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Annual Report

This report covers activities from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

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OVERVIEW

Vision

For communities around the world to achieve greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security.



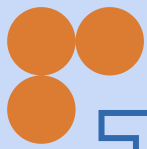
Mission

To address communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and preparing leaders of tomorrow.

Founded in 1999, MCW Global is based in New York with Affiliate organizations in Africa (Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia). We offer a Young Leaders Program and an Africa Program that focus on Oral Health Care and Community Development.

Our core values include Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Responsibility, and Excellence.

Our values collectively spell out the acronym **"iCARE"** because we do!

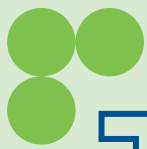


THEORY OF CHANGE

We believe that communities around the world face diverse challenges that require unique solutions. Local leaders are not only needed, but they are critical for sustainable, long-term development to enact positive change. Our role is to provide the next generation with the skills, tools, and support they need to lead positive changes in their communities for generations to come. We invest in human capital to encourage individuals who are passionate about addressing inequalities.

MCW Global's Skills Development and Literacy Programs, Oral Health Care Program, and Young Leaders Program cultivate individuals who are leading community change at a local level in a global context.





THIS YEAR IN REVIEW

In social sciences, a “generation” is commonly understood as the time it takes for one group to grow up and have children- often estimated at 25 years.

And this is how long MCW Global has been working to support communities around the world in achieving greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security.

We were here for a generation, and we’re counting!

As we reflect on 2025, we are reminded that lasting change is built through people, partnerships, and the shared belief that young leaders can shape stronger, healthier, and more inclusive communities. Across the year, we witnessed the impact of our global community in powerful ways. Through our Young Leaders Fellowship, conferences, alumni-led initiatives, and Affiliate programs in Africa, young leaders and communities from around the world came together to learn, collaborate, and transform ideas into action.

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary Gala in New York, bringing together more than 250 supporters, board members, beneficiaries, alumni, partners, and young leaders for an inspiring evening of reflection, celebration, and global connection. The event marked an important milestone in our organization’s history and highlighted the collective impact of a generation of work dedicated to empowering communities worldwide. Through the 25th Anniversary Campaign, MCW Global raised more than \$1 million to support programs across the United States, Africa, and beyond, helping ensure that our mission and impact continue for generations to come.

In the area of economic security, MCW Global continued to support locally driven initiatives that strengthen resilience and expand opportunities for communities. Through the work of our Affiliates in Africa, programs focused on sustainable livelihoods, rural empowerment, and youth development continued to create meaningful impact. In 2025, this commitment was reflected in MC-Rwanda’s efforts to empower vulnerable youth in Bugesera to achieve sustainable livelihoods, as well as in MC-Zambia’s sports and climate focused initiatives designed to advance rural empowerment and community resilience.

In education, we expanded opportunities for vulnerable youth through vocational training, literacy and numeracy programs, scholarships, and community-based learning initiatives. Hundreds of young people strengthened their employability skills, returned to formal education, or pursued higher education through the scholarship program.



In health, our work focused on strengthening access to oral health services, community outreach, and preventive care. Through partnerships and grassroots initiatives, thousands of children, youth, and families benefited from screenings, awareness campaigns, and educational programs in Tanzania, Rwanda, and Zambia. This year also saw the successful conclusion of major community health initiatives in Tanzania and the launch of new oral health projects in Rwanda, further reinforcing our commitment to equitable healthcare access. Mental health emerged as another critical priority in 2025. Through the co-launch of the Sawa Project in Eastern Africa, we partnered with regional and global organizations to support young mental health professionals and advocates working to reduce stigma and expand access to services.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our board members, Affiliates, team, alumni, mentors, partners, and supporters across the globe. Whether through funding, expertise, advocacy, or volunteerism, each contribution has strengthened our collective impact and deepened our ability to continue serving communities meaningfully.

As we close this chapter of our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, we do so with gratitude and optimism. Over the past five years, we have expanded partnerships, strengthened leadership development efforts, embraced innovation, and deepened our commitment to inclusivity and collaboration. While we are proud of what has been accomplished, we are equally energized by the work ahead.

The challenges facing our world remain complex, but so too is the determination of the young leaders and communities we work alongside every day.

We are grateful to have you along for this journey!



**Eddie
Bergman**

Co-founder & President,
Board of Directors



**Khalid
Elachi**

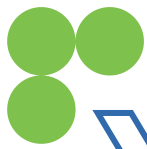
Executive Director,
MCW Global



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Leadership Report

Throughout history, the world has relied on leaders who serve their communities with courage and empathy, rising to meet the challenges of their time. Today is no different. We continue to face complex and urgent issues, including economic instability and threats to human rights, as well as crises in peace, health, education, and the economy. While some challenges are more immediate than others, many young leaders have the power to shape not only our present but also our collective future. In this context, young leaders play a vital role in driving sustainable change within their communities. Through our Young Leaders Program and Affiliate programs in Africa, we are honored to support and learn from these emerging leaders each year.



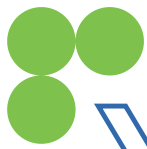
YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

MCW Global's commitment to leadership and community development has led to the Young Leaders Program, currently a collection of four distinct opportunities for young leaders who want to play their part in the positive transformation of their communities.

By providing training, mentorship, funding, and networks, the diverse opportunities offered under our Young Leaders Program cater to the needs of the modern young leader: a pragmatic idealist with an urgent impetus for local and global change.

As in previous years, the Young Leaders Program in 2025 continued to provide development opportunities for young people globally.





YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

A year-long training program for young leaders from around the world who have identified and are committed to solving a community challenge in health, education, or economic security through Vision Planning and close mentorship. The Fellowship is open to young leaders aged 18-26 worldwide and has four core components: leadership development, global citizenship, self-awareness, and vision planning.



YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

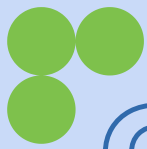
The Young Leaders Conference, held biannually, is an intensive three-day program that brings together young leaders from the same geographical region to develop solutions to their communities' most pressing needs in health, education, and economic security. During the Conference, young leaders come together to analyze challenges in their communities and collaborate to solve them, leveraging regional networks facilitated by MCW Global.

ALUMNI VENTURES FUND

A professional mentorship and seed-grant opportunity is provided to alumni of the Fellowship and Conference programs to scale their existing community development work in health, education, and/or economic security.

The Alumni Ventures Fund offers a unique opportunity to turn their vision plans into community-based projects with a start-up grant and a year of mentorship.

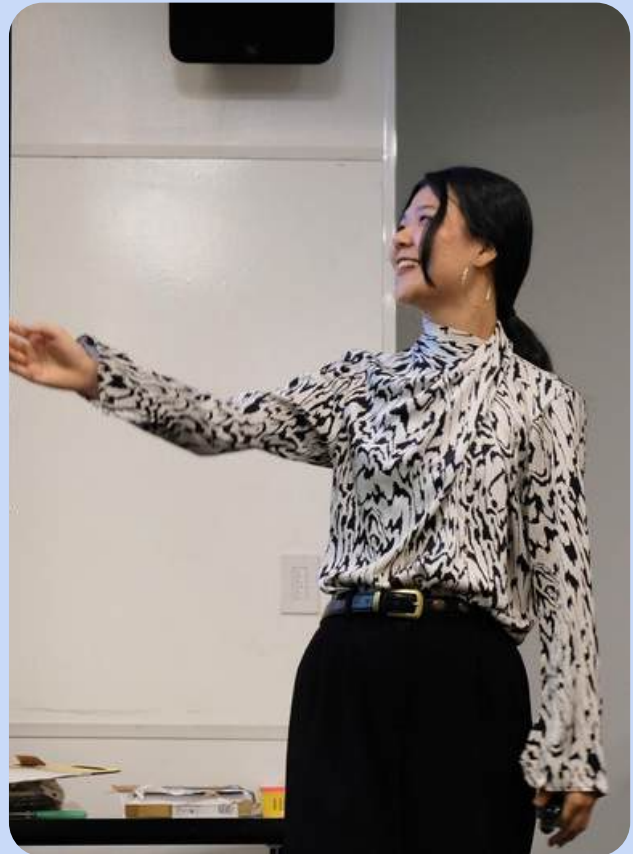


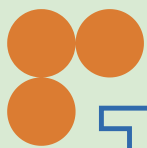


GLOBAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Launched in 2024, the Global Ambassadors Program is a new opportunity within the Young Leaders Program. The program strengthens the dynamic global alumni network co-created and led by MCW alumni. The Ambassadors, who serve in a volunteer capacity, represent MCW Global worldwide and undertake initiatives to raise awareness of the organization's mission and impact. By drawing on the alumni network's talent and reach, the program engages alumni in local initiatives, builds community, and strengthens ties with MCW Global.

The Ambassadors Program welcomes alumni who have served as mentors or completed an internship through the Community Leaders in Africa Internship Program. Fellowship and Conference mentees are eligible to join after two years of active engagement with MCW Global.





THE 28TH YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

MCW Global's 28th Young Leaders Fellowship convened in New York City and Vermont in July 2025, uniting a global cohort of emerging young leaders. Hosted at NYU's School of Professional Studies (SPS) and Champlain College, the immersive program equipped mentees with the tools to lead and drive positive change in their communities across education, health, and economic security, with leadership skills serving as a cross-cutting component.

The Fellowship brought together 40 young leaders: 2 Co-Lead Mentors, 12 Mentors, and 26 Mentees representing 32 countries, including Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Palestine, Perú, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Spain, The Gambia, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zambia.

Throughout the Fellowship, mentees deepened their understanding of modern leadership through sessions on various leadership approaches, styles, and cultural perspectives. The curriculum also included sessions on gender awareness, equity and mainstreaming, self-awareness, mental health, global citizenship, and leadership reflections, covering lessons learned, personal growth, and strategies for building global networks.

The in-person segment of the Fellowship concluded with the Open Doors event at NYU SPS, where guests and supporters of MCW Global gathered to celebrate the mentees' journey and hear about their vision plans. This year's recipient of the Roberta Richin Memorial Vision Plan Award was Haithem Medjmedj from Algeria, with runners-up Aisuluu Bolotbekova from Kyrgyzstan and Aleksandra Kobylecka from Poland.

After the event, participants returned to their home countries to continue refining their vision plans and preparing to implement their community projects, with the ongoing support of their MCW Global mentors throughout the year.

We extend our gratitude to this year's sponsors and supporters for their generous contributions and continued support.

Young Leaders Fellowship

2025 - 2026 Cohort

40

Participants

12

Mentors

32

Countries

2

Co-Lead
Mentors

26

Mentees



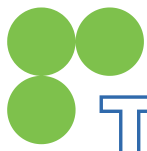
"It's a rare opportunity to be surrounded by such driven and diverse young leaders, each carrying a unique story of resilience, innovation, and a shared commitment to creating positive change. It was an unforgettable experience, and truly one that will stay with me for a lifetime."

Iman Hussain
(Mentee, Hong Kong)



"Whenever I get to spend time at the Fellowship, I'm incredibly impressed by the talent of the Young Leaders and inspired by their passion for improving their communities. Providing these young leaders with the skills, confidence, and network of like-minded community activists is the unique capability of our MCW Global team. "I'm so proud to be part of MCW Global's growing community."

Rich Miranda
(Treasurer, MCW Global
Board of Directors)



THE 2025 YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE:

NORTH AMERICA EDITION

Building on the Young Leaders Program, MCW Global hosted the 2025 Young Leaders Conference - North America Edition via Zoom in January, bringing together young people aged 22-27 from Canada and the United States.

Over three days, the Conference drew on carefully selected speakers and training materials to focus on region-specific discourse while equipping young professionals with essential skills to navigate the modern workplace. Through interactive sessions, workshops, and panel discussions, participants gained valuable insights into leadership, professional development, cross-cultural communication, and the complexities of today's professional landscape.



January 2025 via Zoom



Focus: Leadership, professional development, cross-cultural communication, and today's professional complexities



MCW Co-founder & Board President Eddie Bergman welcomed the young leaders by sharing insights into the organization's work over the decades and highlighting its impact in today's interconnected world. Eddie also engaged with participants, listening to their expectations and hopes for the program.

From an organizer's perspective, what made this Conference especially meaningful was bringing together leadership and professional development, resilience and wellness, cross-cultural communication, and the complexities of today's professional landscape. We wanted the Conference to be more than a series of sessions - it was an opportunity for young leaders to learn, reflect, and connect, while gaining practical tools they could carry into their careers, leadership journeys, and communities.

Dhurata Berisha, Program Manager, Young Leaders Fellowship

Two optional online webinars followed the Conference in February, giving participants the chance to strengthen their communication and strategic-thinking skills, become more effective leaders, and deepen their understanding of how to lead teams for growth. After completing the Conference, its alumni can participate in MCW Global's alumni-exclusive programs: the Community Leaders in Africa Internship and the Alumni Ventures Fund. They can also engage with MCW through vision-planning workshops, funding opportunities, and the global alumni network.



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ALUMNI VENTURES FUND RECIPIENTS

MCW Global's alumni network comprises diverse, innovative, and ambitious young leaders from around the world. To honor their commitment to community development, we established the Alumni Ventures Fund to support their leadership in meaningful, locally led projects.

In 2025, the Alumni Ventures Fund made a tangible impact for both project beneficiaries and the communities they serve around the world. In December, the Alumni Ventures Fund announced its 2025 recipients: two mid-sized grants and six small-sized grants.



Mid-size Grants



Anusha Somani from Pakistan

Project: “MindZen” Project
Budget: \$5,000

MindZen, which includes Kowala [a patent-pending mental health risk detection and social-emotional learning platform], was born from a crisis Anusha witnessed as a teenager: students silently struggling. At the same time, a single counselor tried to support more than 500 young people.

A decade later, this gap has only grown, with U.S. schools still averaging one social worker per 500 students. Anusha’s personal experience during her 2017 Young Leaders Fellowship inspired her focus on early intervention.

For her, MindZen is personal. She is building the support she once needed- a system that could have recognized her struggles early on. Every feature of MindZen reflects that intention: daily Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) check-ins that give teens a voice, AI-powered pattern detection that surfaces hidden risk, and real-time educator dashboards that show who needs support immediately. Unlike tools that only teach SEL or only respond to crises, MindZen bridges prevention and early detection. Co-designed with practitioners, it identifies at-risk students three to four weeks faster than traditional referral methods and protects student privacy while strengthening school community care.

“Mindzen is the intervention I needed when I was a teenager, i.e., a way to make sure no kid’s struggles go unnoticed. Our platform is already helping educators catch warning signs weeks earlier. [...] Through this platform, the Alumni Ventures Fund grant is helping us scale that impact and build the team and resources to reach more schools, more counselors, and more kids who deserve someone paying attention before it’s too late.”

Anusha Somani, Pakistan, 2025 Alumni Ventures Fund Recipient

Mid-size Grants

Olive Nyinawumuntu from Kigali, Rwanda

Project: “Empower to Transform” Project
Budget: \$5,000



Olive’s project “Empower to Transform” addresses the economic and social exclusion of teen mothers in rural Rwanda. Many of these young women are forced to abandon school due to early pregnancies and lack of support, leaving them without education and vocational skills or economic resources. As a result, they face unemployment, poverty, and social stigma, perpetuating cycles of gender inequality and economic dependency.

This issue has deep socio-economic implications. When young mothers are excluded, their families and communities lose the potential of productive and empowered contributors to local development. Research and field experience show that targeted empowerment programs that combine vocational training, mentorship, and market access can effectively lift women out of poverty while fostering community resilience.

“With the support of the Alumni Ventures Fund, Empower to Transform is more than a project; it is a second chance for young girls and women from vulnerable families. It reminds these young girls and women that one chapter of their life does not decide their whole story. When we give them support, skills, and belief, they rise, and when they rise, their families and communities rise with them.”

Olive Nyinawumuntu, Kigali, 2025 Alumni Ventures Fund Recipient

Small-Size Grants of \$500

3 Projects in Health



Annel Rojas,
Peru

Project Name:
Rural Piura Healthy Aging



Mutinta Mundia,
Zambia

Project Name:
Restore Dental Project:
Preventive Dental Care &
Responsible Antibiotic Use



Wito Sanga,
Tanzania

Project Name:
Smile Together Initiative

3 Projects in Education



Bikorimana Benoit,
Rwanda

Project Name:
Threads of Hope Initiative



Hailey Hesseltine,
Turkey

Project Name:
StorySeeds Ordu



Thandi Cynthia Bonno,
Botswana

Project Name:
Ngwana wa Motswana
Scholars

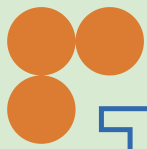




GLOBAL AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

In November 2025, the Global Ambassadors hosted an online info session where they shared what the Fellowship looks like and what it provides, from the application process to their own experiences in the program. Those interested in applying for the upcoming 2026 Young Leaders Fellowship had a unique opportunity to get tips for completing the application form, hear testimonies from Alumni, and engage in a live Q&A.





THE SAWA PROJECT

Mental health is essential to building peaceful, resilient communities. Yet across Africa, 98.8% of young people in need of mental health services do not receive them. In Kenya alone, there are just 0.19 psychiatrists per 100,000 people, with services heavily concentrated in urban areas, leaving rural youth underserved.

To help address this gap, in March 2025, MCW Global, in partnership with the Kofi Annan Foundation and the Africa Alliance of YMCAs, launched the Sawa Project, an initiative to strengthen community-led mental health efforts across Eastern Africa.

Through leadership training, advocacy support, and seed funding, the project empowers young leaders to design and implement educational programs, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives that expand access to mental health services and reduce stigma.

Working across Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda, the Sawa Project equipped young mental health professionals and advocates with the tools, resources, and networks needed to drive lasting impact.





CO-HOSTING YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE KENYA 2025

Under the Sawa Project, MCW Global, the Kofi Annan Foundation, and the Africa Alliance of YMCAs co-hosted the Young Leaders Conference Kenya 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya, in September.

Bringing together 29 young mental health professionals, community organizers, and advocates in six Eastern African countries: Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda, the Conference equipped them with the skills, resources, and networks needed to drive change.

Building on MCW Global's unique “Young Leaders Conference” model, the three-day Conference empowered young leaders to develop impactful educational programs, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives that increase access to mental health services and reduce stigma, through leadership training, advocacy, and seed funding. The Conference began with an overview of the regional mental health landscape, followed by in-depth discussions of lived experiences, stigma, and cultural barriers to mental health care. These sessions created space for participants to exchange perspectives on the systemic gaps while highlighting the resilience of communities and young leaders affected by mental health issues.



“Leadership means resilience and continuous learning. It is about service to humanity, making leaders, and stirring vision.”

Beth Omondi, Participant, Young Leaders Conference Kenya 2025



Date: September 2025



Location: Nairobi, Kenya



29 from six Eastern African countries: Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda



Focus: Empowering young leaders to expand access to mental health services and reduce stigma through educational programs, awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives, supported by leadership training, advocacy, and seed funding.



Hosts: MCW Global, the Kofi Annan Foundation, and the Africa Alliance of YMCAs



Funded by: Wellcome



A background image showing two young people, a man and a woman, working on electronic equipment. The man is on the left, wearing a patterned shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a yellow shirt. They are both focused on their work, with the woman holding a small component. The image has a warm, orange-toned overlay.

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Economic Security *Report*

Economic security remains a complex global challenge, shaped by ongoing disruptions and transformations driven by technological advancements, geopolitical tensions, and environmental pressures. Addressing these challenges requires coordinated efforts across governments, businesses, and civil society to foster resilience, mitigate risks, and promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

At MCW Global, these priorities are reflected in the work of our Affiliates in Africa, alumni, and the global team, who continue to develop locally driven solutions that strengthen economic opportunities and resilience within their communities. In 2025, this commitment was evident in MC-Rwanda's efforts to empower vulnerable youth in Bugesera to achieve sustainable livelihoods, and in MC-Zambia's implementation of sports and climate-focused initiatives to advance rural empowerment.



MC-RWANDA

BRIDGE PROJECT

Through its Bridge Project, which empowers vulnerable youth in Bugesera to achieve sustainable livelihoods, MC-Rwanda achieved the following in 2025:

142

internships facilitated,
giving graduates
practical industry
experience

16

alumni received
business and career
guidance through
advisory sessions held
in Nyarugenge and
Mayange sectors

**480,000
RWF
(USD 334)**

saved collectively by
alumni savings groups,
reflecting growing
financial literacy and
cooperation among
graduates

2

alumni admitted into
MC-Rwanda's
incubation program,
receiving workspace
and mentorship for
business start-up
support

Alumni actively used the co-working space and showroom at the MC-Rwanda Center for info sessions and income-generating activities, including tailoring services and video production.





MC-ZAMBIA

CLIMATE SMART PROJECT

Under its Climate Smart Project, MC-Zambia achieved the following in 2025:

2

fish ponds constructed under the project and filled with water, ready for stocking

20

pump minders trained to help maintain the community's water systems

4

community boreholes rehabilitated, providing clean water access for over 200 households

50

youths trained in fish farming (35 female, 15 male), who will manage the 2 fishponds once stocked, in cooperation with the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

2

pump minders trained on-the-job under their trainer's supervision



Success Story

Prince Hakizimana from Rwanda

2025 Bridge Project Participant

After leaving school early, Prince enrolled in MC-Rwanda's Domestic Electricity Training Program, where he acquired market-relevant technical skills aligned with industry needs. Through MC-Rwanda's aftercare support, he successfully secured a professional internship with the Rwanda Energy Group (REG) and, following a skills assessment, was offered a 6-month contract with a monthly salary of 150,000 RWF (approximately \$115 USD).

This opportunity has enabled Prince to meet his basic needs, including food, clothing, health insurance, and savings, marking a significant step toward financial independence. In addition to his formal employment, he undertakes part-time electrical work, further strengthening his income stability.

Prince has started creating opportunities for others by working with fellow MC-Rwanda graduates on short-term electrical assignments, supporting peer employment, and local economic activity.





MC-ZAMBIA

SPORTS AND CLIMATE PROJECTS FOR RURAL EMPOWERMENT

In May, our Affiliate, MC-Zambia, in partnership with the Chanyanya community, launched a tree-planting initiative at its center as part of the UNDP-funded Climate Smart Agroecology Project.

The initiative included distributing indigenous trees to local schools, churches, and public spaces, promoting both ecological sustainability and nutritional benefits for the community.



The initiative was welcomed by the community, which included Magoba Ward Councilor, local headmen, MC-Zambia Board representatives, school heads & religious leaders, beneficiaries, and community members.

Continuing its commitment to promoting sports in rural areas, MC-Zambia hosted its **first-ever tennis training sessions for 80 learners** in its Literacy and Numeracy program in June. Led by six skilled coaches, the sessions introduced children to the fundamentals of tennis while fostering teamwork, discipline, and an active lifestyle. The event energized the community and marked a major step for rural sports development. Special thanks to the Professional Tennis Registry Foundation, OnCourt OffCourt, and Coach Butch's network for making the tennis initiative possible through their generous support.

Months later, in October, MC-Zambia hosted a tennis tournament at its Chanyanya Center, where 80 children took to the newly fenced, repaired, and freshly painted green court, cheered on by over 60 proud parents and community members.



A background image showing a man in a red shirt and blue jacket leaning over a table, looking at a book. Two young children, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, are also looking at the book. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

03

Education Report

While global education continues to face significant challenges, MCW Global and its Affiliates in Africa remain committed to expanding access to quality learning opportunities through innovative programs, vocational training, scholarships, and community-based education initiatives.

In 2025, progress was demonstrated across multiple areas, including MC-Rwanda's Nshobore Program, which strengthened youth employability through vocational and entrepreneurship training, MC-Zambia's successful integration of vulnerable children into formal schooling through its literacy and numeracy program, and MC-Zambia's awareness-building activities through community education campaigns and school-based programs.

In 2025, we also demonstrated our commitment to helping communities achieve greater educational attainment by continuing to support the MCW Global Abraham Magid Educational Scholarship (AME) for our alumni on their educational journeys.



MC-RWANDA

NSHOBORE PROJECT

Under its Nshobore Project, MC-Rwanda achieved the following in 2025:

217

youth enrolled in vocational and entrepreneurship training in the first quarter, of whom 147 were in tailoring, and 70 were in ICT

142

trainees (104 in Tailoring and 38 in ICT) completed training and internships

142

students were reached through entrepreneurship workshops at multiple sites

The cohort included vulnerable groups: teen mothers, persons with disabilities, and school dropouts





MC-ZAMBIA

CHILD LITERACY PROGRAM

Under its Improving Child Literacy Program, MC-Zambia achieved the following in 2025:

80

children integrated into government schools

75

parents participated in the integration ceremony

Distribution of complete school supply packages to all beneficiaries

Improved confidence and self-esteem among children

Increased motivation for academic success through the provision of learning materials

Elijah Mwata (16 years-old) shared his inspiring journey, explaining how literacy and numeracy classes helped him learn to read and write. He will now join the fourth grade at the Chanyanya Primary School. Elijah expressed gratitude to his teachers, especially Moshe Mununka, MC-Zambia Education Officer, and shared his ambition to become a doctor.

Quina Mwelwe (11 years-old) was thrilled to receive her first pair of black school shoes and a uniform. She expressed her happiness and appreciation for MC-Zambia's continued support of vulnerable children in the Chanyanya community.

In June, MC-Zambia and National Action for Quality Education in Zambia (NAQEZ) launched the #DigitalLiteracyForAll campaign at ZAMCOM Lodge in Lusaka. With over 30 participants from the government, civil society, the private sector, and the media, the event focused on a shared goal: ensuring that rural learners are not left behind in the digital age. The day featured powerful presentations and discussions, including insights from the Zambia National Education Coalition (ZANEC) on the digital literacy gap and a showcase by Koloso of inclusive, scalable tech solutions. The plenary session emphasized the need for accessible content, internet-free learning models, and tools to guide coordinated action across sectors.



Also, in a separate activity, MC-Zambia welcomed the Koloso team to their Learning Center in Chanyanya, near Kafue. Koloso introduced their innovative learning assessment tool, which helps teachers track each student's progress in real-time- ensuring no child is left behind. With instant insights, teachers can easily identify students who need extra support with specific Numeracy topics.

“Collaboration and partnership are the cornerstones of meaningful community engagement. Introducing digital tools into education at an early stage is critical—it broadens learners’ access to information, supports their development, and helps narrow opportunity gaps regardless of where they live. In a community such as Chanyanya, the Koloso assessment tool has the potential to be truly transformative by bridging information gaps, expanding access to learning resources, and creating opportunities that might otherwise remain out of reach.”

Kabinga Pande, MCW Global Board Member, Founder, MC-Zambia
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MCW GLOBAL AWARDS THIRD COHORT OF

ABRAHAM MAGID EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MCW Global awarded the third cohort of the Abraham Magid Educational Scholarship Program (AME) to alumni of the MCW Global Young Leaders Fellowship Program who are interested in furthering their education and passionate about their communities.

While the scholarship provides financial support for academic pursuits, its broader aim is to empower young leaders who are actively engaged in their communities through projects and other initiatives.

This round of the AME supported three MCW Global alumni: **Florencia Peñaflor Paran** (Peru), **Kaja Posnik** (Poland), and **Mauren Martinez Murcia** (Colombia), bringing the total number of recipients to nine. The recipients receive financial support to cover their bachelor's and master's tuition fees.

The scholarship strengthens MCW Global's commitment to education and youth development.

"Through the AME and MCW, I have had the opportunity to pursue this academic journey, further strengthening my ability to design and deliver projects that are both efficient and purpose-driven. This diploma provides a strong foundation in project design within a context where the country urgently needs professionals who prioritize sustainable, long-term impact."

Florencia Peñaflor Paran (Peru),

2025 AME Beneficiary, pursuing a Diploma in Project Management at the CENTRUM PUCP Graduate Business School of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú



The support of the AME Scholarship allowed me to pursue interdisciplinary studies in Psychology of the Arts, Neuroaesthetics and Creativity, the first postgraduate course of such kind in the world, and one through which I deepened my interests, gained incredible and pioneering insight from the field, and developed passions to acting and neuroscience even further. I am grateful to Richard Magid and MCW Global for the opportunity and for believing in my vision - which I am hoping to apply to bridging the gap between artistic expression and scientific research.

Kaja Posnik (Poland),

2025 AME Beneficiary, pursuing a MSc Psychology of the Arts, Neuroaesthetics and Creativity at Goldsmiths, University of London

Being an Abraham Magid Scholar through MCW represents more than financial support; it is a commitment to the defense of human dignity. This scholarship allows me to deepen my expertise in international law, providing the tools necessary to advocate for justice and ethical leadership in the communities that need it most.

Mauren Martinez Murcia (Colombia),

2025 AME Beneficiary, specializing in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights



Health Report

Despite significant progress and technological advancements in the health sector, inequalities in access to quality and affordable healthcare persist both within and across countries, continuing to place vulnerable populations at risk.

In 2025, MCW Global and its Affiliates continued their collective efforts to promote a more equitable and responsive health system. Across all three Affiliates, activities in this area included improving oral health awareness and education through community outreach, school-based programs, and dental screenings, expanding access to essential dental care, and promoting better hygiene practices.

This commitment was reflected in MC-Rwanda's launch of a new initiative in Bugesera, Promoting Oral Health for Children in Rural Communities; MC-Tanzania's redesign and expansion of its Dental Therapists Outreach Training Project for the 2026-2030 period following its successful completion; and MC-Zambia's partnership with Trade Kings Group to host a hygiene sensitization meeting for beneficiaries and community members.



MC-RWANDA

SPARK PROJECT

MC-Rwanda made significant progress through its Spark Project by training 160 young people in leadership workshops across five sites: YEGO, Mwogo, Nyarugenge, Musenyi, and Mayange. Training modules focused on trust-building, communication, conflict resolution, and gender inclusion. In addition, MC-Rwanda launched a new oral health initiative in Bugesera in partnership with the University of Rwanda Dental School, Colgate, Bugesera District, Groupe Scolaire Kagasa, Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), and the FDI World Dental Development Fund (WDDF).

During the launch event:

2,182 students benefited from oral health education

300 students received oral health screenings

Each student received **1 toothbrush and 1 toothpaste**, and over 600 brochures were distributed to promote oral health awareness.



A student named Brian, speaking on behalf of his peers, shared how the initiative not only taught them how to better care for their health but also equipped them with tools to support their well-being. He emphasized that they would be sharing what they learned with their families and communities.



Under the theme “A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind”, **MC-Tanzania** continued its tradition of promoting oral health by offering free dental check-ups and educational sessions during Oral Health Week (March 14-19). This initiative reached children with disabilities and the broader communities of Msasani and Darajani Primary Schools in the commercial city of Dar es Salaam.

More than 620 children - many receiving dental care for the first time- benefited from these essential services, along with 140 community members who came in for check-ups.

"For these children, routine dental visits are not just about oral hygiene - they are about dignity, confidence, and inclusion. Yet, they face immense challenges in accessing proper care, from limited mobility to a shortage of trained professionals who understand their unique needs. MC-Tanzania remains committed to breaking these barriers through school-based initiatives to ensure that children with/without disabilities receive consistent, accessible, and compassionate oral healthcare."

Kambarage Kinemo Nyamhanga, Program Coordinator





THE CONCLUSION OF

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

In April, in Arusha, Tanzania, the graduation ceremony for the Community Health Fellowship (CHF) Program took place, marking the completion of a three-year initiative (2022-2025).

Through this program, MC-Tanzania, SKYGEN Foundation International, and the Foundation for Preventive Health (FPH) trained 49 Community Health Fellows strategically placed across the country to strengthen community oral health.



Throughout the 2025 six-month fellowship, each Fellow engaged in intensive leadership and project management training- “Vision Planning”. This holistic approach blends technical skills with critical leadership tools, empowering Fellows to launch full-scale oral health outreaches that also integrate Nutrition and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) components for greater impact.

In 2025, as part of the Community Health Fellowship Program, MC-Tanzania:

20

community health
fellows trained

245,728

community members
reached during the
fellowship

2,597

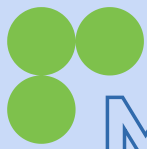
community members
reached post-
fellowship

65%

of fellows continue
community-level work
post-fellowship



During the year, we also witnessed MC-Zambia partnering with Trade Kings Group- one of the largest organizations in Zambia's manufacturing sector- to host a hygiene sensitization meeting with MC-Zambia's beneficiaries and other community members. Trade Kings Group also made monthly donations to MC-Zambia throughout 2025, including hygiene products and various food items, in honor of their 30th anniversary, with these donations being a significant part of the celebration.



MCW GLOBAL CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA IN NEW YORK

In April, MCW Global celebrated its 25th Anniversary Gala in New York, bringing together more than 250 guests, including supporters, board members, beneficiaries, and young leaders, for an inspiring evening of reflection, celebration, and global connection. The 25th Anniversary Campaign raised over \$1 million to support MCW Global's programs in the U.S., Africa, and beyond.

In his speech, Eddie Bergman, Co-founder and President of the MCW Board of Directors, remarked:

"25 Years of MCW's Local Change through Global Exchange®, with the unwavering support of friends, family, donors, beneficiaries, and so many others. I am filled with immense gratitude and even greater hope for the future. The world needs young leaders now more than ever, leaders who are equipped with the skills, the knowledge, and the passion to tackle the complex challenges we face."

Eddie Bergman, Co-founder and President of the MCW Board of Directors



MCW Global Leadership Awards were presented to individuals who have made a significant impact:

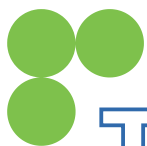
- **Lorena Bloom**, Vice President, Office of the CEO, Henry Schein, Inc.
- **Michael Ettinger**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Henry Schein, Inc.
- **Howard Stapler**, Vice President, Henry Schein Cares Foundation

The **MCW Global Community Partnership Award** was presented to:

- **Deloitte**, accepted by Antonio D'Angelo, U.S. Tax Consumer & Industrial Products Leader and Managing Director at Deloitte.

The evening brought a surprise tribute from the MCW Global Board to our very own **Khalid Elachi**, Executive Director, who was honored with the **MCW Global Leadership Award** for his outstanding commitment and years of dedicated service.





THE STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

2025 marked the conclusion of the MCW Global Strategic Plan for the 2021-2025 period, which focused on strengthening its core mission to empower communities through education, health, and economic security, with a strong emphasis on leadership development.

With the implementation of this Strategic Plan, we reaffirmed our commitment to developing communities worldwide in education, health, and economic security, with leadership at the core of our work and interventions.

Working on five strategic objectives: Leadership and Inclusivity; Leveraging Modern Technologies; Brand Realignment; Forming Diverse Partnerships; and Investing in Collaborative Governance- we are proud to share some of the impact numbers below:

195,679

Community members reached with oral health services by Community Health Fellows

1,104

Alumni of Young Leaders Programs

60%

Women and Youth report increased incomes due to financial training

6,561

Primary school students with access to computer labs

#3

MUHAS School of Dentistry ranked across Africa

>\$68,000

Awarded for community projects since launching Alumni Ventures Fund

Financials

MIRACLE CORNERS OF THE WORLD, INC. STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

Year ended December 31, 2025

Support and Revenue:

Contributions

Restricted	\$270,175
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Unrestricted	\$571,262
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Total Operating Revenue	\$841,437
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Expenses:

Program Services

Africa Programs	\$563,780
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Young Leaders Program	\$304,872
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Support Services

Management and General	\$143,990
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Fundraising	\$89,981
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Total Expenses	\$1,102,623
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Operating Loss	\$261,186
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Nonoperating revenue

Investment Income	\$52,479
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Realized Gain on Investments	\$119,650
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Unrealized Loss of Investments	\$35,692
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Total Non-Operating Revenue	\$207,821
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Change in net position	\$53,365
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Net position at beginning of year	\$1,819,189
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Net position at end of year	\$1,765,823
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Notes

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents: MCW considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
2. MCW receives in-kind support from various sources in support of its projects. In-kind contributions are reported as contributions and expenses in the accompanying statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund net assets at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. MCW received \$26,405 in the year ending December 31, 2025. In-kind contributions of volunteer time or technical assistance are not included in these numbers.
3. The Statement of Financial Position was prepared by an independent auditor, Peter J. Bertuglia (Certified Public Accountant, P.C.). Copies are available on file at MCW's office in New York City.



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