

Opportunity International Canada

Cycle 5 to Survive Impact Update

Aspiring Together Women's Groups ATWG | Dominican Republic

Funds raised through Cycle 5 to Survive are expanding Aspiring Together Women's Groups ATWG, a proven community based model helping women build savings, launch small businesses, and create more secure futures for their families.



Transformational Reach

- 2,200+ women actively participating, up from 2,037 in 2024
- 84 community meeting sites
- 72 trained volunteer leaders guiding groups
- Weekly gatherings for saving, learning, and mutual support

Real Financial Momentum

- 1,100+ women saving regularly in group structures
- US\$189,000+ in collective savings, increased from prior year totals
- Average savings of US\$160 per participant
- Women accessing small loans to grow microbusinesses
- Transition into formal savings and microfinance services

2024 to 2025 Progress

- ✓ Participation grew from 2,037 to 2,200+ women
- ✓ Communities expanded from 46 to 84 meeting sites
- ✓ Loan sizes increased, reflecting business confidence
- ✓ Continued strong repayment culture
- ✓ More women moving toward formal financial services

Why It Matters

When women gain financial tools and confidence, families become more stable, children stay in school longer, and communities grow stronger. Each savings group becomes a foundation for resilience, leadership, and long term change.

Out of poverty and into possibility.