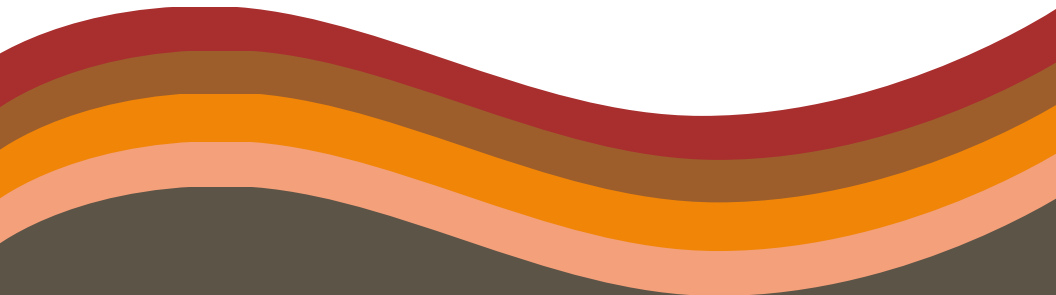


2022

# IMPACT Report

\* WHAT WE DID IN 2025

\* WHERE WE ARE GOING IN 2026





**EVERY 2 MINUTES,  
A WOMAN DIES  
as a result of pregnancy / birth**

...and the children she leaves behind  
are 4.1 times more likely to die  
before their 5th birthday.

### *Our Mission*



The mission of Midwives @ the Edges is to reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity globally, while making “shalom health” – spiritual, physical, and emotional health – a reality, and leveraging faith-based communities to bring this to fruition.

Together, we are strengthening the healthcare workforce, empowering communities, and working toward a future where no mother or newborn dies from preventable causes.

## 2025 was just the beginning...

**150**

MIDWIVES AND  
BIRTH WORKERS  
WHO ARE PART OF  
THE MIDWIVES @  
THE EDGES NETWORK



**419**

TRAINING COURSE  
PARTICIPANTS



**35**

DAYS OF TRAINING  
DELIVERED IN THREE  
COUNTRIES



**100+**

QUARTERLY  
NETWORK CALL  
PARTICIPANTS



**28**

QUARTERLY PEER  
REVIEW  
PARTICIPANTS



**110**

MIDWIFE MOBILE  
STATS APP USERS



...with an estimated impact  
on the lives of  
**80,000** mothers and babies!



Friends,

2025 marked Midwives @ the Edges' first full year as a recognized nonprofit—and what an extraordinary year it was! Serving as Executive Director of this young and growing organization is a profound joy and a humbling responsibility. Each day, I have the privilege of working alongside dedicated volunteer midwives and collaborative partners who are tireless advocates for maternal-newborn health and community midwifery. Together, we share a bold vision: shalom health for women and babies in some of the most challenging places and circumstances in the world.

Because of this shared commitment, we are moving closer to a future where women no longer die from preventable causes in pregnancy, birth and postpartum, and where babies not only survive their first year but thrive beyond it.

This impact report celebrates the momentum of our first year and looks ahead to where we are being led next as we continue serving women and babies “at the edges.” I hope that, through this brief summary of all that has happened in the past year and all that is in front of us in the near future, you will be encouraged and as excited as I am to continue on the journey of M@tE!

To our generous supporters and faithful volunteers, we pledge to steward your gifts with integrity and transparency. To our partners, we pledge to strengthen and support your essential work. And most importantly, to the mothers, babies, and midwives who have welcomed us into your communities—we pledge to stand with you as we pursue shalom health together.

If this first year is any indication of what lies ahead, then together we will see extraordinary impact in the years to come. Thank you for believing in the vision of Midwives @ the Edges. Thank you for standing with us. And thank you for being part of a movement ensuring that every mother and every baby has access to midwifery care that nurtures both physical and spiritual well-being.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Blake".

Carrie Blake, Executive Director





## Understanding the where and why



Midwives @ the Edges began with the intention to network and support midwives, particularly midwives living cross-culturally, catalyze new midwives to live cross-culturally, and equip midwives and healthcare workers to move their communities toward shalom health.

As we began connecting with midwives who were living cross-culturally, we found that there were local midwives who not only “would” but WANTED to join us in the mission of M@tE. This expanded our network and helped focus our “how.” It soon became clear that projects like those highlighted in this report provide a practical way for Midwives @ the Edges to come alongside midwives and healthcare workers in our “Top 30” countries. Through these initiatives, we are able to catalyze movement toward shalom health while addressing urgent educational gaps and creating meaningful opportunities to support and care for midwives well.

It is a joy to already have had the opportunity to affect change and impact the lives of midwives, moms, and babies in multiple countries and we are excited to continue expanding to new countries while deepening relationships where we already work.

## Feedback from the field



*There is no shame in teaching people about health.*

We love our people and we want them to understand and experience this shalom health.

This is the truth and I want to know more and understand more.

**We will teach others what we have learned!**

When will you be back?

# A look back at 2025

Join us in celebrating all that was made possible during our first full year of operation! In 2025, Midwives @ the Edges continued to grow our network of midwives, hosted a mini-conference, released the Midwife Mobile Stats app, and implemented projects in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Peru at the request of local partners. The following pages provide summaries of each of these activities.





## Network Growth

The Midwives @ the Edges **network** of midwives and related birth workers now includes over 150 volunteers. In 2025, we hosted **quarterly network calls** with a total attendance of over 100 midwives. We also organized and began hosting quarterly **peer reviews** for midwives living overseas and currently have 28 participants enrolled.



## Conference

Our long-term goal is to host at least 2 free conferences per year. In 2025, Midwives @ the Edges hosted a free **3-day conference** open to local birth workers in Iraq. 15 doulas and midwives attended, improving their skills in neonatal resuscitation and knowledge of best practices related to caring for women in labor and birth.



## Midwife Mobile Stats

The Midwife Mobile Stats app was released in January 2025 by Midwives @ the Edges. This app can be used by midwives globally to **track their birth statistics**. The app is available for Android and iOS and has received 5-star ratings thus far!

## Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, Midwives @ the Edges partnered with a local nonprofit to teach community health workers in **Essential Newborn Care 1 and Helping Mothers Survive Bleeding after Birth**. While in-country, we also worked with a large hospital that focuses primarily on maternity care to train their staff in the same skills. In total, there were **186 training participants**, 41 of whom will receive follow-up mentoring to prepare them to train on their own.



## Iraq

Midwives @ the Edges came alongside an expat midwife who lives long-term in Kurdistan to help her implement a training program. We were instrumental in obtaining **Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)** with local departments of health and financially supported the first implementation of trainings approved in the MOUs. Three weeks of **Essential Newborn Care 1 and Essential Care for Labor and Birth classes** were delivered to staff from 4 hospitals. In total, there were **203 participants in the training**. Moving forward, the MOUs, which are in place through June 2027, will be used to deliver additional training, but M@tE will not be involved in providing volunteers or financial support.



## Peru

Midwives @ the Edges partnered to respond to indigenous leaders' requests for maternal newborn health training. We delivered **conception, pregnancy, birth, and neonatal resuscitation training for 33 community health workers** from 6 Peruvian Amazon tribes. While M@tE was able to provide groundwork for improving maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality in the Amazon context, it is our recommendation that the traditional birth attendants be included in any future trainings. This will result in the opportunity for community-wide transformation and a greater impact of targeted training that addresses their needs and knowledge gaps.

# Financial Activities 2025

## REVENUE

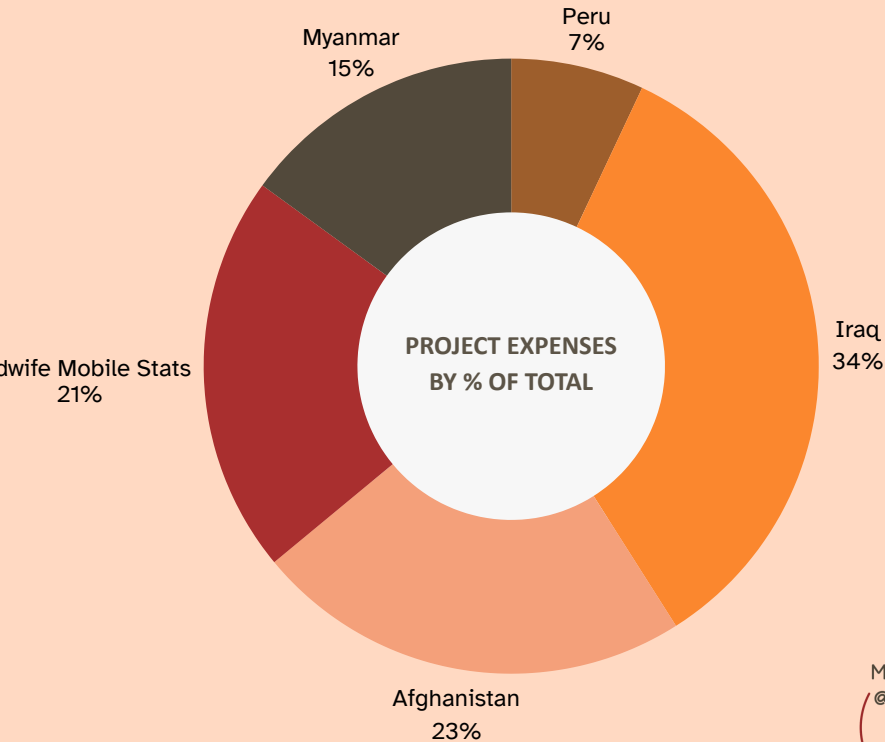
Grants	\$59,025
Donations	\$60,662

## EXPENSES

Administration	\$23,057
Fundraising	\$1,329
Projects	\$73,213

**TOTAL REVENUE**    \$119,687

**TOTAL EXPENSES**    \$97,559



# Looking forward...

As 2025 came to a close, Midwives @ the Edges stood ready to deepen our impact among midwives and communities in our “Top 30” countries. Fulfilling what has been set before us will require patience, creative solutions, strong partnerships, and prayer. In the pages that follow, you will catch a glimpse of what’s next: where we’re headed, what we’re building, and how, together, we will continue working toward shalom health for women and babies at the edges.





## Myanmar

In February, 2026, a team of Midwives @ the Edges volunteers is coming alongside **community midwives and community health workers** from Myanmar to strengthen their skills and prepare them to train others in safe birth and newborn care in the conflict-affected areas. This will be an ongoing program that will include working with community health workers in **Kachin** state to develop and implement a contextualized perinatal health community health program and long-term engagement with the community midwives of **Chin** state.



## Pakistan

Starting in May, 2026, M@tE volunteer midwives will spend 2-3 weeks in-country learning from and teaching **traditional midwives** from Pakistan's **nomadic tribes**. This will be an ongoing program that will take place in March/April and September/October each year. Our local partners have also requested that we help them to deliver medical outreach programs coincident with the traditional midwife training. We will begin this portion of the program on our second 2026 trip



## Afghanistan

Following our first project in Afghanistan, we will continue to work with the **hospital** and our **local partners** in response to their needs. We are plan to collaborate with the hospital and the **Afghanistan Midwives Association** to start implementing a nonpneumatic antishock garment program in 2026 as part of their outreach program. This program will reach rural Afghanistan and provide a relational bridge for ongoing work. We will also work to raise up the junior trainers from our 2025 trainings so that they are capable of delivering high-quality classes on their own.

## Peru

The Peruvian government agency responsible for working with the **traditional midwives** of the Amazon, has requested that Midwives @ the Edges return to the jungle to engage in skills and knowledge transfer with the remote traditional midwives. Currently, this project is slated to start in November, 2026



## Lebanon

In 2026, M@tE is supporting an **expat midwife** who lives in Lebanon long-term to expand her already-existing community health program by implementing a Helping Mothers and Babies Survive training program.



## India

**Local churches** have requested that we engage to teach labor support and Essential Newborn Care classes. We anticipate that we will also be able to work with these churches to implement the Maternal and Newborn Health sermon series and potentially the Maternal Mental Health toolkit. We anticipate this work to start 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2026.



## Conferences

M@tE has a goal of delivering at least 2 free conferences every year. In 2026, these conferences will be focused on **equipping volunteers** to deliver various training curricula. Mini-conferences will be offered in January and June of 2026.





## Midwife Mobile Stats

In 2026, M@tE will **publicize** the Midwife Mobile Stats app and strive to increase the number of users exponentially. Additionally, we will add different language **translations** to the app. The translations work will be ongoing to meet the needs of midwives around the world. The first language to be added is Spanish. We will also add **reporting** capability and front-page customization to the app.



## Desert Midwives

This program will explore how Midwives @ the Edges can move toward shalom health and respond to the lack of **midwifery care in maternity care deserts** across the United States. Central to the initiative are creatively training women from the communities to provide care and partnering with faith-based communities to offer space for perinatal care while also addressing maternal mental health. The pilot phase will most likely take place in New Mexico, Colorado, or Wyoming and, with adequate funding, is anticipated to begin in late 2026 or early 2027.



## Network Growth

Our Midwives @ the Edges network is foundational to everything that we do and one of our tenants is to care well for the midwives in the network. To that end, M@tE will add the role of “**Network Coordinator**” in 2026. The Network Coordinator will work to grow the network and to build relationships with the midwives in the network. We will be particularly working to diversify the network in 2026, adding more midwives from the global south.



From conflict-affected communities in Myanmar and Afghanistan, to nomadic tribes in Pakistan, traditional midwives in the Amazon rainforest in Peru, Syrian refugees in Lebanon, remote villages in India, and underserved maternity care deserts in the United States, Midwives @ the Edges is responding to urgent, locally identified needs with humility, skill, and partnership.

Whether you are a member of the M@tE network, a donor, or an in-country partner, your support makes it possible to train and equip community midwives, strengthen health systems through long-term collaboration, and innovate through technology, conferences, and midwifery models of care.

**Together, we can sustain and grow this work in 2026 and beyond.**





## *Learn More*



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