Annual Report 2022

Defining the Future of Fundraising





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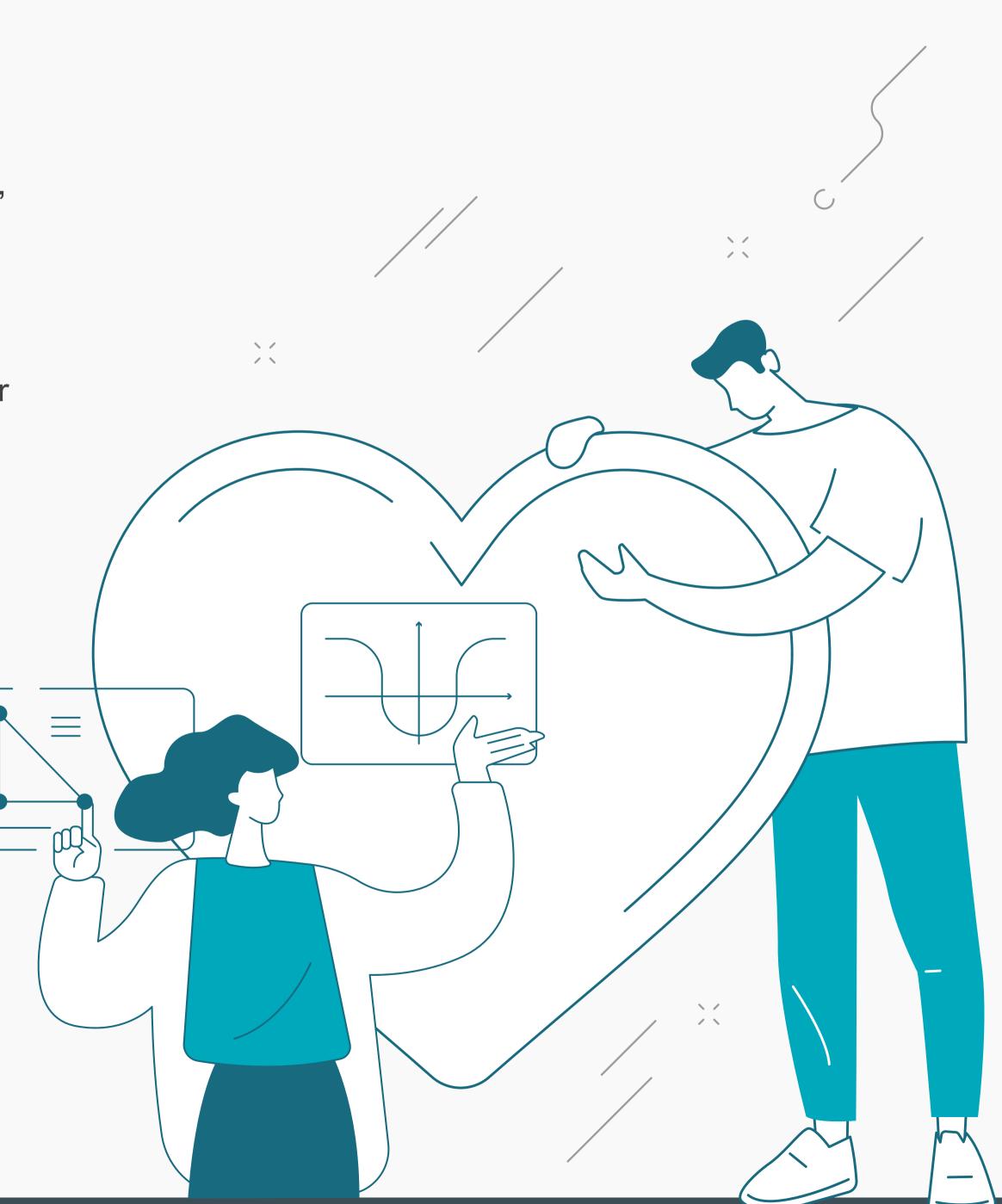


"There is nothing more constant than change"

- Heraclitus, 535 BC

The last several years have seen the face-to-face fundraising sector stop, adapt, restart and evolve in the face of political crises, a pandemic, war and economic uncertainty. Through all this, one constant remains: the resilience and sustainability of the regular giving model.

Now, as an organisation, we are evolving too, to better support our non-profit partners in retaining and rebuilding their regular-give donor bases so they can continue making an impact.





Message from the CEO

Richard Prentice



Our guiding purpose as an organisation has always been to make fundraising easy for charities and non-profits.

The pandemic years taught us the importance of a diversified fundraising strategy. With the worst behind us, 2022 showed us the resilience of face-to-face as an acquisition channel and solidified the importance of the regular-give model and sound donor retention practices to drive sustainable income. We understand that every charity has its unique set of strengths and challenges, and therefore needs solutions which meet its needs and circumstances.

One size does not fit all.

Over the past year, we have been setting the foundations to ensure our solutions are timely, responsive and adapted to a variety of needs. We are integrated with more third-party platforms than ever before and continue to identify partnerships which will deliver long-term value to our charity partners. We unveiled a bigger, more advanced Data Share format to facilitate more insightful data-driven conversations with and among our charity partners. Finally, we introduced several new products into the SG-verse which enhance our digital acquisition capability, providing scalability and flexibility to charities and recruiters, no matter big or small.

2023 will see many of our fundraising solutions enter new markets, provide more acquisition channels or enhance charities' existing fundraising strategies. At the same time, we will continue to listen and engage with our charity partners, deliver timely data-driven insights and continue to build the future of fundraising, together.



Who We Are

We exist to make fundraising easy for charities

Retention | Consulting | Analytics | Acquisition

This annual report illustrates how we have driven positive outcomes and delivered value to our non-profit partners across four key areas - diversifying acquisition channels, driving donor retention, generating data insights to support decision-making and investing in systems and infrastructure – what we see as pillars to growing regular giving donor bases while building resilience into an ever-evolving fundraising landscape.

In doing this, our people have always been critical towards accomplishing our goals; this report also explores how we have continued to build our culture as an organisation, hired and retained talent, and worked to foster a positive and inclusive environment.



In the last year, our digital data capture tool, signUP, was used by over a hundred fundraisers to recruit over 36,000 new donors for 13 non-profits across Malaysia, Korea and Taiwan. With the capability to support local languages in any market, signUP is currently deployed in English, Korean, Traditional Chinese and Spanish-speaking markets.

In addition, we introduced the Form Builder tool which allows fundraisers to have better control over data capture forms to suit its intended purpose and regulatory requirements in their markets. Combined with point-of-sale (POS) payment capabilities, location-assigning capability, real-time sales performance dashboards, and a prepaid credit-based subscription, signUP is a PCI-compliant and complete sales management solution within a single application, offering borderless flexibility and scalability to face-to-face acquisition teams.



Extending Our Donor Acquisition Solutions with SimplyGiving

We are delighted to partner with SimplyGiving, Asia's crowdfunding platform for social impact, to add an exciting new dimension to our charity and non-profit partners' fundraising strategies through peer-to-peer (P2P) crowdfunding.

With an existing presence in seven markets (Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Cambodia, Hong Kong), and over 1,200 partner organisations registered on the platform, SimplyGiving will create new touchpoints to engage

with charities' active donors, reach out to new ones, quickly set up emergency response appeals, and work with corporates and private individuals to amplify their causes across social and peer networks.

Moreover, the website's level 1 PCI-DSS certified payment gateways and capability to accept cross-border donations in 17 currencies mean charities can accept international donations in a safe and secured manner.



IFC 2022

Join us in exploring

Digital Fundraising as a Vehicle to Drive Regular Giving

19 October, 2022

7am - 8am BST 2pm - 3pm MYT



Speaker

Rachael Ward Head of Digital



Speaker

Seema Nair
Head of Product
Development

Digital Acquisition as a Vehicle to Drive Regular Giving

We had the pleasure of hosting a session at IFC Online, where we delved into the opportunities, challenges and trends of digital acquisition in Asia. Specifically, we talked about our 2-step approach, which combines digital ad targeting with telemarketing, to drive quality leads and convert them to regular give donors. Through case studies of campaigns we have run for our non-profit partners, we shared recommendations about the use of effective copy and images, managing budgets, and the importance of taking a long-term view to facilitate proper testing and learning to optimise campaign returns.

The Q&A session which followed showed there is keen interest in digital as an acquisition channel among Asia-based non-profits. In the past year, we have grown our Digital team to support the scaling up of our campaign pipeline by bringing on a Creative Strategist, and we will be testing new campaigns and tactics to drive regular-give donor acquisition for our charity partners.





2022 at a Glance

\$ 147,766,083

Donations Collected

8,580,487

Transactions Processed

227,790

New Recurring Donors



Collections Breakdown

MALAYSIA

\$48.7M

Donations Collected

3.8M

Transactions

SOUTH KOREA

\$37.1M

Donations Collected

2.1M

Transactions

SINGAPORE

\$23.7M

Donations Collected

418K

Transactions

THAILAND

\$12.9M

Donations Collected

660K

Transactions

TAIWAN

\$8.2M

Donations Collected

362K

Transactions

INDONESIA

\$7.7M

Donations Collected

701K

Transactions

PHILIPPINES

\$5.9M

Donations Collected

369K

Transactions

LATIN AMERICA

\$914K

Donations Collected

64K

Transactions



Our People Drive Our Business

When it comes to People, our goal is to create a culture that fosters inclusivity, collaboration and growth, whilst being results-driven.

To put it quite simply, we want our people to enjoy coming to work, and for their time at SG to be as rewarding and fulfilling as it can be.

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Employees

30

New Joiners





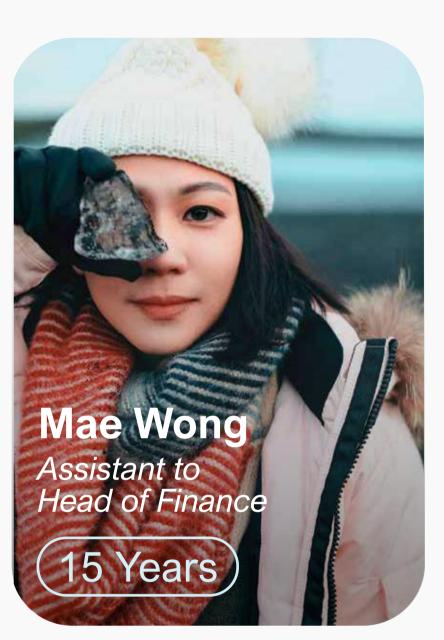
Long Service Scheme

In 2022, we formalised changes to our Long Service Scheme which provided more flexibility on how people utilised the benefit. And we were proud to see a number of highly-valued team members reaching significant milestones.









Progress over perfection.

People and Culture will continue to be a priority for us in 2023, and we have many initiatives in the pipeline. As always, our goal is to facilitate the best workplace experience that we can for all employees by ensuring that they are given the tools to function as a high performing team, they are rewarded well, there are opportunities for growth, and that their health and wellbeing are prioritised and protected.

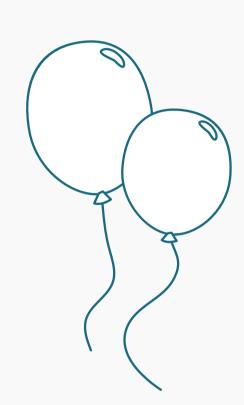
We strive to improve in this area each year and will stay true to our approach of "progress over perfection" – not being afraid to try new things, and also not being afraid to pivot towards something better.



Looking Ahead

Our focus in 2023 will be to continue to improve our core business processes and evolve our fundraising solutions to meet the changing and diverse needs of our charity partners. We look forward to bringing our solutions to new markets, namely Australia, the UK and the US, and to forging strong and value-driven partnerships with recruiters and non-profits, with the aim of making fundraising easy for all.

In getting there, we are as always in awe of and inspired by the work that our non-profit partners do, in all corners of the world, in driving social change and alleviating problems for those who need it most.









MALAYSIA

2022 Summary

2022 saw a steady and consistent uptrend in face-to-face acquisition, especially in the later part of the year, with recruiters regaining momentum after the starts and stops brought about by COVID lockdowns in the previous two years. We also welcomed a new charity partnership in the form of Maaedicare Charitable Foundation.

On the flipside, stricter card brands' transaction rules around recurring debit payments and processing issues with certain bank cards caused a spike in rejects towards the end of the year. However, strong acquisition offset attrition volumes, delivering overall positive donor base growth for the year.



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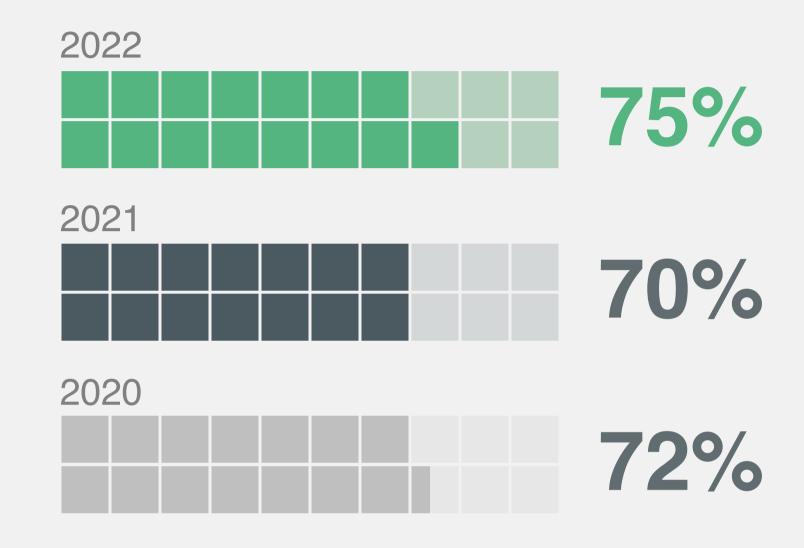
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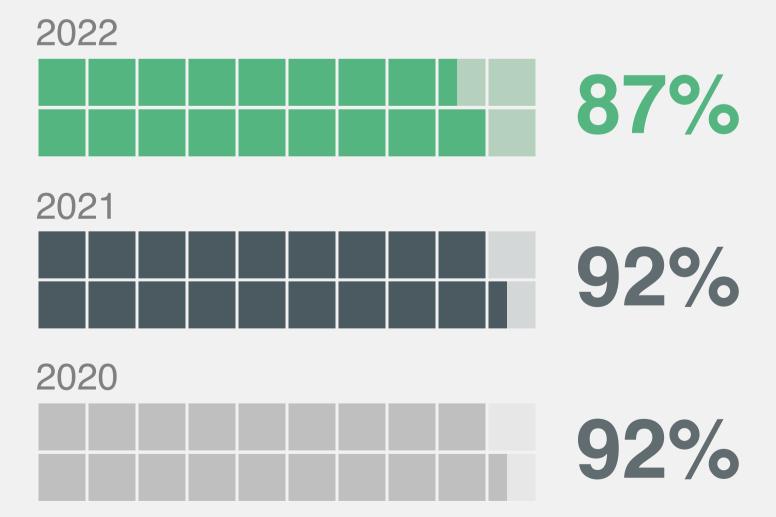
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Anniversary Approval Rate

Percentage of donors successfully transacted on their recurring debits



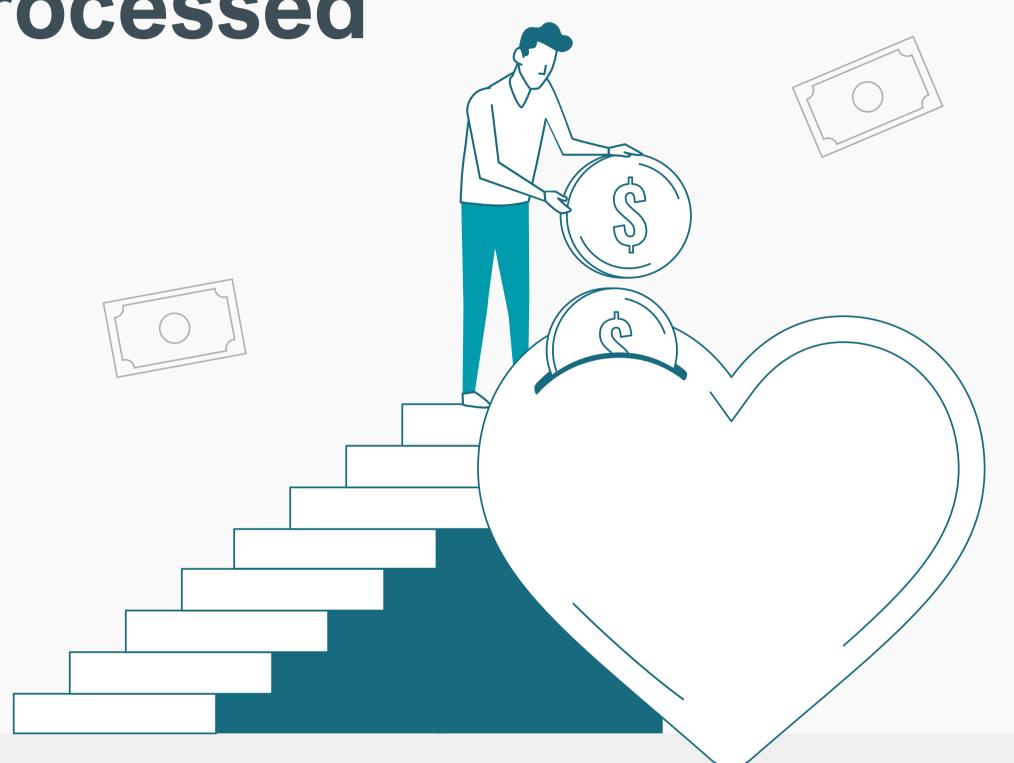








Donations Processed



2022

MYR 214,572,723

USD 48,710,501

2021

MYR 216,434,284

USD 51,952,020

2020

MYR 204,515,478

USD 50,671,368



New Donors

75,464



Average Lifespan

36 months



Average Gift

MYR 60
USD 14



Lifetime Value (LTV)

MYR 1,855

USD 421



2023 Outlook

We expect 2023 to be another strong acquisition year in Malaysia, further assisted by the rolling out of point-of-sale payment capability powered by SG's signUP.

In addition, reject rates should normalise as the sector gets more clarity around card brand transaction rules.







2022 Summary

SG launched signUP, our digital data capture tool enhanced with point-of-sale payment capability, in Korea in 2022 and the response has been positive so far with over 3,000 new donors recruited using the QR code-based application.

We also welcomed two new charity partners, IFCJ and the International Rescue Committee into the SG fold. Additionally, payment success rates for Korea, for both first debit and recurring transactions, remained strong.



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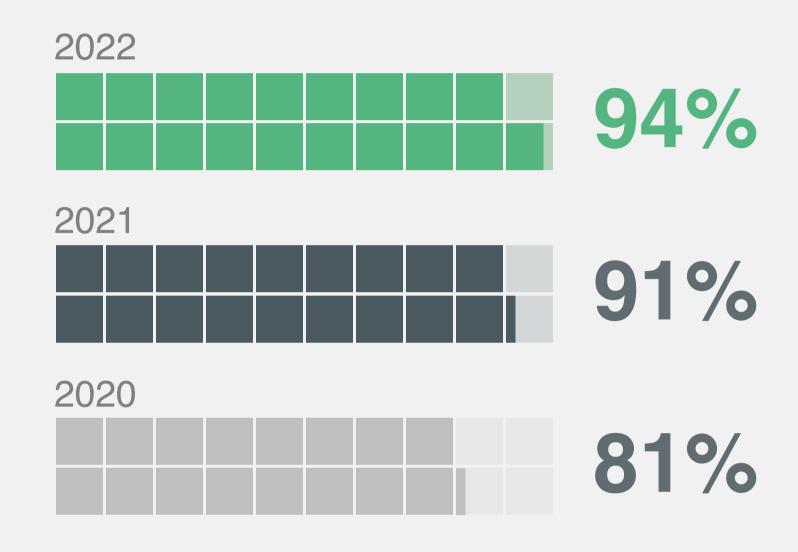
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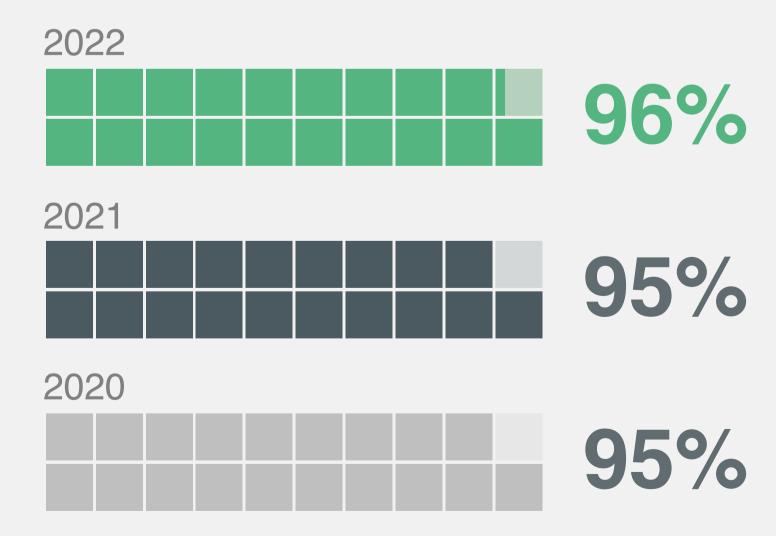
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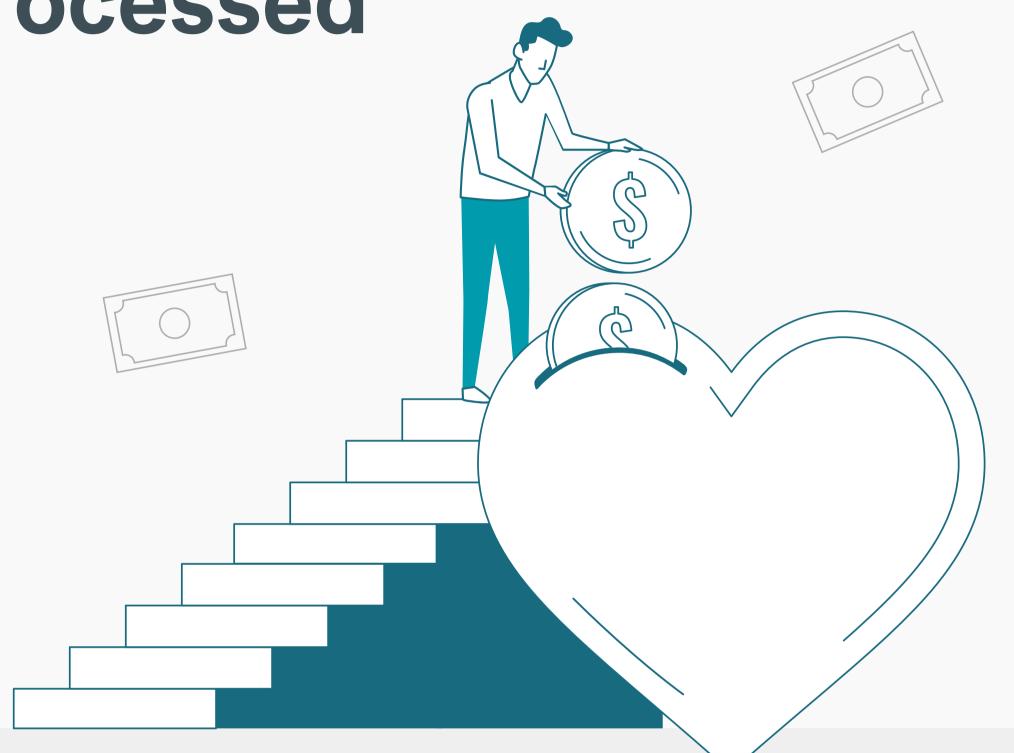








Donations Processed



2022

KRW 47,197,577,591

USD 37,060,147

2021

KRW 28,691,382,866

USD 24,100,762

2020

KRW 25,906,568,130

USD 23,626,790



New Donors

52,797



Average Lifespan

29 months



Average Gift

KRW 22,722

USD 18



Lifetime Value (LTV)

KRW 579,558

USD 455



2023 Outlook

In 2023, we forecast new donor acquisition will come from diversified channels, including face-to-face, telemarketing, online, digital and DRTV. New contact centre infrastructure is also expected to drive efficiency and results in the coming year, impacting activities such as upgrades and reactivations.







2022 Summary

August 2022 marked the return of face-to-face fundraising in Singapore and what a comeback story it was. By year end, acquisition volumes were back to the thousands, with high average piece rates and average gift amounts as well as controlled anniversary approval and attrition rates.

However, while some non-profits achieved their annual fundraising targets within a few months, others have delayed a return to face-to-face acquisition, either taking a "wait-and-see" stance or due to a lack of funding. There also seems to be increased scrutiny of non-profits leading to higher regulatory costs.



Payment Success Rates

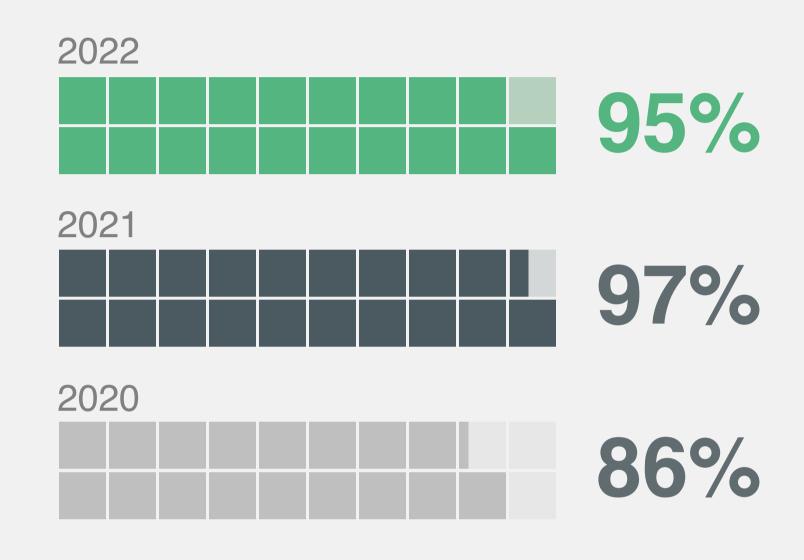
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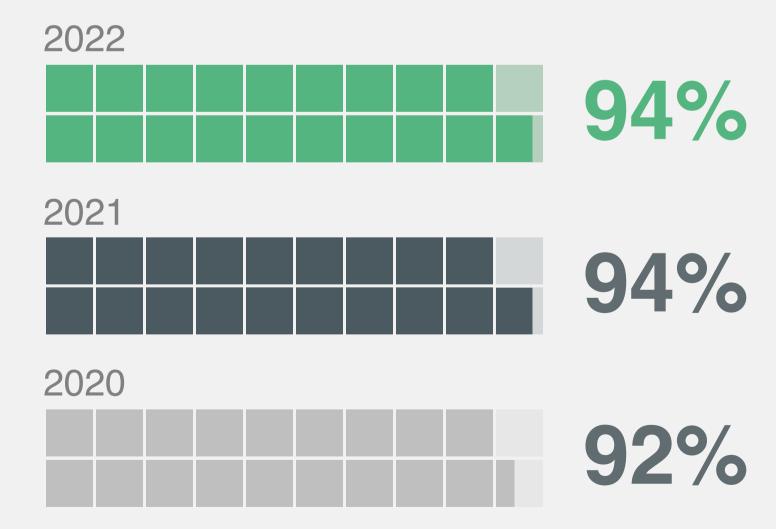
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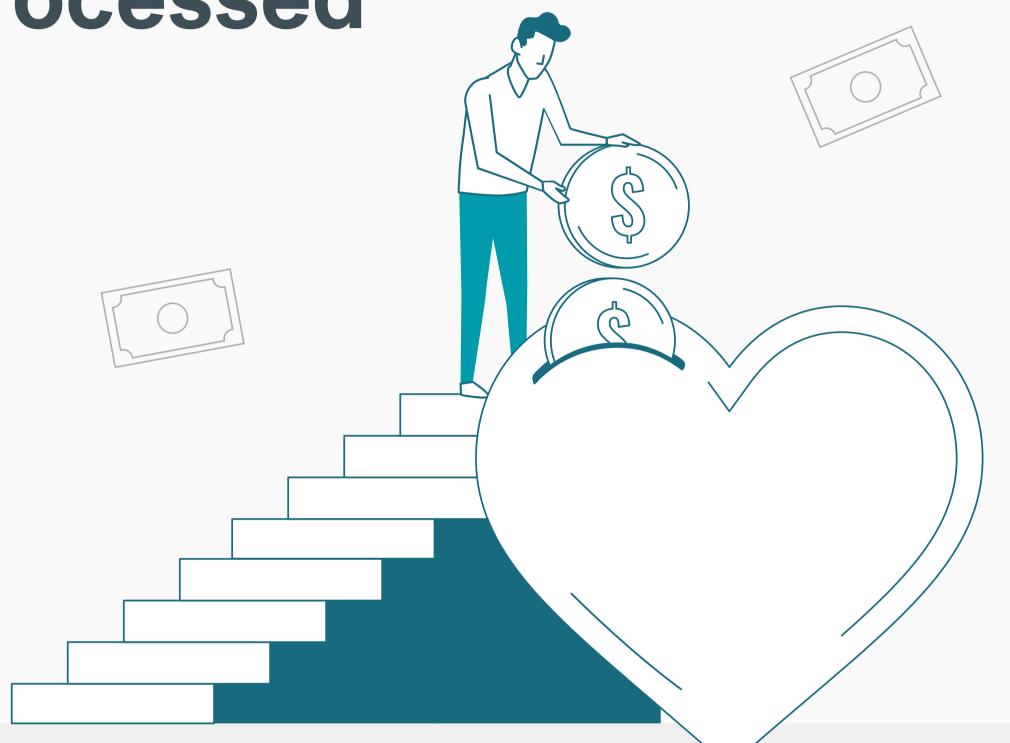




SINGAPORE



Donations Processed



2022

SGD 31,724,783

USD 23,651,587

2021

SGD 31,214,639

USD 23,146,466

2020

SGD 37,777,031

USD 28,490,757



New Donors

9,418



Average Lifespan

41 months



Average Gift

SGD 65

USD 49



Lifetime Value (LTV)

SGD 2,795

USD 2,083



2023 Outlook

We are optimistic about the prospects of face-to-face acquisition in Singapore in 2023. Rising average donation amounts coupled with more charities reactivating their face-to-face campaigns indicate another year of strong acquisition volumes and stable attrition.





THAILAND



2022 Summary

In 2022, Thailand's biggest challenge was sustaining face-to-face acquisition volumes in the face of an economy that had not fully recovered from the effects of the pandemic. At the same time, new donor recruitment was limited to credit card sign ups because of ongoing reject issues with debit cards (that were caused by the switching off of the auto-debit feature by banks in late 2021).

On the upside, first debit success rates recorded an uptrend and new donors were recruited at higher average gifts, although LTV remained under pressure as an effect of high attrition and lower giving life spans.





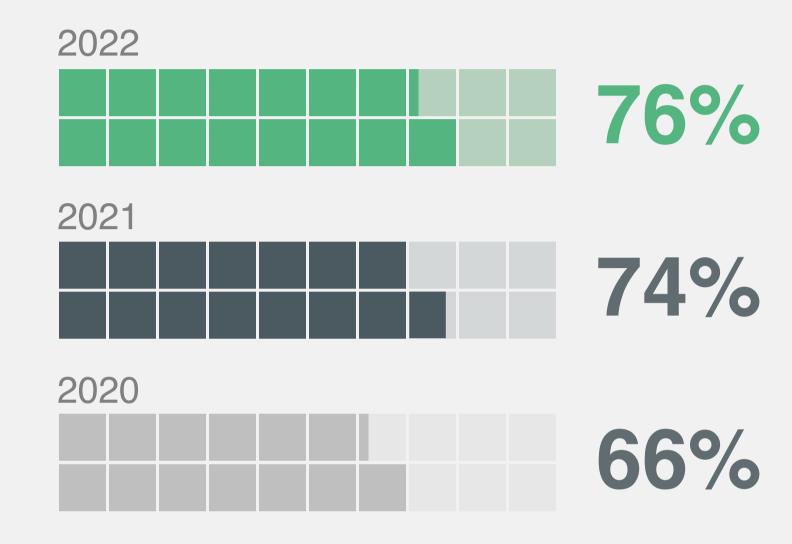
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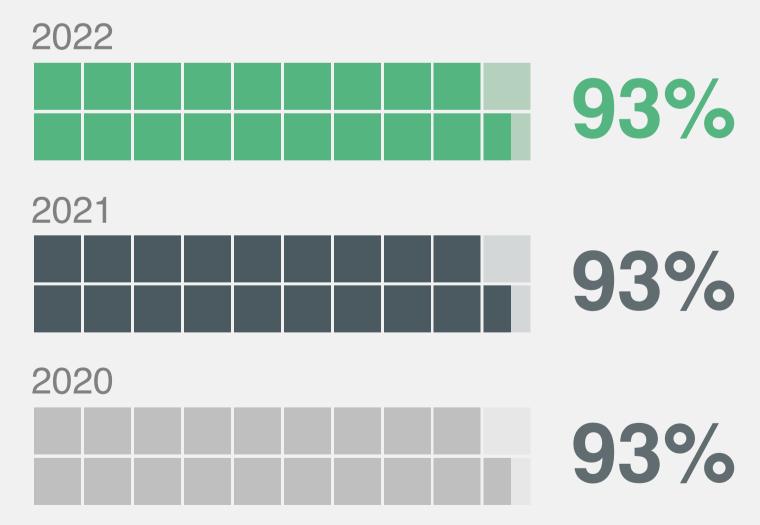
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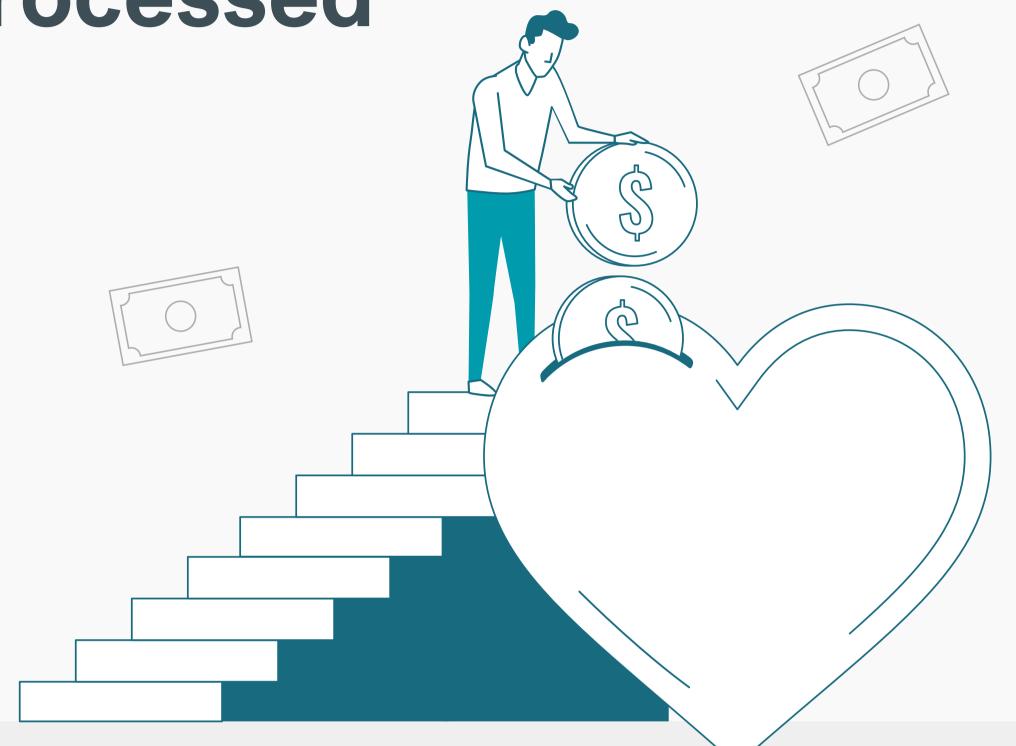








Donations Processed



2022

THB 442,424,815

USD 12,922,140

2021

THB 449,053,086

USD 13,527,275

2020

THB 577,295,297

USD 19,237,788



New Donors

20,457



Average Lifespan

22 months



Average Gift

THB 622

USD 18



Lifetime Value (LTV)

THB 11,853

USD 346



2023 Outlook

The return of tourism to Thailand is expected to positively impact the economy and generate momentum which could influence better acquisition volumes as well as lower attrition.

Our operational teams are also geared to support our charity partners with the planning and implementation of third-party platform integrations with some of our key charity partners in the market.





TAIWAN



2022 Summary

2022 marked several firsts for Taiwan – SG held our first Data Share workshop for non-profit partners in the market, our digital acquisition tool signUP was launched, and we deployed new contact centre infrastructure to drive better performance on our outbound call services. In addition, higher approval rates and a change in the average ask amount resulted in better LTV and lifespan among regular-give donors.

On the other hand, challenges in recruiting face-to-face and telemarketing agents resulted in a slower rebound of new donor acquisition volumes post-COVID. However, with attrition remaining controlled, the overall active donor base showed positive growth in the year.



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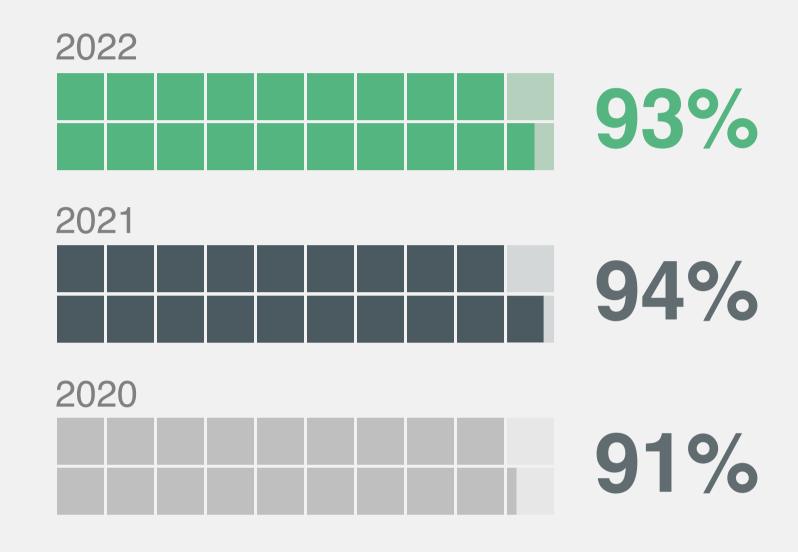
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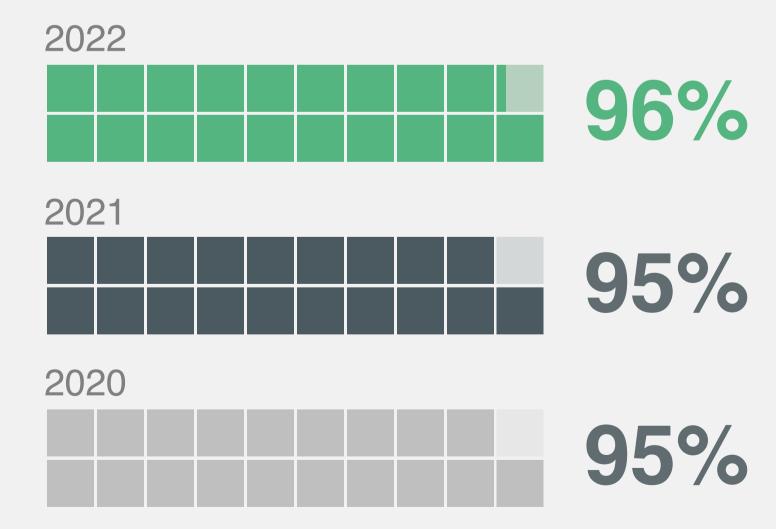
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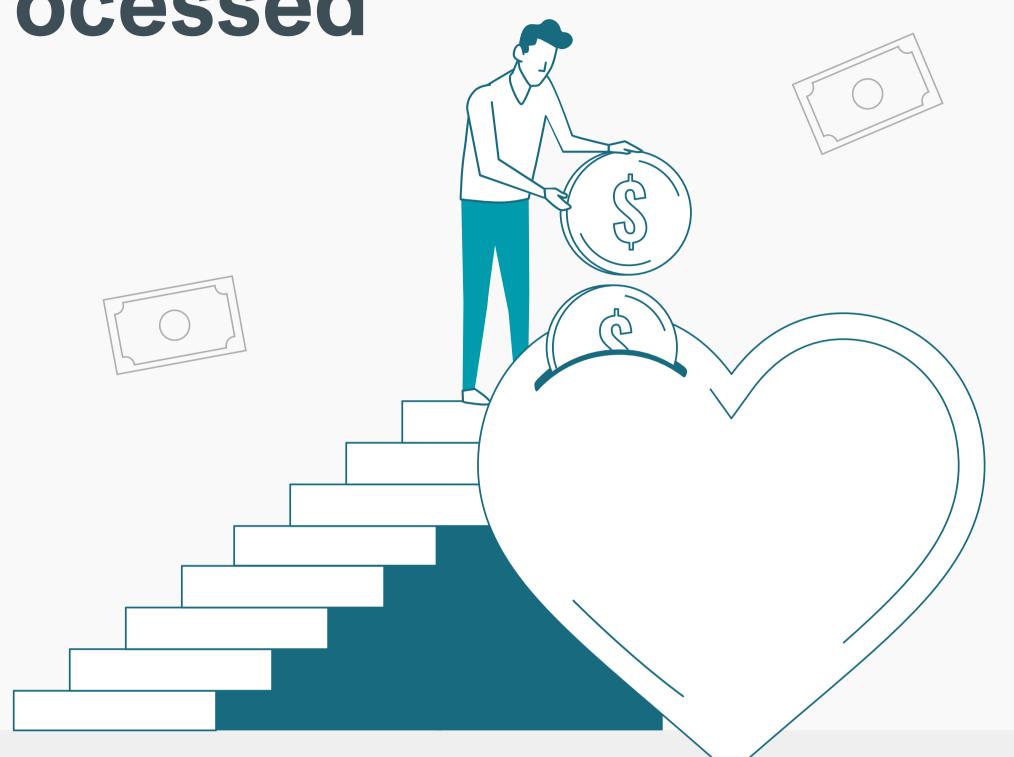








Donations Processed



2022

TWD 251,502,237

USD 8,191,621

2021

TWD 274,980,851

USD 9,921,584

2020

TWD 234,331,901

USD 8,363,306



New Donors

12,327



Average Lifespan

32 months



USD 20

Average Gift

TWD 629



Lifetime Value (LTV)

TWD 19,546

USD 637



2023 Outlook

In 2023, we forecast the acquisition momentum to pick up as we see new donor volumes slowly bouncing back.

Coupled with strong approval rates and a high average gift, it should be a positive year ahead for non-profits in Taiwan.









2022 Summary

2022 saw the ramp up of face-to-face acquisition in Indonesia. Acquisition volume outpaced that of 2021 as new recruiters entered the market and non-profits scaled up in-house face-to-face teams. In addition, anniversary approval rates held steady while operational improvements resulted in lower donor cancellations.

High early attrition is a challenge, potentially an effect of inexperienced face-to-face teams and the overall giving lifespan not bouncing back to pre-COVID levels. Interestingly, the donor profile shows a slight shift with new donors in 2022 skewing younger and overwhelmingly (87%) choosing to donate via bank account (in 2019, 67% of new donors donated via credit cards).



Payment Success Rates

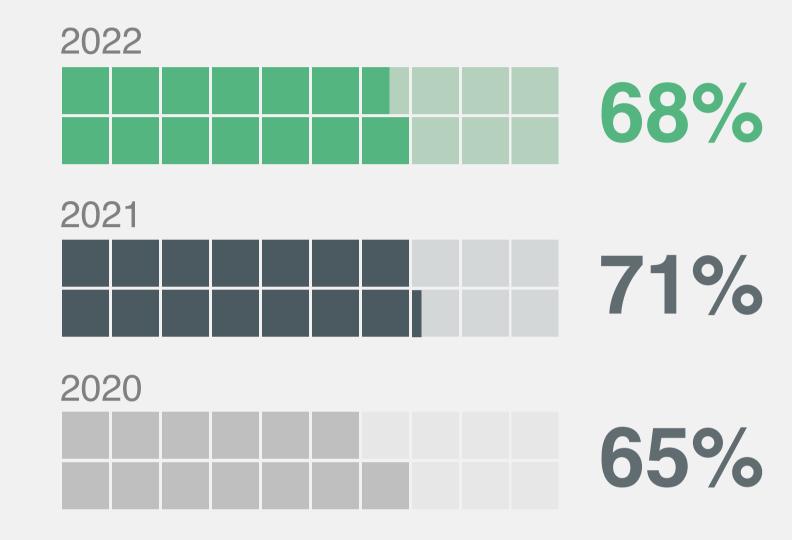
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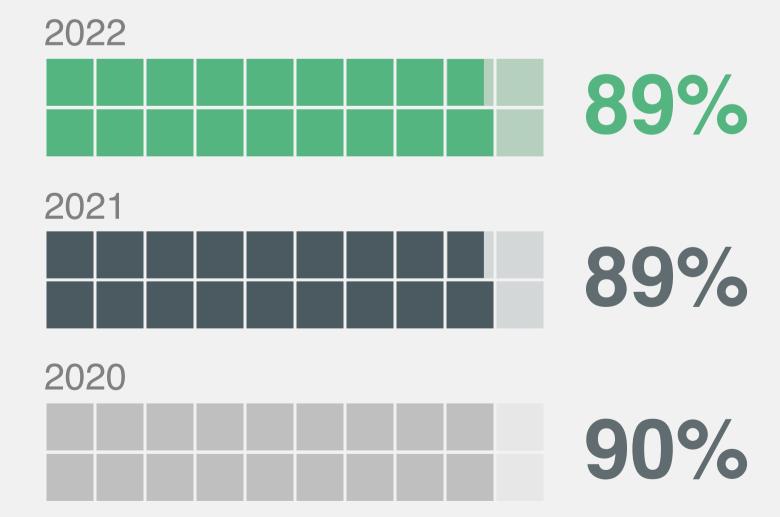
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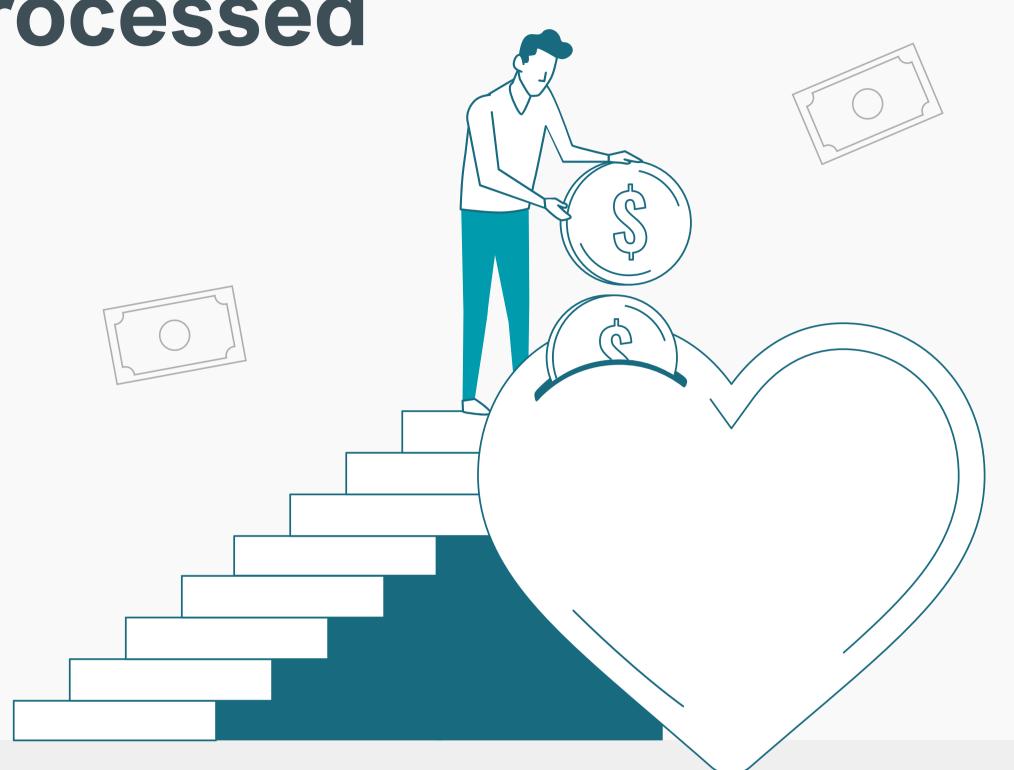








Donations Processed



2022

IDR 119,632,254,268

USD 7,660,737

2021

IDR 143,611,884,850

USD 10,052,832

2020

IDR 160,579,080,085

USD 11,401,115



New Donors

24,768



Average Lifespan

35 months



Average Gift

IDR 139,987
USD 9



Lifetime Value (LTV)

IDR 4,173,027
USD 267



2023 Outlook

In 2023, we forecast a similar momentum in acquisition volumes and recommend that this be coupled with a focus on improving donor quality, and therefore early attrition.

Non-profits should also start thinking about more creative ways to engage and retain younger donors in the long-term.









2022 Summary

The early part of 2022 still posed difficulties for acquisition with COVID restrictions and natural disasters adversely affecting the economy and livelihoods. Fortunately, towards the later part of the year with health and safety restrictions relaxed and society opening up, face-to-face fundraising quickly came back on track. However, new donor acquisition remained limited in the Philippines with only one major recruiter in the market.

Despite this, selected large non-profits managed to grow their donor bases. Moreover, the implementation of additional retention touchpoints for some charity partners saw tangible benefits such as better segmentation and reach rates on upgrade calls. First debit approval rates improved significantly, no doubt buoyed by the decision to focus on credit cards as a payment method, while anniversary approval rates remained healthy.



Payment Success Rates

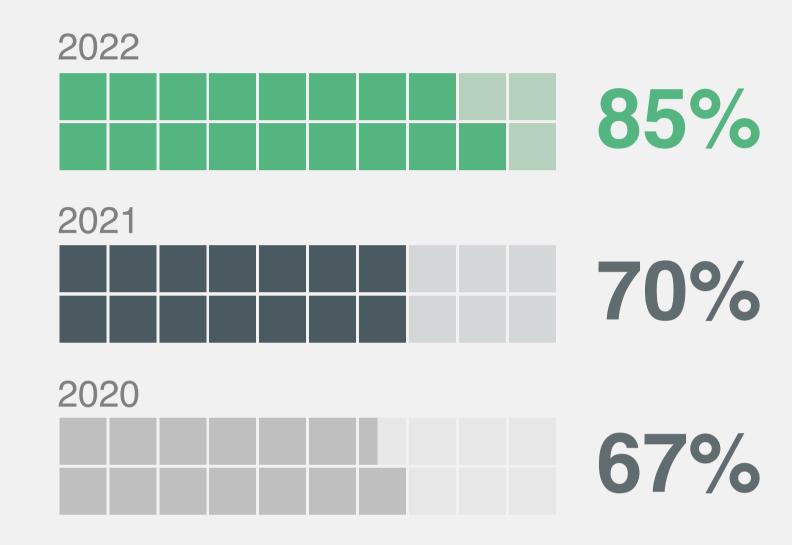
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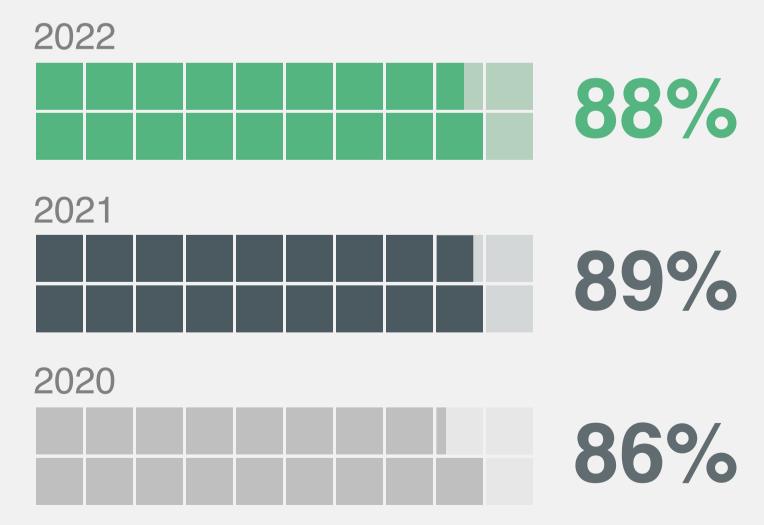
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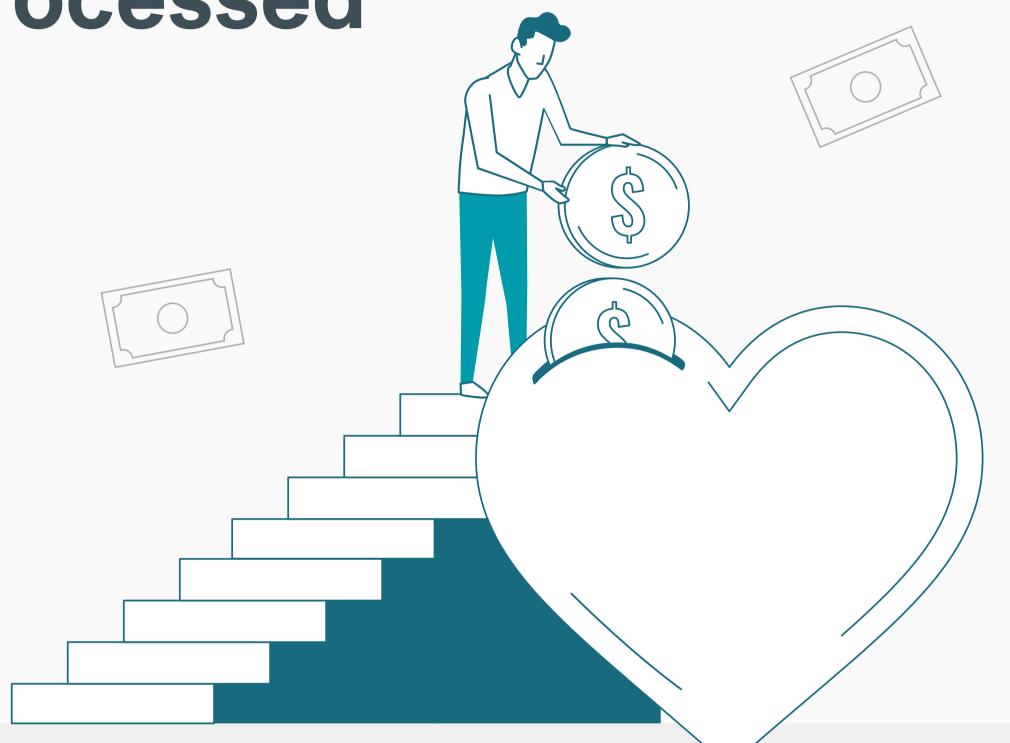




PHILIPPINES



Donations Processed



2022

PHP 329,446,944

USD 5,884,570

2021

PHP 278,391,516

USD 5,451,463

2020

PHP 267,047,161

USD 5,560,723



New Donors

20,627



Average Lifespan

25 months



Average Gift

PHP 1,050
USD 19



Lifetime Value (LTV)

PHP 23,517

USD 420



2023 Outlook

In 2023, new donor acquisition is expected to remain a challenge, requiring charities to double up on donor retention efforts in order to drive sustainable income. New recruitment teams are expected to enter the market and provide a small boost.

Non-profits are recommended to diversify their acquisition strategies, including leveraging on telemarketing, digital acquisition as well as peer-to-peer fundraising.







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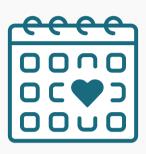
Our charity partners in LATAM continue to make great progress in introducing the concept of recurring gifts to the region, with successful launches of face-to-face campaigns in Guatemala and Paraguay. Monthly donations are still a new concept, and many donors opt to make a one-off gift; however, the steady growth of the cumulative active donor base is a positive indicator for fundraising in the region.



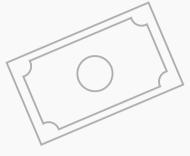
2022 in Numbers



Number of new recurring donors acquired in the year



Average number of months a donor will give to a cause

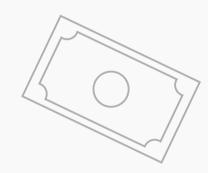


New Donors

10,962



25 months





Average monthly contribution per donor



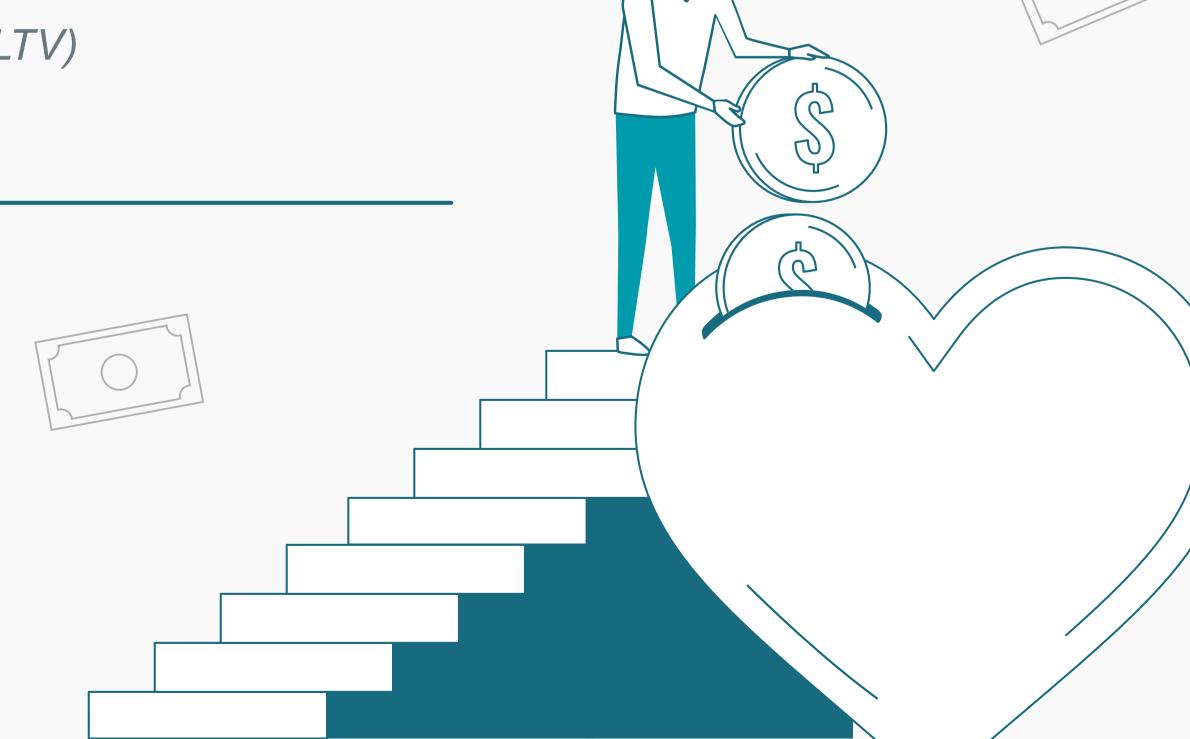
Estimated total contribution of a donor to their chosen cause

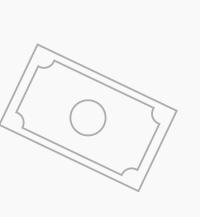
Average Gift

USD 14

Lifetime Value (LTV)

USD 298







2023 Outlook

In 2023, new donor acquisition is expected to continue on an upward trajectory, strengthened by healthy average gift amounts and approval rates in most markets.

Non-profits are expected to continue focusing their efforts on scaling up regular-give campaigns and strengthening donor engagement programs to address attrition rates in the region.





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