



SPRING STORY

By Gillian Southey, CWS communications coordinator.

Two farmers are pleased with their new banana and coconut trees inter-cropped with upland rice.

Photos: Developers



DETERMINED TO LIVE

Nearly three years ago a paralysed grandmother sheltering in Mary Jean's house was certain it was the end of the world. Her cries of panic could be heard above the noise of the wind and rain battering the house. Mary Jean remembers the other four families sheltering inside quietly praying until the wind claimed the roof and walls. In terror they ran to the bottom of the house carrying the grandmother with them. Flattening faces into the dirt, they heard a tree crash into the house where the grandmother had been sitting. They cried out to God for help as they waited for the calamity to end.

In the morning light, the families could see they had lost everything to Super Typhoon Haiyan, the worst to hit the Philippines. Not one building had survived the storm, so like the rest of the village Mary Jean and her husband collected materials out of which they constructed a small cubicle to protect them from the rain and cold. According to Mary Jean they had experienced hardship in their simple life but they were contented and happy. Nothing had prepared them for such a harrowing experience.

IDENTIFYING WHAT THE PEOPLE NEEDED MOST

On the coast CWS partner Developers Foundation was severely hit by the typhoon. Despite their personal circumstances, staff and volunteers knew it was important to implement their disaster response skills. In the weeks after the storm they collected information and consulted with the different *barangays* or villages that they knew to find out what people needed. With some food and other aid arriving, shelter was at the top of the list. At first Developers asked CWS to fund tarpaulins, but after further discussion, they upgraded their request. The shipment of corrugated iron roofing from Manila provided protection for 3,061 households. Without this help

villages like Mary Jean's in the mountainous interior of Aklan province would have found life tough indeed.

REBUILDING HOMES AND FOOD SUPPLIES

The 3,061 shining new corrugated iron roofs that can be seen across the villages are a visual sign of a remarkable recovery. For three years these already poor communities have worked hard to build back what they have lost. The work is not complete according to Director Tet Naraval but they are well on the way with plans to improve the livelihoods of fishing and farming families. Thanks to our donors, CWS has helped them rebuild homes, plant new trees and crops, replace irrigation equipment and animals as well as repair schools and water systems. It has been a marathon effort that is effective because of the skills and knowledge Developers brought to the task. They are using this expertise to train communities for the inevitable disaster and the devastation of climate change.



"The best relief assistance of all were the corrugated iron sheets from Developers and CWS because these last longer. They motivated us to rebuild our house."

FLEEING SOUTH SUDAN

In July when fighting took over the streets of South Sudan's capital Juba, people long used to war knew what to do. They ran for their lives or hid at home in terror. Felix (aged 15) and his brother were playing with friends and took off when they heard bullets fly. In fear and confusion they left the city. In the next town, they could not stop as the violence spread. "We had no option, but to hit the



road, running,” he said. Felix encouraged his tired and hungry brother to keep going. They were offered a ride to Nimule and then walked to the Elegu border Collection Centre managed by ACT Alliance into Uganda. Arriving at the border, Felix said, “My legs are in pain. I am hungry. I haven’t eaten. I have nothing to give my brother.” Still unable to reach his parents, he joins thousands of other refugees seeking safety and an end to the fighting that is destroying their new country.¹

ACT Alliance and other agencies working on the border are stretching resources to help new arrivals, 85 per cent of whom are women and children. Once processed the refugees are taken to a network of camps where ACT Alliance is providing food, water, shelter, sanitation and care. The bigger worry is inside South Sudan where food shortages threaten 4.8 million people. ACT Alliance is providing relief supplies for tens of thousands of



When fighting flares up in South Sudan, refugees run for the border. Many register at the Elegu Collection Centre run by ACT Alliance before being bussed to camps. Photo: LWF Uganda/Pius Kikomeko.

South Sudanese until peace comes. CWS International Programmes Working Group member Rob Wayne is travelling to Uganda to meet our African partners and will report on his return.

1. Thanks to <http://www.irinnews.org/> for Felix’s story

HOW WE RESPOND IN AN EMERGENCY

CWS is already present in places affected by conflict and disaster through local partners and ACT Alliance.

Our local partners assess what needs to be done in the communities where they live. They will save lives, reach isolated communities and make sure no one is forgotten.

They speak the same language, listen to find out what is needed and will work with local government to make sure the people affected are central to the relief effort.

They support their communities from the inside, seek training opportunities and address post-disaster development needs after international workers have gone home.

Local partners report back to CWS about what they have done, how the money was spent and what lessons they have learned. Where more funds are needed to rebuild and replace livelihoods or improve disaster planning, CWS will try to help. CWS reports to donors through its publications.

CWS aspires to implement the highest standards of quality and accountability. We are an associate member and ACT Alliance is a full member of the Core Humanitarian Standard. CWS is a member of the NGO Disaster Relief Forum (NDRF) in Aotearoa New Zealand.

SURVIVING IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

Supporting local partners to make sure communities are prepared in case of disaster or can survive war may be the difference between life and death. As the world grapples with rising conflict, overwhelming numbers of refugees and the effects of climate change, it is important to support those doing the work in communities. Please give generously to the Spring Appeal so vulnerable communities can recover from the trauma and rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

INCLUDING CWS IN YOUR WILL

Each year, CWS receives bequests from individuals who want to make a lasting contribution to people striving to improve their livelihoods and opportunities for their families. Bequests left to CWS are invested in a special fund that means your gift will continue that work. If you would like more information about how to include CWS in your will, please contact us.

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Gifted works well for people who want to specify how their donations will be used. You can choose not to receive the gift cards.



SUMMARY ANNUAL REVIEW

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Seventy years ago the work of Christian World Service began when Archbishop West-Watson launched the first Christmas Appeal on Advent Sunday. Writing in The Press he appealed for donations for the “millions in the east and the west who are hungry, cold, and homeless”. To celebrate 70 years of service, business journalist and prominent Anglican Rod Oram presented a lecture “How Small Change makes Big Change” in Auckland and Christchurch. The video is available on our YouTube channel along with messages from partners and friends.

The plight of refugees from conflict zones has continued to be the primary focus of our humanitarian work over the past year. To this end we commend the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees our oldest partner (since 1949) which has stretched resources to meet the needs of all refugees in Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, and the West Bank. DSPR has proven the value of longstanding, local partners as the best means of giving refugees the chance to rebuild their own lives with dignity and respect. A highlight of the year has been the pilot of a new fundraising initiative Operation Refugee. For five days in June participants in return for sponsorship lived on the rations a refugee would get in Jordan. Generous support from donors made the event a success. Thank you for helping us raise much more than we budgeted.

Cyclone Winston's devastating path through Fiji was the largest natural disaster in the year. Our partner SEEP was able to get support to more isolated communities thanks to our many donors. We have continued to support rebuilding efforts in Nepal, the Philippines, Tonga and Vanuatu as well

as training communities in disaster response.

CWS has many reasons to be glad for the investments made in local communities over the last year. The effects of the changing climate causing more intense weather patterns, growing inequality and rising levels of violence have made development work more challenging. They have worked with tens of thousands of people to get them out of poverty and deal with threats to their livelihoods and dignity. Our partners have become stronger and better able to respond thanks to your support.

At the end of 2015 the United Nations signed off on the Millennium Development Goals. There was notable progress in some areas: the number of people living in extreme poverty was reduced by more than half, 1.9 billion people now have access to piped water and the number of children not in school has fallen by almost half.

In September 2015 the United Nations endorsed a new fifteen-year Sustainable Development agenda. For the global community to achieve these goals and “Leave no one behind” we will all need to provide more practical assistance and address the causes of poverty and injustice.

Thank you to those who have contributed to CWS's efforts to take action against poverty for the last 70 years. We could not do what we do without your support.

Pauline McKay
National Director

SUMMARY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

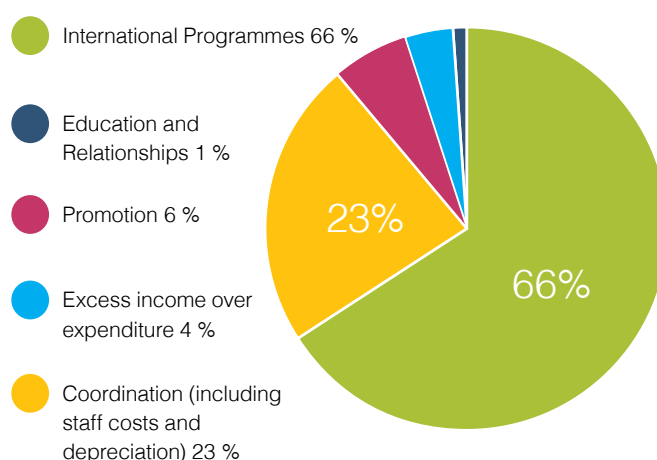
Income

Christmas Appeal	412 873
Regular Appeals	231 585
General Donations	233 415
Designated Donations (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	205 950
Bequests	84 544
Designated Donations - Emergency	215 156
Grants (Church and Trusts)	31 534
Government Funds	441 329
Other Income	47 114
Interest	35 102
Total Income	1 938 604

Expenditure

International Programmes Funding	1 273 700
Other (including AME)	15 573
Education and Relationships	13 700
Promotions	119 994
Coordination (incl. all staffing costs and depreciation)	447 259
Total Expenditure	1 870 227
Excess of Income over Expenditure	68 377

HOW WE SPENT OUR INCOME 2015-16



This summary is taken from the full statement of accounts that has been prepared for audit. The full audited accounts and annual review will be available after they have been accepted by the Annual General Meeting on 17 September.

PARTNERS FUNDED 2015/16



A vegetable farmer has planted a new lime sapling.

AFRICA

Sierra Leone – ACT Alliance – Ebola

South Sudan – Maridi Service Agency

Uganda – Centre for Community Solidarity

Regional Total \$65,040

ASIA

India

EKTA Gender Training Programme

Human Rights Foundation

NEYTHAL Coastal Protection

Social Action for New Development

Women Development Resource Centre/Federation for Dalit

Women Empowerment

Nepal – ACT Alliance – earthquake response

Pakistan – Earthquake and Heatwave Responses

Philippines – Developers Foundation

Sri Lanka

Devasarana

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform

Women's Centre

Regional Total \$465,941

LATIN AMERICA

Ecuador – ACT Alliance - earthquake response

Haiti – Institut Culturel Karl Léveque

Nicaragua

Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional

Regional Total \$38,869

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

Community World Service Asia

Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Israel

Department of Service to

Palestinian Refugees

Syria/Jordan/Lebanon – DSPR: response to Syrian refugees.

Regional Total \$301,987

PACIFIC

Regional – Pacific Conference of Churches

Samoa – Family Centre Post-Cyclone Recovery

Tonga – Community Development Trust Ama Takiloa and Drought Mitigation

Vanuatu – ACT Alliance – Cyclone Pam response

Regional Total \$320,390

AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Peace Movement Aotearoa

Te Whare Roimata

West Papua Action Canterbury

Total \$4,600

INTERNATIONAL

ACT Alliance

Core Humanitarian Standard

Total \$10,022

APPRAISAL, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Total \$13,615

Total Programme Funding \$1,220,464

Note: This is a report of money sent. There is a small difference with the total in the annual accounts on page 3 because of income accrued in advance.

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