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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Every child has the right to education. RISE works to give children the chance to go to school in areas where accessibility is limited or non-existent. We focus on vulnerable and marginalized children, those living in poverty that face multiple barriers to education, and deserve the basics that all children deserve . . . food, safety, healthcare, education, and clean water. Education is at the heart of better economic opportunities, healthier families, individual freedom, and empowerment.

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THE PROBLEM

Every child should have the chance to go to school, to learn to read and write. Several million children in Angola do not have access to primary education.





OUR RESPONSE

RISE builds primary schools in rural Angola to educate children, empower communities, and contribute to the rebuilding of the country.

22 Years . . .





School building programs rank among the most effective educational interventions.

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BUILDING SCHOOLS / GIVING KIDS ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- 198 schools built, with 1,050 classrooms
- 144,000 kids in school each year
- 31 wells and clean water
- Jobs for construction teams, principals, and teachers

RISE builds critical infrastructure, a fundamental starting point, to give children access to education. RISE-built schools are quality structures, where children can concentrate and learn, sheltered from wind, rain, and cold. They are centrally located within the community, with bathrooms and access to clean water, creating inclusive and equitable places of protection and safety.

In 2025 . . .







Thank you for this investment. Students at Canjala are thrilled to have a "real" school. The children need many things, but this is what they needed the most.

Teacher at Canjala

SCHOOLS COMPLETED AND DEDICATED

Canjala, Benguela Province
7 classrooms, funded by RISE

Bela Vista, Namibe Province
12 classrooms, funded by Azule Energy

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WELL DRILLED

Passagem
Access to clean water, funded by Rotary

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Pilot projects in the Bie and Namibe Provinces
Improving the quality of education/Assessing the impact of enhanced resources on learning outcomes, funded by ExxonMobil

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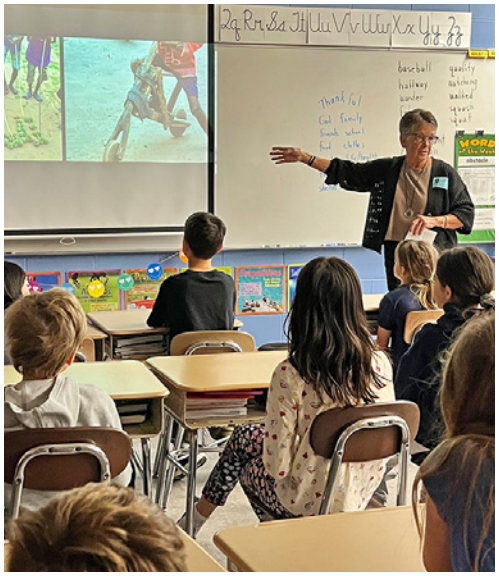









WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . .

Fundraising efforts included a Brewery Tour, Fantasy Football leagues, GlobalGiving campaigns, Team RISE Chicago Marathon runners, and school events, which all raised money to give kids the chance to go to school. Our annual benefit, at Sketchbook Brewing Co., was a night of celebration and challenge to give more kids access to education.

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FINANCIALS

We are grateful to the many donors in the U.S. and Angola for their generous support. RISE has successfully pursued strategic in-country partnerships to build more schools, collaborating with local administrators, corporate social responsibility and sustainability programs, and the Ministry of Education. These partnerships allow us to multiply the impact.

Total Revenue	**$ 376,070**
Program	$ 276,720
General/Admin	$ 55,241
Fundraising	$ 33,294
Total Expense	**$ 365,255**
Net Revenue	**$ 10,815**
Year-end Net Assets	**$ 138,904**

Education is a powerful driver of development and one of the strongest instruments for reducing poverty and improving health, gender equality, peace, and stability.

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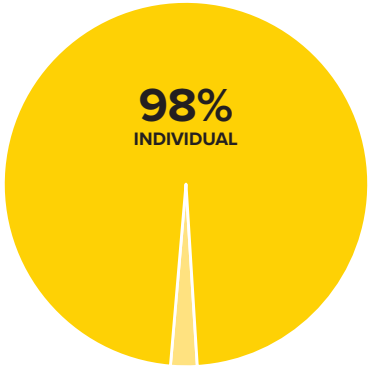
SOURCE OF INCOME 2025



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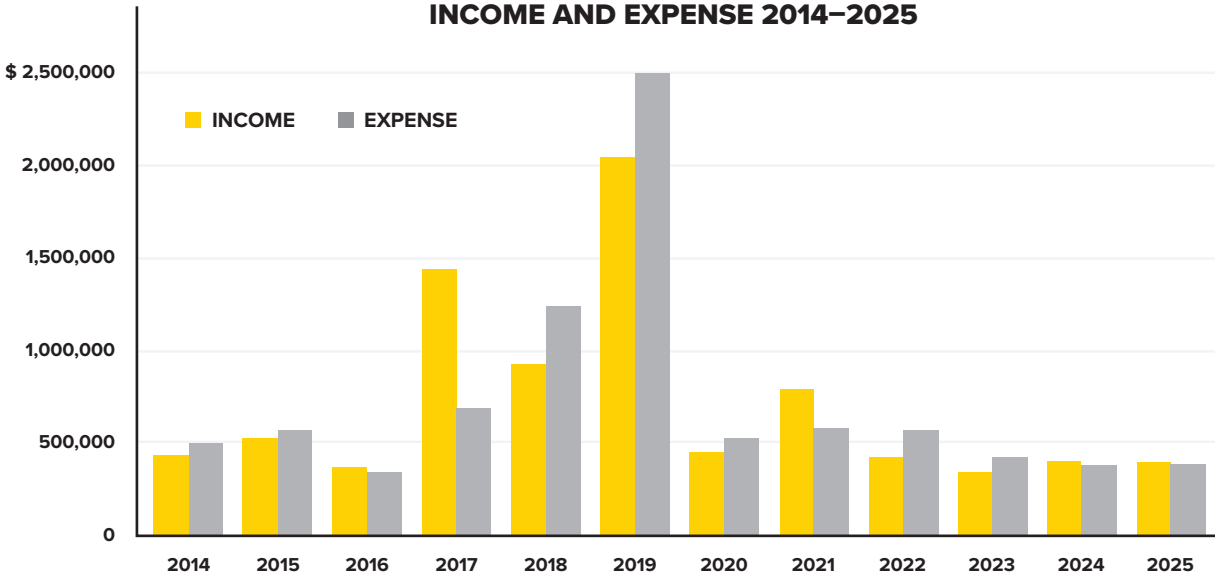

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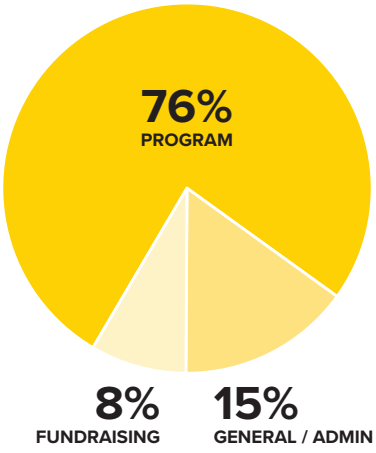

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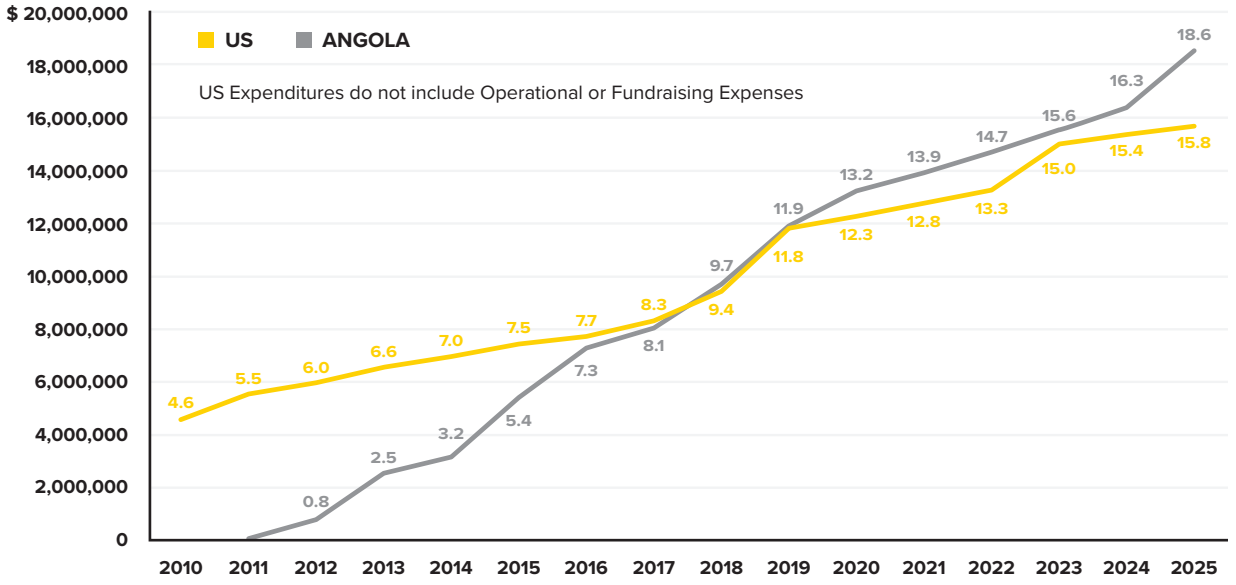

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If we do not make an investment in education, everything else will fail. There is no better definition of sustainable development, and no better pathway to realize this ambition than by educating every child.

Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General