

ANNUAL REPORT

CWS ACTION AGAINST POVERTY 2006-2007



**From the
National
Director**

Actions bring new hope

Sometimes it is easy to wonder whether our effort to end poverty is anything more than a tiny drop in the ocean that passes unnoticed. Reading the reports from our development partners is one antidote for this – they are full of stories of achievements, positive changes in people's lives, communities and families working to improve their well being, and children seizing the opportunity to gain education and skills in the hope of a better future. Their ongoing commitment is to be valued and supported and remains the inspiration for all we do.

On the wider scene, though, it can often feel as if little headway is being made against the entrenched forces keeping people in poverty. Fortunately we can celebrate some positive changes in the last year. The announcement in May's budget that the Government will spend 0.3% of Gross National Income (GNI) on the Overseas Development Assistance vote and the intention to increase it to reach 0.35% in 2010/11 was a significant step forward. CWS has been part of the Council for International Development led campaign asking the Government to honour its commitment to designate 0.7% of GNI by 2015 since its inception. For years, we have mobilised support for this change and to finally get this commitment is a major success. It still leaves the Government pushed for time if it is to achieve 0.7% by 2015, but it shows a willingness to increase aid in real terms and a recognition that the promise given should be kept.

The quality of aid is also critical if it is to enhance people's quality of life, give them control over their own future and address the causes of poverty. Here New Zealand does better with a good international reputation for the quality of its aid spending. This year it was reassuring to see a greater emphasis on aid quality within both NZAID and the wider NGO development community. It was a feature of the regional CID/NZAID meetings and the focus of the three-day annual

CID/NZAID workshop. Better still the way CWS works with its partners and the work that our partners do is seen as a model of good practice – development work that achieves sustainable positive change, especially through real community participation and leadership.

The growth of interest in fair trade and the fair trade movement is a positive indication of New Zealanders concern about the plight of small producers and their families. CWS joined the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand as a founding member because we see fair trade as one of the keys to social justice and decent development. It has been wonderful to see the growth in support for fair trade. Approximately 158 churches participated in this year's Fair Trade Fortnight and ever increasing numbers are signing up to be Fair Trade Churches.

Positive achievements in campaigning, awareness and in the work of our development partners collectively made for a most successful year for CWS.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible, especially:

- our partners
- The thousands of donors who believe in CWS's work and continue to give their faithful support
- Parish links throughout the country for their enthusiastic promotion of CWS;
- Staff, volunteers and committee members for their dedicated commitment, energy, and hard work;
- The Methodist Church which maintains its commitment to give 2% of its national income to overseas aid;
- Members of the Association of Presbyterian Women, Methodist Women's Fellowship, Church Women United, Christchurch Anglican Diocese, and Methodist Mission and Ecumenical for their gifts;
- NZAID for its support of our overseas development and emergency programmes

Just some of what you have helped achieve this year follows. Thank you all.

Jonathan Fletcher
National Director

International Programmes

Africa		\$441,277
Sudan	Maridi Capacity Building Programme CEAS Southern Blue Nile community Development	
Uganda	Church of Uganda Integrated Programme	
Zimbabwe	Rainwater Harvesting	
Asia		\$1,013,175
Regional	Christian Conference of Asia	
Cambodia	Ang Ponarey School Church World Service Capacity Building for Local Groups	
India	NEYTHAL (Law Trust) Protection of Coastal Environment Human Rights Advocacy & Research Foundation Women's Resource Centre FEDWE Network of Dalit Women's Groups SAND Agricultural Improvement and Child Labour Prevention EKTA Gender Training Programmes Voluntary Health Association of Kanyakumari Post Tsunami Capacity Building	
Philippines	Center for Migrant Advocacy Developers Women's Income Generation and Political Involvement	
Sri Lanka	Devasarana Village Community Development MONLAR General Programme Women's Centre for Free Trade Zone Workers	
Malaysia	Society of Christian Service	
Middle East		\$ 89,277
Palestine	Refugee Development Programme	
Latin America		\$401,562
Brazil	House of Passage Programme for at risk street children	
El Salvador	Las Dignas National Programme for Women	
Haiti	ICKL Popular Education & NGO Support	
Nicaragua	CEPAD Community Development and Peace Programmes	
Pacific		\$316,750
Regional	Pacific Conference of Churches	
Bougainville	BAERDA Adult Literacy and Community Education	
Fiji	ECREA Human Rights, Peace Building and Economic Development	
New Caledonia	CNDPA Conference on Indigenous Rights	
Solomon Islands	Lauru Land Conference Women's Development Programme	
Timor Leste	Dominican Sisters Development Programme	
Tonga	Human Rights & Democracy Movement Community Development Trust Women's Programme	
Tahiti	Association Moruroa e Tatou Rights of Victims of French Nuclear Testing	
Aotearoa		\$15,000
	Indonesia Human Rights Speaking Tour Peace Movement Aotearoa Pax Christi ANZ NZ DPRK Society Human Rights Film Festival Philippines Solidarity Network of Aotearoa (PSNA) Speaking Tour Beneficiaries Advisory Service The Family Centre Date Palm Film Festival	
International Networks		\$24,701
	ACT Development ACT International Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance World Council of Churches	

Emergencies

\$749,259

CWS assisted with relief in the following humanitarian disasters:

- Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Drought in Kenya
- Conflict in Darfur, Sudan
- Earthquake in Indonesia
- Conflict in Sri Lanka
- Conflict in Iraq
- Conflict in Lebanon
- Conflict in Palestine
- Earthquake and Tsunami in the Solomon Islands
- Civil unrest in Timor Leste

Partnership

CWS was pleased to host several visits from partner groups during the year including Ruth Liloqula, Laurus Land Conference, Solomon Islands, Jesu Rethinam, Neythal, India, Dámaris Albuquerque and Gilberto Aguirre, CEPAD, Nicaragua and Geoffrey Nainoca, ECREA, Fiji. These visits are an important opportunity to share learnings, inform supporters of the work they are helping to fund, and to meet with MPs and other groups on issues such as aid funding, debt cancellation, models of good development and other justice concerns.

Campaigns and Advocacy

- **Make Poverty History:** Campaign efforts culminated in the presentation of all the petitions and postcards, including CWS's Take Action against Poverty cards asking for an increase in aid spending and an end to harmful conditions on IMF and World Bank loans, to the foreign minister in May.
- **Fair Trade Fortnight:** Over 150 churches took part in Fair Trade Fortnight in or around 28 April - 13 May. CWS also organised a well supported Wellington café, public meeting and 5 aside soccer tournament.
- **Debt Action:** Jubilee Aotearoa, coordinated by CWS, has continued to lead regular meetings with government over the New Zealand government's role at the World Bank and IMF. Issues of governance have been a major focus, especially with the resignation of World Bank President, Paul Wolfowitz.
- **Point Seven:** CWS has continued to participate in this campaign to increase the amount spent on overseas assistance (aid) to meet the commitment of 0.7% of GNI.
- **Save Zimbabwe:** CWS has lent support to Zimbabweans living in New Zealand, who are seeking an end to the suffering and violence in their homeland and greater democracy for the future through the recently formed Save Zimbabwe Campaign (NZ).
- **Parliamentary Submissions:** CWS contributed submissions on the Terrorism Suppression Amendment Bill and the Inquiry into New Zealand's relationship with the South Pacific.
- **Letters and meetings:** CWS writes regularly on matters of concern to governments and other appropriate authorities calling for action on matters such as the growing conflict in Sri Lanka and the treatment of Papuans in West Papua.

Education and Awareness

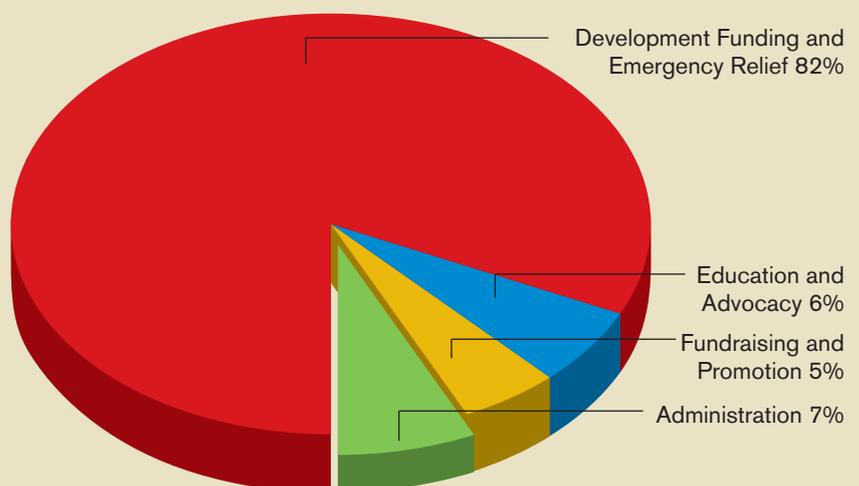
New Resources over the last year include:

- Water, the Gift of Life, video/DVD and study
- Update each month
- Youth Topics on water and climate change
- World Watch (for children) on Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka
- Churches Agency on International Issues backgrounders on Pacific issues including health, climate change and economic sustainability
- Special worship resources to mark Hiroshima Day, World Food Day, Advent and Christmas, World Water Day, Fair Trade Fortnight and World Refugee Day.

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

Income	\$
2006 Christmas Appeal	601 489
<i>Grants from the Government's Overseas Development Assistance</i>	
- Subsidies under the KOHA-PICD Scheme	1 698 165
- Humanitarian Action Fund (Emergency) grants	642 634
- Africa grant for Zimbabwe Rainwater Harvesting Programme	152 112
- Latin America grant for CEPAD, Nicaragua	209 887
- Organisational Support	15 000
<i>Special Appeals for</i>	
- Solomon Islands	111 485
- Middle East	41 333
Methodist 2% grant	11 844
William Walters Trust	4 854
Christchurch Anglican Diocese	7 668
Association of Presbyterian Women/ Methodist Women's Fellowship (for The Church of Uganda – General Programme)	56 561
World Day of Prayer	5 100
Regular Contributors	105 554
Direct Mail Appeals	185 226
David Ellison Trust	7 500
Other donations from individuals, groups and parishes	217 253
Interest	150 266
Total Income for the Year	4 223 931
Expenditure	
Funding for Community Development Projects and Emergency Relief	3 288 428
Education and Advocacy	226 956
Administration	270 110
Fundraising and Promotion	207 093
Total Expenditure for the Year	3 992 587

CWS expenditure 2006-2007



Please contact CWS if you would like a copy of the audited financial report.

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Empowerment: In Haiti, people are being helped to identify their own needs and find manageable solutions, like this elderly woman demonstrating the pressure of providing food for the family amidst so much poverty.



Food: home gardens in the Philippines help women improve family nutrition, health and income through vegetable selling.



Water: Wells are providing a lifeline for Palestinian families in a Middle East Council of Churches' project that helps people grow their own food.



Education: Literacy and community education on health, conflict resolution, the environment and other important issues helps people denied an education during the conflict in Bougainville.

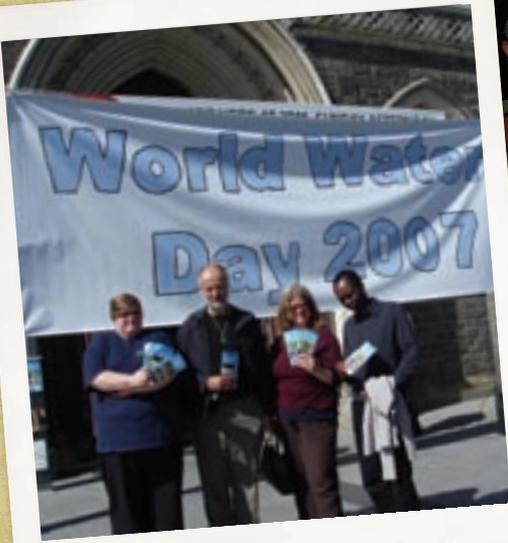


Women: Giving women a voice in their own future and helping them protect their environment and sources of livelihood in Tamil Nadu, India.



Solidarity: a CWS water carrying challenge in Christchurch in October draws attention to the difficulties facing Zimbabwean families and the importance of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches' rain water harvesting programme.

CWS and its partners work at many levels to provide support for the basic necessities of life, training for people to change their own lives, action on the global issues that keep people poor and most importantly solidarity with people world wide in their struggles and hopes for a better future. Thank you to everyone who makes this work possible.



Campaigning: CWS campaigns on people's rights to water, food sovereignty, fair trade, peace and just livelihoods, and is the lead agency in New Zealand for the movement to cancel the crippling debt of developing countries.



Peace: Peace training, Fiji – young people finding creative and non violent ways to deal with personal and community problems to build a peaceful future.

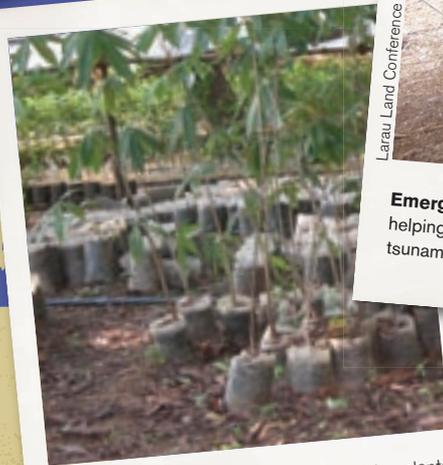


Larau Land Conference

Emergency Relief: CWS partners were on the spot, helping with initial needs like shelter and food when a tsunami struck parts of the Solomon Islands in April.



HIV & AIDS: Volunteers train as home carers to provide support and care to people living with HIV and AIDS, Uganda.



Environment: A community nursery raising plants that provide food and help with soil conservation in the new homes of tsunami survivors, Sri Lanka.



Livelihood: Training and support for young people in Timor Leste has helped this group set up their own fishing endeavour, providing food for their families and much needed income.



A better future: Young girls from the streets and slums of Recife, Brazil, celebrate their new opportunities for safety, education, vocational training and personal support.



Health & Hygiene: Fathia, a volunteer pit latrine project coordinator, measures the pit depth to ensure it is the 6 metres needed.