

# Annual Review

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**From the  
National  
Director**

The highlights of the last year are as varied as the partners, people and issues involved with CWS. While the task is huge and poverty, conflict and disasters continue to adversely impact millions of people, we can take heart in the steps we are taking.

The sharp escalation in food prices and the cost of oil hurts those in developing countries the hardest. Basic food staples became unaffordable for many and families have had to reduce their intake to one meal a day. The global attention given to the world's food supply was a harsh reminder that the essentials for life are still denied to millions of people. The efforts of CWS's partners to provide poor communities with reliable food sources and to advocate for more just economic policies have been critical in providing some protection against hunger for the communities in which they work. We have been amazed at the concern and compassion people in New Zealand extend to their neighbours in developing countries.

The last year saw the Christmas Appeal, regular contributions and @world appeals increase. The Methodist Women's Fellowship and Association of Presbyterian Women focused on House of Passage for their special project, Opening Doors. House of Passage opens doors to hope for the young girls facing violence, poverty and abuse in the slums of Recife, Brazil. The National Committee of Church Women United chose to support partners in Tonga and South Sudan and our general emergency relief. Such ongoing relationships are much valued by CWS and our partners. Some of the most heart warming contributions we receive are from children. In the past year they have baked, busked, sung and done much more to raise funds to help others in need. Their efforts give hope that the future will be in good hands.



**Toilet humour: Making a serious point about sanitation**

The International Year of Sanitation was the focus for a number of activities in 2008 especially involving young people. Youth volunteers at the Parachute Music Festival enthusiastically confronted festival goers with the reality of toileting and hygiene around the world, getting hundreds to pose with a toilet for a photo petition. While talking about toilets may sound light-hearted, poor sanitation kills a child every 20 seconds and is a major contributor to poverty.

Visits from partners in Uganda, Pakistan, Fiji and Nicaragua allowed supporters in New Zealand to hear first hand how they help these programmes meet local challenges of poverty, conflict, HIV and Aids, and natural disasters. A visit to Choiseul resulted in an acclaimed documentary film on the Luru Land Conference's Women's

Programme. It graphically highlighted the problem of logging, women's efforts to save their culture and land, and examined the essentials of quality community development. The children's jandal band is an enduring snapshot for most viewers. For the international programmes team, the Partner Learning Exchange stood out – bringing together community development organisations from Philippines, Sri Lanka, India and Cambodia. From different contexts they found that they faced similar issues and were able to share strategies and learn from each other over five days.

Fair trade has been a highlight of the last year with over 200 parishes taking part in a Fair Cuppa for Fair Trade Fortnight. So far 38 churches have signed up for the joint CWS/Trade Aid Fair Trade Church scheme. Sales of Fairtrade products have increased 60% in the last year. In 2007 CWS joined the global campaign to ban cluster munitions. With a formal treaty to be signed in December, the campaign is asking the NZ government to swiftly ratify it. CWS made submissions on the Immigration Bill, Free Trade Agreement with China and the Inquiry into New Zealand's relationship with the South Pacific and helped with visits from West Papua and food writer, Raj Patel. Support was given to the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance Week of Action on Trade and concerns raised about the police raids on the people of Ruatoki.



**Capturing the work of the Luru Land Conference's Women's Programme.**

A fun new initiative was the launch of the 'Just Gifts' programme. In response to requests from supporters, CWS identified aspects of partners' programmes that could be neatly packaged as 'gifts'. Goats were the most popular present last Christmas, with fruit trees and mangroves also in demand. No one actually got a goat, the gift is much larger than that! Just Gifts passes on funds equivalent to the cost of a goat to a livestock programme that helps purchase goats, trains families to care for their goat, vaccinates the animals and sets up income opportunities for selling goat milk.

Every year, disasters strike poor communities that do not have the resources to survive and rebuild. CWS is proud to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies through Action by Churches Together (ACT) International. There were floods throughout South Asia; devastating cyclones in Burma, Nicaragua and the Philippines; and the massive earthquake in China. Many other crises got little public attention. Whether TV cameras catch their plight or not, people in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Darfur, Sri Lanka and north Uganda are struggling to survive through longstanding conflicts.

The terrible situation in Zimbabwe certainly did get coverage. CWS was instrumental in linking New Zealand Church leaders with the Zimbabwe Council of Churches, and has continued to raise funds for food aid within the country.

These long term crises show there are no easy solutions to poverty and conflict. It is important that we continue to help people survive through the difficult times while working together to address the underlying causes of global injustices. In the year ahead, CWS will be developing its work on climate change, continuing to focus on ending conflict and returning to the basics to guarantee everyone the right to the essentials of life such as food and water.

Thank you for your continued support.

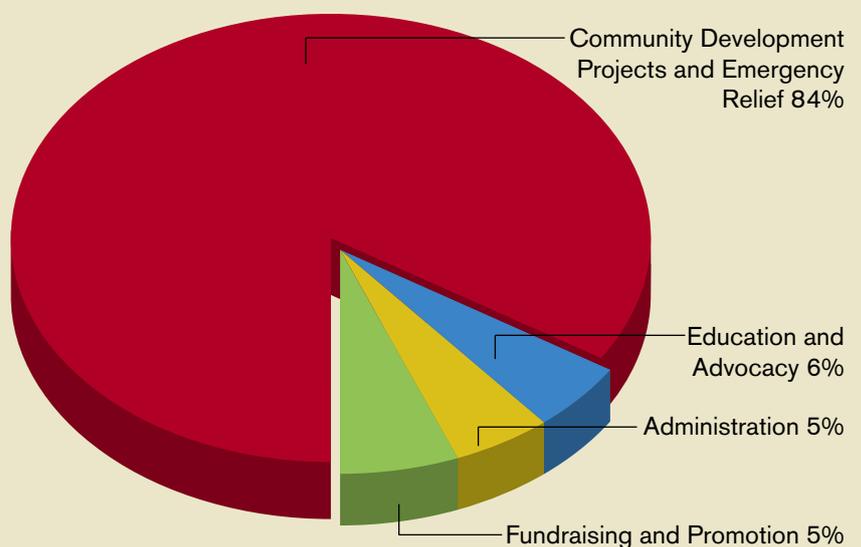


**Jonathan Fletcher**  
National Director

## Summary Statement of Financial Performance

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>
2007 Christmas Appeal	615 844
<i>Grants from the Government's Overseas Development Assistance</i>	
-Subsidies under the KOHA-PICD Scheme	2 100 208
-Humanitarian Action Fund (Emergency) grants	726 831
-Latin America grant for CEPAD, Nicaragua	147 120
<i>Special Appeals for</i>	
-Burma	44 686
-China	22 085
Methodist 2% grant	11 532
William Walters Trust	5 676
Christchurch Anglican Diocese	7 922
Association of Presbyterian Women/ Methodist Women's Fellowship (for East Timor – Youth Training & Sustainable Agricultural Programme)	22 611
World Day of Prayer (Nat. Committee Church Women United Aotearoa-New Zealand)	19 500
Regular Contributors	112 149
Direct Mail Appeals	177 939
David Ellison Trust	7 500
Other donations from individuals, groups and parishes	343 500
Interest	197 373
<b>Total Income for the Year</b>	<b>4 562 476</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Funding for Community Development Projects and Emergency Relief	3 690 348
Education and Advocacy	260 351
Administration	236 286
Fundraising and Promotion	202 518
<b>Total Expenditure for the Year</b>	<b>4 389 503</b>

### CWS expenditure 2007-2008



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

# CWS 2007-2008: Celebrating 60 years of the Uni

## Article 1



### **All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.**

The Church of Uganda works to ensure families have food, training and a livelihood. A focus on community based care for people living with HIV gives them dignity and hope.

## Article 3



### **Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.**

The crisis in Darfur, western Sudan, is continuing, forcing over 2.5 million people to flee to camps for protection and survival. CWS partners are providing food, water and sanitation services, health, education, shelter and counselling. They are also supporting international calls for peace.

## Article 4



### **No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.**

The Women's Development Resource Centre works with Tribal and Dalit communities in Tamil Nadu, South India so their illegal enslavement and discrimination will cease and these communities are recognised as full human beings.

## Article 21



### **Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.**

Las Dignas programmes for women's empowerment in El Salvador helps women stand for local government as well as finding new income opportunities and protecting themselves from community violence.

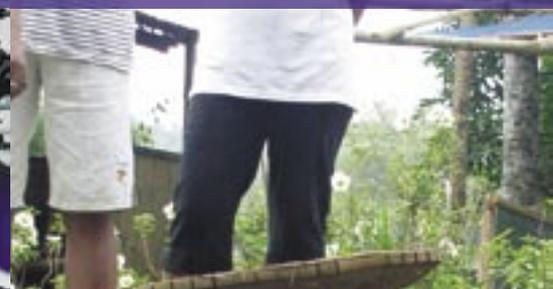
## Article 23



### **Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.**

Thanks to the Women's Centre, workers in Sri Lanka's Free Trade Zone are winning some important protections such as adequate work breaks, safety equipment and fairer working hours.

## Article 25



### **Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services.**

# Universal Declaration of Human Rights



## Article 6



### **Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.**

In Nicaragua, poverty and civil war have disadvantaged many communities and the state provides few services. CEPAD trains volunteer peace commissioners to help resolve neighbourhood conflicts and assist people in legal processes to realise their rights.

## Article 14



### **Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.**

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees provides water, health services, education, training and livelihoods to Palestinian refugees in the Middle East.

## Article 19



### **Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.**

MONLAR in Sri Lanka not only helps people grow their own food and protect their environment and land, but assists communities to organise protests about the policy issues that impact on their lives such as escalating food prices, the civil war and privatisation of essential services such as water.

## Article 26



### **Everyone has the right to education.**

In the Bougainville province of Papua New Guinea, a generation missed out on education and schooling during the years of conflict. Now BAERDA is training volunteer teachers to focus on literacy in all local languages. This is a first step to people taking control of their future development.

## Article 28



### **Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.**

Timor Leste continues to struggle with violence, instability and the legacy of hard won independence from Indonesia. CWS supports two partners who are helping people find refuge in times of civil unrest, as well as providing education, livestock and income generation programmes.

See [www.unhcr.ch/udhr/](http://www.unhcr.ch/udhr/) for the full text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted 10 December 1948

The 2009 CWS calendar features more partners fulfilling the aims of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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