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2025 Annual Letter:

The Ground of No Defeat


omprakash facilitates relationships, dialogue and learning between social change agents around the world.

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Dear friends and supporters,

The world changes before our eyes. The past year has brought disruption, uncertainty, and shifting ground. How do we respond?

We keep moving. We act skillfully, decisively, and from the heart. We adapt to the demands of this moment without narrowing our broader commitments. And somehow, **twenty-one years into this journey, we find ourselves stronger than ever.**



"One skilled at battle takes a stand in the ground of no defeat."

Sun Tzu

The defunding of global development organizations has hurt many Omprakash Partners around the world, but it also opens up new possibilities for creative philanthropy and grassroots organizing. Attacks on universities threaten many of our programs and students, but they also inspire us to sharpen our approach, forge new partnerships, and reach new audiences. **Political polarization makes our work more difficult, but also more necessary.** The rise of AI yields endless imitators, but it also deepens a thirst for that which is most authentic and human.

In 2025 we responded to these circumstances by returning again and again to who we are and what we do. We facilitate relationships between social change agents around the world. **We build programs that catalyze global learning, community engagement, and dialogue across differences.** We act with fierce conviction but without aggression. We make mistakes and we keep learning. And at every stage, we invite others to join us on this path.

The pages that follow offer a small glimpse of how this work unfolds. Look deeply, and you might find that this glimpse opens into an entire world. We hope to meet you there.

**With respect and appreciation,
The Omprakash Team**

2025 Milestones

at a glance:

\$8.5+ Million

raised by Omprakash Partners
across 5k+ donations

301 Omprakash Partners

across 60 countries, including
new organizations working in
Brazil, India, Israel, the United
States, Palestine, & South
Africa

665 Hours

of pro-bono consultancy
offered to our 37 Partner
Development Grant winners,
along with \$16k cash

1446 EdGE students

across our programs at
universities including Colby
College, UC Davis, University
of Michigan, University of
Ottawa, and University of San
Diego

70%

of our operating budget
funded by earned revenue —
reinforcing our sustainability
and maximizing donor impact

To support our work with
a financial contribution,
please visit:

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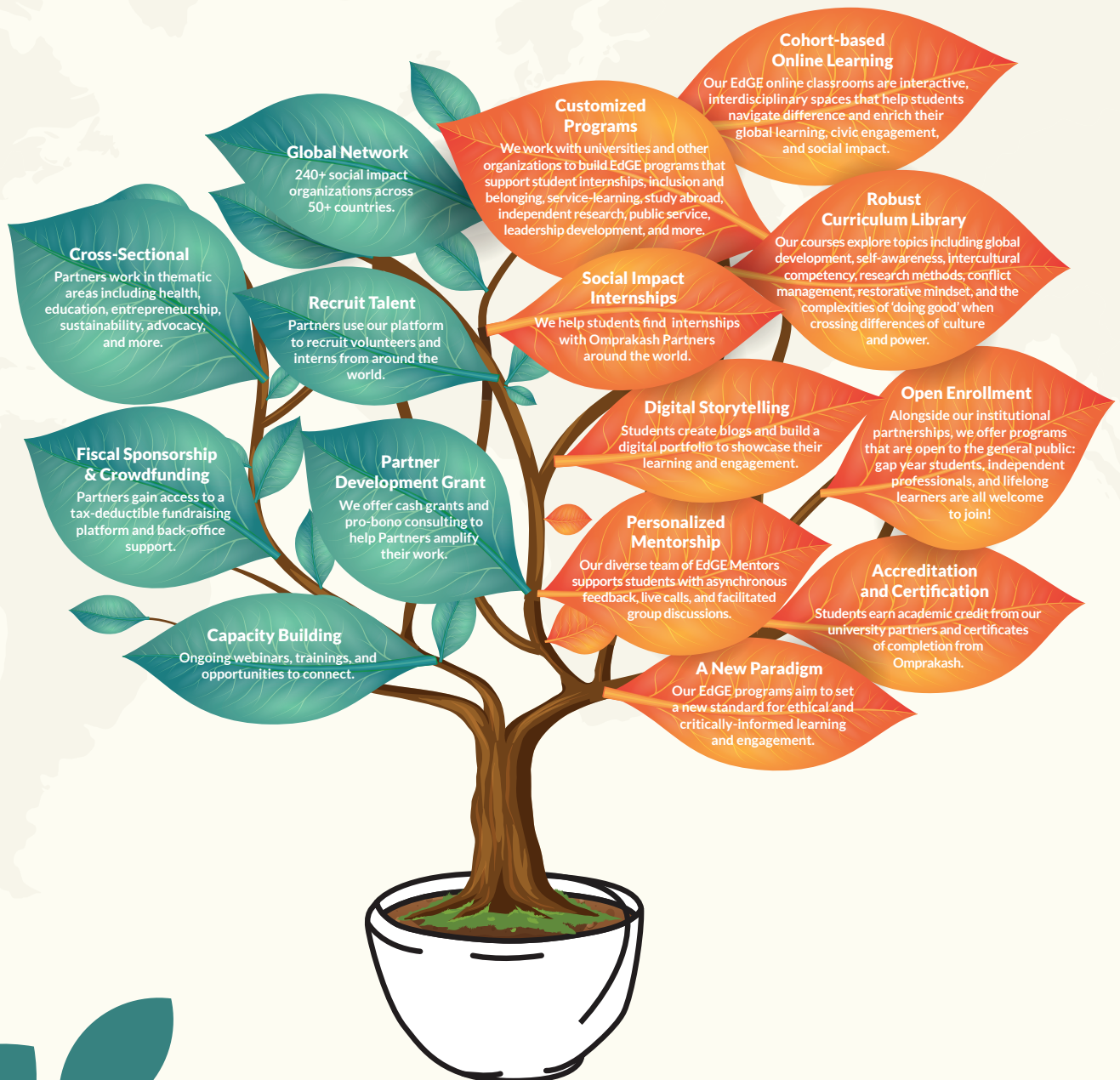
Here's how we do it:

omprakash Partners

We help grassroots social impact organizations amplify their work.

omprakash EdGE

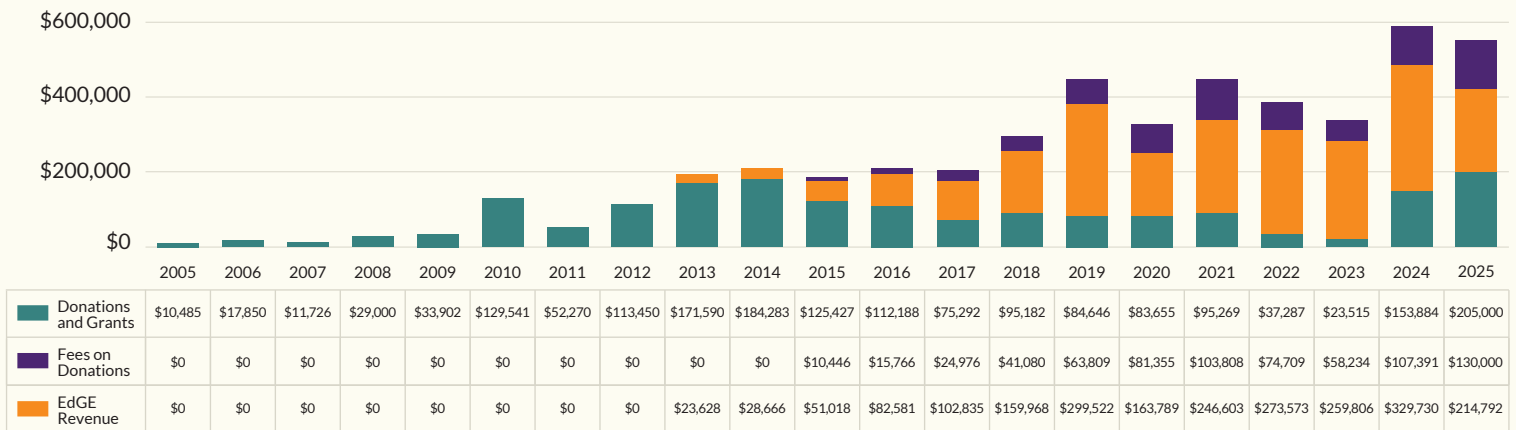
We build customized educational programs to support critical reflection and dialogue across differences.



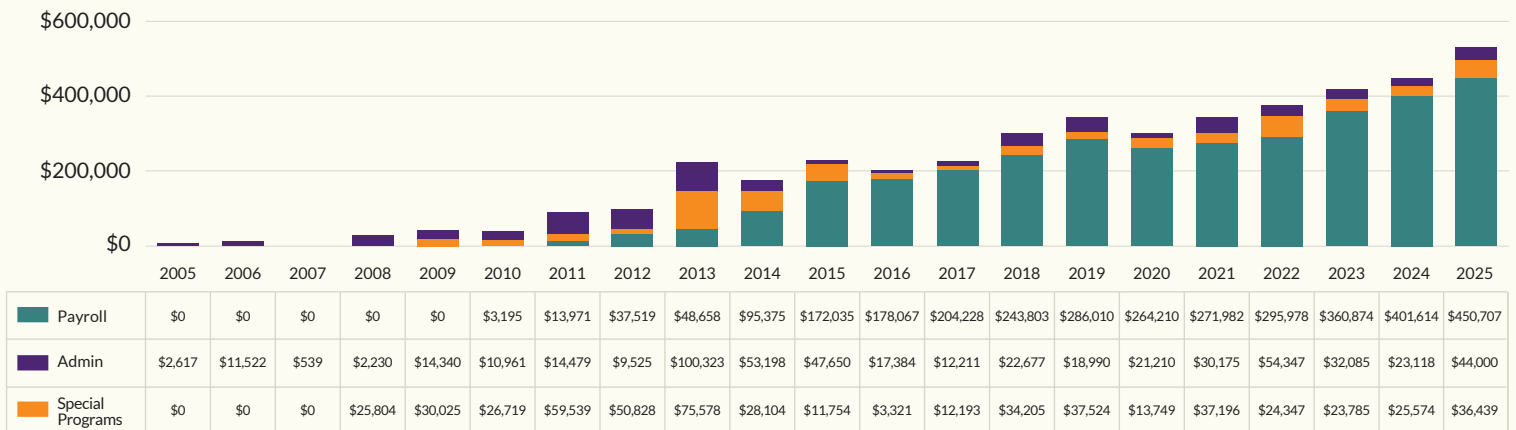
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Financial Overview

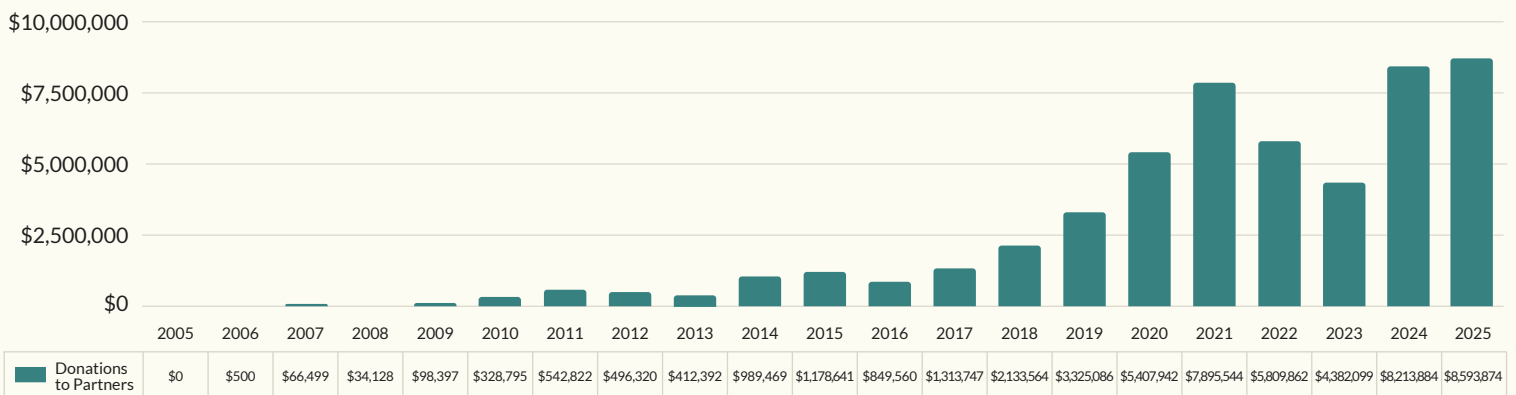
Omprakash Revenue, 2005-2025



Omprakash Expenditure, 2005-2025



Omprakash Partner Fundraising



In 2025, we continued to fund our operations through a healthy mix of earned revenue and generous donations from our supporters, reinvesting surplus funds into 'Special Programs' that directly serve our students and Partners. Meanwhile, our Partners set an all-time fundraising record as they leveraged our platform, network, and fiscal sponsorship to amplify their social impact work around the world.

*The figures on this page represent our estimated year-end data as of 12/15/25.

Voices of our EdGE Students

Compared to my other courses [in the USD Master of Science in Engineering, Sustainability, and Health program], this one felt **especially hands-on and personal**, and the mentorship and structure really supported that process.

University of San Diego Student

Thank you for helping me grow as a human being. I am **deeply grateful for the care, rigor, and humanity of this program**. I leave with a stronger beginner's mind, a braver voice, and a community I trust.

UC Davis Student

Through this internship, I'm not only gaining a deeper understanding of how local systems connect to global ones but also **learning the power of teamwork in solving complex environmental problems**. It's been an enriching experience that's helping me grow both professionally and personally.

Colby College Student

This program is a transformative journey, intellectually challenging, deeply personal, and community-driven. **Be ready to reflect, unlearn, and grow.**

University of Ottawa Student

The flexibility and depth of the digital storytelling components allowed me to **meaningfully connect** my academic journey with my identity, background, and social commitments.

UC Davis Student

The learning materials and discussions have been **a source of inspiration**. It broadened my perspective and encouraged me to take meaningful action in my own community and beyond. I've truly enjoyed exploring new ideas, challenging my assumptions through the chapters, and discovering ways to make a positive impact through volunteering in my community.

Widening Circles Student

I'm deeply grateful for the space this program created — both intellectually and emotionally. It allowed me to reflect more deeply on my own identity and aspirations in development work, and it gave me tools to **think more critically and act more humbly**.

University of Ottawa Student

This experience **reinforced my career aspirations and equipped me with skills** I plan to apply in future opportunities.

Colby College Student

The EdGE experience helped me reconnect with my motivations for doing community-engaged research, especially across borders, and reminded me of the value of **storytelling as a tool for both healing and social change**.

UC Davis Student

[My EdGE Mentor] put in so much **effort and care** to provide thorough critiques of my work and point me in the right direction, giving me confidence to complete this project. I can't express enough how grateful I am for his feedback.

University of San Diego Student

In the EdGE classroom, I realized that **to learn is to listen**. I used to think that learning was all about talking and showing off, but now I understand that true growth is achieved by listening to others share their stories.

University of Ottawa Student

This program will genuinely challenge how you think about development and global issues. The coursework is intellectually rigorous and will push you to **question assumptions you didn't even know you had**. The concepts you learn will change how you see your work and the world.

UC Davis Student

I thought that raising awareness might be enough to help. However, through readings, discussions, and the many stories shared, I have come to realize how deeply interconnected these issues are with history, culture, and power. I've also learned that **awareness without action is incomplete, but action without understanding can be misguided**.

University of Ottawa Student

The best part of my experience in the EdGE program was how it created an **integrated structure that connected my internship, mentorship, and personal reflection**. I especially appreciated the storytelling features, since writing about my experiences helped me connect day-to-day challenges with larger career goals.

Colby College Student

I liked everything we learned, it was **unlike any class I've taken** and helped me think more deeply about the world. It changed my outlook on a lot of topics.

UC Davis Student

When I began this course, I did not expect it to become so personal. I thought it would be like all other [...] courses, where we learn about theories, policies, and different development research strategies. But, **what I did not expect was how much it would make me reflect on my own journey.** [...] I used to think development work was about having the right answers. Now, I understand that it is also about learning how to ask better questions.

University of Ottawa Student

This has been the most meaningful (and hermoso) course I have taken. [My EdGE Mentor] was exceptional. She is very respectful, wise, and motivating. I feel privileged to be part of this cohort. The EdGE classroom and readings, especially Illich and Freire, **moved me from helping to co-creating with a beginner's mind.**

UC Davis Student

Voices of Our Partner Development Grant Recipients

The one-on-one attention to our nonprofit was invaluable. I really felt that [our PDG Consultant] was listening with **deep care and attention** to help us evolve in our mission and vision and the strategy for how to get there.

Ecoseva Institute, India

Many of the **exercises encouraged us to look inward**, at our mission, our values, and how we collaborate. These moments of guided reflection influenced how we now think about our digital presence, our donor communication, and how we connect with youth in a more intentional way.

Community Development & Continuing Education Institute, Palestine

I deeply value the balance the program strikes between inner transformation and outer systems change — this is rare and necessary in today's development landscape. Overall, I found the PDG to be a transformative experience. Thank you for holding space for such meaningful work.

Teach for Afghanistan, Afghanistan

The PDG program **exceeded expectations**. The structure, mentorship, and peer collaboration were transformative. The “PDG Buddy” system encouraged accountability and meaningful networking.

PEACE CROPS, Cameroon

The Partner Development Grant (PDG) was effective in providing a structured and supportive platform for professional growth. It helped me strengthen key skills such as storytelling and grant writing, which are vital for mobilizing resources and amplifying impact within my organization. The interactive sessions, mentorship, and opportunities for peer learning made the experience both **practical and inspiring**.

Teach for Uganda, Uganda

During the PDG period, we created a complete pitch deck, defined our key messages, and analyzed our target audiences in greater depth. [...] I'm very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the PDG, it was an **inspiring and enriching** experience that helped us move forward strategically in communication and fundraising.

Misión Gaia, Colombia

The Partner Development Grant was effective in **creating dedicated space for strategic reflection**, which is often hard to prioritize in the day-to-day work of a nonprofit. The structure of the program, especially through tools like the Strategy Pyramid and reflective readings, helped us think more deeply about our long-term goals and how we align our daily actions with our core mission.

Waste Warriors, India

This was a very busy and yet potent time in my life and this program allowed us to have MAJOR breakthroughs. The storytelling training paired with 1:1 support from [our PDG Consultant] was truly life changing. [...] **Omprakash offers a model of generosity, structure, community transformation and incredible leadership.** [...] We are already so blessed from what we have received. Your work in this time on this earth is deeply appreciated.

Embodied Leadership Project, USA



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