



**Home-Start  
Worldwide**  
HELPING FAMILIES THRIVE

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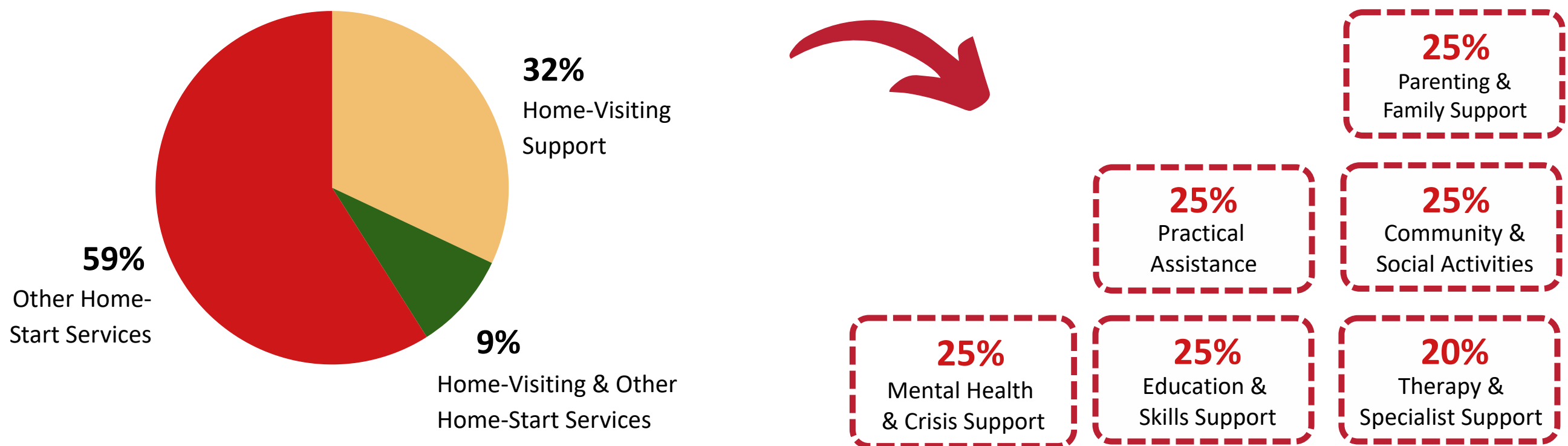
**Annual Data Summary Report  
2024**

## Our Reach in 2024

Over the past year, the Home-Start Worldwide network supported over 72,000 families with almost 94,000 children across 20 countries. This work was made possible by nearly 18,000 volunteers and close to 3,000 professional staff, whose time, care, and commitment provided reassurance and practical help to parents, strengthened family relationships, and created vital connections during times of need.

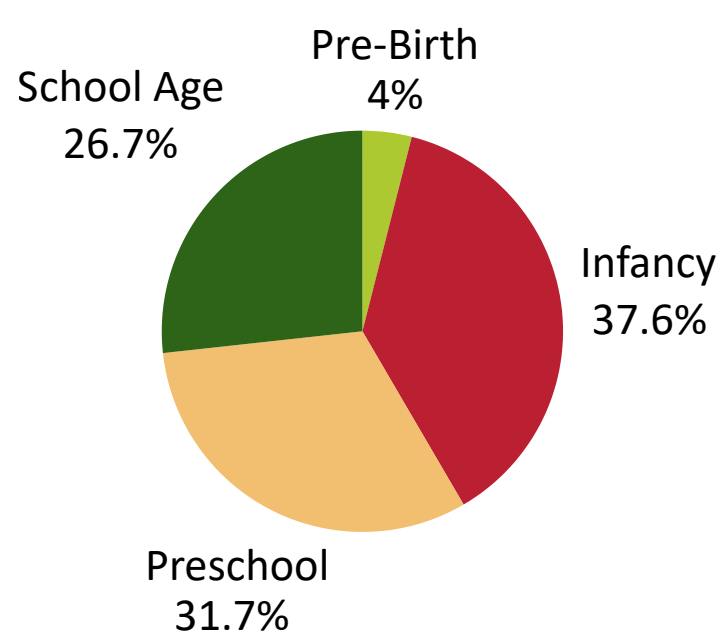
## Families Supported

In 2024, Home-Start reached 72,209 families. Of these, 23,330 (32%) received only home visits, 6,405 (9%) received visits plus other services, and 42,484 (59%) received other Home-Start services. The most common other support included parenting help, mental health and crisis support, education and skills programmes, community activities, and specialist services.



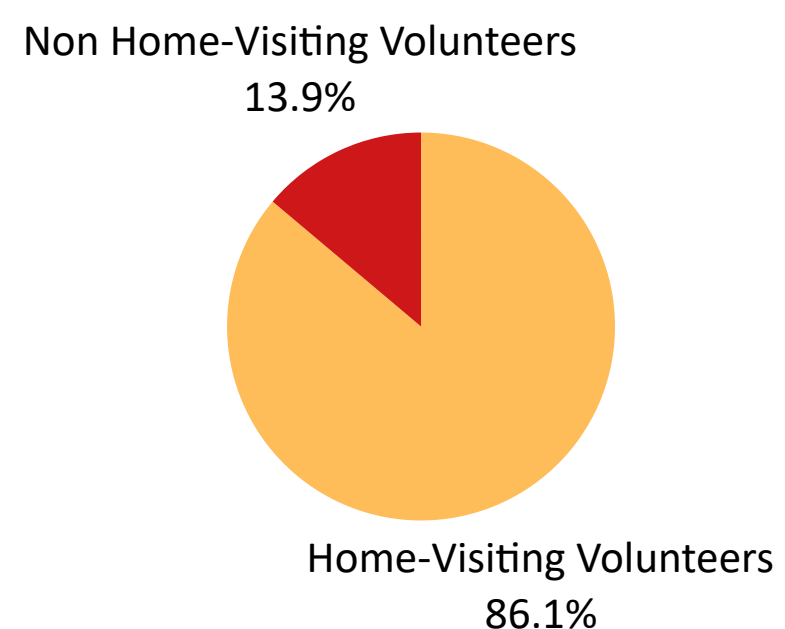
## Children Supported

Home-Start reached 93,830 children. At the start of support, 35,507 (38%) were infants, 30,026 (32%) preschool, 25,355 (27%) school age, and 3,942 (4%) pre-birth. Most children supported were in the early years, though older children also benefited.



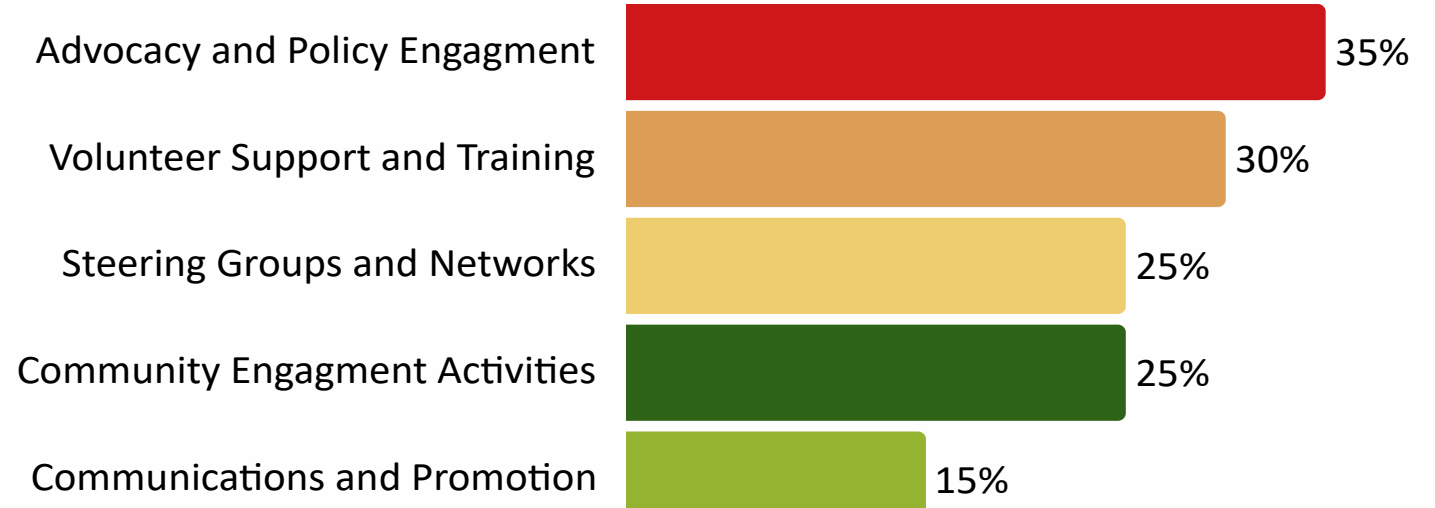
## Volunteers

Nearly 18,000 volunteers supported Home-Start in 2024. The majority, 14,784 (87%), were home-visiting volunteers, while 2,266 (13%) contributed in non-visiting roles such as shops, offices, trustee boards, and community events.

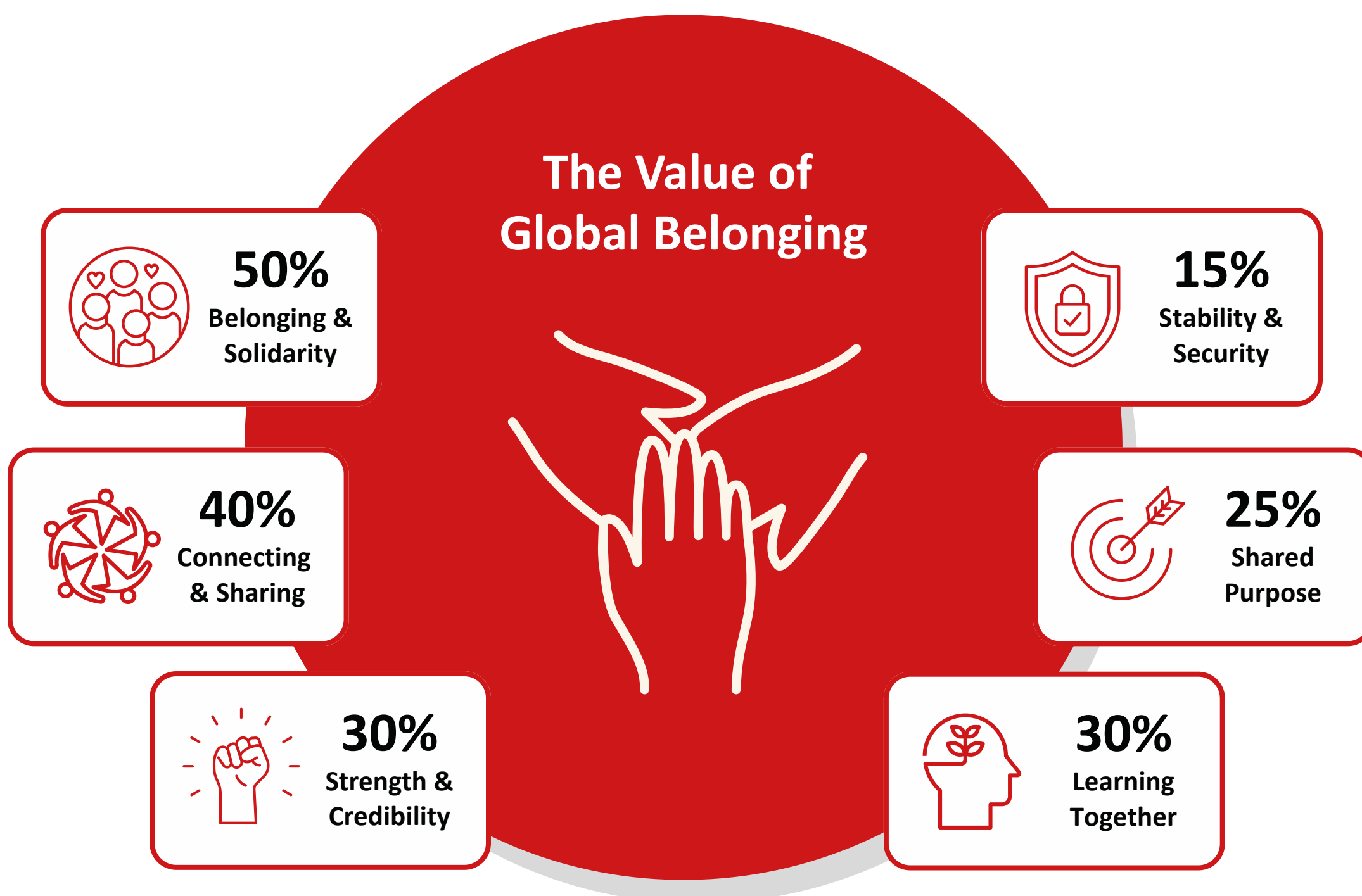
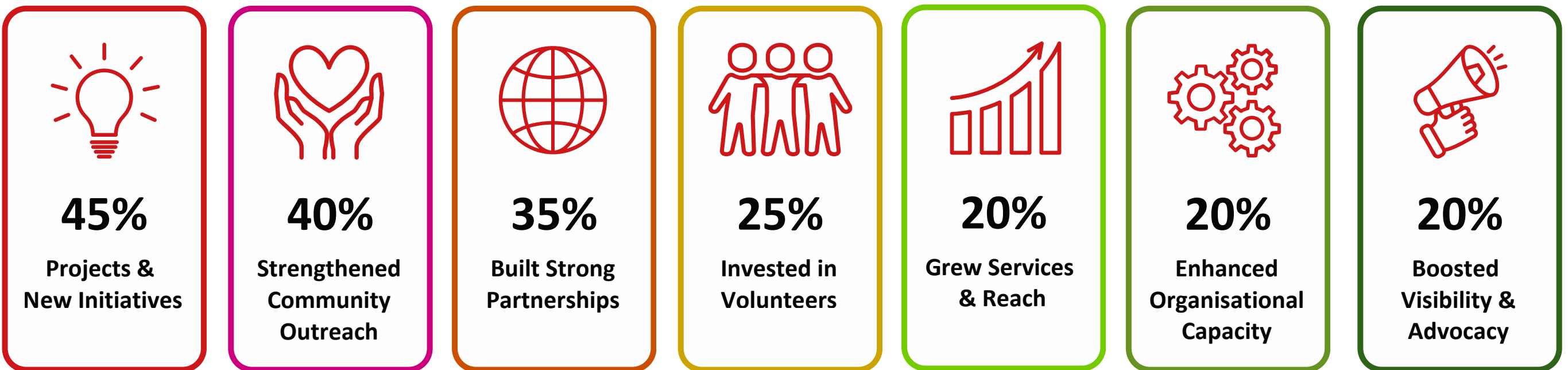


## Activities Beyond Family Support

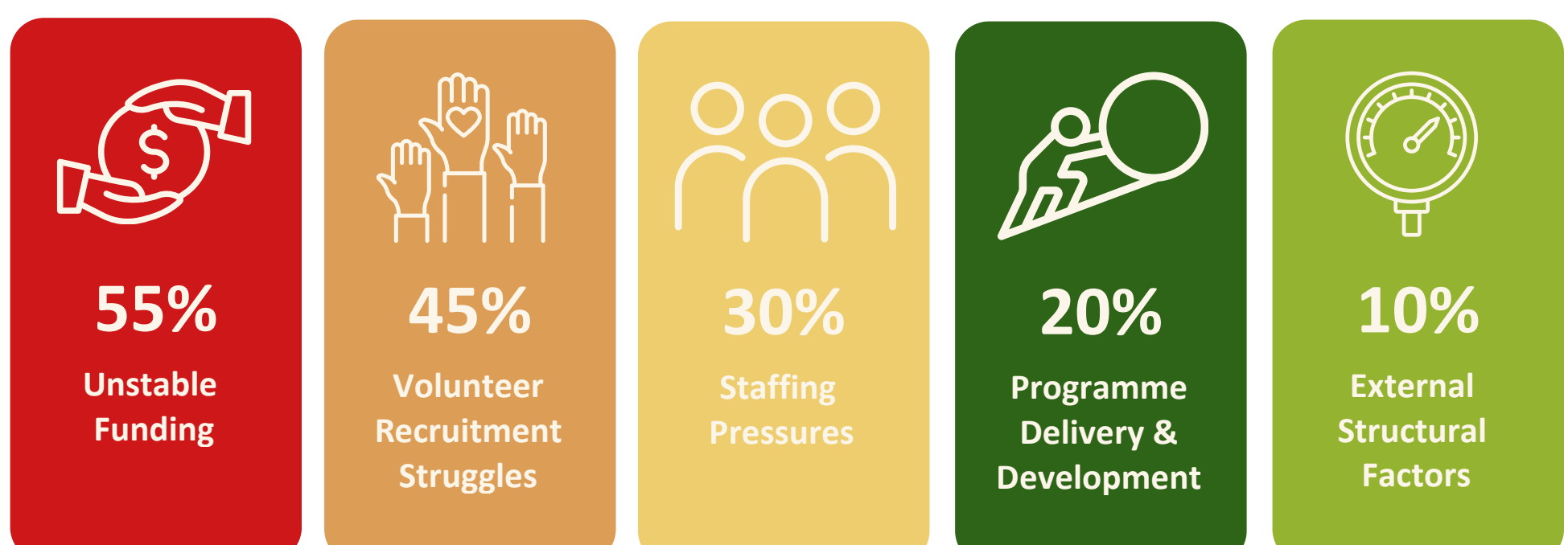
Alongside family support, Home-Start schemes engaged in advocacy and policy work, volunteer training, and participation in networks. Many also led community events and awareness campaigns, while communications and promotion boosted visibility and support.



## Our Member Countries Key Achievements in 2024



## Our Member Countries Key Challenges in 2024



## What Our Families Say:



*"It's like a weight lifting off my shoulders, having someone come and watch the children, while I manage to take care of other things on my own, knowing my children are safe and happy." – Parent, Home-Start Romania*

*"I had so much stress and fears. I had no fixed place to live, let alone bring a baby into the world. My biggest worry was that I would have to give birth on the street. [The volunteer] assisted me in the search for housing, childcare and baby gear. She brought me to the right social workers and listened to my concerns." – Parent, Home-Start Belgium*

*"I wanted to thank you for coming into my life. My daughter is happier every day, and knowing you is a treasure for me. Before, I felt exhausted all the time, but now I feel like I have someone to lean on." – Parent, Home-Start Spain*

*"I didn't feel that I could take care of the household and my little boy without help. The change became a slowly evolving system [when I] received [Home-Start] volunteers. Within a short time, what I needed most and what volunteers were doing met and soared. What did I get? Attention, devotion and care, altruism, love and much more." – Mother, Home-Start Hungary*

## What Our Volunteers Say:

*"I feel happier as I serve these families. It makes me feel useful and I also learn what families are going through in the journey of children upbringing." – Home-Start Tanzania Volunteer*

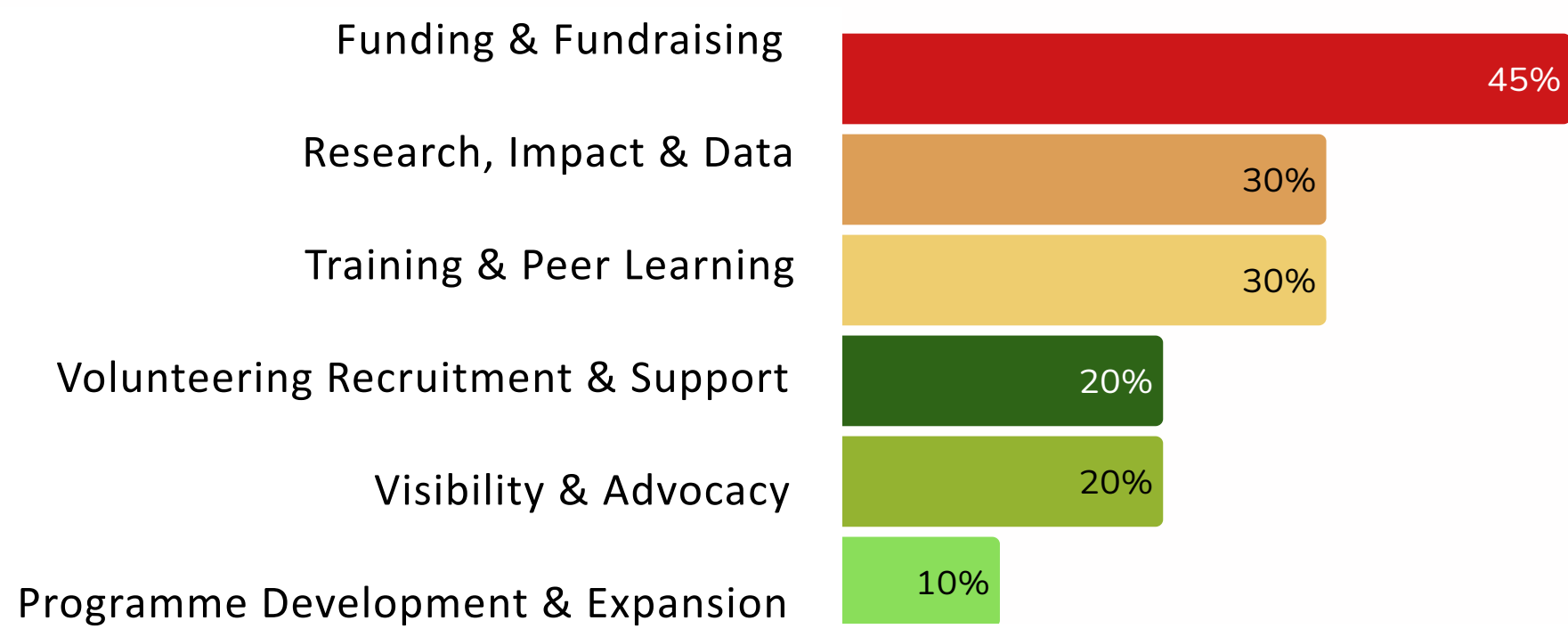
*"It's so simple and beautiful to be able to help just by listening. There are so many people who just need to be listened to, understood and maybe a little hugged. And despite everything, when you also get the sincere smiles of some children, you feel blessed... It is a unique feeling that cannot be expressed in words." – Home-Start Romania Volunteer*

*"It makes me see how easy it is to help someone in a difficult time and how with small actions, I can make a big difference in their life." – Home-Start Spain Volunteer*



## The Road Ahead: How We Can Best Support Our Members:

Looking ahead, our 20 member countries told us where support will matter most. Many asked for help with funding and fundraising, while others pointed to research and impact data, as well as training and peer learning. Volunteer recruitment and support were also high on the list, alongside visibility and advocacy. Programme development was highlighted too, reminding us of the many ways we can strengthen and sustain our network in the years ahead.



The journey ahead holds both challenges and possibilities. With heartfelt thanks to our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters worldwide for all that you do, we know that by walking side by side we can build stronger communities and brighter futures for families everywhere.

