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**PANZI**

**25 YEARS:  
A PATH  
TO PEACE**





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# WHERE WE WORK

Panzi was founded and remains rooted in Bukavu, the capital of the South Kivu province in eastern DRC. South Kivu, home to more than seven million people, has some of the highest rates of sexual violence in the DRC.

In the first half of 2024, nearly 7,000 cases of sexual violence were reported in the province, the second highest rate in the country<sup>1</sup>. Panzi treats approximately 3,500 survivors each year, thus reaching roughly 25% of all survivors in the province, and playing a central role in providing access to care, protection, and justice for women and girls affected by violence.

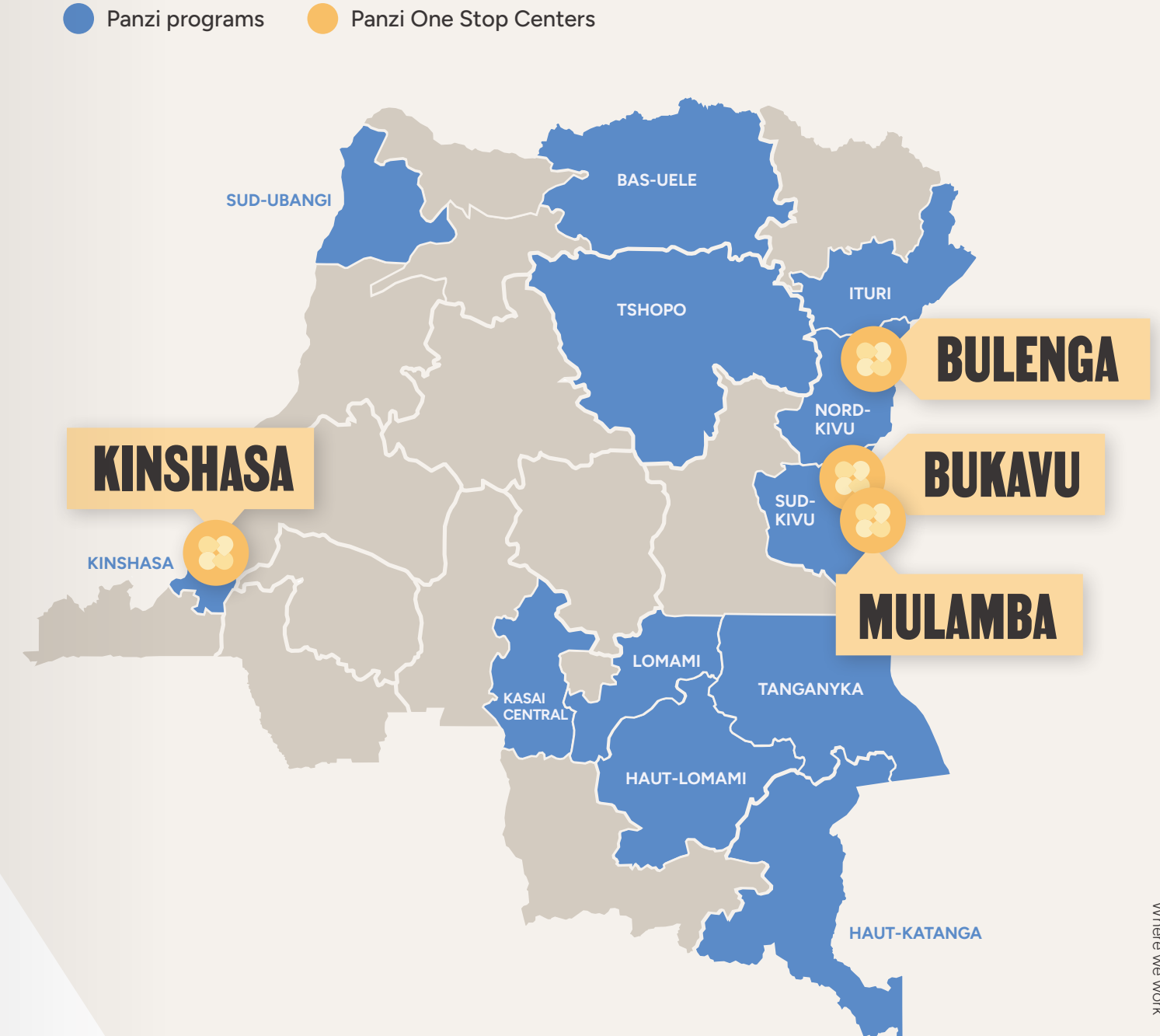
Panzi Hospital serves as a tertiary referral hospital for the Ibanda health zone, a population of 400,000 people. As a center of excellence for both surgical and high-risk maternity care, it also operates at the level of a university hospital within the national health system and so can also receive referrals from across the province.

Most survivors of sexual violence treated at Panzi Hospital are from rural areas in DRC – for example, an average of 20% of patients live in the city of Bukavu, while 80% are from other territories in the province, including Uvira, Mwenga, and Kalehe. While most survivors are adult women, minors represent approximately 30% of the survivors admitted to Panzi Hospital each year.

1. GBV Area of Responsibility (August 2024)



Beyond this flagship hospital, Panzi's One Stop Centers, and mobile clinics serve patients across the majority of health zones in South Kivu Province. We also conduct surgical mobile clinics, trainings, and community programs including with the Survivor Movement in the provinces of North Kivu, Ituri, Kasai Central, Lomami, Haut Lomami, Tanganyika, Haut-Katanga, Tshopo, Sud Ubangi, Bas-Uele and Kinsahsa.









# HOLISTIC CARE IN ACTION

## New horizons for Maison Dorcas readers

Maison Dorcas is a transit and community center in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo, operated by Panzi Foundation.

It serves as a crucial part of Panzi's holistic care model, offering a safe space for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence to heal, rebuild, and regain independence. In 2024, 158 women and children, over half of whom were survivors, benefited from safe housing and essential services at Maison Dorcas.

In 2024, Panzi established a library at Maison Dorcas, housing 300 books (and counting!) with dedicated sections for adults, teens, and children alongside a digital library equipped with ten tablets. Ten individuals – including staff and beneficiaries – were trained to manage the libraries and digital tools.

The newly established Maison Dorcas Library is more than just a collection of books – it is a locus of inspiration and empowerment for the children and beneficiaries who call our center home. In this space, they are able to partake in a culture of learning and curiosity, imagining new worlds for themselves and their communities.



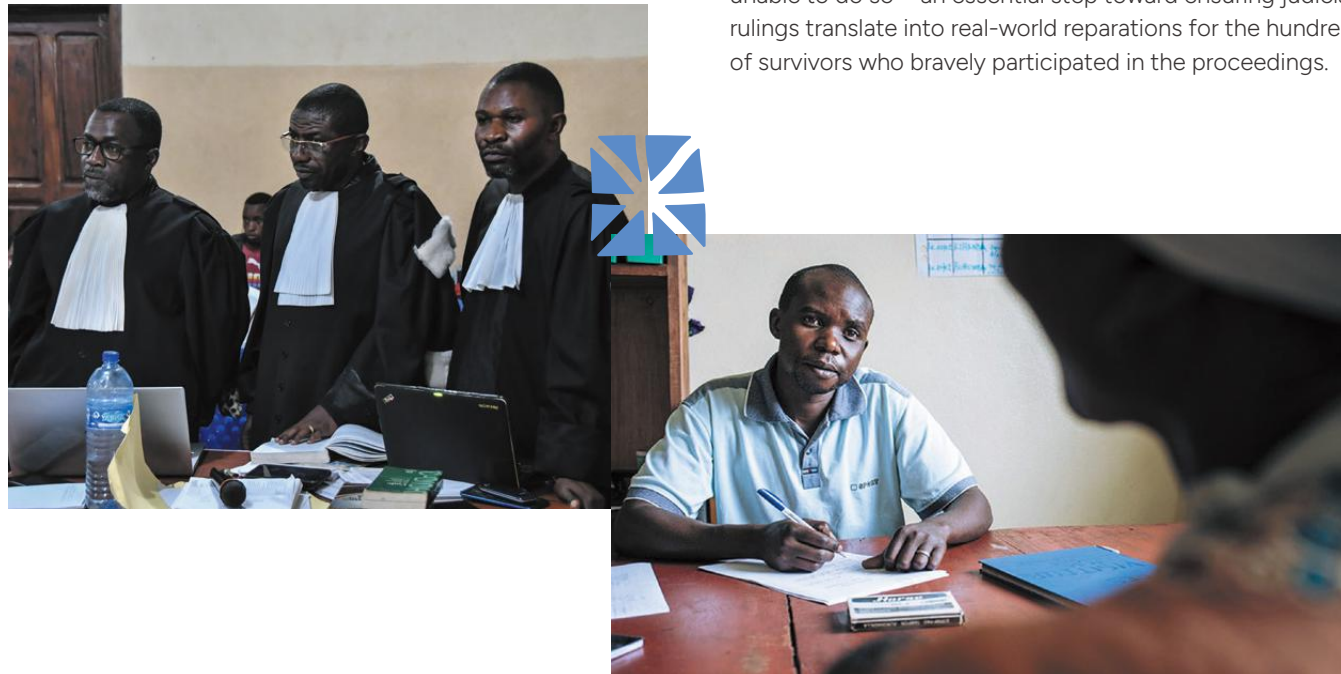




## Accountability and Justice for Remote Communities

Through mobile courts, Panzi is able to support the delivery of justice to survivors of sexual violence in remote territories.

With the support of Global Affairs Canada and in partnership with the Justice Task Force (UNJHRO, UNDP, TRIAL International)—Panzi provides financial and technical support to civilian and military courts to organize mobile hearings. These hearings bring justice closer to survivors, offer free legal aid, empower survivors to testify, and ensure timely rulings. For 12 days in 2024, Panzi supported the Military Court of South Kivu in landmark mobile appeal hearings for crimes against humanity in the territory of Mwenga.



Among the most significant cases was that of Kokodikoko, who's original 2019 conviction included a life sentence of penal servitude for crimes against humanity by rape and other inhuman acts.

In the 2024 appeal hearings, the court upheld this sentence in full and reaffirmed convictions for other perpetrators, reinforcing penal sentences ranging from 15 years to life in prison for systematic and widespread rape, murder, torture, and sexual slavery—crimes constituting crimes against humanity under the Rome Statute. The court also maintained the order for reparations to survivors by both the perpetrators and the Congolese State, holding the State civilly liable for failing to prevent these crimes, despite the perpetrators' affiliation with a non-State armed group. This means the State must compensate survivors if the perpetrators are unable to do so—an essential step toward ensuring judicial rulings translate into real-world reparations for the hundreds of survivors who bravely participated in the proceedings.



At first I was so ashamed and I felt guilty. I missed sleep and I avoided people so much. I had the appointment to talk with the psychologist and all these problems disappeared. Now I have hope and confidence in myself; I have new and good thoughts for the future

– Survivor, age 26



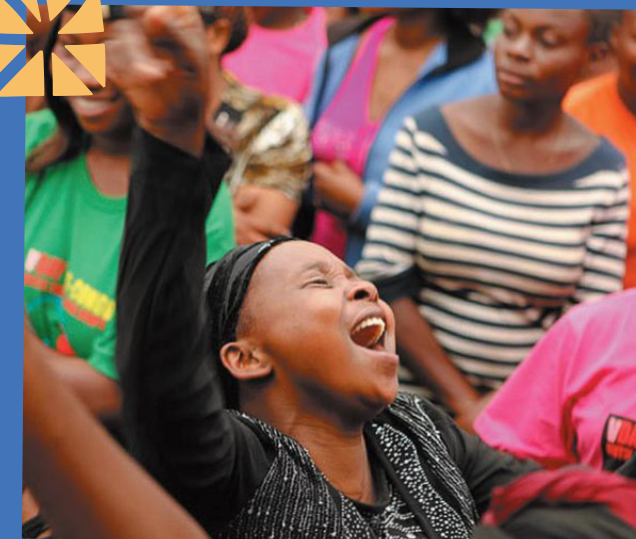
# TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMMING



## Badilika

Badilika means “change” or “to transform” in Swahili, reflecting this program’s mission to drive systemic shifts in societal attitudes and behaviors around gender equality, women’s rights, and the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence.

Implemented by the Panzi Foundation in South Kivu, DRC, Badilika addresses the root causes of SGBV by challenging harmful norms, power imbalances, and gender inequities—complementing Panzi’s survivor-centered care with a long-term vision for transformative change. 2024 saw our team reach thousands of individuals via widespread community outreach in the form of workshops, school-aged assemblies, radio programs, and community groups, stimulating dialogue and capacity building in gender equality and female leadership, positive masculinity and prevention of sexual and gender based violence, reproductive health, and post-electoral conflict mitigation.



## City of Joy

**City of Joy is a transformational leadership program for female survivors of violence.**

Launched in 2011 as a joint initiative by Panzi Foundation and V-Day, City of Joy stands as a beacon of hope and resilience in DRC, healing trauma through therapy and providing women with the essential ingredients heal and rebuild: love and community.

City of Joy is not just a program—it’s a movement built on the unshakable belief in the power of women to transform their communities and the world. Every 6 months, 90 survivors graduate from the program, emerging as empowered leaders in their communities and moving on to launch community projects, start businesses, and advocate for justice and equality.







# GLOBAL ADVOCACY AND RECOGNITION

In 2024, Panzi and Dr Mukwege leveraged our global platform to scale the impact of holistic care for survivors and advocate for an end to impunity and violence against women in the DRC.

In November, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) presented Panzi's Legal Assistance team with the Human Rights Award. This award recognized the courage, determination, and commitment of our team to ensuring all survivors of sexual violence in DRC have access to legal representation and due process, even in the face of protracted conflict and instability.

In March, Dr. Mukwege became the newest member of The Elders, a council of senior leaders founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007. Driven by a commitment to long-view leadership, the Elders join their voices to advocate for peace, justice, and a sustainable planet. Over the course of the year, Dr Mukwege and other Elders, including Mary Robinson, the first woman president of Ireland, and Juan Manuel Santos, former president of Colombia and fellow Nobel Laureate, engaged in high-level diplomacy with heads of state and global institutions to address existential threats to humanity including armed conflict and pandemics.

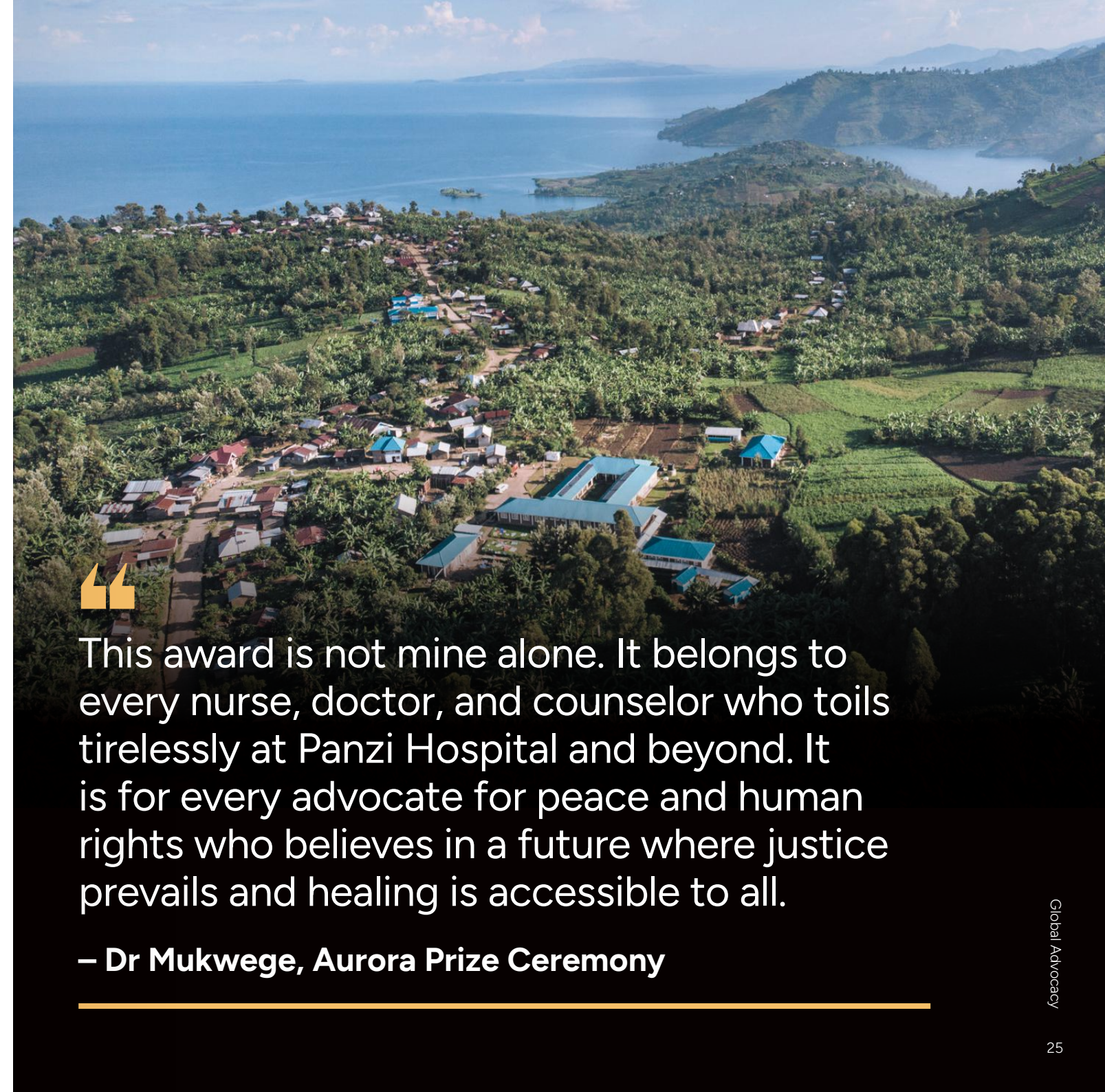
Dr Mukwege's leadership was also recognized and amplified this year by the Aurora Humanitarian Prize and the International Rescue Committee's Freedom Award. At the Aurora Prize ceremony in May, Dr Mukwege used his remarks to push for global action on the crisis in the DRC.



Dr Mukwege receives the Aurora Prize in May (Credit: Aurora)



Dr Mukwege with the Elders in October (Credit: Jeff Moore)

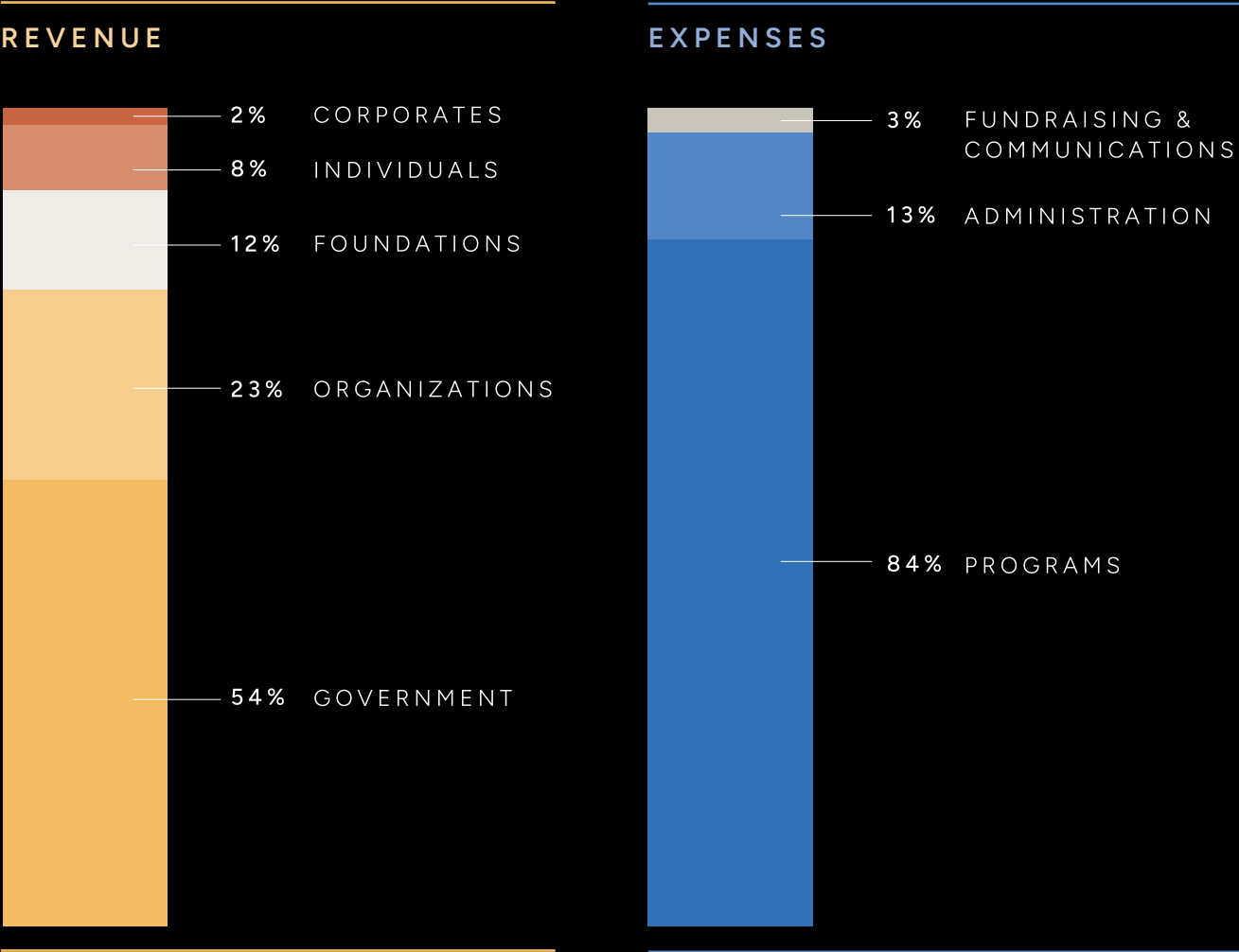


This award is not mine alone. It belongs to every nurse, doctor, and counselor who toils tirelessly at Panzi Hospital and beyond. It is for every advocate for peace and human rights who believes in a future where justice prevails and healing is accessible to all.

– Dr Mukwege, Aurora Prize Ceremony

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In 2024 Panzi received \$7.14 million in cash revenue across our US and DRC offices and had expenditures of \$7.26 million.



These charts are a consolidated financial summary of Panzi Foundation's US and DRC entities. For further detail, please see our audits.

# OUR PARTNERS

Panzi's work in 2024 was made possible thanks to the steadfast support of the following humanitarian and philanthropic partners, as well as a group of committed individual donors.

Agence Française pour le Développement (AFD) in partnership with the French Red Cross	European Union, in partnership with ENABEL	MCJ Amelior Foundation
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Caritas Italiana	Ford Foundation	PMU Interlife
Center for International Reproductive Health Training (CIRHT)	Friends of Panzi Hospital – Sweden	Public Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade
Child Mercy Sweden	Give Directly	Skoll Foundation
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