



# OAA

Outreach Aid to the Americas



## ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Board Members and Esteemed Donors,

Our fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Our ministry remains committed to serving those in need and will continue to strive towards providing essential services to as many people as possible. It is with great pleasure that we share with you our accomplishments over the past year. The results were revenues of \$8,403,290, which included \$5,375,420 in in-kind donations of products such as food and hygiene products. The overall revenue increased by 9 percent from last year. The state of the ministry is very good.

With your assistance, we were able to provide 10 million food servings to those in need, serving 18,000 individuals who received direct food assistance. Additionally, we had the privilege of training 6,000 youth in leadership development.

I am also pleased to report that our organization continues to do difficult work in the closed society countries of Cuba, Nicaragua, and in some cases in Venezuela. Despite the challenging political environments and limited resources, we have been able to make significant progress in promoting human rights and advance democracy in these countries. During the year, four OAA Op-Eds on violations of religious freedom were published by various U.S. periodicals.

Last year, we also brought life-changing training and support to people working hard to lift their families and communities out of the most challenging situations. We partnered with the people, ministries, and churches that we serve throughout the region to help them prepare for and recover from disasters, learn new skills, obtain Bibles, advocate for freedoms, protect their children and start businesses. We provide the tools and resources, while they provide the energy and determination to build a better life.

The achievements of 2022 would not have been possible without your generous contributions and support. Your trust in our mission and belief in our ability to make a difference have been instrumental in enabling us to carry out our work with the utmost dedication and excellence.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to making a positive impact for thousands. Your partnership enables us to stand with people all over the region. Together, we can make a difference.

Grace, peace, and love be yours in abundance,

Teo





## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

### Our Values

***Christ-centered, hope-giving, integrity, compassionate, solidarity, and kingdom building***



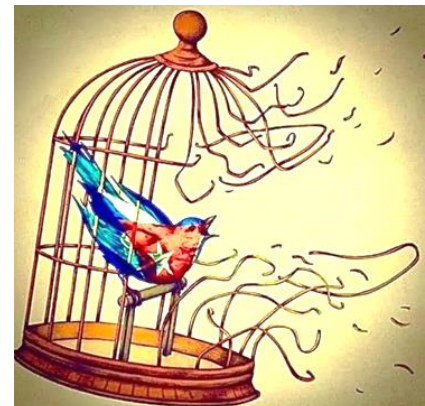
**Our purpose** is to provide aid, alleviate the suffering, and improve the dignity and quality of life of individuals, families, and communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, in a way that supports positive change towards sustainable development and respect for fundamental freedoms. We also promote citizen participation through supporting the development of community programs.

**Our key distinctive** and our strength is the trust we have earned over almost 30 years of experience. We have proven methodologies and tools to provide capacity building and assistance to vulnerable people and communities through faith-based local partners. Our targeted interventions improve the lives of the poorest and most disadvantaged people, those who permanently or during a crisis do not have the resources to live active and healthy lives.



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## DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

*We empower vulnerable communities, educate and develop youth and persons with disabilities, strengthen civil society, and support self-employment initiatives.*



OAA is committed to supporting vulnerable communities in the Americas through sustainable development programs that empower youth, women, men and elderly people with self-employment projects and other innovative interventions. These projects also improve the lives of vulnerable and persecuted people.

We believe that citizens in Latin America and the Caribbean simply need tools and knowledge to strengthen resiliency, promote unity and solidarity between neighbors and communities, and open spaces for dialogue to help rebuild hurting societies.

**Our ministry** develops programs that include capacity-building classes, training and awareness-raising of key issues that are relevant to communities. These include violence, child and youth exploitation, human rights, employment and productivity, and many others.



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## INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

### *Advocacy for religious freedom and related human rights in the Americas*



With more training support and advocacy from regional stakeholders, such as influential neighboring countries, the Organization of American States, and the U.S., plus the European Union and the UN, faith-based actors can play a more effective role in monitoring and reporting on human rights violations and in promoting nonviolent action, national dialogue, and respect for human rights.

None of this is possible, however, without the ability to exercise religious freedom and interrelated rights such as freedom of assembly and freedom of expression. We work to elevate human rights defenders' voices at international fora to amplify their calls for justice and to maximize our combined impact.



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Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief



## ECHOCUBA



### *Building and empowering the evangelical church in Cuba*



**Ministry Mission:** Committed to reaching the people of Cuba with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are strengthened by our compassion for the evangelical Christian church. We perform this mission through programs promoting Christian education, capital projects, social and human services, humanitarian assistance, entrepreneurship, and building church organizational capacity.



Due to the closed political context in Cuba, relief and aid work on this country is not as straightforward as in most other countries in the region. Legal and logistical complications arise all the time when shipping humanitarian relief cargo to the island. Religious communities, pastors and churches are strictly regulated by the government, thus needing an increased effort in advocacy. These differences make it important for an organization to have a certain level of expertise to conduct work there. **EchoCuba**, the original name of our organization, reflecting our initial focus on the island, remains as a crucial part of why OAA is a leader in our type of humanitarian work in Cuba.





# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



**The cost of natural disasters is high.** As climate change and erratic weather patterns increase the risks of devastating storms, droughts and floods, we are helping communities identify, assess and reduce their risks. Creating response plans and resilient strategies now can better help protect people tomorrow.

**Our Community & Port Resiliency Program (C-PreP)** provides technical, material, and strategic tools to support communities and airports facing complex challenges both during and after a crisis.

**FedEx** partners with **C-PreP** to help disaster-prone areas of Latin America and the Caribbean build capacity so that their ports are able to respond when disaster strikes. This helps ensure that humanitarian aid and emergency relief can quickly reach those who need it most. FedEx has sponsored 10 C-PreP workshops for nearly 1,000 people representing 32 airports.



# SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS IN 2022

## SUCCESS INDICATORS

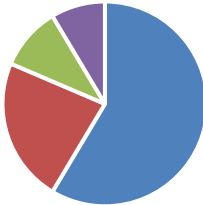
	2022
People receiving direct food & relief aid	17,892
Servings of meals	9,861,040
People trained on leadership and business	6,122
People trained on disaster preparedness	663
People engaged on Freedom of Religion	400

## FUNDING HISTORY AND PLAN

Dollars (\$)	2021	2022
Contributions	274,360	197,147
Grants & Subawards	2,640,667	2,747,223
Private Programs	120,000	84,500
In-kind Donations	4,679,695	5,375,420
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>7,714,722</u>	<u>8,403,290</u>

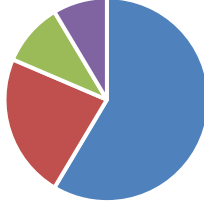
OAA's commitment is that at least 85 cents (85%) of every dollar donated must go to local programs.

Revenue



■ 1st Qtr ■ 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr ■ 4th Qtr

Functional Expenses



■ 1st Qtr ■ 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr



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**Your support can make a big difference in someone's life.**

You do not need to do something huge to make a big impact. Even small acts of kindness or support can change lives.

Your contribution will greatly assist us in expanding and positively transforming lives. By donating to OAA, you have the power to make a significant impact on one person and one community at a time.

Learn more by calling **305-884-0441**, via email at **info@oaausa.org**, or by visiting our website **www.oaausa.org**.

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