

2025

IMPACT REPORT

Impactful travel. Purpose. Unforgettable Journeys.

2025 has been a year of action, partnership and steady progress for The Green Lion. This report showcases the collective effort behind our programs and the meaningful change that happens when global participants support locally led solutions. Together, we continue building connections that strengthen communities and create lasting opportunity.

Our Story

The Green Lion began in 1998 in Thailand under the name Greenway with a simple idea: to create travel programs that truly support local communities. We started with a focused blend of responsible tourism and grassroots volunteer projects. This combination quickly became known for meaningful hands-on experiences.

As we grew into new countries, we evolved into The Green Lion, a name that reflects our bold, adventurous spirit and our commitment to positive social and environmental impact. Over the years, we expanded across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Pacific, always staying true to our family-run roots and close community connections.

Today, The Green Lion is powered by passionate teams around the world, welcoming travellers who want to explore with heart and purpose.

Along the way, our founder, Leo Emmanuel, established the Wyld Orange Foundation to make sure giving back stays at the core of what we do. Through the foundation, we support schools, kindergartens, and animal welfare initiatives in the communities we work with and call home.



Our Mission

Our mission is to strengthen communities through cultural understanding, social awareness and responsible development. We design meaningful travel experiences that connect participants with locally led initiatives, ensuring every project delivers genuine value where it is needed most.

At the heart of our model is reciprocity. Impact is never one-directional. While communities receive consistent, long-term support shaped by local priorities, travellers gain perspective, practical skills and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Growth happens on both sides, built through shared effort and lived experience.

Guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, our programs support education, community wellbeing, environmental stewardship and responsible travel practices. By prioritising respectful partnerships and long-term collaboration, we create positive change that extends well beyond the time spent on each program.

Our Core Values



Heart and Spirit



**Doing What We
Promise**



Expanding Horizons



**Supporting
Each Other**

Our Policies

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

TheGreen Lion is committed to safeguarding children across all supported projects. We do not tolerate abuse, exploitation, violence or neglect in any form. The best interests of every child guide all decisions and actions within our programs. We uphold a strict policy of non-discrimination and ensure safe, respectful environments for all children.

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

We are committed to protecting animal welfare across all conservation and rehabilitation programs. Our wildlife initiatives prioritise the wellbeing of animals above visitor experience and are not designed as tourist attractions or open to the general public. Animal interaction is strictly limited, and riding, feeding or petting is not permitted.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR DRUGS

For the safety of our participants, our staff and the communities we interact with, we have a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs and substance abuse that can lead to inappropriate behaviour.

Our Programs

The Green Lion is a changemaker and trendsetter, built by travellers with a shared belief in purposeful, meaningful travel. For over 25 years, we have created authentic travel and volunteer experiences that go beyond the ordinary.

Unlike providers who simply resell placements, we manage our projects on the ground. Our international leadership team brings extensive experience in sustainable tourism, community development and global education travel, ensuring each program meets high standards of safety, quality and social responsibility. The result is carefully delivered experiences that create lasting value for both participants and the communities they support.

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Countries

100+

250+

Education & Development

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Education & Teaching

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Medical & Healthcare

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Sea Turtle Conservation

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Environmental Conservation

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Wildlife Conservation

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Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation

Adventure &

Culture

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Road Trips

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Treks

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Spiritual Experiences

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Cultural Immersion

Education & Coaching

Nepal

Teaching in Kathmandu:

We conducted teaching sessions for children at our Chundevi School, where we worked with 45 students from different levels, including ECD-1, ECD-2, and Class 1. They taught various subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science. In addition to academics, we also engaged in extracurricular activities, making the learning experience more interactive and enjoyable.



Teaching in Monastery: Over the year, we supported multiple monasteries across Nepal by teaching English and other subjects to young and novice monks at Palnge, Serlo (Everest region), Manjushri (Pharping), Pemamandeng, Khawalung, Chiwang, and Taksindu monasteries, while also organizing engaging extracurricular activities. We led a community cleaning initiative at Palnge Monastery, working alongside the monks to collect 88 kilograms of trash and improve the living environment. In addition to on-ground support, the program provided sustained financial assistance through placement fees and donations. By contributing financially to partner monasteries to support educational and operational needs we were able to foster meaningful educational, environmental and community impact throughout the year.

Nepal

Teaching in Pokhara: We supported education initiatives in Pokhara by teaching at Amarjyoti School and Oasis School, directly impacting around 80 students from Classes 1 to 6. Delivering lessons in English, Mathematics and Science, while also leading extracurricular activities to create a more engaging and enjoyable learning environment. In addition to classroom teaching, we cleaned and decorated classrooms and organized a local community clean-up campaign with students and teachers, contributing to improved school facilities and a cleaner surrounding environment.



Special Education: We supported special education efforts at SERC School in Kathmandu, directly impacting 20 children at an early prevention center for children with disabilities. We worked closely with the children by teaching practical skills and providing occupational therapy, while also sharing professional knowledge with local staff on case handling and care practices from her home country. This contributed to improved support, skill development and overall quality of care for the children at the center.

Cambodia



In 2025, Siem Reap Greenway School project directly addressed the educational needs of 50 students from Krous Village. By delivering specialized English instruction, the program has equipped these students with a vital tool for economic mobility in Cambodia's tourism-heavy economy. The impact extends beyond the gradebook: by teaching basic hygiene and sanitation, the project has improved the daily health standards of the students and their families. Furthermore, the cultural exchange between volunteers and students has significantly broadened the students' global awareness, fostering a "Level 5" proficiency mindset that extends beyond language into leadership and self-care.

Fiji



By supporting 7 kindergartens and 3 primary schools with consistent supplies and stationery, this project eliminated financial barriers to learning. The impact is a more equitable classroom experience, ensuring that every child had the necessary tools to engage fully in their curriculum and succeed academically regardless of their background.

Philippines

The Aborlan Summer Camp 2025: A team of 35 volunteers facilitated educational workshops and distributed essential school supplies, directly equipping 125 students for the new school year. By removing the financial barrier of classroom materials and providing a structured summer learning environment, the project fostered academic confidence and community resilience, indirectly supporting 40 additional family members.



Teaching Project: The Tigman Elementary School Teaching Project provided targeted academic support to enhance the learning outcomes of local primary students. We delivered personalized instruction and supplemental educational activities, directly empowering 29 students with foundational skills. This focused classroom intervention not only boosted student engagement but also supported the local teaching staff, fostering a more effective and resource-rich environment for the community's youth.

Environmental Education & School Forums: A team of 12 volunteers delivered weekly educational seminars focused on waste management, climate change, and mangrove ecosystem preservation. These forums reached 650 students directly across various schools in Aborlan Town, extending environmental awareness and sustainability practices to over 1,000 additional students indirectly.

Healthcare Education & Awareness Sessions: Targeting critical social issues, 34 volunteers conducted 19 interactive workshops on mental health and teenage pregnancy prevention in partnership with local health offices. The project reached 615 individuals, including youth and parents under the 4Ps program, and distributed hygiene kits and health supplements to support community wellness across four villages.

Kindergarten Support: The education initiative delivered a total of 13,000 teaching hours focused on core English and Mathematics subjects. With a robust force of 110 volunteers, the program provided direct academic mentorship to 166 students, significantly enhancing the educational foundation for local youth and benefiting the broader community of parents and educators.

Thailand

Across all locations in Thailand, the Kindergarten Program significantly enhanced early childhood education by supporting 18 local preschools and kindergartens. The initiative directly reached over 850 students through creative English-language immersion and cultural exchange activities. Beyond academic support, the presence of volunteers facilitated a higher standard of care, ensuring safer, cleaner learning environments and more personalized attention for each child.



Thailand Teaching projects delivered English language support across 12 local schools. By reaching over 1,500 students, the project successfully transitioned traditional classrooms into dynamic learning environments through interactive activities and individualized attention. Beyond core instruction, the program removed financial barriers by sponsoring stationery for 200 learners and providing specialized break-period classes for 50 children to boost their confidence and communication skills.

The 2025 Hua Hin English Camp was organized during school vacations, providing intensive language immersion for approximately 345 students and 40 teachers across 12 rural locations and nurseries. By utilizing a station-based curriculum featuring role-plays, interactive games, and pronunciation workshops, the project moved beyond traditional rote learning to build real-world communicative confidence. Supported by a rotating team of volunteers, we were able to reach an additional 690 indirect beneficiaries by fostering a community-wide culture of academic growth. The program concluded with the awarding of certificates and prizes, successfully incentivizing long-term language acquisition and strengthening the educational foundation of the Hua Hin and Pranburi regions.

Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Childcare Project maintained essential early childhood support within government centers and local communities despite significant economic shifts. A team of 19 volunteers provided daily operational assistance, directly impacting 675 children and supporting 1,600 community members indirectly. This intervention ensured a stable, resource-rich environment for at-risk youth, facilitating improved nutrition and developmental care during a period of financial transition.



The Costa Rica Teaching Project delivered critical academic support across local schools and community centers, bridging educational gaps for 1,100 direct beneficiaries. Despite a challenging economic climate, a dedicated team of 12 volunteers sustained core educational activities and classroom assistance, providing a stabilized learning environment that benefited 2,200 community members indirectly. By focusing on wage stability for local staff and utilizing third-party charity donations for resources, the project ensured that high-quality instruction and mentorship remained accessible to students in underserved regions throughout 2025.

Cape Verde

The summer program provided 35 children with 60 days of holistic education, covering subjects ranging from local history and English language to environmental awareness and turtle conservation. Simultaneously, the project expanded into rural Chom Bom, fully renovating two kindergarten schools and their seven classrooms. This mission successfully bridged the educational gap during the holiday season while providing a safe, upgraded learning environment for 130 rural students.



India

The Goa Montessori Project was established to provide a stable, indoor learning environment for children of daily-wage migrant workers who previously lacked dedicated study spaces. Strategically located within a two-minute walk of the community living area, the school operates a dual-track program: a Montessori-style daycare in the morning and an after-school education center in the evening. Staffed by two full-time teachers, the facility provides a safe haven for 25 daily daycare attendees and 20 evening students, ensuring academic continuity alongside the provision of two nutritional meals per day for all participants.



Vietnam



The English Teaching Project improved language proficiency for 550 students through the efforts of 81 volunteers. The curriculum prioritized practical communication, using role-play simulations like tour guiding and customer service to prepare students for the local tourism sector. Volunteers conducted pronunciation drills, debates, and storytelling exercises to build speaking confidence and listening comprehension. By integrating tourism-specific materials and language learning apps, the project equipped students with professional skills, benefiting an additional 120 community members through enhanced local service standards and cultural exchange.

The Kindergarten and Childcare Project in Ho Chi Minh City supported 840 children through the efforts of 116 volunteers. The program focused on early language development and social skills using storytelling, music, and interactive games. Volunteers used visual aids and role-play to build communication confidence, while providing daily care by assisting with meals and dressing. These activities created a stable, nurturing environment for young learners, which benefited 120 family members by providing reliable childcare support.

Sri Lanka



Our teaching initiatives bridged critical learning gaps and improved educational access for 120 children, youth, and monks across rural and urban communities through 405 volunteer hours. Key achievements included providing Buddhist monks with English and general education to build communication skills and confidence, while preschool volunteers supported foundational social development and creativity. Additionally, specialized workshops for village youth focused on conversational English, teamwork, and leadership, equipping participants with the practical skills needed for future academic and professional success.

Madagascar

The Madagascar Teaching Project delivered academic and material support to local youth, directly reaching 860 students. Supported by a team of 14 volunteers, the initiative integrated church-based instruction with significant resource distribution to remove barriers to learning. Beyond classroom hours, the project focused on the holistic well-being of the students by providing essential food and beverages, alongside donations of stationery and play items.



The Madagascar Kindergarten Initiative supported 180 students through interactive learning and resource distribution. Activities focused on social development via music, singing, and a community fancy dress parade. Material needs were addressed through donations of stationery, play items, and nutritious food and beverages. This approach improved the learning environment while ensuring students had the necessary supplies and nutrition for early childhood success.

Indonesia



Teaching in Ubud - In Ubud, our teaching project focuses on making English accessible and engaging for 560 students. With a daily commitment of five hours, split between morning lesson planning and afternoon classroom sessions, volunteers bring creative energy to local schools. The goal is to move beyond traditional textbooks, using games, songs, art, and sports to show students that learning a new language can be fun.

Kindergarten in Ubud: Our kindergarten program provides essential early childhood support for young learners. A dedicated team of 34 volunteers worked to create a lively and educational environment, focusing on social development and basic learning through play. By assisting local teachers with daily activities and creative lessons, the volunteers helped ensure these children receive the individual attention needed during their most formative years. This consistent support not only gave the students a head start in their education but also provided a reliable resource for the community, indirectly benefiting 198 family and community members.

Vietnam



The Special Needs Daycare project in Ho Chi Minh City provided specialized care for 131 children, supported by 74 volunteers. The program focused on physical and speech therapy assistance to improve mobility and communication, alongside daily personal care such as feeding and dressing. Volunteers implemented adaptive educational activities and organized recreational play to support cognitive and social development. This assistance directly reduced the workload for local teaching staff and supported 21 families, ensuring children received dedicated attention while allowing parents to maintain their livelihoods.

Sri Lanka

The Kandy Special Needs Care initiative provided vital emotional, physical, and educational support to 140 children and adults across local care centers, totaling 1,200 support hours. Volunteers worked alongside local caregivers to facilitate daily activities, therapy sessions, and recreational learning designed to encourage independence and social interaction.



South Korea

This program provides essential educational support and childcare for children from low-income and multicultural families in Korea. With a large team of 134 volunteers, we focused on offering professional English education led by native speakers, ensuring these students have access to the same learning opportunities as their peers.



By assisting with daily childcare and classroom activities, the project helped 1,786 children build confidence and a stronger foundation for their future. The program's impact also supported 4,800 community members indirectly by providing families with educational resources.

Japan



Through our teaching program at the local high school, students interacted with volunteers of a similar age, not as tourists, but as peers. This English exchange was incredibly inspiring for students who rarely have such opportunities. Additionally, English lessons for local tourism operators helped them gain confidence in welcoming the increasing number of international visitors.

Sports & Well-being

Fiji

We promoted physical wellness and social discipline across five villages, including Korotogo and Navuyevu. By securing equipment sponsorships and providing structured after-school training, the program delivered athletic coaching to over 500 children and youth. This project provided a safe, constructive environment for skill-building and teamwork, ensuring that young participants had access to quality gear and professional mentorship to support their long-term personal development.



Thailand

Sport Education The sports initiative promoted physical health and teamwork by supporting physical education classes at 2 local schools and assisting a football academy. In total, over 80 children received specialized coaching and athletic mentorship. These activities focused on developing motor skills and fostering a spirit of cooperation among youth participants through structured play and academy-level training.



Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Physical Education Project successfully maintained critical youth sports programming in local schools and shanty town communities despite significant currency fluctuations. In 2025, a team of 10 volunteers facilitated athletic activities for 800 direct participants, fostering physical health and social cohesion for an additional 1,550 indirect beneficiaries. While local operational funding focused on sustaining wages and activity coordination, the project leveraged external charity partnerships to enhance infrastructure - most notably securing a donation to construct durable metal goal posts in underserved areas.



India



In Udaipur, a sports coaching academy was setup with a full time sports coach at a school adopted by TGL mainly for sports coaching. The sports arena such as the football field, cricket practice pitch, vallyball court, and an indoor badminton court was renovated and made available for children to practice. Thus providing quality sports education for children coming from backward communities and from weaker economical background. A total of 20 children both boys and girls attend the coaching from Monday to Saturday.

Medical & Healthcare

Vietnam

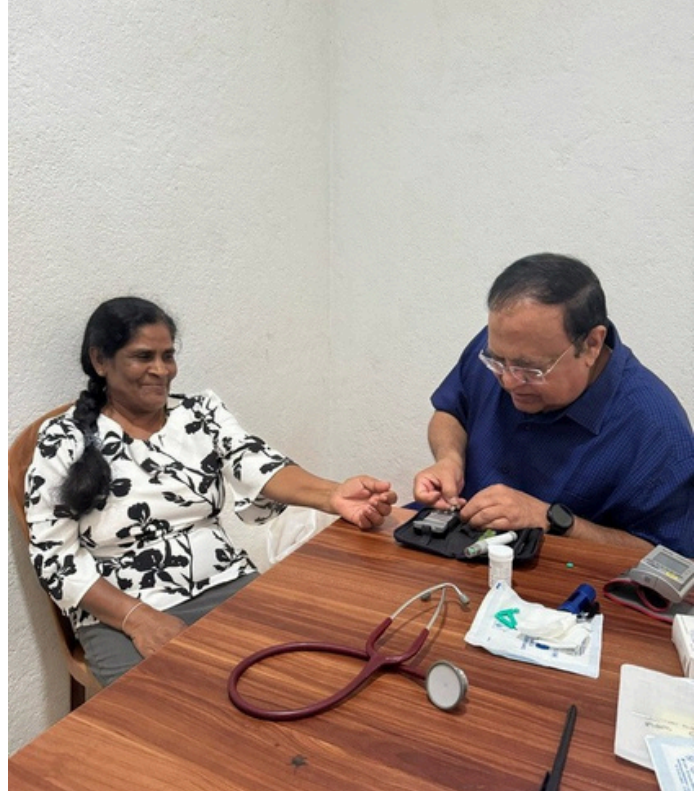
The Ho Chi Minh City Medical Placement program successfully supported local healthcare infrastructure through the efforts of 321 volunteers, directly benefiting 1,533 patients and impacting 1,114 community members indirectly. Volunteers provided hands-on assistance in critical areas such as physical therapy guidance, wound care, and the rigorous sterilization of medical equipment to maintain clinical hygiene standards. Beyond technical tasks, the project facilitated a professional knowledge exchange between volunteers and local staff regarding recovery techniques and patient care.

The initiative also extended into the community through free health screenings and injury prevention workshops, while volunteers worked onsite to provide emotional support and cultural exchange, ensuring a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all patients.



Sri Lanka

Our Medical Outreach Program bridges the gap in healthcare for underserved areas, providing 420 people with free check-ups and health screenings this year. With 150 volunteer hours logged, the team focused on basic hygiene education and disease prevention while identifying patients who required more serious medical intervention. By connecting these individuals with local doctors and specialized clinics, the program offers a vital first step toward long-term health and better quality of life for low-income families.



Philippines

In Aborlan, Palawan, our medical program worked to bridge the gap in healthcare accessibility through direct community support and education. Volunteers and medical professionals collaborated to assist with essential prenatal and immunization programs, ensuring that mothers and infants received vital preventative care. The team also conducted home visits for the elderly and sick, providing much-needed attention to those unable to reach clinics, while simultaneously leading hygiene education sessions in local schools.



Construction & Renovation

Fiji



Infrastructure upgrades, including classroom renovations and playground construction, created a safer and more inspiring learning environment. Functional improvements like mosquito screens and repaired furniture directly enhanced student health and focus, while vibrant school murals boosted student morale and community pride.

Indonesia

In 2025, the Ubud project focused on enhancing community health, education, and environmental sanitation through infrastructure development and waste management.

- Built a Student Health Centre to provide dedicated on-site medical and wellness support.
- Constructed 2 new classrooms (one at a local kindergarten and one at the MAES Foundation) to increase educational capacity.
- Revitalized school facilities by painting classroom walls during the Galungan and Kuningan ceremonies.



Philippines

The Aborlan Playground Project enhanced school infrastructure by constructing and renovating a modern recreational space. A team of 23 volunteers established a safe environment for physical activity, directly benefiting 198 students. This project fosters social development and physical health, providing a vital community asset that improves the overall school experience for both students and the 65 individuals indirectly supported.



We successfully delivered a permanent, safe, and secure residence for a local family, transitioning them from precarious living conditions to a stable home environment. In 2025, a team of 25 volunteers spearheaded the construction efforts, managing everything from foundational work to structural assembly. This initiative provided a direct, life-changing impact for Aileen's family of 11, while indirectly benefiting 21 community members through localized infrastructure improvements and the promotion of communal labor (Bayanihan).

Sri Lanka

We completed 10 major projects this year, focusing on repairing and repainting preschools, classrooms, and community centers. By improving these facilities, we've created safer, more functional environments for children and families, ensuring that local infrastructure can continue to support our education.



Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Construction Project executed a wide range of infrastructure improvements, focusing on educational, elderly, and residential facilities. In 2025, the team successfully renovated classrooms, repaired school furniture, and painted school roofs to enhance the learning environment for local youth. Significant community work included laying concrete floors, constructing new living spaces for vulnerable residents, and upgrading old people's homes to ensure safer, more dignified living conditions. Supported by donations for community center and elderly care improvements, building a low-income family's home. The project directly improved the lives of 490 individuals and reached 1,720 community members indirectly.



Cape Verde



Kindergarten renovation project focused on establishing a secure and stimulating educational environment for 50 children by fully renovating a local kindergarten. The project involved repairing and repainting all four classrooms, fixing broken furniture, and installing essential safety features like floor carpeting. Additionally, a brand-new outdoor play area, equipped with a slide and swing set, was constructed to support physical development and creative play, ensuring the facility meets modern safety standards for early childhood education.

Thailand

Construction & Renovation projects in Thailand supported 8 schools and childcare centers by repairing and painting classrooms and common areas. These renovations transitioned aging facilities into brighter, safer, and more conducive learning environments. By upgrading playgrounds, libraries, and gardens, the project created engaging spaces that directly enhance student concentration and comfort while providing volunteers with valuable hands-on community service experience.



Madagascar

The Madagascar Construction Project focused on improving recreational infrastructure for local students. A team of 4 volunteers renovated a school play area by repainting facilities and constructing a new swing set. These upgrades directly improved the daily school experience for 20 children while providing a safer, more engaging communal space for 160 community members indirectly.



Disaster Support

Philippines



The Aborlan Flood Relief Project served as a critical emergency response initiative, providing immediate humanitarian aid to families severely affected by local flooding. In 2025, the project mobilized a dedicated team of 21 volunteers to coordinate the logistics of hot meal feeding programs and the distribution of emergency food packs. This rapid intervention successfully addressed the urgent nutritional needs of 426 directly impacted individuals, while supporting an additional 50 people indirectly through community relief coordination.

Cape Verde



In collaboration with the municipal social care department, this project addressed food insecurity in the Tarrafal area by identifying and supporting economically vulnerable households. The mission provided one-month rations, consisting of essential cereals, rice, flour, and hygiene kits, to 15 families, directly benefiting 75 individuals. This targeted intervention ensured that at-risk residents had access to basic nutritional and sanitary necessities, providing critical short-term relief while strengthening the community's overall health and resilience.

Food Programs

Vietnam

Our Ho Chi Minh City Food shop program utilized a massive force of 137 volunteers to provide essential nutritional support to the local community. The project focused on high-standard meal production, covering everything from ingredient preparation and kitchen hygiene to the dignified serving of food. To ensure reach across all vulnerable groups, we packed and delivered specialized meals for the elderly, disabled, and sick who were unable to visit the center in person. Beyond physical nutrition, the initiative prioritized emotional support and community building, fostering a sense of unity and connection among participants and staff.



South Korea

Originally started as a street-side food service, our Seoul Soup Kitchen has grown into a vital community resource operating out of a dedicated government-provided facility. This year, 67 volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare and serve nutritious meals, directly supporting 48,400 individuals facing homelessness. By moving indoors, we have been able to offer a more stable and dignified environment for those in need, providing not just food, but a sense of energy and hope. The program's consistent presence has also created a positive ripple effect, indirectly benefiting 3,630 community members and strengthening the local support network for Seoul's most vulnerable residents.



Women Empowerment

Nepal

Participants supported women's empowerment initiatives by teaching English to women and girls at the Dhapasi Community Learning Centre and Chetana Mahila Vidhyalaya, directly impacting approximately 40 to 50 participants across different age groups ranging from 16 to 68 years. The focus was on improving basic and conversational English skills, alongside other learning activities designed to build confidence and encourage participation. Extracurricular activities were also organized to create an inclusive and enjoyable learning environment.



Sri Lanka

The Women's Empowerment Program supported 102 local women this year through a mix of education, health services, and vocational training. We hosted 22 targeted sessions, ranging from rights-based workshops to medical screening camps and hands-on business training in fields like baking and craft-making. These efforts are designed to give women the practical tools and confidence they need to start their own small businesses, manage their health, and achieve greater financial independence.



Agriculture & Farming

Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Farming Project provided specialized agricultural assistance to a local organic avocado farm, focusing on sustainable food production and small-holder support. A team of 3 volunteers worked directly with a local farming family, assisting in the daily operations and maintenance of the organic orchards. While the immediate reach involved 8 direct and 8 indirect beneficiaries, the project played a crucial role in preserving local organic farming traditions and promoting sustainable land management practices within the community.



Japan



In 2025, our Japan Community Agriculture Program in Otaki Village provided a vital link between international volunteers and traditional rural life. Working closely with local farmers, participants spent 2 to 5 hours daily immersed in the seasonal rhythms of the mountain village, from planting and harvesting crops in the fields during the warmer months to focusing on indoor processing and meal preparation during the winter. This project was more than just manual labor; it was a deep cultural exchange that allowed volunteers to learn ancient farming techniques and local crafts while supporting an aging agricultural community.

Environmental Conservation

Philippines

The Aborlan Mangrove Project executed critical coastal restoration to enhance regional climate resilience and marine biodiversity. A team of 33 volunteers conducted reforestation and conservation activities, planting native species to establish natural storm barriers and stabilize shorelines. The project provided specialized environmental training to 15 individuals, while the resulting ecosystem protection delivers long-term safety and resource benefits to a broader community of 4,000 indirect beneficiaries.

successfully planted 50,036 mangrove seedlings, restoring over 32,000 square meters of critical coastline. This project directly strengthens the livelihoods of 4,500 individuals through improved marine resources and provides indirect climate resilience and storm protection for the entire population of Aborlan.



Thailand

The Environmental Conservation Initiative successfully integrated large-scale ecological restoration with community-led sustainability programs. In 2025, the project restored two critical ecosystem areas through the planting of 1,221 mangrove trees and the removal of 842 kg of beach waste. To ensure long-term impact, volunteers from over 15 countries implemented zero-waste and composting systems at Ban Khok Chang School, empowering the next generation with the tools to maintain regional biodiversity and reduce environmental degradation.



Indonesia



Ubud Village Cleaning: this project significantly improved local sanitation and aesthetics through consistent community action. Teams successfully removed 210kg of trash from villages and beaches, directly reducing environmental pollution. To ensure long-term sustainability, the project constructed and distributed 80 garbage bins, establishing a permanent waste management infrastructure for the area. Additionally, during the Galungan and Kuningan ceremonies, the initiative revitalized local education spaces by repainting school classrooms, fostering a more vibrant and pride-filled learning environment for the community.

South Korea

As the first protected ecological park in Korea, Saetgang Ecological Park serves as a vital sanctuary for the Han River's ecosystem. While the surrounding basin has seen heavy urban development, this protected tributary remains a haven for wildlife, including several endangered species. Our team contributed to the park's health by planting 100 trees and conducting regular clean-ups to maintain the area's natural balance. These efforts help preserve a critical green space for the city, ensuring the river's biodiversity is protected for the local environment.



Sea Turtle Conservation

Indonesia



In 2025, the Turtle Project in Nusa Penida achieved significant conservation milestones by protecting vulnerable nests and ensuring the safe transition of hatchlings to the ocean. By securing nearly 2,000 eggs, the project drastically improved the survival odds for these marine animals, which typically face high predation rates in the wild. This initiative directly bolsters local biodiversity and supports the long-term health of the marine ecosystem.

- Number of turtle eggs: 1,974
- Number of turtle eggs hatched: 1,250
- Number of turtles released: 917

In 2025, the Turtle Project in Lombok successfully combined high-impact conservation with community engagement to protect local marine biodiversity. By securing eggs from local residents and conducting regular beach clean-ups, the team ensured a safe environment for incubation and maturation. Daily operations included tank sanitation, adult turtle rescues, and specialized feeding, all of which maximized the survival rate of hatchlings during their most vulnerable life stages..

2025 Conservation Totals

Eggs Protected: 4,815

Hatchlings Produced: 2,726

Turtles Released: 3,483

Core Tasks: Tank maintenance, beach cleaning, egg procurement, and live-prey feeding (crabs).

Sri Lanka

The Turtle Conservation Program integrated wildlife protection with community education, led by a dedicated team of over 40 volunteers. Significant conservation milestones included the collection of 3,200 eggs and the successful release of 3,185 hatchlings into the wild, alongside the specialized rehabilitation of 21 disabled turtles. Environmental health was further supported through 41 hours of beach cleanups, which directly improved nesting sites by reducing coastal pollution. Additionally, the project expanded its community welfare efforts by feeding 42 stray dogs over a 54-day period, ensuring broader animal care while maintaining the program's primary focus on marine biodiversity and habitat restoration.



Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Turtle Sanctuary Project focused on specialized environmental conservation and the protection of marine biodiversity. A team of 3 volunteers provided essential support for sanctuary operations, directly assisting 30 staff members and environmental specialists. Unlike community-centric initiatives, this project prioritized ecological outcomes, focusing on the preservation of sea turtle populations and the maintenance of critical nesting habitats. By alleviating the operational burden on full-time researchers, the project ensured higher standards of monitoring and care for the species, contributing to long-term marine stability for 30 indirect beneficiaries involved in regional conservation efforts.



Lemur Conservation

Madagascar



Our Lemur Conservation Project focused on wildlife rehabilitation and facility maintenance, supported by a team of 23 volunteers. Efforts concentrated on daily husbandry, including cleaning enclosures for lemurs and tortoises, as well as specialized food preparation to ensure high nutritional standards. To promote long-term sustainability, volunteers managed onsite vegetable gardens, handling the planting and harvesting of produce used for animal diets.

These operations improved welfare standards at the sanctuary, benefiting approximately 200 visitors and community members through enhanced conservation awareness and facility standards.

Animal Rescue & Welfare

Nepal



The Canine Rehabilitation project has a profound "double-sided" impact on both the local community and the animal population. Directly, the project improved the lives of 10 individuals by providing them with specialized animal care experience, while indirectly benefiting between 50 and 100 dogs and cats through enhanced daily care and socialization. By maintaining high standards of hygiene and regular exercise for the animals, the project increased their overall health and adoptability.

Costa Rica

The Costa Rica Animal Sanctuary Project focused on wildlife rehabilitation and operational support for local fauna conservation. By assisting staff with daily care, maintenance, and facility management, the volunteer team directly benefited 20 sanctuary employees and specialized caretakers. This support significantly improved animal welfare standards and enhanced the educational experience for 200 indirect beneficiaries, including local visitors and students.



South Korea

This program addresses the welfare of dogs rescued from illegal farms and neglectful conditions. Our team of 91 volunteers worked on the front lines to improve animal hygiene and quality of life by cleaning shelters, bathing rescued dogs, and providing regular walks and exercise. Beyond the daily care, these efforts helped build trust and meaningful connections with the animals as they recovered. With 16,000 direct touchpoints and a ripple effect reaching 800 more people in the community, the project continues to advocate for animal rights and compassionate care across the city.



Elephant Conservation

Thailand



The Elephant Care Initiative focused on the nutritional sustainability and ethical management of local elephant populations. By providing continuous food support to the camp, the project ensured the health and well-being of the resident elephants while alleviating the significant financial burden of their dietary requirements. Beyond direct care, the program fostered a deeper understanding of human-elephant coexistence, offering volunteers hands-on experience in animal welfare and conservation ethics.

Sri Lanka

Our Elephant Welfare Program focuses on ethical care and conservation, moving away from traditional tourism toward a more compassionate approach. This year, volunteers contributed 3,115 hours to daily essential tasks, including preparing food, bathing the elephants, and joining them on walks. By working closely with local mahouts, the program ensures these animals are treated with respect while their physical and emotional health is monitored around the clock to maintain a safe, humane environment.



Our Impact in Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

At The Green Lion, we align our volunteer programs with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to create meaningful, long term impact in communities worldwide. Our initiatives address poverty and inequality through youth development, community outreach, and homeless support, contributing to SDGs 1 and 10. Food rescue projects in two countries tackle food insecurity and responsible consumption, supporting SDGs 2 and 12.

Healthcare programs across 14 countries promote well being through health education, elderly care, dental support, and special needs assistance, advancing SDG 3. Education and childcare projects in 24 countries improve access to quality learning, aligned with SDG 4. Women's empowerment programs in three countries contribute to SDG 5.

Construction, renovation, and sustainable agriculture projects in over 20 countries support sustainable infrastructure and communities under SDGs 9, 11, and 12. Community development efforts in 26 countries strengthen partnerships with local NGOs, reflecting SDG 17.

Environmental education, conservation, eco agriculture, marine, wildlife, and turtle protection projects across multiple countries advance SDGs 13, 14, and 15. Through these programs, TGL contributes to a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable world.



Participant Experience

Our programs combine volunteering with cultural immersion, giving participants the chance to grow both personally and professionally.

A big part of this journey is the culture of kindness that runs through our programs. Our warm hearted local teams welcome participants as part of the community, offering guidance, support, and genuine connection throughout their stay.

Stepping outside their comfort zone helps participants become more self aware, adaptable, and open minded, while also making a meaningful contribution to the communities they support.

What participants gain:

- Personal growth and stronger self awareness
- Cross cultural understanding and global perspective
- Leadership and teamwork skills
- A deeper sense of social responsibility
- Professional and academic advantages
- Emotional resilience and confidence
- Greater awareness of environmental and ethical issues
- Lasting impact that stays with them long after the program ends

These programs are not just trips. They are experiences shaped by purpose, connection, and kindness, helping young people grow while contributing positively wherever they go.





I want to say thank you for the incredible experience I had in Thailand. My time there was filled with learning, culture, laughter, and moments I will carry with me for years. From the very first day, I felt supported and welcomed by the Green Lion staff. Their regular check-ins made me feel safe, comfortable, and cared for, and I appreciated the thoughtful guidance throughout the program. I found my placement both eye-opening and rewarding. Each day brought something new to learn and something meaningful to contribute. I truly valued how hands-on the work was because it allowed me to grow while giving at the same time.

One of the highlights for me was the mangrove and beach clean-up work. Walking through muddy paths, watching tiny crabs rush between the roots, and learning how these ecosystems protect the coastline gave me a deeper appreciation for the environment. It meant a lot to know that even the little bit I could do contributed to long-term conservation efforts. The beach clean-ups also felt incredibly purposeful. Collecting plastic, sorting debris, and seeing the immediate improvements in the environment made the work meaningful. Even with the intense heat, the conversations, teamwork, and shared sense of accomplishment kept me going.

Culture Week added so much richness to my experience. We began with orientation and then joined a Thai cooking class where we made pineapple fried rice, spring rolls, and Bua Loi. Learning as a group made everything relaxed, friendly, and full of laughter.

We returned to the mangrove forest for a peaceful boat ride, visited a local fishing village, enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant, and spent the afternoon relaxing and swimming at Haad Sai Noi Beach. We also explored Wat Huay Mong Kol Temple, walked through a nearby cave, and visited Market Village Mall for snacks and a bit of shopping. Later in the week, we joined a Thai language and culture class to practice basic phrases and even took part in a Muay Thai session full of sweat, encouragement, and fun.



I also took part in offering food at Krai Las Temple and appreciated learning what this tradition means to the community. We visited Khao Takiab Temple to take in its beautiful viewpoint over Hua Hin, explored the colourful Artist Village, and ended the week with a relaxing beach trip that felt like the perfect way to unwind together.

During the evenings, I enjoyed walking through the Hua Hin Night Market, trying new foods, browsing the stalls, and taking in the energy of the night. It quickly became one of my favourite ways to unwind after volunteering on Tuesday nights.

My weekends were just as memorable. I spent peaceful mornings at Hua Hin Beach, took a vibrant trip to Bangkok, and enjoyed a beautiful visit to Koh Tao where the clear water and calm beaches felt like paradise. Each place added something special to my journey.

Even though volunteers were placed in different projects, spending time together created a warm and connected atmosphere. We shared stories, supported one another, and built a sense of community that made the entire experience even more meaningful.

The young volunteers were wonderful to work with. I loved listening to their travel stories, their plans, and their reasons for volunteering. Their energy and openness brought so much positivity to the experience, and they reminded me that no matter our age, we all bring something valuable to the journey.

Taking this step at 62 years old, after retiring from 24 years in the classroom, felt empowering. I wanted to challenge myself, try something completely different, and give my time in a purposeful way. I am grateful I trusted myself to do it because this experience showed me that age does not limit the ability to learn, grow, or make a difference.

Thank you, IVHQ, for making this journey possible. Thailand touched my heart in ways I never expected. I went hoping to give something back, and I ended up receiving just as much through the people, the culture, and the kindness I experienced.

I have now completed my time in Vietnam as well, and that part of my journey was just as enriching. I am grateful for both chapters of this experience. With much appreciation and gratitude, Regards, Minelle

MINELLE TOUSSAINT-GREENE, CANADA



I created a lot of things for example like this bench and I paint this for more beautiful for the school. I worked with a lot of Thai people and I shared good moment it's very good experiences for me. I think you need to come to thailand, because it's the beautiful country and you can have beautiful experiences with the coordinators all of people work with you.

MAEL MALZAC

France

“Learning about how nature is all about cooperation and also how it provides us with everything that we need like the moringa tree which can cure up to 300 diseases... I also participated in the cultural week, and for me to highlight Liwonde National Park where I was able to see Lions, elephants, jackals, hippos, impalas..... If you are willing to come to Malawi I am promising you very interesting time

YVONNE HAVENGA

Netherlands



“Amazing people, amazing country and above all amazing children. I really hope to come back one day” , Italy.

CECILE ROMEO

Italy

"The program fully corresponds to the description. I met local Japanese people, including children, and we practiced English with conversations and games. But there was much more. The local team supported me like a real family. The food was healthy and delicious... Every new day brought a new wonderful experience... The accommodation has great vibes of a real Japanese country house."

VICTORIA KLIMOVA

Russia





The Wyld Orange Foundation is the non-profit arm of The Green Lion, established in 2024. We manage projects across 11 countries in the fields of education, the environment, and health and wellness. By focusing on practical support and sustainable funding, we deliver a lasting impact directly to the communities we serve. 2025 was a landmark year for the foundation, and our projects continue to grow, reaching more people and protecting more ecosystems than ever before.



Education

- Over 300 children supported daily through after school programs in Cambodia
- Kindergartens serving more than 45 children daily in Indonesia and Nepal
- Afterschool and outreach programs in India and China
- Women's empowerment training in Sri Lanka reaching more than 15 women each month

Health and Wellbeing

- Free sports academies supporting more than 100 children daily across four countries

Environment

- More than 3,500 turtle eggs successfully hatched
- Rehabilitation and release of sea turtles in Indonesia and Zanzibar
- Over 65,000 mangrove propagules planted restoring vital coastal ecosystems
- 1,650 eco bricks produced and used for community infrastructure



Acknowledgement

To our partners, volunteers and local teams: thank you for being the backbone of these programs. Your dedication and trust make this work possible.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support as we work together to create lasting change in the communities we serve.