



HOUSE OF COMPASSION AND HOPE (HOCH) *ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES — 2025*

Mission Statement

House of Compassion and Hope (HOCH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving vulnerable communities through compassion, education, and empowerment. Our mission is to support children, widows, refugees, and families in need by providing humanitarian assistance and creating opportunities for long-term stability.

Overview

During 2025, House of Compassion and Hope (HOCH) officially opened through legal incorporation as a nonprofit organization in the State of Florida on **July 1, 2025**. Later this year, our application to be recognized as a **501(c)(3)** charitable organization was approved by the **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** of the United States of America.

In addition to these major milestones, HOCH continued implementing its core humanitarian activities, including:

- Feeding local refugees in **Yagma Camp (Ouagadougou)**
 - Providing school supplies to students
 - Supporting women through income-generating activities
 - Paying tuition for high school students
 - Developing production activities for **Soumbala** and **Attiéké**
 - Organizing Christmas party for children living with disabilities
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1. Refugees from Yagma Camp (Ouagadougou)

The people living in Yagma Camp are internally displaced refugees who fled their home villages due to terrorism. Many were persecuted by extremist groups and sought safety in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso.

Food kit distribution during holidays has been a tradition for HOCH since 2020. In 2025, HOCH distributed **350 food kits** to families in the camp, along with drinks.

2. School Supplies for Students

2025 was the first year HOCH provided school supplies to **elementary school students**, expanding our work to this level of education.

In addition, our partnership with AMM allowed us to include individuals living with disabilities in the project. In total:

- **20 elementary school students**
- **10 students with special needs**

benefited from this program.



3. Tuition Support for High School Students

This program has become a tradition for HOCH. In 2025, we supported **20 high school students** by paying their annual tuition, for students who could not afford to attend otherwise. This marks the third year of the program.

The program began in 2023 with 10 students and expanded to 20 students by 2025. This initiative is implemented in **Yako**, a small city located approximately **70 miles from Ouagadougou**.

Among the supported students:

- One girl who had to walk a long distance to reach school was provided with a bicycle to make her commute easier.
- We also paid the admission fees for a high-achieving girl (straight A student) who would have been forced to miss a school year because her mother could not afford the required fees. The admission payment will also cover her future admission requirements for the program.

4. Soumbala and Attiéké Production Activity

Currently, three women work daily in the production and sales of Soumbala and Attiéké. They are paid monthly wages. Soumbala is a traditional local spice and Attieke is a starch made from Cassava (like much potatoes).

This activity operates primarily as a wholesale initiative, supplying retailers with Attiéké. Retailers cook the product and generate income through resale.

5. HOCH Website and Promotional Materials

By the grace of God, HOCH was able to build an official website and order promotional materials that support the nonprofit's outreach and visibility.

The materials produced include:

- Letterheads
- Coffee mugs
- Envelopes
- Business cards

6. Christmas party for children living with disabilities

For the second consecutive year, HOCH partnered with AMM to organize a special Christmas celebration for children and for children of individuals living with disabilities. More than **forty** participants came together for a day filled with joy, laughter, games, and enriching educational activities.

Beyond the festivities, this event created a space where children felt seen, valued, and celebrated. For many families facing daily challenges, this gathering brought encouragement and a sense of community.

At the end of the celebration, each participant received a food kit to support their household during the holiday season. Our partner expressed deep gratitude for the collaboration, highlighting the meaningful impact of bringing hope and happiness to these children.



Challenges and Lessons Learned

Monitoring Student Support

One challenge we faced this year is that we no longer know the whereabouts of the student who received the bicycle, as she stopped attending school.

Our current operating model relies on our local representative working with the high school to identify students and coordinate tuition payments. Moving forward, HOCH plans to visit students' families directly to build stronger relationships and ensure better monitoring of the program.

Additionally, our local representative in Yako reported that because we were only collaborating with the school and students, some students did not inform their parents that HOCH had paid their tuition. Going forward, students will be required to provide:

- Parent/guardian involvement
- Home location details

so, the program can be properly monitored.

Employment and Social Security Contributions

Regarding the three women working in the Soumbala and Attiéké activity, HOCH plans to officially employ them and begin contributing to social security on their behalf.

Projections for 2026

In 2026, House of Compassion and Hope plans to expand the number of beneficiaries in our existing programs. We also plan to identify and support additional women in developing or strengthening income-generating activities.

In addition, HOCH is exploring the creation of a local representative office in **Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso** to strengthen operations and improve monitoring and outreach.

Thank You

House of Compassion and Hope would like to sincerely thank all donors, supporters, and partners who made this work possible. Your generosity helps bring hope, dignity, and opportunity to families who are facing hardship.

We are grateful for every contribution, every prayer, and every act of support. Because of you, HOCH continues to grow and serve those in need.

David Browning

President