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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Friends and Supporters of ROTOM Canada,

As we close the chapter on 2025, I am struck by the incredible **momentum** we have built together. This past year has been defined by the deep, measurable transformation occurring in the communities we serve in Uganda and Ethiopia.

In 2025, our focus remained on providing essentials for our grandparents and orphans/ grandchildren to ensure long-term sustainability. We have seen the direct results of your commitment in the eyes of our seniors who not only continue to receive medical care, clean water systems, food, medical care but also improvements on the Vocational Outreach Center that now houses the most vulnerable seniors. Because of you, we have moved beyond temporary relief to create lasting stability. Your support has allowed the grandchildren to transition from "dreaming of school" to excelling in their classrooms as both their academic programs and the school infrastructure are improved upon.

Trust is the most valuable asset of any non-profit, and we are humbled by the continued confidence you place in ROTOM Canada. Our 2025 Annual Report is more than a collection of figures; it is a testament to what is possible when a community decides that every individual deserves to live with dignity and hope.

While we celebrate the milestones of the past year, our mission calls us forward. In 2026, we aim to do even more, to expand our donor base with the aim of raising more funds so that we can support more grandparents and grandchildren. We do so with the knowledge that our collective compassion and empathy can make a difference.

On behalf of the ROTOM Canada Board of Directors, thank you for your enduring heart for our mission. We are honored to walk this journey alongside you.

With blessings,



Robert Abaliwano

Chair/ CEO

ROTOM Canada



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Our Vision

Older persons living
dignified and
fulfilled lives.



Our Mission

To *empower*
older persons and
children under their care
through the love of Jesus
Christ, to attain a
better life,
regardless of their faith.

ABOUT ROTOM CANADA

Reach One Touch One Ministries (ROTOM) Canada is a Canadian Registered Charity and a partner organization of Reach One Touch One Ministries. ROTOM was founded in Uganda in 2003 and expanded to Ethiopia in 2014. Our goal is to support this international, non-denominational Christian group as they care for older adults and the grandchildren that they support in both Uganda and Ethiopia.

Reach One Touch One Ministries is committed to meeting the spiritual, social, physical and emotional needs of these older adults and the children who depend on them.



The Need

Life in Uganda and Ethiopia: The Reality for Older Persons

In Uganda, 21% of the population lives in extreme poverty, with a staggering 65% of older persons surviving on less than \$1.50 per day. Across sub-Saharan Africa, the older population is rapidly increasing, growing from 64.5 million in 2015 to a projected 103 million by 2030.

Families are facing growing challenges due to rural-to-urban migration, widespread poverty, civil unrest, and the long-term effects of HIV/AIDS. Many older individuals are left without support, as traditional family structures weaken under socioeconomic pressures.

Compounding these issues is the lack of formal social security systems or pension schemes in most sub-Saharan countries. The situation has been further exacerbated by recent shocks, including rising costs of goods, severe drought conditions, and the impacts of climate change.

ROTOM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



To promote faith among older persons and those under their care.



Support family dynamics by reducing dependent burden. Support raising of children in older person care through education (ROTOM School), health, and spiritual nurturing.



To advocate and contribute to awareness of rights and needs of older persons.

To improve the overall health of older persons' households by security of safe water & sanitation (water drums, latrines, wells), and access to basic health needs.



To increase the food and income security of older persons' households.

To build an effective, sustainable and life-long learning organization through a strong board and working committees.

OUR PROGRAMS

Senior Friendship Program

Our foundational program connects Canadian donors with vulnerable seniors in Uganda and Ethiopia through ongoing support and meaningful companionship. This program provides access to health care, nutritious meals, basic needs support, home visits, improved food security and income opportunities, safe and secure housing, and the fellowship that seniors value so deeply.

In 2025, ROTOM Canada cared for 81 seniors from Uganda and 2 from Ethiopia.



Grandchild Friendship Program

This program connects Canadian donors with grandchildren in Uganda through ongoing support and meaningful relationships. Through regular donations, we provide access to education, routine medical care, nutritious daily meals, and leadership and life skills development, while also creating opportunities for fun and connection through games and activities.

In 2025, we cared for 15 grandchildren.



Food Support Fund

This fund provides essential food provisions and supports food security initiatives such as vegetable gardening and livestock management. Through this program, seeds for agriculture and livestock - including chickens, goats, cows, and more - are provided to help promote long-term sustainability and self-sufficiency.

In 2025, we continue to sell our Jjaja's Kitchen Cookbook in support of our food fund.



OUR PROGRAMS

Healthcare Support Fund

This fund provides medicine, medical equipment, and support to two health care centres, while also sustaining the Community Field Nurse Program. Through home-based care, medication support, health education, and collaboration with caregivers and community partners, seniors receive essential healthcare support and are empowered to live with dignity, resilience, and hope.

In 2025, ROTOM Canada continued funding to support the Community Field Nurse program.



Water & Sanitation Fund

This fund provides essential access to clean water, such as water tanks, and sanitation products, including latrines and soap. Through this fund we intend to help improve hygiene and overall health in the community.

In 2025, we ran our annual Run for Water Campaign, which was a great success. It significantly contributed to this fund and supported ongoing access to safe, reliable water.



Christmas Gift Fund

All ROTOM older adults and their dependents receive a personal, practical Christmas gift each year to celebrate the season.

In 2025, our older adults received radios with built-in flashlights, along with soap, petroleum jelly, and pop. During the Christmas fellowship, seniors and staff came together to enjoy a shared meal and cake, marking the occasion with joy and community.

The ROTOM School

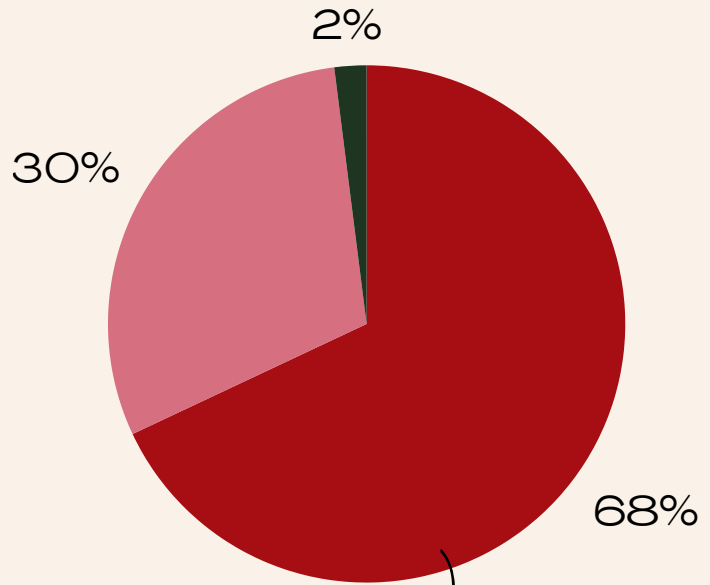
This fund provides support to the ROTOM School. Through daily devotionals, engaging classroom discussions and activities, children are learning to persist in their efforts, practice empathy, support their peers, and contribute positively to their family and communities.

In 2025 we introduced our Scholastic Gift Guide to support with needed resources. Watch our video on the ROTOM School here: [The ROTOM School Update](#)

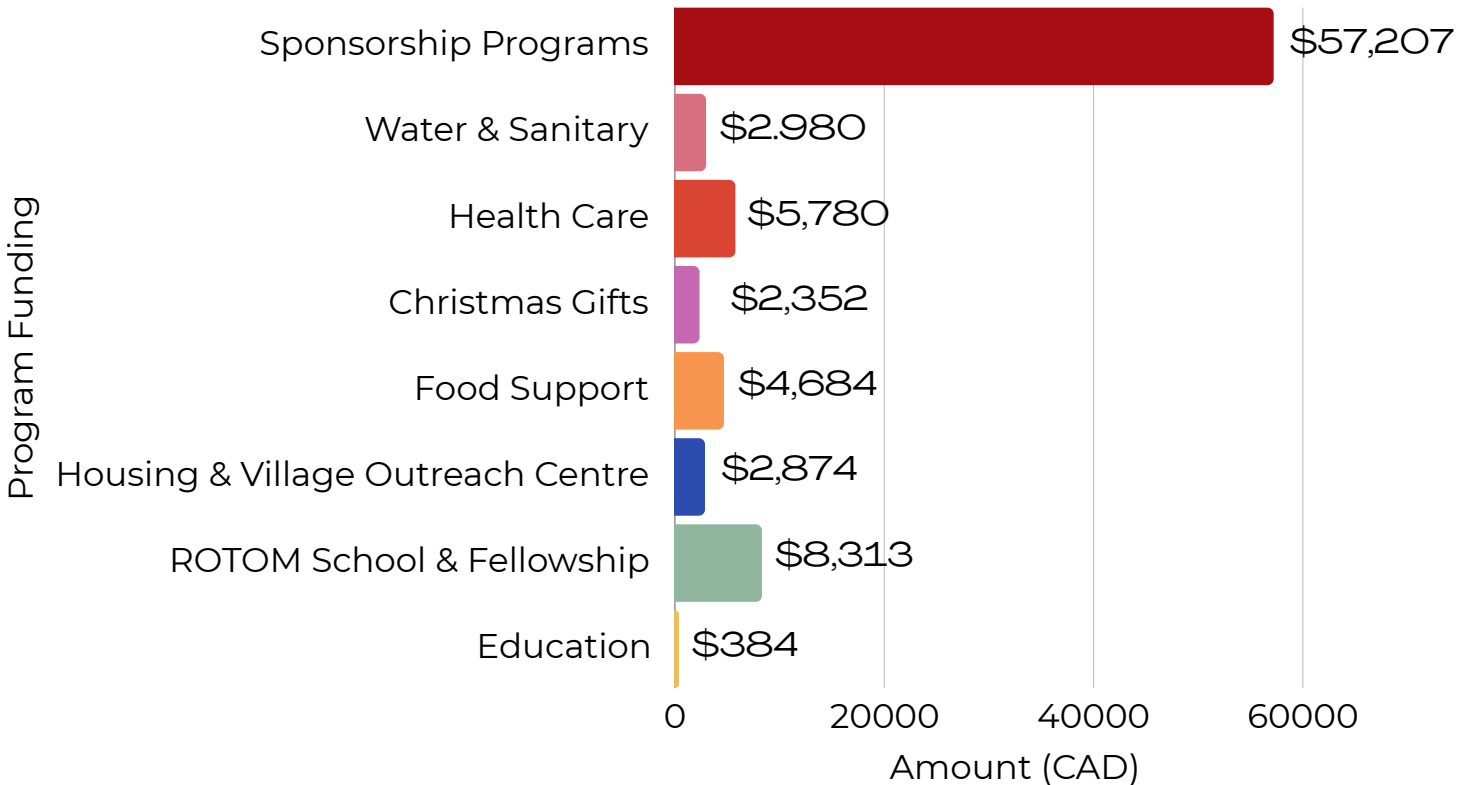
2025 FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Summary of Expenditures

- Administrative
- Fundraising
- Program Funding



Program Funding Summary



VILLAGE OUTREACH CENTRE

The ROTOM Village Outreach Centre (VOC) is a residential facility providing comprehensive care, safety, and community for older adults who can no longer remain in their homes.

Core Impact

- **Safe Haven**
- **Medical & Emotional Support:** A dedicated caregiver and a weekly-visiting field nurse ensure health monitoring, hygiene, and emotional well-being. Seniors also find mutual support in each other, often "mothering" one another.
- **Recovery & Rehabilitation**
- **Dignified Living Conditions:** The VOC offers a peaceful environment, improved housing, and access to outdoor spaces, far from previous unsafe or unsuitable living conditions.



Sustainable Living & Community Development

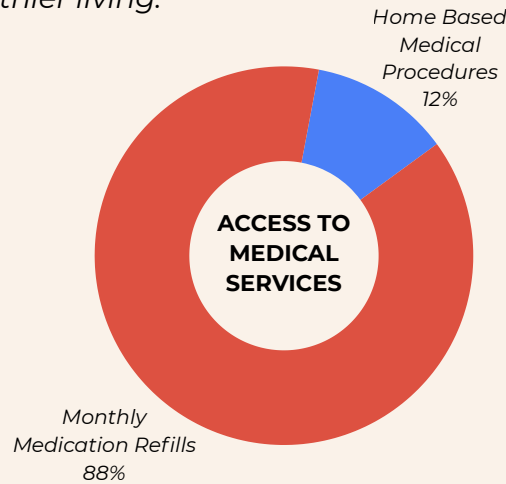
- **Self-sufficiency in Progress:** The centre cultivates corn, beans, matooke, fruit trees, and maintains 20 chickens for food production, with plans to provide eggs and meat for the residents.
- **Next Development Project:** Security fence.



CANADA FIELD NURSE PROGRAM

JANE ATUGONZA

The Field Nurse program continued to be a lifeline for vulnerable seniors, ensuring access to healthcare and promoting healthier living.



83 health talks conducted on topics such as oral hygiene, malaria prevention, nutrition, exercise, stress management, sleep disorders, and HIV care.

Core Impact

The Canada Field Nursing Program reaffirmed the vital role field nurses play in delivering compassionate, community-based care. Through practical training, strengthened collaboration, and improved documentation practices, the program enhanced timely service delivery while upholding the dignity and wellbeing of older adults.

We are deeply grateful to our partners and supporters whose continued commitment empowers field nurses to provide life-changing care and sustain meaningful impact year after year.



ROTOM NEEDS FROM CANADA

List of URGENT Needs for our ROTOM beneficiaries:

Food Support

- As the average age of seniors has reached 80, many can no longer farm. Regular food assistance is essential for both VOC residents and homebound seniors.

VOC Support

- Security fence: Needed to ensure safety and privacy for the residents and protection of the resources.

ROTOM School Support

- With the construction of a new classroom block, there is a need for additional funding to establish a computer lab and school library.
- Furniture for the school dormitories.

Field Nurse Program Support

- Support is needed to ensure older adults continue to receive consistent and dignified medical care. There is currently one nurse supporting our Jjaja's.

List of ONGOING Needs for our ROTOM beneficiaries:

Upgrades to:

- Bedding
- Pit latrines
- Water tanks
- Kitchen/ household supplies

Healthcare supplies.



When you donate \$1 to our efforts in Uganda and Ethiopia to support seniors and grandchildren, the impact does not stop there. In fact, it has a **multiplier effect** in the community of about **2.5 times** that amount.

This means that your donation goes a long way in helping those in need and **improving** the lives of many people **beyond** just our direct beneficiaries.

ROTOM CANADA GIFT GUIDES

ROTOM Canada continues to utilize our Gift Guide to make giving even more impactful. The guide features a range of life-changing supplies — **including food, education, and livestock** — that supporters can provide to directly benefit ROTOM older adults and their dependants.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW
GIFT GUIDE](#)



This year, ROTOM Canada had the joy of curating a Scholastic Gift Guide specific to the ROTOM School and grandchildren. The guide features a range of school supplies — **including stationary materials, toys, and personal items** — that supporters can provide to directly benefit ROTOM students.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW
SCHOLASTIC GUIDE](#)



We continue to encourage donors to **augment** their contributions by selecting additional, much-needed gifts for our beneficiaries. Each item in the guide represents a practical way to meet urgent needs and enhance the quality of life for those we serve.

Jjaja Yowana's Water Access: A Gift for Family and Well-being

At 77 years old, Yowana Byekwaso lives alone in the village of Kabawala in Mukono District, Uganda, nearly five kilometres from the nearest borehole. Living with chronic back pain and exhaustion, accessing clean water had become an ongoing challenge. For years, Yowana relied on his son, who lives nearby, to walk long distances to fetch water for him — a physically demanding and time-consuming task for the entire family.

Recently, through ROTOM's Water Fund, a 1,000-litre water tank was installed just outside Yowana's home. This life-changing addition has transformed his daily life by providing reliable access to clean water only steps away from his house.



With easier access to water, Yowana can now cook, bathe, wash clothes, and maintain his hygiene with greater dignity and comfort. Beyond the practical benefits, the water tank has also strengthened family connections. When the tank is full, Yowana is able to share clean water with his son and grandchildren, reducing the burden of long walks and creating more time for family, caregiving, and daily activities.

For Yowana, the impact goes far beyond convenience — it is about health, independence, and hope.

“Having this water tank nearby means I can spend more time with my family and less time walking for water. Knowing I can share clean water with my son and grandchildren fills my heart with joy and hope. Thank you so much, ROTOM.”

— Yowana.

This gift of clean water is improving not only Yowana's quality of life, but also the wellbeing of his entire family and community.

Watch our Video on Water Campaign here: [ROTOM Water Campaign Update](#)

From Struggle to Support: A Journey with ROTOM

Jane and Johnson have faced many hardships throughout their lives. Living in Uganda while caring for their orphaned granddaughter, the couple struggled financially and often found it difficult to meet even their most basic needs. Daily life was filled with uncertainty, and without reliable support, simple tasks became overwhelming as they grew older.

Everything began to change when they joined ROTOM's Senior Friendship Program.

Through the program, Jane and Johnson found more than practical assistance — they found a community that offered compassion, encouragement, and companionship. Monthly food support and access to free medical care helped ease some of the burdens they had carried for years. ROTOM also supported their granddaughter's education, helping her complete her studies and eventually secure employment that now contributes to the family's wellbeing.

The couple's living conditions also improved significantly. ROTOM helped renovate their home, creating a safer and more comfortable environment, while providing essential items such as bedding, clothing, and personal care supplies. Letters and messages of encouragement from supporters reminded them that they were not forgotten.

One of the most meaningful changes came through access to clean water. Before receiving a water tank from ROTOM, Jane and Johnson spent hours each day walking up and down a steep hill to collect water, often making the journey four times daily despite their declining strength. Today, clean water is available right outside their home, greatly improving their health, comfort, and quality of life.



Although aging continues to bring challenges, Jane and Johnson now live with greater dignity, safety, and hope for the future.

Their story reflects the experiences of many older adults supported through ROTOM's programs. As traditional family support systems continue to shift, vulnerable seniors are increasingly left without the care they need. Through practical assistance, healthcare, companionship, and community support, ROTOM continues working to ensure older adults can age with dignity and feel valued, loved, and cared for.



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A Heartfelt Thank You

As we reflect on another year of growth and impact, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who continue to support ROTOM Canada. Your generosity and compassion have made a meaningful difference in the lives of the older adults, grandchildren, and communities we serve in Uganda and Ethiopia.

Whether through financial contributions, thoughtful gifts, volunteering, advocacy, or sharing our mission with others, your support helps us continue empowering vulnerable older adults and their dependents to live with dignity, hope, and opportunity.

This year, we have witnessed resilience, connection, and transformation made possible through the strength of our community. Together, we are building brighter futures grounded in compassion, care, and lasting change.

Thank you for standing with us and for being part of the ROTOM family.

With sincere appreciation,
The ROTOM Canada Team

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