



# Annual Report 2024-25





# From Our Founder

On behalf of the Malaika team, I want to share my warmest appreciation with our long-time and new supporters. This year, we saw the successful continuation of our hallmark programs: a third cohort of girls graduated from our state-of-the-art K-12 school, a second class of adult graduates from our technical education training program, and continued knowledge sharing with our local communities.

However, what I wanted to especially highlight for you is the exciting recognition that our educators have received. This year:

- Donat, our dedicated IT teacher, proudly represented Malaika at the prestigious Corporate Social Responsibility Forum in Lubumbashi, showcasing our commitment to innovation and community impact
- Mrs. Rebecca, our visionary Special Projects Lead, was honored as a guest speaker by the African Union Diaspora Youth Initiative. She delivered an inspiring presentation on Malaika's transformative journey in educating and empowering girls, further solidifying our reputation as a leader in girls' education and empowerment

Empowering our girls means celebrating and supporting their communities - including their community of educators. We hope you'll enjoy and share this report in celebration of their tireless and impactful work!

Sincerely,



Noëlla Coursaris Musunka  
Founder and CEO, Malaika



## Mission Statement

Malaika's mission is to empower girls and their communities to reach their full potential through education and local community transformation. We do this by providing free education, clean water, vocational, agricultural, athletic, and health programs

## Vision Statement

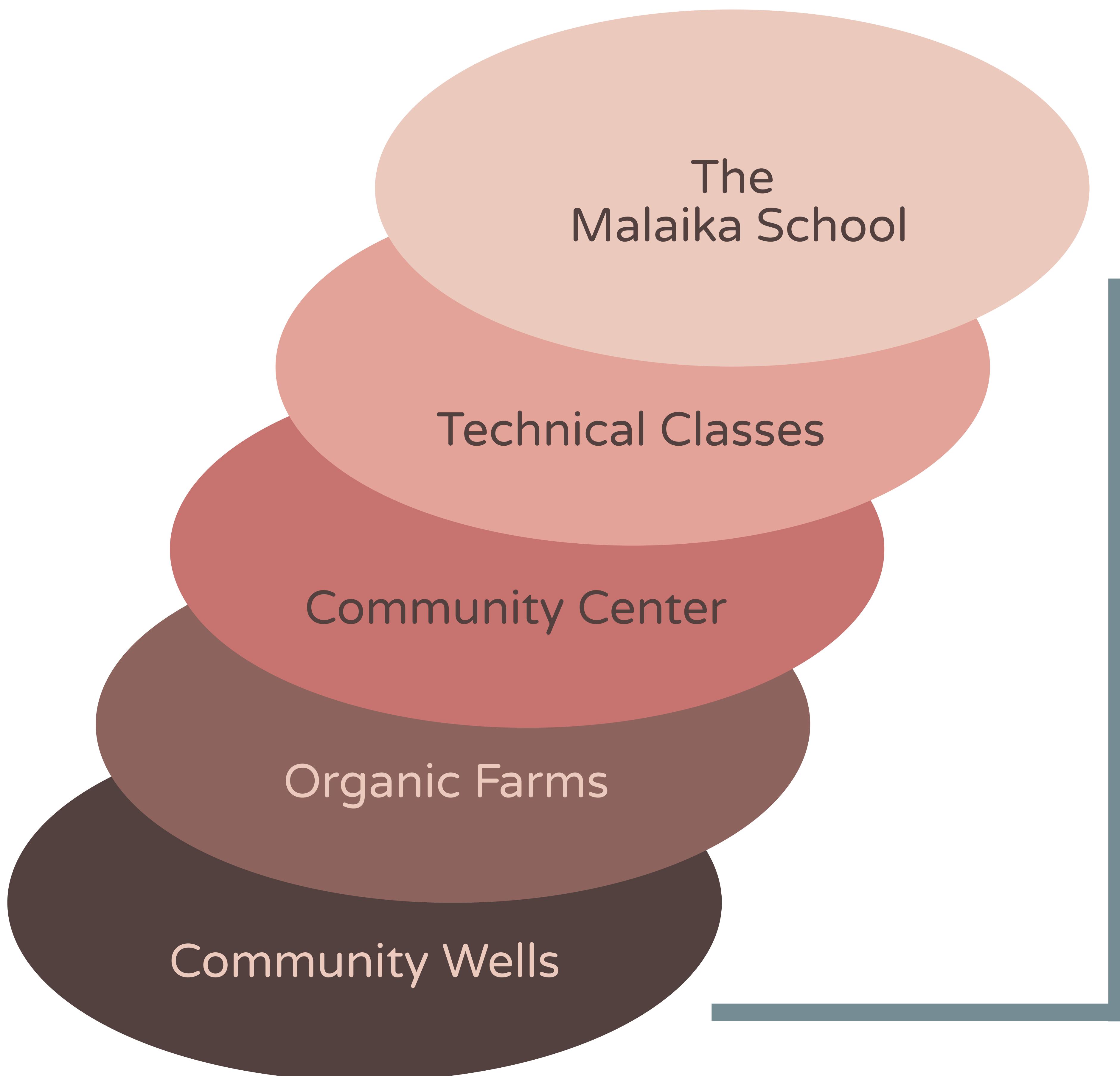
We dream of a future where all community members can access quality education and reach their full potential in all aspects of life. A future where they are flourishing as individuals, leaders, and change-makers within their communities

# Our Ecosystem Approach



Care for community is a core tenet of our ecosystem approach. We know that supporting girls education includes supporting the well-being of their broader support networks.

We call this Malaika's Ecosystem Model.



# The Malaika School



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The Malaika School provides a state-of-the-art education for girls in Kalebuka across a diverse range of subjects. On any given day this past year, you might've seen our students planting trees as a part of their environmental studies, meeting with local women entrepreneurs, celebrating International Women's Day, or graduating! Some especially exciting parts of this year included:

- 7 girls winning the First Lego Robotic competition in the Haut Katanga province and second place in the country
- 4 girls participating in the U17 football National Team
- A Malaika Community Service Day where our students and alumni visited surrounding communities



We were also honored this year to be chosen by UNICEF as a school to accommodate the training of girls and UN leaders on human rights.

20

Malaika students who were accepted into universities

9

Malaika student athletes called up to the women's national soccer team for the African interschool tournament in Ghana

# Technical Classes



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In partnership with the Caterpillar Foundation, Congo Equipment, and Dalberg, we provide free, comprehensive, and locally-led vocational training. Our goal is to bring economic opportunity to the Kalebuka community, and to see our skilled trainees find local internships and jobs.

This year, we saw the steady growth of this newest part of our Malaika programming and the inauguration of two new buildings. We enrolled new adult students in our technical classes and launched new course offerings.

Other major highlights from 2024-2025:

- We offered trainings on career choice and social media. Our mechanical students participated in a 4-day internship with Congo Equipment
- With support from Assist International, the instructors of our technical classes received training at Cité des Jeunes, a professional development training center in Lubumbashi



500+

students enrolled in new vocational classes

66

technical studies celebrated for graduation

# Community Center



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Our Community Center provides year-round programs for the wider community. Our center services many different populations within our communities, from out-of-school youth to adults seeking to learn new skills in programs ranging from literacy to Information Technology to sewing.

This year, our center was thrilled to host and participate in the Congo River Marathon on our campus. We also hosted exciting events such as the celebration of Sport for Peace and Development Day, Sanitation Day, and the Day of the Fight Against Global Warming. Our catering students were able to visit a private hospital to learn about the application of their skills in different institutions. Additionally:

- Our Community Center's Dance Team won first place at the Jeux Salesiens competition
- We had a special visit from footballer Sambi Lokonga
- We were able to link our carpentry students with internships at a local training center



270+

students participated in the launch of Street Child United activities

800+

community members celebrated Women's Day at the Center

# Organic Farms



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The land where our campus sits is a source of nourishment and education.

Our community sustains a farm that provides nutritious meals while deepening our understanding of the environment and its care.

**189,388**

meals served this year to 419 students



# Water & Health



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Our commitment to supporting our students is a commitment to supporting the health of their communities. Because of this, water and health security for the local area are core to our mission.

Additional initiatives include community outreach activities, health education, and providing free sanitary products for our students.

We aim to break down the everyday stigma surrounding female health so that girls remain in school when they start getting their period.



32

wells and pumps serving the families and neighbors of our students

47k+

community members served by this well system



UK- Cena Conference // EEF Annual Gathering Barcelona // EY Strategic Growth Forum Caribbean 2024 // Francis Holland Regent's Park Hale Lecture Series



Greentech Festival In London // UNGA 2024 - Agents of Change Award Winner at The Global Partnerships Forum // Fashion Session at the UN SDG Lounge // Harnessing Our Collective Power



Fearless podcast // Presented at Gousto Headquarters // Presented at the Dean Close School in Cheltenham // Malaika x Attivo // Presented at the Raisina Young Fellows Program in India with students

# Our Year in Events



EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 Monaco // Cheltenham Ladies College // London Stock Exchange // Berlin Fundraiser // Malaika Graduation



Corporate Social Responsibility Forum in Lubumbashi // African Union Diaspora Youth Initiative // To Get There 2024 Humanitarian Award in Milan // Salesforce BOLDForce Talk with Eve // FII8 Saudi Arabia panelist



# Meet Students in the Class of 2025



After my university studies, I will specialize in surgery



and it's a source of pride



After my studies,

# The Malaika Team

Sylvain Koj  
Achille Kabongo  
Alain Mbayo Kadiata  
Bavon Musabila Ngeleka  
Benjamin Yumba  
Donat Tshisuaka Mukendi  
Eric Kabamba  
Augustin Mufunga  
Eugenie Mwape  
Jacques Kubadilwa  
Jean de Dieu Musenge  
Judith N'tensya Kalonda  
Maguy Safi Makanda  
Moise Lumbala  
Natacha Mosakwa Bayindo  
Odette Tshilemb  
Rebecca Mbayo  
Rigobert Kisontwe  
Sebastien Samudinda Ngwej  
Therese Mabaka  
Hubert Mufot  
Pierre Moma  
Stephanie Mulunda  
Gaudé Binsoko  
Cynthia Umba  
Aubin Yumba  
Charlotte Machozi  
Adrien Ngoy Mwenda  
Benjamin Masengo  
Nissi Nsenga Mukadi  
Vivianne Besa Muntandwe  
John Masengo Ngoy  
Nkulu Ngoie Daniel  
Gloire Malaji Shindola

Sarah Kalumba  
Divina Kalenga  
Ildephonse Kangela  
Strong Mpiana  
Genevieve Kindele Kalenga  
Umba Gerard  
Mwenze Mukanda Eddy  
Clancy Mwenze  
Kamwabu Kayembe Smith  
Violaine Muswamba  
Joelle Kalobe Ngolwa  
Ghislaine Kujirabwinja  
Patricia Banguna  
Hyacinthe Kaseya  
Jonathan Ilunga  
Fulgence Kilaka  
Chabrey Nyengele  
Alain Lukusa  
Marcel Kitoko  
Russell Kisimba

GLOBAL

Alexia Tizzano  
Jaime Thomas  
Louise Pineau  
Marta Reed  
Salima Etoka

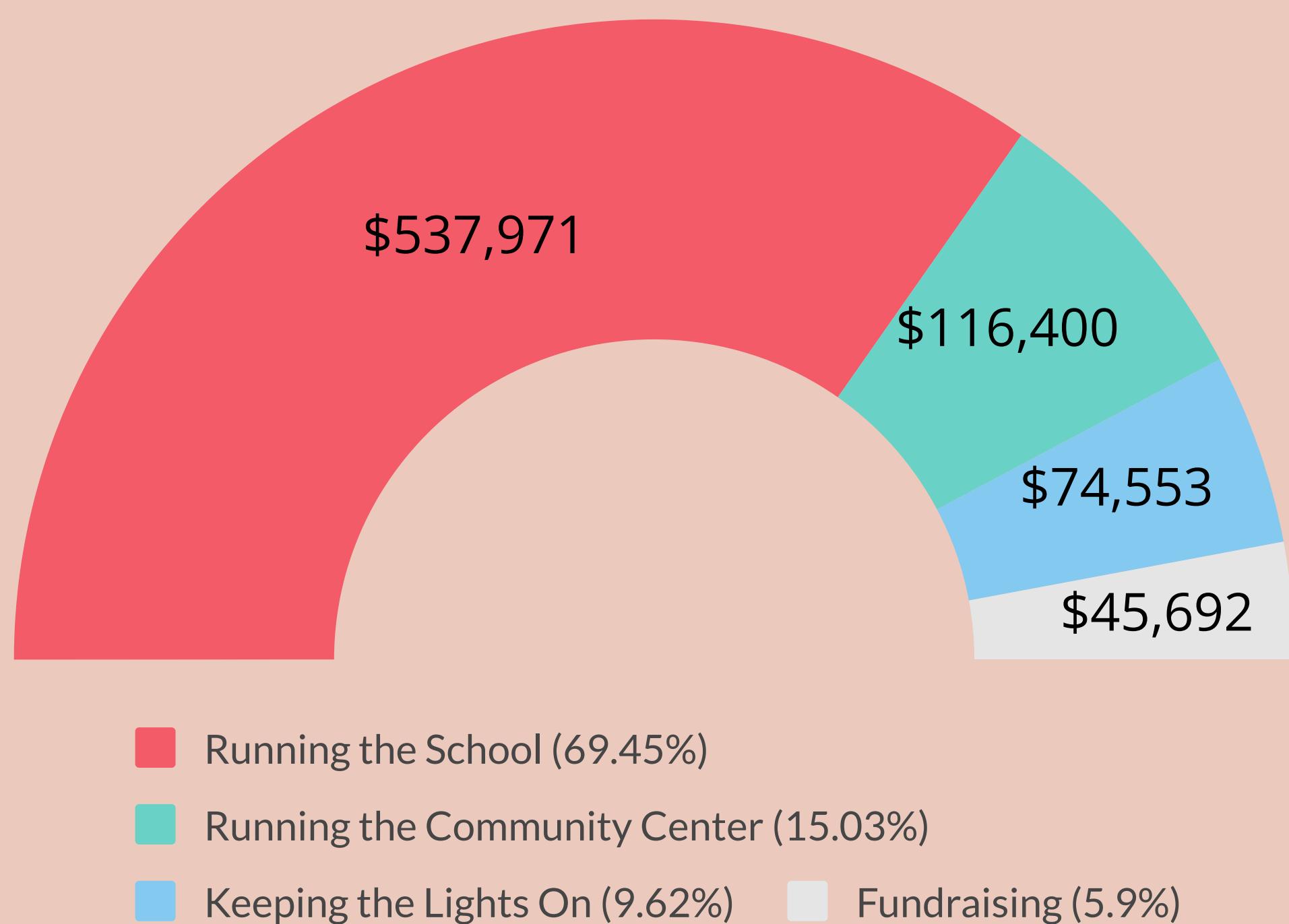
NATIONAL

Dominique Kalembwe  
Tshovu Patrick  
Sandrine Longolongo  
Sebastien Kikunguru Kembele  
Félicien Lwamba Baruani  
Adrille Kibombe Kisula  
Bernadette Kapeshi  
Henriette Mbuyu  
Aimerance Kunong Kadiat  
Veronique Ngandwe  
Frodeciane Ilunga  
Kabeya Jean Claude  
Amani Nimuboma Diomède  
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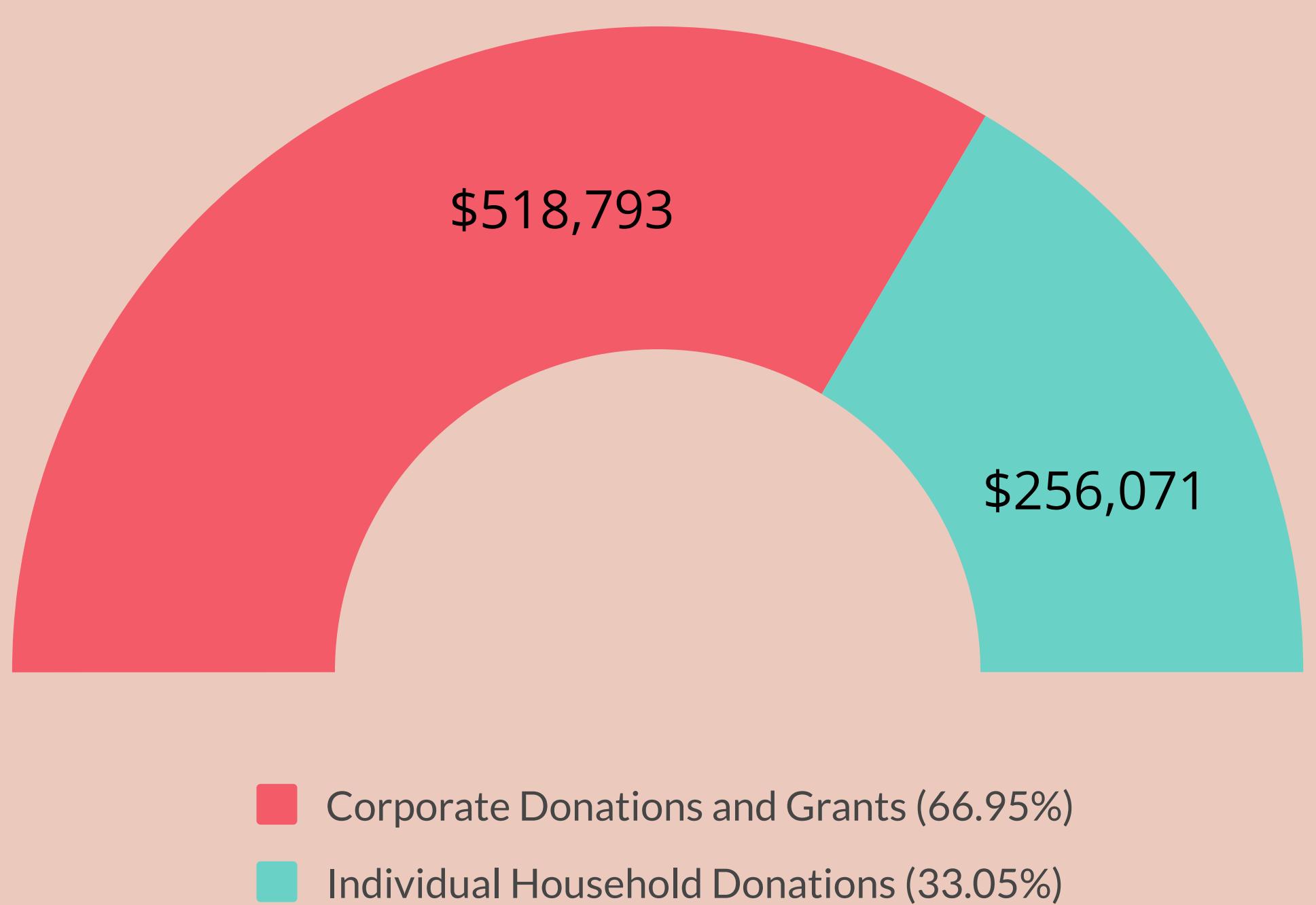


# Our Financials

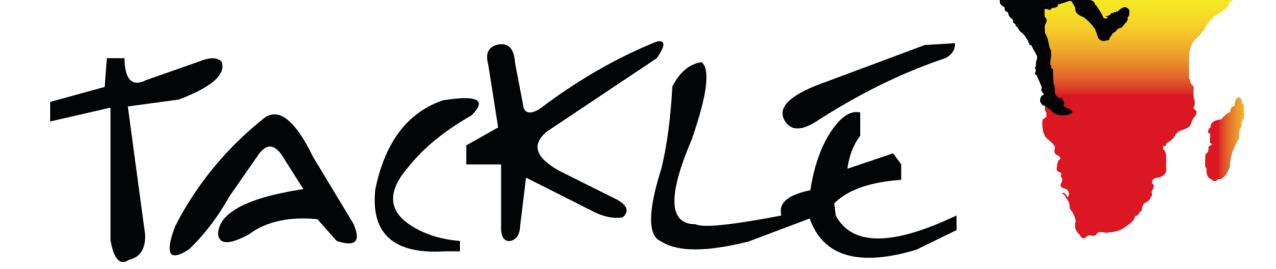
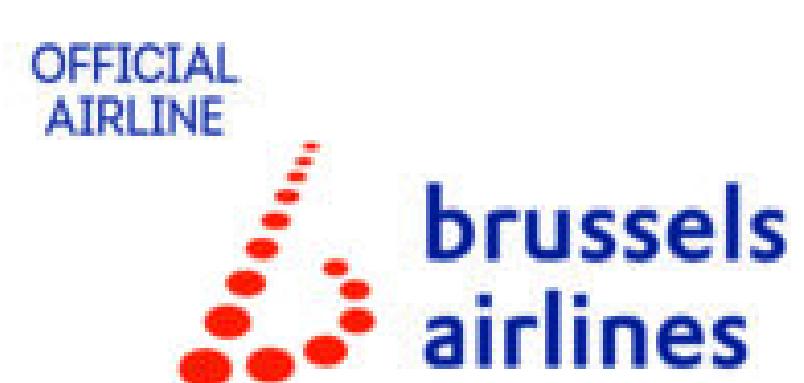
Our Expenses



Our Funding Sources



# Our Donors



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