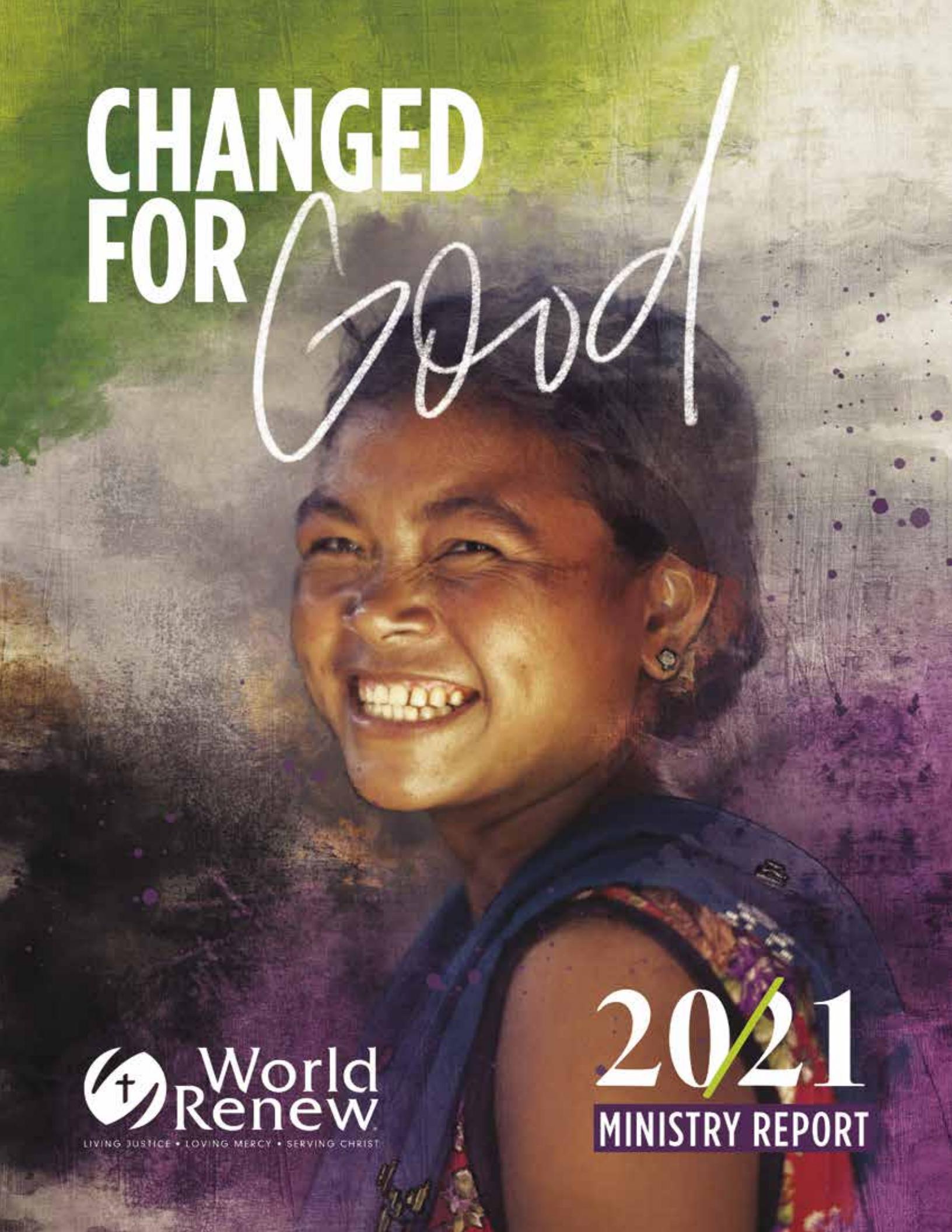


# CHANGED FOR *Good*



20/21  
MINISTRY REPORT

# 2021 By the Numbers

**IN 2021, WORLD RENEW MINISTERED TO A TOTAL OF 1,129,101 PARTICIPANTS IN 31 COUNTRIES, WORKING IN DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER, AND JUSTICE PROGRAMMING WHILE ADAPTING OUR INTERVENTIONS TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS.**



**263,943** participants improved their lives through community development programs that were supported by World Renew's **73 Christian partners** in **1,275 communities** and **19 countries**.

World Renew mobilized COVID-19 Disaster Response work in **21 countries** during 2021.

World Renew's ministry was supported by **184 volunteers** who donated **8,218 hours** of their time in 2021. This is the equivalent of 4 full-time employees for the year.\*

World Renew facilitated **188 robust partnerships** between North American and international communities.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WORLD RENEW HELPED **65 REFUGEES RESETTLE IN CANADA, AND 38 SPONSORING GROUPS SUBMITTED NEW SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 181 REFUGEES.**

**865,158** survivors of violence, drought, flooding, storms, and COVID-19 benefited from World Renew's disaster response activities in **26 countries**.

Through World Renew, **202 Christian Reformed congregations** in the United States and Canada engaged in biblical justice and advocacy action.

World Renew DRS Rapid Response volunteers cleaned up **39 homes**, and DRS construction estimators completed **32 estimates**.

World Renew engaged with **21 youth** and young adults from North America, volunteers, and those seeking the Lord's direction for service.\*

**17** World Renew

International Relief Managers continued their training during the pandemic, and 7 IRMs assisted in remote projects during periods of **COVID-19 restrictions**.

\*These totals were affected by COVID-19 travel restrictions and/or health and safety guidelines.

Dear Friends,

## AMID ALL OF THE MINISTRY

activity of World Renew in 2021, God's gracious provision in changing times stands out. When life is uncertain, God is steadfast and generous. God is working powerfully through World Renew with people who live in poverty worldwide, and, as a result, we are all *Changed for Good*.

In this report you will find that some of the changes World Renew experienced in the past year were surprising. While we braced for more virus variants, global lockdowns, and virtual worship, you supported World Renew with even greater generosity. Through your prayers and gifts, you gave to help people who were suffering more hunger and poverty than before the pandemic began. Thank you!

Because of your good gifts, World Renew partnered with 73 Christian organizations in 1,275 communities and 31 countries, and, as a result, more than 1.1 million people made positive, long-term changes in their lives through World Renew's disaster response, development, and justice programs.

Cecelia Naveia is one woman who was *Changed for Good* last year through World Renew. Cecelia lives in Milange, Mozambique, where she raises vegetables to feed her family. After joining a World Renew savings group in her village, Cecelia bought two additional fields and planted corn and soybeans in them. Her efforts paid off – Cecelia earned \$190 in



profit, or about six months' income, from her work.

Cecelia's success not only increased her skills and income but also boosted her confidence. She now prays aloud during worship at her church and helps other families in her community, just as she was helped by World Renew. As Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

God has prepared work for Cecelia and for others who live in poverty. Your support for World Renew in 2021 helped people to see themselves as image bearers of God and to live into the plans God has for them to glorify him. In this report you will see people who have been *Changed for Good* through God's community, his church, in 2021. Join with us in prayer and service as we begin to look forward to the year ahead and to *Imagine More* during World Renew's sixtieth anniversary year in 2022!

Serving Christ together with you,

*Ida Kaastra Mutoigo*

**IDA KAASTRA-MUTOIGO**  
Director, Canada

*Carol Bremer-Bennett*

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

# COVID-19 Pandemic

## YOUR IMPACT IN 2021

Your prayers, support, and financial gifts in 2021 changed more than three quarters of a million lives for good amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. World Renew equipped communities, partners, and staff with personal protection equipment (PPE) and emergency food and supplies across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Together with you, World Renew reached 774,601 people in 21 countries who were experiencing greater-than-usual hardship during the global pandemic, through programs specifically designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These included emergency food supply distributions, electronic food voucher provisions for families, and public campaigns with vital health information.

### INTERNATIONAL PANDEMIC RESPONSE

In 2021, World Renew responded to COVID-19 requests around the world. In Malawi, Nkhoma Hospital was overwhelmed with cases, and we provided funding to hire staff and purchase oxygen concentrators. We supplied local health monitors with prevention and treatment for communities in Malawi, Kenya, and Sierra

Leone, including brochures, banners, and WhatsApp and Facebook messages.



In Solai, Kenya, World Renew provided face masks, handwashing stations, and soap to 3,000 people. In Sierra Leone, 680 families received COVID-19 support kits, and we set up handwashing stations in 76 schools and public areas. World Renew also supported radio broadcasting of prevention and safe distancing information to community groups.



### INTERNATIONAL COVID-19 DISASTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Bars of soap	<b>101,421</b>
Food	<b>77,166 kg (170,122 lbs)</b>
Masks	<b>46,165</b>
Bottles of sanitizer	<b>5,098</b>
Liters of disinfectant	<b>9,010</b>
Equipped Community Health Centers	<b>46</b>
Handwashing kits	<b>4,309</b>



### A PANDEMIC RESPONSE IN NORTH AMERICA

Northwestern New Mexico, including the Navajo Nation, was hit hard by the COVID-19 outbreak. Many people became seriously ill, and families experienced multiple deaths. The grief in the community was overwhelming, and more pastoral care was needed. World Renew Disaster Response Services awarded a \$27,000 grant to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital in Gallup to hire a part-time chaplain's assistant to give spiritual care and grief support to front-line staff, patients, and families as they dealt with pandemic-related loss.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2020, World Renew began to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions across our community development activities worldwide. In 2021 we noted that our ongoing programs in food security, community health, economic opportunity, and peace and justice were thriving despite the challenges and uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic. We are thankful that people in need are changed for good in new circumstances.

### RESILIENT FOR GOOD IN MALAWI

Market vendors in Lunzu, Malawi, rely on earning income from selling produce and other goods to provide for their daily needs. But COVID-19 restrictions have made life more difficult for subsistence farmers, who often have to pick up extra work like selling at markets and along city streets to supplement their income. When people cannot gather freely, there are fewer customers and less income.

World Renew has worked with local partner groups in Lunzu for five years. Through these partners, who were already collaborating with health officials, we were able to distribute COVID-19 information quickly. We installed handwashing facilities at Lunzu and other markets and began a sewing project to make masks.



World Renew is helping hardworking mothers and fathers grow more food so that they can provide for their families and sell extra produce. This strategic investment in small farmers feeds families and increases their purchasing power while expanding local food supplies. Best of all, personalized, local solutions help villages like Lunzu break the cycle of poverty and hunger to become resilient for good.

### A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN 2021

In **Bangladesh**, World Renew's early marriage and gender-based violence initiatives prevented 13 early marriages and settled 23 family conflicts during pandemic lockdowns.

The number of project families in **West Africa** reporting that they were food insecure went from 10 percent to zero last year. Every family we surveyed reported having enough food!

World Renew staff and model farmers in **Tanzania** continued a conservation agriculture mentoring program using cell phones and messaging apps.

**Cambodian** school teachers offered in-home classes for 8 to 10 students during lockdowns.

In **Honduras**, a trauma health team produced a manual that addresses trauma healing during COVID-19. Fifty-four participants completed the module last year.

**Nigerian** communities completed business training and grew their efforts to build resilience. Some made disinfectant and soap to sell, providing income and a service to the community.

In **Cambodia** two libraries that are operated by churches and schools provided safe ways for 211 community children to read and learn during COVID-19 lockdowns.

World Renew distributed seeds to farmer field schools in **Uganda**, and members used their agricultural skills to produce better crop yields and more food during pandemic lockdowns.





# Ministry Focus

**Food Security**  
**Community Health**  
**Economic Opportunity**  
**Peace and Justice**  
**Disaster Response**



## LIFE-GIVING GARDENS AND WELLS OF HOPE

Last year World Renew and a local partner led gardening workshops to improve food security and nutrition in Sahel-region villages. In addition, 10 of these villages dug wells, two purchased well pumps, and four installed fences around their garden plots. These new assets began to pay off right away. "Our village had one well for people and animals," a participant said, "but it didn't produce enough water for everyone. When water was low, fights broke out between the herders and the women in the village. They both need water to live."

With help from World Renew, this village now has a second well, and there is enough water for household use and for livestock.

"We don't compete for water anymore," the participant said. "We hope to grow enough produce in our gardens to eat and to sell some for income. Our whole village is truly happy, thanks to World Renew."

## Food Security

- **TOOLS AND TRAINING**
- **SUSTAINABLE FARMING METHODS**
- **FOOD YEAR-ROUND**

### 'REJOICE BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD!'

Living with a chronic illness like diabetes takes mindfulness and monitoring. In rural Guatemala, Maria Tiul Caal is living a healthy life with diabetes through God's blessings and her farming.

Since 2016, Maria and her husband have been growing their agricultural skills through a community group started by World Renew and a Christian partner in their village. The couple learned to grow sweet potatoes, plantains, oregano, and other healthy produce, and Maria sells part of her crop to cover medical and family expenses. Recently they also started raising chickens for sale and for food.

*"God never forgot us," Maria said. "His blessings came to our lives at the right time!"*

Through World Renew, Maria found a way to feed her four children and get the medical attention she needs. In addition, the family now has the ability to do more with more resources—and so do most of their neighbors. They are teaching their children the new agricultural methods and setting up their community to flourish for the future.

When we asked Maria what we should call this story of God's blessings for her, she said, "Rejoice because God is good!"





## Community Health

- **NUTRITION**
- **SANITATION**
- **HEALTH CARE**
- **CHILDHOOD STUNTING PREVENTION**

### FROM HUNGRY TO HEALTHY IN LAOS

The rural village of Vangsong, Laos, is isolated and remote. The villagers depend on the nearby river for fish to eat. While this protein source is a blessing, the community needed more variety in their diet for long-term health.

World Renew started to work in Vangsong in 2014. We began by encouraging the villagers to eat local foods with as much nutritional diversity as possible. Then we taught the community and 10 other villages about agriculture and nutrition. The participants received training in health and hygiene, and they elected village health volunteers, traditional birth attendants, and community sanitation leaders.

Now trained health volunteers cook nutritious foods for undernourished children in the project villages while also teaching mothers to cook healthful meals for their families. As the children grow up better nourished, healthier, and happier, the village health teams are optimistic that they will achieve better health outcomes now and in the future.

### THE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP

Four years ago, 18 women in a remote village in Bangladesh started a group that they named the Beautiful Women's Health Group. In a joint effort by World Renew and our partners, we began to support food security and improve maternal and child nutrition in the region. The women's group met to talk about their lives and to contribute to a shared savings fund. A community health volunteer, Jarina Begum, taught health lessons for pregnant women and mothers.

During the COVID-19 outbreak in early 2021, Jarina's husband suddenly became very sick and passed away. Although Jarina couldn't afford to bury her husband, her neighbors were concerned about offering their support because of the risk of contracting the virus. When Jarina's health group heard that her husband had died, they immediately planned how to support her safely. Using pandemic protocols, they brought food and firewood, and dipped into the group's emergency fund to support her financially.

Seeing their support, Jarina's neighbors also began to pitch in. Together they helped Jarina through the funeral. Just as importantly, the group continued to support her emotionally as she mourned, and she is now back to leading the group health lessons. Jarina is thankful for the support she received from these beautiful women. She said, "It was a blessing that I will never forget."



## Economic Opportunity

- = **VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS**
- **SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT**
- **TRAINING FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY**
- **ADEQUATE INCOME AND ACCESS TO WORK**

### SUCCESS IS SWEET

Agriculture makes up 80 percent of Mozambique's economy, so most people make their livelihood on a family farm. Luka Mapondo is one of these farmers, and one of his products is honey. Luka has been keeping bees for a decade, but when he attended a beekeeping workshop by a World Renew partner in his village, he realized that he could increase his production and profit by modernizing and investing in his business.

World Renew supports farmers like Luka who want to diversify and grow their income through beekeeping in Mozambique. We also offer advanced training in beekeeping techniques, access to modern hives, and support to get the honey to market.

With our local partner's support, Luka increased his honey production to 24 liters per quarter, for a profit of \$100. He has already reinvested his proceeds in six modern hives, in a mobile phone to connect with his customers, and in a piece of land to expand his enterprise. Luka is working hard, and World Renew invests in many farmers like him.



### FROM LEAST TO FIRST

After losing her husband, Maria was raising seven children with little help from her relatives. She was too poor to qualify for a loan to invest in her home business or her farm. "I had to take my oldest son out of school to do the farm work," she said. "He had to help if we were going to survive. His earnings paid to send the rest of the children to school. I gathered firewood and made charcoal to sell so that we had something to eat."

When Christian Extension Services, a World Renew partner, began working in her village in Sierra Leone, Maria was selected by her community to participate in an agriculture and micro-loan project. The participants received improved rice seeds through a community seed bank and were trained in sustainable farming. They also had access to small loans and a place to safely save their extra income.

"I'm sure my neighbors knew I needed help more than anyone in the village," Maria smiled. She used her new opportunity to start baking bread, to raise ducks, and to grow her charcoal business. Maria said, "Without help, our family would still be hungry, and some of my children would be out of school. I thank God for World Renew."



# Peace and Justice

- **TRAUMA CARE**
- **GENDER EQUITY TRAINING**
- **ANTI-TRAFFICKING SUPPORT**
- **RESPONSE TO CIVIL CONFLICT**
- **ADVOCACY**

## ANSWERING GOD'S CALL TO CARE FOR OTHERS

Levesta, age 66, moved in with her mother, Natalia, in Chwantha, Malawi, when other family members could no longer take care of her. Natalia, age 98, was blind and unable to walk, had dementia, and needed constant care. "It was difficult because my mother needed me all the time," Levesta said. "I don't have children to help me with my business, and I couldn't get day jobs because I had to be at home."

World Renew and our partner in Malawi offer local congregations Church in Community training. The participants learn about community development, study the Bible, and set up an action plan to care for needy neighbors.

When they visited Natalia, the training participants in Chwantha saw that Levesta was carrying a heavy burden. They prayed with her and brought groceries and household supplies. With ongoing support from the local church, caring for her mother is less difficult for Levesta, and her situation has changed for good.

"I was alone and tired," Levesta said. "They encouraged me never to give up. They built up my hope again, and now I can care for my mother with joy."



## JUSTICE FOR GRACE IN UGANDA

Grace married a loving man named Charles. Soon afterward, they discovered that she couldn't get pregnant so Charles took a second wife to bear his children. Years later, Charles died and his adult children harassed Grace in attempts to get her to move out of the house she had inherited from Charles's estate.

The stepchildren destroyed her crops, tried to evict her, damaged the house, and threatened her life. Grace went to the mayor, government officials, and police, but received no help. Then she approached her pastor, who is part of a leadership group through a World Renew partner in Uganda. Pastor Moses went with her to the police department, registered her case, and advocated for her rights.

Pastor Moses and the leader's group members receive training and support to handle community issues and to help people get justice through public services. As a result, Grace is now a legal property owner with title to her land. "It is my daily prayer that God will continue to keep and protect me," she said.



## International Transitional Programs

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES IN CONFLICT

A mother of six, Aisha understands the challenge of making sure her children grow up healthy and strong. She lives in northern Nigeria, where ongoing conflict means that essentials like food are in short supply. With peace nowhere in sight, Aisha still needs to provide for her family.

World Renew is working in Aisha's community to meet the immediate needs of families in crisis while also helping to create lasting change. Our current work in the region began by providing hungry families with cash to purchase food from local markets. This gives Aisha and her neighbors the autonomy to choose for themselves what they most need, and it stimulates the local economy.

World Renew also began to hold workshops for mothers to ensure that their children are properly nourished with enough calories and a variety of foods. Next we encouraged community members like Aisha to form savings and loans groups to access funds to start small businesses, pay school fees, and buy medicine.

Farah is a member of a savings and loan group started through this initiative. She was approved for a loan to purchase a sewing machine, and she began to earn income by sewing clothes for women and children. With the money she made, Farah expanded

her business and bought a cooler from which she sells zobo, a local drink made with dried flowers.

Many women and girls who live amid civil unrest in northern Nigeria are victims of gender-based violence. World Renew has begun to offer workshops and activities aimed at reducing their exposure to such violence.

In addition to regional conflict, local disputes tend to break out over access to scarce resources, such as farmland. In 2022, World Renew plans to offer training to improve livelihoods and to decrease conflict within communities.

By providing people like Aisha and Farah with opportunities for meaningful work, access to and control over their livestock, farmland, and other resources, World Renew's initiatives in northern Nigeria can bring lasting change.

Empowering women to increasingly express themselves both at home and in community decision-making has a lasting impact on families. It is a privilege to offer assistance to Aisha, Farah, and others while also working toward a future of economic security and peace so that lives are changed for good.





## Where World Renew Worked in 2021

**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
Bangladesh	5	124,387	87,856	34
Colombia			11,125	
Cambodia*	2	5,396		14
Canada**				
Ethiopia			2,452	
Guatemala	2	3,858	3,000	12
Haiti	4	2,576	2,895	24
Honduras	4	1,585	7,204	43
India*	2	15,842	95,724	6
Indonesia			14,397	
Kenya	5	9,160	67,707	180
Laos*	1	2,369		17
Lebanon*			69,450	
Madagascar			9,000	
Malawi	1	3,856	235	64
Mali	4	26,739	3,584	209
Mozambique	1	4,136	9,000	118
Myanmar			78	
Nepal			6,055	
Nicaragua	6	1,067	25,019	63
Niger	3	13,123	1,500	129
Nigeria	3	23,369	14,250	52
Philippines			11,200	
Senegal	2	1,860		23
South Sudan			20,000	
Sierra Leone*	1	2,400	4,080	18
Syria			21,000	
Tanzania*	2	3,707	351,935	13
Uganda	6	4,907	26,199	131
United States***				213
Zambia*	3	13,606		125
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>263,943</b>	<b>865,158</b>	<b>1,275</b>
			<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>1,129,101</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 2021.

\*\*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 57 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 16 partners in research and development in 2021.

# International Disaster Response

- IMMEDIATE AID
- LONG-TERM REHABILITATION
- CAPACITY BUILDING

## A WORLDWIDE SNAPSHOT OF 2021

More than a year after the global COVID-19 outbreak began, many people who were already experiencing crisis have become even more vulnerable. Many families living through conflict and those going to bed hungry each night are facing greater need today than they were about two years ago.

Yet through the ministry of World Renew's partners and staff worldwide, about 865,000 people received disaster assistance last year. World Renew offered a glimpse of hope to people fleeing conflict, recovering from natural disaster, battling the pandemic, and struggling to cope with the effects of a changing climate.

In **Bangladesh**, families who experienced the economic and environmental strain caused by the influx of Rohingya refugees are receiving training in income-generation activities and forming savings groups.

In **Columbia** our partners distributed electronic vouchers to hungry families so that Venezuelan refugees, Colombian returnees, and local community members could purchase food at nearby markets.

In **India** the COVID-19 pandemic crippled communities lacking medical supplies and facilities. We funded an oxygen generation plant and supplied personal protective gear and medical equipment to two hospitals. We also provided vaccines for people who could not afford them, and hygiene kits and cash to meet emergency needs among the neediest families in rural communities.



## WHERE WE WORKED IN INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2021

ASIA	EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	MIDDLE EAST	SOUTH AMERICA	WEST AFRICA
<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>Haiti</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>Colombia</b>	<b>Nigeria</b>
- Conflict/Recurring drought/COVID - Food/nutrition/ health/ - WASH/livelihoods	- Recurring drought/ conflict - Food/nutrition/ livelihoods - Education	- Conflict - Storm /COVID - Economic recovery/ WASH - Food/nutrition	- Lebanon - Conflict - Food/nutrition - Hygiene	- Conflict	- Conflict - Food - Livelihoods
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>Honduras</b>	<b>Syria</b>		<b>Niger</b>
- Storm - Economic recovery/ WASH/shelter/food	- Storm - Food	- Storm - Agriculture/ livelihoods - Food	- Conflict - Food		- COVID - WASH
<b>Myanmar</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>Nicaragua</b>	<b>Yemen</b>		<b>Sierra Leone</b>
- Conflict - Food/shelter	- Recurring drought/ COVID/flood - Agriculture/ livelihoods/WASH	- Storm - WASH - Food - Agriculture/ livelihoods	- Conflict - Food - Medical supplies		- COVID - WASH
<b>Nepal</b>	<b>Uganda</b>	<b>Guatemala</b>			
- Earthquake/flood - Economic recovery/ livelihoods/shelter	- Conflict/recurring drought/COVID - Food - WASH/agriculture/ livelihoods	- COVID - WASH - Food			
<b>India</b>	<b>Madagascar</b>				
- Flood/COVID - Health/WASH - Food/livelihoods	- Drought - Food				
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>Malawi</b>				
- Storm/COVID - Economic recovery/ livelihoods - Health/WASH	- COVID - Health/WASH				
<b>South Sudan</b>					
- Conflict/flooding - Food					
<b>Tanzania</b>					
- Recurring drought/ COVID - Agriculture/ livelihoods/WASH					
<b>Zambia</b>					
- Drought - Food					
<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>					
- Drought - Food security					



In **Madagascar** hungry families received emergency food to meet immediate needs and sheep or goats to strengthen their longer-term livelihoods and economic security.

In **Nicaragua**, World Renew helped families with emergency assistance such as food and also provided seeds and farm tools so that families could begin to rebuild their lives after hurricanes Eta and Iota.

In **South Sudan**, where ongoing conflict continues to displace thousands, a World Renew partner provided emergency food assistance to families in remote and insecure areas.

In **Tanzania** champion farmers in local communities encouraged and trained their neighbors in new techniques to grow diverse crops that are more resilient in a changing climate.

# Disaster Response in North America

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT TRAINING SHIFTS GEARS

In early 2020 much of the work that DRS is accustomed to doing halted with the COVID-19 outbreak. Knowing that disasters are ongoing and storm survivors need assistance, DRS used the opportunity to rethink programming and imagine ways to adjust to help people recover from disasters safely, including assessing their needs.

Previously World Renew DRS volunteers traveled to a disaster-affected community to complete needs assessments in person over a two-week period – a model that would no longer work in the pandemic. So we worked with a long-term recovery group (LTRG) in Rio Grande Valley, Texas, to launch a remote needs assessment training.

To accomplish this, we translated our assessment forms into Spanish and then offered our online training modules in English and Spanish. By equipping the Rio Grande Valley LTRG to complete an assessment of their community's needs themselves, they were able to reach a broader range of families than DRS could have contacted alone. They conducted ongoing needs assessments for six weeks instead of two, following up repeatedly and gaining a more comprehensive picture of the damage caused by Hurricane Hanna in their area in 2020.

In the past year, World Renew DRS completed remote needs assessment trainings with recovery groups in Texas, Florida, and Oregon. We are grateful for your support and involvement as we add to our existing programs to work with more recovery organizations who request our assistance.



### PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

"She thought she had been forgotten," said Nancy Johnson, a DRS volunteer. "Her husband had died of a heart attack just before Hurricane Sally hit, and the funeral was scheduled for the day of the storm. A tree fell during the storm and destroyed her shed. The yard was full of branches, and she had no way of removing them. All of this happened as she was dealing with the loss of her husband. We learned that even if a person's actual living space isn't damaged in a storm, the damage and debris around it can cast a shadow on their lives that needs to be lifted."



In October 2020, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) sent a small volunteer team to Nebraska to help Jerry, a storm survivor whose home was heavily damaged by historic flooding the year before. DRS volunteers worked on Jerry's house for three weeks alongside members of a local long-term recovery group and dedicated volunteers from Prairie Lane Christian Reformed Church in Omaha. The volunteers tore off old siding from the back porch, fixed rafters, put in sub-flooring, prepared for drywall, insulated the interior, and installed windows. Jerry was able to move back into his home in time for Christmas.

## WHERE WE WORKED IN NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2021

LOCATION	DISASTER
Building Estimating	
North Carolina, Craven County	Hurricane Florence 2018
Disaster Cleanup	
Florida, Pensacola	Hurricane Sally 2020
Iowa, Cedar Rapids	Derecho 2020
Home Repair	
Michigan, Gladwin	Flooding 2020
Nebraska, King Lake	Flooding 2019
Nebraska, Bristow	Flooding 2019
North Carolina, Aurora	Hurricane Florence 2018
North Carolina, Washington	Hurricane Florence 2018
Texas, Victoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Dickinson	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Orange County	Winter Storm Uri 2021
Needs Assessment Virtual Training	
Florida, Escambia County	Hurricane Sally 2020
Oregon, Jackson County	Wildfires 2020
Oregon, Lincoln County	Wildfires 2020
Oregon, Klamath County	Wildfires 2020
Texas, Rio Grande Valley	Hurricane Hanna 2020



## DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES

IN 2021, DRS  
AWARDED TEN  
FINANCIAL  
GRANTS  
TOTALING  
**\$145,000 USD**  
TO RECOVERY  
ORGANIZATIONS.



# Community Engagement

## The Church in Local Community



### 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 end hunger, injustice, and poverty. Every year, Joseph Stewards act as faithful farmers, planting seeds of hope that will grow over time.

Two years into the pandemic, we have seen a pronounced shift in the way our ministry performs. Smaller groups, distancing, and masking have become basic requirements for all programming as we seek to protect and care for program participants. Through the faithfulness of Joseph Stewards, we have pivoted to adapt to COVID-19, continued to grow our impact, and changed the lives of many for good.



To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward and help to change the story of poverty for good, contact World Renew in the U.S. or Canada.

### THERE'S A WARM WELCOME HERE

While the COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges for us all, the resilience shown by refugees resettled in Canada and their striving to build a better life during a pandemic is truly inspiring.

World Renew Canada's refugee office partnered with 38 congregations to support 65 refugees with a warm welcome to their new country in 2021. While we resettled fewer families than usual this year because of pandemic travel restrictions, we are grateful that together with churches across Canada, refugees continued to arrive safely.

Margaret Vegt from New Westminster Church in British Columbia says, "Every newcomer family has a smile behind their masks." Refugee families often face a difficult journey when fleeing their country of origin. Their stories point to God's protection over their lives, and their new home in Canada provides them with safety and opportunities to flourish. "Everyone is enthusiastic and thankful to World Renew for a new life," Vegt said.



World Renew expects that arrivals of newcomers to Canada will slowly increase in the days ahead. Though the welcome may look different than it did in the past, as sponsors and refugees comply with safety measures and quarantine plans, our welcome is just as warm.



### GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

World Renew's Global Volunteer Program (GVP) gives individuals and groups opportunities to seek and explore God's plan for them. GVP offers volunteers opportunities to learn about and contribute to the transformative work God is doing through churches and communities worldwide through the Global Partnership Program (GPP) and the Global Associate Program (GAP).

COVID-19 restrictions meant that placements and visits came to an abrupt halt, but volunteers and churches stepped into the gap. GVP oriented five interns who completed their placements virtually and engaged with other students in online learning events last year. Through GAP, highly skilled individuals assisted World Renew with financial audits and staff trainings, developed a training curriculum, and supported staff in North America.

GPP churches visited their partner communities virtually, checking in, praying, and worshiping together. They attended virtual learning events and supported communities financially in response to downturns caused by COVID-19 restrictions. As volunteers intersect with others through GVP, God changes their stories for good. To discover more about GVP, email [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).



## FAMILIES CHANGED FOR GOOD

Healthy families make up healthy communities. Through the Free A Family® program, World Renew works with local Christian partners to equip families with the tools and training they need to overcome hunger and poverty.

Loyce and Sandress Nyirenda live in Zambia where drought often leaves farm families hungry. Recently they learned about conservation agriculture and began to grow drought-tolerant crops. "We used to eat only once a day," Sandress said, "but now we have three balanced meals every day."

The family practices good nutrition and hygiene, and saves for the future. They are food secure and have a stable income. They also donated some of their seeds to help change the story of other local families affected by drought.

Thank you for helping to transform lives in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Through your generosity, stories of poverty that once defined families like the Nyirendas have changed for good.

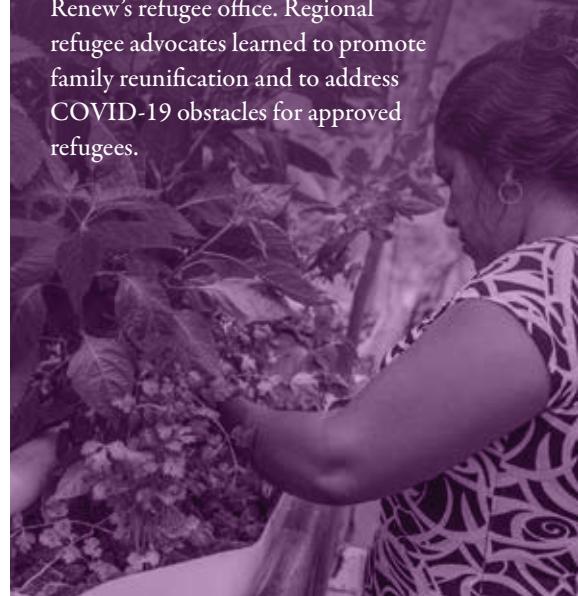
## CARING FOR OTHERS AND THE EARTH

The Climate Witness Project (CWP) partners with nearly 300 congregations in the U.S. and Canada that are learning about climate change in communities worldwide, becoming better stewards of their resources, and speaking to public officials about climate policy.

In 2021, CWP provided opportunities for teens to learn from experts in climate action. Students took virtual tours of a World Renew hydroponics project in Honduras. They talked with local community leaders and met with policy experts in the US about faith and public life.

CWP organized online forums ahead of the U.S. federal elections. Voters met with candidates to ask questions about their positions on climate change. CWP also hosted screenings of the film *The Story of Plastic*, followed by discussion and action planning workshops led by regional organizers.

In justice advocacy, World Renew, with CWP, coached 30 climate advocates in meeting with elected officials. World Renew also presented Faith in Action: Practicing Biblical Advocacy webinars, some with World Renew's refugee office. Regional refugee advocates learned to promote family reunification and to address COVID-19 obstacles for approved refugees.



# Thank you

### MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

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

### MINISTRY PARTNERS

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

### LEGACY SUPPORTERS

Joseph Stewards

### 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**—CFGGB 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 CFGGB, World Renew committed a total of [\\$6,940,000 \(CAD\) in resources to food-related programming in 11 countries](#).

**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 [\\$427,000 \(USD\) in food security programming in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, and Uganda](#).

**JOSEPH FUND CONTRIBUTORS**—World Renew is grateful to all who support the Joseph Fund, which disburses funds over a seven-year term. Last year, World Renew received [US \\$2,591,300 \(\\$3,239,125, CAD\)](#) through the Joseph Fund.

## DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORT 2021

Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
All We Can, Methodist Relief and Development  
BRACE: Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies  
Bridge Street Ministries  
Canadian Baptist Ministries  
Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund  
Canadian Foodgrains Bank  
Craven County Long-Term Recovery Organization  
DC Community Emergency and Natural Disaster Recovery Group  
Development and Peace, Caritas Canada  
Douglas County Long-Term Recovery Group  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Food for the Hungry  
Galveston County Recovers  
Gladwin County Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Global Affairs Canada  
Integral Alliance  
Jackson County Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Kansas-Nebraska Southern Baptist Disaster Relief  
Klamath County Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Lincoln County Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Mennonite Central Committee of Canada  
Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church  
National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters  
North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Orange County Disaster Rebuild  
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Emergency Relief and Development Overseas  
Presbyterian World Service and Development  
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund  
Reformed Church in America  
Relief Board of the Netherlands Reformed Congregations (RBN)  
Rio Grande Valley Long-Term Disaster Recovery  
Salvation Army  
Santa Cruz Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Southeast Michigan Flood Recovery Group  
Southeast Michigan Long-Term Recovery Organization  
Stronger than Maria  
Tearfund Canada  
Tearfund Switzerland  
Tearfund UK  
The King's Garden  
United Church of Canada  
United Way of East Central Iowa  
Victoria County LTRG  
Word and Deed (Woord en Daad)  
World Vision UK  
ZOA

# You!

Your generous support, prayer, and involvement is the foundation of World Renew's mission. We are deeply grateful that you give wholeheartedly so that people who have the least in this world can be *Changed for Good* in Christ Jesus. **THANK YOU!**

# Financial Information



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

**IN 2021,  
WORLD RENEW  
RANKED AMONG  
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CHARITIES IN  
INTERNATIONAL  
AID BY CHARITY  
INTELLIGENCE.**

## FIVE-YEAR SOCIAL IMPACT GRID

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Planned Participants	242,196	252,874	253,568	273,503	268,740
Actual Participants	263,943	274,495	241,154	265,866	249,142
Planned Budget	\$4,945,245	\$5,412,564	\$5,410,264	\$5,688,970	\$6,090,402
Actual Expenses	\$4,290,850	\$4,477,458	\$4,639,020	\$4,896,903	\$5,361,325
Number of Communities	1,275	1,326	1,330	1,451	1,428

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY REGION

	ASIA	EAST AFRICA	LATIN AMERICA	SOUTHERN AFRICA	WEST AFRICA
Food Security	117,347	15,420	6,256	9,332	5,812
Health	124,050	3,384	4,223	6,353	17,174
Economic Opportunity	31,159	4,413	8,337	17,298	16,997
Peace and Justice	47,500	1,162	4,407	4,103	22,004
Other*	320	0	407	512	18,132

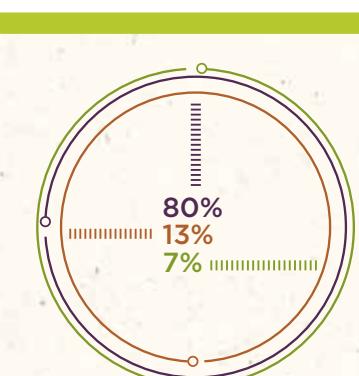
\*Other program costs are used to build the organizational capacity of our long-term Christian partners around the world.

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 2020-2021, World Renew had an income surplus of \$3.26 million USD. About \$2.6 million of this amount is an increase in net operating assets, a small net increase in unrestricted estate gifts supported the Joseph term endowment fund, and the remaining \$.66 million USD is a net increase in donor restricted assets.

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.



## IN 2021, 80 PERCENT

of each gift you gave directly benefited people in need.

The other **20 PERCENT** supported World Renew's core mission through administration and fundraising. Seven percent helped to administer our programs effectively, and **13 CENTS** of each dollar provided you with communication and accountability about how your gifts were used.

## WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Gifts	9,051,400	7,381,554	14,733,015	19,141,133
Disaster	2,513,842	10,198,027	10,363,309	13,464,010
Estates	1,267,450	1,667,161	2,550,671	3,313,832
Grants and Miscellaneous	4,864,995	944,721	5,592,151	7,265,322
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>17,697,687</b>	<b>20,191,463</b>	<b>33,239,146</b>	<b>43,184,297</b>

## WHERE OUR RESOURCES WENT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
International development	8,287,471	3,992,821	11,360,763	14,759,903
Domestic development	3,119	303,629	236,824	307,681
Disaster programs	2,599,080	10,943,667	11,022,469	14,320,392
Education and justice	1,394,888	902,960	2,089,900	2,715,198
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,284,558</b>	<b>16,143,077</b>	<b>24,709,956</b>	<b>32,103,174</b>
Management and general	995,138	1,371,143	2,050,513	2,664,026
Fundraising	2,800,935	1,559,603	4,001,368	5,198,578
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,080,631</b>	<b>19,073,823</b>	<b>30,761,837</b>	<b>39,965,778</b>

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
	7,699,723	7,466,415	13,240,662	17,841,792
	2,889,005	11,606,933	11,502,684	15,499,867
	1,149,819	500,478	1,521,231	2,049,859
	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, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
	8,540,366	4,286,615	11,721,527	15,794,758
	1,075,814	306,597	1,303,344	1,756,256
	3,271,954	14,503,197	14,034,994	18,912,155
	490,015	715,060	1,020,672	1,375,355
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,378,149</b>	<b>19,811,469</b>	<b>28,080,537</b>	<b>37,838,524</b>
	1,037,782	1,230,158	1,950,701	2,628,569
	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>

WORLD RENEW'S NET ASSETS WERE USD \$40,350,911 (OR \$50,010,919 CAD) IN THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR. FIND OUR MOST RECENT AUDITED FINANCIALS AT [WORLDRENEW.NET](http://WORLDRENEW.NET), [WORLDRENEW.CA](http://WORLDRENEW.CA), OR CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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