



# Equipping Farmers International

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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DEAR EFI SUPPORTERS,

I want to thank all our donors and those of you who have supported us in prayer. Through this first year of formally organizing Equipping Farmers International (EFI), we have seen God do far more than we could have imagined.

First, God has drawn together an incredibly talented and gifted international support staff. In faith, they have volunteered their time and talents to help us build an organization that is spreading throughout the world. They are working to create an even more effective global ministry that is already proving to be a game-changer for churches and ministries in the global south. I feel truly blessed to have the honor to serve with so many wonderful men and women around the world.

Secondly, God has opened doors for us with many new partners. We now receive daily requests from around the world to help establish this life-changing ministry in new places. We have also seen God open doors for wonderful collaboration with fantastic western organizations.

Among others, our program focuses on teaching stewardship. First, stewardship of all the gifts God has given us in creation: land, rain, sunshine, life. Our team of staff and partner organizations exemplify another aspect of stewardship described in 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."



EFI is committed to maximizing the impact of every dollar entrusted to us. We take stewardship seriously and strive to make the most of every resource. In 2023, we exceeded our goals for training farmers and trainers, reaching over 7,000 families and 395 trainers with less than half of the expected budget. How did we achieve such remarkable results? As an organization, we are always seeking ways to achieve more with less, and our trainers are driven by the same passion.

But more importantly, you have been praying. We are witnessing God's providential hand at every turn. Our staff meetings are filled with expressions of amazement, wonder, and gratitude for the incredible ways in which God has worked. He has shown up in every meeting, helping us accomplish what we could not do on our own. Despite not advertising or promoting our ministry, we have seen a flood of demand. We have also experienced numerous providential encounters as we travel. And all of this is because of prayer. Our organization was founded through prayer and we will continue to move forward with prayer as our foundation. As Martin Luther once said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." It is impossible for us to be a Christian organization without prayer. We started, we continue to function, and we look to the future entirely because of prayer. We are surrounded by the prayers of God's people. Our supporters pray for us every step of the way. God's people in the global south are also praying for us. Throughout the past year, I have met with brothers and sisters in the global south who have expressed their gratitude for our ministry. They have told me, "We have been praying for a ministry just like yours to come alongside us so we have the resources to do what God is calling us to do, you are an answer to our prayers!"

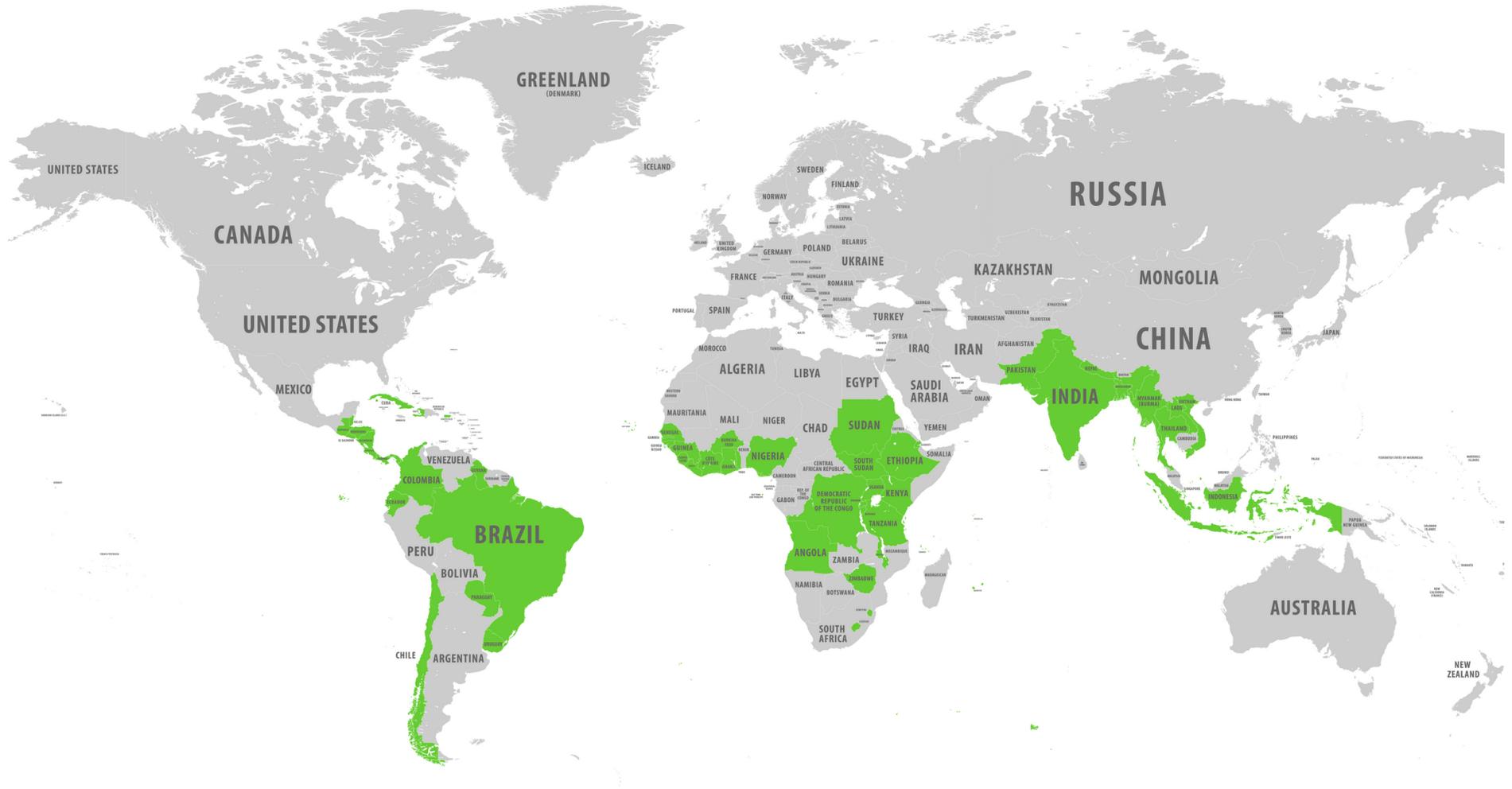
As we continue into 2024, our field coordinators have set goals that may seem impossible. They aim to increase their farmer training from 7,054 to 24,000, add more than 800 trainers to EFI, and expand into nearly 20 new countries. We want to add training hubs in South and Eastern Asia and Latin America and bring on new strategic and regional coordinators. We want to see many of our volunteer staff become full time and add agricultural internships. All of this is expected to be accomplished within one year, despite the organization being less than a year old. How is that going to be possible? It's only going to happen as we strive toward this together. It will be enabled by your prayers, your financial gifts, and many, many people contributing their time and talents beyond what we can think or imagine. In all these things, we depend solely on God to move to multiply your gifts and our efforts to allow us to glorify Him through the large efforts of a fledgling organization. As we look to 2024, I am reminded of something Mother Teresa said, "None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." Thank you for being a part of the amazing work that God is doing through EFI.

**FRANK SINDLER**

Executive Director

# OUR REACH

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**EFI TRAINER PRESENT**

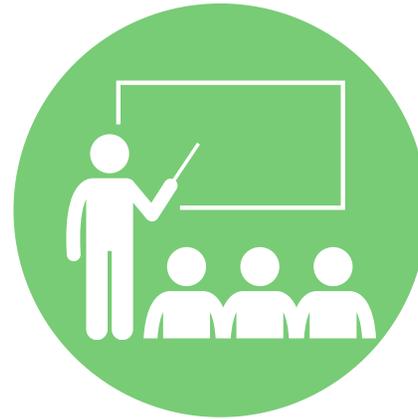
# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

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7,020

**Farming Families  
Trained**



64

**International Training  
of Trainers**



331

**Regional Training of  
Trainers**



36

**Countries**

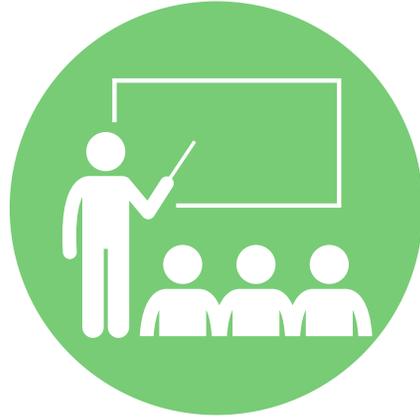
# 2024 GOALS

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24,291 (346%)

**Farming Families  
Trained**



250 (390%)

**International Training  
of Trainers**



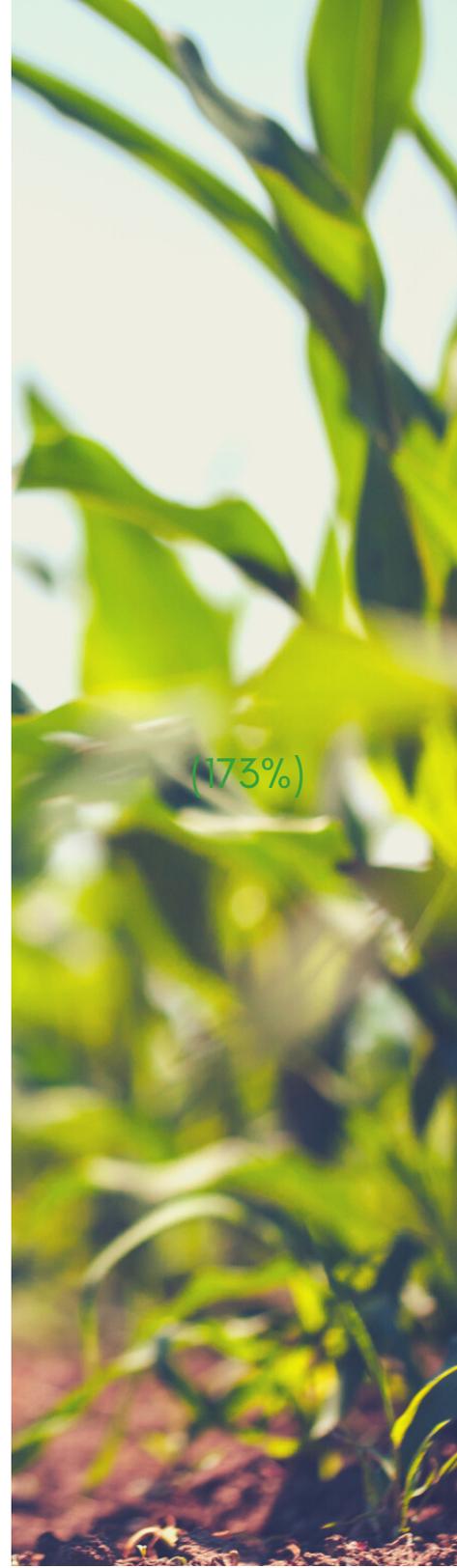
572 (172%)

**Regional Training of  
Trainers**



54 (150%)

**Countries**



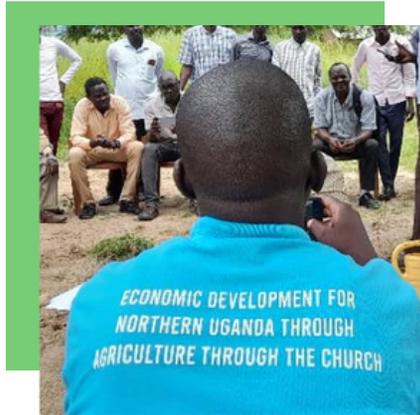
# KEY INITIATIVES



## **Enable**

*Global*

AI-based training support and metrics partnership to be implemented and piloted for farming and small business training in 1200 farmer networks in 2024.



## **Reformed Christian Social Enterprise Network (RECSEN)**

*Uganda*

Small farmer co-op launched in Northern Uganda from network of farmers trained in the program to produce and sell soybean and corn to local buyers for relief food.



## **MTW/EFI Internship**

*Kigali, Rwanda*

Agricultural development internship in collaboration with 188 U.S. universities and MTW/TBI program in Kigali Rwanda.



## **Research**

*Ethiopia*

Development of system for Teff intensification. Continue field tests of upland rice system to verify yields. Starting to research full-spectrum nutrition versions of crop intensification system to move beyond only staple foods.



### **Global Frontier Missions Partnership**

*Global*

Provide agricultural development training for missionaries preparing to be sent out by many different mission agencies. This includes cooperatives sending agreements where we place people working with both EFI and their sending agency.



### **Seed Effect Uganda**

*Uganda*

EFI will provide agricultural development training to the clients of Seed Effect. Seed Effect provides savings group and stewardship training in refugee camps throughout Uganda, serving an estimated 80,000 refugees.



### **Dordt University Partnership**

*Global*

Agricultural research, global internships, job placement for students, international student scholarships for agricultural and agribusiness degrees, curriculum development for international schools for agriculture and agribusiness, and an ICA certification program.



### **Nuba Mountain Coalition**

*Sudan*

Provided TOT for 77 people from 19 organizations in Heiban and Dibi, Sudan. These trained over 2000 local believers who produce food for relief of IDPs seeking refuge in the Nuba Mountains. Reports also include a significant evangelistic impact with many non-Christian communities requesting the training.

# QUALITY AND SCALABILITY

Work only through denominations, church networks, and other Christian ministries with emphasis on discipleship, not just a technical ag development program.

Organizational learning and improvement in all areas, especially curriculum development: 1) Context-specific versions; 2) Multiple languages as needed; 3) Scalable formats; 4) Formats for oral learners.

Monitor adoption for trainers and trainees, compost, WWG or Pfumvudza Plots, livelihood improvement, savings groups metrics, increased local funding for church ministry.

Metrics and evaluation used for measurement and organizational learning.



Use scalable tech and training support systems, e.g., Enable.

Overlay small farmer co-op agribusinesses to reinforce adoption, improve livelihoods, and increase local ministry financial sustainability.

CEs for our International Conservation Agriculture Certification Program with Dordt University.

# TESTIMONIALS



"As for me, I'd given up with farming, growing maize, I would put in much, but get little return. And now after a one-week training, I am harvesting such large cobs of maize! EFI's conservation agriculture program is a great opportunity to help people sustain themselves, to have enough to feed themselves but also feed others. It's a great opportunity within the church and outside the church."

**PASTOR, UGANDA**



"What a difference the Lord of the Harvest has made and is making in and through the ministry of EFI in the lives of our brothers and sisters! That difference has clearly been nothing short of dramatic in the last three months; especially in the almost 180 degree turn from needing food aid due to the dire food shortage to now experiencing unprecedented agricultural yields! It's hard to capture what a holistic game changer this is for pastors and church members. In a nutshell, it not only enables them to provide food for their families and those in need, but it also provides them with a much-needed source of income to provide for their families and others. It allows them to move from being needy recipients to being providers! And we see a sincere desire to grow in the Lord, to share the good news with others, and to plant churches as a result!"

**PASTOR, KENYA**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is an unaudited summary of financial information for the year ended December 31, 2023.

## Statement of Revenue & Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Revenue	2023
Donations Received	\$145,560
Other Revenue	\$82
Expenditures	2023
Field Operations	\$59,174
Development	\$843
Office Expenses	\$5,676
Professional Services	\$4,522
Financial Services & Fees	\$885
Employment Expenses	\$751
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$71,853</b>
Net Operating Revenue	\$73,706
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$73,789</b>

## Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

Assets	\$81,656
Liabilities	\$0.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$81,656</b>

# SUPPORT EFI



## **FAMILY LEVEL - \$40/MONTH**

Disciple one family per month in the EFI program. In one year, this will transform a church's economy, as 12 families contribute a Pfumvudza plot to help their neighbors and increase income and giving to their local church..



## **TRAINER LEVEL - \$100/MONTH**

Sponsor a trainer with a monthly contribution of \$100. Countless families will be trained in sustainable farming methods resulting in improved food security, income generation, and self-sufficiency.



## **ONE-TIME GIFTS**

One-time gifts can be designated toward any number of projects, including the full sponsorship of trainers, the training of an entire church, or community-supported hand-drilling of wells.



## **DONATE BY CHECK OR ONLINE**

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