



2024 Report on Forced and Child Labour in Supply Chains

Introductory Message from Our Executive Director



Since the filing of the Samaritan's Purse Canada 2023 Report, I am pleased to observe that we have moved forward in assessing the impact of our procurement, training team members, and developing a due diligence strategy commensurate with our charitable activities.

As you review the 2024 Report below, please keep our partner organizations, churches, volunteers, and staff in your prayers.

Fred Weiss

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Executive Director
The Samaritan's Purse – Canada





Organizational Overview

This Report has been prepared by The Samaritan's Purse – Canada (BN 11913 8527), under the requirements of the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*, SC 2024, c 9 (the “**Act**”) for the financial reporting period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

The Samaritan's Purse – Canada (the “Organization”) is a federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation without share capital and registered Canadian charity (119138527 RR 0001), headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.¹

Our Mission

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Samaritan's Purse Canada, “2023 Report on Forced and Child Labour in Supply Chains,” online (pdf): <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/wp-content/uploads/Samaritans-Purse-Canada-2023-Report-on-Forced-and-Child-Labour-in-Supply-Chains.pdf?sc=SD25XDOCGA>, p. 7.

2024 Charitable Impact

Throughout 2024, God continued to open doors for Samaritan's Purse Canada to bring physical relief and the hope of the Gospel to suffering people. We thank God for all He continues to entrust to us and for you, who faithfully support our ministry.



GLOBAL RELIEF

Growth of emergency medical capacity: As of March 2024, our global capacity to respond to medical emergencies from our Calgary headquarters grew exponentially with the arrival of the Samaritan's Purse Emergency Field Hospital.

Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART): Members of our Canadian DART offered timely support and relief expertise in Carriacou after Hurricane Beryl made landfall. Team members staffed the Emergency Field Hospital and distributed relief supplies, including shelter tarping, solar lights, hygiene kits, and cooking kits.

Protection of the vulnerable: We continue to reach individuals and communities at high risk of exploitation, particularly women and children. Noteworthy protection projects offered transitional and safe housing support, safe migration training, trafficking awareness, and preventative and responsive measures to address gender-based violence. In 2024, 14,456 people were provided with psychosocial support services, and 4,504 people were trained on safe migration, trafficking awareness,

and prevention. Psychosocial support services and vocational training for victims of human rights abuses continue to be a focus of our work.

Unprecedented need for food: Global economic uncertainty, rising prices, weather-related disasters, and armed conflict led to extreme levels of need in 2024. Among the neediest are the estimated 25 million people facing acute food insecurity in Sudan.² In response, Samaritan's Purse Canada provided 211 metric tons of aid, including shipments of high-quality Canadian-grown and harvested food. When combined with comprehensive training in region-specific sustainable agricultural practices, further relief in the form of essential livestock, seed, and agricultural equipment creates the opportunity for long-term community transformation.

Community water: Newfound access to safe water sources through household, school, and community water filters afforded hope for a better future to over 51,000 beneficiaries in 2024.

2. World Bank Group, "Food Security Update – March 14, 2025," online (pdf): <<https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/40ebbf38f5a6b68bfc11e5273e1405d4-0090012022/related/Food-Security-Update-114-March-14-2025.pdf>> , p. 1.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In 2024, 436,290 gift-filled shoeboxes packed by Canadians were delivered to children in need worldwide through our partnerships with local churches and community leaders. Shoebox gifts often include school supplies, which, in some countries, enable children to attend school, lowering the risk

of labour exploitation. Reports from communities and church partners consistently demonstrate that each gift-filled shoebox brings hope and joy to children, their families, and the community.



DOMESTIC RELIEF

Emergency preparedness: In 2024, Samaritan's Purse continued to grow its capacity to respond to natural disasters in Canada by outfitting a truck and trailer as a mobile Mass Care Unit, which will deploy assets to serve displaced people at an evacuation centre during a disaster.

Recovery programs: We also continued long-term recovery work to support Canadians in areas devastated by natural disasters.

Deployments: In 2024, our team and volunteers assisted our U.S. office with relief efforts in Waterville, Minnesota, to help homeowners following a devastating flood. Volunteers also deployed to St. Petersburg, Florida, after hurricanes Helene and Milton made landfall. Volunteers assisted homeowners by mudding out properties, removing damaged drywall and flooring, and clearing out massive piles of debris.

Summary



WASH

72,839

People provided with access to potable water

38,726

People trained on water, sanitation & hygiene

6,415

Household filters installed

12,472

People provided with WASH Non-Food Items



EMERGENCY FOOD

2,621,120

Servings of food provided

62,452

People provided with food commodities

1,017

Metric tons of food commodities distributed

17,014

People provided with emergency food parcels



FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

5,873

Animals distributed

20,922

People trained on improved agriculture practices

11,289

People trained on livelihoods topics

5,020

People provided with animals



PROTECTION

14,456

People provided with psychosocial support services

4,504

People trained on safe migration and trafficking awareness & prevention

1,660

Children received educational assistance

1,355

People trained in psychosocial support services

600

Children served through summer camps



CANADIAN DISASTER RELIEF

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Canadian responses to help U.S. disaster victims

41,357

Volunteers served

7,117

Families assisted

512

People made decisions for Christ



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

11,927,439

Shoeboxes packed worldwide

436,290

Shoeboxes packed in Canada

40

Seas containers shipped from Canada

5,548,138

Children enrolled in *The Greatest Journey*



ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES: SAFE LABOUR AND MIGRATION IN CAMBODIA

Irregular and poorly managed migration lead to increased rates of trafficking and forced labour that disproportionately impact women and children seeking a better life.³

In response to high levels of trafficking and forced labour affecting vulnerable populations in Cambodia, Samaritan's Purse provides safe labour and migration training in the slums of Phnom Penh.

In close collaboration with church partners and local authorities, the safe labour and migration training promotes best practices in labour and migration to preemptively mitigate the exploitation of women, children, and young economic migrants.

Reaching into the most vulnerable communities, specially trained volunteers offer training, disseminate information, and monitor migration trends to reduce the inherent risks of migration within the region and beyond.

When put into action, safe labour and migration awareness dissuades traffickers and allows women and children to avoid entrapment in sexual exploitation and debt-based coercion in otherwise legitimate industries such as fishing, agriculture, construction, factory-based manufacturing, and domestic work.

At present, forced labour is reported across diverse industries, with emergent economic opportunities such as entertainment establishments and online scams presenting previously unknown opportunities for exploitation.

Safe labour and migration training is tailored to give prospective migrants and opportunity-seeking workers industry-specific risk awareness. In the case of brick kilns that produce materials for urban construction, more than 10,000 Cambodians, nearly half of whom are children, are subject to sophisticated schemes of entrapment resulting in physical and sexual abuse, torture, pay docking, and debt bondage.

Community safety nets, support networks, and protection committees can effectively prevent trafficking and forced labour. Training in safe, high-demand livelihood skills—such as tailoring, soap-making, and cricket farming—alongside basic financial management education further protects vulnerable adults from exploitation. In 2024, Samaritan's Purse reached 1,917 people through these efforts and had opportunities to tell them the eternal hope of the Gospel.

3. Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, "Connecting the Dots: Preventing Forced Labor by Empowering Workers," online (pdf): https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/24-02934-TIP_Factsheet-Labor-Rights-FL-Prevention-Accessible-08.14.2024-1.pdf

2024 Evaluation and Risk Identification

OVERVIEW

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1. Definitions

- **Activities:** The undertakings of the Organization, in accordance with its charitable purpose.

2. 2024 Methodology

An initial assessment of risk in the Organization's Activities related to forced and child labour was conducted for the 2023 Report.⁴

The Organization's Activities in 2024 remained largely consistent with those previously reviewed for risk in 2023. Risks identified in the 2023 Report remain current for the 2024 Report and are deemed to be incorporated by this reference.

3. Supply Chain Review and Potential Risks

The Organization utilized the due diligence approach prescribed in Principle 17 of the United Nations' *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights*,⁵ together with the Public Safety Canada guidance, examining its Activities to detect both:

- Actual indicators of forced/child labour; and
- Potential (reasonably foreseeable) risks.

Summary of Findings

- Identified (potential) risks remain the same as in the 2023 report
- The Organization has not detected actual indications of forced/child labour in its supply chains, nor adverse impacts of its Activities. The Organization has confidence in this assessment owing to the supervision and reporting required for charitable compliance. As such, no remediation measures have been proposed in this Report.⁶
- Prevention and mitigation measures have been updated to reflect the Organization's progress toward the 2023 Report's prevention and mitigation recommendations.⁷

Primary Supply Chain Elements

The Organization's supply chain activity focuses primarily on procuring equipment and supplies, distributing charitable goods (including food), and engaging with service providers. Regarding the Organization's relief and community economic development (CED) Activities outside Canada, agriculture, small-scale assembly, construction, supply procurement, and manufacturing are present.

Favorable Findings

The following is noted concerning the Organization's prevention and mitigation of risk throughout its Activities during the reporting period:

- The favorable findings of the 2023 Report remain applicable for 2024.⁸
- The Organization required that targeted due diligence in procurement training be provided to responsible personnel, with the following objectives:
 - Increasing general awareness of due diligence in procurement and supply chains.
 - Development of departmental processes to improve due diligence on third parties, understand relevant procurement risks, and, where necessary, document measures taken to address identified risks.
- The Organization developed and began implementation of a procurement due diligence strategy.

Potential Risks

Risks identified in the Organization's Activities remain consistent with the 2023 Report.

Updated Recommendations for Prevention and Mitigation

The 2023 Report's recommendations have been revised below to reflect the impact of the Organization's due diligence strategy and its ongoing implementation.

1. Annual due diligence in procurement training.
2. Complete updates to departmental due diligence in procurement processes based on the Organization's due diligence strategy.

4. Due Diligence In Procurement Strategy

Following the recommendations of the 2023 Report, the Organization developed a due diligence strategy (the "Strategy") to guide the development of departmental procurement processes.

- The Strategy requires that personnel identify and document risks related to third parties and vulnerable persons before making procurement decisions.
- Once third-party risk and impact on vulnerable persons are taken into account, personnel may consider measures and document risk/mitigation information for monitoring purposes.

Once implemented at a departmental level, the Strategy allows for better informed decision-makers, owing to prior consideration of risk and impact. Mandatory training and tools like risk questionnaires help ensure substantial implementation of the Strategy by the end of 2025.

4. *Supra* note 1 at p. 9.

5. United Nations, "Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework," online (pdf): <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/publications/guidingprinciplesbusinesshr_en.pdf>, pgs. 17-19.

6. *Ibid* at pgs. 24-25: defines "remediation" as processes taken to remedy actual (realized) risk and adverse impacts.

7. *Ibid* at pgs. 17-19: principle 17 of Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights prescribes that potential impacts of the Organization's Activities are to be addressed by suitable prevention or mitigation measures.

8. *Supra* note 1 at pgs. 9-10.

Assessing Effectiveness

The impact of the Strategy can be determined by:

- Surveys to measure employee awareness.
- Year-over-year change in identified risks.
- Compliance of procurement processes with the Strategy.
- Consistency of training.

Conclusion

In 2024, the Organization took meaningful steps to strengthen its internal processes by developing the Strategy for procurement due diligence.

The Organization remains committed to completing the implementation of the Strategy and evaluating its effectiveness through ongoing training, compliance monitoring, and ongoing review of identified risks.

Approval and Attestation

I have reviewed the information in the 2024 Report on behalf of the Organization's governing body. Based on my knowledge and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate, and complete in all material respects for the reporting year listed within this report for the purposes of the *Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act*.

Dated this 28th of May, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Stankieveh
Treasurer/Director

I have authority to bind The Samaritan's Purse – Canada.