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20/20

MINISTRY REPORT

# BY THE numbers 2020

**1,869** FREE A FAMILY® DONORS GAVE US **\$1,108,978**, HELPING TO FREE **3,422** FAMILIES FROM POVERTY.



## 274,495 PARTICIPANTS

improved their lives through community development programs supported by World Renew's **76 CHRISTIAN PARTNERS** in **1,254 COMMUNITIES** and **21 COUNTRIES** worldwide.

Through World Renew, **338** Christian Reformed congregations in the U.S. and Canada engaged in biblical justice and advocacy action.

World Renew facilitated **206** robust partnerships between North American and international communities.

World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers contacted **994 DISASTER-AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS** to assess their needs, and repaired or rebuilt **214 DAMAGED HOMES.**



IN 2020, WORLD RENEW ministered to a total of **1,414,026 PARTICIPANTS** in **35 COUNTRIES** by working in development, disaster, and justice programming.



World Renew's ministry was supported by **1,447 VOLUNTEERS** who donated **116,962 HOURS** of their time. That is equivalent to the work of **58 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES** for a year.



**1,139,531 SURVIVORS** of violence, drought, flooding, storm, and **COVID-19** benefited from World Renew's disaster response programs in **27 COUNTRIES.**

World Renew placed **12** volunteer International Relief Managers in Bangladesh, Madagascar, Malawi, and Zambia in 2020. Five IRMs continued remote volunteer work during the pandemic.

World Renew engaged with **150** youth and young adults from North America, and a total of **396** volunteers and those seeking the Lord's direction for service.

Last year, DRS placed **1,375** volunteers from **37** denominations on disaster sites.

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT,** World Renew helped **147 REFUGEES** resettle in Canada, and **42 SPONSORING GROUPS** submitted new sponsorship applications for **178 REFUGEES.**

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Friends:

2020 was a year that called for great hope. As COVID-19 changed our families, homes, and work lives, we quickly turned to face the associated challenges. Some of us dealt with stress and discomfort while others coped with isolation, unemployment, and loss. In times like these, our hope in God does not disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

**HIS LOVE MAKES OUR HOPE STRONG.**

As World Renew, we are witnesses to this hope, expressed in your faithful generosity during uncertain times. Because of your support, World Renew partnered with 76 grass-roots organizations in 35 countries last year, to provide economic opportunities, community health programs, peace and justice, food security, and disaster response to more than 1.4 million people.

When COVID-19 lockdowns began in March 2020, World Renew was uniquely positioned to assist families facing more hunger and hopelessness as jobs dried up, income stopped, and food became scarce. Because of your support, World Renew was able to adapt quickly to provide the families who were most affected with food and water, virus prevention, and masks, soap, sanitizer, and much more.

Because of you, World Renew gives glory to God and reflects our Hope Made Strong through the love and grace of God in our savior, Jesus Christ.

I pray that in these pages, you see God's hope made visible through His people, the church.



*Ida Kaastra Mutoigo*

**IDA KAASTRA-MUTOIGO**  
Director, Canada



*Carol Bremer-Bennett*

**CAROL BREMER-BENNETT**  
Director, U.S.

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# A MOMENT OF hope

## DISASTER RESPONSE

### YOUR IMPACT ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN 2020

Your gifts of more than US **\$450,000 (\$600,000 CAD)** touched **1.2 MILLION LIVES** in a moment of hope during the COVID-19 pandemic. World Renew equipped communities, partners, and staff with personal protection equipment (PPE) and emergency food throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, as well as assisting the Navajo Nation in the U.S. and Christian Reformed churches across North America.

#### INTERNATIONAL COVID-19 DISASTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Bars of soap: **21,246**  
Food: **36,679 kgs** (80,693 lbs)  
Masks: **14,360**  
Bottles of Sanitizer/Disinfectant: **5,748**  
Equipped Community Health Centers: **35**  
Equipped Community Health Workers: **865**  
Radio Broadcasts: **111**

World Renew mobilized COVID-19 Disaster Response work in **24 COUNTRIES** during 2020.



#### RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

For people whose lives have been disrupted by conflict, natural disaster, or climate change, COVID-19 made precarious living even more uncertain. Thankfully, through World Renew's networks of trusted local partners, we continued to assist families who were already in crisis.

Together with you, we reached more than **688,000 PEOPLE** with programs that were specifically designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These included distributing emergency food supplies, providing families with electronic vouchers, and radio campaigns with vital health information.

As the ways that we work change, our commitment to walk alongside people in poverty remains the same. We thank God for your generous support in this difficult year and pray expectantly for this work in the year ahead.

#### COVID-19 Disaster Response in North America

##### REACHING OUT TO THE NAVAJO NATION

In May 2020, the Navajo Nation reported more cases of COVID-19 per capita than any state in the United States. An area roughly the size of West Virginia, the reservation is home to thousands of people who lack access to clean running water and other necessities.

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) kicked off a national response to quickly deliver life-sustaining supplies to those living on the reservation. With the Reformed Church in America's Global Mission and Rehoboth Christian School, which is located on Navajo land in New Mexico, World Renew DRS provided water, food, and face masks to Native American families who needed it the most.



## ADAPTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR GLOBAL PANDEMIC

In March 2020, World Renew began to shift its focus in development programs to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions worldwide. In many of our ongoing programs in food security, community health, economic opportunity, and peace and justice, we worked quickly to restructure and implement pandemic support for those most affected by lockdowns and travel bans.

### PROTECTING FRONTLINE HEROES IN ZAMBIA

The Health Department of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ), a World Renew development partner, runs three hospitals and six smaller health centers. They are in high-risk rural areas where social distancing and isolation are nearly impossible. Anticipating a need for personal protective equipment (PPE), the UCZ, with funds from World Renew, purchased gloves, masks, face shields, shoe covers, and disinfectant sprayers for use in its health facilities.

At the same time, World Renew continued to work with the UCZ's Community Development and Social Justice Department in long-term programs by funding existing local women's groups in a small business start-up making and selling cloth face masks. This ensured that medical-grade masks were used in the hospitals and clinics where they were most needed, and at-risk families were able to adjust their livelihoods to better themselves during the pandemic.

### DEVELOPMENT SHIFTS FOR COVID-19 CONDITIONS

- Community Health Volunteers in Bangladesh counseled women individually in preventing and protecting their families from coronavirus.
- A Honduran partner developed a social audit for teachers on the efficacy of online learning.
- World Renew distributed PPE, raised awareness in communities, and made in-home visits to teach prevention and hygiene practices in Malawi.
- In Tanzania, World Renew reached more than one million people with radio broadcasts.
- In Senegal, a partner provided hygiene products, health manuals, and food to vulnerable people. Another partner distributed washing stations and hygiene products to literacy groups.
- In West Africa, church leaders, who receive training through World Renew, used WhatsApp to practice their lessons during pandemic lockdowns.



# MINISTRY focus

**FOOD SECURITY**  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**  
**PEACE AND JUSTICE**  
**DISASTER RESPONSE**

**Lázaro Adalid Zablah**

Los Charcos, Honduras  
Mother, grandmother,  
farmer, conservationist



“ I took every agriculture workshop from Diaconia Nacional, a World Renew church partner in Honduras. I put into practice all of the methods I learned to turn soil that no one could farm into productive land. These techniques are not easy — diversification, grafting, composting — but they work.”

# INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Tools and training
- Sustainable farming methods
- Food year-round

**Joseph Thatcher**  
western Africa  
Husband, father,  
organic farmer



## FOOD SECURITY

“With training in conservation agriculture from World Renew, I was able to sow maize and sorghum using organic compost. It costs me less than chemical fertilizers and rebuilds the soil.”

### A Hope Goat for Mary

Eight years ago, a group of armed men attacked Mary Unger's village and killed her husband on their family farm. Mary struggled for years to raise five children on her own, but they remained very poor.

Then, Mary was chosen by her neighbors to join a new World Renew program to help the poorest families in the village raise goats. Mary and the other women in the program each received training and a goat of their own to raise.

Over the next two years, Mary successfully tended her goat, and it consistently gave birth to healthy kids. When they were weaned, Mary sold the offspring for a good price at the market. This has provided her with a steady income.

“I pray for blessings on those who gave to World Renew to bless my family with the help we needed. I hope to extend this blessing to my whole community.”

With her profits, she buys improved seeds to grow more crops, and she uses goat manure as fertilizer to further increase her harvest at no additional cost.

Mary has not only improved her own life, she is teaching others in her situation to raise goats, too. She is deeply grateful to God for the support she has received.



“Thanks to the kassine tool, we have a better chance for a very good harvest this year.”

— Alice Taylor, selected by her neighbors to try out a kassine tractor through a World Renew agriculture project in her village.



**Alice Taylor**  
West Africa  
Wife, mother,  
demonstration farmer

- Nutrition
- Sanitation
- Health care
- Childhood stunting prevention

## HEALTHY BABIES MEAN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

In poor communities in Kenya and Mozambique, women usually do not get prenatal care. They give birth at home and cannot afford to immunize their babies or provide good nutrition for adequate growth.

The result is a high death rate during childbirth, stunting, chronic illness, and shortened lives. Adding to their pain, families who lose a baby are often accused of witchcraft. To help families improve their health, World Renew began working in child and maternal health programs. Now women receive prenatal care, more deliveries take place at clinics, more women breastfeed for better nutrition, chronic illnesses are treated, and hygiene practices have improved. In Mozambique, the number of babies born underweight has decreased from twelve to one percent.

In Kenya last year, World Renew helped perform health checks and taught health practices to 1,100 women and mothers in their homes, organizing village-level health committees that held clinic staff accountable for giving poor families the services and respect they deserve.

By building strong relationships with the health department, village chiefs, and religious leaders, World Renew's efforts resulted in healthier communities.

## INCREASING CHILDHOOD VACCINATION RATES FROM 65% TO 95% IN MOZAMBIQUE

“Working in health was new to us so we were doubtful, but we began building awareness and encouraging care-seeking behaviors among participants. Before long, the local health facilities were overwhelmed with the demand for services and had to add more staff. I thank God that I could be part of this transformation.”

— Domingos Baulene, Field Officer, Diocese of Niassa, Mozambique

## TWENTY COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS TRAINED IN KENYA

“I am proud to be the chief of my community. In the past, home births were the norm, and many newborn babies died. Today, there are very few home births or newborn deaths. You have changed the health of my community.”

— Chief Ndundi, Mikuyuni, Kenya



- Village Savings and Loan Associations
- Savings and investment
- Training for financial stability
- Adequate income and access to work



“ We overcame every challenge we faced, including reluctant husbands who control our income. It was hard, but as time went on, our husbands realized that our savings account was a good thing — especially when they themselves were able to access loans through us to help make ends meet at home. Now, all of our husbands know that our group meets on Tuesdays, and no one has a problem attending.”

## WHEN A DREAM COMES TRUE

On a Tuesday in Loma de Cáfen, Nicaragua, 22 young women sit together chatting. They are participants in a Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) with World Renew partner, Asociacion Cristiana de Jovenes (ACJ).

“In our community, no one saves even one córdoba (3 cents),” she said. “We try to make ends meet while paying for health care and education, and growing crops and our small businesses. We often have to go to neighbors who are a little better off and ask to borrow money. It’s embarrassing to beg for a loan, and most of the time, no one has money to spare anyway.”

— Damaris Vasquez Pérez, Nicaragua

“ Damaris and her fellow group members share dreams that they once thought were unattainable. Together, they have saved \$23,758 córdobas (US \$686) in just twelve short months. Damaris admits that the first meetings were difficult, and it took the group four months before they were able to manage the accounting without support from ACJ and World Renew. Now they are proud of their perseverance.

Last year, Haitian citizens living in the Dominican Republic were deported en masse to Haiti, causing a crisis at the border. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, World Renew Haitian partner, PWOFOOD, stepped in to safely assist returnees with shelter, legal aid, and services to locate family members, as well as new livelihoods in agriculture. Now Denavois, 48, lives with his wife, Elmitha Coriolan, 43, in Fond Parisien with their eight children. Denavois is proud of his integration into life in Haiti, as well as his role in the farmer’s association.



**Denavois Deles and Elmitha Coriolan**  
Fond Parisien, Haiti  
Father, immigrant, farmer

- Trauma care
- Gender equity training
- Anti-trafficking support
- Response to civil conflict
- Advocacy



## WHEN PEACE AND JUSTICE MEET

Several years ago, rioters attacked and burned down homes, businesses, and a church in a small village in the Sahara. The families who lived there ran, with the few possessions they could carry, to villages nearby. World Renew and a partner provided the survivors with both emergency assistance and long-term help, starting with trauma-healing training for church leaders.

“We stopped — and spent six weeks going over and over the lesson on forgiveness because we weren’t yet ready to forgive. When we finally reached the point where we were able to forgive the neighbors who attacked us, we realized that we are not only called to forgive them — but to love them!”

— Local pastor and trauma-healing participant

World Renew’s integrated approach to working in communities has continued, taking the church from forgiving their enemies to loving their neighbors. The church has now discovered that they could change the story of poverty in their community — and change their own story as well.

## CORN, COWS, AND BUILDING PEACE

Dula is a subsistence farmer who was growing a nice maize crop on his small plot of land. One day, his neighbor from another tribe, Manka, turned out his three cows on Dula’s land, destroying his harvest. Dula, who had about 3,000 Rupees (US \$40) invested in this effort, was upset.

In the past, disputes like this escalated into unrest between neighboring communities. But instead of taking revenge, Dula contacted the village leaders who called together the town’s peace committee. The committee, one of 62 World Renew established in the region and comprised of members of both tribes, discussed the incident.

They decided that Manka should give Dula a goat, worth 3,000 rupees, to cover his loss. The matter was settled satisfactorily, and no further intervention was needed.

For a while, Dula and Manka had very little contact with each other, but time has brought healing. “I am a Christian,” Dula said, “and because of my faith I have forgiven him. Now we are good friends.”



**Dula**  
India

Subsistence farmer, Christian,  
peacemaker, friend

# INTERNATIONAL TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

## RECOVERING TREMORS OF HOPE

Masrin remembered where he was when an earthquake hit his community on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi in September 2018. “I had a guest at my house,” he recalled. “We ran out of the house and stayed outside until the tremors ended.” Masrin’s house was almost completely destroyed.

Masrin also recalled how difficult those first few days were. “It was about a week, and we didn’t have proper food. We just ate bananas or corn because the rice in the village was gone.”

World Renew’s local partner learned about the damage in Masrin’s community and began to distribute emergency assistance, like hygiene supplies and clean water, and offered psycho-social support. It quickly became clear that the needs would not be met overnight.

Masrin was a farmer, and the earthquake destroyed his livelihood. But with support from World Renew, he was able to start working again, earning an income to support his family. He is thankful that his community not only received physical assistance, but knowledge — something that will last no matter what the future holds.

A World Renew partner in Indonesia helped Masrin and his family build a new, earthquake-resistant home and a latrine. Today, they are safe and better prepared for the future. Masrin is thankful for the ways that World Renew’s help has motivated his family to live with more persistence and enthusiasm, even in the face of great challenge.

“I hope we can hold an event where we can meet World Renew’s donors face-to-face, so I and also the community can convey their gratitude to them,” he shared.

World Renew’s partner assisted more than **18,000 SURVIVORS** after powerful earthquakes and a tsunami struck several Indonesian islands in the fall of 2018. By working with our trusted local partners, World Renew is able to support disaster-affected communities quickly and for many months.

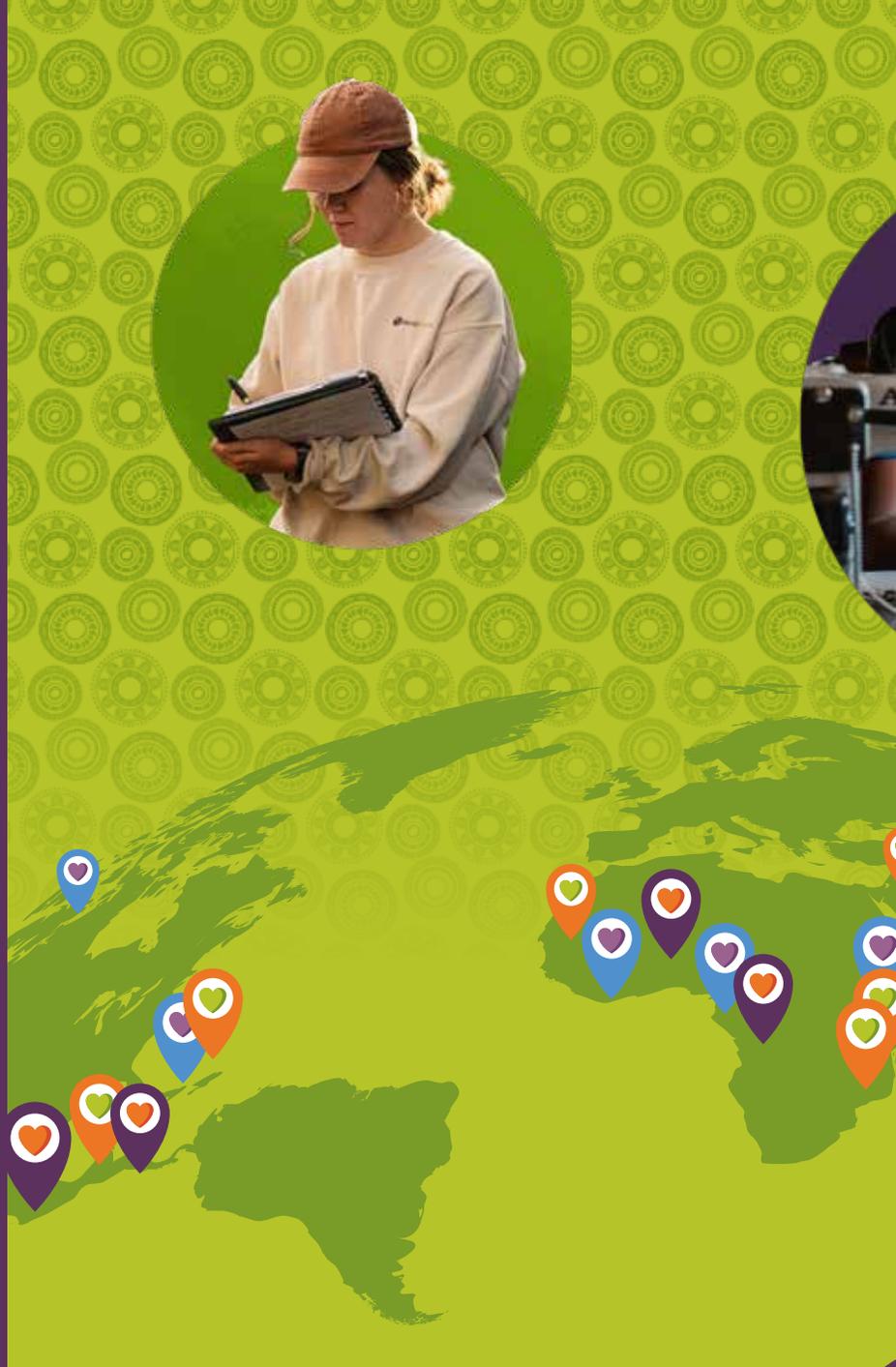
When families like Masrin’s begin the road to recovery, our focus shifts to a longer-term approach. In Indonesia and around the world, we are committed to demonstrating the tangible hope of Christ by contributing to a lasting change in communities.



# STORIES OF hope

## WHERE WORLD RENEW WORKED IN 2020

Compelled by God's deep passion for mercy and justice, **WORLD RENEW** joins communities around the world in powerful change that **RENEWS HOPE**, **RECONCILES LIVES**, and **RESTORES CREATION**.





COUNTRY	NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS	NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF DISASTER RESPONSE PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES SERVED
AFGHANISTAN	-	-	8,050	-
BAHAMAS	-	-	500	-
BANGLADESH	5	114,374	125,587	54
COLOMBIA	-	-	3,925	-
CAMBODIA*	2	4,164	-	13
CANADA**	-	-	-	-
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	432	-	15
ETHIOPIA	-	-	4,600	-
GUATEMALA	4	5,796	3,050	21
HAITI	4	2,524	6,925	32
HONDURAS	4	3,865	8,300	30
INDIA*	2	14,532	3,715	8
INDONESIA	-	-	18,717	-
KENYA	5	9,856	51,455	159
LAOS*	1	4,343	-	17
LEBANON*	-	-	39,815	-
MADAGASCAR	-	-	6,700	-
MALAWI	1	8,254	20,733	53
MALI	4	20,063	3,584	217
MEXICO*	1	182	-	4
MOZAMBIQUE	1	15,404	11,655	106
NEPAL	-	-	12,825	-
NICARAGUA	6	712	-	63
NIGER	3	8,052	6,500	100
NIGERIA	3	18,326	9,170	49
PHILIPPINES	-	-	17,103	-
SENEGAL	2	1,250	671	20
SOUTH SUDAN	-	-	12,000	-
SIERRA LEONE*	1	2,326	-	19
SYRIA	-	-	8,400	-
TANZANIA*	2	3,618	664,250	13
UGANDA	6	23,984	26,238	140
UNITED STATES*	-	-	7,098	-
ZAMBIA*	3	12,438	57,965	121
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>274,495</b>	<b>1,139,531</b>	<b>1,254</b>
<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</b>				<b>1,414,026</b>

\*The number of participants may vary year to year due to country-by-country pandemic restrictions, changes in grant funding, security, or partner transition. Participant numbers shown here represent all programs implemented in 2020.

\*\*World Renew supports Diaconal Ministries Canada.

\*\*\*World Renew DRS reports by household. Participant totals are calculated by multiplying by three the total number of households served.

Note: In addition to 61 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 15 partners in research and development in 2020.

# INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

- Immediate aid
- Long-term rehabilitation
- Capacity building

## A WORLDWIDE SNAPSHOT OF 2020

As COVID-19 filled headlines with news of a global pandemic, the voices of those affected by conflict and natural disaster may have grown faint. Yet, through the ministry of World Renew's partners and staff in 26 countries, over one million people received assistance in their time of need in 2020.

World Renew is a witness to hope made strong in the lives of those who are fleeing conflict, recovering from natural disaster, or struggling to cope with the effects of a changing climate.



In **BANGLADESH**, Rohingya refugees continue to live without reliable access to work. A distribution of food each month brought families hope in the midst of precarious life in a refugee camp.

In **LEBANON**, food vouchers were a lifeline for Syrian refugee families who have depleted their savings, but can now afford to purchase food from markets, even in an economic crisis.

In **MALAWI** and **MOZAMBIQUE**, families continue to recover after the devastation caused by Cyclone Idai. Emergency food assistance ensured daily provision, while seeds and farm tools equipped families for the long road to recovery.

In **NIGERIA**, a distribution of cash each month meant that parents who had no reliable income, because of ongoing conflict, were able to buy enough food to feed their families.

In **SOUTH SUDAN**, World Renew walked alongside families with reliable food for who experience the double burden of devastating floods *and* war that has ravaged the country for years.

In **SYRIA**, years of conflict left families hungry and without savings. A basket of food from church partners demonstrated Christ's hope, despite years of unrest.

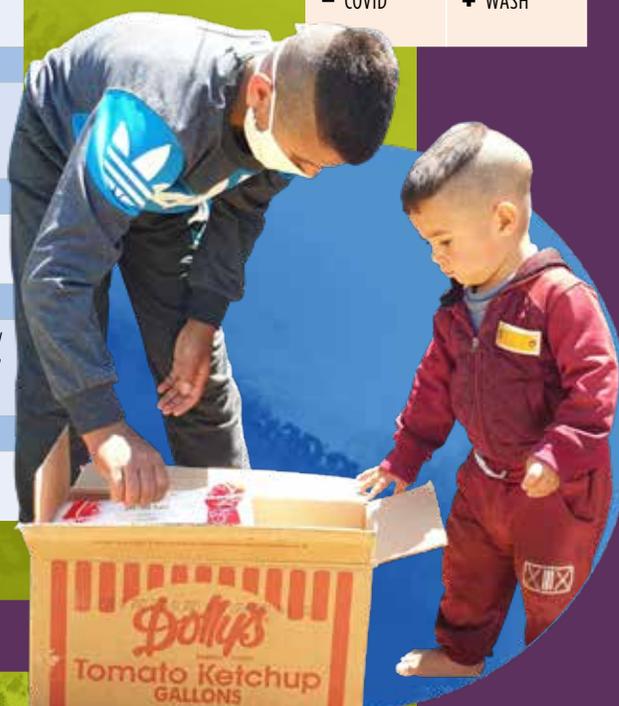
In **UGANDA**, World Renew worked to protect farmers' livelihoods from a deadly locust plague and stop the infestation from spreading.

In **YEMEN**, World Renew partners distributed life-saving food boxes during one of the world's largest humanitarian emergencies.



# WHERE WE WORKED IN INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2020

ASIA		EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA		WEST AFRICA		LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN		MIDDLE EAST	
<b>BANGLADESH</b>		<b>ETHIOPIA</b>		<b>NIGERIA</b>		<b>HAITI</b>		<b>LEBANON</b>	
- Conflict/ Recurring Drought/ COVID	+ Food/ Nutrition/ WASH	- Recurring Drought	+ Food/ Nutrition	- Conflict	+ Food	- Storm/ COVID	+ Economic recovery/ WASH	- Conflict	+ Food/ Nutrition
<b>INDONESIA</b>		<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>		<b>NIGER</b>		<b>HONDURAS</b>		<b>SYRIA</b>	
- Storm	+ Economic recovery/ WASH/ shelter/ food	- Storm	+ Food	- COVID	+ WASH	- Dengue	+ Health	- Conflict	+ Food
<b>MYANMAR</b>		<b>KENYA</b>				<b>BAHAMAS</b>		<b>YEMEN</b>	
- Conflict	+ Food/ Shelter	- Recurring Drought/ COVID/ flood	+ Agriculture/ livelihoods/ WASH			- Storm	+ Clean water	- Conflict	+ Food
<b>NEPAL</b>		<b>UGANDA</b>				<b>COLOMBIA</b>		<b>AFGHANISTAN</b>	
- Earthquake/ flood	+ Economic recovery/ livelihoods/ shelter	- Conflict/ recurring drought	+ WASH/ Agriculture/ livelihoods/			- Conflict	+ Food	- Conflict/ flood	+ Food
<b>INDIA</b>		<b>MADAGASCAR</b>				<b>GUATEMALA</b>			
- Flood/ COVID	+ Health/ WASH	- Drought	+ Food			- COVID	+ WASH		
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>		<b>MALAWI</b>							
- Storm	+ Economic recovery/ livelihoods	- Storm	+ Food						
		<b>SOUTH SUDAN</b>							
		- Conflict/ flooding	+ Food						
		<b>TANZANIA</b>							
		- Recurring Drought/ COVID	+ Agriculture/ livelihoods/ WASH						
		<b>ZAMBIA</b>							
		- Drought/ COVID	+ Food/ WASH						



# DISASTER RESPONSE IN NORTH AMERICA



## THE CHURCH SERVES CLOSE TO HOME

On the evening of May 20, Midland (Mich.) Reformed Church opened its doors to some of the 10,000 people who were forced to evacuate their homes and communities due to flooding caused by two dam breaks. Of those affected by this disaster, close to 20 families were members of the congregation.

Midland Reformed Church was about to send a group of volunteers to serve with World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) in North Carolina last summer, but the trip was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Little did the volunteers know that May 2020 would bring an entirely different opportunity to serve those who had survived a natural disaster, this time much closer to home.

Senior Pastor Mike De Ruyter explained that in the past, it had seemed to the congregation that “disaster recovery work was always something that happened a long distance away and participating in that work meant doing a short mission trip. When the disaster happened right in our community, I knew that World Renew DRS would be one of my first calls.”

## DOING THE MOST GOOD POSSIBLE

For World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS), continuing to help during the 2020 pandemic meant finding safer ways for volunteers to serve. Working with our partners and following health guidelines, DRS developed COVID-19 safety protocols to continue to minister safely to people in need, including mini-deployments of up to three households.

After the partners identified the priority needs in their communities, DRS mini-teams accomplished the essential tasks needed to do the most possible good in the long, hard work of disaster recovery. DRS sent mini-teams to Florida, Iowa, Michigan, and North Carolina to help people in need. We are grateful for God’s blessing on these mini-teams, and for how He has blessed disaster-affected communities through the hard work of our incredible volunteers.





# 2020 NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE

LOCATION	DISASTER/YEAR	LOCATION	DISASTER/YEAR
<b>BUILDING ESTIMATING</b>		Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017
Florida, Lake and Sumter counties	Hurricane Irma 2017	Puerto Rico, Lares	Hurricane Maria 2017
Florida, Putnam County	Hurricane Irma 2017	South Carolina, Manning	Flooding 2015
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017	Texas, Beaumont	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Coastal Bend	Hurricane Harvey 2017	Texas, Brazoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, San Marcos	Flooding 2015	Texas, Corpus Christi	Hurricane Harvey 2017
<b>DISASTER CLEAN-UP</b>		Texas, Houston	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Port Arthur	Hurricane Harvey 2017	Texas, Port Arthur	Hurricane Harvey 2017
<b>EARLY ASSESSMENT</b>		Texas, Rio Grande Valley	Flooding 2015
Florida, Southwest	Hurricane Irma 2017	Texas, San Marcos	Flooding 2015
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017	Washington, Okanogan County	Wildfire 2014
<b>HOME REPAIR</b>		West Virginia, Charleston	Severe Storms 2016
Alberta, Fort McMurray	Wild Fires 2016	West Virginia, Clay	Severe Storms 2016
California, Lake County	Fires 2015	West Virginia, multiple counties	Severe Storms 2016
California, Yosemite	Wildfire 2013	West Virginia, Rainelle	Severe Storms 2016
Florida, Citrus County	Hurricane Hermine 2016	West Virginia, Webster Springs	Severe Storms 2016
Florida, Citrus County	Hurricane Irma 2017	<b>NEEDS ASSESSMENT</b>	
Florida, Daytona Beach	Hurricane Irma 2017	Florida, Immokalee County	Hurricane Irma 2017
Louisiana, Denham Springs	Flooding 2016	Florida, Jacksonville	Hurricane Irma 2017
Louisiana, Hammond	Flooding 2016	Florida, Monroe County, Lower Keys	Hurricane Irma 2017
Michigan, Detroit	Flooding 2014	Florida, Monroe County, Key Largo	Hurricane Irma 2017
Missouri, Springfield	Flooding 2015	Louisiana, West Baton Rouge	Flooding 2016
Missouri, St. Louis	Flooding 2016	Missouri, Ripley and Carter counties	Flooding 2017
Missouri, Van Buren	Severe Storms 2017	Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017
Missouri, Van Buren	Severe Storms 2017	Texas, Brazoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Mississippi, Hattiesburg	Tornadoes 2017	Texas, Galveston	Hurricane Harvey 2017
North Carolina, Fayetteville	Hurricane Matthew 2016	Texas, Victoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
North Carolina, Lumberton	Hurricane Matthew 2016	Texas, Wharton County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
North Carolina, Tarboro	Hurricane Matthew 2016	<b>ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING</b>	
North Carolina, Washington	Hurricane Matthew 2016	California, Santa Rosa	Fires 2017
New Jersey, Union Beach	Hurricane Sandy 2012	Florida, Southwest	Hurricane Irma 2017

# COMMUNITY engagement

CHURCH IN LOCAL COMMUNITY



## CHURCHES OFFER SAFETY TO REFUGEES DURING PANDEMIC

Despite the new challenges refugees faced last year, God's light shone through as sponsoring churches across Canada reached out to refugees worldwide with creativity, optimism, and grace.

As COVID-19 lockdowns suspended or delayed travel, refugees and their sponsoring churches were devastated. When the travel ban lifted and refugees began to arrive, churches prepared 14-day quarantine plans for the new arrivals. Texts, Zoom conversations, *WhatsApp* chats, and phone calls ensured safe communication, support, and prayer. Newcomers picked up food from their front porch and in-person visits were socially distanced outside.

Praise God that safe resettlement of the vulnerable continued, thanks to the steadfast love of His Church.

## HOPE AT THE CROSSROADS

This year, World Renew's Global Volunteer Program (GVP) partnership churches worked to connect with each other in creative ways. Congregations continued to support their brothers and sisters, despite COVID-19 restrictions, through special offerings and online fundraising events. As a result of their generosity, many communities and families experienced God's provision and hope through their North American brothers and sisters.

Though trips were cancelled this year, GVP's Global Partnership Program (GPP) has provided ongoing opportunities to



participate in World Renew's transformative global work. At the intersection of volunteers' lives with others, God changed their stories and gave hope.

## FAMILIES OF HOPE

As a single mother of five children, Kadzo Kenga feared losing her children because she could not provide for them. But thanks to World Renew's Free a Family® program, Kadzo learned to farm and owns a small plot of land that provides food and income for her family. Now she has hope for the future for herself and her children.

The Free a Family program gives parents like Kadzo tools to attain food security, improved health, better living conditions, education for their children, and economic opportunities for the long term. Through Free a Family® and World Renew's holistic community development work, parents can invest their time and energy in building up their local community and finding sustainable solutions to end the cycle of poverty.

Hope is so essential to overcoming life's obstacles. Thank you for sharing God's love and hope with Kadzo and thousands of other families around the world in 2020 through Free A Family.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING COVID-19

Partnering with Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC), World Renew worked quickly to respond to COVID-19 by providing church leaders with online support in the first months of isolation, including webinars, Facebook Live, prayer calls, and group resources. We also offered churches in the U.S. and Canada funding grants to help them implement new channels of contact with their community and members.

## MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT IN HEALTH

World Renew joined a virtual conference held by Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) in early 2020. Through CCIH, World Renew participates in 30x30, an initiative to improve 30 health systems worldwide by the year 2030. Senior health specialist in Asia, Nancy TenBroek, was a panelist at the event, highlighting our 10-year maternal and child health programs in eight countries. In Bangladesh, our project has improved the health and wellbeing of more than 12,850 babies in their first 1,000 days of life. The program now includes COVID-19 messages and protocols.



In Canada, **14 CONGREGATIONS** received more than **\$64,000**, which affected several thousand families in their communities. Congregations in **12 U.S. STATES** also received **\$98,500** in grants to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, reaching more than **27,000 INDIVIDUALS** and **4,000 FAMILIES** in total. World Renew continues to partner with churches, and organizations such as DMC, to discover what it means for congregations to “be the church” with their communities in response to COVID-19.

### FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

Joseph Stewards represent a community of passionate and dedicated givers who have planned for the future with World Renew by allotting a portion of their estates to battle hunger, remedy injustice, and respond to poverty.

Every year, Joseph Stewards act as faithful farmers: planting seeds of hope to water over time. A year ago, none of us could imagine what the faithfulness of Joseph Stewards in 2020 would go towards. But the Spirit of God knew.

Before World Renew heard the initial rumblings of COVID-19, the Spirit of God had already stirred in the hearts of Joseph Stewards, preparing resources that would

save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward, contact World Renew in the U.S. or Canada.

### GENERATIONS OF JUSTICE

The Climate Witness Project (CWP) partners with nearly **300 CONGREGATIONS** in the U.S. and Canada, supporting them as they learn about climate change, become better stewards of their resources, and learn to speak to public officials about common-sense climate policy. In 2020, CWP regional organizers in the U.S. and Canada continued their work over Zoom when the pandemic hit, using films and videos as learning vehicles, and meeting virtually with local groups.

Last year, CWP partnered with churches in Canada as they participated in a 6-week series called, *Understanding our Climate Crisis*, held at Meadowland Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Ancaster, Ontario. More than 120 people from 23 area churches attended.

In the U.S., CWP partner churches participated in the Climate Conversations video series, taking action at home by making small daily changes that lead to bigger cultural shifts. They also learned how communities worldwide are adapting to the changing climate and what World Renew is doing to support these communities.

In addition, organizers also held three townhall-style events prior to the 2020 U.S. elections, speaking with political candidates about their faith perspectives and climate action platforms. It was an opportunity to respectfully discuss critical climate concerns.

### TAKING JUSTICE ONLINE

For the last five years and in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Renew’s Global Volunteer Program (GVP) has organized a learning trip each spring to the capital city of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. The participants are young people who want to learn to speak to government officials about justice issues like global food insecurity. And while COVID-19 changed the dynamic of the trip, it did not lessen its impact.

Adapting to new health and safety guidelines, World Renew set up online learning sessions and video meetings, adjusting to different time zones. The participants shared with their MPs that, as Christian young adults, they care that those in developing countries have enough food.

As a direct response to these young adults’ actions, the Canadian government committed to an additional **\$400 MILLION** to global relief and development in response to COVID-19. Together with others, these young Canadians demonstrated the impact of faithful compassion even in a pandemic.



# THANK You

## MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

- ACT Alliance
- Barnabas Foundation
- Christian Stewardship Services
- Integral Alliance UK
- Link Charity
- Micah Network

## LEGACY SUPPORTERS

- Joseph Stewards

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

- Board members, ambassadors, volunteers
- Christian Reformed Church agencies
- Christian Reformed Church deacons
- Partners Worldwide

## SPECIFIC THANKS

**Baker Family Funds**—World Renew is grateful for gifts to the Baker Agriculture, Village Savings and Loan, Maternal and Child Health, and Proactive Justice funds, which go to programming and innovation efforts over a 10- to 15-year period. Gifts from the Baker estate create a legacy of encouragement.

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank**—CFGB is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and agencies that supports international programs, influences policies, and engages Canadians in ending hunger. As a member of CFGB, World Renew committed a total of \$10,074,335 (CAD) in resources to food-related programming in 12 countries last year.

**Growing Hope Globally**—World Renew appreciates GHG's partnership through local growing projects that engage subsistence farmers in the world's poorest regions. Last year, GHG supported World Renew with \$475,400 (USD) in food security programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, and Uganda.

**Joseph Fund Contributors**—World Renew is grateful to those who support the Joseph Fund, which disburses funds over a 7-year term. Last year, World Renew received US \$2,734,716 (\$3,685,030 CAD) through the Joseph Fund.

**Refugee Resettlement**—World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship last year, helping 147 people find a home in Canada, and 42 sponsoring groups who submitted new sponsorship applications for 178 refugees.

## DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORT

- ADRA Canada
- All We Can (Methodist Relief and Development)
- Annunciation House, El Paso, Texas
- Board of Special Needs (Reformed Church of the Netherlands)
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Galveston County Recovers
- Global Affairs Canada
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Mennonite Central Committee Canada
- Naschitti Christian Reformed Church, New Mexico
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Presbyterian World Service & Development
- Reformed Church of Japan
- Rio Grande Valley LTRG
- Stronger Than Maria
- Tearfund Canada
- Tearfund Switzerland
- Tearfund UK
- The Salvation Army
- United Church of Canada
- United Methodist Church, Eastern North Carolina Conference
- World Concern
- Woord en Daad (Word and Deed)
- World Vision UK
- ZOA

## YOU

Your generous support, prayer, and involvement is the footing of World Renew's mission. We are deeply grateful that you give so that those who have the least in this world can make their hope strong in Christ Jesus.

## THANK YOU!

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

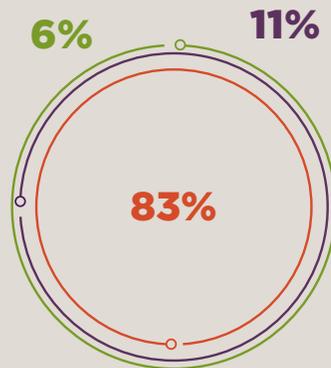


In 2020, World Renew ranked among **CANADA'S TOP 100 CHARITIES** in International Aid in Mclean's Magazine.

In 2019 and 2020, World Renew was rated as one of **Canada's Top 100 Charities** by MoneySense magazine. The rating includes financial efficiency and transparency.

**WORLD RENEW RELIES ON GIFTS AND OFFERINGS TO SUPPORT ITS WORK AND DOES NOT RECEIVE MINISTRY SHARES.** World Renew launched an intentional long-term effort this year to better serve churches, and increase revenue and therefore ministry impact around the world. Its investments today will yield more lives changed in the years to come. To find out more, please visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) in the U.S. or [worldrenew.ca](http://worldrenew.ca) in Canada.

World Renew is deeply committed to carefully stewarding with absolute integrity your financial investment in people who are affected by poverty, disaster, and injustice.

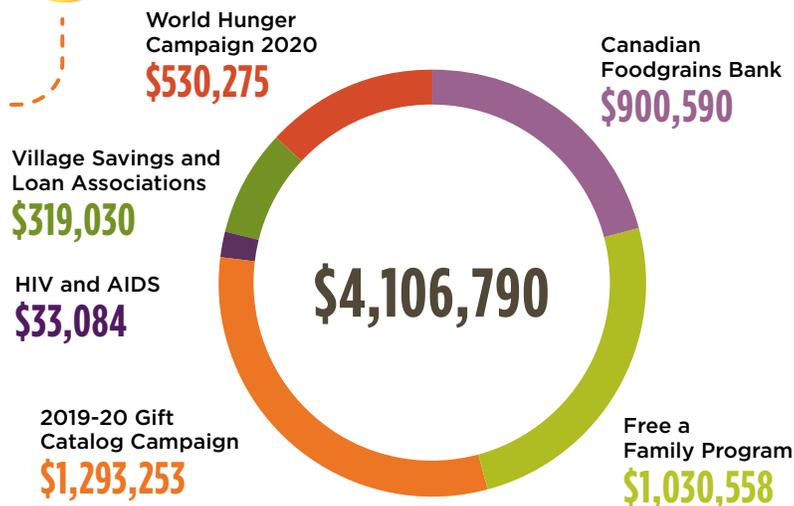


**83% PROGRAM**  
**11% FUNDRAISING**  
**6% ADMINISTRATION**

In 2020, **83 PERCENT** of each gift you gave directly benefited people in need. The other **17 PERCENT** supported World Renew's core mission through administration and fundraising. **6 PERCENT** helped to administer our programs effectively, and **11 CENTS** of each dollar provided you with communication and accountability about how your gifts were used.



## 2020 Income (in US\$) from Individuals and Churches by Campaign



World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada. (Registration Number 11885 7366 RR0001.) A charitable tax receipt is issued for gifts received in Canada. World Renew is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. Donations received in the U.S. are tax deductible. Funds are spent only in board-approved programs and projects.

Spending of funds is confined to World Renew board approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed towards an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the World Renew board, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.

## Where Our Resources Came From

JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

	US in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
Gifts	7,699,723	7,466,415	13,240,662	17,841,792
Disaster	2,889,005	11,606,933	11,502,684	15,499,867
Estates	1,149,819	500,478	1,521,231	2,049,859
Grants/ Miscellaneous	2,000,461	1,627,287	3,208,095	4,322,908
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,739,008</b>	<b>21,201,113</b>	<b>29,472,672</b>	<b>39,714,426</b>

JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019

	US in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
	8,593,695	7,725,447	14,396,194	19,167,093
	3,350,378	13,707,767	13,646,132	18,168,460
	3,670,127	663,419	4,168,414	5,549,826
	1,394,307	1,543,398	2,553,536	3,399,778
	<b>17,008,507</b>	<b>23,640,031</b>	<b>34,764,276</b>	<b>46,285,157</b>

## Where Our Resources Went

JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

	US in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
Overseas Development	8,540,366	4,286,615	11,721,527	15,794,758
Domestic Development	1,075,814	306,597	1,303,344	1,756,256
Disaster Programs	3,271,954	14,503,197	14,034,994	18,912,155
Education and Justice	490,015	715,060	1,020,672	1,375,355
Management and General	1,037,782	1,230,158	1,950,701	2,628,569
Fundraising	2,640,208	1,391,720	3,673,024	4,949,400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17,056,139</b>	<b>22,433,347</b>	<b>33,704,262</b>	<b>45,416,493</b>

JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019

	US in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
	6,244,000	6,657,138	11,244,104	14,970,400
	100,617	281,452	312,013	415,413
	3,861,753	14,058,814	14,421,175	19,200,352
	957,749	643,643	1,441,182	1,918,790
	725,215	1,536,053	1,878,928	2,501,604
	1,556,467	1,818,466	2,922,297	3,890,746
	<b>13,445,801</b>	<b>24,995,566</b>	<b>32,219,699</b>	<b>42,897,305</b>

WORLD RENEW'S NET ASSETS WERE US \$37,093,780 (OR \$50,551,405 CAD) IN THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR. FIND OUR MOST RECENT AUDITED FINANCIALS AT [WORLDRENEW.NET/ABOUTUS](http://WORLDRENEW.NET/ABOUTUS), OR CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Note:** These figures are derived from the combined financial statements for World Renew according to USA GAAP. As such, they may vary from those in the World Renew Canada audited financial statement. The income received from CFGB each year may vary slightly from the project amount committed.

At the end of the fiscal year 2019-2020, World Renew had an income deficit over expenses of \$4.2 million (US). About \$2.2 million (US) of this amount is deficit of operating expenses over revenues, \$1.0 million (US) is net decrease in unrestricted estate gifts supporting the Joseph term endowment fund, and the remaining \$1.0 million (US) is the net spend-down of prior year donor-restricted contributions for disaster and community development programs.



## KEY IMPACTS FOR 2020

### Development Participants by Region

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	ASIA	EAST AFRICA	LATIN AMERICA	SOUTHERN AFRICA	WEST AFRICA
Food Security	25,260	13,928	9,348	10,776	14,603
Health	93,060	3,103	2,803	15,960	14,242
Economic Opportunity	21,301	2,110	3,342	2,110	16,683
Peace and Justice	27,987	17,563	17,563	4,765	25,734
Other*	7,282	1,828	1,828	14,922	3,285

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Your financial gift can be made with a check/cheque, credit card, or electronic funds transfer by calling **800-552-7972 x2116** in the U.S. or **1-888-WRLD-RNW x4288** in Canada. You can also donate online at **WORLDRENEW.NET** or **WORLDRENEW.CA**. Your financial support is a powerful way to take action with Christ-like compassion and justice among people who live in poverty.

## INSPIRING GENEROSITY

### THROUGH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Have you considered making a gift to World Renew in your will? Your legacy gift provides resources that change stories of hunger, poverty, and injustice into testimonies of hope for generations. It is a meaningful way to express your values. If you have already included World Renew in your legacy plans, please let us know so we can welcome you to Joseph Stewards, World Renew's legacy group.

### THROUGH A NON-CASH ASSET GIFT

If you have retirement assets or securities that have appreciated, you can donate them to World Renew and reduce your taxes. You can also name World Renew as a beneficiary on your retirement savings plan or insurance policies. Real estate can also be donated to World Renew even while you continue to use the property. Change the story of poverty by donating your stocks, bonds, retirement assets, real estate, and other assets to World Renew. Please contact us about these giving options.

### THROUGH A LIFE INCOME GIFT

Through charitable gift annuities, you can make an immediate, significant gift to World Renew while also receiving ongoing income for life. The Barnabas Foundation in the U.S., and Christian Stewardship Services or Link Charity in Canada issue and administer charitable gift annuities on behalf of World Renew.

To learn more about including World Renew in your will, giving appreciated securities, retirement assets, a life income gift, or to share your legacy gift intentions with World Renew, please call **800-552-7972 x2116** in the U.S. or **888-WRLD-RNW x4288** in Canada.

