



Sisters  
Rising  
Worldwide



2022  
Annual Report

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# Message from the CEO

In 2022, the world learned to live with covid. Many restrictions were lifted, and people were back in the office and restaurants. Most of us resumed our lives, but not all of us. Prior to covid, many lived in extreme poverty and the pandemic made things worse. More women were being abused, gender inequality in education increased, healthcare was abandoned in rural areas, greater numbers of families are migrating making them more vulnerable to traffickers and gangs. Victims of war were never so prevalent as with the invasion into Ukraine.

However, **our donors stepped up and made a difference!** In 2022, SRW more than doubled the funds raised and distributed in 2021. Reaching Sisters in 23 countries, SRW provided emergency aid and support for Sister-run programs that work toward eradicating or reducing root causes to poverty to change lives for the better, not only of individuals, but entire communities. With this exceptional growth, Sisters across the globe finally had enough resources to work within communities to change the trajectory of the world from fear toward peace. It is possible when we all help. We have a great start!

*Thank you!*



# Sister Rising Worldwide (SRW) Founding & Leadership



Sister Irene O'Neill, CSJ, and three CSJ Sister colleagues researched, tested and founded SRW in 2017. Sister Irene currently serves as President/CEO of SRW. Her past experiences as Chair of Bethlehem University (Palestine) Foundation Board of Directors, multiple leadership roles in the St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocesan elementary schools, as well as nearly 20 years as Executive Director of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Ministries Foundation prepared her well for leading a global platform. Sister Irene has a B.S. and Masters in Education from the University of Minnesota (M.Ed), and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) from Nova Southeastern University.

Kelly Mallon Young is the full-time Chief Operations Officer (COO) of SRW. She volunteers her expertise and time, working closely with Sister Irene to build out SRW. Previously, Kelly successfully spent 25 years in executive sales positions with two major corporations. She has a B.S. in Marketing and Statistics from the University of Dayton, and a Masters in Strategic Branding Communications from the University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign.

Together, with several more talented and committed volunteers, the SRW team is working to expand the number of programs funded, build out the management team, support the SRW vision with a longer-term plan.

# OUR MISSION

SRW provides an innovative technology platform to connect hundreds of thousands of Sisters to each other and to resources, allowing them to better address critical key issues of injustice throughout the world so that all may flourish.









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**\$1.2m**

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**39**

PROGRAMS FUNDED

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**90%**

PROGRAM EXPENSE





**United States of America**  
5 programs  
760 served

**Guyana**  
1 program  
45 served

**Ecuador**  
1 program  
175 served

**Peru**  
1 program  
2000 served





Ukraine, Poland, Germany, Romania,  
Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Italy and Belgium  
21 programs  
Thousands and thousands served

Senegal  
1 program  
40 served

Uganda  
1 program  
100 served

South Sudan  
1 program  
150 served

Kenya  
1 program  
800 served

India  
6 programs  
3,030 served

2022 Programs - Continued



More than 100,000 people served in 2022



# Pillars of Sisters Important Work



## EDUCATION

As Nelson Mandela says, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” It is key to eliminating gender inequality, to reducing poverty, and preventing needless deaths and illness.



## HEALTHCARE

400 million people do not have access to essential health services and 6% of people in low- and middle-income countries are tipped into or pushed further into extreme poverty because of health spending..



## EMPOWERING WOMEN

Gender inequality is a major cause hunger and poverty. Approximately 60 percent of chronically hungry people are female. Women make up more than two-thirds of the world's 796 million illiterate people



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**There are 27.6 million victims worldwide at any given time** which includes both sex trafficking and forced labor exploitation. Traffickers' prey on people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities.



## JOB TRAINING

Numerous studies show that job training and education **increase recipients' ability to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.**



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Globally about **1 in 3 (30%)** of women worldwide have been subjected to either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime

# Partnerships



In 2022 SRW continues a mutual connection of help and trust with **ALIGHT – A Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief** global non-profit. Whereas Sisters can be found living and working among populations suffering from disasters and poverty, and whereas ALIGHT's mission is to help these same populations on an even grander scale, ALIGHT trusts the knowledge and relationships Sisters already have with communities in trouble. Following Sisters' guidance, Alight applies their own resources and expertise on a larger scale. A brighter light of hope shines within communities in need when Alight and Sisters meet. We have been blessed to work with them for over three years now.

In 2022 Sisters Rising Worldwide formed a new connection with **Watts of Love**. Watts of Love's mission is to end the cycle of poverty by providing a solar light to those without electricity. The light eliminates the need for costly and dangerous fuels. Along with the light the individuals get financial literacy training to raise them out of poverty and onto a path of prosperity. Our first program together will be in Malawi.





# Financials

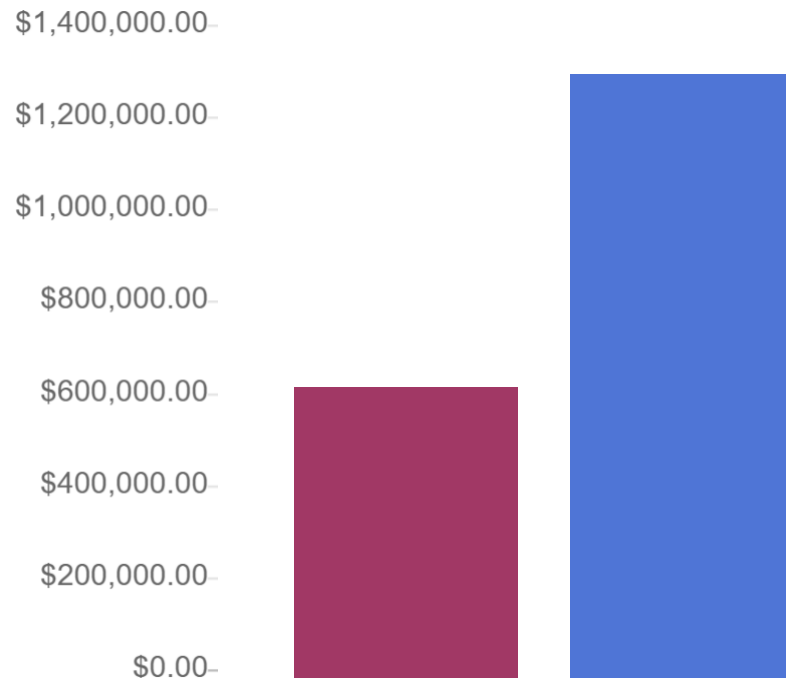




SRW raised over  
\$600,830 in  
2021

SRW has raised  
over \$1,288,576  
in 2022

## Donation Cumulative Bar





# An Overflow of Generosity

\$411,475

Sent to Sister run programs  
addressing root causes of poverty

\$344,250

Sent to Sisters assisting with the  
Ukraine crises

\$755,725

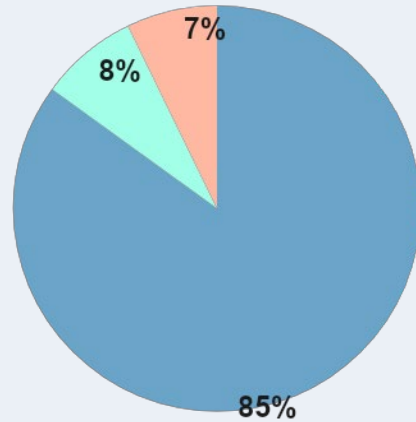
Total

*272% increase from last year*



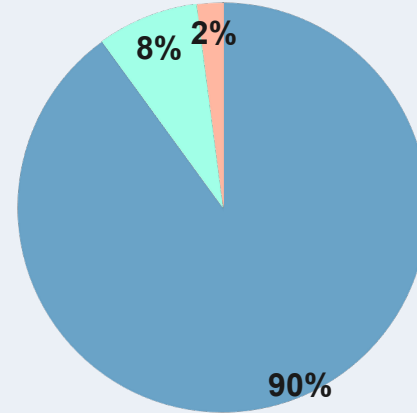
## 2021 Expense Breakout

■ Programs ■ Fundraising ■ Gen & Admin



## 2022 Expense Breakout

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According to Charity Navigator a charity should have a minimum of 75% going to programs to be considered an A+ charity. Both years demonstrate strong financial results.

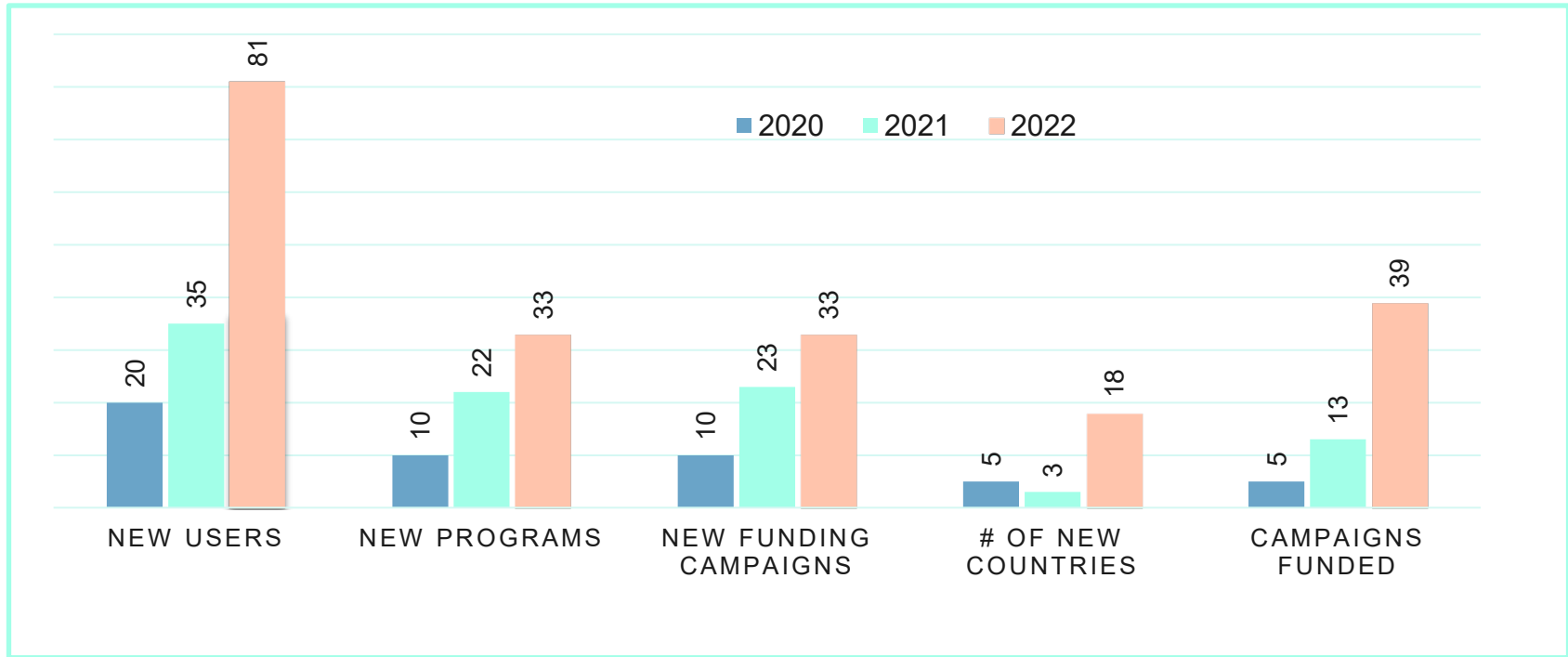
*Donations Go Further With SRW*

# PeaceRoom Results & Growth





# PeaceRoom Growth



The **PEACEROOM** is a one-of-a-kind secure, private technology platform built strictly for sisters. It breaks down congregation and language barriers so sisters around the world can share their programs, best practices and resources to better serve those in need. If their program addresses the root causes of the social injustice, sisters can fill out a form to request funding. In the first quarter of 2023 Sisters Rising Worldwide will be releasing a significant upgrade to the platform.

# Quotes From Sisters Introduced to the PeaceRoom



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“This is too good to be true”

“Thank you for everything you are doing for us, simply amazing”

“You and your team are in our prayers, Thank you”

“I am thrilled to know that Sisters Rising Worldwide is willing to partner with us in our cause of realizing the dream of a primary school for disadvantaged children from Langas slums in Eldoret”

“I'm so grateful for your help, and for the opportunity to share the ministry needs. What a great blessing.”

*Many Sisters do not have time to fundraise and fill out grant request. This is a simple approach that allows them to share their needs.*

# Looking Ahead







Vision as we  
move forward

2023

*Five years ago, we had an idea of connecting Sisters to each other among all congregations and connecting Sisters to donors. Today, our technology platform is strong, sisters recognize the value, donors are reviewing sisters work and contributing and the media wants to hear our story Why, Because we have 650,000 Sisters on the ground addressing issues that matter!*

This coming year we challenge ourselves to:

*Reach new audiences  
Bring Sisters' stories to the forefront  
Expand the movement  
**BE BOLD** with our messaging!*

We will not rest until the **root cause of poverty are eradicated!** We are gratefully and joyously thanking each and everyone of you for your help in this powerful movement for the good of all.

*Let's make 2023 even brighter!*

*Sisters Rising Worldwide is at the beginning of an amazing journey that reaches across the globe to help Sisters in their work to eradicate social injustice and poverty. To better understand the compassionate and vital work Sisters across the world are doing, we invite you to look at our website [www.srw.org](http://www.srw.org)*

*Then, we ask you to join us in our mission by providing funding support for Sisters Rising Worldwide.*

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