partners, volunteers, and, of course, our incredible supporters. Your passion, commitment, and generosity – whether through donations, church communities, prayers, or gifts in Wills – are what make our work possible.



The impact of our programmes has been extraordinary, transforming lives by improving access to healthcare, education, and sustainable livelihoods, as well as providing vital humanitarian support in the pursuit of a more just and equitable world. At the heart of our approach is a deep commitment to working in partnership with local organisations, ensuring that the change we create together is appropriate, meaningful and lasting.

I am honoured to celebrate the impact of our work and look forward to continuing this important journey with you in the years ahead. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication.

**Kirsty Smith OBE, Chief Executive, CBM UK**

# Our work and impact

CBM works with local partners to deliver large-scale healthcare programmes and provide specialist support for people with disabilities, their families and communities. Last year, alongside our local partners, we reached **3,800,317 people** including...



**2,465,808**

people were treated and protected from Neglected Tropical Diseases in areas where they are identified as a public health problem.



**1,113,034**

people accessed essential eye care services and thousands of people were able to see again.



**5,653**

people were supported with the skills and equipment they needed to build and sustain their livelihoods.



**3,725**

people with mental health conditions accessed the treatment and support they need.



**1,880**

children were supported to go to school and build a brighter future.

# Preventing blindness and saving sight

Worldwide, three out of four people who are blind don't need to be, and over one billion live with a visual impairment that could be treated or prevented. Our work helps people access eye care to prevent and treat blinding conditions, while also training and equipping local eye health professionals for lasting impact.

Our See the Way Malawi project, a three-year initiative in partnership with the Malawi Network for Elderly Persons Organisations (MANEPO) and the Nkhoma Eye Programme, concluded in 2024. We delivered 6,652 cataract surgeries and provided outpatient care to 166,186 people across 10 district hospitals.

We met Dorothy in 2022, after three years of living with cataracts. Her family was unsure about surgery, but her granddaughter Evelyn arranged a bicycle taxi to take her to CBM-supported Nkhoma Mission Hospital. Within hours, Dorothy was screened, operated on, and her sight was restored.

Dorothy has since started a small business selling groundnut flour and firewood. She told us: **"I can buy books and pens for my grandchildren... when we have extra profit we buy food... My life has changed after regaining sight!"**



CBM UK's See the Way Malawi project was funded by donations and match funding from the UK government through UK Aid Match.





**"My inspiration to specialise in cataract surgery stems from my personal experience. When I was young, my grandfather had blinding cataracts. As his caregiver, I witnessed the challenges he faced daily. One day, my uncle took him to a medical facility in Nairobi for surgery. Seeing him regain his sight and independence was inspiring. My grandfather's journey ignited my passion for helping others overcome vision challenges."**

**Mr. Chege, Ophthalmic Clinical Officer and Cataract Surgeon, Kenya**



# Education for all

There are 240 million children with disabilities in the world, and they are among the most likely to be out of school. Without access to education, children with disabilities are more likely to grow up in poverty. We believe that every child deserves an education, an opportunity to make friends, create happy memories, and the chance of a better future.

Thanks to our supporters, and together with our fantastic local partners, we are making sure that children with disabilities are included in school. We are helping schools to adapt their buildings so that they become accessible to everyone. We are training teachers to embed truly inclusive practices in their classrooms, and we are getting out into local communities and breaking down the stigma that so often keeps children with disabilities at home.

In 2024, we launched our 'Every Girl, Everywhere' campaign, which aimed to create lasting change for girls with disabilities through the power of education.

We were proud to have Paralympian and friend of CBM, Anne Wafula Strike, join the campaign:

**"I know first-hand that bright futures start at school. I was fortunate to get an education when most people would have given up on me. That's why I'm working with CBM UK because I believe every girl, no matter where they live, should be able to go to school."**

Anne Wafula Strike





## **“Disability does not mean inability!”**

Our Every Girl, Everywhere campaign featured the story of 10-year-old Tinotenda from Zimbabwe. She is short-sighted and used to attend a school where her condition was not recognised or understood.

**“If something is far away, I can’t quite see. It is very difficult for me to see, especially when I am sitting far away.”**

Tinotenda’s life changed completely when she moved to a disability-inclusive school. Her new teacher understands how her eyesight affects her education and provides lots of support to make sure she can read and be included in class as much as possible.

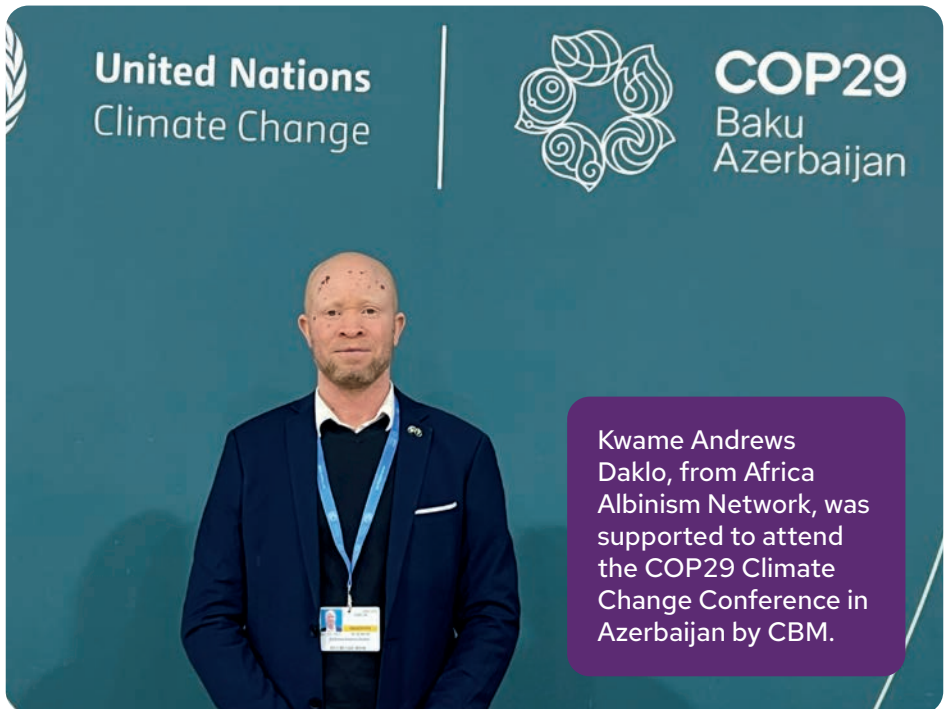
Now Tinotenda loves learning, especially making art – she wants to be an artist when she grows up!




# Disability inclusion

One in six people live with a disability – that is 1.3 billion people worldwide. This number is estimated to double by 2050 with over 80% living in low- or middle-income countries, often in extreme poverty. We work to influence systemic and sustainable policy change internationally in line with the Sustainable Development Goals to Leave No One Behind.

In 2024, we attended the COP29 Climate Change Conference in Azerbaijan as an accredited observer, amplifying the voices of people with disabilities and advocating for disability-inclusive climate justice. We called upon leaders to create an official disability constituency within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a black t-shirt with 'FUBU PLATINUM' printed on it, stands in front of a pile of debris and trees. The background shows a mix of green foliage and brown, damaged-looking structures. A purple text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**"We expected water up to our knees, but it went over our heads."**

Joventina

## Joventina's story

We enable people with disabilities to access vital support when disasters strike, assisting with essential food, water, shelter, and healthcare. We equip hospitals, and we advise other humanitarian organisations on how to be disability-inclusive in their own programmes.

When Typhoon Trami and five successive tropical storms struck the Philippines in 2024, they caused widespread devastation, damaging over 255,000 homes and displacing more than 214,000 people. For people with disabilities, the crisis was even more severe. Damaged roads, flooding, and inaccessible shelters made it difficult to reach safety or access basic support. CBM responded by supporting affected communities in the aftermath and helping people like Joventina prepare for future emergencies.

Joventina, a community-based rehabilitation volunteer, is a mother to a son with a disability and carer for her newborn granddaughter. With CBM's support, she plays a vital role in preparing her community for disasters and advocates for inclusive emergency responses, such as an accessible early warning system, to ensure no one is left behind when disaster strikes.

## Isabelle's story

When Isabelle began losing her sight to cataracts at just two years old, her parents worried she would miss out on school. But everything changed when they heard about a CBM-supported eye care project, made possible by our supporters.

Thanks to surgery, Isabelle's sight has been restored. Today, she's thriving – playing, learning, and enjoying being with her friends. Her parents are filled with hope, knowing that sight loss is no longer a barrier.



## Stories start with you

Your kindness makes all of these stories a reality. Find out about the different ways you can get involved and change lives by visiting our website: [www.cbmun.org.uk](http://www.cbmun.org.uk)

**"In my role, I have the absolute pleasure of connecting with so many of you – our incredible supporters who choose to stand with us and support CBM in such meaningful ways. It's a true joy to hear your stories about why you give, and to share with you the inspiring stories of children, parents, grandparents, and entire communities whose lives you've helped transform."**

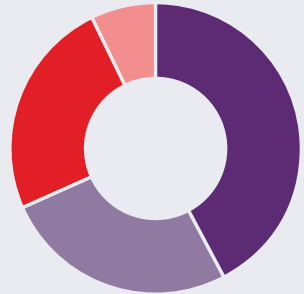
Doné, Senior Supporter Relations Officer, CBM UK

# Where your money goes

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of our supporters, last year our income reached £7,117,288.

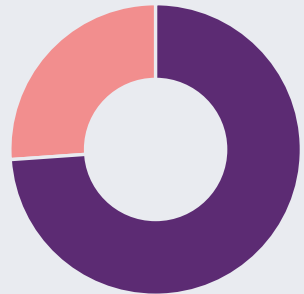
## Income

- Fundraising appeals: £3,016,104
- Gifts in Wills: £1,863,908
- Governments and Institutions: £1,733,252
- Investment and other income: £504,024



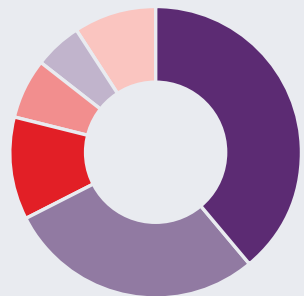
## Expenditure

- Charitable activities: £4,895,898
- Raising funds: £1,729,345



## Our life-changing work

- Saving sight: £1,907,294
- Community Based Inclusive Development: £1,410,292
- Community Mental Health: £547,547
- Humanitarian Action: £327,278
- Advocacy: £260,352
- Advisory: £443,135





Birmi (65) is living in a temporary shelter after her home was damaged by an earthquake. She received psychosocial support from a CBM-supported Centre for Mental Health & Counselling in Nepal to help her recover and rebuild her life.

## Other ways to get involved

### Leave a gift in your Will

Gifts in Wills fund a third of our work, and we are incredibly grateful to those who choose to support us in this meaningful way. By leaving a gift to CBM in your Will, you're not just changing lives today, but helping to shape a brighter tomorrow for future generations. To find out more, visit [www.cbmun.org.uk/legacies](http://www.cbmun.org.uk/legacies)

**"CBM is one of several charities that I've remembered in my Will, but they are particularly important to me because of the incredible work they do."**

David, a CBM legacy supporter



## Involve your church

Your church can play a vital role in transforming lives. Whether through prayer, fundraising, or raising awareness, your church's involvement can make a lasting impact.



You can fundraise together, include us in your services, or even host a coffee morning – there are many engaging ways to share the stories of those your donations support. To learn how your church can get involved, visit [www.cbmuk.org.uk/church](http://www.cbmuk.org.uk/church).

**“For over 40 years, people from St James’ have been involved in CBM’s work, with more than seven former and current members serving as volunteers or staff. We understand and deeply appreciate the work CBM does to encourage local Christian groups to serve some of the most disadvantaged in their communities.”**

St James’ Church, Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire



## Fundraise for us

We are incredibly grateful for the many ways our supporters help change the lives of people with disabilities in some of the world's poorest communities. There are plenty of ways to fundraise for us and we have lots of advice to get you started.

From hosting sponsored walks, runs, and bake sales to creating your own unique challenges, there's so much you can do to transform lives. We're here to support you every step of the way.



We are thrilled to offer places for our supporters to take part in the TCS London Marathon next year. If you, or someone you know, is ready to take on the challenge and help make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more, visit [www.cbmun.org.uk/fundraise](http://www.cbmun.org.uk/fundraise).

## Want to transform lives with us?

### Take action

Explore all the different ways you can get involved and change lives by visiting our website: [www.cbmun.org.uk](http://www.cbmun.org.uk)

### Contact us

We would love to hear from you. Please give us a call on 01223 484700, or send an email to [info@cbmun.org.uk](mailto:info@cbmun.org.uk)




**Prabin, who has a physical disability, is a keen farmer from a rural village in Nepal.** We have been working with him to provide essential resources like plastic tunnels, a drip irrigation system, and plastic drums, helping him grow more sustainable crops and improve his farming. Together, we are supporting thousands of people like Prabin with the skills and equipment they need to secure a brighter future.

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