



THE  
CUENCA  
FOUNDATION



REPORT

2024 - JUNE 2025

# OUR MISSION



**The Cuenca Foundation  
is a nonprofit  
organization using food  
to *fuel opportunity and  
provide time for  
education, health, and  
hygiene, creating long-  
term change* for  
individuals, families, and  
communities facing  
adversity.**



# OUR MISSION





**2025**

fueling the future

It's official! The Cuenca Soup Kitchen (CSK) is now the Cuenca Foundation (TCF), a United States 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. This change better reflects our focus on creating long-term change and brighter futures.

TCF is committed to helping people break the cycle of poverty by addressing hunger first, giving people the opportunity to improve their lives. Our food program distributes food kits and a lifeline to brighter futures to approximately 1,000 people, including the beneficiaries of three partner foundations that focus on extremely vulnerable children and the elderly. A social worker evaluates and monitors the vulnerabilities of each beneficiary and manages TCF's extensive waiting list. This embodies our commitment to offering a pathway to stability and hope for the future.







## PARTNERSHIPS

amplifying impact

- The City of Cuenca, Ecuador
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Fundación OSSO del Ecuador
- Fundación El Arenal
- Voluntariado Lulú Torres - Comedor San Roque
- Helping Kids in Ecuador
- Social Vision
- FAAN



## SUPPORTERS

funding impact

- International Christian Community
- St Christopher Episcopal Mission
- Emilio Morocho, Cuenca Car Share
- P Squared Pan
- Monthly donors



# 2024 OUR IMPACT

**4,080**

food kits distributed

**175**

school supply kits

**125**

eco-friendly  
hygiene kits  
distributed

**147**

birthdays in a bag  
provided

**550**

hats created  
and delivered plus  
24 blankets

**2**

sight-saving  
surgeries

**4**

responses to  
wildfires

**48**

food donations to  
other foundations

**115**

volunteers





# OBJECTIVES

a proven plan



## **Our primary objective is to provide food security**

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Helping as many people as we can to achieve and maintain food security is our priority.



## **Education and hygiene are key components**

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Providing and supporting access to education and hygiene support the path to longterm food security.



## **We focus on urban communities**

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The majority of Ecuadorians live in urban areas and the inadequate employment rate in urban Ecuador is 54.9%.



## **We create partnerships in order to amplify impact**

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By partnering with others we are able to extend our reach, deepen our understanding, and magnify our impact.



## **Our commitment includes crisis response**

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We believe that by addressing crisis quickly we can avoid entrenched problems in the future.



## **We invest in longterm change**

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Our goal is to facilitate opportunities that will create real and lasting change for individuals, families, and communities.





# COMMITMENT

stronger than ever

## **Transparency and Proof**

We prove every project by publishing photos.

## **Local Partners**

We partner with experienced local individuals and organizations to bring the best available resources to each problem.





# FINANCIALS

fueling the future

**January 2024 - June 30, 2025**

**Income**

\$111,362.03

**Expenses**

\$81,168.24

**Amount invested:**

\$60,671.30 Food project

\$4,392.70 Education

\$6,148.00 Eco-friendly hygiene kits  
*(not included in reported income)*

\$850.00 Crisis response

\$12,503.84 Operating expenses

**Net Assets as June 30, 2025:**

\$49,857.11

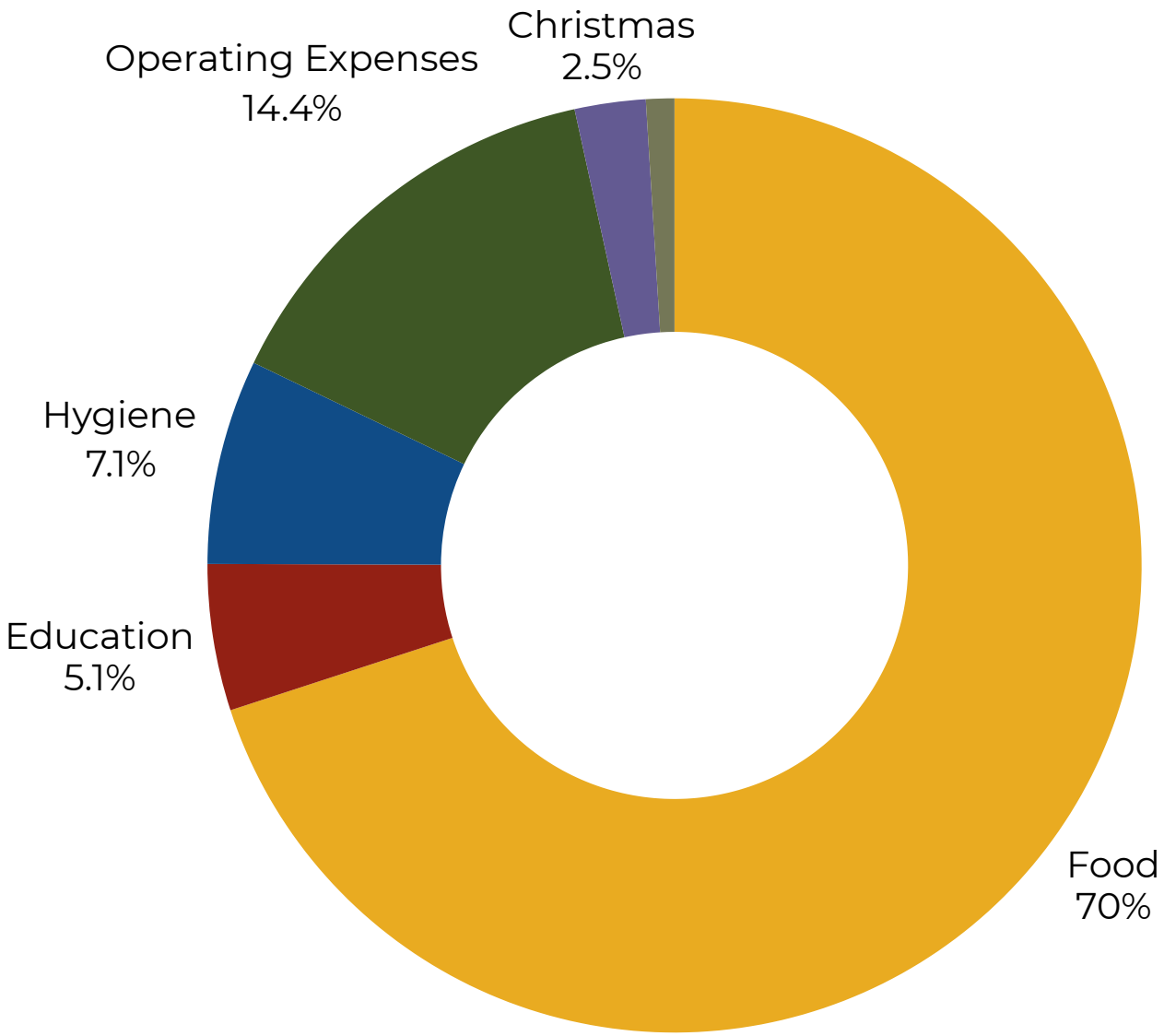






# DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

programs are our focus

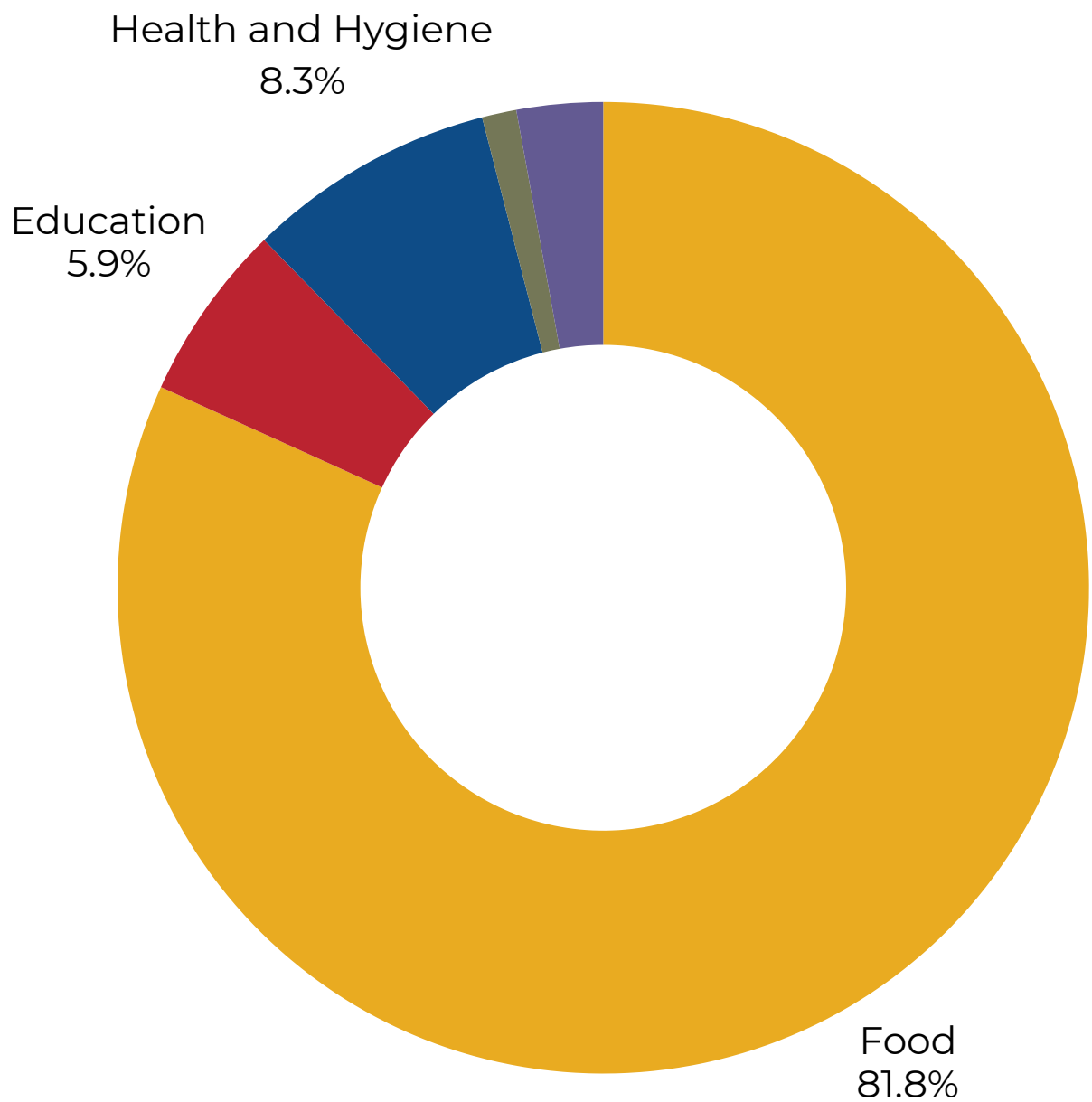


Food Program	\$60,671
Operating Expenses	\$12,504
Hygiene Program	\$6,148
Education Program	\$4,393
Christmas Program	\$2,128
Disaster Relief Program	\$850



# PROGRAM INVESTMENT

food is truly the foundation



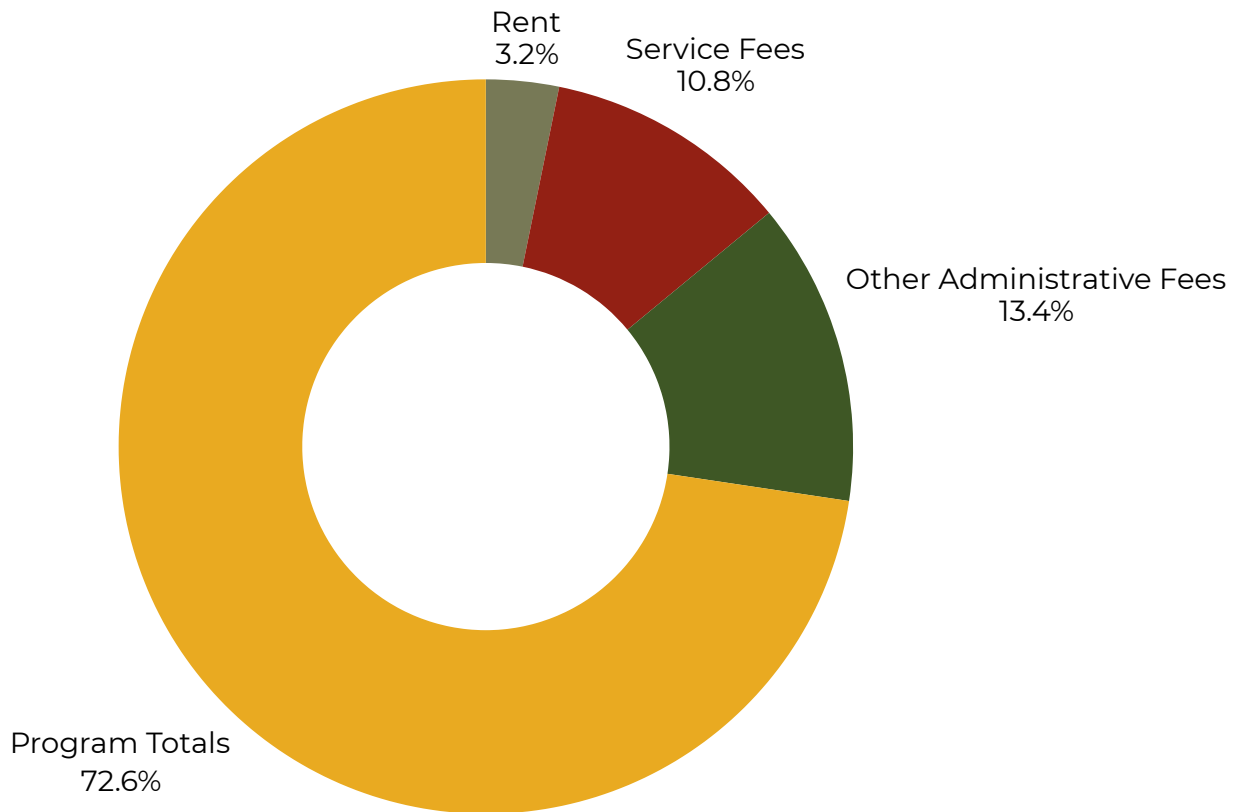
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# OPERATING EXPENSES AND FEES

the cost of doing business



Program Totals	\$68,023
Other Administrative Costs	\$12,504
Service Fees	\$10,127
Rent	\$3,000



# THANK YOU

we are deeply grateful

Looking back on the first six months of 2025, we see our generous supporters and talented partners behind each and every moment of impact and reason to celebrate. We are deeply grateful to everyone who made, and continues to make, our mission possible. Throughout the past seven years, our community has helped us fuel the future purposefully, impactfully, and sustainably.

Thank you for making our work and this impact possible, for being by our side, and for helping us move forward with strength. We have only the highest of hopes for the rest of 2025.



# OUR FUTURE



From the beginning, it's been our goal to end food insecurity and fuel bright futures. When we set out on this journey seven years ago, we fed approximately 200 people, five days a week. Today, thanks to incredible community of generous donors and tireless volunteers, the number of people impacted by our food kits at any given time is approximately 1,000.

Since 2018, the Cuenca Foundation (formerly the Cuenca Soup Kitchen) has provided more than *67,500 meals and more than 13,000 food kits*. Although it is a huge achievement, our waiting list reminds us how much more there is to be done. There is a clear need to continue the hard work of executing our proven model at a faster and more efficient pace.

This work is far too important to give it anything less than everything we have, and we cannot do it alone. Join us as we move forward with greater impact and create more milestones to celebrate. Together, we can end food insecurity and creating lasting opportunity.



# OUR FUTURE

# PROJECT REPORT

**PROJECT NAME:**

Coordinated Project, Azuay Wildfires 2024

**TIMELINE:**

Nov. 13 - Nov. 21, 2024

**DOLLAR DONATIONS :**

\$5,039.79

GOALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide hydration, nutrition, and tools to fight the wildfires in Azuay</li><li>• Provide other items as donations and needs dictate</li><li>• Provide transparency in distributions of all donations</li><li>• Coordinate in order to reduce /eliminate redundancy</li><li>• Coordinate all activities with government and other official entities</li></ul>
HYDRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2600 personal water bottles</li><li>• 2600 Gatorades</li><li>• 50 gallons of water</li><li>• 300 packets of powdered electrolytes</li></ul>
NUTRITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1202 prepared lunches</li><li>• 860 survival kits</li><li>• 200 non-perishable food kits to be cooked on site</li><li>• 300 pounds of rice</li></ul>
TOOLS	<p>75 Tool Kits - each kit contains: a bate fuego/fire swatter, a shovel, a rake, a machete, a helmet, an axe</p> <p>Additional tools purchased and distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long-handled axes: 45</li><li>• Gloves: 35</li><li>• Helmets: 100</li><li>• Sprayers: 50</li><li>• Filtered masks: 22</li><li>• Rakes: 20</li><li>• Machetes: 45</li></ul>

