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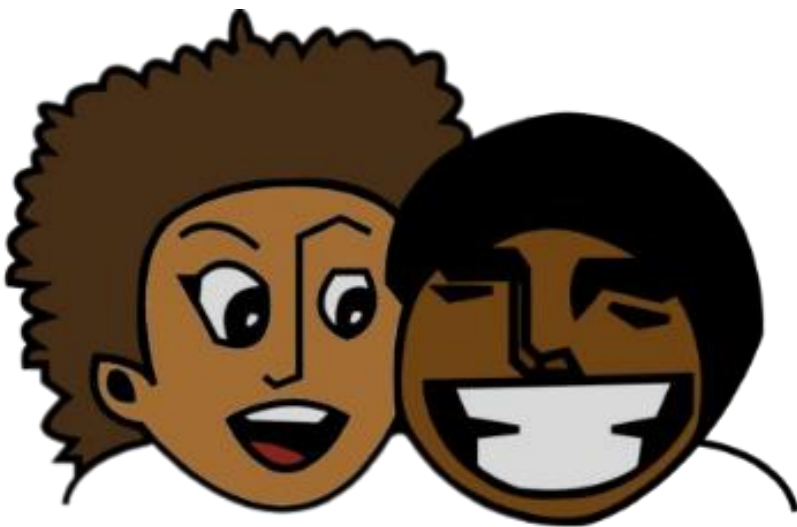
*Chers partenaires de  
YAWENTA FRANCE,*

*En 2025, votre association a  
figuré parmi les principaux  
donateurs de notre projet  
Yawenta Children Center, en  
contribuant à hauteur de 19 % à  
son budget annuel.*

*Nous vous invitons à consulter ci-  
joint le bilan de l'année écoulée*



## 2025 Yawenta Children's Center Compte-rendu annuel aux donateurs



*Yawenta  
Children's  
Center*

## RAPPORT D'ACTIVITÉ ANNUEL 2025 DU CENTRE POUR ENFANTS DE YAWENTA

### 1. RÉSUMÉ DU PROJET

L'organisation caritative Positive Action Charitable Organization (PACO) est fière de présenter le rapport annuel 2025 du Centre pour enfants Yawenta, qui célèbre cette année ses 17 ans d'action auprès de la communauté de Shashamane, dans la région Oromia d'Éthiopie.

En décembre 2025, notre mission, qui consiste à apporter un soutien global et transformateur, a permis d'aider directement 90 enfants (54 filles et 36 garçons), dont 46 % vivent courageusement avec le VIH. Malgré les difficultés rencontrées par tous nos bénéficiaires, 83 % d'entre eux ont été inscrits dans 15 écoles différents de Shashamane, à proximité de leurs domiciles. Au-delà de l'accompagnement individuel, notre action s'est étendue aux familles des bénéficiaires, touchant plus de 254 personnes grâce à une assurance maladie, des formations parentales et une aide essentielle en matière de nutrition et d'hygiène, distribuée tout au long de l'année. Ce rapport met en lumière nos réussites et les défis que nous avons relevés, alors que nous nous avançons déjà dans l'année 2026.

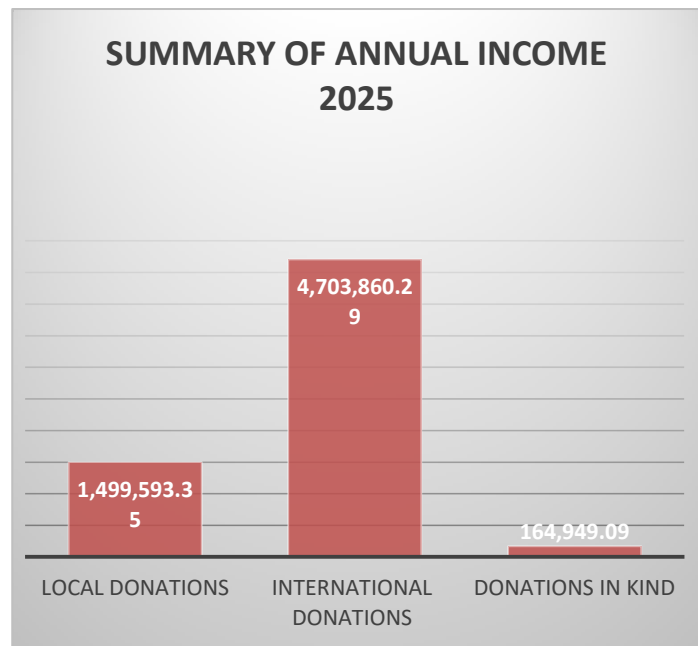


### 1. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF 2025

Notre parcours financier en 2025 a été marqué par l'incroyable solidarité de notre communauté de donateurs. Nous avons clôturé l'année avec un revenu total de 6 368 402,73 ETB (35 380€ au taux de change de 1 USD = 180 Birr) et des dépenses de 5 322 598,87 ETB (29 570€) consacrées à nos programmes. Nos frais de fonctionnement ont représenté 84 % de nos dépenses totales, tandis que nos frais administratifs se sont élevés à 16 %.

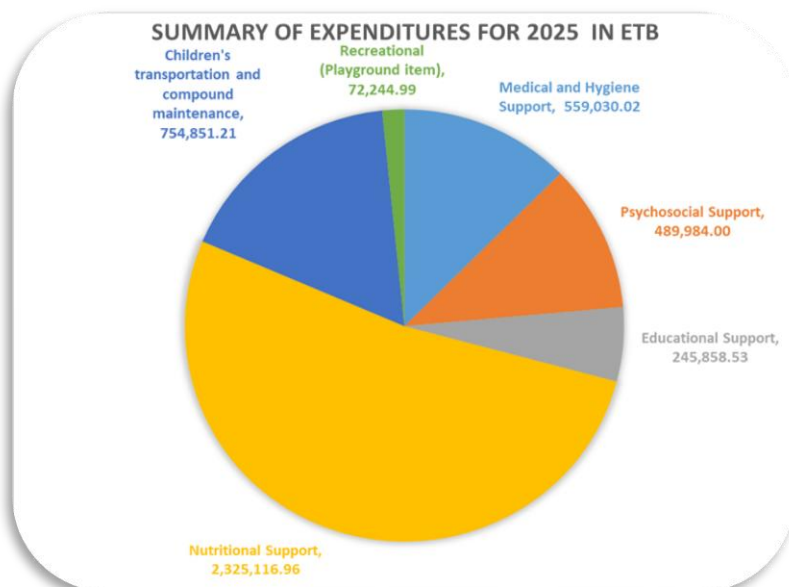
Tout au long de l'année, votre générosité et votre confiance nous ont permis de mener à bien notre plan pour 2025 avec sérénité et de surmonter les difficultés rencontrées, sans compromettre notre ambition d'améliorer le soutien que nous apportons à nos bénéficiaires.

Les graphiques suivants présentent en toute transparence



la manière dont ces ressources ont été mobilisées dans nos différents programmes.

Nous sommes reconnaissants d'avoir obtenu une subvention exceptionnelle de **l'Agence autrichienne de développement**, qui nous a permis de constituer des stocks complets de denrées alimentaires non périssables et de produits d'hygiène pour une durée de 10 mois, de septembre 2025 à juin 2026 (garantissant ainsi la stabilité opérationnelle pour l'année scolaire 2025-2026).




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## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS IN 2025

We are pleased to report that we consistently delivered our **core services** to our beneficiaries throughout the year:

- Full Tuition & Supplies Support:** We were able to provide full tuition coverage throughout the year. For the 2025-2026 academic year, we enrolled 51 elementary and 20 High School students at 15 different public and private schools near their homes. Additionally, we supported 4 more beneficiaries find placement in higher education and accepted an additional 5 new beneficiaries referred to us from the local health centers. We further provided all with uniforms and school supplies as deemed necessary.
- Managed to get the National ID's for most our beneficiaries that are attending school.
- Counseling & dedicated mentorship:** The counsellors covered 731 individual sessions this year, 34 group counseling sessions, conducted 228 home visits, all which continued to yield positive impacts on our beneficiaries. Furthermore, our counselors invested extra time in school monitoring and safeguarding new beneficiaries settled into their routines. They also provided essential follow-up care for several discipline cases, ensuring students remained on the right track to the best of their ability.
- Healthcare:** We maintained comprehensive health insurance for 96 beneficiaries and staff members. We additionally managed to fund medication coverage for 12 beneficiaries that could not be covered through the Health Insurance. We extended vital support to parents/guardians of our beneficiaries as deemed necessary and followed up with 42 beneficiaries on their ARV appointments.
- Logistics:** We provided consistent transportation for children to commute between home and school, as well as to facilitate their routines at the center.
- Nutrition & Hygiene:** We hosted 171 nourishing lunch programs throughout the school year at the center, (4,990 meals served in 2025), and conducted 10 months of nutrition and hygiene distributions for parents and guardians as household support throughout the year.

STATISTICS OF OUR BENEFICIARIES SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26:				
	Total	BREAKDOWN		
TOTAL DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	90	GIRL 54	BOY 36	
AGE GROUPS 9-13	25	GIRL 17	BOY 8	
AGE GROUPS 14-16	26	GIRL 15	BOY 11	
AGE GROUPS 17-24	39	GIRL 22	BOY 17	
<b>HIV POSITIVE STATUS</b>		<b>HEALTH CENTERS BENEFICIARIES ARE FOLLOWED UP:</b>		
POSITIVE	41 GIRL27 BOY14	APOSTO TENA TABIYA	15	
% WITH HIV VIRUS	46%	SHASH R. HOS. KUYERA	17	
ART	41	NOC HOSPITAL	8	
TND	36	BULCHANA TENA TABIYA	1	
		TOTAL	41	
<b>LEVEL OF VUNERABILITY</b>		<b>ACCEPTED 5 NEW HIV POSITIVE BENEFICIARIES IN SEPT. 2025</b>		
LOW	S/ECO HEALTH 64 60			
MEDIUM	7 8			
HIGH	19 22			

EDUCATION SUPPORT:			
NO. OF BENEFICIARIES IN SCHOOL	75	83%	
NO. OF SCHOOLS IN SHASHAMANE	15	PRIVATE 3	PUBLIC 12
NO. OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS	50		
NO. IN HIGH SCHOOL	21		
LEVEL 4 IN HIGHER EDUCATION	4		
LEVEL 4 BENEFICIARIES (MEDICAL/PSYCOLOGICAL SUPPORT ONLY) =6			
WILL BE GRADUATING 9 BENEFICIARIES ON MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup> 2026 TO OUR NEWLY FORMED YAWENTA REUNION CLUB			

ENROLLED ELEMENTARY STUDENTS FOR 2025-2026	ENROLLED HIGH SCHOOLERS FOR 2025-2026
GRADE 3 2	GRADE 12 2
GRADE 4 8	GRADE 11 1
GRADE 5 12	GRADE 10 6
GRADE 6 9	GRADE 9 12
GRADE 7 9	TOTAL 21
GRADE 8 10	
TOTAL 50	



### Developed and implemented Economic Empowerment strategies:

- Flexible Educational Pathways:** Because our beneficiaries live below the poverty line, they face heavy pressure to help single parents or guardians support their families. Consequently, pursuing an education can understandably become a secondary priority to some facing harsh realities. To prevent dropouts, we introduced night school options in 2025, allowing beneficiaries to maintain their daytime employment. This shift marks a broader strategy at Yawenta to look beyond traditional education as the sole path to success.

- Transition Support for Older Beneficiaries:** We

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strengthened our support for older youth who did not graduate from traditional programs, helping them find alternative paths to self-reliance. Through targeted career counseling, for older beneficiaries seeking employment, we guided these individuals on how to secure and maintain steady, year-round employment accordingly.

- **Employment Outcomes:** As a direct result of these counseling and night-school initiatives, our counselors reported that 14 out of 15 older beneficiaries had successfully maintained consistent employment throughout the year in fields such as carpentry, hairdressing, fashion design, and assistant kindergarten teaching. We plan to graduate 9 of these beneficiaries from Yawenta in March 2026 as they have remained consistent on their path to being self-reliant.
- **Infrastructure Updates:** We successfully acquired and transported a second hand container to the center (to use for additional storage, our sewing project and future shop initiative). The final setup however, (—along with moving our reception tent), has been postponed to 2026. This delay is due to shifting road construction plans that keeps taking away one side of our rented property, requiring us to keep adjusting our fence line to include constant adjustments for new bike lanes and walkways leaving us hesitate to speed up new construction plans.
- **Exceeding Targets:** Our computer programs and library services saw a significant surge in attendance, allowing us to exceed targets set at the start of the year. It is now mandatory for all beneficiaries to take our basic computer course before proceeding to graphic design and video editing which are optional. We commenced our **Wednesday life skills and Friday book clubs** that are also mandatory for all elementary and high school beneficiaries to attend.
- **Expanded on Workshops:** We successfully implemented 9 workshops that have generated immediate interest and positive results for both our direct and indirect beneficiaries.
- **Increased interaction with our local stakeholders:** Based on the comments from our governing stakeholders we took more initiative to network with the local health bureau, women and children affairs offices and address challenging cases facing our beneficiaries.
- **Restocked cooking and eating utensils and equipment:** thanks to thoughtful donations from new community supporter Ras Jahlala and staff members of our banking partners, we managed to purchase necessary cutlery, plates, bowls for our lunch programs as well as a baking oven and kitchen utensils.
- **Acquired ample donations in kind:** including a **sewing machine** donated by a loyal supporter and General Assembly member: Sister Beverly Stewart, a **smart phone** for video/camera practice for the beneficiaries taking video editing and graphic design from Sister Berenice our board member, additional **First aid kits & medical equipment**, library books, school supplies, colors & art material.
- **Had increased traffic of volunteers' who participated** in tutoring, music, dance and arts & crafts clubs during the summer break, exposing our beneficiaries to a range of talented and motivated individuals.
- **Created a Safe Spaces for Youth:** As part of our community outreach & awareness programs for indirect beneficiaries, our center has become a hub for the wider community of youth this year that reside around the center. By creating the opportunity for local youth football clubs and their volunteer coaches to utilize our court 5 days out of the week, we are providing a safe alternative to playing in the dangerous, dusty streets of the Kebele for 20-25 regular youths.
- **Unique Events advertising Yawenta:** We hosted two major events that invited over **650 indirect beneficiaries** to get acquainted with the center. The visibility from these events led to an immediate increase in volunteer inquiries and individual donations—a trend we expect to grow as we continue these outreach efforts. These events also provided excellent content for our social media platforms, significantly increasing global awareness of our mission.
- **Hosted a 5 week long summer program for “Keremt”:** Filled with entertaining yet educational activities, laying the ground work to offer this service to generate income in the future and attract more indirect beneficiaries.

## CHALLENGES FACED IN 2025

- **Pension Authority Audit Discrepancies:** Following an audit by the Shashamane Pension Authority earlier on in the year over our 18 years of operation, we identified and appealed several critical errors in their report and are waiting for a re-audit to rectify their inflated findings. As the errors are straight forward we are patiently waiting for their positive response.
- **Healthcare & Support Gaps:** Because current health insurance plans do not cover all essential medications, families continue to rely on the center’s financial support to manage their medication throughout the year.
- **Urban Development & Logistical Hurdles:** While the ongoing road construction in Shashamane is a sign of long-term urban progress, it continues to create immediate logistical complications and disruptions in our plans and general administration of our current rented property. Furthermore, road diversions and new traffic patterns caused local transport fares for our beneficiaries and employees who commute to sky rocket, placing heavy financial and time-wasting burdens on our employees and administrative costs throughout the year.
- **Delayed Initiatives:** Uncertainties regarding land boundaries and the road expansion slowed our progress in launching new initiatives confidently (ie postponing income-generating activities to late 2026).
- **Unpredictable Inflationary Pressures:** We encountered several extreme and unpredictable price hikes that significantly exceeded our 2025 budget projections. The chart below highlights some of these examples:

Expense Item	Change / Impact
Utility Bills	Increased nearly <b>2,000%</b> this quarter, for example Electricity bill jumped from <b>ETB 296.62</b> in October to <b>ETB 6,122.49</b> in December.
Postal Services	Annual fees rose by <b>403%</b> , increasing from <b>ETB 1,200</b> to <b>ETB 6,037</b> .
Audit Advertising	The cost of placing a required bid ad in the <b>Addis Zemen</b> newspaper doubled in less than six months and our annual external audit expense skyrocketed from less than 8,000.00 birr to 23,000.00 per after the bid.
Digital Infrastructure	To meet the needs of our computer training program, we upgraded internet speeds from 3 to 8 Mbps. While this exceeded our initial budget, it was a necessary investment to fulfill our vision of our beneficiary training program & development.
Shashamane -Addis by bus	Travel costs for administrative trips to and in Addis Ababa rose by 25% from last year.

## 4. OUR PLAN FOR 2026

### 2026 Budget & Operational Adjustments

Our total budgeted plan for 2026 is ETB 6,285,738.00 (approximately 39,846.20 USD, at an exchange rate of 1 USD = 157.75 ETB), which covers both our administrative and core operational costs. This budget incorporates strategic adjustments based on the rising costs experienced in 2025 (as detailed in the chart above), specifically reflecting increased market prices for stationery, school exercise books, paper, and essential classroom supplies.

Following a successful one-year probationary period, we have promoted one of our security guards to a role with expanded responsibilities as our Head guard. In addition to his core duties—which include supervising security attendance, leading team training, and managing incident reports—he will now oversee facility maintenance and supervise the launch of our new Sewing Income-Generating and training Projects in 2026.

**Holistic Beneficiary Support improvements:** After spending the past year equipping our counselors to provide more attentive care through structured skill-building activities, we aim to further elevate our program delivery in 2026. We plan to collaborate with external professionals to host specialized workshops and creative life-skills sessions, exposing our beneficiaries to a wider array of vital, supplementary educational resources.

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## **A Note of Gratitude to Our Partners:**

As highlighted at the beginning of this report, while every single contribution drives our mission forward, the steadfast commitment of our regular donors remains the absolute backbone of our success. We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing partnership. As we boldly step into 2026, we sincerely hope we can count on your continued support. We welcome your valuable thoughts, comments, and suggestions, and we thank you for your time, consideration, and enduring dedication to our cause.

Best regards,

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