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CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW

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**CHAIRPERSON
OF THE CWS BOARD
SALLY RUSSELL**

Covid-19 is a part of our world wherever we live. Our partners working within hard hit communities have had to adapt to changing needs and priorities, making sure they have food and sound health advice. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, CWS has been able to support their work. We acknowledge those who have lost colleagues, friends and family members through the pandemic.

CWS was unable to meet with people and churches through varying levels of lockdown, making the direct links with supporters much more important. Operation Refugee was extended so people could organise joint activities like the successful Pasifika Feast at St Aidan's, Auckland.

Pauline McKay retired as National Director at the end of July 2021 after more than 12 years of service. Pauline always brought her values of love and respect for others to her work. She is passionate about justice, for the person struggling to provide food for their family, for grassroots organisations, which work between people and government. Pauline contributed global perspectives on climate change, the Sustainable Development Goals and the effects of Covid-19 as well as her long experience in the ecumenical movement.

The CWS Board focused on developing a more diverse and younger membership. During 2020 it welcomed new skills-based members: Georgina Kingsley-Smith, John Bergin and Edmond Fehoko. Ian Lothian stood down as Board Chair. Thank you to all Board members for your hard work.

We give thanks for the lives of Rev Barbara Stephens who served as National Coordinator from 1986-1994, Rev Dr Jim Stuart who played a key role in drafting Partnership and Letting Go and writing other resources, and Bishop John Osmer an ecumenical friend who spent many years in Lesotho and Zambia.

Thank you to our staff who with skill and goodwill have responded to the changes over the year, from limited travel and endless Zoom meetings to the phasing out of cheques. CWS is made up of many volunteers, supporters, staff members and partners who all contribute to our common vision of a world free of poverty and injustice. Thank you everyone for your contribution.



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MAR PALOMAR



**NATIONAL DIRECTOR
FROM AUGUST 23, 2021
MURRAY OVERTON**

What a year it has been! We have had the opportunity to reflect and remember across 75 years of Christian World Service. The words of Archbishop West Watson, who launched the very first CWS Christmas Appeal, remain so relevant. He stated the need to help "the millions in the east and the west, who are hungry, cold and homeless". We seek, with your support, to meet the needs of those for whom water, food and justice are missing in their daily lives.

CWS continues to be a catalyst for change. On your behalf, working with people in Aotearoa New Zealand, we partner with others around the world contributing to opportunities for individuals, families and communities who have been denied the necessities of life.

The challenge of Covid-19 has brought significant economic uncertainty and heightened the divide between rich and poor. It has been very encouraging to see how our partners have responded to the pandemic, the challenges of climate change and emergency situations. Looking for local solutions, these wonderful community organisations have used their networks and connections to meet the needs in front of them.

We appreciate and value our opportunities to partner with Churches and other Organisations. In the past year we have been a lead agency in the Big Hearts Campaign which seeks to boost government aid spending. We have promoted the Get One, Give One vaccination campaign led by Anglican Missions, run Operation Refugee and advocated alongside others for climate justice and human rights.

Special thanks to Sally Russell, the CWS Board and the International Programmes Working Group who give generously of their time and expertise. Thank you also to the CWS staff and volunteers, a hardworking, warm-hearted team using their energy and talents to mobilise support for positive change.

Finally, to our supporters, in prayer and through giving, thank you. We would not be here without you. I pray you know God's peace and grace as you walk alongside us to make our world a better place.

Food Sustains Life

Change is happening quickly on the eastern coast of Aklan province in the Philippines. After Typhoon Haiyan ripped through the region eight years ago, the local people knew their lives would never be the same. They needed to rebuild their homes and livelihoods as well as prepare for rising sea levels and more intense natural disasters. With few resources left, it was important that local communities supported each other to secure their future.

Developers Foundation has been central to this work in ten *barangay* or villages over many years. Part of the community, it focuses on increasing development opportunities, restoring the environment and preparing people for disaster. Once mangroves provided a habitat for the fish on which many people depend and protection from sea surges. Now that many have been removed, fish populations have plummeted and typhoons and tidal surges have become more dangerous. Combined with the effects of climate change and now Covid-19, people are facing serious food shortages and a lack of income.

Planting drives have been key to Developers' success. Since Haiyan, the local people have planted thousands of fruit trees and root crops. With CWS funding, they were able to purchase materials to construct a local market that has been a lifeline under Covid-19 restrictions.

Mar is one man who has put his heart into planting a new garden. After losing his job as a construction labourer because of Covid-19, he says, "The planting drive gave him hope and motivation". The soil is thin on the coast where they live so they got permission from relatives to carry sacks of inland soil to cover their rocky land on the coast. It was hard work but now they have a flourishing garden that gives them healthy food and enough to sell and share at funeral vigils for relatives.



HIGHLIGHTS



Donors gave \$62,802 to the Coronavirus Appeal.



World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand contributed \$12,000 to the Pacific Conference of Churches' Seed Bank programme.



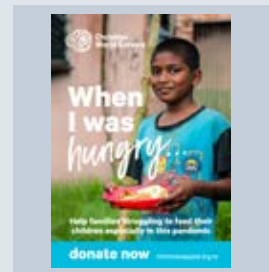
Professor David Tombs provoked much discussion at the annual Supporters' Council in Christchurch and on Zoom. His topic was Liberation Theology and marked the 75th anniversary of the first Christmas Appeal.



Operation Refugee Participants raised \$40,949 for refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.



CWS joined with other agencies to launch Big Hearts a Collective Resilience campaign to respond to Covid-19 and climate change.



Donors gave \$385,116 to the 2020 Christmas Appeal, When I was Hungry.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE STRATEGIC REPORT

JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

CWS is in the third year of the strategic plan, partnering with global communities to transform lives.

1. Grow downwards: Attract a younger support base

CWS has made growing the donor base and increasing income a priority. Our refreshed ethical giving programme Gifted continues to be a valuable source of new donors, and popular with existing supporters.

One of the challenges in 2021 was the phasing out of cheques. CWS put in place a number of strategies to mitigate this risk and offered people the chance to join our Partners for Life programme as regular donors. The Covid-19 lockdown meant that Operation Refugee 2020 was extended, and launched in 2021 on World Refugee Day. Thanks to DSPR Lebanon for the very special video of Nour who shared her story with CWS supporters and for Operation Refugee. We are grateful to our interns, Felicity Jansonius and Kathlene Soo, for helping to make Operation Refugee 2021 happen.

2. Tell Stories: Communicate creatively and deeply about CWS's work

The Christmas Appeal marking 75 years since the first Appeal focused on food, in the second of a three year cycle. The four seasonal appeals picked up the food theme, by drawing on stories from four of our partners. LAW Trust organised local people to film a group of fish workers discussing some of the challenges they faced under lockdown. The video compiled by Black Advertising is available on YouTube.

In July CWS became a founding member of the Big Hearts Connected World campaign to boost government aid and double climate finance for countries affected by climate change. A petition was the rallying point of the campaign in its initial stages. The National Director met with a number of MPs to discuss the Government's Aid programme.

CWS continued to support West Papuans, the urgent need for climate justice, and action to ban killer robots

as well as promoting the Sustainable Development Goals in its education and advocacy work.

CWS acknowledges the stories, images and videos shared so generously by our partners.

3. Build Beyond: Widening engagement with NZ churches and other Christians

CWS is grateful for the support of our four partner churches and the Quakers in all of its work.

The CWS Board worked on the development of a new strategy to engage Maori and Pasifika Churches.

Rev Dr Peter Matheson contributed to the 2020 Peace Sunday resources that included brief examples of some of the peacemaking work our partners do. CWS thanks Rev Sharon Ross Ensor from Chartwell Union Parish in Hamilton for writing and collating the worship resources for Refugee Sunday 2021. CWS welcomes the increased interest in these designated Sundays.

Covid-19 restricted the opportunities for staff to speak in local parishes and some fundraising activities including the Methodist Women's Fellowship and Presbyterian Women Aotearoa Special Project.

4. Think Ahead: Developing skilled staff with succession plans in place

CWS prepared for the appointment of a new National Director and welcomed Murray Overton to the position in mid-August 2021.

5. Partner Well: Resource, empower and support worldwide partners

CWS made development grants to partners and provided humanitarian assistance in 16 countries and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. These included additional support for partners distributing food and hygiene supplies with Covid-19, assisting some of



“I love to draw and I love to dance. But mostly, I love to read.”

– Nour, a young Syrian refugee who arrived in Lebanon traumatised and unable to read after missing years of schooling.

the people affected by the Beirut port explosion and continuing support for displaced people of South Sudan, Rohingya refugees and Syrian refugees. CWS staff kept in touch with all of our partners, strengthened by the support of the International Programmes Working Group.

In April 2021 CWS relaunched the Coronavirus Appeal especially for South India.

CWS supported the People’s Vaccine campaign, an international effort to ensure every person could have access to a Covid-19 vaccine.

In 2021 CWS joined the Anglican Mission Board initiative Get One Give One, asking people to donate the cost of a vaccine to someone in the developing world who may otherwise miss out.

Bequests

Our grateful thanks for bequests left by: Jean W Beattie, Annie M Carson Charitable Trust, Hazel Christie and J Maclean, and to Frances Lee for the gift of a Living Legacy. Special thanks to those who made donations in memory of those who died.

Acknowledgements

CWS acknowledges with thanks those who have supported and contributed to our work over the past year. We would particularly like to thank Rev Andrew Donaldson for preparing the worship resources for the Christmas Appeal and those who help with translations. We are grateful for the ongoing cooperation from the Anglican Mission Board, Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, Global Missions of the Presbyterian Church, Mission and Ecumenical of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church, Methodist Women’s Fellowship, Presbyterian Women Aotearoa, Quaker Peace and Service and World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand as well as the David Ellison, Snowden Watts and William Walters Trusts. Special thanks to Black Advertising, Cube Design, Marcus Thomas Design, Meta Digital and SpectrumPrint.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS

WORLDWIDE

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Africa

In South Sudan the *Mission for Sustainable Advancement* (formerly *Maridi Service Agency*) took further steps in its plan to become a nationwide organisation. The Government shut schools for over a year with no capacity for online learning. MSA maintained support for teachers and 64 scholarship students. Last year 3,570 locally made facemasks were distributed to children, and young women were taught how to make reusable sanitary pads before schools closed. MaridiFM added a health segment to its programming which reaches an estimated 10% of the population of Maridi County. The HIV and AIDS clinic tested 265 people of which 7 came back positive. MSA provided materials and training for displaced families headed by women to set up their own gardens or small businesses.

In Uganda the *Centre for Community Solidarity* organised the construction of 75 rainwater tanks ahead of the rainy season of which 25 were subsidised by local government. With Covid-19, CCS could not run its usual workshop programme with the 25 local associations for caregivers. With funds from the Coronavirus Appeal, it purchased 3 sewing machines and taught young women to make masks. Youth Association members started a Rabbit-Pass it On breeding programme to improve Food Security.

In Zimbabwe the Dabane Trust worked with communities in the dry south-west to improve food security and water management.

Regional Total \$104,842

Asia

In Bangladesh CWS provided further support to ACT Alliance Bangladesh assisting Rohingya refugees.

In India the state of Tamil Nadu had a high Covid-19 infection rate affecting all partners.

EKTA highlighted the increase in domestic violence and child marriages during the pandemic and organised local prevention training events. Many meetings and

events were held on-line including this year's One Billion Rising campaign to end violence against women. This year participants shared footage of their "Rising Gardens" as they were unable to attend the usual gatherings. Last year 57 children were rescued through the Railway Help Desk run by Ekta and all but one returned home. Ekta support to women in governance and education programmes in schools was limited by lockdown conditions. When they could, staff and volunteers distributed food rations to the older women who lived alone.

The Human Rights Foundation had to postpone many training events for local government representatives and civil society organisations, but was able to hold 8 training events for women representatives in coastal districts. A set of 7 training manuals for elected representatives including on government entitlement schemes and the rights and duties of the *Gram Sabha* or Village Council were produced and distributed to 388 elected representatives and 31 community organisations.

LAW Trust (Legal Aid to Women) or Neythal worked on improving policies related to fishing and the use of the coast. Local people were trained to record changes in local ecology. Four areas were monitored for violations. It worked with local Fishworkers' Sangam to access welfare schemes, social security, markets and microcredit, and to support elected representatives. LAW Trust monitored children's education on the coast and promoted stronger local government action to support children's rights.

Social Action for New Development concentrated on protecting communities from Covid-19 and promoting organic gardens so Dalit and Tribal people could feed themselves. Two of the Self Help groups it supported established successful sewing businesses producing face masks and clothing. SAND runs a number of programmes promoting education for children and an end to child labour. Whether it is computer training or waste management, the children were keen to learn and participate when events could be held. SAND played a



vital role in reaching some of the poorest communities with advice on Covid-19 protection and access to government support schemes.

The Women Development Resource Centre has mobilised Dalit and Tribal women to support each other as members of 317 *sangam*, able to advocate for their families and communities. Emergency food ration packs were distributed to 997 families. WDRC organised two life skills training events for girl children as well as supported women's participation in local government. Staff report a lower incidence of child labour and a growing awareness of the rights of Dalit and Tribal women.

In the Philippines *Developers Foundation* improved local economic development and disaster preparedness training. Another 56 households joined the Planting Drives aimed at improving food security. There are now 1,737 households (43.5% of the population) planting fruit trees, tubers and other crops as part of the scheme. 96 members have been able to sell excess produce or goods made from what they are growing in the local market or to other households. The community market has been an important source of food and income during long periods of lockdown in Aklan province. The revolving loan fund helped 40 people start new businesses and people participated in local development and climate resilience discussions.

In Sri Lanka *Devasarana* adapted its programme and distributed 50 bags of dry food rations, 420 bags of vegetables to families and 86 bags of rice to plantation workers as well as 340 school bags and kits to children in Kurunegala where it is based and in Mannar. In Mannar, 35 families established new livelihoods including poultry farming, home gardening, palm leaf related products, and mango and cashew plantations to support their families. Work continued to foster improved relations between Tamil and Sinhala, and in response to Covid-19 and climate change.

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (Monlar) was a strong advocate for food sovereignty, local land use and the rights of plantation workers especially during

Covid. Membership in the local People's Forums grew by 20%. These provided places where small farmers could network, learn new skills in regenerative agriculture and advocate on issues of concern. Staff raised the concerns of its members and on policies that affect the agricultural sector in particular during the election campaign, and shared new agricultural research. Last year it spoke out against the micro-credit scheme which has caused considerable harm in Sri Lanka. It produced a quarterly magazine and a booklet on ecological pest control.

The Women's Centre ran gender and training programmes for trainers working with women workers, and distributed 165 dry ration kits to unpaid workers and plantation workers. It continues to work for fair conditions for the plantation sector and strengthen relations between Sinhala and Tamil workers in particular. The daycare centre, newspaper, library and campaigns supported the education and rights of women workers. Staff members successfully advocated with the government for an allowance for women workers in the Katunayake and Biyagama Free Trade Zones.

Regional Total \$440,714

Europe

In Greece ACT Alliance to assist relief efforts for refugees affected by fires and Covid-19 on Lesbos.

Regional Total \$200

Latin America

In Haiti *Institut Culturel Karl Lévêque (ICKL)* operated with increased insecurity and despite the unchecked spread of Covid-19. Funds supported students to attend the four rural schools it supports with classroom equipment and teacher support as well as construction at Douphiné. An additional grant enabled the purchase of facemasks, sanitation and education materials, livestock and cash grants for agricultural materials.

In Nicaragua 2020 was a transitional year for *Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional*

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(CEPAD). CEPAD extended its five year cycle for an extra year in response to Covid-19, before beginning a new cycle with the identified 42 new rural communities. Under CEPAD guidance the 40 communities established their own nurseries with 320 plants in each. The Community Development Committees responsible to their people organised road repair and the establishment of a health centre, a sewerage system, public booth, a new bridge, a cemetery and culverts. The 76 Community Agricultural Promoters were able to attend three training workshops including on soil and water conservation before sharing what they had learned in their communities. CEPAD distributed seeds to some of the families affected by two hurricanes in 2020 and Covid protection kits to others.

Regional Total \$39,640

Middle East

In Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Israel the *Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees* worked with Palestinian and Syrian refugees and sometimes poor communities surrounding the camps. It ran primary health care clinics in Gaza and Jordan – with 254,278 visits to well-baby clinics. 734 students attended vocational training programmes such as digital media or agriculture. DSPR distributed 2,700 Covid kits and 10,150 emergency food kits as part of their work with vulnerable communities.

Regional Total \$105,303

Pacific

In the region the *Pacific Conference of Churches* with 37 national member churches held meetings on line and through its staff contributed to international meetings and advocacy efforts on climate justice, for self-determination for Guam, Maohi Nui (Tahiti), Kanaky (New Caledonia) and West Papua, including at the Pacific Forum, directly with governments, and in the United Nations. PCC organised webinars on many topics, including ending violence against women, human rights, climate justice. *Reweaving the Ecological Mat* provided a framework for further thinking and action on new models of development informed by Pacific traditions.

In Fiji the *Social Empowerment Education Programme (SEEP)* supported rural communities to improve their livelihoods through agroecological practices and improved access to markets as well as encouraging vaccination and other Covid protection measures. Food and hygiene supplies were distributed after Cyclones Yasa and Ana, and as part of the Covid-19 response.

In Tonga the *Tonga Community Development Trust Ama Takiloa* encouraged local women's groups to improve livelihoods and sustain their cultural traditions. The women strengthened their disaster risk reduction and preparedness ahead of the cyclone season.

Regional Total \$51,627



Aotearoa New Zealand

The *Peace Train Interfaith Bike Ride - Tereina Rongomau* brought together people of different faiths to promote unity and peace in Christchurch.

Total \$800

International

As a member of the ACT Alliance, CWS contributed core funding to its work, and to the CHS Alliance (Core Humanitarian Standard) as an associate member.

Total \$3,375

Administration, Workshops, Appraisal, Monitoring and Evaluation

Staff attended meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the CID Humanitarian Network of which it is a member. Reports on these visits and other evaluations were considered by the International Programmes Working Group on behalf of the CWS Board.

Total \$5,946

Total Programme Funding \$752,447



CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

JULY 2020 – JUNE 2021

INCOME

Christmas Appeal	\$ 385,116
Regular Appeals	\$ 200,214
General Donations	\$ 199,394
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	\$ 205,514
Bequests and Living Legacy	\$ 252,115
Designated Donations - Emergency	\$ 164,732
Grants (Church and Trust)	\$ 72,501
Programme Management	\$ 12,120
Interest	\$ 21,633
Total Income	\$ 1,513,339

EXPENDITURE

International Programmes Funding	\$ 814,123
Education and Relationships	\$ 3,052
Promotion	\$ 183,620
Administration	\$ 159,659
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	\$ 390,363
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,550,817
Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ (37,478)

Note: The deficit includes funding from reserves for new fundraising initiatives approved by the CWS Board.

This summary is taken from the statement of accounts ready for audit. The audited accounts and annual review will be available after they have been accepted by the Annual General Meeting.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE AT WORK

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Christian World Service is the development, justice and aid organisation of churches in Aotearoa New Zealand. The primary objects for which the Trust is established are:-

- (a) to support groups around the world who are working to overcome poverty and injustice in their own communities;
- (b) to respond effectively and efficiently to emergency situations around the world;
- (c) to encourage people in Aotearoa New Zealand to understand the causes of poverty and injustice and participate in action to overcome them;
- (d) to encourage theological reflection on the work of Christian World Service and to foster spiritualities which sustain people in their struggle;
- (e) to carry on any other charitable object which the Christian World Service Board considers would directly or indirectly advance the charitable objects of the Trust.

Working with partner churches

- › Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- › Methodist Church of New Zealand
- › Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
- › Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- › Christian Churches New Zealand

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CWS is a member of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), a coalition of 135 churches and faith-based organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance, advocacy and development in over 120 countries. Help is provided regardless of religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality and to the highest international codes and standards. CWS works within ACT Alliance policies.

CWS is an accredited Living Wage Employer.

Our Values

- › We believe the provision and enjoyment of the basic necessities for living a decent, just and humane life is God's will for all humankind.
- › Our task is to work with our partners to change those structures and systems which imprison human beings in poverty and injustice.
- › We are committed to giving special attention and support to the struggles of children and young people.
- › We believe it is critical to listen carefully to our partners before undertaking any action or programme and to learn from the networks that we are involved in. This is a continuing process of working together to change our world.
- › In times of natural and human created disasters, CWS provides a way for New Zealanders to respond with compassion and appropriate action.
- › We believe that transformative change cannot occur unless we are prepared to stand alongside our partners and speak out on the issues and concerns that affect their lives.
- › We support people of all ethnicities, religious beliefs, gender and race.



CHS Alliance

CWS is a member of the Council for International Development and has made a commitment to the CID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability, and financial management.

CWS is an associate member of the CHS Alliance (Core Humanitarian Standard).

Christian World Service wants all people to have food, water, dignity, justice and lives free of violence. We are committed to tackling the causes of poverty as well as its effects. We take on global issues like climate change, violence against women and poverty. We work with committed local partners in 16 countries and the Occupied Palestinian Territory to strengthen communities, and cope with challenges like climate change, conflict and the loss of livelihoods. They are supporting poor people to set up businesses, practise eco-agriculture and influence the decisions that affect their lives. When disaster strikes, they know who needs help first and how to make it happen. Poor people can rely on our partners for the long term support money can't buy.

- We do not parachute into a community but work through strong long term partnerships.
- We work in partnership with local groups who are the experts and the activists.
- We work at the grassroots with vulnerable and marginalised people.
- We trust the wisdom of the local community to know what is needed and how best to do it.
- We support self-determination and the role of women in development.
- We share their stories and concerns with New Zealanders so we can look after each other.

CWS welcomes feedback on its operations. If you have specific questions or feedback about our work, please contact the National Director at: cws@cws.org.nz.

Complaints may be addressed to "The Complaints Focal Person" and mailed care of CWS or emailed to: complaints@cws.org.nz. For complaints in relation to the CID Code of Conduct, contact code@cid.org.nz or find more details about how to make a complaint at www.cid.org.nz/about-2/code-of-conduct/.

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