

# HOPE

## IN EVERY STORY







World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers repaired and rebuilt **195 houses** damaged by disasters.

BY PARTNERING WITH **66 CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS** IN 2023, WORLD RENEW EQUIPPED A TOTAL OF **549,795 PARTICIPANTS** IN **1,200 COMMUNITIES** FOR A HOPEFUL FUTURE IN **29 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES** AROUND THE GLOBE.

**1,201 volunteers** donated **93,390 hours** of their time to help people in need worldwide. That is the equivalent of about **39 full-time employees** for a year.

In development, we walked alongside faith and community leaders who offered opportunities for renewed hope to **221,652 participants** in **19 developing countries**.

In disaster response, we assisted **328,143 participants** who experienced war, drought, famine, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes— in **21 countries** last year. This includes emergency food, water, shelter, sanitation, economic assistance, and livelihood rehabilitation.

**356 CONGREGATIONS** IN THE US AND CANADA ENGAGED IN BIBLICAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY ACTION THROUGH THE CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT.

World Renew facilitated **23 robust** partnerships between North American and international communities.



With your support, **173 refugees** arrived and resettled in Canada through World Renew, and **42 sponsoring groups** submitted **206** new refugee sponsorship applications.

**13 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF MANAGERS** CONTINUED VOLUNTEER TRAINING, WORKED ON PROJECTS REMOTELY, AND TRAVELED TO DISASTER SITES TO DISTRIBUTE EMERGENCY AID.

By the Numbers

Dear friends,

THE WORK OF WORLD RENEW begins with hope. While the number of people living in hunger and poverty because of a changing climate and violent unrest increased dramatically last year, we can keep hold of faith in Jesus Christ: He is the **Hope in Every Story**. On the pages of this report, you will see how hope can be found in the story of every person who took part in World Renew's ministry in 2023.

With you, World Renew helped change the story of 549,795 participants from 1,200 communities in 29 countries during 2023, offering opportunities for more self-sufficiency to those in need. These courageous people grabbed on to hope, taking risks that equipped them to build better lives through good health, more income, growing food, healing trauma, and recovering from disaster.

Bosko Ntanda (age 39), a generational fisherman and farmer, and the father of six in Mozambique, is one of those courageous people. When World Renew began a village savings and loan association in his community, Bosko was the first to join. He and hard-working neighbors like him run a collective "bank" to help increase their income, save money, and access loans.

Bosko used his loans to buy fishing nets that he worked with to double his income. Then, he used his savings interest to restore an old fishing boat his family owned. Next, World Renew asked the group about starting an agriculture project to grow cassava. Bosko said the offer got his "full attention."

The agriculture group elected Bosko to become a lead farmer. He is responsible for managing a demonstration plot and an outdoor classroom where he teaches local farmers new farming methods. His neighbors chose him as a leader because his generous and positive spirit inspires them.

"I enjoy learning and sharing with others," Bosko said. "I believe that God calls us to give to those in need and to live a generous life. Sharing blesses those who receive our gifts, and it blesses us as well."

Through your involvement, prayers, and support, you are helping many people like Bosko find hope in their story as they work to overcome hunger and poverty. And we pray that, in turn, you are blessed by seeing how God is renewing our world one story at a time.

Sharing God's hope in every story,

**"I BELIEVE THAT GOD CALLS US TO GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED AND TO LIVE A GENEROUS LIFE. SHARING BLESSES THOSE WHO RECEIVE OUR GIFTS, AND IT BLESSES US AS WELL."**



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**Ending Extreme Poverty Worldwide by 2030:** United Nations member states have committed to working towards 17 Sustainable Development Goals between 2015 and 2030. World Renew's ministry contributes to ten of the SDGs in transformative, Christ-centered ways. Find out how at [worldrenew.net/sdg](http://worldrenew.net/sdg) or [worldrenew.ca/sdg](http://worldrenew.ca/sdg).



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# Our Goals

CHRISTIAN FAITH IS NOT JUST A PART OF WHAT WE DO.

It is who we are. It emerges from every aspect of our work. In partnership with you, World Renew operates from a motive of Christ's compassion. We do not seek to be a savior but to point people to the Savior whose love compels us to reveal hope in every story.

## Renewed Hope

SHIFTING POWER  
THROUGH  
AGENCY AND  
EMPOWERMENT

## Reconciled Lives

COMMUNITIES  
LIVE AND THRIVE  
TOGETHER

## Restored Creation

PEOPLE AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT ARE  
IN HARMONY

## Faith

We seek to understand God's will in all we do. We encourage a worldview of faith and trust in God who can give a hope-filled energy for each person to fulfill His purpose.

## Effectiveness

We are innovative, resourceful, and continual learners with partners, communities, and donors to ensure timely, appropriate, proactive, and excellent interventions.

## People Flourishing

We treat each person equally as an image-bearer of God, including partners, in decisions and plans and in pursuit of the fullness of life that God has promised and intended.

## Stewardship

We are grateful recipients of God's gifts to us. We steward these gifts with wisdom, integrity, accountability, and systems of reporting that honor both the intent of the donors and the flourishing of people in communities.

# Our Values



# Global Community



Food Security



Community Health



Economic Opportunity



Peace and Justice



Disaster Response

## Food Security

*Tools and Training  
Sustainable Farming Methods  
Food Year-Round*

### HOPE IN INTEGRATING AND EXPANDING FARMING ACTIVITIES

Em Mom spent many years dreaming of new economic opportunities. No matter how hard she and her husband worked as farmers in Kampot, Cambodia, they found it impossible to meet their family's needs. Her husband had to leave home to find construction work in Phnom Penh. It was a trying time for everyone.

Em Mom felt a spark of hope when she learned about an opportunity to integrate livestock farming with crop production through training and support from World Renew's partner, Occupation of Rural Economic Development and Agriculture. Such integration not only provides a way to diversify income, but it can also help with soil fertility, weed and pest control, and residue breakdown.

Em Mom courageously jumped at the opportunity to be coached and to implement what she learned. She was able to increase her monthly income through rice production and chicken raising. Her hopeful dreams have not stopped, either.

"I dream of expanding our livestock even more, so that I can increase my savings. I want to enable my whole family to benefit from this work, especially my children in their education."



### HOPE IN STARTING A FAMILY CATERING BUSINESS

Every one of God's children deserves the economic opportunity to grow and develop on their journey to a safer and more hopeful life. Amazing things can happen when people discover and recognize what they need to succeed.

Kaelyn Castillo has always been a gifted cook, but she used to believe that starting a business was impossible. She and her husband used to struggle to get by as farmers in Tecomapa, Nicaragua. Then she joined a Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) facilitated by World Renew's local partner, Fundación San Lucas Nicaragua.

Through their VSLA, Kaelyn and other members saved small amounts of money together, often less than \$1 a week, and then provided small, low-interest loans to each other. She borrowed enough to buy the plates, silverware, and cooking utensils that she needed to start a catering business.

"People have always looked for me when they needed someone to cook, but I never had what I needed to start a business," Kaelyn says. "My daughter would never have gone on after elementary school without this opportunity. Now she is in her second year of high school."



# Community Health



*Nutrition  
Sanitation  
Health Care  
Childhood Stunting Prevention*

## HOPE IN WORKING FOR CLEAN WATER

God created us with physical bodies that need reliable medical care and sustenance to be healthy, and he created us to be in loving community with each other. As a result, improved health is possible when we work together for the benefit of all.

People living in the village of Phouynee, Laos, know the danger and fear of enduring a dry season without enough water that is free from water-borne diseases and contaminants. It is just one of the communities that World Renew is working alongside to improve the quality and quantity of their water.

Designing and building a clean water system can come with many challenges. In Phouynee, that included broken promises from officials, land disputes, and relocating the entire village! The community persisted, however, because of their commitment to realizing their dream of clean water.

Eventually, they made a hopeful discovery: a better water source just two kilometers from their new location!

World Renew continued to collaborate with the community and local leaders to construct a gravity-fed water system with a water tank and taps. When safe water is available to irrigate crops and nourish families, entire communities, like Phouynee, can thrive.



## HOPE IN FINDING A NEW HEALTHY RECIPE

Binta used to feel unable to help children weakened by malnutrition. In her community in rural Senegal, most children get too few calories and too much salt, due in part to the common overuse of bouillon cubes.

Through World Renew's partner, Lutheran Services for Development in Senegal, Binta joined a local women's group that included cooking classes. She learned to cook vegetables like carrots, turnips, and beans, and to add an onion sauce seasoned with salt and pepper rather than bouillon. Not only did the meals taste fresher, but her children also enjoyed them.

"Since the village children started eating these meals, their physical and emotional health are improved," Binta said. "The children have also become healthier and more active."

Binta's story has expanded to include community friendship, practical education, and real hope for a healthier future. She is passionate about sharing all she has learned.

"This project has filled our hearts with the greatest joy! No parent wants to see their child suffer from malnutrition," she said. "We are grateful to the SLDS team, World Renew, and their supporters who made what we achieved possible."

# Economic Opportunity



*Village Savings and Loan Associations  
Savings and Investment  
Training for Financial Stability  
Adequate Income and Access to Work*

## HOPE IN THRIVING GARDENS

Food is powerful. The Bible is filled with mentions of food, parables about farmers, and other reminders that God invites us to "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8a). But it can be hard to be hopeful when the table is empty.

For a long time, Fama Niang in Senegal did not know the hope-giving sight of a thriving garden. But gardening became possible when she joined a community savings group through World Renew's partner, Lutheran Services for Development in Senegal (SLDS), that included training and resources for a shared garden.

Together with 25 other women, Fama helped dig trenches to connect a water tap to the village borehole. Then the women set to work growing hibiscus, okra, eggplant, and other vegetables. While nurturing healthy plants, they also grew beautiful friendships. And they rejoiced together when it became possible to sell their produce at markets for a good profit.

"The people in our village have said that they have never seen such solidarity," says Fama. "Our garden has helped us considerably, and we are really proud of it. We are thankful and pray that God will grant us the means to develop other new sources of income."



## HOPE IN FLOURISHING CROPS

Rajabu Kishosa knows the weight of waking up every day wondering if his family will have enough food. His rural community in Tanzania is one of many where farmers are challenged by unpredictable weather patterns and other effects of a changing climate. His typical harvest was just 14 bags of maize from 13 acres of land – not nearly enough to feed his five children and 30 other family members.

For this brave farmer, a key step towards new hope was agriculture training through World Renew. That inspired him to dedicate a quarter-acre of land to growing maize using new practices he learned, such as using improved seeds, organic fertilizer, soil-building cover crops, and optimal plant spacing.

Rajabu harvested four bags of maize from just this quarter-acre, and the soil of that plot retained more moisture than the rest of his acreage and was better protected from the sun. His success led him to expand using the new practices, and he has continued to get better yields than ever before. "I really appreciate all the support I have received through World Renew," he said.





# Peace and Justice

Trauma Care  
Gender Equity Training  
Antitrafficking Support  
Civil Conflict Response  
Advocacy

## HOPE IN RESOLVING COMMUNITY CONFLICT

God calls us to pursue justice for every person. In the midst of violence, discrimination, and oppression, people around the world are actively working for systemic, generational change. When farmers in Magomero, Malawi, encountered conflict about the roads they used to transport their produce to a large trading center, the situation became an opportunity to pursue justice together.

In the rainy season, the already worn roads regularly washed out. People who were hired to fix the roads took the opportunity to put up roadblocks and charge a fee for drivers to pass, usually on busy market days. Drivers who couldn't pay were detained for hours, and some even had their tires deflated. Heated arguments and dangerous fights erupted.

The local committee of the *Church in Community* initiative, a World Renew program that mobilizes congregations to address community issues, agreed that the road repair workers were taking advantage of the situation. They worked with the community to create a plan to maintain the roads themselves.

As a result of this strategic, coordinated work, the roads became safe to travel on, without fights or fees. The change brought a new and welcome peace to the entire community.



## HOPE IN ADDRESSING GENDER INJUSTICE

In many communities, people live with violence in their own household. Misozi lives with her husband, Ganizani, in an area of Zambia where violence against women is prevalent. He drank to excess and often beat her.

Thankfully, Ganizani joined a gender justice education project run by World Renew's partner, the Reformed Church of Zambia. As a result, his behavior and his whole worldview began to change.

"I never knew anything about human rights and giving freedom to my wife and family," he said. "My wife didn't have input in anything at home. I never cared about her wellbeing, rights, or freedom."

Ganizani worked hard to end his abusive behavior. He now recognizes his wife as a fellow image bearer of God, worthy of respect. He has even become a gender-rights ambassador, and there is a new peace and unity in their home.

"We no longer have discord in our marriage because we make decisions and budget together," says Misozi. "I have access to our resources and manage how we spend our money. Now we are equal partners."



# The Power to Choose

IN 2023, MANY COUNTRIES faced disasters, civil unrest, and long-term stressors. In response, World Renew worked to initiate cash transfer projects across 13 countries to help hungry people immediately.

Cash transfers, which involve providing families in need with physical funds, electronic transfers, or food vouchers at local markets, offer an opportunity to strengthen the local economy in addition to giving a greater sense of dignity and choice to participants. The ability to purchase their own supplies and food provides some autonomy that helps people regain their self-sufficiency.



## Jeremiah, A FARMER IN KENYA

Jeremiah is a 73-year-old farmer who lives in Igembe, Kenya, and supports a family of eight people. He faced financial difficulty when heavy rainfall wiped out crops across his region. His children were often hungry, especially at school where no food program was available for hungry students.

World Renew's local partner in Kenya provided cash transfers to people affected by the rain and flooding. Jeremiah's family received funds that allowed them to choose the quality foods they like from stores in their area.

Cash assistance from World Renew and our partner improved the family's daily living, enabling them to eat three meals a day, and ensured that Jeremiah's children

could concentrate on their studies. Jeremiah is grateful for the support he's receiving. "I hope to be able to sustain my family again soon from crops produced on our own farm," he said.

## Kunti, A SHOP OWNER IN INDIA

Kunti, who lives in India after migrating from Nepal, runs a poultry shop from her home in Kullu. During heavy rain last year, Kunti's home and business were destroyed by flooding. Because she couldn't access government assistance, Kunti had to use up her savings to survive. Life became so difficult that she thought about returning to Nepal, even though there were no job opportunities for her there.

During World Renew's flood response in India, our partners recognized the

vulnerable situation Kunti was in and provided her and others in her community with a 3,500 INR (\$50) cash transfer. With this money, she bought more chickens and reopened her poultry shop. Kunti was able to regain her previous sales level in just a few weeks. The income gave her the financial stability she needed to continue her business.

By offering Jeremiah, Kunti, and others cash transfers, World Renew makes space for people to determine what is best for their families. The power of choice, when a disaster or conflict has stripped people of the ability to make countless other decisions, creates dignity and strength in tremendous uncertainty. It is one way that World Renew offers Christ's hope and brings lasting change to people in vulnerable situations.





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.

# Where World Renew Worked in 2023

COUNTRY	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS	DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS	DISASTER PARTICIPANTS	COMMUNITIES SERVED
Bangladesh	5	50,087	20,470	28
Cambodia*	2	2,024	-	17
Colombia	-	-	9,880	-
Canada**	-	-	660	-
Ethiopia	-	-	16,120	-
Guatemala	3	1,295	-	11
Haiti	4	-	10,941	16
Honduras	5	2,286	-	43
India*	2	12,173	11,127	9
Kenya	5	6,096	55,061	146
Laos*	1	8,881	-	33
Lebanon*	-	-	24,698	-
Madagascar	-	-	22,347	-
Malawi	2	17,428	13,644	7
Mozambique	1	4,513	6,951	22
Nicaragua	5	2,832	1,745	63
Nigeria	3	28,186	18,234	64
Philippines	-	-	3,930	-
Senegal	2	2,050	-	18
South Sudan	-	-	7,908	-
Sierra Leone*	1	1,987	959	18
Syria	-	-	62,574	-
Tanzania*	2	2,010	16,780	102
Uganda	6	21,798	5,007	82
Ukraine	-	-	2,650	-
USA***	-	-	6,852	-
W. Africa 1****	4	21,215	-	121
W. Africa 2****	3	22,070	900	267
Zambia*	3	14,721	8,705	133
TOTALS	59	221,652	328,143	1,200
DISASTER & DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS				549,795

\*The number of participants may vary due to contextual restrictions, changes in grant funding, security, or partner transition. Participant numbers shown here represent all programs implemented in 2023.

\*\*World Renew supports Diaconal Ministries Canada. Disaster Participant numbers in Canada represent program totals.

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

\*\*\*\*Country name removed for security purposes.

In addition to 59 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 7 partners in research and development in 2023. This summary reflects our final year-end totals for audited financial and program data. Previous summaries were preliminary.





# International Disaster Response



Immediate Aid  
Long-Term Rehabilitation  
Capacity Building

## A WORLDWIDE SNAPSHOT OF 2023

In 2023 many of the staggering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect millions of people, leaving them in vulnerable situations while experiencing violent weather events and devastating hunger. New and ongoing conflicts, combined with skyrocketing food and fuel prices, left 345 million people susceptible to food insecurity.

But, thanks to God’s grace through our partners, supporters, and staff, World Renew reached about 320,000 vulnerable people with disaster assistance. World Renew offered hope to those coming out of the pandemic only to be confronted by conflict, disaster, a changing climate, and the rising cost of living.

**BANGLADESH** Families in Teknaf continued to experience strain on local infrastructure from the influx of Rohingya refugees to Cox’s Bazar. Compounding this humanitarian crisis, people who were already in vulnerable situations were hit by Cyclone Mocha. World Renew responded to the destruction of homes and businesses by building sanitary latrines and tube wells and by providing emergency cash for food.

**HAITI** World Renew continued to respond to the 2021 earthquake by providing emergency food and cash assistance. We also supported long-term recovery work, including shelter reconstruction, safe water access, food security, health services, cash assistance, and psychosocial support. Additionally, children suffering from malnutrition in Hinche, central Haiti, received 24 months of food assistance.

**INDIA** World Renew supported agriculture and livelihoods projects in Pakur, eastern India, addressing the food security challenges of hilltop tribes who rely on agriculture and forest resources. We worked with 21 villages, providing training in nutrition and agriculture. We also gave cash assistance and vegetable seeds to families affected by flooding in Assam.

**LEBANON** Families are experiencing impacts from the rising cost of food and living necessities caused by the current global economic crisis. World Renew helped meet the immediate food needs of Syrian refugees, as well as Lebanese and migrant workers, by providing vouchers and e-cards to use at local shops. The project also included milk, feminine-hygiene products, and diapers.

**MADAGASCAR** Southeastern Africa, including Madagascar, has been affected by drought and widespread hunger. World Renew implemented multiple early recovery and development projects that provided immediate food and cash transfers, followed by training and organizing for lasting food security.

**MALAWI** Families received emergency support as part of our response to Cyclone Ana in early 2022 and Cyclone Freddy in early 2023. This support included cash to purchase essential supplies, seeds for growing maize, and inputs for other vegetables.

**NIGERIA** World Renew implemented a multi-year response to meet immediate household needs and address the underlying causes of food insecurity. This project provided vulnerable households with six months of cash aid and economic recovery initiatives, including livestock-raising, gardening, trade, and women’s empowerment.

**SYRIA** Many families were displaced after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck northern Syria in February 2023. Through support of a local partner, World Renew provided food assistance, hygiene items, warm clothes, blankets, and mattresses to help affected families during a particularly harsh winter.

**UKRAINE** World Renew supported partners working in war-torn Kherson Oblast by repairing damaged houses and providing cash assistance to purchase essential supplies. In Chernihiv Oblast, families received assistance to construct safe shelters, and in Transcarpathia Oblast, cash was provided to internally-displaced people and refugees.

## WHERE WE WORKED IN INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2023

### Asia

<b>BANGLADESH</b>	- Storm/Emergency Assistance, Shelter - Prolonged Crisis/Economic Support - Prolonged Crisis/Partner Support	- Prolonged Crisis/Economic Recovery, Nutrition Sanitation - Prolonged Crisis/Economic Recovery, Health, Nutrition, Water Awareness
<b>INDIA</b>	- Flood/Emergency Assistance - Conflict/Economic Recovery - Flood/Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Food	- Flood/Partner Support - Flood/Emergency Assistance, Sanitation, Food
<b>PAKISTAN</b>	- Drought/Transfer - Flood/Transfer	
<b>THE PHILIPPINES</b>	- Storm/Economic Recovery	

### East and Southern Africa

<b>ETHIOPIA</b>	- Drought/Food - Prolonged Crisis/Economic Recovery, Food, Psychosocial Support	
<b>KENYA</b>	- Drought/Food - Prolonged Crisis/Food	
<b>MADAGASCAR</b>	- Conflict/Food - Drought/Agriculture, Food	
<b>MALAWI</b>	- Flood/Emergency Assistance - Storm/Economic Recovery, Food	
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>	- Conflict/Food	
<b>SOMALIA</b>	- Drought/Nutrition, Transfer	
<b>SOUTH SUDAN</b>	- Flood/Economic Recovery, Food	
<b>TANZANIA</b>	- Prolonged Crisis/Agriculture, Economic Recovery	
<b>UGANDA</b>	- Drought/Food, Transfer - Prolonged Crisis/Agriculture, Economic Recovery - Prolonged Crisis/Agriculture	
<b>ZAMBIA</b>	- Prolonged Crisis/Economic Recovery, Partner Support	
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	- Drought/Food, Transfer	



### West and Central Africa

<b>DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO</b>	- Conflict/Agriculture, Food, Transfer - Drought/Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Transfer	
<b>NIGERIA</b>	- Prolonged Crisis/Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Food - Conflict/Emergency Assistance, Food, Nutrition	
<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>	- Storm/Economic Recovery	

### Latin America and the Caribbean

<b>COLOMBIA</b>	- Prolonged Crisis/Economic Recovery, Food - Prolonged Crisis/Food	
<b>HAITI</b>	- Prolonged Crisis/Nutrition, Transfer - Earthquake/Partner Support - Earthquake/Agriculture, Economic	- Recovery, Psychosocial Support, Shelter, Transfer - Earthquake/Agriculture, Food
<b>NICARAGUA</b>	- Storm/Agriculture, Health	

### Middle East and Eastern Europe

<b>MOLDOVA</b>	- Conflict/Emergency Assistance, Transfer	
<b>LEBANON</b>	- Conflict/Food - Conflict/Food, Sanitation - Conflict/Emergency Assistance, Health	
<b>SYRIA</b>	- Earthquake/Transfer - Conflict/Food	
<b>UKRAINE</b>	- Conflict/Shelter - Conflict/Emergency Assistance, Transfer - Conflict/Food, Sanitation, Shelter, Transfer	
<b>YEMEN</b>	- Conflict/Transfer	



# Disaster Response Services in North America

Snapshots of Disaster Response in North America in 2023

LAST YEAR, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) volunteers provided disaster survivors with clean-up services, unmet-needs assessments, and home repairs. As hurricanes, fires, floods, and tornadoes pummeled communities across North America, DRS volunteers traveled thousands of miles to bring hope to under-resourced survivors of disasters that had occurred as far back as 2017.

In 2023, World Renew DRS volunteers cleaned up debris in homes and yards, such as downed trees and damaged furniture, and tarped leaking roofs. In unmet-needs assessments, they surveyed survivors about unaddressed damage from disasters and heard about their burdens. At reconstruction sites, they completed drywalling and painting, replaced insulation and siding, and installed flooring and cabinets.

## HURRICANE IAN RESPONSE

In Volusia County, Florida, many of the trees on Gaudencia's property were knocked down during Hurricane Ian. An elderly widow, Gaudencia didn't have a way to remove the debris without help. Through World Renew's partnership with the Florida United Methodist Center, DRS volunteers cleared the felled trees from her yard. Gaudencia was grateful for their help.

In Sarasota, Florida, a resident named Cheryl (name changed) lost her sister, her business, and her dog to Hurricane Ian. A World Renew DRS volunteer named Evelyn was completing unmet-needs assessments with the Sarasota Long-Term Recovery Group and worked through the survey with Cheryl at a walk-in center. She asked Cheryl if she would like to pray, and Cheryl explained that she had not only lost her family members and job to Hurricane Ian, but had lost her faith as well.

Despite her doubt and anger, Cheryl agreed to prayer, and God gave Evelyn His words for Cheryl. A few days later, Evelyn was surveying another client at the walk-in center when to her surprise, Cheryl walked through the door. Cheryl told Evelyn that she was finding her faith again, and she was thankful that God used Evelyn to encourage her through the grief of Hurricane Ian.

## HURRICANE FLORENCE RESPONSE

Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina in September 2018 as a strong Category 1 storm with 90 mph winds. But it also brought widespread, heavy rain that flooded local rivers and caused a 10-foot storm surge. The rain and floodwater damaged Sam's house and many other residences in the town of New Bern.

In 2020, while he was still working to recover from Florence, Sam's wife passed away. World Renew DRS volunteers, in partnership with the Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance, were able to help Sam finish the repairs to his home. They completed new drywall, painted, repaired the deck, retiled the bathroom, and power-washed the siding. Sam was encouraged, and five years after Florence, he could see a path to hope.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In 2023, DRS welcomed 65 volunteers to the U.S. World Renew home office for leadership training. Our volunteer leaders worked with new software to record needs-assessment data, expenses, and volunteer information. They also learned about our strategic partnerships and World Renew's alignment with the United Nations Core Humanitarian Standards. World Renew DRS is grateful for our leaders' impact on volunteer teams and the success of our disaster response work across North America.

## WHERE WE WORKED IN NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2023

### Program Responses

BUILDING ESTIMATING	Whatcom County, Washington	Flood 2021
CLEAN-UP TEAMS	Volusia County, Florida	Hurricane Ian 2022
FACILITATED SITE	New Bern, North Carolina	Hurricane Florence 2017
GRANT CONTRIBUTION	Abbotsford, British Columbia	Flood 2021

### Unmet Needs Assessments

KLAMATH RIVER, CALIFORNIA	Wildfires 2022
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA	Hurricane Ian 2022
LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	Flood 2022
PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY	Flood 2022
TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LOUISIANA	Hurricane Ida 2021
LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO	Wildfires and Flood 2022

### Organizational Capacity-Building

LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO	Wildfires and Flood 2022
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### Project Management

BOUTTE, LOUISIANA	Hurricane Ida 2021
AGUADA, PUERTO RICO	Hurricane Maria 2017
ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS	Hurricane Harvey 2021, Hurricane Laura 2020, Tropical Storm Imelda 2019, Winter Storm Uri 2021
RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS	Hurricane Hanna 2020
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON	Flood 2021

### Reconstruction

AGUADA, PUERTO RICO	Hurricane Maria 2017
BOUTTE, LOUISIANA	Hurricane Ida 2021
DETROIT, MICHIGAN	Flood 2021
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI	Tornadoes 2017
KING LAKE, NEBRASKA	Flood 2019
MULTIPLE COUNTIES, KENTUCKY	Flood 2022
MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY	Tornadoes 2021
MARIANNA, FLORIDA	Hurricane Michael 2018
MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA	Flood 2021
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA	Hurricane Florence 2018
ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS	Hurricane Harvey 2021, Hurricane Laura 2020, Tropical Storm Imelda 2019, Winter Storm Uri 2021
PAMLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA	Hurricane Florence 2018
PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA	Hurricane Florence 2018
RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS	Hurricane Hanna 2020
SULPHUR, LOUISIANA	Hurricane Laura 2020
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON	Flood 2021

### Regional Management

FLORIDA	Hurricane Ian 2021
WASHINGTON	Flood 2021



# Local Community

## REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TRANSFORMS LIVES

“We believe that God was calling us to welcome this family to our community,” said refugee sponsorship committee members from Maranatha CRC in Lethbridge, Alberta. The congregation welcomed the Mabior family from South Sudan, and although there were some challenges in preparing the sponsorship application, God was there.



“Every time we [faced a problem], God provided an answer . . . through a church member or community connection. We discovered that although God was using our individual gifts, he was also continually gifting us in surprising ways. We learned to rely on his provision – and to appreciate each other.”

When the Mabior family arrived in Lethbridge in 2022, “the work multiplied along with the joy,” said the members. Adapting to a new life in Canada presents several settlement challenges for refugees, but the support of a sponsoring church community makes the transition less daunting.

Sponsorship not only transforms the lives of refugees, but also strengthens the communities where they settle. Reflecting on their experience, the Maranatha members said, “We have learned about the giving spirit in our church community. We have been inspired in our faith by working together. And we have new friends and family to love.”

## JOSEPH STEWARDS SOW SEEDS OF HOPE

Joseph Stewards is a community of enthusiastic and dedicated supporters who have invested in the future with World Renew by allotting a portion of their respective estates toward ending global poverty by addressing food security, peace and justice, economic opportunity, community health, and disaster response.



Every year, Joseph Stewards, like faithful farmers, plant seeds of hope that will grow over time. Through their generosity, we have continued to grow our impact and see the lives of many change for good.

To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward and help uncover the hope in every story, contact Willemiena McCarron in the US at 616-916-5377 or email [wmccarron@worldrenew.net](mailto:wmccarron@worldrenew.net). In Canada, contact Loise Githinji at 888-WRLD-RNW, ext. 4288, or email [lgithinji@worldrenew.ca](mailto:lgithinji@worldrenew.ca).



LOCAL OUTREACH IN CANADA

World Renew works jointly with denominational agencies in Canada to mobilize congregations in education and outreach. In 2023, these efforts included 21 justice-learning events that engaged 261 people from 30 Canadian churches and organizations. The programs involved introducing the following, newly-developed educational resources.

- An **Everyday Spiritual Journey** is an online and in-person workshop that explores how the Bible talks about peace, justice, and mercy, identifying structural injustice, and exploring how advocacy and reconciliation can bring change and healing.
- **Jesus and Justice** is a conversational-style workshop that explores themes of justice throughout Scripture and connects discipleship to global justice issues.
- **Christian Educator Curriculum** is a three-unit, three-age group resource for Christian educators to teach students about food security, water access, and refugee resettlement. It includes lesson plans, worksheets, slide decks, and fundraising ideas designed for learning and engagement.



FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES IN NORTH AMERICA

In 2023, World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) hosted a year-long cohort called Community Flourishing: Becoming a Strengths-based, Community-Driven Congregation. Participants from 10 churches in North America learned Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) practices.

Pullman Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Chicago, Illinois, said that their involvement reinvigorated their passion to love their long-time neighbors in the Roseland neighborhood after the COVID-19 pandemic hit them particularly hard. After completing the

Community Flourishing cohort, they implemented ABCD principles in innovative ways.

The church began a 4-week project called Sankofa Sundays, in which they shared the joy and pain of the Pullman neighborhood and church. They conducted a gifts inventory and deployed “listening ambassadors” in the community. A group of church leaders then started making relationships with local schools and neighborhood associations.

Pullman CRC and other congregations involved in the cohort are now reinvigorating their local community presence by applying development principles to their own context.



Community Flourishing coaching is available for US congregations interested in working with their own neighborhood. See [worldrenew.net/events](http://worldrenew.net/events) for more information.

In addition, **Hearts Exchanged** has made a significant impact in Indigenous reconciliation on 200 participants from 54 Canadian churches. The program prepares people’s hearts and minds to connect with their Indigenous neighbors and includes the global Indigenous community that World Renew serves.

Through the **Do Justice blog and podcast**, World Renew communicated both global and domestic justice themes last year. Churches and groups used these resources to begin conversations about topics such as truth and reconciliation and international development.

FREEING FAMILIES TO THRIVE

Every person is wonderfully made in God’s image, and as World Renew walks alongside families struggling with poverty, we meet many people who do not yet know their value.

Yuri Gomez, 35, lives in Nueva Suyapa, Honduras. For years she endured abuse by her stepfather that stole her confidence. Through World Renew’s Free A Family® program, Yuri attended trauma healing workshops. She said, “If I wasn’t part of this group, I wouldn’t [be] taking care of my stepfather. But God heals my heart, and now I can take care of him with love.”

Yuri isn’t only taking care of her stepfather. While her husband and eldest son look for work abroad, she is providing for her other three children alone. This has been an overwhelming responsibility, but through the Free A Family program, Yuri started a vegetable garden and learned to purify her family’s water. She also became a trauma-healing facilitator and now helps other women realize that they too are wonderfully made by God. By realizing her value, Yuri has regained her confidence.

**Thank you!** You joined 1,499 Free A Family supporters to equip 1,842 families like Yuri’s, across Asia, Africa, and Latin America in 2023, with the training, tools, and confidence to journey away from poverty.



Thank You

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LEGACY SUPPORTERS

Joseph Stewards

**Baker Family Funds**—World Renew is grateful for gifts to the Baker Agriculture, Livelihoods, Maternal and Child Health, and 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 hope in every story.

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank**—Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 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 \$20,091,186 (CAD) in resources to food-related programming in 17 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 \$600,013 (USD) in food security programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Uganda, West Africa, and Zambia.

**Refugee Sponsors**—With your support, World Renew and sponsors helped 173 refugees resettle in Canada, and 42 sponsoring groups submitted new sponsorship applications for 206 refugees. Of the 206 refugees, 45 were sponsored through the Operation Afghanistan Safety Program. Refugees resettled through World Renew in 2023 were primarily from Afghanistan, Syria, and Eritrea.

DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORTERS 2023

Abbotsford Disaster Relief Coalition  
Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
African Inland Church Tanzania  
After the Storm  
Anglican Development Services  
Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund  
Caritas  
Carolina Rebuilding Ministry  
Center of Hope for Tangipahoa  
Charis Foundation  
Christian Appalachian Project  
Christian Extension Services  
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar  
Church of Uganda  
Community World Service Asia  
Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance  
Deputaatschap Algemene Kas Bijzondere Noden van de OGGiN  
Deputaatschap Hulp bij Bijzondere Noden GGiN  
Eagles Relief and Development Programme  
Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
Faith in Action  
Floyd County Long-Term Recovery Group  
Food for the Hungry  
Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders  
Fundación San Lucas  
Hopkins County Long-Term Disaster Recovery Group  
Letcher County Disaster Long-Term Recovery Group  
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation  
McKinney Fire Long-Term Recovery Group  
Mennonite Central Committee Canada  
Middle East Revive and Thrive  
Mission Enterprises Victoria  
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West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters  
Whatcom Long-Term Recovery Group  
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**You!** Your faithful prayers, involvement, and support for World Renew’s ministry gives people who live with poverty, hunger, and disaster opportunities for hope. Their stories, and ours, bring glory to God. We are deeply grateful for your time, prayers, and gifts. Thank you!



Financial Information

FIVE-YEAR SOCIAL IMPACT GRID

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Planned Participants	177,147	247,581	242,196	252,874	253,568
Actual Participants	221,652	261,033	263,943	274,495	241,154
Planned Budget	\$5,808,821	\$5,728,008	\$4,945,245	\$5,412,564	\$5,410,264
Actual Expenses	\$5,522,492	\$4,619,259	\$4,290,850	\$4,477,458	\$4,639,020
Number of Communities	1,200	1,339	1,275	1,326	1,330

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS\* BY REGION

	ASIA	EAST AFRICA	LATIN AMERICA	SOUTHERN AFRICA	WEST AFRICA
Food Security	45,794	24,668	5,892	20,669	20,022
Health	60,269	22,658	3,843	14,721	35,583
Economic Opportunity	16,196	15,215	3,971	25,995	7,279
Peace and Justice	36,038	17,225	3,597	30,905	46,584

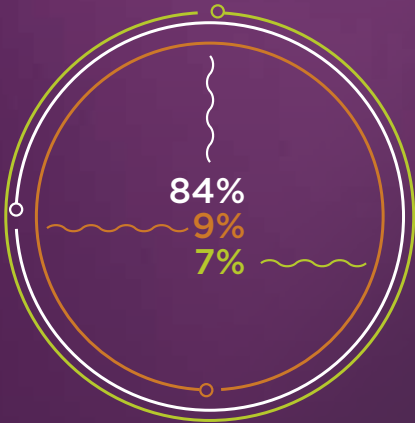
\*Participant totals are related to program intervention points and may indicate more than one intervention per person over time.



IN 2023, WORLD RENEW RANKED AMONG CANADA’S TOP 100 CHARITIES IN INTERNATIONAL AID BY CHARITY INTELLIGENCE.



IN 2023, 84 PERCENT OF EACH GIFT YOU GAVE DIRECTLY BENEFITED PEOPLE IN NEED. THE OTHER 16 PERCENT SUPPORTED WORLD RENEW’S CORE MISSION THROUGH ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING. SEVEN PERCENT HELPED TO ADMINISTER OUR PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY, AND 9 CENTS OF EACH DOLLAR PROVIDED YOU WITH COMMUNICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ABOUT HOW YOUR GIFTS WERE USED.



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 CFBG each year may vary slightly from the project amount committed.

At the end of the fiscal year 2022-2023, World Renew had an overall income surplus of \$1.3 million USD. Total monies held in board-designated term endowment funds increased by nearly \$2.3 million USD while donor-restricted international disaster funds decreased by net \$1.2 million USD and unrestricted operating revenues increased by approximately \$0.2 million USD.

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.

This summary reflects our final year-end totals for audited financial and program data. Previous summaries were preliminary.

Your Impact for Good

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



WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Gifts	10,714,026	7,149,061	16,026,153	21,567,997
Disaster	2,999,837	21,151,054	18,716,180	25,188,235
Estates	4,664,530	1,467,805	5,755,186	7,745,329
Grants	2,605,897	190,216	2,747,237	3,697,232
Miscellaneous	2,029,533	491,696	2,394,889	3,223,042
TOTAL REVENUES	23,013,823	30,499,832	45,639,645	61,421,835

WHERE OUR RESOURCES WENT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
International Development	10,455,101	4,589,050	13,865,006	18,659,525
Domestic Development	-	362,505	269,360	362,505
Disaster Programs	4,843,633	21,700,78	20,968,453	28,219,344
Education and Justice	1,358,000	1,085,282	2,164,421	2,912,878
Total Program Expenses	16,656,734	27,737,620	37,267,240	50,154,252
Management and General	2,114,155	1,253,978	3,045,926	4,099,208
Fundraising	2,841,633	1,658,630	4,074,082	5,482,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,612,522	30,650,228	44,387,248	59,736,360

World Renew Net Assets were US \$43,832,082 (or \$58,033,677 CAD).

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
	10,026,971	8,333,154	16,593,680	21,057,380
	5,097,156	19,027,016	20,090,865	25,495,307
	3,053,174	1,531,795	4,260,262	5,406,273
	1,197,189	81,973	1,261,786	1,601,206
	(1,809,813)	(73,852)	(1,868,011)	(2,370,505)
	17,564,677	28,900,086	40,338,582	51,189,661

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

	US IN USD	CANADA IN CAD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
	9,604,918	3,134,905	12,075,292	15,323,546
	29,662	320,758	282,426	358,399
	3,628,259	16,406,420	16,556,880	21,010,681
	1,368,799	719,342	1,935,656	2,456,348
	14,631,638	20,581,425	30,850,254	39,148,974
	622,573	2,269,654	2,411,110	3,059,699
	2,958,888	1,470,254	4,117,481	5,225,083
	18,213,099	24,321,333	37,378,845	47,433,756



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