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CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW

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"Partnership... is a relationship which lasts, which goes far beyond the exchange of money, which offers new learnings to both groups, which involves us in advocacy, consultation, the seeking and giving of advice; a relationship which is personal, human, respectful, engaged."

Elizabeth Mackie OP

Since its beginnings at the end of 1945, Christian World Service has been a vehicle for change. It has sought to meet people's immediate needs with dignity and compassion, while tackling the causes of poverty and injustice that create them. The impact of Covid-19, enduring conflicts around the globe, and the growing intensity of disasters at the current time have collectively destroyed years of development work and have increased the need for humanitarian support. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations reports that current setbacks have pushed 122 million more people into hunger since 2019¹. The global challenges we face are many.

In recent months, the CWS Board has been exploring fresh ways to respond effectively to these immense challenges. Last year, we agreed to a more deliberate and concentrated focus on funding in the Pacific where climate change is impacting our closest neighbours and has become what some call a 'wicked' problem, without simple solution.

Our staffing has also experienced changes. Special thanks to former National Director, Murray Overton for leading this process and for Lorraine Borrmeister and Kathlene Soo for their contributions to the International Programmes. Lily Wenmoth completed her time as Communications Officer with a special responsibility for Operation Refugee. During the course of the year, the Board farewelled John Bergin and Edmond Fehoko, while also welcoming Rev Michael Wallace into a skillsbased position.

We give thanks for the lives of Elizabeth Mackie OP, Office Manager and then Programmes Coordinator from 1985 to 2006, Rev Dr John England who served in the Christian Conference of Asia, and Rev Bob Scott who worked for the Programme on Racism and the World Council of Churches.

Our global partners are trusted, long term colleagues who know how to network, campaign, deliver aid and development programmes, as well as help families find ways to improve livelihoods at the most difficult times.

We are also grateful to our partner churches and the

Religious Society of Friends for their support as we begin a process of refreshing our strategic direction from our place in Aotearoa and the Pacific.

Staff have welcomed the opportunity to share stories from our partners and meet with supporters and partners during the past year.

Many thanks to the CWS Board, the International Programmes Working Group and our dedicated team of volunteers and contractors who support our efforts to work for water, food and justice.

We are grateful to our generous donors who give time and again to our appeals for humanitarianism and justice. Please keep sharing our work within your churches, families and friends. It is your gifts and your prayers that speak most strongly in bringing positive global change, where everyone is safe with the resources and community they need to live well.



CHAIRPERSON OF THE CWS BOARD SALLY RUSSELL

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 Carole Hughes, Rev Anne Van Gend and Rev Michael Wallace for preparing the worship resources for the Christmas Appeal and the team who helped with translations. We are grateful for the ongoing cooperation from the Anglican Mission Board, Global Missions of the Presbyterian Church, Mission and Ecumenical of the Methodist Church, the Methodist Church, Methodist Women's Fellowship, Presbyterian Women Aotearoa (now closed), Quaker Peace and Service and World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand. Special thanks to Black Advertising, Cube Design, Marcus Thomas Design, Meta Digital and SpectrumPrint.

¹https://www.fao.org/newsroom/detail/122-million-more-people-pushed-into-hunger-since-2019-due-to-multiple-crises--reveals-un-report/en



The Floods Took Everything

One third of people living in Pakistan were affected by devastating floods in 2022, widely attributed to climate change.

Hamzu (pictured) and her husband Veerji fled their home in Mirpurkhas District with their three children, a little food and their two animals: a cow and a goat. Their home was soon flooded and the family was forced to sell the cow at a low price to keep their family alive.

The family spent two months living in a temporary shelter on elevated ground. It took another two months to rebuild their mud home, sleeping on a charpai or traditional woven bed that had not been washed away with their other possessions. To get the only water available, they walked six kilometres and the family often went hungry.

They were able to turn their situation around thanks to three cash transfers from our partner, Community World Service Asia. Most of the first grant bought food but with the second grant they managed to purchase another goat and some clean clothes. They now sell some of the goats' milk to pay for necessities and are putting aside a little money each week with a plan to buy a cow to produce more milk. Step by step they are rebuilding their lives. Maintaining stability for their children and having enough to eat are their first priorities.

Community World Service Asia provides high quality emergency relief. It trains non-government organisations to improve the quality and effectiveness of the assistance they provide to disaster survivors through the Core Humanitarian Standard.

HIGHLIGHTS



Donors gave \$165,533 to the Türkiye Syria Earthquake Appeal.



Donors gave \$357,664 to the 2022 Christmas Appeal, Let Hope Flow this Christmas.



In October the General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches Rev James Bhagwan and Programmes Manager Frances Namoumou spoke in Christchurch on the theme "Reweaving the Strands of Justice". A transcript of their presentation is available.



CWS International Programmes staff visited partners in Fiji, Poland, the Philippines and Tonga as well as attended the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand (PANZ) network of ACT Alliance meeting.



Operation Refugee Participants raised \$28,500 for refugees from Afghanistan, Palestine, Syria and Ukraine.



Alwynn Javier from ACT Alliance Asia Pacific addressed the 2022 Supporters 'Council. The video is available on the CWS YouTube Channel.

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

JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023

CWS is in the third year of the strategic plan, partnering with global communities to transform lives. It continues to receive steady, consistent support from regular donors and churches. The generosity of people responding to the high levels of humanitarian need in situations of war, conflict and natural disaster was a feature of the year. CWS continues to tackle poverty and its causes. Through its work, CWS seeks to do all it can to change the world and make it a place where more people can live free of poverty and safe from harm.

Vision and Focus

CWS immensely values the prayers, practical and financial support offered by our five partner churches and the Quaker community.

The CWS Board has been working with the partner church leadership and staff on a refreshed vision and focus. Key goals going forward will be to:

- Strengthen our relationships with Māori and Pasifika.
- Focus on climate justice and the environment.
- Pivot our aid and development funding to focus more on people and communities in the Pacific.
- Extend our engagement with young people.

Partner Funding

CWS makes grants to longstanding partners for local development programmes and humanitarian assistance. Grants assisted development and humanitarian programmes in 22 countries and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In the last year, CWS staff worked with partners to strengthen safeguarding and protection in the communities where they partners work.

CWS has responded to wars and natural disasters throughout its history. This year was no exception. Donors gave over \$356,000 in support of 12 emergency appeals via our local partners or ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) of which it is a founding member.

Government Funding

CWS was grateful to receive a \$135,754 matched grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to

assist some of the large number of Ukrainian refugees, particularly in Poland. The government contract enabled CWS to work closely with ACT Alliance member the Lutheran World Federation, supporting refugees with emergency cash grants and assistance, child-friendly spaces, women's programmes, psychosocial care, and disability support. The final payment will be made in the next financial year.

Communication and Fundraising

CWS is focusing on growing its donor base and encouraging more engagement with church communities. Operation Refugee is one opportunity to promote new giving with younger people and in church schools.

It shared stories and perspectives through the four Stories of Hope, in the bi-monthly CWS Update and through social media. CWS encouraged churches to mark Refugee Sunday, Peace Sunday and the Advent season through its worship resources. During Lent it joined a Lutheran initiative, Seven Weeks of Prayers for Peace. Staff welcomed the opportunity to speak about its work and visit churches. CWS has continued to support advocacy work on Afghanistan, West Papua and for climate justice.

Increasing income to meet escalating costs and to resource our local partners to meet rising needs remains a priority. Together with supporters CWS seeks seek to transform the world into a place where all people may experience the fullness of life.

Bequests

Our grateful thanks for bequests left by: Mary E Brown, Annie M Carson Charitable Trust, Anne B Carr, M R Hughes, Valerie Marshall and Heather M Schofield. Special thanks to those who made donations in memory of those who died.

New Leadership

Earlier in the year Murray Overton informed the Board of his intention to resign. CWS is grateful for his warm and generous contribution over the last two years. Rev Dr Tim Pratt was appointed to the position of National Director.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS WORLDWIDE

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Africa

In the Horn of Africa, ACT Alliance members provided humanitarian support in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia in response to severe drought conditions.

In South Sudan, the *Mission for Sustainable Advancement* continued to run two nurseries and Maridi High School. Over 50 students (primarily young women) have completed their High School qualifications in the last ten years under its scholarship scheme. By staying in school, the young women start childbearing later and have the chance to learn more. MSA promotes education on its radio station, MaridiFM and in its community programmes. It runs a sex education and human rights programme for young women and helps displaced families to resettle in Maridi. Funding contributed to the purchase of solar panels for MaridiFM.

In Uganda, the *Centre for Community Solidarity* completed the remaining 54 rainwater tanks for families affected by HIV and AIDS. It has begun the third phase, setting up 16 new local groups with 286 members. The groups have set up a joint savings scheme and will learn new health and agricultural skills at their monthly meetings.

Regional Total \$79,139

Asia

In Bangladesh, ACT Alliance Bangladesh assisted Rohingya refugees.

In South India, *EKTA* focuses on education and research through a gender lens. 570 adolescent girls attended its Life Skills programme. Staff ran Children's Clubs in 5 villages and worked with 125 college and university male students to talk about new understandings of masculinity. It encouraged women to participate in local government and have a say in their community. EKTA provides training and research on gender issues to other non-governmental organisations. Last year 193 children were rescued through the Railway Help Desk it manages in Madurai.

The *Human Rights Foundation* trained trainers to strengthen local government and enable greater participation by excluded and vulnerable communities,

especially women. Participants in the training sessions learnt how to produce maps showing disaster vulnerability and social equity. After attending workshops, 426 elected representatives were better resourced to participate and run panchayat or village meetings. HRF produced educational material on the Sustainable Development Goals and reprinted its booklet on local governance.

LAW Trust (Legal Aid to Women) focuses on the protection of coastal ecology and the rights of coastal communities. As a founding member of the Coastal Action Network, it is actively engaged in legal cases and campaigns on coastal concerns. Young people measure changes in coastal features for scientific analysis to support this work. LAW Trust worked in 70 fishing hamlets and with 48 women's collectives to improve family livelihoods. A micro-credit scheme helped 107 vendors grow new businesses while 386 women participated in vocational training programmes. With its support, 1,316 received government welfare entitlements and 501 young people took part in life skills training. LAW Trust reported an increase in child marriages and child labour during the pandemic.

Social Action for New Development focuses on vulnerable children and young adults, working and vulnerable women, wage and bonded labourers and Dalits in two districts. It ran fun arts and crafts workshops for children and young adults, introducing them to environmental and other concerns, as well as training events on child health, improved hygiene practices and sex education. SAND facilitates participation in the Gram Sabha, a village meeting where community issues are. They may include access to safe water, water for agriculture, electricity, gas supplies, and access to identity cards, rations, pensions and other entitlements. It ran training events to strengthen the voice of women and Dalits.

The Women Development Resource Centre works with a network of 27,844 Dalit and Tribal women and their families to improve their livelihoods and access rights. By training women to participate in the Gram Sabha and



as panchayat representatives, WDRC has multiplied the benefits. For example in the last year 7 villages installed bore wells providing safe drinking water, 17 streetlights, 45 solar lamps, 25 improved waste water systems, and 23 metal roads. 2,110 women received land titles registered in their names, 175 older women enrolled for pensions, 73 Tribal families were granted 2 acres of land and 112 have government permits to collect resources from their traditional forests. WDRC also supported women who had experienced violence and abuse or could not access government entitlements.

In Pakistan, Community World Service Asia assisted families made homeless after record breaking floods. It made cash grants for three months to the most vulnerable communities and distributed hygiene kits, dignity kits, mosquito nets and tarpaulins. Its Mobile Health Units provided medical services to thousands of people until the floods subsided.

In the Philippines, *Developers Foundation* improved food security and livelihoods in Aklan province. 101 new households joined the existing 200 participants in Batan Municipality to build new gardens, raised in coastal areas. They planted approximately 51,000 fruit trees and other crops – 61.5% were cassava, sweet potatoes and taro. 81 participants sold some produce in local markets. One local government ran a home garden competition. Funding provided in previous years for a Revolving Livelihood Fund is continuing to help locals start or expand small businesses. A staff member visited in January 2023.

In Sri Lanka, *Devasarana* continued its work with 50 families that returned to their land in the former war zone, part of its commitment to build better relations between the Tamil and Sinhala peoples. It provided agricultural training and distributed seeds, as well as running a one day workshop on the prevention of gender-based violence for 20 people. Devasarana ran a media workshop for young people to keep them engaged.

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (Monlar) focused on improving food security and food sovereignty in a difficult political and economic environment. Farmers who had switched to regenerative agriculture could feed themselves when the country could not afford fuel and other imports. The previous government had forced much of the country to switch to organic methods with no warning and devastating effects. Local Forums continued to share resources and skills as well as campaign on community-agreed priorities like stopping business from taking over public lands and reserves for personal benefit. It has run media training programmes for young people in addition to agriculture-focused courses.

The Women's Centre worked hard to support workers in the Free Trade Zones and plantation workers in a challenging economic and political period. In 2022 it celebrated 40 years since its establishment. It continues to encourage greater understanding and better relations between Sinhala and Tamil workers. The day care centre, newspaper, library and campaigns supported the education and rights of women workers.

Regional Total \$470,090

Europe

In Hungary, Poland, Romania and Ukraine, ACT Alliance assisted displaced people with food, shelter, child-friendly spaces, women's groups, communitybased psychosocial care and equipment for people living with disabilities.

Regional Total \$165,799

Latin America

In Haiti, Institut Culturel Karl Lévêque (ICKL) reports more children are in school and are receiving better quality education. It supported teachers in four community-run schools and assisted with tables, chairs, blackboards, books and uniforms. The community of Dophiné has built a new school with four basic classrooms that need finishing work. ICKL brought university and community people together for fórums and workshops to share analysis and knowledge about the challenging socio-political situation in the country.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS WORLDWIDE

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Photo: Hamzu and Veerji were thankful to be able to purchase the food they needed for their three children during severe flooding in Pakistan.

Webinars and papers from this Popular University have been shared with other non-government organisations. ICKL provided livelihood support to some of the families affected by the earthquake.

In Nicaragua, Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD). CEPAD worked with 47 rural communities, most of them new. Each community elected Community Development Committees which formulated annual plans with their people, seeking improvements like roading, water and latrines. 523 small farmers including 161 women learned to make organic compost, manage pests and diversify crops. They produced 72 tonnes of compost. Seeds and 66.540 plants including fruit trees were distributed to families in the 47 communities. More than 10,000 metres of hose and 188 water barrels and cans improved water supply and food security. CEPAD ran psychosocial workshops on Covid, distributed hygiene kits, seeds and water filters, and raised community awareness through its radio programmes.

Regional Total \$31,000

Middle East

In Afghanistan, Community World Service Asia assisted people affected by a major earthquake in the east of Afghanistan.

In Pakistan, Community World Service Asia provided cash transfers and other assistance to Afghan refugees.

In Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/West Bank, the

Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees worked with Palestinian and Syrian refugees and the communities surrounding the camps. CWS contributed to its whole programme and to specific activities. DSPR's five primary health care clinics in Gaza and Jordan cared for 30,000 patients and provided psychosocial services for 7,000 people, especially children. 580 young people attended vocational training programmes while 480 studied the Syrian High School curriculum. In Gaza and Lebanon, DSPR distributed 4,000 emergency cash vouchers and 1,000 food vouchers. This included the final funding after the port explosion in Beirut.

In Türkiye and Syria, the Middle East Council of Churches and Hungarian Interchurch Aid assisted people with food, medicine, hygiene kits, cash for work, rental assistance temporary shelter, solar panels, blankets, cash assistance, educational materials for children, child friendly spaces, baby kits and care. Regional Total \$175,076

Pacific

In the region, the *Pacific Conference of Churches* supported its member churches and the Pacific community through its advocacy and leadership. It has run workshops and introduced a Gender Status Card to assist churches in measuring progress on gender issues, child protection and violence prevention. A lively network of young people campigned for climate justice and the care of the ocean including the World



Council of Churches Assembly in 2022 and at home. PCC advocated for self-determination for Guam, Maohi Nui (Tahiti), Kanaky (New Caledonia) and West Papua, including at the Pacific Forum and in the United Nations and campaigned on regional issues including nuclear waste dumping and deep-sea mining. PCC organised webinars on a variety of topics, including ending violence against women, human rights, climate justice. It ran workshops and spoke on its development framework, Reweaving the Ecological Mat. The first workshop in Auckland was cut short by Cyclone Gabrielle.

In Fiji, the Social Empowerment Education Programme (SEEP) supported women in rural communities and informal settlements to set up village canteens and continued supporting community-based Covid protection measures and support including food, hygiene, and equipment for older people and those with disabilities. A new water pipe was installed, providing water to Nakawakawa village on Vanua Levu after Cyclone Yasa. Staff visited in September 2022.

In Tonga, the *Tonga Community Development Trust* continued to respond to the eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai in January 2022. Work has been done to restore and replace gardens, build chicken houses for vulnerable families and begin community based psychosocial training. Staff visited in November 2022.

In Vanuatu, CWS is working with the Pacific Conference of Churches/ Vanuatu Christian Council to establish a regional seed bank. Regional Total \$189,130

International

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

Total \$11,611

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. An Outcome Mapping workshop was held for staff. CWS was also involved in the establishment of the Emergency Alliance. CWS International Programmes staff visited partners in Fiji, Poland, the Philippines and Tonga as well as attended the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand (PANZ) network of ACT Alliance meeting. Reports on these visits and other evaluations were considered by the International Programmes Working Group on behalf of the CWS Board.

Total \$20,576

Total Programme Funding \$1,142,422

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INCOME

Christmas Appeal	\$ 357,664
Regular Appeals	\$ 161,732
General Donations	\$ 249,283
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Operation Refugee)	\$ 189,939
Bequests	\$ 201,833
Designated Donations - Emergency	\$ 517,172
Grants (Church and Trust)	\$ 63,651
Government Grants	\$ 135,754
Interest	\$ 33,488
Total Income	\$ 1,910,517

EXPENDITURE

International Programmes Funding	\$ 1,325,488
Education and Relationships	\$ 1,670
Promotion	\$ 180,955
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	\$ 691,023
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,199,136
Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ (288,619)

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** JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023

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.

(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 more than 140 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. Together we address our shared concern for climate justice, human rights and a fairer world. We work with committed local partners in 14 countries and the Occupied Palestinian Territory to strengthen communities so they can better cope with challenges like Covid, climate change, conflict and the loss of livelihoods. Our partners have worked with poor people to set up businesses, practise eco-agriculture and have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. When disaster strikes, our local partners and ACT Alliance partners 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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