

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022



TERESA NARAVAL DEVELOPERS FOUNDATION, PHILIPPINES.

The role Christian World Service plays in linking people and churches with local partners working every day to end poverty and stop injustice is significant. Our strength is in our relationships with local organisations, churches and communities who stand up for an end to poverty, violence and injustice. Together we are working for a world where all people can survive and flourish in the face of a rapidly changing climate.

CWS is grateful to donors and partner churches who have responded generously to a record number of humanitarian appeals. The combination of Covid, conflict and climate change has meant that more people have needed our help. Knowing that we have strong and trusted relationships with local partners and through ACT Alliance, has meant we can work with confidence.

In this year, CWS welcomed Murray Overton as National Director. With his support the CWS Board finalised the strategic plan for the next three years. The Board is keen to strengthen relationships and deepen our involvement in the Pacific region. We were sad to accept the resignation of Edmond Fehoko during the year. I am grateful to Board members for their commitment and enthusiasm for CWS.

CWS reaches many places because of the dedication of so many people and volunteers. This year I want to highlight the work undertaken by parish links and worship leaders who share our stories in local congregations. Without the financial and organisational support of our partner churches, we could not do the work that we do.

Thank you to our partners, volunteers, supporters, staff members, and partner churches for the work you do together to end poverty and injustice. Special thanks to Trish Murray who retired in February.

There have been many opportunities throughout the year to meet supporters, groups and churches. Initially this was via zoom and then more recently in person which has been well worth celebrating! In line with our strategic plan, the intentional development of relationships and connections across our partner churches, church schools and our wider supporter network has been a pleasure.

We continue to be inspired by our partners and the work they do in difficult economic and political environments where peace and security are in short supply. Much change happens at a grassroots level, making it more sustainable for the long term. Through our communications we have shared stories and perspectives from around our globe. While still unable to visit in person, we made use of other means to connect with, support and encourage our partners where possible.

The last 12 months have also been punctuated by multiple emergencies requiring responses from Afghanistan to Tonga to Ukraine. We have continued to respond to needs arising from the pandemic and watched with concern the onset of other humanitarian situations when so many resources have been tied up in the response to war in Europe. Praying for peace and seeking ways to live peacefully need to remain at the forefront of our minds.

Thank you for being part of the CWS response to a biblical vision of justice in our world. As we continue to consolidate and grow our supporter base and look to have more of a presence in the Pacific, we value your prayers.

May you continue to know God's grace, peace and comfort as we work together to make our world a better place for current and future generations.



CHAIRPERSON OF THE CWS BOARD SALLY RUSSELL



NATIONAL DIRECTOR FROM AUGUST 23, 2021 MURRAY OVERTON

Community-based Protection in South India

Our partner Ekta focuses on gender awareness. It trains and supports individuals, communities and local government to work for equality and to end violence and discrimination. Ekta shared this story:

"Anjali (name changed) is the fourth child in her family and has two younger brothers and a sister. Her father has a disability but goes fishing. He used to drink and did not give money to the family. With no work in the village, her mother found it difficult to provide food for the family. Last October, she abandoned her children and home. Till now there has been no news about her and the father also did not look for her.

Anjali has multiple needs. She doesn't know how to work by herself. She needs help to bathe and dress. In this situation, her elder sisters found it difficult to take care of her. The loneliness at home made her vulnerable. She was often abused by an old man in her neighbourhood. When the family learned about this, the father did not respond but the sister got very upset. She informed the field animator of Ekta, who in turn informed the Child Helpline but in vain. There was no immediate response from them.

An Ekta staff member spoke to the village leader and a village meeting was called and the man was punished for his deed. Anjali was closely monitored by the staff team to make sure she went to school regularly and in the meantime a complaint was also sent to the Child Helpline head office regarding their non-action. After this complaint was lodged, the Child Helpline staff approached Ekta and Anjali was given counselling. She was taken to the children's home where she is now given care and protection."

Acknowledgements

CWS acknowledges with thanks those who have supported and contributed to our work over the past year. We would particularly like to thank Revs Alastair McBride, Richard Lawrence and Sharon Ross Ensor for preparing the Christmas Appeal worship resources, the team who helped with translations, and the Rt Rev. Richard Dawson for assistance with the Operation Refugee small group study. We are grateful for our relationships with partner churches and in particular 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 Snowden Watts and William

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HIGHLIGHTS



Donors gave \$241,118 to the Tonga **Emergency Appeal**



Thank you to **Operation Refugee** participants who raised \$50,987 for refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.



The General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, Rev James Bhagwan addressed the 2021 Supporters' Council by Zoom on the topic 'A Pasifika Talanoa'. The video is available on our YouTube Channel: CWS.



Thank you for supporting 12 humanitarian appeals and raising \$607,783 to provide emergency supplies, psychosocial care and assistance to rebuild homes and livelihoods.



CWS is grateful to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a matching grant of \$150,837 through the **Disaster Response** Partnership to support Ukrainian refugees in Poland.



Donors gave \$298,491 to the 2021 Christmas Appeal, Lighten her Load - Give Joy and Justice at Christmas.

OUR VISION

Our world free of poverty and injustice.

OUR MISSION

New Zealanders partnering with global communities to transform lives.

OUR CORE VALUE

Manaakitanga: we honour and respect others.

"Our starting point as a Christian agency is our faith in the God of Life. We believe the provision and enjoyment of the basic necessities for living a decent, just and humane life is the will of God for all humankind. We believe that a profession of faith in the God of Life, revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, requires the rejection of those conditions, structures and systems which perpetuate human hunger, poverty and injustice. All human beings have the right to a livelihood that ensures justice, human dignity and environmental integrity."

Partnership and Letting Go
A theological rationale for the work of CWS

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE STRATEGIC REPORT

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The CWS Board adopted a new three year strategic plan that began on July 1, 2021. The plan will further its vision of a world free of poverty and injustice, working with and through its partner churches. All of our work is made possible through the generous support of donors and the work of our local partners. CWS is committed to working proactively and responsively with partners for long term change so people can live with dignity and have a say in the matters that affect them.

1. Relationships:

CWS focused on strengthening its core relationships and learning to do things differently in a Covid environment. It has continued to explore ways to weave its commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi into its life and activities.

Murray Overton took up the position of National Director in August 2021 during a national lockdown. He worked with the Board to finalise a new strategic plan. During the year, he focused on getting to know and build good relationships with national church leaders and exploring opportunities for further collaboration. The partner church mission agencies launched a joint emergency appeal for Tonga after the eruption and tsunami in January. These agencies responded again to the war in Ukraine and met regularly.

Once Covid restrictions were relaxed, Murray was able to speak regularly in churches. CWS has intentionally sought opportunities to form connections with church-based schools. It has shared stories and concerns with partner churches and supporters through printed and electronic media. CWS launched or responded to 12 humanitarian appeals, including Covid. The four seasonal appeals focused on aspects of justice, building on the 2021 Christmas Appeal theme.

During the pandemic CWS established new channels of communication with partners that have opened up other opportunities and greater connections, especially with the new International Programmes team. One of priorities has been to strengthen Safeguarding practice and policy. Partners have proved adept at rearranging work plans as well as meeting urgent needs for food, water, fuel and advocacy in communities with little or no other help.

Throughout the year, CWS advocated for climate justice, the self-determination of West Papua, fair treatment for refugees, a ban on killer robots and the protection of people of Afghanistan as well as promoting the Sustainable Development Goals. It produced worship resources for Peace Sunday, in support of the Christmas Appeal and for Refugee Sunday.

2. The Pacific:

In consultation with Pasifika partners and experts, CWS developed a new strategy to strengthen our work and relationships in the Pacific region. Rev James Bhagwan, the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, addressed the annual Supporters' Council.

3. Finances:

CWS is grateful to supporters who through their prayers and donations supported our partners and responded to the many humanitarian emergency appeals. Covid limited opportunities for meeting during much of the year. CWS is intentionally testing new ways to grow and diversify its support base, including through the greater use of digital media.

Bequests

Our grateful thanks for bequests left by: Anne B Carr, Annie M Carson Charitable Trust, Johanna Van der Kley, Heather M Schofield and Ken J Vizer. Special thanks to those who made donations in memory of loved ones and friends.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS WORLDWIDE

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Africa

In South Sudan girls' education is central to *Mission* for Sustainable Advancement. As well as encouraging girls to stay in school at every opportunity, MSA funded 57 scholarships including books for students. Fourteen of them sat their final high school exams. Each week, staff lead a popular Girls Talk programme, covering sex education and the importance of staying in school. Part of its strategy is to empower young women to avoid early pregnancy. Participating students receive sanitary pads and soap so they do not have to miss school. CWS continued to fund Covid response programmes, small business training for internally displaced mothers, the HIV AIDS testing clinic and MaridiFM. Additional funds were sent to purchase a new motorbike and repair the radio station's broken generator.

In Uganda the *Centre for Community Solidarity* organised the construction of 50 rainwater tanks with part funding from CWS and another 20 with a subsidy from local government. CWS funded training on Safeguarding for staff and Board members.

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

Regional Total \$71,058

Asia

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

In India partners worked primarily with Dalit and Tribal communities, from a gender perspective. Addressing issues of domestic violence and harsh discrimination at the community, local and international levels are central to their approaches.

Ekta took gender understandings to communities and schools, promoting the full participation of girls and women in public life. It ran training programmes for women on human rights, gender awareness and legal aid as well as supporting 20 elected women members of seven panchayat or local government to

participate more strongly in deliberations. More than 500 students participated in life skills programmes for young people and 64 social work students explored ways to promote gender awareness. Ekta works with government and the judiciary to promote women's rights and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. By the end of April, 518 children had been rescued from trafficking since the establishment of the Help Desk at Madurai's railway station. CWS and local funders provided Covid relief kits for 3,265 families, 500 adolescent girls, 23 older people and in three group homes.

The Human Rights Foundation held more in-person events as part of its strategic focus on community training to support participation in local government and the empowerment of women. It says the support of CWS and other partners, is critical to its success in creating sustainable change.

LAW Trust (Legal Aid to Women) reported on extensive work to protect access to coastal resources and the livelihoods of fish workers, including through the legal system. Fish workers were trained and supported to stand up for access and their rights with government and in the community. LAW Trust continued to support women's sangam or associations in communities, especially for fish workers, and to protect women and children from violence and exploitation.

Social Action for New Development supported Dalit and Tribal participation in local government, making sure that women can have a say in decisions that affect them. It ran training programmes in agriculture, health awareness for rubbish collectors or scavengers, school camps, after school programmes, and computer training as well as supporting women to set up small businesses and cooperatives to improve family livelihoods.

The Women Development Resource Centre reported that Dalit and Tribal women were able to participate more fully in community and economic life in response to the training it provided through over 300 local sangam or associations. WDRC facilitated the sharing



of strategies and experiences through workshops to further empower *sangam* members to speak out against violence and discrimination. Domestic violence has reduced and women are more likely to have a say in public and family life.

In the Philippines Developers Foundation expanded their food security programme to two new communities, adding 101 participants to the Planting Drive. By April 2022 these communities had planted 50,991 fruit trees, tubers and other crops as part of the project. The revolving loan fund helped 70 women and 10 men start new businesses in farming, handcrafts and sales.

In Sri Lanka partners have grappled with high inflation, a shortage of fuel and foreign currency and rising unemployment. Widespread protests eventually forced the resignation of the previous president in July 2022. The IMF has agreed on a new loan to the government but daily life remains challenging for most of the population.

Devasarana sent a small team to Mannar in the north where they have a relationship with 50 Tamil families who returned after the civil war ended. A small team took plants and led training in media (for young people) and agriculture. The Centre supports local communities and fosters dialogue and cooperation between people.

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (Monlar) promoted food sovereignty and people's participation through its network of People's Planning Forums. It promotes regenerative agriculture and collective activity on issues of shared concern. Demand for training and resources have been in high demand as people struggled to meet their most basic needs. Monlar spoke out on nationally agreed issues like the harsh microcredit schemes in Sri Lanka, land use and economic matters.

The Women's Centre works in six free trade zones and the plantation sector. In 2021 it extended counselling and other services to women garment workers on top of its support for health, violence prevention and advocacy for worker's rights. In response to high food

prices, rising unemployment and the lack of fuel, staff began Solidarity Kitchens in a number of locations. Workers prepared food together, talked and entertained each other, helping people forget about their immediate problems. CWS provided additional funding for cooking stoves and wood so the women workers could cook their food when there was no gas available.

Regional Total \$391,153

Europe

In Hungary, Poland, Romania and Ukraine ACT
Alliance provided relief assistance to refugees from
Ukraine and people internally displaced by the conflict.

Regional Total \$148,351

Latin America

In Haiti Institut Culturel Karl Lévêque (ICKL) faced increasing challenges in its work with vulnerable communities. The political and economic difficulties were compounded by the growing power of gangs. There was a brief respite after a major earthquake in August, enabling staff to take relief supplies to affected communities. ICKL supported community schools and students. It has led discussions on participatory democracy as part of local efforts to find a Haitian solution to the country's complex challenges.

In Nicaragua Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD). CEPAD started work with 42 new rural communities. It has begun training the elected Community Development Committees who are responsible for implementing the agreed Strategic Plan. Staff have trained local promoters in agro-ecological techniques appropriate for their land, and distributed seeds, plants and irrigation materials to some communities. CWS supported CEPAD's Covid-19 response thanks to donations to the Coronavirus Appeal.

Regional Total \$60,186



Middle East

In Pakistan and Afghanistan Community World Service Asia provided relief assistance to internally displaced and refugee families after the Taliban takeover and again after the June earthquake in the east of the country. It provided funding to eligible families in the form of three monthly cash transfers so they could spend the money on their most urgent needs.

In Iran Community World Service Asia provided assistance for Iraqi refugees.

In Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Galilee the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees faced increasing challenges – funds for Palestinian relief have fallen in recent years. More Palestinian land has been taken for settlements, intensifying conflict. Tensions and violence have increased demand for psycho-social support as the Occupation remains in place. In Lebanon, refugees and citizens are struggling in the difficult political and economic situation. 51,731 people attended DSPR's three primary health clinics in Gaza and one in Jordan. In Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan, DSPR trained 400 people through its vocational training programmes and supported 1,500 people with business training and with microloans. DSPR helped 12,000 people with livelihood programmes and distributed 8,700 with food parcels or vouchers.

Regional Total \$248,475

Pacific

In the region the Pacific Conference of Churches advocated online and in person for climate justice, 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 continued work on its Gender Justice and Child protection programmes as well as the *talanoa* or conversation on Reweaving the Ecological Mat, a framework for thinking and acting on development informed by Pacific traditions. It purchased land for a new eco-farm project, Lomana Na Vulagi (Love the Neighbour).

In Fiji the Social Empowerment Education Programme (SEEP) supported rural and urban settlement communities through Covid, including its Local Economy programme and by distributing food and hygiene supplies. SEEP trained women leaders to be champions for their community and to manage local canteens to provide much needed income for women and a meeting point for the people.

In Tonga the Tonga Community Development Trust Amatakiloa launched a new programme to assist communities devastated by the January eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai using its network of local groups. New staff were employed to run the programme.

In Vanuatu the *Vanuatu Christian Council* has begun planning for the establishment of a seed bank.

Regional Total \$231,428



Aotearoa New Zealand

In Aotearoa New Zealand, Purapura Whetu supported Muslim members of the Christchurch community as part of its response to the Mosque attacks in 2019.

Total \$1,000

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. CWS contributed to the global COVAX facility providing vaccinations in developing countries through the Get One Give One campaign initiated by the Anglican Missions Board.

Total \$8,851

Administration, Workshops, Appraisal, Monitoring and Évaluation

CWS participated in meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Council for International Development and the CID Humanitarian Network of which CWS is a member. The International Programmes Working Group including International Programmes staff monitored the work of our partners and their programmes, and evaluations on behalf of the CWS Board.

Total \$7,803

Total Programme Funding \$1,168,305



ACCEPT REALITIES THAT NEED TO CHANGE."

DR BERNARD SABELLA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DSPR

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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INCOME

Regular Appeals	\$ 155,954
General Donations	\$ 226,944
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	\$ 241,883
Bequests	\$ 339,728
Designated Donations - Emergency	\$ 416,900
Grants (Church and Trust)	\$ 78,230
Programme Management	\$ 135,754
Interest	\$ 18,172
Total Income	\$ 1,912,0569

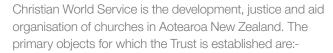
EXPENDITURE

Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ (37,054)
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,949,110
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	\$ 622,440
Promotion	\$ 172,957
Education and Relationships	\$ 783
International Programmes Funding	\$ 1,152,930

This summary is taken from the audited accounts.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE AT WORK

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- (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.

(taken from the CWS constitution)

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 more than 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.







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

It 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 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 worked with 25 local partners in 20 countries and the Occupied Palestinian Territory to strengthen communities, to 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. 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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