

# IMPACT REPORT

2024

*Strengthening global healthcare with your support.*



# Letter from the Executive Director

## DEAR FRIENDS OF BRIDGE OF LIFE,

From Bangladesh to Uganda and in 14 additional countries, Bridge of Life impacted more than 11,000 adults and children in 2024. This inspiring accomplishment was only possible with the support of our donors, volunteers, and in-country partners. Here are just a few of the ways your support changed and saved lives in 2024.

In Guatemala, Bridge of Life built treatment rooms onto modest rural houses so that children with end-stage renal disease can receive peritoneal dialysis treatment in their homes. This means no more difficult and lengthy trips—by bus, often 3-5 hours one way—several times a week for the child and their caregiver to the only pediatric dialysis clinic in Guatemala City. These rooms don't just enable treatment. They enable children to stay in school, parents to continue working, and provide a treatment modality that makes children eligible for kidney transplants.

In Kurdistan and Tonga, we are working with our in-country partners to bring life-saving dialysis treatment to children and adults who currently have no options available. In Uganda and Bolivia, we are preventing kidney disease and diabetes by screening hundreds of at-risk individuals, training local healthcare workers to detect and manage these conditions, and empowering entire communities to take control of their health and wellness.

Your support and compassion help create a world where access to quality healthcare doesn't depend on where you happen to live. Because everyone deserves the chance to live a healthy and fulfilling life.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lori





# About Bridge of Life

## WHO WE ARE

Bridge of Life's global work focuses on chronic disease prevention and improving kidney care through two core programs: Chronic Disease Prevention & Dialysis Capacity.

## OUR MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to strengthen healthcare globally through sustainable programs that prevent and treat chronic disease. Our vision is a world where all human beings have access to quality healthcare.



# Our Impact



**3,943** people received free health screenings

for chronic kidney disease and its root causes, such as hypertension and diabetes, alongside vital kidney care education



**1,236** high-risk individuals received ongoing support

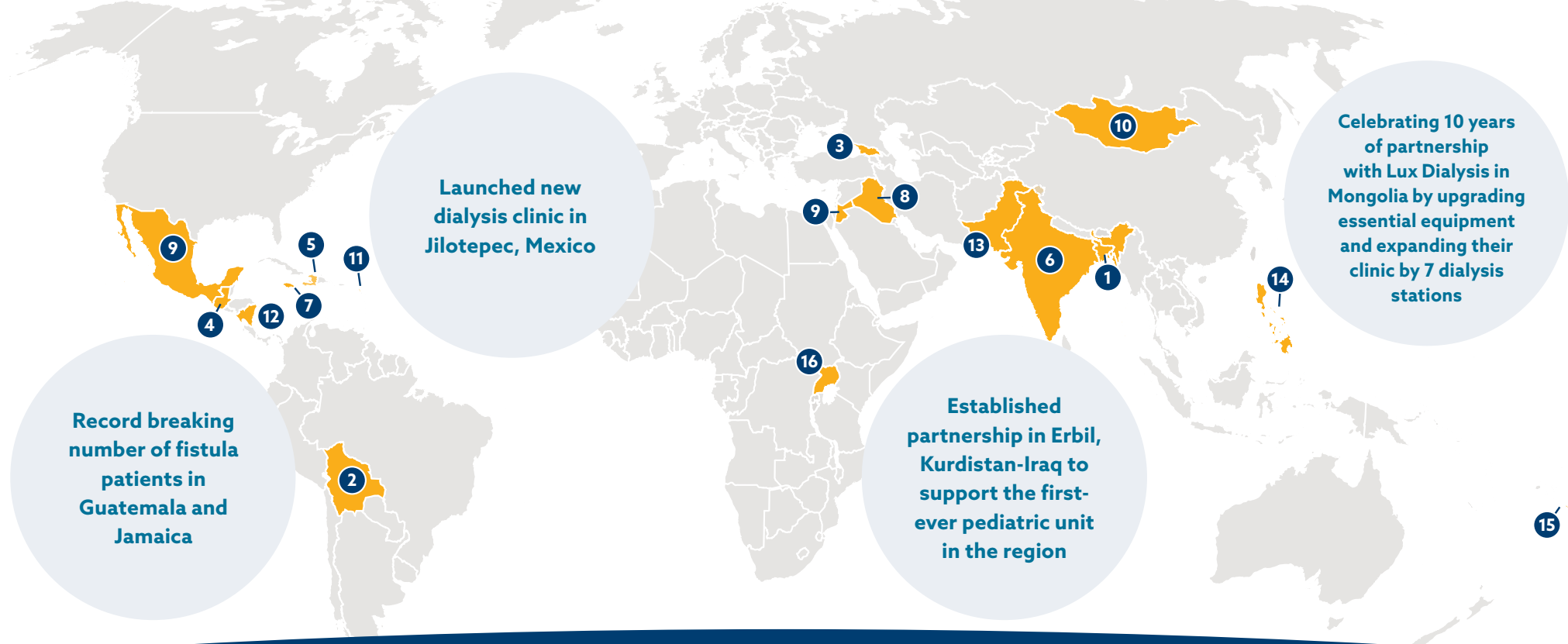
including health education, health testing, exercise classes, nutrition and essential medications



**6,500+** dialysis patients received improved treatment

thanks to BOL's work to strengthen the skills of 348 dialysis clinicians and technicians





## 2024 PARTNERSHIPS & GLOBAL REACH

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| <p><b>① BANGLADESH</b><br/>Sonar Bangla Foundation   Comprehensive Kidney Care Center</p> | <p><b>④ GUATEMALA</b><br/>Fundanier   Habitat for Humanity Guatemala   TECHO   Unidad Nacional de Atención al Enfermo Renal Crónico   Villa Nueva Hospital Nacional de Especialidades Quirúrgicas de Villa Nueva</p>     | <p><b>⑦ JAMAICA</b><br/>University Hospital of the West Indies   Mandeville Regional Hospital   Falmouth Hospital</p> | <p><b>⑫ NICARAGUA</b><br/>Project El Crucero</p>   |
| <p><b>② BOLIVIA</b><br/>Etta Projects   Nephrology Montero - Centro de Hemodialysis</p>   | <p><b>⑤ HAITI</b><br/>Nursing Education Collaborative for Haiti/Coopérative des Infirmières en Éducation pour Haïti (NECH-CIEH)   Konbit Nèg Lakay (KONNLA)   Hôpital Communautaire de Référence (HCR) de Port-Salut</p> | <p><b>⑧ KURDISTAN-IRAQ</b><br/>Subhi Yaqubi Hospital</p>  | <p><b>⑬ PAKISTAN</b><br/>Multan Institute of Kidney Diseases   Indus Hospital and Health Network Karachi</p> |
| <p><b>③ GEORGIA</b><br/>Nephrology Development Clinical Center</p>                        | <p><b>⑥ INDIA</b><br/>Holy Cross Nagercoil   Global Hospital   Holy Cross Kottayam</p>   | <p><b>⑨ MEXICO</b><br/>Jilotepec Hemodialysis Center</p>  | <p><b>⑭ PHILIPPINES</b><br/>La Consolacion University General Hospital (LCUGH)</p>                           |
|   |  | <p><b>⑩ MONGOLIA</b><br/>Lux Dialysis Center</p>  | <p><b>⑮ TONGA</b><br/>Siaosi Brown Dialysis Center</p>   |
|   |  | <p><b>⑪ MONTSERRAT</b><br/>Glendon Hospital</p>   | <p><b>⑯ UGANDA</b><br/>Global Livingston Institute   Rugarama Hospital</p>                                   |

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

# Expanding Treatment Access

**8-station** dialysis clinic

launched in Jilotepec, Mexico



**6,500+** dialysis patients

received enhanced dialysis care by strengthening the skills of 348 clinical and technical staff



**181** dialysis patients

received a fistula surgery, making dialysis treatment safer and more effective



**5** PD treatment rooms

were built for pediatric patients, enabling home-based treatment and reducing travel burden



**2** dialysis clinic assessments

were completed for future dialysis units in Montserrat and Kurdistan, paving the way for future treatment expansion

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

# Preventing Kidney Disease

**4,000+** free health screenings

were conducted for individuals, testing for CKD and related conditions like hypertension and diabetes



**1,264** high-risk individuals

were provided with ongoing support, including ongoing health education, health testing, exercise programs, nutritional guidance, and essential medications



**495** healthcare professionals\*

trained to better combat CKD and manage its root causes.

*\*Primary care doctors, nurses, and community health workers.*



## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

# Bolivia - Etta Projects

In the outskirts of Montero, Bolivia, where nearly half of the adult population is affected by chronic diseases, Bridge of Life and its partner Etta Projects are driving meaningful change in healthcare through the formation of innovative Diabetes Clubs across 10 local health clinics. Since diabetes is the leading cause of kidney disease, this work is especially critical to our mission.

### Through this ongoing initiative, we are:

- ✓ Training local doctors to improve diabetes management
- ✓ Providing essential equipment for better blood sugar monitoring
- ✓ Supporting patients directly with health testing, education, exercise programs, and specialist referrals when needed



## THE IMPACT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF:

**550+** individuals screened for diabetes, hypertension & CKD

**203** high-risk patients receiving ongoing care through Diabetes Clubs

**3,100+** community members educated on chronic disease prevention through health fairs

We are also focused on early intervention in schools to educate hundreds of students about diabetes prevention. This initiative is more than just treating illness—it's transforming the way an entire community approaches health and wellness.



# Caring for the World

## THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERS

Each year, dedicated volunteers contribute clinical skills, labor and resources to enhance BOL's work in underserved communities around the world. These initiatives create a lasting impact where it's needed most.

**We're grateful for the time, energy, and heart each volunteer brings to support the people Bridge of Life serves.**

*"I have 30 years as a nurse, and 28 of those as a dialysis nurse. And this experience with Bridge of Life is the best thing I have ever done in my career. It gave my soul a hug and reaffirmed my decision to become a nurse."*



Sylvia Caro,  
Dialysis Nurse, DaVita Chile



**10** volunteer-led international missions

brought life-changing care directly to communities in need

**52** volunteers served

on international missions to train clinicians, screen community members, and offer direct patient care

**315** teammates volunteered

in 11 service projects organizing care kits, educational materials, blankets, and medication to support thousands of patients and community members



# DaVita & Bridge of Life

We are grateful to partner with DaVita in a shared purpose and commitment to building a healthier world. In 2024, thousands of DaVita teammates supported Bridge of Life, contributing 22,971 volunteer hours through various initiatives.

One of these initiatives, Move It With Purpose, is a month-long event that has united teammates, patients, families, and friends in a powerful movement to strengthen global healthcare. Since 2007, this initiative and its predecessor events have raised over \$15 million to combat kidney disease and address its underlying causes worldwide. These vital funds support essential programs and partnerships that help prevent, treat, and manage kidney disease across diverse communities.



**8,334**  
participants

**38**  
corporate sponsors

**560k**  
completed miles

**\$789k**  
raised



## VOLUNTEER



***“ All I can say is that my mission with Bridge of Life has been one of the most incredible experiences of my life – an experience that cannot be measured. It allowed me to contribute to a process of change. I am bringing home wonderful life lessons, plenty of love, and a sense of commitment and dedication.*”**

**Sebastian Vera, Dialysis Nurse**

## PD PATIENT FAMILY MEMBER



***“ This room will give my son a better life. It gives him a good space in our home for his dialysis. His goal and our goal is to get a transplant. This is what we ask from God. I think this room will make his health better and give him better opportunities for a transplant.*”**

**Eva, Mother to Kendel, Patient & PD Room Beneficiary**

## PARTNER



***“ Our partnership with Bridge of Life has been instrumental in bringing lasting change to the community. Through our collaboration, we’ve been able to expand access to vital resources, improve health outcomes, and create sustainable solutions. We look forward to continuing this meaningful work together and exploring new opportunities for impact.*”**

**Andrew Nangoli, Public Health Program Manager, Global Livingston Institute (Uganda, 2024)**

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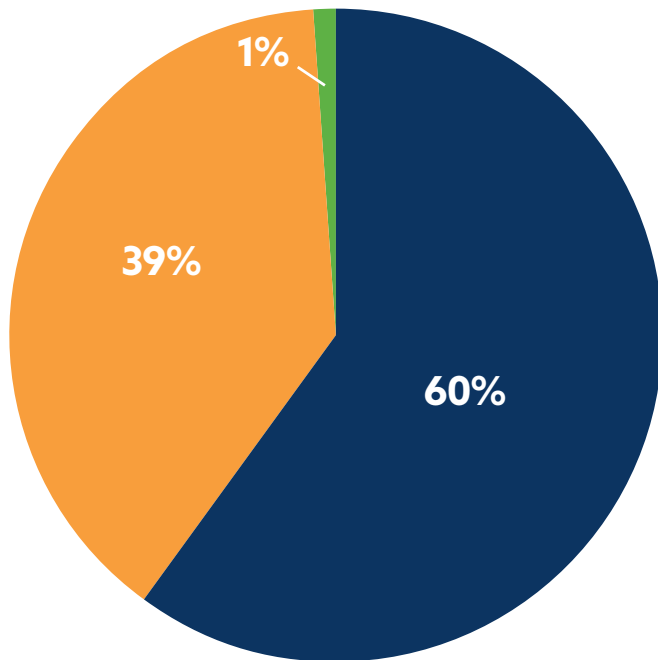
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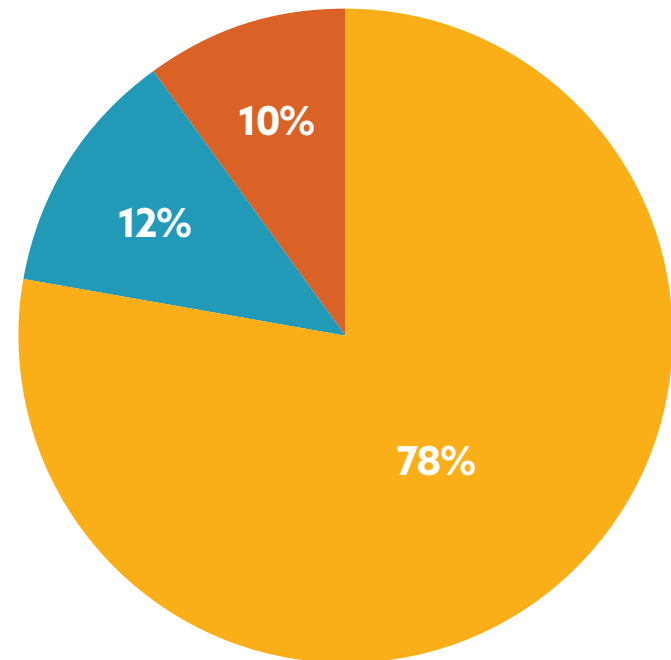
# Financials

## 2024 REVENUE



● Individuals & Businesses ● In-Kind Donations ● Other

## 2024 EXPENSES



● Program ● Admin ● Fundraising



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