



SPRING STORY

By Gillian Southey, CWS communications coordinator.

Children spend their days queuing for heavily mineralised water from the local bore and in the dry months trek 5-8 kilometres to collect water from the river.



Credit: Rob Wayne

GIVE GIRLS A FAIR GO

Nyombi has always loved motorcycles. Too poor to afford her own, she has her heart set on becoming a motorcycle technician. Her younger sister is planning on learning to sew so she can become a tailor. They are determined to earn their own income so they do not have to rely on anyone – an important decision in a community ravaged by poverty and HIV and AIDS.

When their parents died from HIV and AIDS there was nothing for Nyombi and Mugere in their village. As hard as they worked, there was never enough to eat. They had dropped out of school in order to care for their parents. Now tired of going hungry and with no one to turn to, they felt they had no choice but to seek their fortune in the nearby town.

Once they arrived in the town, they foraged for food along with other homeless children. At night they slept on cardboard in shop doorways or sometimes outside the local council offices. They were abused and exploited but had nowhere to go for help.

“We ate anything we came across from the dustbin or leftovers people threw away,” Nyombi says.

Finding two young girls from her own village begging at the taxi stand was a shock for Kyomugisha. She told staff from Uganda’s Centre for Community Solidarity how sad she was when she went to town on business.

“It was painful and heart-breaking to see young girls whom I knew before the death of their parents. I opened my bag and started rubbing tears from her eyes,” she reports.

Kyomugisha knew she had to take them home although she had very little. Her home is in a small village on top of a steep hill in the dry southwest of the country. In the first months, the girls spent much of the day walking



HIV orphans Mugere (12) and Nyombi (14) are at school thanks to a rainwater tank and the kindness of Kyomugisha (middle) who rescued them from the streets of the nearby town. Credit: CCS

the five kilometres to the river to collect water. Once Kyomugisha joined the local caregivers group supported by the Centre, life began to change. She made use of the revolving loan fund and was fortunate to be chosen as the recipient of a rainwater harvesting tank.

The new tank changed the girls lives again. Now back in school they are happy. Kyomugisha says she cannot afford their fees for secondary school, so when Nyombi finishes her final year, the Centre plans to enrol them in their Life Skills programme. The programme was set up to help young people find work, often by placing them with others who have benefited from CCS’s support. With many young people in need of work, Kyomugisha and CCS staff will do their best to make Nyombi’s dream come true.

Coordinator Charles Rwambabari says there are many young boys and girls like Mugere and Nyombi entangled in poverty. Most live on less than NZ \$2.87 a day (the World Bank extreme poverty line).

“With generous support from friends in New Zealand, some have gained the opportunity for education, better



With CCS guidance, the women are able to construct a ferro-cement tank that is easy to maintain and provides much needed water. Credit: CCS

health and proper growth. They have been rehabilitated and set free," he adds.

CWS sent a grant for CCS to construct 72 rainwater tanks earlier this year and the Isingiro District will again pay for another ten. Part of local groups, the caregivers save half the cost of the tanks. A further 338 families of HIV and AIDS orphans are waiting their turn.

Your gifts for our partners can give girls and young women like Nyombi and Mugere the support they need to transform their lives. Please donate to the Spring Appeal so women have the power and resources to shape their own futures and overcome the violence of poverty.

GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS

Earlier this year CCS undertook a gender based analysis of how the poor quality and lack of water affects women, men, girls and boys differently. By visiting four water sources, staff member Gilbert observed many more girls collecting water. Half of the orphaned children interviewed lived with grandmothers and were unable to attend school. The girls and young women have reported sexual abuse and rape on the 5-8 kilometre walk to the river, necessary in the dry season. Gilbert spoke to five of the caregiver groups. The women reported water collection can take 75% of their time.

The women have primary responsibility for raising the children, domestic work and for the family garden. Many were unable to attend school and cannot read or write. Although the Ugandan government recognises the importance of education for girls approximately 25% of those living in rural areas do not attend school. Water problems can mean girls are forced into early marriages and begin a family before they are ready.

When men are part of the household they are not as affected by the lack of water as they are often not at home during the day. In some places women do not own land or property, and men are away from the home, sometimes consuming alcohol. Climate change is making life harder for people who are already very poor. Domestic violence is increasing.



Coordinator Charles Rwababamri thanks you for your support. "It has done remarkably excellent work to improve the living conditions and livelihoods of many orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers." Credit: CCS

EDUCATION FOR GIRLS IN UGANDA

The United Nations reported 81% of girls between the ages of six and 12 and attend school. Only 17% reach lower secondary school.

Poverty keeps girls out of school. Girls are expected to work to contribute to family income and they often miss school because of their menstrual cycle or through poor health.

46.5% are married by the time they reach 18 years. The fertility rate stands at 5.9 per woman, due to low use of contraception. A World Bank report says ending child marriage would reduce the fertility rate by 8 percent and with education, women's wages would increase by 14%.

GIFTS FOR CHANGE

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SUMMARY ANNUAL REVIEW

1 JULY 2017 - 30 JUNE 2018

CWS is proud of its partners who know how best to help the people in their communities. Working together, they are stronger and more resilient.

Our development partners are incorporating disaster preparedness into their work in response to the effects of climate change. In February, Tonga's 'Eua and Tongatapu islands were devastated by Tropical Cyclone Gita. Thanks to your support the appeal raised over \$100,000 which combined with government funding meant Ama Takiloa could repair or replace rainwater harvest systems, re-establish gardens and restore livelihoods.

CWS is grateful for the continued support to refugees and displaced people from Syria and South Sudan. In particular, we acknowledge participants in Operation Refugee and their supporters for assistance to Syrian refugees. Donations to the Papua New Guinea Appeal provided shelter materials and other support after February's earthquake.

Gifts to the Christmas Appeal, "Make Hope My Story", seasonal appeals and by regular givers provided funding for the international programme. We appreciated the gift of a number of generous bequests to our work. In the coming year, the CWS Board has agreed to set aside resources to explore ways to achieve a younger support base to help secure the future for our partners. A more secure financial position has meant we have been able to increase staff for the first time since 2013.

After attending the international meeting of the World Day of Prayer in Brazil in August, I was able to spend a few days with CEPAD in Nicaragua. It was a good opportunity to have direct experience of their work with isolated rural communities. CEPAD runs a five year training programme that supports

communities to manage their own priorities and improve livelihoods. In recent years irrigation support has been critical. CEPAD expressed their thanks for your support.

At the national level, the change of government has brought a welcome increase in aid spending, stopping the recent downward trend. We await information on funding mechanisms for nongovernmental organisations like CWS. CWS welcomed consultations on a Zero Carbon Bill which we had campaigned for as a member of the Council for International Development.

For some years I have been meeting with politicians and government officials to make them more aware of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals agreed by the United Nations in 2015. New Zealand has been slow to pick up our global responsibilities so it was good to see the increased interest generated by a national conference that I attended in April. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as it is known recognises the global need for action on interconnected issues like poverty, climate change and inequality.

Rev François Pihatae General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches met with staff in Christchurch to discuss PCC's work and priorities. We were particularly interested to hear of its strong advocacy for West Papuan self-determination which we have supported for many years.

Thank you for your generous support that makes such change achievable.

Pauline McKay
National Director



SUMMARY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

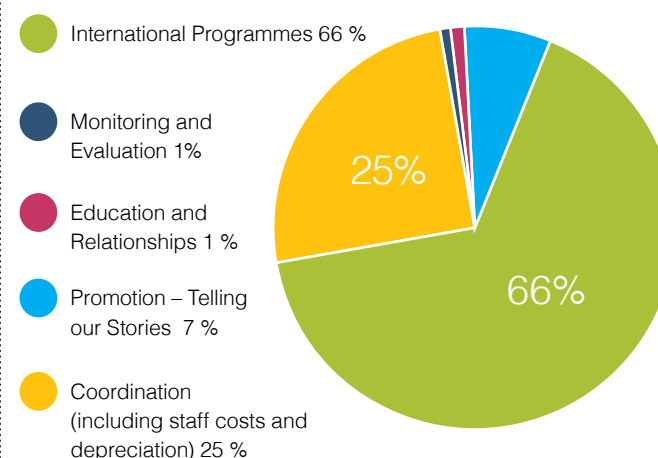
Income

Christmas Appeal	374 901
Regular Appeals	162 118
General Donations	230 193
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	161 987
Bequests	540 924
Designated Donations - Emergency	228 218
Grants (Church and Trust)	46 143
Government Funds	258 612
Interest and Rent	52 874
Total Income	2 055 970

Expenditure

International Programmes Funding	1 206 004
Monitoring and Evaluation	11 171
Education and Relationships	5 576
Promotion	130 888
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	465 457
Total Expenditure	1 819 096
Excess Income over Expenditure	236 874

HOW WE SPENT OUR INCOME 2017-18



This summary is taken from the full statement of accounts that has been prepared for audit. The audited accounts and annual review will be available after they have been approved by the Annual General Meeting on 1 December.

PARTNERS FUNDED 2017/18

AFRICA

South Sudan – ACT Alliance emergency response

South Sudan – Maridi Service Agency – youth programme, displaced people and MaridiFM

Uganda – Centre for Community Solidarity

Uganda – OneDay Health

Regional Total \$302 806

ASIA

Bangladesh

National Garment Workers Federation – Asia Floods response, Rohingya emergency response in Cox's Bazaar

ACT Alliance – Rohingya emergency response

India

EKTA – Gender Training Programme

Human Rights Foundation – Empowering Women in Local Government

LAW Trust/NEYTHAL – Coastal Protection

Social Need Education and Human Awareness – Fisherfolks Assembly

Social Action for New Development

Women Development Resource Centre

India - Emergency Fund

Nepal – ACT Alliance – earthquake response

Philippines – Developers Foundation-Integrated Development and Disaster Recovery and Mangrove rehabilitation

Sri Lanka

Devasarana Development Centre – Community and Agricultural development

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform – Agricultural development

Women's Centre – Programme for workers

Regional Total \$471 848

LATIN AMERICA

Haiti – Institut Culturel Karl Léveque (ICKL) - Education programme



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Nicaragua – Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional(CEPAD) – National Community Development Programme

Regional Total \$34 800

MIDDLE EAST

Iran

Community World Service Asia – Earthquake response

Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Israel

Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)- total budget, Gaza emergency response, medical and education programmes for Syrian refugees

Regional Total \$137 258

PACIFIC

Regional – Pacific Conference of Churches – core programme, International Rural Churches Association

Seep – Post-cyclone community based disaster risk reduction and preparedness

Papua New Guinea – United Church of PNG

Tonga – Tonga Community Development Trust Ama Takilola and Cyclone Gita response

Regional Total \$329 851

INTERNATIONAL

ACT Alliance

Core Humanitarian Standard

Total \$3 554

ADMINISTRATION, APPRAISAL, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Total \$6 133

Total Programme Funding \$1 286 251



Thanks for supporting Operation Refugee 2018.
Credit: ACT Alliance/Paul Jeffrey

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