

COUNTRY REPORTS

ANGOLA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- **National Headquarters**
 - **Telephone: +244 944350097**

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	256	0	256
13 – 30 years	326	0	326
31 and above	27	0	27

- **Total Membership: 609**
- **Membership Trends: Growing**

3. Geographic Reach

- **Dioceses in which GFS Operates**

1. Diocese of Bom Pastor

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**

1. Bom pastor Central Branch-Luanda
2. Youth fellowship Group- Diocese of Bom Pastor
3. Children' Circle

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Launch & Establishment (June 2025)

- GFS Angola officially launched on 20th June 2025 in the Diocese of Bom Pastor, Luanda — marking the first formal establishment of GFS in Angola.
- Constitution and by-laws adopted; leadership committee elected and installed.
- GFS aims, objectives, and values presented to all founding members and church leadership.

2. Progress Toward the 2023- 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Membership & Outreach (July – December 2025)

- Membership drive conducted across parishes within the Diocese of Bom Pastor, resulting in a total of 609 registered members by 31 December 2025.
- Three branches established: Bom Pastor Central Branch, Youth Fellowship Group, and Children’s Circle.
- Monthly branch meetings commenced, with consistent attendance across all age groups.
- Introductory workshop on GFS history, mission, and international connections held for all branch leaders.

Community Outreach (2025–2026)

- Hospital visitation programme launched at a local public hospital — members visited patients fortnightly with prayer, companionship.

Training & Capacity Building (2025–2026)

- Safeguarding training on child protection policies delivered to all adult members and leaders.
- Workshop on gender-based violence awareness and prevention held in collaboration with a local NGO.
- Bible study and spiritual formation sessions held monthly as part of ongoing member development.

Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

You may report on any initiatives your country carried out that were inspired by the theme, moments where your society stepped out of its comfort zone, reached for new heights, and grew stronger in faith and purpose.

Goal 3 – Good Health & Well-Being

- Organised health education sessions covering maternal health, hygiene, and preventive care in collaboration with local nurses in our Diocese.
- Mental health awareness talk held for youth members, addressing emotional wellbeing and stress management.
- Hospital visitation programme provided emotional and spiritual support to patients and families.

Goal 4 – Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- Literacy awareness session held for older women members, encouraging adult education.

- Leadership and governance workshop delivered to 3 branch officers.
- Safeguarding and child protection training conducted for all leaders.

Goal 5 – Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- Gender-based violence (GBV) awareness workshop conducted in partnership with a local NGO, reaching over 25 participants.
- Safe spaces created within GFS branch meetings for women to share concerns and receive peer support.
- Safeguarding policy adopted and communicated to all members and leaders.
- Awareness campaigns on children's rights and protection shared through church networks.

Goal 12 – Sustainable Consumption & Production

- Fundraising activities used locally sourced, reusable materials to minimise waste.
- Members encouraged to practise resource stewardship through Bible-based teaching on care for creation.
- Clothing collection and redistribution drive carried out to reduce waste and support needy families.

Goal 13 – Environmental Care & Climate Action

- Church grounds clean-up campaign organised, engaging 30+ members and youth volunteers.
- Environmental stewardship incorporated into monthly devotional themes, linking faith and care for creation.
- Tree-planting activity planned for 2026 in partnership with the Diocese environmental committee.

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2025–2026)

- Monthly devotional meetings grounded in scripture, centred on the GFS motto and spiritual growth.
- Evangelism walks conducted in local neighbourhoods, with prayer and scripture-sharing by members.
- Bible study groups established in all three branches, meeting twice monthly.
- Members participated in Sunday services, providing music ministry and readings to support congregational worship.
- Prayer chain established among members, interceding for the nation, the church, and GFS internationally.
- Testimonial sessions held quarterly, allowing members to share how faith has transformed their lives.
- Youth members engaged in Scripture memorisation challenges and devotional journaling.

AUSTRALIA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- **National Headquarters**
 - **Postal Address:** 6 Cawarra Street, Carseldine QLD 4034. Australia.
 - **Telephone:** 0419 368 203
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2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	254	66	320
13 – 30 years	11	2	13
31 and above	156	21	177

- **Total Membership: 510**
- **Membership Trends: Stable**

3. Geographic Reach

- **Dioceses in which GFS Operates (List all dioceses. Add or remove rows as needed.)**
 1. Ballarat
 2. South Australia
 3. Brisbane
 4. Sydney
 5. Central Queensland (Rockhampton)
 6. Tasmania
 7. Newcastle
 8. North Queensland
 9. Melbourne
- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country (List all groups | branches. Add or remove rows as needed.):**
 4. Whitsunday Anglican School - Kidsplus
 5. Saint Peter's Anglican Townsville - GFS
 6. Saint Peter's Anglican Townsville - Kidsplus
 7. Saint Peter's Anglican Townsville - Mainly music
 8. Saint Luke's Anglican Sarina - Mainly Music
 9. Saint Helens Anglican Home Hill/Ary - Mainly Music
 10. Saint Charles Anglican West Mackay - Mainly Music
 11. Saint Bartholomew Anglican Thursday Island – GFS
 12. Saint James Anglican Mer (Murray) Island – GFS

13. Christ Church Anglican Bundaberg – Kidsplus
14. Saint Mark's Anglican Clayfield – Kidsplus
15. Saint George's Anglican Lightning Ridge – Kidsplus
16. Saint Alfred's Anglican Blackburn North – GFS
17. Engadine & Heathcote Anglican – GFS
18. Saint John's Anglican Camden – GFS (2023,2024)
19. Saint Mark's Anglican Oakhurst – Christ 4 Kids
20. Saint Mary's and Saint Clair Anglican – Kids Club
21. Saint Mary's and Saint Clair Anglican – Junior Jivers
22. Saint Barnabas Anglican Westmead - Playtime

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

International participation –

- 15 members are going to world council.
- Val Gribble has been an assistant Treasurer.
- Strong links with Jeanne through her visit to us and many informal emails.
- Keeping links with our Link Lily countries through prayer and other needs.
- Fund raising through 'trade tables' at branch meetings, selling off secondhand goods, craft and produce with the proceeds to support World Council activities.
- Soap for Hope program set up in response to COVID and measles outbreak
- Gift of Hope – support for Sri Lankan floods
- Pat Franklin Foundation – Melbourne Diocese operate this fund to help with delegate and observers attending World Council.
- Generous givers to World Project fund, world Travel fund, and other world funds.
- Held a national gathering, used to celebrate our 150th year, important to reconnect after an absence of such gatherings. Our distances apart (and expensive travel costs) have made it quite an undertaking.
- Have been asking for donations to provide small felt hearts sewn by members and distributed by Chaplains (mainly our National Chaplain in her daily work) Began as a "1000 hearts program" set up to share kindness via a small hand sewn felt heart.
- Theme nationally of "Faith in Action" as we try to be more doers of the word not just listeners.
- Used the national newsletter to put out frequent Challenges in each newsletter – each national newsletter has contained a list of challenges for members to achieve each month, drawn from the UN Goals and Jeanne's theme. All are designed to make members active in their 'doing' as they put their faith into action more than just those days they meet.

150th celebrations:

- Highlight was Jeanne's visit where we connected with 4 dioceses and many others travelled to be part of it. It was a time of connecting with each other, to hear from Jeanne and continue inspiring with her theme, many events during the time focused on looking forward with our aims. Also, a time to look back with gratitude as people shared their treasures – displays of memorabilia, looking back on the past and recalling those events that shaped GFS members of today, all of which are inspiring to look ahead for new opportunities.

- In dioceses, there were special dinners with members from past years invited back, shared a beautifully produced book of photos capturing the history of their diocese, cakes to celebrate, time to share memories and memorabilia. Often combined with World Day of Prayer gatherings.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

- Via challenges in newsletters
- Encouraged to set up a vegetable garden to enjoy fresh vegetables
- Share the excess vegetables with others
- Keep up vaccinations especially those for older people (eg Shingles, pneumonia, covid)
- Join a “Dry July” (have a month without alcohol, a fundraising drive for a cause)

Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- Guest speakers at diocesan and Townsend groups – e.g. agencies offering hope to those in need (e.g. Zephyr, AAA) and learning about various relevant topics e.g. aids for those aging, prison ministry, dementia patients telling their history.
- Via newsletter:
 - Encouraged to explore other countries celebrations – e.g. 4th July in USA
 - encouraged to try new recipes for not wasting wilting vegetables or other food wasted products
 - suggested a variety of websites to learn more about a topic (e.g. Green Anglicans, 1000 hearts, UN Women)

Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- Provided parishes with a set of Frames for displaying DV signs in toilets that give phone numbers for accessing help support lines (safe place for women only to see it)
- A postcard developed to share resources as above, but in a catchy card – will be taken up on a national scale to support sharing information.
- Reminders through the newsletter:
 - Wear orange clothing to start a conversation with others
 - Support for agencies helping women in need eg Anglicare, Share the Dignity fund raisers and support days, providing toiletries for women and children in need, providing financial support for medical needs
 - Be an advocate for standing up and calling out bullying behaviors seen in those around us
 - Using the UN Women website for further understanding eg of harmful practices to women,
- Set up a prayer tree in church with hands to write prayers

Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production

- Remote op shops – sending used clothing to help in outer rural areas
- Through newsletters:
- Limit use of plastic wrap with alternatives
- Refuse plastic lids to coffee cups, no plastic straws,
- Bring own water bottles for refilling
- How to make own shopping bags out of tea towels
- Try a meat free day

- Thinking of reducing overeating and wasting food around celebrations e.g. Christmas and family gatherings.
- Make greater use of op shops and other places to recycle unwanted or older goods no longer needed.

Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action

- Via newsletter with challenges
- Water wise – in the shower to collect water (particularly waiting for hot water, collect cold and use in the garden)
- Collect rubbish seen in the streets or on a walk in the park
- Use the Greening Church website to start ideas for own churches
- support of agencies such as Second Bite who reuse rejected food from supermarkets to distribute to needy
- Planting trees to mark a milestone event/ celebrations in families

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

- We use our national newsletter and emails to communicate frequently with our members
 - We share Jeanne's pieces to inspire us
 - Our National Chaplain writes a regular piece to encourage and challenge us
- Set up a particularly in-depth prayer time with each diocese featuring through newsletters as they explained their situations
 - Regular prayer points shared
 - Challenges in the newsletter around the themes (see previous)
 - Share a smile with a stranger
 - Wear your gfs badge to start a conversation
 - Participate in Lenten studies (many available online)
 - Use of hymns and music to start study
 - Make a Joy diary – a list of joyful moments each day
- HOPE 25 – joined with this program at a diocesan level, at a church level
- Use Lent, Advent to add in an intentional time to draw closer to God - prayer time, reading Bible time
 - Zoom prayer meetings - for those not able to physically meet together
 - Zoom for World Day of Prayer nationally – connects those not able to meet with others on a diocesan basis for services.
 - Support for every diocese to have a Chaplain
- GFS members are very visible on an intentional day in their Parish church and taking on roles within the service
- Faith in Action is our theme for the 3 years from 2024 – 2026
- Challenges in each newsletter to live out our faith in visible ways by our 'doing'
- Many are involved in other agencies (e.g. MU) and undertake good works
- Connecting with the community to find a need and try to fill the gaps
- In Dioceses:
 - Giving Bursaries to Formation students
 - Support for university students with mentoring times, prayer times together
 - Supporting financially parishes for children's ministry special events
 - Supporting parishes by providing financial support for children's ministry workers
 - Supporting agencies by craft (e.g. beanies for Seafarer's Mission, clothing prem babies in hospitals)

- Help supply packs of clothes for foster children or children in DV situations, toiletries for DV refuge centers
- school holiday programs run by leaders of GFS “Go Bananas”

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- We were invited to join a diocese, Northern Territory, where GFS was not yet present, participated in their key stakeholders’ conference where we presented GFS, showed opportunities and we too were interested in ways we could support a new project to help
 - In Northern Territory diocese (funding Aboriginal people to attend courses at their training college in Darwin).
- Produced a brochure about GFS for use in new situations (e.g. NT) but can be used by everyone for starting interest in GFS.
- Meeting in person over our 4 days conference – Massive undertaking to host event, and to care for our aging members during this event.
 - Our guest speaker called us to share our history, tell our stories and now we are going to create these and gather them up to use to inspire us and encourage new members through stories of faith.
 - Our support for our close neighbors -PNG – continue to uphold in prayer but we are stepping back to allow them more independence and voice in their future developments.
- Val has had her last visit in person - a momentous time of service to support them and our regular visits are now only at their invitation.
- Melanesia– will continue to support with prayers and advice but they are forging ahead with great gusto as they use the resources from previous visits by GFS Australia.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 – 2025

Successful projects:

- Soap for Hope and Gift of Hope programs
- World project support
- Pat Franklin Foundation Support by other dioceses as well – makes a very significant contribution to the world scene alone
- Mentors to students in accommodation
- Bursary grants to formation students, and in parishes with Children’s ministry in various dioceses
- National Gathering and our story telling project to follow

Partnerships formed:

- Re-link with MU via our gathering and will support in the year ahead, especially in their 150th year, national Chaplain a GFS member
- DV postcards supported by MU
- Partnership with Darwin – a remote and small diocese – still to establish further connections.
- Shared the training program from Melanesia with the Lily group members
- Links with Anglicare – in Brisbane with the project to build a home for homeless people and develop programs for them to succeed when moving into community, learning about their work.
- Community programs – supporting a wide range of community groups with crafted items e.g. rugs, beanies, prem baby items, toiletries packs for Anglicare and used in community groups (e.g. shower bus, DV shelters)

Impactful spiritual programs:

- Award of Excellence in Service badge to one of our special members who has contributed so much

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025**Membership:**

- Declining volunteers' numbers particularly for taking on roles within Executive areas both nationally and diocesan levels and an aging group of members.

Funding issues:

- Look at our national budget – increase in fees, but generally many organizational needs (National Redress scheme, insurance) which are very costly

Lack of training resources:

- Wanting a new national program again, use of resources held by individual dioceses. Will just need to be better at sharing resources already available

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion to new dioceses – looking to a project within NT
- Building our membership base
- Strengthening leadership development - making available some of the many resources held by individual dioceses, and one written for use in Melanesia to be adapted.
- Strengthening ties with our lone members without a diocese, and encouraging members who have left, or have no diocese to join/rejoin.
- Recruiting new members – within each diocese
- Writing our own history story – to use to inspire and encourage others to belong
- Look to our 150th within Australia in 2029
- have personal stories from members about their faith journey within GFS, have this ready in a format to be able to use as encouragement and inspiration.
- Hold another in person gathering – within the 3 years ahead.

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 – 2029**Specific challenges that require prayer:**

- A non-Christian based group within one diocese – It has caused a separation of our members and is now using our name but not representing GFS as we know it.
- Aging groups and the closure of some diocesan structures – move to lone members within a Diocese rather than the Executive structures when numbers are low.
- Encouraging new members from children's groups to adult members

CAMEROON

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
0-11 Years	150	0	100
12 and below	550	0	350
13 – 30 years	350	0	170
31 and above	150	0	33

- **Total Membership: 1,200**
- **Membership Trends: Stable**

1. Geographic Reach

- Diocese in which GFS Operates
 - i. ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CAMEROON

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**
 1. St. Michael and all Angels, cathedral
 2. Emmanuel Miracle Parish
 3. Victory Parish
 4. St Johns Parish
 5. Christ Anglican Church
 6. St Andrews Parish
 7. St Paul's Parish
 8. All Saints Parish
 9. St Marks church
 10. Christ the King Bonaberi
 11. St James Parish
 12. Calvary Bois de Senge
 13. New Covenant Parish
 14. Holy Trinity Baffoussam

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Diocesan Conferences
- GFS skills Center
- School campaign programs, Community outreach
- Organized Seminars both online and offline for capacity building or coordinators
- International participation

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

- Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning
(Including trainings, workshops, skills development, or educational outreach.)

3. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- New members were enrolled under this time
- The GFS Acquisition Center is doing very well
- Partnerships were formed with Local NGOs
- We organized conferences for the girls in the diocese, had trainings with the coordinators. Parishes meets monthly with the girls.
- Sensitization on Gender Based Violence and its impact is visible within our community.
- Transformative stories among the girls.
- More enlighten and confident girls.

4. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Funding issues
- Reduced engagement in some dioceses

5. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion to new dioceses/Creating new branches
- Strengthening leadership development
- Improving financial stability
- Enhancing child/youth safeguarding
- Updating constitution and policies
- Training and capacity-building plans
- Starting BFS across the Diocese
- Creating Annex training Centers

6. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- 1: We ask for God's grace for continued growth, strength and stability in the organization
- 2: Prayers for the Diocese-creating new Diocese plan
- 3: For peace in our country
- 4: More willingly coordinators with zeal and passion

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

National Headquarters

- Postal Address:
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2. Membership Breakdown

Full Age-Based Membership

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	186	0	186
13 – 30 years	750	0	750
31 and above	310	0	310

➤ **Total Membership: 1,246**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ Dioceses in which GFS Operates

1. Diocese of katanga
2. Diocese of kalemie
3. Diocese of kisangani (currently not active)

➤ **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**

1. Lubumbashi EST
2. Lubumbashi OUEST
3. LIKASI
4. KASUMBALESA
5. BUNKEYA
6. KALEMIE

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- For three consecutive years, we have organized spiritual retreats every August, bringing together approximately 100 girls and leaders from different archdeaconries of the Diocese of Katanga.

- Each year, in the month of May, on the occasion of the GFS anniversary, we organized official ceremonies for the admission of new members, thereby contributing to numerical growth and strengthening the commitment of young girls.
- Implementation of awareness activities against violence toward young girls: parades, awareness campaigns, debate conferences, sharing sessions, and community discussions to promote the protection, dignity, and rights of girls.
- Implementation of a pastry training program in two dioceses (Katanga and Kalemie), which trained 170 girls. This initiative contributed to economic empowerment and the development of practical skills among participants.
- Organization of commemorative activities at the local level and participation in celebrations marking the 150th global anniversary of the movement, strengthening the sense of belonging to the international GFS family.
- Conducting visits to different archdeaconries as well as to the Diocese of Kalemie to strengthen coordination, encourage members, and ensure follow-up of activities.
- Participation in a visit to Zambia as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, promoting international partnership, exchange of experiences, and strengthening fraternal ties.
- We received a visit from GFS Zambia in May 2024.
- Organization of leadership training sessions for young girls.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

- Organization of sports tournaments among girls to promote physical well-being.
- Awareness-raising on cholera prevention methods.
- Organization of education sessions on personal and menstrual hygiene.
- Awareness-raising on reproductive health and the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STI).

Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- Organization of the “5 Talents” activity to encourage saving practices and creativity.
- Training of leaders in entrepreneurship.
- Organization of vocational training, particularly in pastry-making.
- Training of leaders on women’s rights.
- Implementation of literacy sessions for out-of-school girls.
- Organization of workshops on financial management and savings.
- Support for young girls in developing small income-generating projects.

Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- Awareness on the rights of women and girls.
- Organization of advocacy marches with the message: *“Let us not remain idle, let us say no to all forms of gender-based violence.”*
- Organization of debate conferences on gender-based violence.
- Training of leaders on the prevention of early and forced marriages.
- Collaboration with parents and community leaders to strengthen child protection.

Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production

- Organization of workshops on household waste management.
- Plastic bottle collection activities.
- Community awareness on recycling and waste reduction.

- Implementation of community clean-up days.

Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action

- Training of leaders on environmental protection.
- Organization of tree planting sessions in schools.
- Awareness on the effects of climate change within the community.
- Promotion of ecological practices (school gardens, etc.).

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

- Organization of spiritual retreats bringing together at least 100 girls each year.
- Organization of evangelism activities using the “Come and See” method, where girls go into neighborhoods to share the Word of God.

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026: “Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- Bible studies
- Prayer moments
- Teachings
- Organization of fasting and prayer days.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Progressive increase in membership.
- Launch of GFS in certain dioceses, particularly in Kalemie.
- Active participation of members in various organized activities.
- Strengthening of young girls’ leadership within the organization.
- Training of approximately 170 girls in pastry-making; among them, some have started using this skill for self-financing, while others are working in restaurants.
- Development of partnerships with other local organizations.
- Positive testimonies from parents and young girls transformed by the program.

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- The war affecting the country, limiting movement and activities.
- Difficulty in reaching other dioceses.
- Geographical distance requiring significant financial resources.
- Insufficient material and financial resources.
- Lack of transportation means to facilitate activity coordination.

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

1. Expansion of GFS across different dioceses in the DRC
 - ✓ Officially extend GFS to several dioceses not yet covered in order to increase the movement’s impact and grow membership nationwide.
2. Strengthening leadership and capacity development
 - ✓ Organize regular training for leaders, mentors, and young girls in leadership, management, communication, mentoring, and spiritual guidance.
3. Financial stability and self-reliance
 - ✓ Establish sustainable resource mobilization strategies
 - ✓ Income-generating activities
 - ✓ Partnership development
 - ✓ Strengthening of membership contributions
 - ✓ Development of a structured budget plan

4. Regular visits to different branches at the national level to ensure monitoring and supervision.

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 – 2029

- Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as insecurity greatly impacts our mission and limits movement and activities.
- Stability and growth of the movement in all dioceses.
- The financial provision needed to implement projects.
- Committed, faithful, and well-trained leaders.
- The protection and well-being of all young girls.
- We hope there will always be an exchange of experiences among member countries to strengthen our unity and mutual learning.

IRELAND

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- National Headquarters: GFS Central Office
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2. Membership Breakdown

➤ Full Age-Based Membership 2025

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	1067	0	1067
13 – 30 years	251	0	251
31 and above	373	0	373

- **Total Membership: 1,691**
- **Membership Trends: Growing**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ Dioceses in which GFS Operates

1. Armagh, Northern Ireland
2. Cashel Ferns & Ossory, Southern Ireland
3. Clogher, Northern Ireland
4. Connor Down Dromore, Northern Ireland
5. Derry & Raphoe, Southern and Northern Ireland
6. Dublin & Glendalough, Southern Ireland
7. Kilmore Elphin & Ardagh Southern and Northern Ireland
8. Meath & Kildare Southern Ireland
9. Tuam Limerick & Killaloe, Southern Ireland

• Active Groups | Branches in the Country

1. Dioceses Armagh

Annaghmore
Ballymore
Clonfeacle
Derrygortreavy
Donaghmore
Lissan
Milltown (Townsend)
Milltown Branch
Mullabrack
Newmills

Richhill
St Marks Portadown
St Columba
Tartaraghan
Armagh (Townsend)

2. Dioceses Cashel, Ferns & Ossory

Tullow
Abbeyleix Kilmough
Bunclody
Baltinglass
Castlecomer
Dunleckney
Mountrath
Tinahely
Hacketstown
Gorey (opened end of 2025)

3. Dioceses of Clogher

Aghavea
Dromore
Fivemiletown
Inishmacsaint
Colebrooke/Cooneen
Fintona
Magheracross
Galoon news branch opened 2025

4. Dioceses Connor, Down & Dromore

Aghalee
Ballymena (closed)
Christ Church Lisburn
Magheralin

5. Dioceses Derry & Raphoe

Ardara
Inver Union
Kilcronaghan/Ballynascreen (Northern Ireland)

6. Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough

Donoughmore
Dunganstown
Athy

7. Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh

Arva
Belturbet
Billis (reopened end of 2025)
Drung
Killeshandra
Kilmore/Cavan (incorporating Kilmore Cathedral & Cavan Branch)

Kinawley (Northern Ireland)
Longford

8. Dioceses of Meath & Kildare

Geashill/Killeigh
Kells (Townsend Members only, branch not operating)
Newbridge
Clara/Tullamore (Townsend Members only, branch not operating)
Edenderry

9. Dioceses Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe

Birr
Borrisokane
Cloughjordan
Roscrea
Nenagh
Kilmoremoy
Tuam (Townsend Members only, branch not operating)

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- National programs - Annual Bible Study and Craft Syllabus for all members; Felt Badge Achievement Award Syllabus Programme for Under 18's; Our celebrations to mark the 150th Anniversary of GFS World included Diocesan Walks in Nature, An All- Ireland weekend residential Camp for 110 members @ Drewstown House, a Zoom Service on Epiphany night 2025 joined by Jeanne Withanage and Pam Hutchinson and in August, a Broadcast Service , with the theme "Faith instead of Fear", recorded at the National RTE Studios.
- Youth empowerment activities – Young leaders engaged in All Ireland Training Days and All Ireland Camp and in many branches undertake roles in supervised Branch leadership. GFS in Ireland also have Representation on The National Youth Assembly of Ireland for 2025/2026.
- Community outreach – supported Christmas Irish Society Prevention Cruelty to Children Jumper Appeal, Toys to Barnardos, Donations to local food banks and held an Outreach to new members night, through government funding for Oiche na hoige on 13/03/26.
- Training, workshops, or capacity-building – All Ireland Training Days Fivemiletown and Abbeylax, Global Justice in Youth Work Lenten series 2025, Tom Tait Why Mind workshop, Youth Mental Health Training Certified Course.
- International participation – supported DRC World GFS Bakery Project and Tujiisaidie Project in Nairobi, Kenya through CMSI. (formerly UDP). Regular reports submitted to Starflash World GFS magazine.

9. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

➤ **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**

- Many branches participated in a collaborative 150km distance walk in Nature in September 2025 raising awareness of physical health and the positive impact of "forest-bathing" to mental well-being.
- Church of Ireland Youth Department offered GFS leaders a series of online training in Youth Mental Health First Aid facilitated by

professional practitioners. This training raised awareness in dealing with issues arising amongst teenage members.

- Leaders engaged in a Workshop facilitated by Tom Tate, Why Mind in helping and supporting members with Anxiety.
- Sound Bath Sessions in Energy healing proved very popular at a recent Diocesan Training session even inducing a leader to fall asleep - the height of relaxation reached!
- Felt Badge Achievement Award Programme: There are now 4 badges available in the Felt Badge Achievement Award Programme in GFS Ireland. In 2025, a new badge, "Health & Well-being" added to introduce the girls to self-care and align with global GFS goal 3.

➤ **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**

- Through our annual Bible Study Syllabus Programme, our members studied chosen passages of Scripture in depth
- Members throughout the country took part in creating various crafts using recycled products to create entries for annual awards.
- GFS Ireland offer the opportunity to girls to complete Achievement Award badges in various topics under category headings including GFS knowledge, Home Personal care, Community involvement, Church life, Personal skills and physical skills.
- A member of GFS Ireland is one of 63 young people aged between 12 and 24 years chosen to form the National Youth Assembly of Ireland 2025/2026. This assembly of young people discuss current concerns for citizens including the cost of living, support for neurodivergent learners in the education system, diversity and equality in communities, access to housing, mental health, youth homelessness, cost of student accommodation, violence against women and girls and gender and disability.

➤ **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**

Our Chaplain, Rev. Tanya Woods is currently undertaking a course intitled "inspired to Own my life" which focuses on building an understanding of abuse and building emotional, physical and online safety strategies to deal with confrontation. Rev. Tanya Woods, Central Chaplain plans to offer workshop training to our teenage/youth leaders when she has completed the training.

➤ **Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production**

(Initiatives promoting mindful use of resources, recycling, upcycling, or sustainable habits.)

In line with primary and secondary schools, GFS branches in Ireland observe a "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle" policy in purchasing and using products. The annual Craft Syllabus program encourages the use of recycled products.

➤ **Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action**

(Actions that protect the environment, raise climate awareness, or encourage eco-friendly practices.)

GFS Global Connections Felt Badge Achievement Award Badge: This Badge is one of the most popular study badges with members and gives them an opportunity to study climate change from a global justice perspective. The

Badge uses a Development Education approach and through a process of exploration, reflection and action, the badge activities and requirements seek to support girls to make connections between their own lives and climate justice issues, and to empower them to make a positive difference to our world.

Leaders participated in a series of weekly online training sessions focusing on Global Justice in Youth work in 2025.

Members value the Lenten calendar(s) shared by GFS World annually which offers new ideas.

10. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

This was one of the key priorities set by the World President at the beginning of her term in 2023.

“For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.” - 1 Corinthians 9:16

The annual Bible Study Program for GFS in Ireland gives all members an opportunity to focus on specific biblical passages and spiritual songs in depth and to carry out in day-to-day life the teachings from the various passages. Recently, members have studied Blind Bartimaeus, The Paralyzed Man and The Feeding of the 5,000 with the songs Amazing Grace (Our chains are gone Stuart Townend version) and The Lord’s my Shepherd. A memory verse is chosen annually and currently the members memorized and studied Timothy 4 v 12: “Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity”.

Monthly prayers for Junior and Senior Members are shared on the website of GFS Ireland and are a valuable resource for leaders at Branch meetings.

Ms. Lorna Bagnall is currently working on updating the Bible Study Felt Badge Achievement Award and members look forward to studying chosen material.

11. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- Hosting Kathleen and Lucy, workers on the Tujisaidie Project in Nairobi which GFS IN Ireland support through CMSI in May 2025
- Church of Ireland Youth Department leader comment at All Ireland Camp Service at Easter 2025– “GFS most vibrant, engaged and uplifting group he had ever worked with.”
- Jeanne Withanage, World President, joining Zoom Service hosted by GFS Ireland on Epiphany 2025 at the outset of the 150th Celebration of World GFS
- Three new branches open in Glasson, Clogher Diocese, Gorey, Cashel Ferns & Ossory Diocese and Billis, Kilmore, Elphin Ardagh Diocese.

12. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Growth in membership
- Successful projects – Strong financial support for DRC Bakery Project and Tujisaidie
- Kathleen and Lucy from Tujisaidie Project in May, who travelled to Dioceses throughout Ireland sharing video footage and talks about their work and how financial support provided by GFS helped support the school building

extension, a library used by 150 learners, rooftop farming project and More than Just a meal Programme.

- Partnerships formed – Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) participated in All Ireland Camp and offered leader training sessions; Tear Fund engaged with GFS in supporting raising awareness of Global Climate Justice, NYCI provided advise and on-going training opportunities to leaders.
- Impactful spiritual programs: Monthly Prayers shared on website. Established a Prayer Circle Group via WhatsApp to quickly support members and their families request to support through prayer.
- 150th Anniversary of World GFS: Collaborative worship opportunities and interaction at various events throughout the year between leaders and members from various branches and Dioceses.

13. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Declining successive volunteers as many people are engaged in full-time employment and cannot commit to volunteering at branch meetings in the evening.
- Funding issues- e.g. many members in the under 10 age profile and therefore meeting grant requirements of 75 percent in the 10 plus age group proving difficult to meet.
- Lack of training resources – Travel distance prevents organizing too many group training sessions.
- Reduced engagement in some dioceses: Due to the retirement of leaders in leading positions i.e. Diocesan president, treasurer, secretary, badge secretary, younger upcoming leaders unable to commit with work and family pressures.
- Change in the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Program and Garda/ Access NI vetting regulations.
- Data Protection regulations result in huge administration.

14. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion to new parishes within Dioceses – GFS stand at General Synod.
- Strengthening leadership development
- Improving financial stability
- Enhancing child/youth safeguarding
- Updating constitution and policies to meet new Safeguarding, Garda/Access NI vetting, Data Protection
- Training and capacity-building plans
- A Return visit by a group of leaders and older teenage/young adults to Tujiasidie Project in Nairobi.
- Forming stronger bonds with GFS link countries

15. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 – 2029

Raising awareness of online safety and implementing a “Pause before you Post” strategy and praying for protection of our members.

Increasing Mental health awareness and offering support to members and their families and friends.

2027 is the 150th anniversary year of GFS in Ireland, we pray that God brings guidance to our thoughts as events are planned.

Severe floods causing structural damage to homes and businesses becoming a feature of Winters in Ireland – prayers for awareness in combatting climate change.

JAPAN

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

➤ National Headquarters

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2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	50	0	50
13 – 30 years	99	13	112
31 and above	56	0	56

➤ **Total Membership: 218**

- **Membership Trends: Stable**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ **Dioceses in which GFS Operates**

1. Diocese of Hokkaido
2. Diocese of Tokyo
3. Diocese of Kyoto
4. Diocese of Osaka
5. Diocese of Kobe
6. Diocese of Okinawa

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country (List all groups | branches. Add or remove rows as needed.):**

1. Sapporo Christ Church Branch
2. Sapporo St. Michael's Church Branch
3. Sapporo St. Margaret's Church Branch
4. Asahikawa St. Mark's Church Branch
5. Hakodate St. John's Church Branch

6. Hokkaido Branch
7. Tsukishima Church Branch
8. St. Margaret's High School Branch
9. St. Paul's University Branch
10. Tokyo Branch
11. Kyoto Branch
12. Kobe Branch
13. Osaka Holy Trinity Church Branch
14. Ashiya St. Mark's Church Branch
15. St. Luke's Church Branch
16. Okinawa Branch

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Provide a narrative summary of major achievements in point form.

- a. Activities that had been canceled due to Covid19 were revived in each Dioceses and branches.
 - Handicraft meetings are held in various places, and works are sold at church bazaars.
 - Continued children's camps twice a year.
 - World prayer services were held in each diocese as a place for prayer and exchange.
- National training sessions are held in Kiyosato (2023, 2025) where a memorial place for GFS Japan. Leaders visited the churches around Kiyosato area and learned about the histories of their original missions.
- The general meeting was held (2025) once every three years, and the president was replaced.
- The new president participated in the commemorative service of the 50th anniversary of GFS Korea.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

- **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**
 1. We donated to an organization that conducts radiation tests for children living in areas contaminated with radiation by the East Japan Earthquake (2011, due to the explosion of the Fukushima nuclear power plant) to support their activities.
 2. We regularly visit leprosy sanatoriums and pray together.
- **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**
 1. Student leaders belonging to St. Paul's University provide learning support to elementary or junior high school students around the local church.

- **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**
1. We took a course on harassment against women in the diocese.
- **Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production**
1. We have created a collection point for recycling at the church.
2. Surplus cloth and yarn were used to make attractive handicrafts and daily necessities and sell them at the bazaar.
- **Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action**
1. We learned about nuclear power plants and took action against them.
2. We cooperated in installing solar panels in the church.

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

- At the National Seminar and General Assembly, I surrounded and prayed for the first female bishop in Japan born from GFS. We prayed for her work to be strengthened and shared the joy of belonging to GFS. Leaders who were working alone were also comforted.
- Each diocese observed the World Day of Prayer service every year and remembered the connection with GFS around the world.

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- In line with the plan for diocesan consolidation, we began to lobby for the reopening of GFS in dioceses that have lost their branches.

4. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Maintaining the number of branches, especially the resumption of activities of the school GFS
- Leadership of Japan's first female bishop from GFS
- Cooperation between dioceses: the success of two national assemblies

5. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- The aging of the leaders and health problems have limited our activities.
- The social environment continued to make it difficult for the younger generation and new leaders to operate. Busy childcare and work, etc.

6. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion of GFS in joint dioceses
- Promotional activities to attract the younger generation of leaders Improving financial stability
- Making opportunities for existing leaders to stay healthy and interact

7. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- So that leaders across the country can continue to their projects and works with GFS pride.
- So that we can reunite with the leaders who have been distant for various reasons.

- To give young leaders a place and motivation as members of GFS that connects the world.

KENYA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

- **National Headquarters**
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2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	955	0	955
13 – 30 years	1809	0	1809
31 and above	0	0	0

- **Total Membership: 2,764**

NB: Kindly note that, we enroll girls aged between 5 -17years. The older women in the Mothers Union naturally take up the role of mentors, nurturing, guiding and walking alongside the young girls in their spiritual growth and personal development.

3. Geographic Reach

Dioceses in which GFS Operates

1. Mombasa
2. Taita
3. Mumias
4. Kitui
5. Machakos
6. Malindi

Active Groups | Branches in the Country:

1. Mombasa
2. Taita
3. Mumias

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Provide a narrative summary of major achievements in point form.

- Collaboration with Mothers Union in mentorship and spiritual formation.
- Capacity building workshops for leaders
- Community outreach
- Tree planting initiatives
- International participation at the World council

- Skills development initiatives for girls (Entrepreneurship, life skills and leadership)
- GFS 150 Years celebrations under the theme – 150 Years empowering girls in Christ.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

- Menstrual health awareness programs
- Mental health talks during the conferences
- Support visits to vulnerable girls

Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- Academic and career guidance forums for secondary school girls
- Skills training
- Capacity building for trainers
- Leadership & mentorship workshops

Goal 5 - Ending Violence against Women & Children

- Awareness forums on gender-based violence
- Safe space discussion for girls
- Child safeguarding awareness sessions
- Collaboration with church leadership to promote protection policies

(Initiatives promoting mindful use of resources, recycling, upcycling, or sustainable habits.)

3. Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action

- ✓ Tree planting exercise
- ✓ Climate awareness talks during the gatherings
- ✓ Encouraging eco-friendly practices in the Parishes

4. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

- ✓ Regular devotion sessions during the GFS meetings
- ✓ Bible study programs focusing on identity, purpose and Christian values.
- ✓ Participation in Diocesan and Parish worship services.
- ✓ Mentorship rooted in scripture and Anglican teachings.
- ✓ Encouraging girls to actively serve in church ministries.
- ✓ Organizing prayer days

5. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- ✓ Encouraging girls to pursue academic excellence grounded in Christian faith.
- ✓ Leadership training aimed at raising confident Christian young women
- ✓ Expansion of GFS into new Parishes/Dioceses
- ✓ Strengthening partnership within Anglican structures

6. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Growth in membership
- Strong collaboration with Mothers Union
- Successful diocesan conferences
- Positive testimonies from girls mentored through GFS programs

7. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Gender imbalance with girls appearing more empowered than boys
- Reduced engagement in some dioceses after the sensitization program
- Combating early marriages
- Navigating social media influence

8. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion to dioceses
- Strengthening leadership development
- Improving financial stability
- Enhancing child/youth safeguarding
- Training and capacity-building plans

9. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- Financial sustainability

LESOTHO

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

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1. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	3	0	3
13 – 30 years	66	16	82
31 and above	21	1	22

➤ **Total Membership: 107**

- **Membership Trends: Growing**

2. Geographic Reach

➤ **Dioceses in which GFS Operates**

1. Diocese of Lesotho

- **Archdeaconries and Active Parishes in the Country:**

	ARCHDEACONRY	#PARISHES	ACTIVE PARISHES
1	Cathedral	10	6
2	Central	10	6
3	South	12	7
4	North	14	6

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 202

National Programs.

- Engagement with Clergy and Spouses: GBFS leaders visited parishes and held dialogues with clergy and their spouses, and church wardens building trust and preparing for establishment and expansion across the diocese.
- Participated in 16 Days of Activism with diocesan-planned activities.
- Established the GBFS Kitchen to cater during diocesan events.

Youth Empowerment Activities

- **Leadership and Mentorship Programs** - youth were encouraged to step into roles of responsibility, building confidence and resilience. For example, members were assigned desks and responsibilities such as **GBV Officer, Environment Desk, and Recreation Desk**, giving them ownership of specific areas and teaching accountability.
- **Career Guidance Sessions**- Structured guidance was provided to youth on career choices, skills development, and pathways to employment. These sessions helped young people navigate the challenges of unemployment by emphasizing the importance of **self-love, discipline, and patriotism**—instilling pride in one's country and responsibility toward community service.
- **Entrepreneurial Initiatives**- Practical projects empowered youth with income-generating skills. For instance, the **production and selling of all-purpose cleaner** gave members hands-on experience in entrepreneurship, financial management, and teamwork. This initiative not only provided income opportunities but also taught sustainability and innovation

Capacity-Building Programs

- **Financial Literacy Training:** Equipped members with essential skills in budgeting, saving, and managing resources for both personal and organizational sustainability.
- **Bible Study on the Power of Prayer:** Strengthened spiritual growth and deepened members' faith, reinforcing GBFS's foundation as a faith-rooted society.
- **Peer Pressure Workshops on Womanhood and Manhood:** Addressed challenges facing youth, promoting responsible choices, gender identity awareness, and holistic personal development.

Community Outreach

- Shared **sweets with orphans** and offered **presents to priests**, reinforcing GBFS's commitment to compassion and fellowship.

International Participation

- **Series Participation:** Lesotho took part in the international program "*To Be a Leader – Empowering GFS Leaders*," equipping members with global leadership skills and strengthening cross-border collaboration.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Introduction

The Girls and Boys Friendly Society (GBFS) Diocese of Lesotho has actively contributed to the advancement of UN-aligned goals through faith-based initiatives, youth empowerment, and community engagement. This report highlights achievements across selected goals, additional contributions, challenges faced, and recommendations for strengthening future impact.

Goal 3 – Good Health & Well-Being

- Partnered with the **Girl Guide Association** to deliver sessions on healthy living for youth.
- Topics included **substance use prevention**, lifestyle choices, and overall well-being.
- Activity successfully raised awareness and encouraged healthier habits among members.

Goal 4 – Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- Invited the **District Education Office** to provide **career guidance** for youth members.
- Organized a **prize-giving ceremony** to celebrate those who completed their studies.
- Collaborated with the **Lesotho Defense Force** to address members on **patriotism and love of one's country**.

Goal 5 – Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- Invited the **GBV Diocesan Office** to address members on **toxic relationships and human trafficking**.
- The session provided practical awareness and prevention strategies.
- Activity was well-received and strengthened youth's understanding of gender-based violence issues.

Goal 12 – Sustainable Consumption & Production

- Conducted a **Financial Literacy Workshop** focusing on **saving, investing, and budgeting**.
- Used **case studies tailored to different age groups** (primary, secondary, and tertiary levels).
- Activity equipped youth with responsible money management skills, fostering sustainable consumption and future-oriented financial habits.

Goal 13 – Environmental Care & Climate Action

- Sensitised youth on **Green Anglicans' objectives**, emphasising environmental stewardship.
- Collaborated with the **Mothers' Union** in **community cleaning campaigns**, promoting practical climate action.
- Activities were successful, fostering responsibility and active participation in environmental care.

Additional Community & Faith-Based Contributions

- **Support to Vulnerable Groups:** Donated chocolates to the **Mantsase Orphanage in Mohale's Hoek**, bringing joy and care to children in need.
- **Faith & Fellowship Collaboration:** Partnered with the **Mothers' Union** during the **Priestwood Day of Prayer**, presenting gifts to priests as a sign of appreciation and encouragement in their ministry.

Challenges

- It is **not easy to carry out activities at parish level** due to the **small number of members**.
- As a result, most activities are conducted during **conferences**, limiting consistent grassroots impact.

Recommendations

- Strengthen **parish-level membership recruitment** to increase participation.
- Develop **smaller, localised activities** that can be managed even with fewer members.
- Enhance collaboration with **community organisations and schools** to broaden reach.
- Continue leveraging **conferences** for large-scale impact while building parish capacity for sustained action.

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

This was one of the key priorities set by the World President at the beginning of her term in 2023.

“For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.” – 1 Corinthians 9:16

- **Youth Empowerment in Preaching:**
The Bishop created opportunities for **Youth Guilds** to actively participate in preaching and leading Bible studies during church services. This initiative gave young people confidence and responsibility in spreading the Gospel.
- **Bible Studies as Core Ministry:**
Bible studies, known locally as **“Lentsoe le Pina”**, have been established as a **core activity** both at parish level and during conferences. These sessions combine scripture reflection and worship through song, strengthening spiritual growth and fellowship.
- **Integration into Worship Life:**
By embedding youth preaching and Bible studies into regular services, GBFS ensured that spiritual development is not occasional but a **consistent practice** across parishes and diocesan gatherings.

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme (2023–2026)

Theme: *“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”*

Launch of GBFS – Bishop’s Sermon

At the official launch of GBFS in Lesotho, the Bishop delivered a sermon that set the spiritual foundation for the society. She emphasized that:

- To be **rooted in faith** is to remain grounded in scripture, prayer, and service.
- To **reach for the stars** is to step out of comfort zones, embrace leadership, and strive for excellence in both spiritual and social responsibilities.
- The sermon inspired members to see GBFS not only as a fellowship but also as a mission field where youth are empowered to preach, lead Bible studies, and live out their faith boldly.

Chaplain’s Ongoing Guidance

Since the launch, the Chaplain has consistently based his sermons on the World Council theme whenever he addresses the **Opening Retreat in February** or the **Diocesan Conferences**. His messages have:

- Reinforced the call to remain **rooted in faith** through Bible study circles (*Lentsoe le Pina*) and prayer.
- Encouraged members to **reach for new heights** by taking on leadership roles, expanding parish activities, and engaging in community service.
- Helped youth connect the theme to everyday challenges such as safeguarding, financial literacy, and climate action.

Inspired Initiatives

- **Youth Preaching & Bible Studies:** Guilds were given opportunities to preach and lead Bible studies during services, strengthening confidence and spiritual growth.
- **Evangelism Campaigns:** Members organized outreach activities that combined scripture, song, and service.
- **Community Service:** Initiatives such as donations to orphanages, safeguarding workshops, and environmental projects demonstrated faith in action.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Growth in Membership

- Out of the **46 parishes in the Diocese of Lesotho**, GBFS is now present in **25 parishes**, with numbers continuing to grow steadily.
- Youth participation has flourished, with many young people proudly referring to GBFS as their “*second home*.” This sense of belonging has strengthened both faith and fellowship.

Successful Projects

- **Entrepreneurial Initiatives:** Members launched small business ventures, such as the production of all-purpose cleaner, which not only generated income but also built confidence in self-reliance.

- **Community Service Programs:** Projects supporting schools, daycare centers, and vulnerable groups showcased GBFS's commitment to practical impact rooted in faith.

Partnerships Formed

- A significant milestone was the **partnership with Girl Guides Lesotho**, which opened doors for collaborative programs in youth empowerment, leadership, and community service.
- Strengthened ties with ministries, NGOs, and church structures enhanced GBFS's visibility and credibility as a trusted partner in national development

Impactful Spiritual Programs

- During **Lent**, GBFS members extended compassion by supporting orphanage homes, embodying the theme of service and sacrifice.
- Faith-based workshops and retreats deepened spiritual growth, while outreach programs encouraged members to live out their faith in action.

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Membership & Volunteer Engagement

- **Declining Volunteers:** Many of our youth are unemployed. Some of them come from very vulnerable families. which makes it difficult for them to attend meetings, conferences, or planned activities.
- **Reduced Parish Engagement:** In parishes such as **Epiphany and Khukhune**, participation has been lower, and in some cases, priests have not actively supported GBFS initiatives, limiting growth and visibility.

Financial Constraints

- **Funding Issues:** As the guild is still in its early stages, there are limited funds to organize workshops, trainings, and outreach programs.
- **Operational Costs:** Covering transport, venue, and resource expenses has been a recurring challenge, often restricting the scale of activities.

Institutional & Resource Limitations

- **Lack of Training Resources:** Materials for workshops and spiritual programs are insufficient, making it harder to deliver consistent, high-quality training.
- **Capacity Building Needs:** Members require more structured training to strengthen leadership, and communication skills.

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

1. Parish Expansion

- Engage clergy and spouses to support GBFS growth.
- Continue parish visits and establish GBFS in all 46 parishes.

- Strengthen parish-level activities beyond conferences.
- **Responsible Body:** Diocesan GBFS Executive & Parish Leaders
- **Timeline:** 2026–2028 (review at June Provincial Conference)

2. Leadership Development

- Organize annual leadership workshops during the **Opening Retreat (February)**.
- Establish mentorship programs linking senior members with youth guilds.
- Provide career guidance sessions in collaboration with education offices.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Training Committee
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (review at October Diocesan Conference)

3. Financial Stability (UN Goal 12)

- Conduct parish fundraising campaigns.
- Expand small business ventures for sustainability.
- Strengthen transparent budgeting and reporting systems.
- **Responsible Body:** Finance Committee & Parish Societies
- **Timeline:** Ongoing (2026–2029; review at October Conference)

4. GBFS Kitchen Growth

- Expand catering services for diocesan and community events.
- Develop management systems for accountability and growth.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Kitchen Team & Finance Committee
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (highlighted at October Conference)

5. Child/Youth Safeguarding (UN Goal 5)

- Train leaders on child protection and safeguarding.
- Conduct awareness campaigns on GBV, toxic relationships, and human trafficking.
- Develop safeguarding guidelines for parish and diocesan activities.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Safeguarding Team & GBV Office
- **Timeline:** 2026–2027 (training at February Retreat; evaluation at October Conference)

6. Training & Capacity Building (UN Goal 4)

- Deliver financial literacy, Bible study (*Lentsoe le Pina*), and peer pressure workshops.
- Provide facilitator training in program design, reporting, and monitoring.
- **Responsible Body:** Training Committee & Parish Leaders
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (launch at February Retreat; review at October Conference)

7. Spiritual Development & Evangelism

- Establish Bible study circles at parish level.
- Organize evangelism campaigns during conferences.
- Publish devotionals to strengthen spiritual growth.
- **Responsible Body:** Spiritual Development Committee
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (core activity at Retreats and Conferences)

8. Health & Well-Being (UN Goal 3)

- Partner with health NGOs to run youth wellness campaigns.
- Conduct parish-level awareness on substance use, mental health, and lifestyle.
- **Responsible Body:** Health Desk & Youth Leaders
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (launch at February Retreat; review at October Conference)

9. Endometriosis Awareness

- Organize parish-level awareness campaigns.
- Partner with health NGOs for education and support.
- **Responsible Body:** Health Desk & Youth Leaders
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (highlighted during Provincial Conference in June)

10. Climate Action (UN Goal 13)

- Launch youth-led environmental projects.
- Conduct tree-planting drives with Mothers' Union and Green Anglicans.
- Establish annual GBFS Environmental Day.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Youth Wing
- **Timeline:** 2027–2029 (progress reported at June Provincial Conference)

11. Digital Engagement

- Develop GBFS online platforms for communication and outreach.
- Run social media campaigns to engage youth and spread awareness.
- **Responsible Body:** Communications Committee
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (ongoing; reviewed annually at October Conference)

12. Policy Updates

- **Handbook Training Manual:** Finalise and publish the handbook to serve as a **training and reference tool** for all members.
- This manual will:
 - Provides a structured framework for training leaders and youth.
 - Ensure consistency in teaching, safeguarding, financial literacy, Bible study, and career guidance.
 - Outline GBFS identity (origin, founder, values, uniform, ranks, prayers, and Bible studies).
 - Serves as a living document to be updated alongside policy revisions.
- **Responsible Body:** National Executive Committee & Training Committee
- **Timeline:** 2027–2029

13. Community & School Collaboration

- Partner with schools and community organisations for outreach.
- Organise joint programs to engage youth and strengthen parish presence.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Executive & Parish Societies
- **Timeline:** 2026–2029 (ongoing; reviewed at October Conference)

14. International Days Participation

- Organize parish and diocesan activities to mark:
 - Women's Day, Water Day, Youth Month, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Environment Day, Youth Day, Girl Child Day, and 16 Days of Activism.
- **Responsible Body:** GBFS Executive & Parish Societies
- **Timeline:** Annually (2026–2029; highlighted at Provincial Conference in June)

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

Institutional & Expansion Challenges

- **Expansion to All Parishes:** Ensuring GBFS is firmly established in all 46 parishes requires sustained engagement with clergy, spouses, and parish communities.
- **Prayer Point:** Pray for open hearts among clergy and parish leaders, and for God's guidance in expanding GBFS's reach.
- **International Support Needed:** Guidance from global GFS networks on best practices for parish expansion and sustainability.

Leadership & Capacity Development Challenges

- **Training Manual Development:** Lack of a comprehensive training manual for leaders and youth hampers consistency in teaching and mentoring.
- **Prayer Point:** Pray for wisdom and resources to develop a practical, faith-rooted training manual that equips leaders and youth.
- **International Support Needed:** Assistance in designing and sharing adaptable training resources from other GFS branches worldwide.

Financial & Resource Challenges

- **Financial Stability:** Limited funding and reliance on small-scale projects (e.g., GBFS Kitchen) pose sustainability challenges.
- **Prayer Point:** Pray for innovative fundraising ideas and divine provision to sustain GBFS programs.
- **International Support Needed:** Guidance on income-generating models and grant opportunities aligned with UN SDGs.

Safeguarding & Youth Engagement Challenges

- **Safeguarding Implementation:** Ensuring consistent safeguarding practices across all parishes remains complex.
- **Prayer Point:** Pray for protection over children and youth, and for leaders to uphold safeguarding with integrity.
- **International Support Needed:** Training modules and mentorship from international safeguarding experts.

Spiritual Development Challenges

- **Spreading the Good News:** Balancing evangelism with modern challenges such as digital distractions and declining youth participation.

- **Prayer Point:** Pray for renewed zeal in Bible study, prayer, and evangelism, so GBFS remains rooted in faith.
- **International Support Needed:** Sharing of evangelism strategies and spiritual development resources from global GFS networks.

Emerging & Trending Issues

- **Health Awareness:** Limited knowledge about endometriosis and other reproductive health issues.
- **Climate Action:** Resource constraints in implementing environmental stewardship programs.
- **Digital Engagement:** Need for stronger digital platforms to connect youth and spread the Good News.
- **Prayer Points:** Pray for wisdom to address health challenges, courage to act on climate issues, and creativity in digital evangelism.
- **International Support Needed:** Technical guidance on digital tools, health awareness campaigns, and climate resilience projects.

LIBERIA

Greetings: Our dynamic President, Past and present Officers of World Council, National Presidents and all members of Sir Lanka, distinguished personalities. Greetings!

Let me firstly thank God for making it possible for all of us to be here today.

GFS Liberia is pleased to report the following account of its stewardship from 2023-2026.

Necrology:

GFS lost two of its members during the period under review:

Pinket B. Green and Tyenoh Tupee Snoh. May their souls and all of our departed members, rest in peace.

Introduction:

We bring you greetings from our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James B. Sellee and all our GFS members back home. My National President, Mrs. Thelma Eleatin Duncan Sawyer would have loved to be at this Conference but circumstances beyond her control, could not permit her.

I like to also recognize our Financial Secretary, who is also our Junior delegate, Mrs. Leana Mitchell Karngar.

Excerpts from our statements on the web page say;

When a flower transfers its pollen grains from the male anthers of a flower to the female stigma, it's called pollination. The goal of every living organism including plants is to create offspring for the next generation. One of the ways plants can produce is by making seeds.

Like all flowers, G.F.S has the responsibility of cross pollinating and transferring its seeds (resources, skills) to empower its flowers (girls and young women). On this basis, G.F.S Liberia has chosen to:

- Empower, for in empowerment there is authority and power for girls and young women.
- Encourage because in encouragement, girls and young women find comfort and strength.
- Train girls and young women, for in training, we find knowledge as a key to any hard door.
- Build confidence for girls and young women, for confidence handles the worst situations.
- Educate girls and young women, for in education ignorance is buried.

Statistics of GFS members: Additional 42 persons were admitted into GFS during the period under review. So, our current membership both in Liberia and in the diaspora is **3,944**. But the active Members are accounted for about **200 persons**.

Members over 18 years	1,433
Members 12-17 years	1,678
Children under 12 years	833
Total	3,944

Activities and Major highlights and joys:

- Increment in membership
Enthusiasm of the girls and young women in the mission and activities of the GFS in order to explore new avenue and ideas
- The Executive Officers of GFS had its regular monthly meeting.
- We kept in touch with our members through WhatsApp, Messenger, Emails and phone calls sharing Bible stories, motivational quotes, and Health Tips.
- GFS also observed the 25th of each month as Orange Day.
- GFS attended Diocesan Conventions of the Episcopal Church of Liberia. Our young women served as pages. This serves as exposure for them and will help them grow through their church and learn the importance of providing volunteer services. We also contributed financially to the budget of the Diocese.
- GFS made its presence felt at the funeral services of its members or their relatives.
- GFS – Liberia kept in contact with GFS World Council.
- For 7 hours, on Saturday, May 31. 2025, GFS Liberia observed World Menstrual Hygiene Day under the theme “Together for a Period-Friendly World.” This event brought together over 50 girls and women who fully participated in the discussion and Bible drill. The activities were planned and supervised by the older girls. They took control of the activities to ensure a well-balanced participation and enhance adequate understanding by all. Diocesan Officers, Sponsors and Advisers were in attendance and as usual, they gave their moral and financial support. We offered prayers for GFS countries that were challenged during the quarter. At the end of the day, free Sanitary Pads were distributed among the girls.
- we had a one-day Fun and Art & Funds Raising Day. The girls and young women themselves carried on the below activities.
- We conducted one month training in Etiquette and Ethics. We also discussed Sexual and Gender Based Violence, as well as various kinds of table discussion.
- Our Sponsors and Advisers received thoughtful Mother’s Day greetings from our girls. While the Sponsors on the other hand congratulated and continue to congratulate our young members who are graduating from various universities with different disciplines and those who are being promoted to various classes.
- We conducted a one-day working session for GFS Sponsors and Advisers.
- Liberia youthful GFS members joined the live Zoom 3rd and 4th Leadership Development Session.
- GFS participated in the mother’s Church-Trinity Cathedral’s Patronal Festival in June 2024/5 and made donation to the Cathedral’s work.

- We conducted a three-day GFS Vacation and Enrichment Camp. Emphases were placed on Bible Studies, Devotion and Prayer time, storytelling, questions and answer time. We celebrated our country's National Flag Day on camp; that gave us the opportunity to teach on the importance of the flag. Senior girls became Room Monitors. They assisted the junior girls with cleaning up of their rooms and dining room before and after meals. The senior girls stepped up to become leaders during the retreat. They worked to make the retreat a weekend of fun, filled with love and understanding. We are very proud of our young women. About 38 persons were in attendance.
- GFS Liberia participated in the World President's Brooch Design Competition.

Major plans for 2026-2029:

- ☐ Improve the activities of the young women by organizing a spirit-filled Praise and
- ☐ Worship Dance Team at the various branch levels that will eventually result in
- ☐ forming a Diocesan Dance Team
- ☐ Have a Diocesan debate team with a focus on increasing the young women's public speaking, self-realization, and knowledge on different subject matters.
- ☐ Outreach to branches in and around capital city, for the purpose of strengthening the existing branches and establishing new ones.
- ☐ Conduct Ethics and Etiquette Training for the young women
- ☐ Implement major fund-raising activities that will help to meet some of the organization's financial obligations
- ☐ Attend GFS World Council in Sri Lanka in April of, 2026
- ☐ Conduct Elections of new corps of Officers.

Major Prayer Points:

- 1 That all sponsors and advisors put a little bit more into the work of GFS beginning at their branch levels to the Diocesan level.
- 2 To reawaken exciting dormant branches and establish new ones
- 3 Financial breakthrough, moral physical and moral support to the GFS

Conclusion

We want to register our thanks and appreciation to parents of GFS, our Advisers / Sponsors for their support. We also like to thank our Bishop for giving us the space and moral support to function; as we reflect on the strength and resilience we have as GFS family amidst the many economic, political, and social challenges.

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MELANESIA

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2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Total
6 - 12	425	425
13 – 20	488	488
21 and above to 58	316	316

➤ **Total Membership: 1,229**

Current membership collected this year 1,229. The membership tends to grow every year. In the above table it's an estimate membership received only from nearby dioceses excluding other dioceses such as Temotu which is so remote.

3. Geographic Reach

GFS has reached various dioceses which the ministry has been established but not to all dioceses due to geographical settings, financial and communication difficulties.

4. Active Groups

- Diocese of Central Melanesia
- Diocese of Malaita
- Diocese of Hanuato
- Diocese of Guadalcanal

SECTION B

1. Below are the activities highlighted for GFS Melanesia

- The GFS International Day of Prayer
- The GFS Launching
- The 16 Days Activism
- Speech competition

2. 2023 – 2025 UN Aligned Goals

- 16 Days of Activism – we tried our best to involve the young girls in the March and awareness.
- Cyberbullying education

3. Spiritual Development

- Helping young women in prison.
- Bible Studies & fellowship
- Camping
- Fellowship

4. Activities support of World Council Theme

- Awareness to young girls to be rooted in faith.

5. Major Joys and growth of GFS

- Major prayer books received from Australia to assist Melanesia GFS.
- Major joy is the completion of the GFS constitution.
- Strengthening of GFS coordinator spiritual growth.

6. Major Challenges Encountered during reporting periods

- Communication
- Financial
- Structure to be properly established
- Still under the umbrella of Mothers' Union.

7. Plans and Goals and Way-forward

- GFS to stand independent with its structure.
- Guided by its Constitution
- Affiliation with the Global GFS

8. Major Challenges and Prayer Points

- Training to reach all dioceses in Melanesia
- Each member to be spiritually committed to Christ.
- Financial issues

MOZAMBIQUE

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

2. Membership Breakdown

➤ Full Age-Based Membership

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	16	4	20
13 – 30 years	12	0	12
31 and above	0	0	0

➤ Total Membership: 32

3. Geographic Reach

➤ Dioceses in which GFS Operates

1. Dioceses of Zambezia

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**

- 1. Parch of sao Jose Marcos**

- 2. Parch of Aeroporto II**

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

16. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- National programs
- Youth empowerment activities

During the reporting period, youth empowerment activities were carried out with the aim of strengthening the skills, confidence, and active participation of young people. These activities officially started in October 2025, and the team implemented all tasks that were within their capacity and available resources. The sessions included training activities, leadership development, group discussions, and teamwork exercises. These initiatives encouraged young participants to share ideas, improve communication skills, and build their ability to take on leadership roles within their communities.

Overall, the activities were conducted using the resources available, and the team focused on doing what was within their reach. The sessions were well received and contributed to increased engagement and personal development among the youth.

- Community outreach
- Training, workshops, or capacity-building

During the reporting period, training sessions, and capacity-building activities were conducted with the aim of improving knowledge, skills, and competencies among participants. The team implemented all sessions that were within their reach and available resources.

The sessions covered practical training, and group-based learning activities focused on personal development, leadership, communication, and teamwork. Participants were encouraged to actively engage, share experiences, and apply the knowledge gained in real-life situations.

- International participation

17. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

➤ Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

Good Health & Well-Being were carried out with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyles and improving awareness on health-related issues. The activities included health awareness sessions, discussions on hygiene and disease prevention, and basic guidance on physical and mental well-being. Participants were encouraged to adopt healthier habits and to share information within their families and communities.

➤ Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

During the reporting period, activities related to Quality Education and Lifelong Learning were carried out with the aim of promoting access to education and encouraging continuous learning among participants. The team implemented all actions that were within their reach and available resources. The activities included educational support sessions, reading and learning discussions, and awareness activities on the importance of education. Participants were encouraged to remain committed to their studies, develop learning habits, and understand the value of lifelong learning for personal and community development.

Overall, the activities were conducted using the available resources and focusing on what was possible within the team's capacity. The sessions helped to strengthen motivation towards education and increased awareness of the importance of continuous learning.

➤ Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children

During the reporting period, activities focused on Ending Violence Against Women and Children were carried out with the aim of raising awareness and promoting the protection of rights.

The activities included awareness sessions, community discussions, and information sharing on the prevention of violence and the importance of reporting cases. Participants were encouraged to understand the negative impact of violence and to promote respect, equality, and safe environments for women and children.

The sessions contributed to increased awareness in the community and encouraged positive attitudes towards the protection of women and children.

18. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

The activities included group reflections, prayer sessions, and sharing of spiritual messages and teachings. Participants were encouraged to develop faith live according to positive values, and share messages of hope and encouragement with others in their communities. Overall, the activities were conducted using the available resources and focusing on what was possible within the team's capacity. The sessions contributed to spiritual growth, strengthened moral values, and encouraged participants to positively impact those around them.

19. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

You may report on any initiatives your country carried out that were inspired by the theme, moments where your society stepped out of its comfort zone, reached for new heights, and grew stronger in faith and purpose.

The activities included thematic discussions, reflections, and group sessions focused on strengthening faith, personal growth, and commitment to positive values. Participants were encouraged to remain grounded in their beliefs (“rooted in faith”) while also striving for personal and collective development (“reaching for the stars”)

20. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of October–December 2025

- Growth in membership

The ministry experienced remarkable growth in membership during the reporting period. This increase reflects rising community trust and the relevance of the ministry programs. The expansion also brought in a more diverse and dynamic group of members, strengthening participation and engagement across all activities.

- Impactful spiritual programs

The ministry successfully conducted revival meetings and retreats that deeply impacted members' spiritual lives. These gatherings provided opportunities for reflection, renewal, and strengthened faith, leading to noticeable personal transformation among participants.

21. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Declining volunteers

The ministry faced a gradual decline in volunteer participation, which affected the implementation of some programs and activities. This placed increased pressure on the remaining active members and limited the scale of outreach efforts.

- Funding issues

Limited financial resources posed a significant challenge throughout the reporting period. Funding gaps affected the ability to plan, sustain, and expand key programs, as well as to meet operational and logistical needs.

The shortage of adequate training materials and opportunities hindered capacity building among members and leaders. This impacted on the effectiveness and consistency of program delivery across different areas.

- Reduced engagement in some dioceses the expansion of activities to other dioceses was not achieved during the reporting period, Lack of enough time and due to a lack of strategic clarity and financial constraints faced by the ministry. The absence of a well-defined plan to guide the expansion process made it difficult to make informed decisions and implement concrete actions. At the same time, insufficient financial resources limited the ministry ability to support mobilization, team development, and the logistical needs required to reach new dioceses. As a result, activities remained concentrated in already established areas, and the intended expansion to other dioceses has not yet been realized

22. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Expansion to new dioceses
We aim to gradually expand its activities to additional dioceses. This will involve developing a clear expansion strategy, mobilizing resources, and establishing local structures to ensure sustainable and effective outreach.
- Strengthening leadership development
Priority will be given to nurturing strong and capable leaders through structured training, mentorship, and continuous development programs to enhance overall organizational effectiveness.
- Improving financial stability
- Enhancing child/youth safeguarding
- Training and capacity-building plans
Build strong and capable future leaders

23. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

Members may receive and understand the vision clearly and carry it. That the team may grow not only in numbers, but also spiritually, physically, and in character

Continued guidance, strength, and unity within the team

Successful implementation of planned programs despite limitations

Provision of sufficient financial support for basic operational needs

Improvement of transportation and mobility resources

Strengthening of logistical and material support for activities

God's Direction of in all plans and activities

That God may raise and provide the right people to complete the leadership team

Guidance, strength, and unity within the team

Continued implementation of planned programs despite limitations

Overall, the team remains committed to continuing the work with dedication while trusting for support, growth, and provision in 2026.

NEW ZEALAND

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

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2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	0	0	0
13-30 years	18	0	18
31 and above	9	0	9

- **Total Membership:** 27

- **Membership Trends:** Stable

3. Geographic Reach

- Dioceses in which GFS Operates
 1. Diocese of Wellington
- Active Groups | Branches in the Country
 1. Wellington Region

6. SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- rebuilding GFS Council with four new members
- completing refreshing our Trust Board membership (new Chair and two new members)
- establishing a new GFS Scholarship at Wainuiomata College
- rewriting and ratifying our NZ GFS Constitution to meet new legal requirements under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Share any projects, programs, or awareness activities your country has carried out in support of the following

UN-aligned priority areas (Please provide bullet points under each goal that applies to your country):

▪ **Goal 1 - No Poverty**

Our NZ our scholarships are provided to high potential students from lower socio-economic backgrounds, which while obviously doesn't prevent poverty in a widespread way, makes a significant difference for the young women we work with.

Our support helps them to set themselves up in professional roles and helps them secure a good income.

▪ **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**

The feedback we receive from our students is that our mentoring is as important to them as the financial assistance scholarships we provide. Our face-to-face mentoring encourages them to believe in themselves, develop good study habits, and understand what their options are when things go wrong. This helps them to contribute more effectively toward the health of their own community in the long run.

▪ **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**

Enhancing access to tertiary education for those who might not otherwise access it is our key goal in NZ.

▪ **Goal 5 - Gender Quality**

We want to ensure that selected women from disadvantaged communities, are able to access tertiary education and through our support, complete tertiary qualifications.

▪ **Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth**

Through our scholarships and mentoring, students are able to access more interesting and better-paid work.

▪ **Goal 10 - Reduced Inequalities**

In a very minor way, we hope we contribute toward improving access to tertiary education for our selected students from the Wellington region.

Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

We work alongside our students demonstrating God's kindness and love. When appropriate we may pray with individual students too, but as we work mainly in state schools, we cannot evangelise, as that is not legally acceptable NZ state schools. In NZ, GFS is a community service aligned to the Anglican church, but we are a separate legal entity from it

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- We've had new members join our Council and Trust Board
- We've developed a new partnership with another school (Wainuiomata High School)
- We reviewed, updated and ratified our GFS NZ constitution so it reflected our current focus accurately and was fit for our future.

Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- reviewing our constitution to meet new NZ legal requirements was time consuming, but ultimately successful
- it's hard to find people to join our committee, who have time to commit to it and who are not put off by our Anglican connections. Most women in NZ work full time, and so it is harder to find people for volunteer work than it once was and our society is becoming more secular too.

Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- enhance the quality of our mentoring
- explore the possibility of adding another school partnership to schools' community

Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- Our work is all about having the right people on council, so prayer for continuing to find good people to take over from the wonderful women who are leaving us after decades of faithful service would be appreciated.
- Wisdom for leadership decisions generally

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

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Note: Currently there are no other Provincial executive members. The Provincial coordination was to be handed to Popondota Diocese in 2025, however due to the sudden Death of their President, fresh elections was only concluded in February this year partly due to custom obligations. It is also noted that lack of understanding and skills required to take on coordination and communication continues to be a challenge with the provinces, therefore it remains with the current Provincial Coordinator in Port Moresby Diocese.

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
12 and below	73	9	82
13 – 30 years	232	3	235
31 and above	146	5	151

➤ Total Membership: 468

- **Membership Trend: Stable**

- Growth is steady with age groups 12 below and 31 years respectively, however progressive growth from age groups 13-30 years respectively.

3. Geographic Reach

- GFSPNG operates in Four of the Five Dioceses in our country.

10. Dogura Dioceses

11. Popondota Diocese

12. Port Moresby Diocese

13. New Guinea Islands Diocese

14. Aipo Rongo Dioceses (*on track to establishing a branch*)

- Active Groups | Branches in the Country (List all groups | branches):

POPONDOTA DIOCESE				
DEANERY	BRANCHES (3)	STATUS	MEMBERS	
ASI	AFORE SAKARINA ITOKAMA	ACTIVE ACTIVE ACTIVE	50 150 50	
CENTRAL KAIVA	SASEMBATA (4) KIROTA HOHORITA AGENAHAMBO	ACTIVE DORMANT DORMANT DORMANT	20 3	
EWAGE	ALL SOULS HOLY CROSS BAKUBARI KILLETON	ACTIVE ACTIVE DORMANT DORMANT	7 7	
KOKODA	GORARI KEBARA SAGA	ACTIVE ACTIVE DORMANT	5 10	
KUMUSI	OITATANDE TOGAHO	ACTIVE ACTIVE	5 10	
MUSA	OBEIA	ACTIVE	5	
OROBAY	BARISARI ERORO EMO	ACTIVE ACTIVE DORMANT	5 5	
TUFI/WANIG ELA	TUFI ZONE 1 (1)	ACTIVE	3	
POP URBAN	HUHURUNDI SOROVI RESURRECTION CFANE SANGARA IGORA	ACTIVE ACTIVE ACTIVE DORMANT DORMANT DORMANT	5 4 10	
PORT MORESBY DIOCESE				
	ST. PAULS SOGERI LOWLAND	ACTIVE	25	
	EAGLES WING CHAPEL	ACTIVE	20	
NEW GUINEA ISLANDS DIOCESES				
	CHRIST THE KING KOKOPO PARISH	ACTIVE	28	
	ILUGI ANGLICAN CHURCH	ACTIVE	20	
DOGURA DIOCESE				
	DOGURA	ACTIVE	1	

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF 2023 - 2025

- **National programs**
 - Continue support MBH Brothers, SSF Brothers, CVL Sisters.
 - Celebrate WDOP in respective Dioceses.
 - Celebrate Special Saint Days at respective Dioceses.
- **Youth empowerment activities**
 - Young girls' two weeks camp outcome girls shown great interest in talent program.
 - MU and GFS combine ministry programs in some diocese.
 - Involve girls in church programs and activities.
- **Community outreach**
 - Visit Popondetta General Hospital and Children's ward with love gifts and perform action songs.
 - Visit the in-mates (prison camp) with gifts had lunch and fellowship with them.
 - Visit the old age people at Sorovi Community with lots of love gifts.
- **Training, workshops, or capacity-building**
 - GFS involvement with KTF Safe House through consultation workshops.
 - GFS girls attend 2years Adult Literacy school and graduate in 2025
 - Girls show interest in crafts during making flower vase activity.
- **International participation**
 - Continue to support MBH Brothers, SSF Brothers, CVL Sisters
 - At Lady Day celebrations, 48GFS members and 38MU members were admitted.
 - GFS World Day of Prayer, GFS Executives celebrate with its members at various deaneries.
 - GFS involvement with KTF Safe House through consultation workshops
 - Member of the National Council of Women in the city program.

2. PROGRESS TOWARD THE 2023 - 2025 UN-ALIGNED GOALS

- **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**
 - i. Praying and providing food for the sick and vulnerable.
 - ii Members and children participate in sporting activities (POMRR, Athletics Carnival)
 - iii. Train youths to value themselves and their wellbeing.
- (Activities promoting physical, mental, or community health; wellness initiatives; health education; or support for vulnerable groups.)

- i. Invite and share food and clothing with the problem children at the Block.
- ii. Support Widows and Orphans with food rations and clothing.
- iii. Assist pay some orphans project fees, uniforms and provide bus fares.
- iv. Visitation to Hospitals, Prison, the elderly persons and the sick and suffering in the community.

➤ **GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING**

- Children learn basic skills in sewing, knitting and crafts like cards for special events such as Easter, Birthday, Mother/Fathers' Day, Christmas etc.
- 2024 GFS Consultants visit PNG and conduct some basic training and run workshops Women/Girls learn to screen print hearts on their backpacks.
- Encourage members to participate with GFS World training programs via Zoom.

➤ **GOAL 5 - ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN**

- i. Meet with members of the National Council of Women in our community in combating GBV and assist up-skill girls/women and SEM programs.
- ii. Lunch meeting with officers on awareness on Cancer and celebrate International Conduct Women's Day with awareness programs on healthy living.
- iii. Conduct Women and Children's program on counseling and trauma healing.

➤ **GOAL 12 - SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION**

- i. Members awareness on how to use water wisely.
- ii. Members learn the skills on how to sew face masks, hair ribbons, hand and head bands and knit hand small purse and dolls.
- iii. Members are given cotton and needles to sew their torn cloths and school uniforms.
- iv. Members learn basic gardening skills and how to plant some backyard food such as garlic, cabbage, spring onion.

➤ **GOAL 13 - ENVIRONMENTAL CARE & CLIMATE ACTION**

- i. Program on the importance of God's creation, human beings, plants and animals.
- ii. PNG ban plastic bags used in shops therefore the womenfolk weave/knit traditional string bags called "bilums" to be used as shopping bags.
- iii. Awareness to members on the importance of throwing rubbish in its proper place 'bin'.
- iv. Basic training on "Environment and climate changes is real and affecting the world" and how best we can prepare ourselves for disasters due to its effects.

3. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT & SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS (2023–2026)

This was one of the key priorities set by the World President at the beginning of her term in 2023.

“For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.” - 1 Corinthians 9:16 -

PNG as a Christian Country, Dioceses hold outreach programs during public and school holidays “Calling would bring serious consequences from GOD”.

4. ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD COUNCIL THEME FOR 2023 - 2026: “ROOTED IN FAITH & REACHING FOR THE STARS”

You may report on any initiatives your country carried out that were inspired by the theme, moments where your society stepped out of its comfort zone, reached for new heights, and grew stronger in faith and purpose.

- One week program based on the World Team: Ministry of preaching the Gospel about the Bible; calling entrusted by God and Life; and commitment in the GFS Ministry with faith.
- GFS combined Awareness program involving President, GFS Members and MU Provincial Vice President visit to Emo River, remote area.
- 2025 opening a Hetune (CVL Sisters).
- Encourage displaced children and youths during the eviction exercise carried out in the city and block.
- Include Sunday school children in church activities, programs and participate in action songs.

5. MAJOR JOYS AND SUCCESS STORIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF 2023 - 2025

▪ Growth in membership

Yes, in some areas, however I would rate it as average due to decline in membership in some Parishes/Dioceses due to Ethnic Violence and Church administration issues.

▪ Successful projects

- i. Week long awareness Camp on World theme “Rooted in Faith & Reaching for the Skies”
- ii. Flourishing in the ministry and achievement of training groups and music programs in the ministry.
- iii. 2024 June: GFS Australian Consultants namely Lay Canon Val Gribble ML, Rev Cheryl Selvage, Rev Sue Wilson successful visit to PNG and conduct some refresher trainings at Popondota and Port Moresby Dioceses respectively (Resurrection Cathedral, St. Martins and Eagles Wing Chapel, St Pauls Sogeri Lowlands.
- iv. GFSPNG celebrate 150Years in Popondota Dioceses attended by the executives from the other Dioceses with GFS Chaplain and members.

▪ Partnerships formed

- Member of the National Council of Women in the City.

- Member of the Days 4 Girls International organization.
- Participate in International Women's Day program.
- **Impactful spiritual programs**
 - Witness members interest and their gifts during GFS Camps and talent nigh.
 - Consultant Lay Canon Val Gribble, ML present gift to PNG-Defence Chaplain Benstead Bareta with a Chasuble for his use in the church.
 - Participate in Government/NGO Church Programs.
 - Members participate in Church programs, read bible, discuss and share memory verses and their meaning.
 - Share GFS World Newsletters and pamphlet, which inspired people.

6. MAJOR CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF 2023 - 2025

Consider operational, financial, membership, or institutional challenges such as:

- Funding issues to properly manage the National Office with members fees not paid up to date.
- Transportation and bus fare issues to attend training and life skills training at the main centre.
- Lack of proper office facility and training resources has seen reduced engagement in Dioceses.
- Communication breakdown, could not connect well with WC online zoom sessions due to Geographic settings.
- Majority of its members are unemployed from the villages and literacy level is low-medium.
- Ethnic Violence, evictions and cultural obligations slow down and disrupt movements.
- Provincial leadership not able to move to Diocese of Popondota.

7. PLANS AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS (2026 – 2029)

- Introduce exchange programs in GFS Mission for its Dioceses and overseas Consultants.
- Training and capacity-building in leadership and discipleship.
- Improve financial stability linking to life skills training and SME programs.
- Fundraising Project to build a fence around GFS Haus, purchase office facilities and construct Baking Haus for life skills training for its members to sustain themselves in the ministry.
- Challenges in the Ministry due to relationship break up with other ministry arms.
- Extend GFS Ministry to the remote areas and finally establish Aipo Rongo Diocese which will complete the whole of the ACPNG 5Dioceses.
- Enhance child/youth/girls' protection programs in partnership with other likeminded Government and NGO organization.
- Update Constitution and Policies.

8. MAJOR CHALLENGES AND PRAYER POINTS FOR 2026 - 2029

- Stability to manage and set up GFS National office and its facilities.
- Stability of ACPNG especially Port Moresby Diocesan Bishop's office.
- GFS leaders and members Unity 4 Growth Program through Leadership training.
- Purchase Church GFS Ministry tools such as Bibles, Prayer Books and Song Books for its ministry and members.
- Maintenance and sustainability of “**GFS Haus**” Popondota Diocese (*World Project*).
- Improve Communication coverage in remote areas due to geographic settings.
- Ethnic Violence, Evictions and transportation issues.
- Maintain the good working relationship with our GFS Australian Consultants and Canon Val Gribble, ML who stood by us from our humble beginning of this wonderful GFS Ministry and continue to stand in the gap and assist GFSPNG in cash and kind.
- Seek assistance to upskill Popondota leaders to take over Provincial role.

SIERRA LEONE

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

- **National Headquarters: Freetown**
 - **Postal Address: Anglican House, 8 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown**
 - **Telephone: +232 99 675562**
 - **Email: gfsalone@gmail.com**

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	369	N/A	369
13 – 30 years	754	N/A	754
31 and above	115	N/A	115

- **Total Membership: 1,238**
- **Membership Trends: Growing**

3. Geographic Reach

- **Dioceses in which GFS Operates**
 1. Anglican Diocese of Freetown and the North
 2. Anglican Diocese of Bo
- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country (List all groups | branches. Add or remove rows as needed.):**
 1. St Georges Cathedral Branch
 2. Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity Branch
 3. Christ Church Branch
 4. Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, Kissy Branch
 5. St Andrew's Anglican Church, Gloucester Branch
 6. St Charles Anglican Church, Regent Branch
 7. St Peters and St James Anglican Church Bathurst Branch
 8. St Thomas Anglican Church Hastings Branch
 9. St Thomas Anglican Church Grafton Branch
 10. St. Thomas Anglican Church, Kossoh Town Branch
 11. St John the Evangelist Brookfields Branch
 12. St John the Evangelist, Wellington Branch
 13. St Micheal and All Angels, Waterloo Branch
 14. St Marks Anglican Church Lumley Branch
 15. St Luke's Anglican Church, Goderich Branch
 16. St Andrew's Anglican Church Leicester Branch
 17. St Paul's Anglican Church Wilberforce Branch

18. St Paul's Anglican Church Middle Town Branch
19. St Thomas Kroo Church Branch
20. Holy Innocent Church Branch
21. All Saints Church Branch
22. Bishop Crowther Branch
23. St Mathew's Church Aberdeen Branch
24. Bishop Elwin Church Branch
25. St James Church Port Loko Branch
26. Holy Trinity Church Makeni
27. St Patrick's Church, Kissy Branch
28. St Paul's Cathedral Bo Branch
29. Good Sheperd Branch
30. Blessed Assurance Branch
31. Christ Church Bo Branch

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Provide a narrative summary of major achievements in point form.

Examples:

- Held Thanksgiving and enrollment services in the various branches, held our national youth Camp, holding a successful retreat, Revival and other activities
- Craft training, home economics, skills training programs e.g. having cook out teaching girls how to make different dishes, soap making and gara tie dying.
- Bible studies, teaching about great women of faith
- Seminars, help girls to build self-confidence and encouraging them to speak up.
- We continue to join other members of the GFS in online and physical meetings and conferences. Joining other youths in provincial youth conferences
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2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

- **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**
Organized health walk, physical fitness and outdoor games.
- **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**
we had career counselling sessions and workshop
- **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**
we joined other women organisations to observe orange day, encouraging women and children to speak out and talk about gender-based violence and how we can put an end to the stigma
- **Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production**
used old clothes to do bags, and recycled plastic to produce mats
- **Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action**
did a program in tree planting to replace the trees used for timber and charcoal burning

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

1. Bible exposition
2. Bible Studies
3. Gospel rallies
4. Outreach programs

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

We stepped out to join the call to put and to the use of harmful drugs in deprived areas and shared the Word with addicts.

Holding interactions with school children about child abuse in the home and community, encouraging them to speak out

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- We inaugurated 10 new branches in Freetown/Bo and the interior
- Working on a tailoring and Bakery Project in Freetown and Bo
- Working on gari production in Bo
- We successfully partnered with the Min of Health, Min of Gender and the Min of Education
- The GFS joined other youths on their Annual Youth conference, provincial conference, GFS Annual conference

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Lack of adequate Funding
- Lack of land space for projects especially in Freetown
- Materials for craft

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Reach out to the churches in the interior, especially in the Bo Diocese
- To have a national conference
- To also work on finding ways of generating monies to fund GFS programs
- Training programs
- To complete the first phase of the building project.
- Empowering young women and girls

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- Financial support and adequate funding

SOUTH AFRICA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- **National Headquarters**
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 - **Telephone:** +27 845007610
 - **Email:** gbfs.southafrica@gmail.com

2. Membership Breakdown

➤ Full Age-Based Membership

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	282	139	421
13 – 30 years	1110	490	1600
31 and above	27	232	259

- **Total Membership: 2280**
- **Membership Trends: Growing & Stable**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ Dioceses in which GFS Operates

- 15. Cape Town
- 16. Christ the King
- 17. False Bay
- 18. Free State
- 19. Gauteng
- 20. Highveld
- 21. Port Elizabeth
- 22. Mbhashe
- 23. Mthatha
- 24. Mzimvubu
- 25. Natal
- 26. Saldanha Bay

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**

It is very difficult and unfair to list the branches because there are many active parishes in different dioceses.

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Successfully hosting our 3-day annual conference with almost 150 members and leaders (mostly young members) in attendance every year with diverse ranges of topics and activities planned.
- Each diocese also organises an annual 3-day conference annually to worship, praise and celebrate the presence of the Lord in our lives. Number of attendees differ depending on the size of the diocese.
- Conducted several leadership training and workshops in different dioceses.
- Visited outreach centres with prepared packages depending on the investigated need.
- Hosted and participated in fellowship with other guilds and religious denominations.
- Involved in robust marketing of GFS/BFS by actively being involved in our church and through digital platforms.
- Conduct team-building exercises including social fellowship to encourage friendship, support and sharing.
- Religious embark on spiritual grow such as bible study and fellowship to enrich our faith, encourage active consistent learning of the bible.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

➤ Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

1. Team building activities, promote communication around issues on mental health.
2. Organise hiking events to strengthen our bodies and as also a way for social gatherings has mental health talks.
3. Some dioceses organise outdoor sporting game days, where the members play indigenous games, soccer, netball, etc.
4. Occasionally, Green Anglican contact workshops and training on taking of the environments.

➤ Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

1. Organise talks and activities on the importance of Education.
2. Have career and education awareness workshop.
3. Some members volunteered to assist youth in church the application of tertiary education and funding.
4. Messages regarding tertiary funding is occasional circulated in the social media platform.

➤ **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**

1. Different diocese and parishes have been actively involved in campaigns involving GBV also in collaborations with Mother's Union and Alter Server's guild.
2. Workshops and awareness were held in certain dioceses.
3. Letter of grievances have been presented in diocese to the South African police on how the police deals with issues of GBV.
4. Workshop on safe church only now be busy initiated on training of members on who to be vigilante on sings of violation of one's safety.

➤ **Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action**

1. Cleaning campaigns have been initiated through Green Anglican during parish, archdeaconry and diocesan activities especially around our areas.
2. Workshops on climate change and its effects have been presented.
3. Vegetable gardens have need encouraged to members for the livelihood.
4. During our gathering also encouraging in giving on protection and preservation of our resources. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

"For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel." - 1 Corinthians 9:16 -

Praise and worship are the core in our Ministry. Each diocese has their programs on where the spiritual need of our members in feed. Consistently promote bible study actives, like, reading and digesting the bible, bible quizzes etc. have been initiated and practiced by or members through chaplains, priests and leaders. Varies Spiritual camps and interdenominational services. Each diocese observes the world of prayer day annually.

Please share how your country has contributed to strengthening spiritual growth and spreading the Good News during this period.

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

"Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars"

1. During gatherings we occasional have separate meetings/discussions for girls and boys where they are given platform to talk about the challenges in life. The girls will be led by a mature leaders/priest respectively. This has in many times proven to successful.
2. Young leaders are also given a chance to give testimonies about the lives, challenges, inspiration to inspire, others, own their difficulties and help overcome handles in life.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

1. God has been good and faithful in assisting in maintaining and preserving the partnership between GBFS and Tourism South Africa through the leadership of the Worldwide-Vice president to assisting in reducing the cost to attend our annual national conferences.

2. The growth of the organisation is steadily increasing, with having members in all but two of our South African provinces through not formally launch in other two provinces.
3. Community projects that have been initiated show positive results.
4. Close and growing relationships with other organisations through various platforms and activities have been very encouraging.

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- 1.. Some dioceses face challenges with migration in bigger cities and town. We are still struggling with creating a smooth transition for our members from one area to the other.
2. Stewardship is still a difficult concept. Fundraising is difficult, which hinders visiting and conducting trainings in other dioceses.
3. Communication can still be difficult in reaching to areas, especially a rural area. Therefore, on many occasions it takes time to obtain feedback.

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

1. Plans to expand in dioceses where there is no GBFS and concentrate on areas with limited activities.
2. Fundraise vigorously with plans to reach dioceses that need training workshops and assistance with the Jesus' ministry.
3. Steadily facilitate the safe-guard training workshops between the leaders and members.
4. Increase visibility of GBFS especially in community-based projects.
4. Identify a project that will be beneficial to the young members.

SOUTH KOREA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

- **National Headquarters**
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 - **Telephone:** +82-070-8848-4234
 - **Email:** gfsseoul@daum.net

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	13	-	13
13 – 30 years	9	1	10
31 and above	109	5	114

- **Total Membership: 137**
- **Membership Trends: Declining**

3. Geographic Reach

- **Dioceses in which GFS Operates:**
 1. **Diocese of Seoul**
 2. **Diocese of Busan**
- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**
 1. Anyang Church Branch
 2. Daehakro Church Branch
 3. Gangnam Church Branch
 4. Gangwha-eup Church Branch
 5. Gansuk Church Branch
 6. Gwangmyung Church Branch
 7. Ilsan Church Branch
 8. Onsuri Church Branch
 9. Sangju Church Branch
 10. Seoul Anglican Cathedral Branch
 11. Umulga Café Grace Branch
 12. Youngdeungpo Church Branch

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

8. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Commemorative service for the 150th anniversary of the World GFS and the 60th anniversary of GFS Korea, along with the World Day of Prayer gathering National (September 2025)
- 2026 GFS Korea Junior Camp in Ganghwa-do
- Newsletter publication and sharing stories and photos through the web Band and KakaoTalk
- Annual prayer for the World Day of Prayer

9. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

- **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**
Promoting mental and physical health by regular outings with Umulga staff, sharing personal experiences on well-being
- **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**
Special lecture and Yutnori game with a raffle draw held annually during the regular meeting and New Year's gathering
- **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**
Participation in the 16 Days of Prayer for the eradication of violence and the commemorative ceremony and Mass organized by the Anglican Church of the Korean Women's Mission Center, a partner organization
- **Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production**
Use of personal cups
- **Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action**
Annual bazaar to promote the practice of sharing and recycling

10. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

During monthly meetings, prayers are offered for each branch

Bible study sessions by each branch

Participate in daily scripture and reflection through KakaoTalk

Actively participate in the Women's Association, a church-based women's organization united with the Mothers' Union.

Take part in activities with Korean Christian Women's Organizations and in the management of the monthly magazine, *New Family*.

11. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- Through Café Grace's Christmas event, *The Bishop Becomes a Barista*, funds were raised to establish the Picture Book Library at Pohang Church in 2004 and to support the Jeonnam WEE Center for female students in 2005.
- Held a bazaar and donated the proceeds to support the Myanmar Bandal study room in 2004 and the Korea Yeonsuri Youth Training Center in 2005.

12. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Establishment of the Ganghwa-eup Branch (December 2025)
- 16th anniversary prayer meeting of Café Grace
- Recruit new Café Grace staff

13. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Due to the slow recovery of local churches after COVID-19, the risk of further closures is increasing.
- Active membership is declining because of aging members, and it is difficult to attract young members.
- Lack of chairperson candidates and absence of leadership development programs
- Overload of activities caused by an increase in partner organizations
- Insufficient understanding of the junior program

14. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Establishment of a branch of Daejeon Diocese and development of an additional Café Grace franchise
- Discovery of potential leaders
- Expansion of the junior programs, developing ongoing programs in addition to camps

15. Major Challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- Expansion of inter-Korean exchanges enables North Korean defector women working at Café Grace to travel freely to and from South and North Korea
- Continuous prayer and support through exchanges with relevant institutions in other countries

SOUTH SUDAN

GFS is active in South Sudan, and more special in Dioceses of Yambio and Nzara.

Statistics:

In Yambio, there are 638 members.

389 members in the Diocese of Nzara

Grand total 1,027 members in South Sudan.

Activities:

We have GFS Nursery and primary school, three classes for Nursery, that's Baby, Middle, and Top classes.

We have pp 1 up to grade 5.

We have 8 teachers.

Three supportive workers

Sowing group, so far, we are only doing knitting program.

We land for GFS Nursery and primary school.

We have built at least two class rooms, and now, we have built two latrines.

We graduate pupils from Top class to pp 1 every year.

Challenges.

In the whole country of South Sudan salaries are not been paid for three years, so it is not easy for the parents to pay the school fees on time.

Difficulties in paying teachers.

Difficulties of class rooms.

Way forward:

We are looking forward to build six more class rooms, two offices for teachers and one kitchen.

We request GFS world council to support one of our projects.

God bless us all.

Revd. Amb. Aida Eriminio Wandé
South Sudan GFS President.

SRI LANKA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- **National Headquarters**
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 - **Email:** a. pcgfsrilanka@gmail.com; b. gfssofsrilanka@gmail.com

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	97	-	97
13 – 30 years	284	-	284
31 and above	507	-	507

➤ **Total Membership: 888**

- **Membership Trends: Growing**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ **Dioceses in which GFS Operates**

1. Diocese of Colombo
2. Diocese of Kurunegala

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country**

1. GFS Headquarters, Colombo
2. All Saints' Church, Agarapathana
3. All Saints' Church, Maskeliya
4. St. Mary's Church, Bogawanthalawa
5. Christ Church, Dickoya
6. St. Paul's Church, Pundaluoya
7. Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya
8. Church of St. John the Baptist, Watawala
9. All Saints' Church, Galle
10. Christ Church, Baddegama
11. Christ Church, Beverly
12. Christ Church, Hambantota

13. Church of the Transfiguration, Buona Vista
14. St. Luke's, Deniyaya
15. Church of the Ascension, Bandarawela
16. St. Mark's Church, Badulla
17. St. Mary's Church, Navatkudah
18. Christ Church, Matale
19. St. Andrew's Church, Batticaloa
20. St. Paul's, Mylambaveli

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Provide a narrative summary of major achievements in point form.

➤ **Official Incorporation of GFS – Sri Lanka**

On April 2, 2025, GFS Sri Lanka was officially incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee under registration number GA 00326561.

➤ **Youth empowerment activities**

- Two computer labs were established and remain fully operational, serving 10 students in the Southern Deanery and 14 students in the Upcountry Deanery.
- Christianity classes were established to support 10–14 students at a school in the South lacking dedicated religious faculty. These sessions continue to operate successfully.
- An essay competition was successfully conducted in the Galle Archdeaconry, with 86 Sunday School children participating.
- The Voice of New Life Center, Galle, conducted a Substance Abuse Prevention Awareness Programme at Christ Church, Tangalle. The session was attended by approximately 15 adults, 2 Anglican priests, and youth aged 14–18.
- A craft competition was successfully held for 69 Sunday School children from 8 Anglican churches within the Colombo Deanery.
- A career guidance programme was conducted for girls in the Upcountry Deanery, facilitated by officials from a leading insurance company and a former banking professional.
- To mark Children's Day, motivational and relaxation programmes were conducted for 45 children in the Uva Deanery and 65 children in the Upcountry Deanery.
- **Community Outreach**
 - Branch-led Orange Day initiatives were successfully conducted, featuring community outreach and member engagement. Key activities included visits to elders' homes and hospitals, an eye camp in the Upcountry Deanery for 122 participants, and the distribution of care packs and refreshments to the elderly.

- Monthly prayer meetings and small Bible study groups were conducted to foster spiritual growth and fellowship among women. These sessions, attended by GFS members and the wider community, provided a platform for discussing challenges, sharing testimonies, and promoting practical Christian living.
 - A "Kola Kandha" herbal porridge project was launched at the GFS Headquarters, providing a nutritious morning beverage to the local workforce while serving as a successful fundraising initiative.
- **Training, Workshops, or Capacity-Building**
- Annual training and capacity-building sessions were conducted for GFS staff, focusing on the development of Annual Operating Plans and budgetary management.
 - Two staff members participated in professional training programmes focused on Marketing and Finance to enhance organizational capacity.
 - On-the-job training and staff development programmes were conducted for office personnel via WhatsApp, integrated with daily devotions as required.
 - Regular training and capacity building were provided to Regional Coordinators and branch leaders during field visits to outstation GFS branches by the GFS Headquarters.
 - Paid internship opportunities were provided to 4 junior GFS members (Pink Pearls) at the GFS Headquarters to support their professional development.
 - A "Quiet Morning" themed "Rooted in Christ and Glowing for His Glory" was conducted by GFS World Chaplain Rev. Niroshan de Mel. The session was attended by Central Executive Council members, GFS members, and staff as a spiritual foundation prior to commencing World Council 2026 preparations.
- **International Participation**
1. At the August 2023 World Council in South Africa, a four-member delegation represented GFS Sri Lanka as it officially assumed the Host Country status for the 2023–2026 term. During the assembly, the GFS World President from Sri Lanka was formally commissioned.
 2. Junior members (Pink Pearls) actively participated in World GFS online gatherings, ensuring continued alignment with global initiatives and leadership development opportunities.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

- An eye camp titled "We Care for Your Eyes" was conducted in the Upcountry Deanery, serving parishioners from 6 churches and underprivileged communities within the surrounding tea estates.

- The GFS conducted several Ayurveda medical clinics across the Diocese of Kurunegala, organized in collaboration with a partner Christian organization.
- Comprehensive health awareness initiatives were conducted, featuring breast cancer awareness, diabetes screening and counseling, and sessions on nutrition and general medical conditions.
- A traditional herbal porridge project was launched at the GFS Headquarters, providing nutritious breakfast beverages to the local workforce.
- The GFS sponsors nutritious meals for Sunday School children at 2 churches within the Upcountry Deanery.

Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- The "Help a Child Stay in School" project was launched to provide selected children from each GFS branch with essential school stationery and bags on an annual basis.
- Two GFS computer laboratories were successfully launched and remain fully operational.
- An essay competition was successfully organized and conducted within the Southern Archdeaconry.
- A vocational training session on herbal soap and shampoo production was conducted for women and girls in the Southern Archdeaconry to support sustainable livelihood development.

Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- In alignment with UN Orange Day, GFS branches across the Upcountry, Uva, and Eastern Deaneries, alongside the Southern Archdeaconry, conducted monthly awareness initiatives and advocacy activities.

These programmes actively engaged children and featured expert contributions from the Police Department, medical professionals, and subject matter specialists. To further community education, official resources from the National Child Protection Authority were distributed to participants.

Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production

- The GFS Home Gardening project was implemented in the Upcountry Deanery in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, which provided technical training to members and the wider community. Several participants successfully transitioned these gardens into income-generating ventures. Supported by a Christian INGO through the provision of plants and resources, the project maintains progress through consistent field visits and feedback mechanisms.

Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action

- In alignment with United Nations annual themes, GFS branches implemented several environmental initiatives, including "Say No to Plastic" campaigns and tree-planting projects within church grounds and home gardens. These efforts were often conducted in collaboration with the Mothers' Union, actively engaging parishioners in local sustainability and stewardship.

3. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

- I. Bible study and prayer groups across GFS branches facilitated in-depth exploration of biblical texts and characters, fostering spiritual growth and engagement among members.
- II. Educational study guides were donated by an individual benefactor and a Christian INGO, with the Upcountry Deanery providing regular progress feedback.
- III. The World GFS Prayer Calendar was translated into local languages to facilitate broader engagement. Devotional sessions are maintained through weekly branch meetings and online gatherings, while GFS Headquarters and Colombo members convene for regular weekly prayer. Additionally, link countries New Zealand and Guyana join Sri Lanka for joint online prayer sessions twice a month.
- IV. Rev. Niroshan de Mel, the GFS World Chaplain, conducted a practical session on behavioral types and team dynamics. This initiative provided spiritual enrichment and professional development for the GFS Central Executive Council members, GFS members and staff, further empowering the leadership team as preparations continue for hosting the World Council 2026.

4. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

- I. The GFS branch in the Uva Deanery facilitated interfaith outreach, sharing the Gospel with women of other faiths during their regular meetings.
- II. Community outreach and programmes across GFS branches were centered on the Christian faith, with a clear focus on sharing the message of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship.
- III. Personalized prayer support was offered to participants upon request, ensuring a supportive and inclusive environment during the sessions, at branch visits.
- IV. The GFS sponsored Bibles to be distributed to confirmation candidates in the GFS branches.
- V. The Upcountry Deanery organized a Bible Quiz featuring 90 participants across 14 teams, with GFS Sri Lanka sponsoring the first prize.
- VI. The GFS Headquarters staff conducted quarterly branch visits to engage with members through fellowship, evangelism, and community-building activities.
- VII. The 150th Anniversary of GFS World was commemorated on 6th February 2025 at the GFS Hall in Colombo, graced by the Rt. Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo, Bishop of Colombo. Parallel services were held in the Upcountry Deanery and Southern Archdeaconry to mark this historic milestone.
- VIII. New GFS branches were successfully established in Agarapathana and Nuwara Eliya, expanding the organization’s regional reach.
- IX. The year’s activities were officially inaugurated with the annual Thanksgiving and Blessing Services. As is customary, these services were held at the branch level and at Headquarters to seek guidance and express gratitude for the year ahead.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 – 2025

- I. In 2023, the GFS Hall reached a magnificent milestone marking 100 years.
- II. The GFS successfully executed several key fundraising initiatives, headlined by the acclaimed "On with the Show" concert performed by the Soul Sounds Academy. This effort was further bolstered by biannual sales organized by the GFS Headquarters and various parish branches, alongside the strategic launch of the GFS Kitchen.
- III. This new social enterprise provided catering services for hall hires and external orders, creating a sustainable revenue stream.
- IV. Furthermore, contributions from individual donors and partner organizations have empowered the Headquarters to provide essential on-site support to branches, directly enhancing the quality of regional projects, developmental programmes, and local meetings.
- V. Successfully strengthened partnerships with various churches, Christian ministries, and international non-governmental organizations, as well as government departments, financial institutions, and corporate partners. These collaborations have been instrumental in securing the support necessary to expand our outreach and significantly enhance the impact of our core services and activities.
- VI. The GFS has received commendable feedback from the clergy, youth, and the wider community, reflecting the positive impact of our diverse services and activities. This widespread recognition underscores the effectiveness of our initiatives and reaffirms our commitment to the communities we serve.
- VII. The establishment of two new GFS branches marks a significant milestone in our regional expansion, further strengthening our presence and capacity for community outreach.
- VIII. The steadfast support of the clergy has been instrumental in enabling the GFS to implement consistent, high-quality programmes and activities across our branches.
- IX. Success Stories: Impacting Lives Through Vision Restoration - Following the Eye Camp organized by the GFS Headquarters in the Upcountry Deanery, we are pleased to share two transformative success stories. The restoration of the eyesight of both, Thanaletchumy and Harishan, marks a life-changing milestone, reflecting the profound tangible impact of our community health initiatives.
- X. The GFS successfully commemorated International Women's Day with a series of impactful events hosted both at the Headquarters and across our regional branches.
- XI. The GFS Headquarters hosted a themed Coffee Evening, "Fancy Ladies in Fancy Hats," providing a forum for members to engage in fellowship and community building. The event served as a successful networking opportunity, celebrating the creativity and spirit of our membership in a refined social setting.
- XII. The GFS successfully conducted a series of Christmas programmes (e.g. Jamboree) at the Headquarters and across various branches.

- XIII. The GFS Headquarters coordinated a formal visit by the World President to the Southern Archdeaconry, providing a valuable opportunity for direct engagement with our regional members.
- XIV. A significant highlight of the year 2025 was the GFS World President's visit to the Nuwara Eliya Archdeaconry, coinciding with the World Day of Prayer 2025.
- XV. In a landmark move for the Society, this solemn event was hosted in Nuwara Eliya (Upcountry) marking the first time in GFS Sri Lanka's history that it was held outside of Colombo. This successful decentralization fostered greater inclusivity and showcased the strength of our vibrant regional membership.

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 – 2025

- I. **Member Recruitment and Volunteer Availability** - There is a growing difficulty in attracting new junior members and securing dedicated volunteers.
- II. **Participation Constraints among the Anglican Community** - The enrollment of Anglican women into the Society has seen a decline. This is largely attributed to the increasing demands of personal and professional commitments, which limit the time available for active participation in GFS activities.
- III. Diminished engagement in 4 parishes.
- IV. **Financial Pressures and Escalating Costs** - The GFS is currently contending with significant inflationary pressures. The rising cost of materials, facility maintenance, and programme execution continue to challenge our budgetary allocations and requires careful financial management.

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

Examples:

- Actively pursuing strategic expansion into several key regions, with plans to establish new branches in Kurunegala, Rakwana, and Ragalla. This growth initiative aims to extend our mission into the Kurunegala Deanery and the Sabaragamuwa and Upcountry Deaneries, respectively, ensuring a broader reach and enhanced service delivery across these vital areas.
- We are prioritizing the enhancement of our leadership development initiatives, specifically designed to attract and inspire a younger generation to join and actively participate in the Society.
- To improve financial stability.
- Updating constitution and policies.
- Training and capacity-building plans.

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- To attract new members, ensuring the Society's continued growth and long-term vitality.
- We are prioritizing the mobilization of additional funds to ensure the completion of the GFS Hostel project. Securing this necessary capital will allow us to finalize the remaining work.
- Strategic financial support and professional guidance to ensure the successful execution and sustainability of our key projects. By fostering partnerships with technical experts and benefactors, we aim to secure the resources and oversight necessary to achieve our organizational goals.

UGANDA

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

STATISTICS & COUNTRY REPORT

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

Girls' friendly society as a ministry started in Uganda in the year 2016 in the diocese of West Buganda. It started in the archdeaconry of Kako within 5(five) parishes and we had 102 memberships. In the 2017 Ms. Thembeke Pama came for a visit to our GFS Uganda team and her visit was so impactful that more members joined us after realizing the goodness of the ministry.

As by 31 December 2025 the GFS number is now 503 in the West Buganda Diocese, 161 members in Central Buganda Diocese and 132 in Mukono diocese. Having a general total GFS membership of 796.

1. Country Information

- **Country: Uganda**
- **National Headquarters: West Buganda Diocese**
 - **Postal Address: P.O Box 242 Masaka**
 - **Telephone: +256 703956586/**
 - **Email: gertrudenak2@gmail.com**

2. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	93	27	120
13 – 30 years	284	106	390
31 and above	347	59	406

➤ Total Membership (All Ages): 916

- **Membership Trends: 31 and above years, 13 – 30 years and 12yrs and below.**

3. Geographic Reach

➤ Dioceses in which GFS Operates

1. West Buganda Diocese
2. Central Buganda Diocese
3. Mukono Diocese

- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country:**

1. West Buganda Diocese
2. Central Buganda Diocese
3. Mukono Diocese.

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- We have been able to sensitize the GFS Ministry in different diocese in Uganda.
- We have been able to reach out to different Bishops in different dioceses and we are waiting for the feedback.
- We have reached out to different schools, local churches and different communities as a way of spreading the ministry to the youth.
- We have spread the gospel of Christ to different communities around the country of Uganda.
- We have helped many young girls and women to uplift them in different capacities like education, life skills, economic empowerment, leadership skills etc. Like our what our Moto says: **(to bear one another's burden Gal. 6:2)**
- We have carried out different counseling services to different young women and girls who have found themselves in a discouraged environment that needed our help.
- We have trained our youth and GFS members in different life skills like soap making, book making, liquid detergents, bakeries like baking cakes etc.
- We have trained youth and different GFS members in different moral values, health well beings and many more.
- We have participated in the GFS 24th world council in South Africa and African conference in Kigali Rwanda.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Locally, we have carried out a few projects in different parishes in order to sustain the ministry.

- We have been rearing meat chickens in three parishes until now and its benefiting them all.
- We have been making liquid detergents and soap making and various youth are making income out of it after trainings from the GFS ministry.
- We trained young women and girls how to make the re – usable sanitary pads in order to reduce in numbers of girls who were not attending school because of menstruation periods.

Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being

- GFS Uganda has reached out to different people in different communities by providing young girls with free sanitary pads.
- We have reached to several deep rural villages to offer with them clothes to both young and old people.
- We have carried out several training indifferent communities sensitizing about the goodness of being clean on both our bodies and the surrounding environment.

Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning

- GFS has supported very many young girls to get education in different levels by paying their school tuition in a way of helping them acquire the basic need of education.
- As reported above different trainings have been carried out in different communities by GFS ministry like cake making, liquid detergents, herbal soap making, training on morals and ethical values, health and hygiene etc.

Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children

- We have reached out to different agencies and community leaders to where cases of violence and child abuse have been realized to make sure that there is safety among the women and children most especially.
- We have raised our voices where chances are given to make sure that issues of domestic violence are curbed down in communities where we live.
 - We have supported all the programs that come in with an aim of reducing un safety in our communities.

Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production.

- We have been engaged in different recycling trainings.
- We have been trained on how to use the used materials like bottles to make them more useful to the environment.
- We have been engaged in different agricultural activities like planting vegetables and different plants in the way of promoting better nutrition in our communities and homes.

Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Actions

- We have been engaged in different activities about environmental protection like planting more trees in our communities and discouraging of cutting of tree in order to protect our environment.
- We have sensitized people in our communities to make use of Bio gas system in order to reduce on the environmental degradation.

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023–2026)

In each and every session of our GFS meetings, it's always our first priority to have spiritual development in praising and warship, bible reading, intersessions, and general prayers.

- In most of the parishes where GFS is formed, we have experienced many miracles. Many young Muslims have joined the Christianity family.
- Many young Christians who were not participating in church activities are now very active in church because of the strong bond we have created between them.
- The GFS ministry have instilled in both young and old people the love to read the bible and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ.

4. Activities in Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026:

“Rooted in faith ... Reaching for the stars”

We have reached an extent of moving from different schools and communities with different denominations in order to spread the gospel. And encouraging people to always have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Growth in membership
As GFS Uganda, we have steadily grown in membership because the leadership is doing its voluntary work tirelessly.
- Successful projects
We as GFS Uganda have been successful in life skills projects which are locally made by different groups like crafts, soap making and liquid detergents.
- Partnerships formed
We have partnered with different groups and organisations like Mothers Unions, Christian women fellowships, Girls and boys brigade, world shapers clubs etc for the better and we share ideas which are beneficial to all of us to strengthen the GFS ministry.
- Impactful spiritual programs.
We have realized the impact of praising and worshiping as a way of getting relief from different problems and this has been instrumental in reducing stresses in both young and old people.

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 – 2025

- Changes in the economy all over the world has led to reduction in people's contribution financially toward the ministry work.
- Many young people would love to join the ministry but because some are impatient, they would leave so soon because of too much expectations when they hear that the ministry is an international one.
- Challenges of moving from different deep rural areas with poor infrastructures but because you have love for the ministry you have to reach to them too.
- Financially, sometimes we get stuck and we have to wait until finances are got to carry out many ministries work which retards the smooth running of the ministry.
- Also, a challenge of more trainers, there is lack of enough trainers to move all around the country because of lack of resources to train them.

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 – 2029)

- Our strongest plan is to have a sustainable income generating project that can help to fuel all the activities of the GFS ministry without fail to strengthen it all around in Uganda.
- We are tirelessly trying our best to spread the ministry to most of the dioceses in the country of Uganda.
- Also, we are working our best to the leadership development in the GFS ministry.
- We want to make sure that we have a big team of trainers that can be able to go around the country to train more and more members to the ministry.
- We have started and we are going to continue reaching out to various schools, both primaries and secondary schools and also reaching out to different tertiary institutions in a way of increasing on the membership.

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- More prayers so that we come up with an income generating project that can sustain the activities of the ministry to move on smoothly.
- Prayers that our world project proposal may be approved and financed well to uplift the ministry with flying colours.
- Prayers so that people have spiritual trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and have believe that God does everything and He has the final plans of all of us.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

USA

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

- **National Headquarters:**
 - **Postal Address:** 3162 Drexel Road,
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 - **Telephone:** 267-934-2274
 - **Email:** nationalpresident@gfsus.org

1. Membership Breakdown

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	100	0	100
13 — 30 years	55	0	55
31 and above	48	0	48

- **Total Membership: 203**
- **Membership Trends: Stable**

2. Geographic Reach

- Dioceses in which GFS Operates (List all dioceses. Add or remove rows as needed.)

New York
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
Western
Massachusetts
Los Angeles
Lorig Island
Connecticut

Active Groups I Branches in the Country (List all groups I branches, Add or remove rows as needed.):

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church Brooklyn
Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville
Church of the Holy Spirit

St Georges Rumson
 Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church
 Christ Church
 Shrewsbury St.
 Mary's, Chester PA
 St John the Evangelist
 Emmanuel Resurrection
 St. Luke's Episcopal Church Germantown
 Ugandan Community Church GFS Branch
 St. Lukes's GFS
 St. Timothy's, Apple Valley.
 St, Hilary's Hesperia
 St. Joseph's, Buena Park
 St, Luke's - Williamsbridge

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025
 - o Electrical training program for young women
 - Planted flowers and maintained church grounds
 - Distributed care packages to women's shelters and homeless communities
 - Organized and supported "Bags of Love" projects (Bromley Center)
 - Assembled feminine hygiene kits for those in need
 - Supported annual parish events (roast beef dinner, church teas, bake sales)
 - Participated in Adopt-a-Family and holiday gift-giving initiatives
 - Assisted with community Christmas parties and holiday outreach e Collected books for children's hospitals (CHOP) and diversity book drives
 - Sewed blankets for service members
 - Created bracelets for suicide prevention 5K participants e Conducted donation drives for animals and assisted with pet food distribution
 - Participated in ocean clean-up efforts
 - Supported organizations such as Holiday House and Holiday Express

- Volunteered with food ministries, food pantries, and senior meal programs e Prepared and distributed care bags for seniors
- Created crafts and cards for assisted living facilities and elderly residents
- Served meals at retirement homes during holidays
- Volunteered with Laundry Love and church clean-up efforts
- Assisted with altar guild duties (cleaning candles, organizing choir music)
- Helped with church events (Youth Group dinners, Epiphany party, Shrove Tuesday)
- Participated in Blessing of the Animals and related service projects
- Installed bulletin boards and supported church organization projects
- Created bookmarks and other small gifts for church use
- Sponsored families for Thanksgiving and supported pediatric units with gifts. Participated in general service to the church and community donation drives
- Hosted the Girls' Friendly Society National Assembly in New York e Attended World Conference in South Africa

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

Share any projects, programs, or awareness activities your country has carried out in support of the following UN-aligned priority areas (Please provide bullet points under each goal that applies to your country):

- Goal 3 Good Health & Wellbeing
 - Preparing donations to shelters, children's hospital, military service members
- Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning
 - Electrical training program for young women
- Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children
 - Annual attendance at the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women
 - Promoting awareness of Missing and Murdered indigenous Women
- Goal 12 - Sustainable Consumption & Production
 - Assisting in ocean clean-up projects
- Goal 13 - Environmental Care & Climate Action
 - Assisting in parish grounds cleanup and planting new plants and flowers

3. Spiritual Development & Spreading the Good News (2023—2026)

This was one of the key priorities set by the World President at the beginning of her term in 2023.

"For when I preach the Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel." 1 Corinthians 9:16 -

Through annual meetings, such as Mission Day, we come together and support each other through prayer and fellowship, we also encourage members to attend the meetings of the National Board (either in person or virtually) several times each year. events are open to all dioceses.

4. Activities In Support of the World Council Theme for 2023 - 2026: "Rooted in faith Reaching for the stars*"

GFS USA attends other conferences to help raise awareness and bring an end to violence against women. We also attend the Triennial Conference of the Episcopal Communion in the US to bring more attention to GFS and participate in National Episcopal Church Women at Diocese and Province levels.

5, Major Joys and Success Stories During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

Examples:

- Successful Electrical program
- Positive outreach projects
- Successful and productive National Assembly

6. Major Challenges Encountered During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025 Consider operational, financial, membership, or institutional challenges such as:

- Declining volunteers
- Funding issues

7. Plans and Goals for the Next Three Years (2026 —2029)

Examples:

- Expansion to new dioceses
- Strengthening leadership development
- Improving financial stability - fundraising
- Enhancing safe church training
- Updating By Laws and Policies and Procedures

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029 Examples:

- Prayers for planning committee for USA World Council
- Successful fundraising for World Council
- Continued support of mission projects

- Preservation of the last remaining GFS Holiday House in Cape May
New Jersey

SECTION A: COUNTRY STATISTICS

(Report as of 31 December 2025)

1. Country Information

- **Country:** ZAMBIA
- **National Headquarters**
 - **Postal Address:**
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2. Membership Breakdown

- **Full Age-Based Membership**

Age Range	Female	Male	Total
12 and below	1992		1607
13 – 30 years	2794		1573
31 and above	798		692

- **Total Membership (All Ages):**5584
- **Membership Trends (Select the most suitable):** Growing | ~~Declining~~ | ~~Stable~~

3. Geographic Reach

- **Dioceses in which GFS Operates (List all dioceses. Add or remove rows as needed.)**
 1. Lusaka Diocese
 2. Central Diocese
 3. Northern Diocese
 4. Luapula Diocese
 5. Eastern Diocese
- **Active Groups | Branches in the Country (List all groups | branches. Add or remove rows as needed.):**
 1. Southern Archdeaconry
 2. Central Archdeaconry
 3. West Archdeaconry
 4. North Archdeaconry
 5. Western Archdeaconry
 6. Eastern Archdeaconry
 7. Mambwe Archdeaconry
 8. Central Archdeaconry
 9. Kabwe-Kapiri Archdeaconry

10. **Mkushi-Serenje Archdeaconry**
11. **Ndola-Luanshya Archdeaconry**
12. **Kitwe North Archdeaconry**
13. **Kitwe South Archdeaconry**
14. **Chingola-Solwezi Archdeaconry**
15. **St Michael's Archdeaconry**
16. **Mansa**
17. **Kasama sub-Archdeaconry**

SECTION B: COUNTRY REPORT

(All points to cover the required period, strictly in point form)

*** Note:** Refer to the attached sample for guidance. Your responses are not limited to the examples provided; include whatever information is necessary, suitable, and relevant. Do not include pictures or photos. This report is for official distribution among senior delegates at the World Council and for official census record-keeping.

1. Highlights of Activities During the Reporting Period of 2023 - 2025

- Successfully had a National Camp in 2023 April which brought 400+ girls from all the five dioceses and it is held every after 3 years.
- Organized Leaders Workshop seminar every year to train those in leadership and those not yet.
- Community outreach every year during GFS week, includes Prison visitation, visiting Aged homes and Orphanages.
- International participation.

2. Progress Toward the 2023 - 2025 UN-Aligned Goals

- **Goal 3 - Good Health & Well-Being**
 1. Strengthening Community Health: Has integrated a coherent community health system, focusing on improving community health and nutrition outcomes.
 2. A mental health chatbot has been launched to provide girls with free, confidential and youth friendly support.
 3. Access to reproductive health info, mental health care and nutrition.
- **Goal 4 - Quality Education & Lifelong Learning**
 1. Conducted Leadership training workshops for 100+ Townsend Fellowship.
 2. Organized Gender Based Violence and early Child marriage talk.
 3. Educational outreach: Community programs, scholarships and initiatives to reduce the barrier.
- **Goal 5 - Ending Violence Against Women & Children**
 1. Mentorship: Role models and programs to empower girls.
 2. Education on rights: Teaching girls about their rights and how to seek help.

8. Major challenges and Prayer Points for 2026 - 2029

- Seek wisdom in maintaining growth while keeping the Program meaningful especially for young members and the courage to reach their full potential.
- Pray for sustainable funding to support the growing number and New Archdeaconry expansion.
- Pray for empowerment, protection and opportunities to thrive.