

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

We now have **15** committed team members (one partially-funded Executive Director and 14 volunteer team members) who serve on **DSI's Board and**



Advisory Working Group. This skilled team is continuously working to further DSI's development, sustainable growth, and impactful mission-driven program work.

This month we are also excited to welcome **our first internship cohort** of post-secondary students, who will be spending a semester with DSI to further their learning and assist with aspects of our program work and ongoing operations.

\$66,429 The value of the volunteer time and in-kind contributions (such as donated supplies) given to our program and organizational development work this year.

When COVID began to impact our entire world, we knew that people with disabilities were in great risk.



Going into 2020 we already had well established partnerships with organizations in places like Cambodia and a virtual network made up of disability changemakers. We were able to leverage these connections to offer creative supports to those in low- and middle-income countries throughout the world.

We curated a **COVID disability resources** webpage with specific tools to help users across the globe easily and quickly access relevant and rapidly-changing information to be able to advocate for inclusive responses, share factual information about the virus, and access support tools for people with disabilities, their families, and disability organizations.

We launched an **online group** for global disability changemakers and disability organizations through



Facebook's global platform. Members from across the world are now able to meet each other, share resources, ask questions, and offer ongoing hope and encouragement.

In partnership with other disability and development organizations, we designed and cohosted **2 virtual town hall meetings**, providing opportunities for the global disability community to share ideas, strategies, and solutions to help during the COVID crisis.

We had more than **250 participants** from over **20 different countries**, as well as many more who accessed (and continue to access) the information asynchronously, accommodating different time zones and unpredictable internet access.

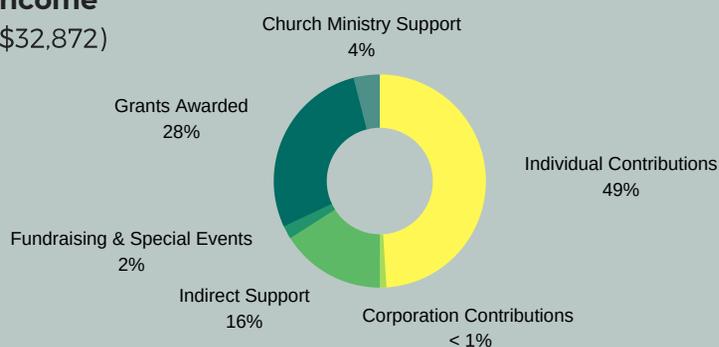
This year we developed our training model and **the first module of DSI's disability training curriculum**, focused on 'Helping Children with Disabilities Learn.' We are anxious to pilot with partners in Cambodia as soon as it is safe to do so. We are now



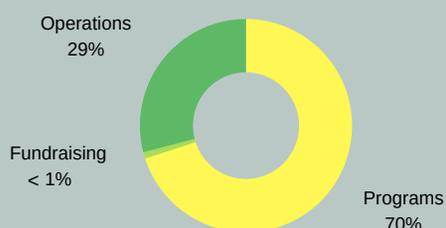
drafting other modules that we plan to use for years to come, including on the topics of understanding behavior, recognizing different disability types, and addressing communication needs.

We are so grateful to report continued incremental financial growth during 2020 which has allowed us to continue strengthening DSI's capacity and grow our programs! Thank you for showing up during this challenging year and investing in DSI's mission.

Income (\$32,872)



Expenses (\$18,052)



We now have **113** countries and **420** organizational profiles on our **Global Disability Directory.**



During 2020, individuals from **126** different countries accessed our Directory (an increase from 101 countries last year).

45% of users accessed info about their own country.



We are also proud to continue to be a member organization of The Minnesota International NGO Network (MINN), the Red Wing Chamber of Commerce, the MN Council of Nonprofits, and the U.S.

Global Leadership Coalition, allowing us to increase our advocacy, professional development, and networks.