

SPRING STORY

By Gillian Southey, CWS communications coordinator.

Atouc and her daughter carry water drawn from a well dug by ACT Alliance

Photos: ACT Alliance/ Paul Jeffrey



WE WILL NOT LOSE HOPE

Sometimes humanitarian emergencies are so big there is only one story. South Sudan is one of those places. It is a country that is crumbling under the strain of constant war. Close to six million people are short of food, of whom 1.7 million according to the United Nations are one step away from famine. Unable to plant fields and often in fear for their lives, many people have survived on wild leaves and anything else they might find. The story could be one of hunger, but this is a story of survival – of people doing what they have to do to meet their desperate need.

One community on the frontline of helping people in need is CWS partner, the Maridi Service Agency. Maridi lies in the west of South Sudan. The city is divided by the Kazan River running from south to north. It is built along the main road running from Yambio in the west to Juba in the east. Maridi was known for its stability but since 2015 conflict has become more common, challenging the gentle life made possible by good land and a reliable water supply. The population has steadily grown as people have fled hunger, insecurity and war in other parts of the country.

The local people have given them a little land and sometimes somewhere to live. With finely honed survival skills, they know they need to make room to keep the peace. Drawing on their community resources, they have been able to maintain good relations between the different tribes that have sheltered with them. Maridi Service Agency, a partner of Christian World Service, has played a key role in this community led development.

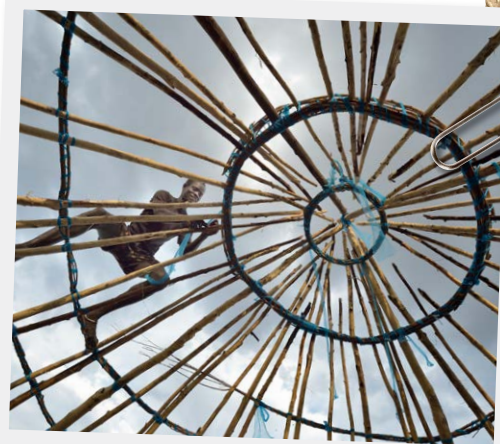
Begun by students who returned after undertaking higher education in Uganda when there were no schools at home, MSA has made education a priority. Before South Sudan gained independence in 2011, they had

established the first high school, preschools and the only radio station for the region. They run training programmes for young people, assist displaced women set up small

businesses and start gardens, and offer the only clinic for those needing testing or counselling for HIV and AIDS.

Armed pastoralists seeking grazing for their cattle have challenged the peace on a number of occasions and attacked the Maridi High School, killing one student. From outside the city, locals have eventually managed to chase them away stopping further damage to the food crops on which they depend. Community leaders are considering growing cattle food on the edge of the city so the farmers do not need to threaten the local people.

MSA has proven the importance of local expertise to make sure development works for the people and meets their needs. They have years of experience assisting women who have been victims of rape and war. They know who will help and what needs to be done. They understand South Sudan and are part of national discussions seeking peace. Long term, it is the South Sudanese themselves that will have to overcome the rising ethnic divides and political interests necessary for peace.



Stephen works on his new home in Jonglei state.



HELP FOR UNITY AND NORTHERN BAHR EL GHAZAL STATES

ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) has been delivering emergency supplies and assisting people with water and latrines, and where possible livelihoods, like fishing equipment, seeds, tools and small business training. The fighting between government troops and opposition, now splintered into a number of groups moving across the country, and the lack of infrastructure, makes aid delivery difficult and expensive. ACT Alliance has long established relations that have enabled it to get help into the most vulnerable Unity State.

Left: Atouc pumps water from her well. Centre: Adieu (8) cooks food in a camp for displaced people in an Episcopal Church compound in Wau state. Above: Akuc eats wild leaves, the hunger food.

With more funds, we can help many more people with emergency food and to set up new livelihoods. We want to make sure another generation of children does not grow up knowing only war. Please support the Spring Appeal so the people of South Sudan get through these terrible times.

THE CONFLICT

In its most simple form, political differences between the president and the former president in December 2013 led to fighting, at first between members of the army before quickly spreading. There was a glimmer of hope in August 2015 when a ceasefire was agreed but it did not hold. In July 2016, vicious fighting broke out between government and opposition soldiers in the capital, Juba, forcing many people to flee.

The world's newest country has been torn into shreds by a civil war that has caused unimaginable suffering. There are too many stories of people killed, raped and injured. Two million people are displaced within South Sudan and another two million have left. In neighbouring Uganda, the United Nations Refugee agency UNHCR has registered its one millionth refugee since the conflict began. CWS has been involved in South Sudan for decades.

LOCALISATION OF AID

The World Humanitarian Summit organised by the United Nations last year recognised that local people should be at the forefront of the humanitarian response in their country. Instead of coming into countries from outside, there is growing support for strengthening local skills and knowledge to enable a better response that is appropriate and relevant to those affected. International agencies say they will give greater recognition and funding to local partners who know what needs to be done. This fits with CWS's understanding of partnership.



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fund Neythal's work with fisherfolk in South India. Neythal is training them to track what is happening to the coast and its waters so they can use the information in court cases and planning. The fisherfolk are fighting to retain their traditions against power plants, sand mining and other interests.

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SUMMARY ANNUAL REVIEW

1 JULY 2016 - 30 JUNE 2017

Christian World Service is grateful to donors, partner churches, volunteers and local partners who have worked together to make change possible over the last year. With this support, we have been able to give hope to poor and vulnerable people.

We have seen the world become a lot more fragile. In a very short period, the hard work of people and years of careful community development were lost to drought in East Africa and Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Violence and inequality have intensified conflict over resources in small coastal villages in South India and within nations like South Sudan. Record numbers of refugees put pressure on land and host communities for want of peace.

The plight of refugees and other displaced people has been top of the CWS agenda. In its second year, Operation Refugee proved a successful new fundraising initiative for Syrian refugees and an opportunity to highlight our global responsibility for the 65.6 million people who have fled their homes. Together 140 participants raised \$55,000 for the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon supporting Syrian refugees. This was a 67% increase on last year.

This year we welcomed Rev Dr Olav Fyske Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and François Pihaatae, General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches to Aotearoa New Zealand.

In February I visited our five Indian partners. Their work with the most marginalised members of society was impressive. Scavengers or rubbish collectors for example, were now

receiving the minimum wage and had a new sense of pride thanks to support from SAND. I was often told that such outcomes would not have been possible without the support of CWS.

Pauline with Kavitha, a volunteer with EKTA.

One message we were glad to pass on to Murray McCully, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, was from Constantine Dabbagh retired executive director of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in Gaza. Constantine wrote to us in 'appreciation and gratitude' for New Zealand's work on UN Security Council Resolution 2334 which included a condemnation of the expansion of settlements in Israel. Life in Gaza has become harder putting a huge demand on DSPR's three health clinics and education programmes.

Gifts to Christmas Appeal "Give Us Hope" continued to increase. Support for people displaced and impoverished by continuing conflict in Iraq, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen has been lifegiving. Donations for the victims of Hurricane Matthew were much needed as many people were more vulnerable after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti..

Together we have funded 25 partner organisations and members of the ACT Alliance working on the front line of hope. Thank you for your commitment to end poverty and injustice for as many people as we can.

Pauline McKay
National Director



SUMMARY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

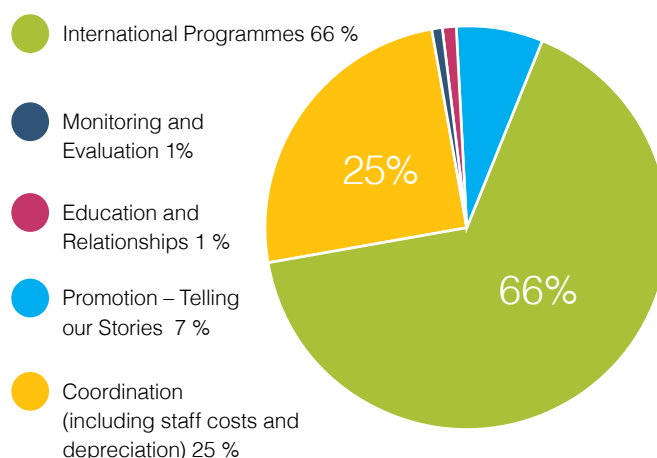
Income

Christmas Appeal	423 437
Regular Appeals	190 194
General Donations	146 636
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	224 257
Bequests	160 893
Designated Donations - Emergency	216 801
Grants (Church and Trust)	56 557
Government Funds	218 297
Interest and Rent	29 386
Total Income	1 666 458

Expenditure

International Programmes Funding	1 131 052
Monitoring and Evaluation	15 934
Education and Relationships	9 715
Promotion	120 325
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	425 541
Total Expenditure	1 702 567
Excess Expenditure over Income	(36 109)

HOW WE SPENT OUR INCOME 2016-17



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 approved by the Annual General Meeting on 7 October.

PARTNERS FUNDED 2016/17



An MSA trainer helps a newly arrived mother start a garden to feed her family.

AFRICA


Sierra Leone – ACT Alliance – Food security and displaced people
South Sudan – Maridi Service Agency – youth programme and displaced people
Uganda – Centre for Community Solidarity
Regional Total \$87,164

ASIA

India
 EKTA Gender Training Programme
 Human Rights Foundation Empowering Women in Local Government
 NEYTHAL Coastal Protection and Flood Response
 Social Action for New Development
 Women Development Resource Centre/Federation for Dalit Women Empowerment
Nepal – ACT Alliance – earthquake response
Philippines – Developers Foundation, Development and Disaster Recovery
Sri Lanka
 Devasarana
 Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform – Development and flood relief
 Women's Centre Programme for workers
Regional Total \$455,027

LATIN AMERICA

Ecuador – ACT Alliance – earthquake recovery
Guatemala – Coffee producers
Haiti – Institut Culturel Karl Lévéque education – Hurricane Matthew relief
Nicaragua – Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional
Peru – Coffee producers
Regional Total \$86,687

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MIDDLE EAST

Iran
 Community World Service Asia
 – Iraqi Refugees
Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Israel
 Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees
Syria/Jordan/Lebanon
 DSPR: response to Syrian refugees
Yemen – ACT Alliance – Emergency relief.
Regional Total \$398,392

PACIFIC

Regional – Pacific Conference of Churches
Timor Leste – Dominican Sisters education
Tonga – Tonga Community Development Trust Ama Takiloa and Drought Mitigation
Vanuatu – ACT Alliance – Cyclone Pam response
Regional Total \$64,790

AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Peace Movement Aotearoa
 Kailakuri Health Care Project - Biography
Total \$3,000

INTERNATIONAL

ACT Alliance
 Core Humanitarian Standard
Total \$7,412

ADMINISTRATION, APPRAISAL, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Total \$16,661

Total Programme Funding \$1,119,130

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