GAM 2025 PROJECTS: FINAL EVALUATION

All of GAM's projects have been completed. Largely thanks to the support of our volunteers and benefactors, who contribute selflessly and consistently to the work of GAM asbl towards a more dignified and just society, we were able to send GAM's co-funding to the project leaders in the first week of January. The involvement of local communities in the implementation of these projects has been crucial. They recognise that these projects meet their needs and are involved from the outset in their implementation, sometimes with such enthusiasm that they manage to complete the project even before the scheduled date, as was the case with the project in Pakati, Kenya, or in Canelos, Ecuador.

2025-1: In Potosí (Bolivia), the third and final phase of the project to reforest a vast agricultural area with native plants has been completed. Local residents are reaping the benefits and environmental advantages generated by this major project, which enables them to work under better conditions, both in agricultural and environmental terms, whilst also providing them with a better quality of life. Due to the region's harsh climatic conditions, and at times also a lack of environmental awareness amongst some local communities, the reforestation work encountered difficulties and required considerable effort, but the project was ultimately completed on schedule and with spectacular results for the entire local population.

2025-2: In Latin America, in Canelos, in Ecuador, we have supported the first phase of a project to build and renovate various facilities enabling the organisation of training sessions and socio-cultural gatherings for the indigenous communities of the Ecuadorian Amazon, as well as accommodation facilities for groups from these communities who travel from afar to take part in these activities and gatherings. A large part of the project has already been completed and certain activities are already underway: training sessions for community leaders; sewing classes (using sewing machines); literacy classes for indigenous populations; etc. Due to unforeseen circumstances that arose during the construction work in 2025, a second phase of the project will be co-funded by GAM asbl in 2026 to complete the remaining infrastructure works.

2025-3: One of the poorest regions in Kenya is located near Tuum, in the north of the country, in Parkati. Support from GAM asbl has enabled the construction of a large multi-purpose hall where local communities can attend literacy and training courses, socio-cultural meetings can be held regularly, and where the Turkana and Samburu tribes can meet to develop peace initiatives between them, although in this case, it is the Turkana community that is the main beneficiary of the project. The project is already having very positive social and economic impacts. The construction of this hall, thanks to the support of organisations such as GAM asbl, but also to the enthusiasm of the local community, was completed in 35 days. Activities and meetings are already being organised: literacy sessions and training courses on agriculture, water use, entrepreneurship, etc. The project is planned for the next 20 years, with the possibility of modifying the front section of the main hall if the population grows. And soon this place will be bustling with people, as the community will move from

the overcrowded area where it currently resides to the site of this new infrastructure, around which trees have been planted to provide shade. Nearby is a water reservoir (a previous GAM project) which provides drinking water for the users of these facilities.

Solar lamps are also available. The number of direct beneficiaries currently stands at 1,000; the number of indirect beneficiaries is currently around 2,500.

2025-4: In Africa, in the Lodoung'Okwe region of Kenya, we have continued this year with the third and final phase of the training and entrepreneurship programme for Samburu women, which has attracted the interest of other women's groups in neighbouring regions. Fortunately, the rains have been plentiful again this year, which is very important for these communities, as not only is there less hunger, but the women have been able to focus more on their training and business-setting-up activities. Anne, the trainer for one of the women's groups, has been running training sessions two to three times a week for groups of seven to fifteen women. Since January, a new teacher has joined the project to support Anne's training work. This November, the Samburu women's group will travel to Nairobi for a five-day training course and a cultural excursion, both included in the training programme funded by GAM asbl.

2025-5: In Cambodia, the literacy and education programme for Cambodian children and teenagers aged 3 to 15 is being supported and implemented by GAM asbl for the third consecutive year. Furthermore, the school sponsorship campaign for these children has enabled GAM asbl to provide the co-funding requested by the project leaders. The new school year began in November 2024 and ended in late October 2025. The difficult circumstances faced by most families mean that it is not always possible for the children to continue their education, but thanks to the support provided by GAM asbl staff and the children's tenacity and desire to learn, these occasional absences do not ultimately hinder the academic progress of the majority of children benefiting from the project.

2025-6: In Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, work is continuing on the construction of a multi-purpose community hall designed to host training sessions and socio-cultural events. This project, which is of particular importance to the local community, began in January 2024 and is due to be completed in late 2025 or early 2026.

2025-7: In Nairobi (Kenya), for the second year running, we have supported the activities and initiatives of the '3000 Friends' organic farm. This year, part of GAM's funding was used to support the construction of infrastructure for duck farming. One-week training sessions were organised for young people and women from remote rural areas, as well as farm activities involving pupils from five schools in Nairobi, who learnt how to grow crops and care for animals in a more environmentally friendly way. The project also organised several information sessions on nutrition for the local community to help them adopt a healthier diet. Thanks to all these activities, we are seeing a positive impact from this project on the local community's dietary and hygiene habits.