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# ANNUAL REPORT

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KONBIT HAITI :: 2018

## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 was a year of incredible growth for our little organization. In 2016 and 2017, we sought to become more stable as an organization all while combating personal health problems in the United States for myself and my wife who serves as our Research and Development Director. As we achieved this stability, we were also able to grow as we entered this year. Our programs had more dedicated staff and volunteers, more initiatives were started, and we felt more excited for the future!

This growth, however, was not without its challenges. Starting this summer, when we were scheduled to receive our bulk of teams, the nation went into a self-described *peyi lok* or country-wide shut down. This shut-down was in direct response to the corruption found in the government's misuse of a loan from Venezuelan group Petrocaribe. In fact, their motto for this time is *Kote kob petrocaribe?* Or, "Where is the money from Petrocaribe?" While it provided a discomfort and shift for all visiting or wanting to visit Americans, it was incredibly difficult for Haitians. Food prices soared as the entire nation struggled to survive. It became violent in certain parts of the city of Port-Au-Prince and it was incredibly straining on our mission as we sought to provide a hot meal for over 200 kids and staff, while also dealing with this.

We want to thank those of you who stood with us during this time of intense growth, beautiful moments, and challenges. We are so appreciative and can't wait to see what 2019 holds for us all.

*Ryan Robinson*

# OUR PROGRAMS

## ENVIRONMENT

- Clean Water
- Sanitation
- Hygiene
- Toilets
- Moringa Farms
- Natural Resource Management

## FAMILY

- Summer Camp
- Winter Camp
- Family Support (Food and Medical)
- Training
- After-School Program
- Mother's Day Event
- School Support

## LEADERSHIP

- Training
- Volunteer Program
- Seminars
- Church Leader Coalition

## BUSINESS

- Sewing Co-Op
- Moringa Farm Co-Op
- Coffee Co-Op
- Business Seminars

# OUR APPROACH

Our programs are not mutually exclusive. In a place like Soubo, Haiti, everything is combined. Single mothers want to provide for their children; Children want to go to school and collect clean water; Adults want training; Leaders want help. Our model is simple: we provide a holistic approach to community development.

We use a broad band of motivated and innovative partners to make sure these programs serve the most people possible while maintaining integrity within the program itself. This way, each dollar is stretched and ensures the cultural integrity of our programs. Thank you for partnering with us.

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FAMILIES SERVED  
THROUGH OUR  
AFTER-SCHOOL +  
SUMMER PROGRAMS

210

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PEOPLE WHO  
GAINED EDUCATION  
IN LEADERSHIP

55

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BUSINESS LEADERS  
WHO RECEIVED  
TRAINING

67

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PASTORS SERVED  
THROUGH  
CONFERENCES +  
MONTHLY MEETINGS

40

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WOMEN EMPLOYED  
WITH OUR SEWING  
CO-OP

15

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LOCAL STAFF  
EMPLOYED

40

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
HELPED WITH  
EMERGENCY  
RATIONS OF FOOD

350

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# IMPACT IN NUMBERS

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2018 KONBIT HAITI PROGRAMS

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PEOPLE WHO  
GAINED ACCESS TO  
CLEAN DRINKING  
WATER

1,500

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COMMUNITIES  
TRAINED BY WATER  
LEADERS

6

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FARMERS EMPLOYED  
BY KONBIT HAITI'S  
BUSINESSES

6

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LATRINES AND  
SANITATION  
FACILITIES  
IMPLEMENTED

2,000

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STUDENTS  
IMPACTED THROUGH  
SUPPLIES + SUPPORT

100

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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS  
IN HAITI

10

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NUMBER OF  
EDUCATIONAL  
EVENTS HELD IN  
THE USA + CANADA

6

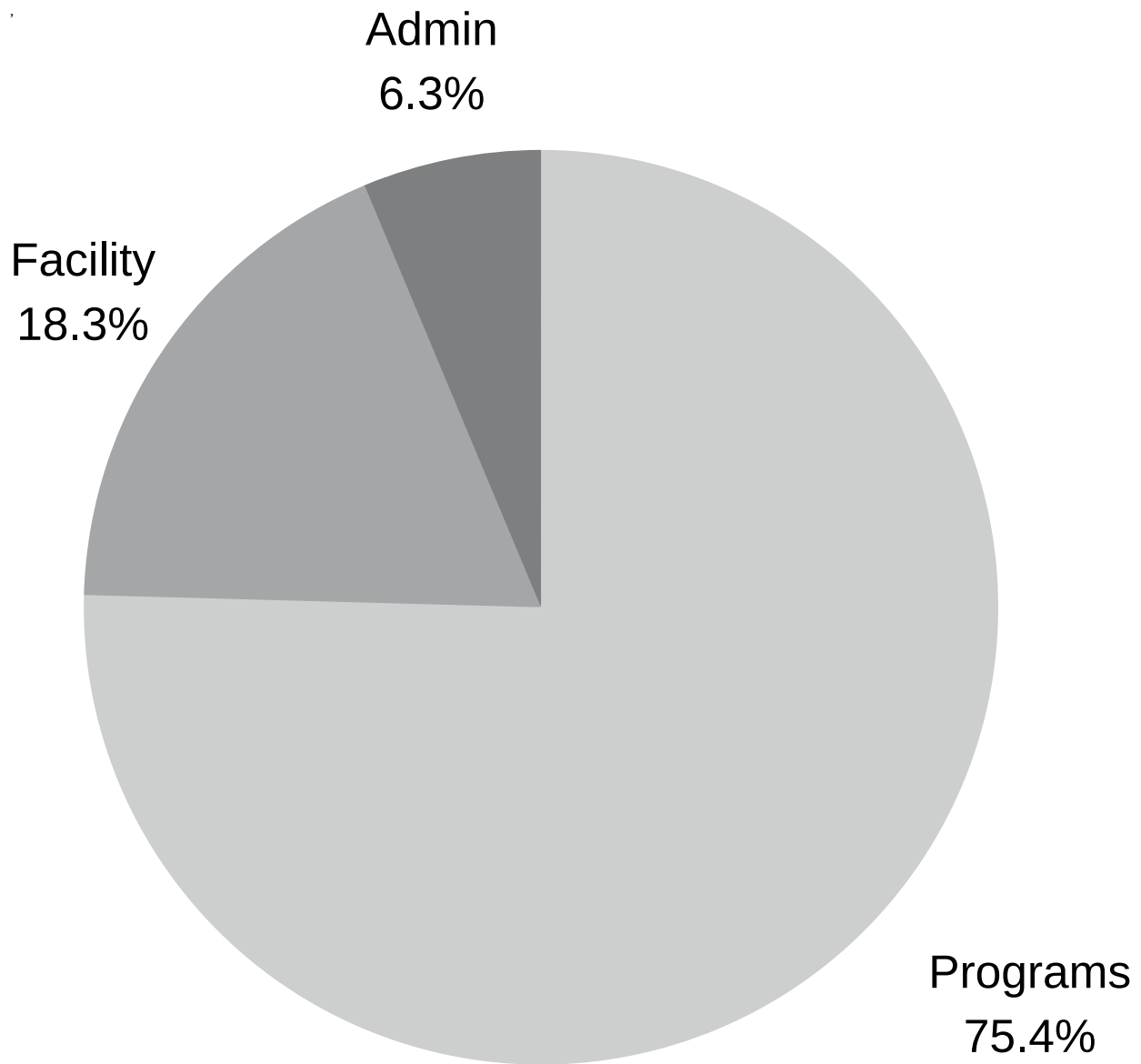
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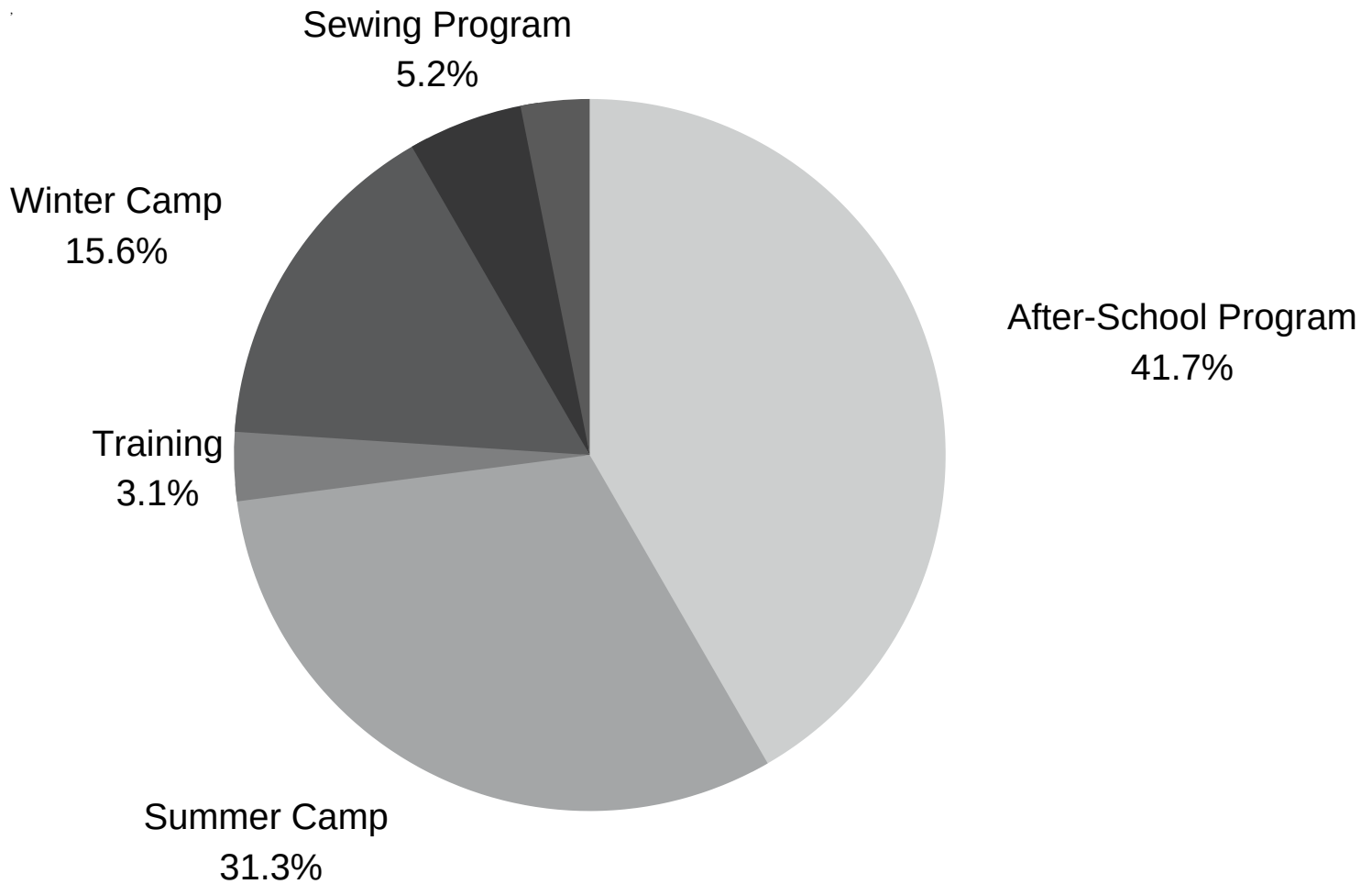
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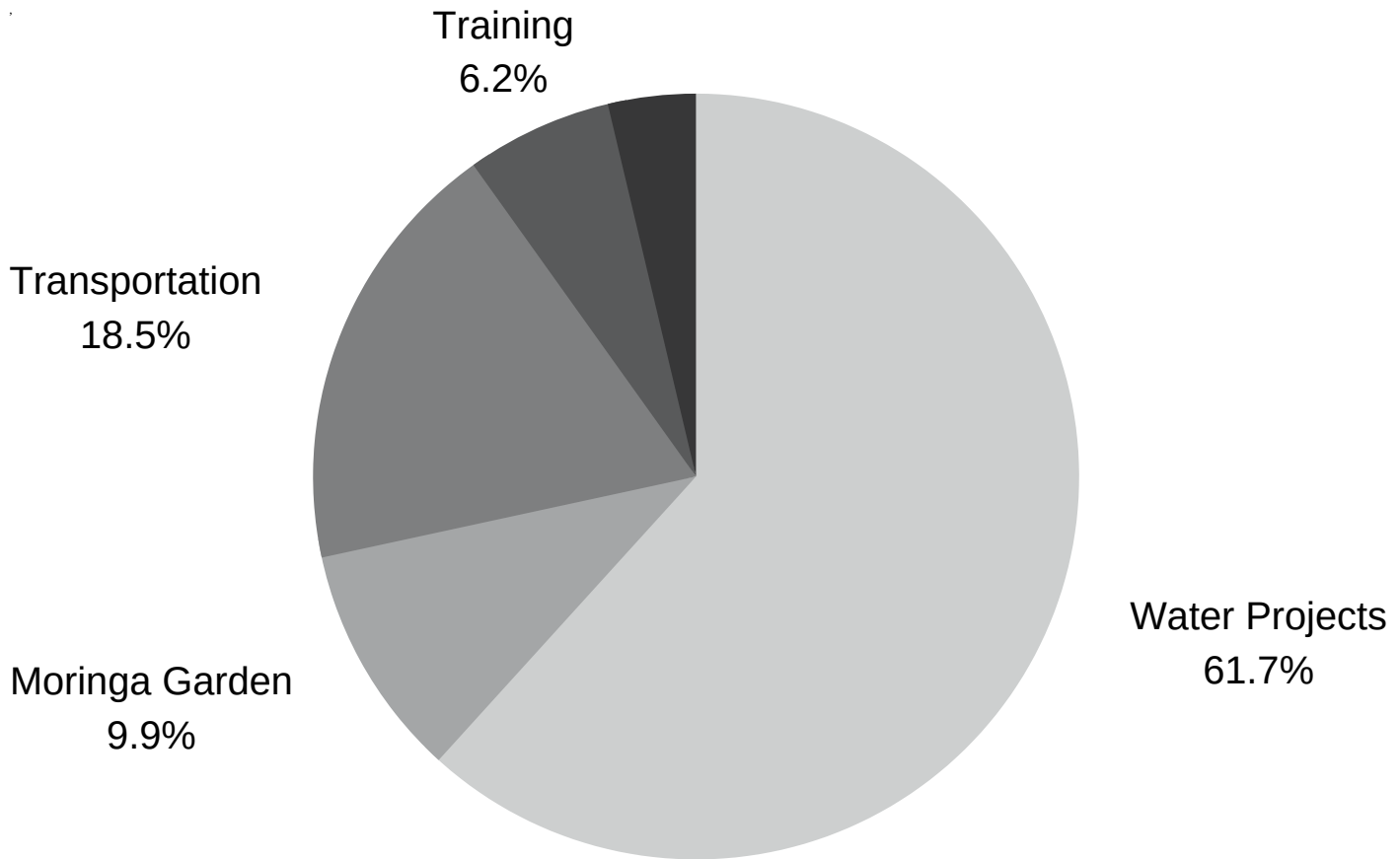
We are overwhelmed at how much we were able to accomplish together with you this year! In the following pages, you will see additional breakdowns of our finances so we can be as transparent as possible. As a small organization, we cannot do this without you. We are 100% funded by people! Our average gift is \$35/month and this helps us achieve beyond our wildest dreams! Thank you for standing with Haitians in rural Haiti.

# FAMILY PROGRAM EXPENSES



Our Family Programs have two main focuses: to provide a space for children and to help families stay together in the craziness that life sometimes throws at them. Our largest programs include an after-school program which happens during the school year - providing a safe space and a hot meal for children. The other large portion of our budget goes toward a 5-week summer camp for over 200 children, providing food and fun for everyone! This money is also used to train staff and parents, to host a Christmas Camp and Christmas service at the property, to host a sewing program for mothers, and to throw other special events. Staff are also paid a fair and living wage for their time with this program.

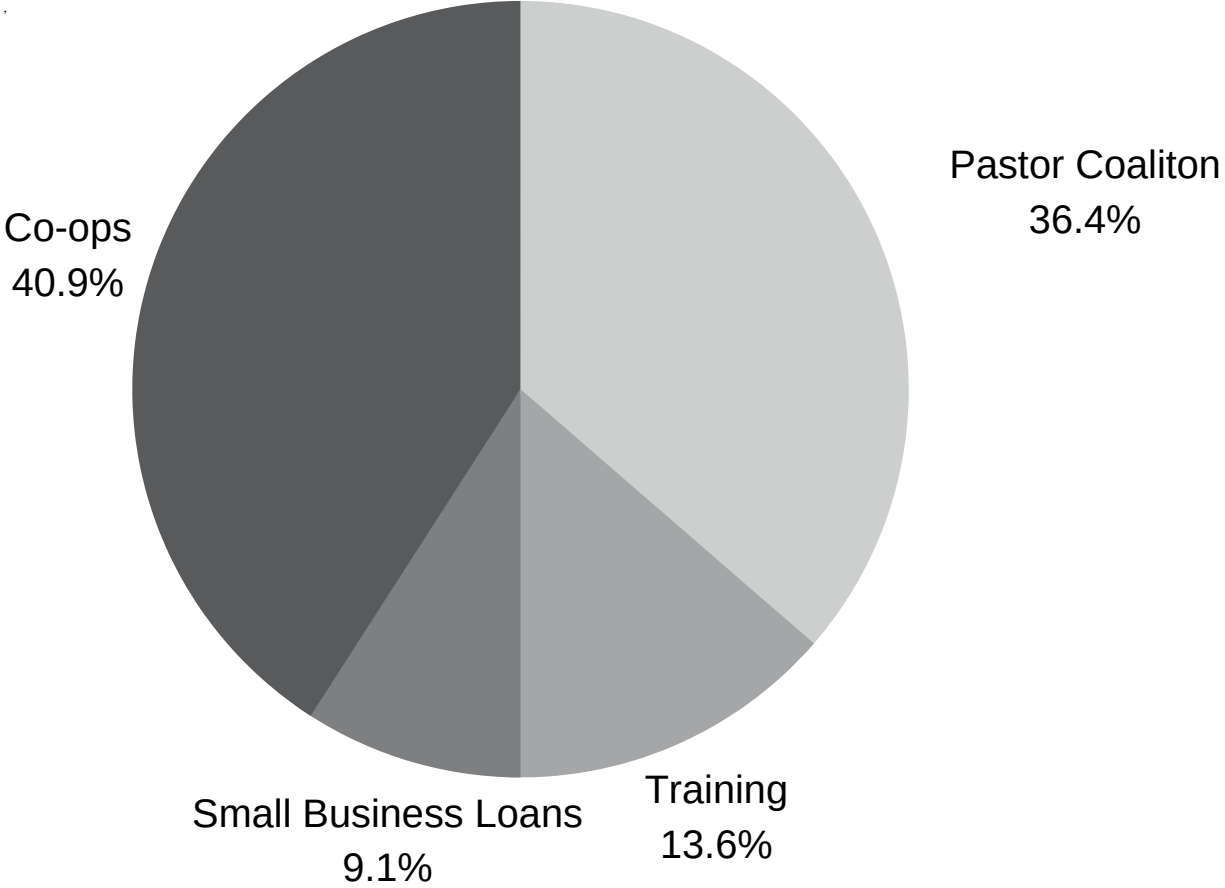
# ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES



Our Environmental Program is predominately focused on lo-tech development for rural Haitian communities. Our water projects take up the bulk of our budget in this area. It includes: rain catchment tanks, latrines, and bio-sand filters. This also includes a staff pay for 5 local leaders. The moringa garden focuses on paying farmers and processors a fair wage, as well as making sure the garden is properly tended to. Transportation for supplies to rural locations take up another large portion of the environmental budget, but are necessary for people to gain access to clean drinking water.



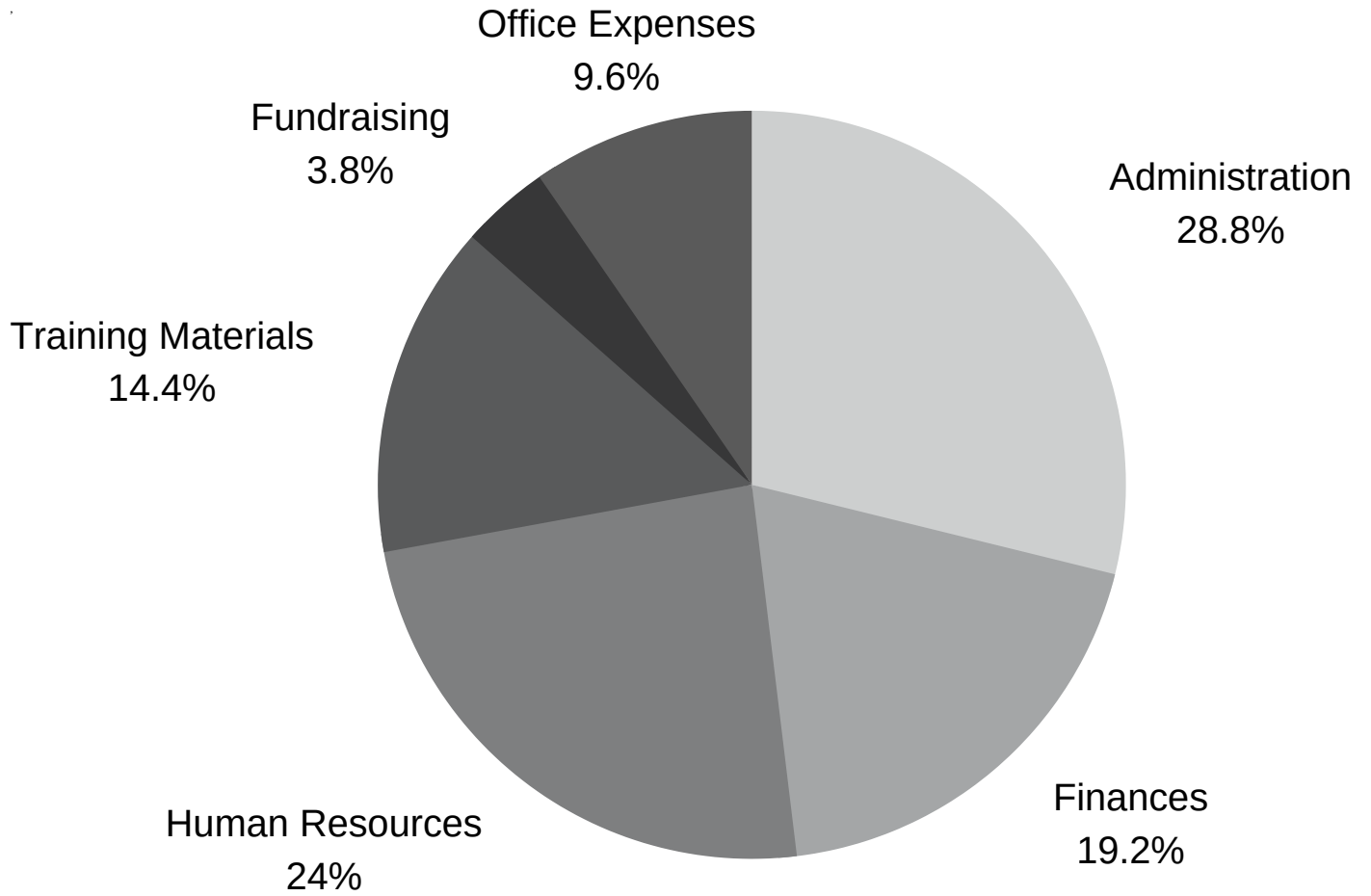
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P R O G R A M E X P E N S E S



Our Leadership and Business Programs are newer. Each year, we host a wonderful small business seminar, and this year was extra special. We were able to walk through business plan development, and we even were able to give out a few small business loans (which have since been paid back). We pay all who work within our co-ops a living wage for what they do: coffee farmers, moringa farmers and processors, sewing ladies, supplies, and more take up some of this cost in this area.

Our Pastor's Coalition is a monthly meeting to strengthen and engage local church leaders, both pastors and lay people. This meeting helps encourage the pastors and keeps them in touch and ready for our annual conference held each year. The budget for this pays for food and drink when they gather, supplemental materials, and transportation for their meetings from their rural homes.

# CORE SUPPORT FINANCES



What could we do without the support that is essential to each program we run? This section is dedicated to those we pay to help us maintain our tax-deductible status, help train our board members, help acquire new funding opportunities, send the plethora of Western Union transfers we must send each month for our programs, and more.

# ALTINA'S STORY



Altina is a mother of 8, grandmother of 3. She has been a single mother for as long as she's been a mother. Here's what she says about being a part of Konbit's sewing co-op program, and having her children and grandchildren attend the afterschool program.

*"Before Konbit, I spent each day wondering how I could feed my family. Thanks to this program, I am able to help my family through my own work. My kids learn things through the [kids] program. I am so thankful."*