2024 **ANNUAL** REPORT

AWBIUSF **Academics Without Borders** Universitaires sans frontières

Mission

Vision

everyone.

To help people in the developing world realize their dreams through higher education because education is the key to a flourishing society and a sustainable world.

A world where a quality higher education is available to

range of university activities from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones.

2024 was an outstanding year for AWB! On behalf of the Board of

Directors, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who made

AWB's extraordinary achievements possible: our partner

Academics Without Borders' projects are involved in the full

From our Board Chair

& Executive Director





Our Team

Board Members Staff

Advisory Council

institutions of higher education in the Global South, our amazing volunteers and exceptional staff, our Canadian Network of Colleges and Universities, and our broad community of institutional donors, individual supporters and dedicated friends! With your help AWB has delivered deeply meaningful improvements in global higher education – advancements that will benefit generations of students, faculty and staff, both in the Global South and in Canada.

Over the course of 2024, AWB's stellar volunteers from our Network members partnered on 39 new, continued or completed initiatives in low- and middle-income countries - from strengthening veterinary education in Morocco to advancing learner-centered teaching In Pakistan to designing a nursing training course for immigrant/refugee-centered healthcare in Brazil. The lists of projects, partner institutions, volunteers and Network members are provided in links throughout the annual report. Several projects in 2024 focused around building local capacity in

research (e.g., conducting evidence-based research, publishing,

Kyrgyzstan, Ethiopia, Uganda and Bangladesh. To support this

growing demand, we continued piloting our Scholarly

Communication Essentials online research program. AWB

grant-writing), requested by institutions in Ghana, Kenya, Nepal,

volunteers also contributed to a second area of increasing demand enhancing online teaching – particularly through the AWB-AKU flagship Online Teaching in Higher Education program, in partnership with Aga Khan University. A major 2024 highlight was the establishment of the new University of Nepal! Following nearly five years of AWB volunteer support, the Nepali government signed the founding Act in October 2024 that made this new liberal arts institution official. We congratulate our Nepali partners and the many AWB volunteers who helped make this vision a reality.

While 2024 has been a year of great progress, we must also

travel and operating costs, deep cuts to Canadian university

budgets, significant reductions to USAID funding for education

acknowledge significant emerging challenges. Increased volunteer

and health, and rising global conflict are all impacting our work. Indeed, these geopolitical shifts threaten to reduce our resources and capacity – all while raising demand for AWB's expertise and support. Thus now, more than ever, we need and are profoundly grateful for your continued support: through volunteering, partnerships, and philanthropy. Your support is the life blood for our work, allowing us to advance the quality of and equity in higher education worldwide. Thank you all for your support, and for standing with us

Nancy & Ian **Our Impact Learn More**

2024 Volunteers

Meet Our Volunteers

The Rennie Foundation

NWM Foundation

Zeller Family Foundation

Without your generosity, our programs and projects would not happen.

in this vital mission!

Warm regards,

You make our

work possible!

Our Donors

2024 Host Institution

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Make a Donation

A heartfelt thanks to our many donors.

KENYA NEPAL Capacity Building Mentoring academic staff in Research in writing research grant

proposals

UGANDA

KENYA

INDIA

BRAZIL

Development of a

mentors of early

career researchers

Enhancing Pedagogical

Turkana University College

Co-delivery of a visual text analytics course

SRM Institute of Science

Professional training program for building innovative and

evidence-based nursing

interventions in Brazil:

from theory to

guidelines

implementation of

Delivery through

Integration with ICT

training program for

2024 Projects

AWB-AKU Blended &

Collaboration to faculty

Aga Khan Development

Distance Learning

members within the

Childhood Care

PAKISTAN

Enhancing Learner-

Skills of the Faculty

of University of

UGANDA

Strengthening

Capacity building

educators

training for nursing

Centered Pedagogical

Agriculture Faisalabad

KENYA

2024 Foundations/Companies/Organizations



Transitioning to **Competency Based ETHIOPIA Curriculum in Post-secondary STEM** for Research **Education in Kenya KENYA Building capacity in**

ILLAHIE Foundation

Kanish & Partners LLP

Red Chair Foundation

The Flanagan Foundation

MOROCCO Increasing the capacity of veterinary teaching in veterinary surgery, **Statistics Training** nutrition and theriogenology (animal reproduction)

KENYA

Development of an MSc

in Medical Physics

family medicine residency training programs **SENEGAL** University of Zimbabwe **Establishment of doctoral**

NEPAL

KENYA

Advisory Committee for

the University of Nepal

Development Board

Needs assessment on

Lecturerers' capacity

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga

in Competency **Based Curriculum**

implementation

MADAGASCAR

Empowering English

Language Teachers: EFL

Pegagogy Workshop for

University of Antisiranana

Faculté des Lettres et

Sciences Humaines

Building capacity in

education and eLearning

AWB Network

across Canada.

ALBERTA ∽

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EDMONTON-ALBERTA-CANADA

Lakeland

MOUNT ROYAL

Langara.

UNBC

BRITISH COLUMBIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Academics Without Borders' Network

includes 36 universities and colleges

health professions

University (AMIU)

Graduate Skills

Development

KENYA

GHANA

health professions education and eLearning training in didactics at the **Faculty of Sciences and Technologies of Education** and Training (FASTEF) Cheikh Anta Diop University **BRAZIL** Creation of evidence-

based innovation cluster

& programming in Ceara

Universidade Estadual

Building the research

KENYA

KENYA

Research Ethics

capacity of oncology **GHANA Graduate Skills Development** -

Implementation of

professional skills

development training

PAKISTAN

BENIN Building teaching capacity in animal production & health **RWANDA** Implementation of Master's In Global

Nursing Leadership

degree

Network **Building Capacity for**

Working both online and on-site

KENYA Capacity building in grant proposal writing in Arts & Social Sciences **BANGLADESH Building Capacity for Knowledge Synthesis** among Academics and Learners at a young university in Bangladesh **ETHIOPIA** Capacity building at **Center for Early**

and Education **SOUTH AFRICA Development of a** support system for increasing research **NIGERIA** by women Development of an online training program in Health **Profession Education** INDIA

undergraduate engineering research training in Uganda Services **BRAZIL GHANA** Immigrant/refugee-**Capacity Building** centre health care: in Research

◆ ONTARIO Carleton Brock

McMaster

etropolitan

u Ottawa

University

Toronto

University

YORK

in Environmental Learning **KYRGYZSTAN** Advising the Development of Research Support

Faculty Development

Enhancing capacity in

child-focused social science research

Jamia Millia Islamia

INDONESIA

Niagara

College

Seneca

WATERLOO

 NOVA SCOTIA DALHOUSIE

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TORONTO

Western 😸

Concordia

Université

UQÀM

OUEBEC

Simon Diedong Dombo

University of Victoria VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Financials \$107,172

\$102,407

FOUNDATIONS + OTHER

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Testimonials

build together."

NETWORK

SASKATCHEWAN •

University of Saskatchewan

MANITOBA 6

University

\$135,500

TOTAL **REVENUE**

\$345,079

Until recently no University in the country was training medical physicists...[This project] means that at some point in the future we will be able to reach a patient who would otherwise not be able to get treatment. We will be able to train people who would not be able to develop a career in medical physics. So AWB's support will have an astronomical impact in the long term."

The guidance and dedication from Dr. Mignone allowed us to learn about the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and to finally create our own data repository, which is what some of us had been interested in for quite a number of years." - Dr. Nora Montealegre, Universidad de Antioquia, Faculty Member

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° \$**52**,139 **\$77**,222 **\$195**,624 \$**9**,258 **PROJECT COSTS** TOTAL **EXPENSES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** NON-STAFF ADMIN. \$**334**,243 **FUNDRAISING & COMM.** Going to the field with this AWB project felt daunting as we were asking full-time employees and others to spend 5 full days with us. I was concerned about attrition, but the exact opposite happened. Daily, 60 participants showed up, highly enthusiastic, curious, engaged, even light-hearted, right to the very end. One participant commented that he attended to his work responsibilities at night so he could be present the next day for the ethics workshops. I surmise many others made these adjustments so we could learn and

- Daniel Maitethia Memeu, Meru University of Science and Technology, Faculty Member

Thank you! Demand continues to grow for support provided by AWB. We are grateful to our remarkable volunteers, AWB's Network of colleges and universities especially our 2024 host institution

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continued support of our many donors,

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essential for AWB to respond to the increasing

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please consider making a gift today.



The AWB community mourns the passing in February 2025 of AWB's extraordinary founder and humanitarian, Steven Davis. Steven deeply understood the power of higher education and the value of demand-driven collaboration—projects initiated and owned by partners in low- and middle-income countries - that enriches both partners and Canadian volunteers and institutions. We invite you to read our tribute to him in the April 2025 issue of our newly launched AWB Quarterly Update.

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