

# CLOTHED WITH COMPASSION



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Ministry Report



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## By the Numbers

PARTNERING WITH **59 CHRISTIAN** AND **CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS** IN 2025, WORLD RENEW WALKED ALONGSIDE **720,633 PARTICIPANTS** IN **1,449 COMMUNITIES** IN **30 COUNTRIES** WORLDWIDE.

**1,487 VOLUNTEERS** DONATED THEIR TIME TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED WORLDWIDE.

*669 congregations* and *8,108 households* supported World Renew financially.

In disaster response, we assisted **382,018 participants** who experienced natural and human-caused disasters in **22 countries** last year. This includes emergency food, water, shelter, sanitation, economic assistance, home repair, rebuilding, and livelihood rehabilitation.

With your support, *183 refugees* arrived and resettled in Canada through World Renew and *32 sponsoring groups* submitted *135 new refugee sponsorship applications*.

**60 NORTH AMERICAN CHURCHES** PARTNERED WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES AND CHURCHES THROUGH DIRECT PROJECT SUPPORT, PRAYER SUPPORT, AND RELATIONSHIP BUILDING.

WORLD RENEW DISASTER RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS REPAIRED OR REBUILT **209 HOUSES** DAMAGED BY DISASTERS, SERVING **2,367 INDIVIDUALS**.

*384 congregations* in the US and Canada engaged in Biblical justice and advocacy action through the Climate Witness Project.

*15 International Relief Managers* continued volunteer training, worked on projects, and traveled to disaster sites to distribute emergency aid.

In development, we equipped faith and community leaders who offered opportunities for bold hope to **340,982 participants** in **19 majority world countries**.

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## Letter from the Directors

What we wear tells the world something about who we are. Whether it's a wedding ring, a shirt with our company logo, or a scarf that was knitted by a beloved aunt, our garments carry deep meaning. Paul and Timothy use this analogy in Colossians 3:12 when they remind the church to "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." This character of Christ is not just worn—it's woven into the work we do together.

Thank you for fashioning a hopeful future with us through your support, prayers, and involvement with World Renew. By serving and walking alongside those in need, you are wearing the character of Christ—recovering dignity, healing, and hope.

We believe that no matter their situation, every person should have the opportunity to design a new story. World Renew works through churches and Christian partners to help families and community members in 30 countries around the world improve their lives and livelihoods. The interwoven threads of our integrated programming incorporate relief, development, and justice work together so that participants can access medical care, education, food, and other life-changing essentials, while long-term inequities are also addressed.



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

*Carol*



If Loma Betty, a 20-year-old mother in Uganda, hadn't connected with World Renew partners during the complicated birth of her first child, her story could have been very different. After a World Renew village health team member skillfully delivered Betty's baby at home, a motorcycle voucher program made it possible for her to be rushed to a health centre for life-saving care. "I was scared of losing my daughter," said Betty's mother. "May God continue to bless World Renew and everyone who makes it possible to support mothers like her." Betty, her health team, World Renew, and you make up the fabric of Christ's community who made a life-and-death difference for this family.

And that's just one story. In this report, you will find many instances of how World Renew has offered opportunities for positive, permanent change to 720,633 participants in 1,449 communities in 2025.

Thank you for making this work of mercy and justice possible as we "put on love" (Colossians 3:14) and serve Christ's people.

With compassion and hope,

Carol & Mike

**The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

**PSALM 145:9**



**MIKE WHITE**  
Interim Director, Canada

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**Integral:**



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

### 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-centred ways.

Find out how at [worldrenew.ca/sdg](http://worldrenew.ca/sdg) and [worldrenew.net/sdg](http://worldrenew.net/sdg).





# HOW WE WORK

## Impact Framework







Goal 8

- ✓ Renewed hope, reconciled lives, and restored creation
- ✓ Power shifted through agency & empowerment
- ✓ People are in harmony with the environment
- ✓ Communities live & thrive together

# areas of impact

FOOD



HEALTH



ECONOMICS







# Transformational Development



Community Health



Food Security



Economic Opportunity



# Integrated Approach

## Areas of Impact

World Renew's community development work is rooted in the belief that lasting change begins with dignity and partnership. We walk alongside families and communities as they weave new stories of hope and resilience. Our approach is holistic and participatory—community members identify their own priorities and lead the process of transformation. Through programs in agriculture, health, and livelihoods, World Renew equips local leaders and partner organizations to build capacity and strengthen systems that sustain growth. This means families grow nutritious food, access clean water, improve health outcomes, and secure income for education and housing. Every initiative reflects our commitment to restoring right relationships—with God, creation, our neighbours, and ourselves. With every project, together we create a legacy of compassion and justice that will bring hope for generations.



**"May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy."**

**PSALM 132:9**



**"Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love."**

**SONG OF SONGS 2:4**

**AT JUST 16, ASHA\*** was married off by her father to ease the family's financial burden. But without a dowry, Asha paid a heavy price. Her husband, who struggled with alcohol addiction, and her in-laws subjected her to relentless abuse. When she became pregnant, Asha fled back to her parents' home, only to face harsh criticism and blame. She felt trapped, helpless, and alone.

Like many girls who marry young, Asha never finished school and lacked the skills to earn a living. She took on occasional day work, but her future seemed hopeless. Then, in May 2022, World Renew's local partner launched a Food Security and Resilience Project (FSRP) in her village. Asha joined a women's savings group supported by the project, contributing regularly and attending weekly meetings. Her perseverance and vulnerability inspired the group to select her for poultry-rearing training facilitated by World Renew's partner.

In 2024, Asha completed the training and received five chickens to start her business. Within three months, those five chickens multiplied to 35. By December, she sold 15 chickens, earning 5,000 taka (\$58 CAD/\$42 USD). Today, Asha owns 25 chickens and plans to buy 10 more. Her income provides stability and her confidence has soared.

Now 28, Asha shares her knowledge with other women in her group. Encouraged by her success, they too are raising chickens and earning income. Asha's joy comes from seeing others thrive. "I am thankful for the training and encouragement that helped me become self-reliant," she says.

\*Participant's actual name and location withheld for security.



# Food Security

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

Life changed dramatically for 41-year-old Juma Kitabuka in September 2017 when an accident left him unable to walk. During his long recovery, Juma became isolated from his wife and four children. “For almost two to three years, no one ever visited me due to my condition,” Juma recalls. “That was my life.”



Everything began to change when World Renew’s local partner, Africa Inland Church Tanzania, visited Juma with a champion farmer from his community. This outreach was inspired by a global gender and social inclusion workshop organized by World Renew and implemented locally. The project focuses on improving food security and restoring dignity for marginalized households.

“The day they visited, I could not believe it,” Juma said. “I realized I am still a recognized person.”

World Renew provided Juma with training in vegetable gardening, along with cabbage seeds and a water pump. Soon, Juma planted over 300 cabbage seedlings. His garden flourished. “This project has brought happiness to my life because this garden has now become my family’s main source of income,” he shares.

Despite ongoing health challenges, Juma can now provide food and school supplies for his children. His optimism is contagious: “Step by step, all will be well.”

**“You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.”**

**PSALM 30:11**







## *Community Health*

**Nutrition**

**Sanitation**

**Healthcare**

**Childhood stunting prevention**

**ONE NIGHT, TWENTY-YEAR-OLD LOMA BETTY** was busy preparing for her first child—a precious baby to dress, swaddle, and cradle—when intense labour pains struck. She woke her mother, who had been a huge source of support since the baby’s father left. In their region of Uganda, poor road conditions and limited health-care options could make childbirth very dangerous. Would she receive help in time?



Thankfully, Betty was connected to local World Renew partners working to improve maternal and child health. A World Renew village health-team member was able to deliver the baby at home. Soon afterwards, Betty developed a serious complication related to her placenta. A motorcycle-voucher program made it possible for her to be rushed to a health centre for life-saving care. At last, both mother and child were safe to begin their beautiful new chapter.

“I was scared of losing my daughter,” said Betty’s mother with relief and joy. “May God continue to bless World Renew and everyone who makes it possible to support mothers like her.”

Betty is just one of four thousand mothers helped by World Renew’s maternal and child health programs in Uganda. Her family’s story might have had a very different outcome without the care of her health team, World Renew partners, and people like you. Through World Renew’s global network of generosity and hope, mothers and children are being lovingly wrapped in compassion – nurtured and protected so they can experience better health and thrive as God intends.



Photos are representative of our MCH program.



# Economic Opportunity

## Village savings and loan associations

### Savings and investment

### Training for financial stability

### Adequate income and access to work

#### SAMINU, SAHEL REGION

Saminu, a devoted husband and father, worked hard to provide for his wife and two children. Farming was his main source of income, but his harvests were unpredictable and sometimes ruined by drought, flooding, or pests. Even in good years, he struggled to meet his family's basic needs.

Determined to be a good provider, Saminu traveled to a neighboring country for months at a time to earn extra income. But the sacrifice was painful. He worried about his family's safety while he was away, and despite his efforts, he still couldn't earn enough. During one trip, however, he learned how to sew. This new skill that sparked a dream: to start a tailoring business at home. He believed this could keep his family together and provide stability, but he lacked the money to buy a sewing machine.

That dream began to take shape when World Renew's local partner introduced Village Savings and Loans Associations in his community. At first, Saminu was hesitant about joining. "But when I saw the achievements of others, I also joined with the aim of one day buying myself a sewing machine," he says.

Through regular meetings and group savings, members accessed small loans. Saminu borrowed enough to buy sewing supplies—threads, needles, and fabric—which he sold for profit. His small business grew, and he continued saving.

At the end of the year, Saminu received his share of the group's savings. "I ended up with 7,760 FCFA (about \$150 USD/\$190 CAD), which enabled me to achieve my dream of purchasing my own sewing machine and starting my own," he says. "Thanks to this initiative, I'm now able to provide for my family, so they can eat well, have clean clothes and, above all, I'm able to pay for my children's school supplies. I achieved my dream. I no longer have to leave home to find work."



#### ELISABETH, ZAMBIA

"I joined the Self-Help Group and started putting in the 5 kwacha every week ... and it grew! When I got my loan, I started selling charcoal at my house. With the profits, I would buy food and feed myself and my dependents. I was able to send my child to school. I would buy soap. I'm very grateful for this project because before the group, life was extremely hard. After the group, hunger at home has ended. I've started helping my dependents. I'm still selling the charcoal. I'm even starting to look better because I have bought some lotion so I can take care of myself."



"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

PROVERBS 31:25



# *Justice and Peace*

Trauma care

Gender equity training

Antitrafficking support

Civil conflict response

Advocacy

While Justice and Peace have long been fundamental aspects of how World Renew works, the Justice and Peace team was formed more recently to more effectively confront the systemic injustices and conflicts that deteriorate human dignity and hinder sustainable development worldwide. Grounded in the biblical call of Proverbs 31:8, the team embraces its mission to stand with those silenced by poverty, discrimination, violence, and exclusion. This work reflects World Renew's mandate to act justly and live out compassion in tangible ways, aligned with global Sustainable Development Goals.

Humanitarian aid alone cannot dismantle the structural barriers that perpetuate poverty, food insecurity, gender-based violence, environmental degradation, and displacement. These challenges persist because of inadequate laws, weak governance, systemic discrimination, and limited resources. Without intentional justice work, these root causes remain unaddressed. Clothed With Compassion, World Renew commits to restoring right relationships—between people, communities, and systems—through justice-centred interventions.

The Justice & Peace Team leads initiatives in five key areas:

- Justice assessments: collaborating with ministry teams to identify systemic gaps and guide advocacy priorities.
- We help local partners learn the skills they need to create and manage programs designed to make communities stronger and better able to handle challenges.
- Education and public engagement: mobilizing communities and supporters through workshops and advocacy campaigns to recognize injustice and act collectively.
- Direct advocacy: partnering with grassroots networks and global stakeholders to influence policy and amplify marginalized voices.
- Peace interventions: facilitating trauma healing, community dialogues, and social contracts to address conflict and promote reconciliation.

At its core, this team exists because speaking up for the oppressed is a biblical mandate—and pursuing justice is essential to transforming lives and systems.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



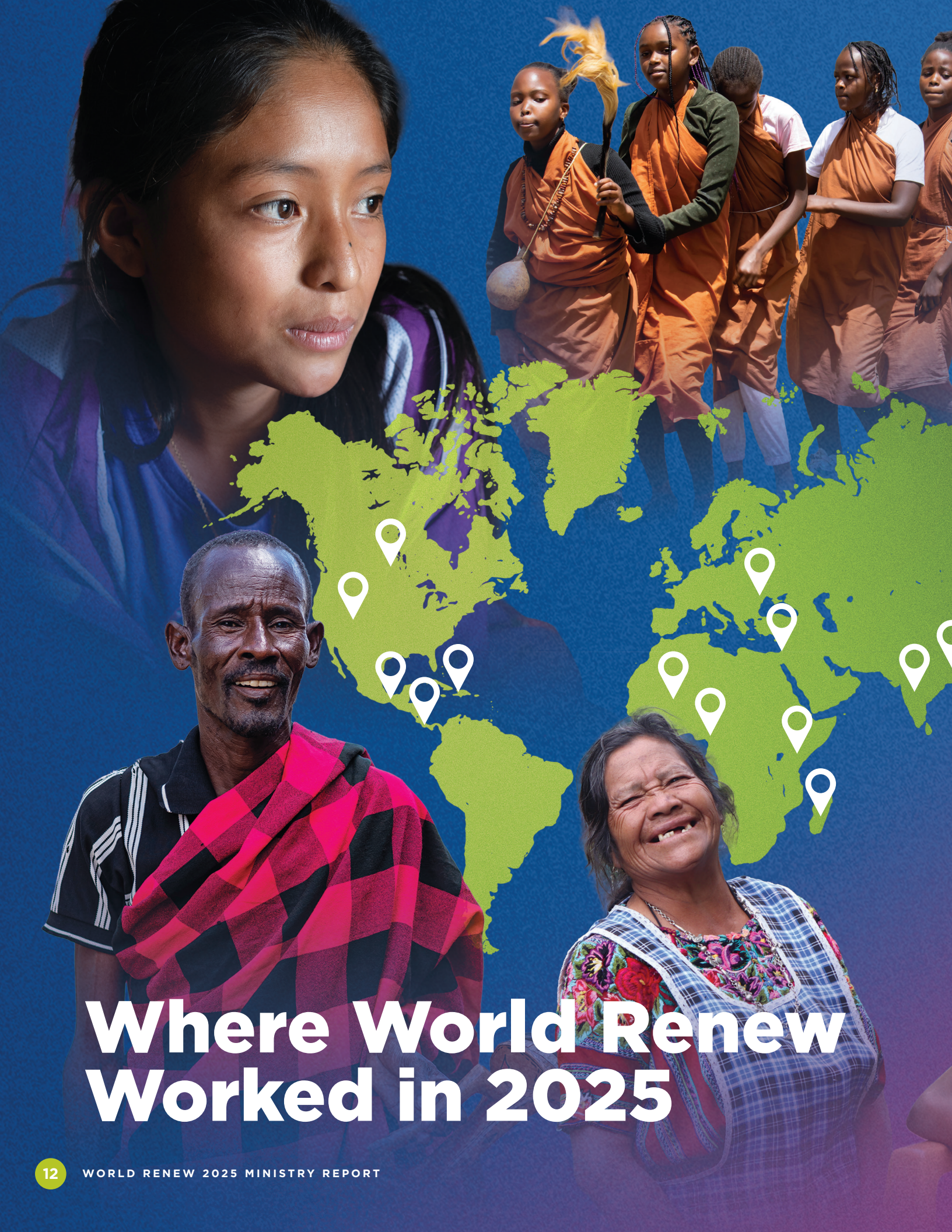
**WHEN JOSEPH'S FATHER** migrated to Spain, he left behind family and responsibility. For Joseph, the emotional toll was devastating. Angry and hurt, he became rebellious, fell behind in school, and repeated seventh grade three times. Living with his mother, newborn brother, and stepfather, Joseph felt abandoned and hopeless. In 2024, with encouragement from his grandmother, Joseph joined Strong Communities, a program facilitated by World Renew's local partner in Honduras, Association for a Just Society (ASJ). This initiative addresses systemic issues like domestic violence, broken homes, and community violence: root causes that undermine dignity and peace.



Program staff identified Joseph as high-risk, but through weekly sessions on preventing violence, self-care, and leadership, Joseph began to change. His family noticed a marked improvement in his behaviour. He showed respect, tolerance, and a sense of belonging. Psychological support revealed Joseph's resilience and openness to growth. He learned to manage emotions and embrace new challenges.

"I began to feel less angry and more self-confident," Joseph says. "I've learned to deal with negative emotions and support my friends and family. My perspective on life has changed."





# Where World Renew Worked in 2025



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	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS	DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS	DISASTER PARTICIPANTS	COMMUNITIES SERVED
Asia I * ****	2	26,481	11,861	8
Asia II * ****	1	-	-	33
Bangladesh	5	65,533	51,467	29
Cambodia*	2	5,283	162	23
Colombia	-	-	3,025	-
Canada**	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	-	-	323	-
Guatemala	2	1,259	480	12
Haiti	4	1,276	330	24
Honduras	5	1,947	3,098	51
Kenya	5	15,960	3,192	207
Lebanon*	-	-	46,999	-
Madagascar	-	-	23,437	-
Malawi	2	16,113	14,143	57
Mozambique	1	1,500	-	38
Myanmar	-	-	13,480	-
Nicaragua	5	5,844	-	65
Nigeria	3	38,228	52,960	51
Senegal	2	6,263	-	18
South Sudan	-	-	-	-
Sudan	-	-	7,080	-
Sierra Leone*	1	7,473	-	18
Syria	-	-	76,705	-
Tanzania	3	1,732	29,733	241
Thailand	-	-	1,621	-
Uganda	7	66,232	9,623	138
Ukraine	-	-	17,745	-
USA***	-	-	2,367	-
West Africa I ****	4	33,841	-	157
West Africa II ****	2	28,962	3,482	131
Zambia*	3	17,055	8,705	148
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>340,982</b>	<b>382,018</b>	<b>1,449</b>
			<b>DISASTER &amp; DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>723,000</b>

*In addition to 59 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 13 partners in research and development in 2025.*

\*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 2025.

\*\*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. DRS served disaster survivors in the US in 2025.

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





# International Disaster Response

Immediate aid

Long-term rehabilitation

Capacity building

## A WORLDWIDE SNAPSHOT OF DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2024/25

OVER THE PAST YEAR, the world has continued to face immense challenges such as hunger, conflict, violent storms, and disasters. More than 700 million people around the world are experiencing hunger and 117 million have been displaced, in addition to the many others in tenuous situations made worse by weather or political events.

Yet, even amid hardship, there is hope. Thanks to God's grace and the faithful support of our partners, donors, and staff, **World Renew was able to reach over 382,018 people with life-saving disaster assistance.** In moments of deep vulnerability, we were able to offer practical help and a reminder that they are not forgotten.

We are especially grateful for our local partners, whose dedication and presence allow us to extend our reach and respond with compassion, and in a timely manner. Thanks to our network of partners, we can respond quickly and where most needed.

**"Let us put aside the  
deeds of darkness and  
put on the armor of light."**

ROMANS 13:12

**SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN** In Sudan and South Sudan, World Renew has partnered with ZOA and Alongside Hope to provide emergency food assistance to vulnerable families experiencing displacement as a result of the conflict in Sudan which has forced families to flee the violence and growing food insecurity. In South Sudan 9,500 people received five months of food assistance through cash transfers. In Sudan 14,700 people received monthly food vouchers for five months, which can be redeemed at a local vendor for millet, lentils, oil, and salt.

**TANZANIA** World Renew and our partner African Inland Church Tanzania implemented two 5-year projects focused on agriculture production and economic recovery. These projects have reached over 20,000 participants through a conservation agriculture program focused on helping communities combat the challenges of dry and erratic weather. Participants were involved in nutrition and marketing training as well as village savings and loans groups.

**HAITI** In Haiti, as much of the population faces civil unrest and food insecurity, World Renew worked with partners World Concern and Food for the Hungry to launch three projects to provide cash, emergency food, psychosocial support, and shelter to the most vulnerable families.





**NIGERIA** In Nigeria, over the last year we have worked with ZOA to support families, including those internally displaced, who are experiencing food insecurity. We have reached 48,000 individuals with cash assistance, food, or food vouchers. One of these projects helped to bridge the immediate needs of families with their longer-term flourishing by providing 1,800 households with support to help build and strengthen their own businesses.

**MYANMAR** In Myanmar, World Renew supports multiple projects with local partners to respond to the earthquake that hit in March 2025, leaving many people homeless. The projects reached over 13,000 people with emergency assistance varying from shelter and sanitation kits to emergency food aid.

**RAPID RESPONSES** Rapid Response projects provide smaller funding amounts of approximately \$15,000 USD for local partners to immediately respond to basic needs to alleviate human suffering, improve lives, and maintain human dignity in response to smaller scale disasters and crises. World Renew was able to launch 16 rapid response projects in 11 countries, supporting 23,000 individuals with various interventions. Many of these response were implemented to fill the gaps in international humanitarian funding seen in 2024 and 2025. We provided support to partners with cash transfers, training and awareness so people could expand their ways of earning a living, and emergency assistance in various disasters.

## WHERE WE WORKED IN INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2024/25

REGION/COUNTRY	DISASTER	TYPES OF RESPONSE
<b>Asia</b>		
Afghanistan	Chronic	Cash Transfer
Bangladesh	Chronic	Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Nutrition, Disaster Risk Recovery (DRR), Sanitation
	Flood	Agriculture, DRR, Economic Recovery, Health, Water
	Conflict	Economic Recovery, Health, Nexus, Nutrition, Water
	Storm	Economic Recovery, Emergency Assistance, Sanitation, Shelter, Water
Cambodia	Other	Partner Support
India	Chronic, Flood	Agriculture, DRR, Economic Recovery, Nutrition, Cash Transfer, Emergency Assistance
Myanmar	Earthquake	Sanitation, Food, Water, Emergency Assistance, Health, Cash Transfer, Shelter
Thailand	Flood, Other	Agriculture, DRR, Economic Recovery, Nexus, Shelter, Emergency Assistance, Partner Support
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Drought	Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Cash Transfer
Kenya	Drought, Chronic, Other	Partner Support, Agriculture, Economic Recovery
Madagascar	Chronic	Food, Nexus
Malawi	Storm, Drought, Other	Food, Agriculture, Health, Partner Support
Nigeria	Conflict, Flood	Food, Nutrition, Economic Recovery, Nexus, Emergency Assistance, Health
Somalia	Chronic	Nutrition, Cash Transfer
South Sudan	Conflict	Food
Tanzania	Chronic, Other	Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Health, Partner Support
Uganda	Chronic, Resettlement	Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Psychosocial support (PSS)
Zambia	Chronic	Economic Recovery, Partner Support
<b>Middle East and North Africa</b>		
Lebanon	Chronic, Conflict, Cold	Food, Nutrition, Emergency Assistance, PSS, Nutrition, Sanitation
Niger	Conflict	Food
Palestine	Conflicts	Cash Transfer, Food, Emergency Assistance, Health
Sudan	Resettlement	Food, Cash Transfer
Syria	Earthquake, Chronic, Conflict	Food, Cash Transfer, Economic Recovery, Emergency Assistance, Shelter, PSS
<b>Americas and the Caribbean</b>		
Colombia	Resettlement	Food
Costa Rica	Other	Food, PSS, Shelter
Guatemala	Other, Storm	Partner Support, PSS, DRR
Haiti	Storm, Conflicts	Nutrition, Cash Transfer, Food, Emergency Assistance, Economic Recovery, Sanitation, Shelter, PSS
Honduras	Drought, Flood, Other	Food, Partner Support, Agriculture, Economic Recovery, Emergency Assistance
Nicaragua	Drought	Partner Support
<b>Europe</b>		
Ukraine	Conflict	Emergency Assistance, Cash Transfer, Shelter, Economic Recovery, Emergency Assistance, PSS, Food



# Disaster Response Services in North America

## A SNAPSHOT OF NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2025

IN 2024, GOD'S LOVE WAS ON DISPLAY across North America through the work of World Renew's Disaster Response Services (DRS). When disasters ripped through communities and homes, World Renew's DRS teams and volunteers stepped in to mend what was torn and repair what was broken. Each project involved restoring homes, rebuilding lives, and wrapping survivors in the tangible care of Christ's compassion.

In March 2025, northern Michigan was hit with a once-in-a-generation ice storm, which caused power outages, downed trees, damaged forests, and negatively impacted the local timber industry. DRS clean-up volunteer teams helped the region by removing debris and cleaning up brush in Gaylord, Michigan.



In the following months, many church youth groups spent a week of their summer vacation serving disaster-impacted communities with DRS. This included students from First Cutlerville Christian

Reformed Church who repaired homes for families like the Davises\* in Hendersonville, North Carolina.



When Hurricane Helene's floodwaters rushed towards the community in 2024, the single mother and disabled son retreated to the second floor of their home. But the severity of the floodwaters left them stuck there for four days.

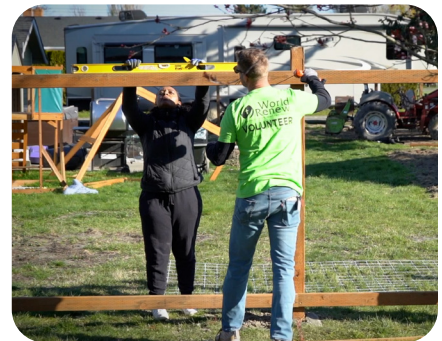
Along with this frightening experience, their home also sustained severe damage from the storm. DRS volunteers helped the Davis family in their rebuilding journey by installing new flooring, painting walls, and assembling and installing new cabinetry.

Hurricane Ian left its mark across Southeast Florida in 2022, impacting countless lives. This includes Bette, a homeowner in South Sarasota County. The Category-4 storm's intense rainfall seeped into Bette's back room, damaging its walls.

Two years after the storm, Bette's back room was still unattended to. It seemed like her recovery needs were forgotten. But, behind the scenes, God was making a way, helping DRS partner with the Sarasota Long-Term Recovery Group to repair homes like Bette's.

At first, Bette was hesitant. Navigating her space in her wheelchair was essential, and she worried about how the volunteer work would unfold within her home.

But after a few days, Bette began to relax.



She saw that DRS volunteers genuinely cared about her needs and were willing to work around her schedule. As they removed damaged wall panelling and insulation, then reinsulated and drywalled the ceiling, laughter and prayer filled the air. Bette watched with gratitude as her home was restored.

\*Name changed for security.



# Refugee Sponsorship And Resettlement

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, **183 REFUGEES** ARRIVED AND RESETTLED IN CANADA THROUGH WORLD RENEW AND 32 SPONSORING GROUPS SUBMITTED NEW REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 135 REFUGEES.

Churches across Canada have opened their doors, helping more than 11,500 refugees since 1979 find safety, dignity, and a new beginning. But the impact of this welcome extends far beyond any arrival date, often becoming a lifelong connection.

After 1975, many Vietnamese families fled their country, mostly on boats, in search of safety. Compelled by the Biblical call to “welcome the stranger” (Hebrews 13:2), Marantha Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, stepped forward in faith. The church sponsored about 65 refugees, walking alongside each family as they rebuilt their lives in Canada.

Decades later, many of those families still live in Edmonton. Some have built businesses, raised families, and become essential parts of their communities. But the connection to the church that first welcomed them never faded.

Jack Barzilay, a sponsor from the church, remembers one young man arriving at the church and gently helping his elderly father up the steps. The young man explained that his father had been one of the refugees welcomed by the church many years earlier. His father had built a successful food store business, which is now a family company with seven stores across Alberta and British Columbia. As he

entered his later years, he felt a deep desire to return to the place that had first offered his family safety, kindness, and hope.

The father presented a cheque to the church in the amount of \$30,000, insisting they accept it as a gift of gratitude and remembrance. Today, part of that gift is helping support Maranatha CRC’s next refugee sponsorship in partnership with World Renew. One generation supported the next, carrying on a legacy rooted in Christ’s love. This is the power of welcome.







# Community Contributions

The involvement of faithful communities in Canada and the US are helping to make food security possible for those in places like Honduras.

Students in Grades 7–9 at Lacombe Christian School spent 30 hours experiencing hunger firsthand this school year. Their FastForward Challenge, held every two years, invites middle school students to skip meals as they learn about global hunger and respond to God’s call to feed the hungry. Using World Renew’s resources and pledge forms, the school streamlined donations through cash and e-transfer, making fundraising simple and effective.

Each student participates twice during their time in Grades 7–9, making it a sustained and effective experience for everyone involved.

The event began with a kickoff chapel where students watched videos highlighting the realities of famine and the difference their efforts make through World Renew’s work. After enjoying a “last meal” provided by the student council—often pasta, pizza, or hotdogs—the fast began at 1:00

PM. Students went home and faced the challenge of skipping snacks and meals, often while sitting with family members who were eating. The following day was a regular school day, but after classes, students gathered for a wrap-up celebration with games, music, and inflatables. At 7:00 PM, parent volunteers served a light “break-the-fast” meal, easing students back into eating before they returned home.

The goal is to make the event engaging while preserving its purpose: helping students understand what hunger feels like and why their efforts matter. As organizer Michele Noort, a Grade 9 teacher, explains, “We try to make our event desirable to do but also keep in mind that it should not be easy; this is how many people live.”

Their efforts paid off. In 2024–25, students raised an incredible \$11,457 CAD, all directed toward World Renew’s World Hunger initiatives.

Some students shared powerful reflections. Hunter said, “I did the fast because it would help people who didn’t have three meals a day like we do.” Brogan added, “It sounded fun and I like raising money for other people.” Others described the fast as challenging and eye-opening, helping them appreciate how easily we take food for granted.

The FastForward experience is more than a fundraiser—it’s a call to action. Isaiah 58 says, “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?” Whether through a FastForward event, a World Hunger offering, or a creative fundraiser, every effort helps provide food and hope to families around the world.



# Transitions

Throughout our 60+ years of ministry, there have been moments when faithful stewardship has meant closing a country office. This year, after much prayer, discernment, and thoughtful planning, World Renew went through some significant realignment that included the restructuring of several departments across the organization. We also made the difficult decision to conclude our programming in Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Mozambique. These closures reflect our commitment to our strategic goals and best practices in governance and partnership.

We honour the incredible work that has taken place in these countries through World Renew as we have witnessed families and partners gaining skills, confidence, and hope for the future. We trust that God will continue to guide them, and we invite you to join us in praying for these communities and for our dedicated staff and partners who have completed their journey with World Renew. We trust that God will continue to guide them, and we invite you to join us in praying for them and for our former partners in these countries.

While change can be challenging, it is also an opportunity to grow. These decisions strengthen our foundation for future impact and position us to respond more effectively to hunger, conflict, and poverty in the world's most vulnerable regions.



## A STORY FROM SENEGAL

World Renew has a long history of responding to HIV and AIDS through churches and Christian partners. In Senegal, for example, churches have been equipped to treat people with love and dignity. Leaders and members have learned to speak openly about HIV, reduce stigma, and support those living with the disease in practical ways.

Churches did not always have the guidance they needed to respond this way. Just a few decades ago, many people affected by HIV and AIDS were turned away or neglected, even by those dedicated to following Christ. Wyva Hasselblad, who worked with World Renew in Senegal at the time, recalls a young girl who approached her after being raped. When she tested positive for HIV, church elders refused to believe her and told her she could no longer be an active member of the congregation. Experiences such as this one inspired Hasselblad and other staff to find new ways to equip church leaders to respond with love. This led to the creation of study materials, learning events, benevolence funds, and other community initiatives—all designed to help churches respond to HIV and AIDS with well-informed understanding and deeper empathy.

Today, your prayers and gifts have continued to make it possible for God's children worldwide to step up with care and courage in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Together, we are demonstrating what it truly means to follow Christ's example of being "clothed with compassion" (Colossians 3:12) and embodying his love for the most vulnerable.





# Looking Forward

## OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

There are more people in crisis in the world today than ever before. The number of people facing acute food insecurity was 295.3 million last year—a number that has nearly tripled in the last decade. By expanding our presence in fragile and underserved regions, World Renew intends to reach those who need help most and respond where the challenges are greatest. Sharing knowledge and using data more effectively will strengthen programs, improve collaboration, and show the real difference your support makes. Increasing direct involvement in projects will allow us to act quickly, deliver lasting results, and open doors to new funding that multiplies impact. We also have the chance to lead in humanitarian response, recovery, and peacebuilding, bringing hope and stability to places torn by disaster and conflict. Embracing technology and data-driven strategies will help us make smarter decisions and clearly demonstrate the life-changing outcomes your generosity makes possible.

While our partnerships in global alliances help us respond to urgent needs through network peers, we know there is more we can do. In many crisis-affected regions, our presence has been limited. To remain strong and effective, we need to grow our capacity, reduce reliance on others, and position World Renew as a leader and valued partner in delivering hope and transformation where it matters most. The World Renew team intends to focus on agility, accountability, and sustainability, ensuring we are ready and equipped to serve the most vulnerable. By strengthening systems, building skilled teams, and creating innovative solutions, we will continue to adapt and lead in a changing world. Together, with your partnership, we can bring life-saving aid, restore dignity, and help communities rebuild for a brighter, more resilient future.

## A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Committed to serving God and others, Joseph Stewards join World Renew's mission to share hope with communities facing hunger, poverty, and injustice through legacy gifts that enable World Renew to expand our reach and witness lasting transformation in countless lives.

This generosity of the more than 1,000 Joseph Stewards demonstrates how God works through his faithful to fulfill his promise to restore creation. To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward and leave a legacy of compassion by helping provide families with the tools and training they need to build a better tomorrow, in Canada email [plannedgifts@worldrenew.ca](mailto:plannedgifts@worldrenew.ca) and in the U.S. email [plannedgifts@worldrenew.net](mailto:plannedgifts@worldrenew.net).





# Thank you!

## MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Accord Network  
ACT Alliance  
Alliance to End Hunger  
Barnabas Foundation  
CanWaCH  
Christian Community Development Association (US)  
Christian Connections for International Health  
Christian Stewardship Services  
Cooperation Canada  
Integral Alliance  
InterAction  
Kentro (Canada)  
Link Charity  
Micah Network  
Ontario Council for International Cooperation

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

Alliance of Reformed Churches  
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Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians  
Reformed Church in America  
World Renew Board Members, Officers, and Volunteers

## 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**—Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of Canadian churches and agencies that works to end hunger. As a member of Foodgrains, World Renew committed \$8,751,897.65 USD in resources to programming through various members around the world.

**Growing Hope Globally (GHG)**—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 \$710,654 USD last year for food security programs in Nicaragua, India, Zambia, Uganda, West Africa, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, Senegal and Kenya.)

## DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPORTERS

ACT Alliance  
Adventist Development and Relief Agency  
African Inland Church Tanzania  
Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)  
Anglican Development Services  
Arteval Foundation  
Asociacion Aguas Vivas Inc.  
Asociación Cristiana De Desarrollo Integral y Emergencia  
Asociación Pop No'j  
Association for a More Just Society  
Banteay Srei  
Baptists on Mission  
Beacon of Hope Initiative  
Canadian Baptist Ministries  
Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund  
Carolina Rebuilding Ministry  
Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Nkhoma Synod  
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar  
Church of Uganda  
Clay County LTRG  
Coastal Carolina Disaster Resiliency Agency  
Comisión de Acción Social Menonita  
Cornerstone Trust - US  
Development and Peace - Caritas Canada  
Eagles Relief and Development Programme  
Ena (formerly Tearfund Switzerland)  
Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief  
Faith in Action  
Floyd County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)  
Food for the Hungry  
Food for the Hungry - USA  
Fundacion San Lucas  
Global Affairs Canada  
HOPE Coalition LTRG  
Hope Crisis Response Network  
Hope Pathways of Manatee County LTRG  
International Health Partners  
Kingdom United Resilience & Recovery Effort  
Light a Single Candle

Los Angeles Region Community Recovery Organization  
Many Hands for Abaco  
Mayfield Graves County LTRG  
MCIC (Manitoba Council for International Cooperation)  
Mennonite Central Committee Canada  
Middle East Revive and Thrive  
Mississippi Conference Disaster Response  
Mora, San Miguel, Hermits Peak, Calf Canyon LTRG  
Nadacia Integra  
Nkhoma Mission Hospital  
North East India Committee on Relief & Development  
Papay University  
Participatory Action for Rural Innovation  
Partners in Health - Haiti  
Presbyterian World Service & Development  
Sarasota County LTRG  
SATHEE  
Sioux Lyon County LTRG  
Social Development & Service Unit of Church of Christ in Thailand  
Southeastern Pennsylvania VOAD LTRG  
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# CLOTHED WITH COMPASSION

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



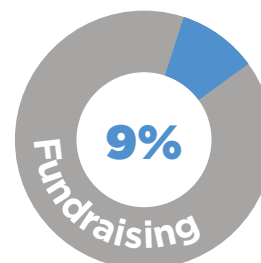
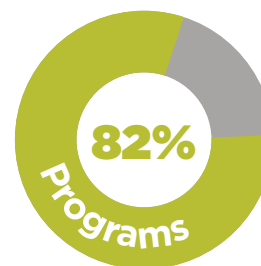
## Financial Information

This year, your donations were invested into the work of World Renew in ways that embody good stewardship while improving quality and effectiveness.

**82% of our budget went to our programs.** This includes our support for community development initiatives, like supplies, professional expertise, and training. It also includes response efforts for disasters, whether within the United States or around the world. These could consist of food items, vouchers, or cash transfers in cases where markets are active. Finally, our programs also include our education and justice initiatives as we work for equality and awareness.

**9% of our budget went to administration and general expenses.** From our Executive Directors, who oversee our strategic direction, to our finance, information systems, and human resources teams, our staff is devoted to high standards, transparency, and continuous improvement. These all feed into good stewardship.

**9% of our budget went to fundraising.** Telling supporters like you about our work is essential to us, ensuring we provide updates and clarity about how these contributions are changing the story of poverty around the world. Gaining exposure to the work of World Renew, long trusted by some but unfamiliar to others, is also a key dynamic of our planning for the future. Through online presence, advertising, and providing resources for schools and churches, we aim to draw new interest and excitement about this powerful and transformative work, sustaining it as long as it's needed.





## WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025	CANADA AUDITED IN CAD	ADJUSTED* CANADA IN CAD	US AUDITED IN USD	DONATED SERVICES IN USD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Gifts	7,369,660	7,599,218	8,265,335	47,036	13,733,930	19,250,391
Disaster Response	12,338,591	10,838,718	3,936,276	2,474,761	14,143,773	19,824,855
Estates	632,473	632,473	3,847,905		4,299,134	6,025,953
Grants	2,240,702	2,432,043	2,679,909		4,415,017	6,188,382
Miscellaneous	441,789	441,789	1,735,617		2,050,805	2,874,545
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>23,023,215</b>	<b>21,944,241</b>	<b>20,465,042</b>		<b>38,642,659</b>	<b>54,164,126</b>
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024	CANADA AUDITED IN CAD	ADJUSTED* CANADA IN CAD	US AUDITED IN USD	DONATED SERVICES IN USD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Gifts	7,231,416	7,361,460	9,714,079		15,140,217	20,540,227
Disaster Response	14,102,650	11,641,973	853,621	2,168,544	11,603,472	15,742,044
Estates	2,046,424	2,046,424	2,937,442		4,445,863	6,031,554
Grants	1,705,332	4,099,094	2,194,351		5,215,796	7,076,097
Miscellaneous	468,402	468,402	2,417,738		2,762,997	3,748,467
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>25,554,224</b>	<b>25,617,353</b>	<b>18,117,231</b>		<b>39,168,345</b>	<b>53,138,389</b>

## WHERE OUR RESOURCES WENT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025	CANADA AUDITED IN CAD	ADJUSTED* CANADA IN CAD	US AUDITED IN USD	DONATED SERVICES IN USD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Overseas Development	6,353,449	6,353,449	11,366,782		15,899,564	22,285,888
Domestic Development	441,067	441,067			314,673	441,067
Disaster Programs	12,606,950	12,329,515	5,160,092	2,474,761	16,431,178	23,031,034
Education and Justice	865,720	865,720	2,061,666	47,036	2,726,338	3,821,417
Fundraising	1,785,898	1,785,898	2,801,578		4,075,703	5,712,776
General and Administrative	2,372,199	2,372,199	2,598,495		4,290,908	6,014,423
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,425,283</b>	<b>24,147,848</b>	<b>23,988,613</b>		<b>43,738,364</b>	<b>61,306,605</b>
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024	CANADA AUDITED IN CAD	ADJUSTED* CANADA IN CAD	US AUDITED IN USD	DONATED SERVICES IN USD	COMBINED IN USD	COMBINED IN CAD
Overseas Development	4,841,544	4,841,544	10,745,075		14,313,781	19,419,029
Domestic Development	325,834	325,834			240,172	325,834
Disaster Programs	14,226,770	16,402,901	3,916,452	2,168,544	18,175,586	24,658,212
Education and Justice	796,939	796,939	2,405,234		2,992,658	4,060,040
Fundraising	1,705,747	1,705,747	2,881,771		4,139,078	5,615,350
General and Administrative	2,070,755	2,070,755	2,260,891		3,787,246	5,138,030
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>23,967,589</b>	<b>26,143,720</b>	<b>22,209,423</b>		<b>43,648,521</b>	<b>59,216,495</b>

\* Information presented in conformance with USA financial reporting standards.

Note: World Renew relies on gifts and offerings and does not receive ministry shares from the Christian Reformed Church in North America.



## WORLD RENEW CERTIFIED AGAINST CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARD

In August 2023, World Renew was awarded certification in the Core Humanitarian Standard. The CHS is a globally recognized, measurable standard of quality and accountability in assisting people affected by crisis. World Renew is the first organization in Canada and second organization in the US to achieve certification. We are grateful for greater means of accountability and commitment. For more information, go to [corehumanitarianstandard.org](https://corehumanitarianstandard.org).



THIS YEAR, WORLD RENEW ONCE AGAIN SCORED A FOUR-STAR RATING IN THE US VIA CHARITY NAVIGATOR AND RANKED AMONG CANADA'S TOP 100 CHARITIES IN INTERNATIONAL AID BY CHARITY INTELLIGENCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [CHARITYNAVIGATOR.ORG](https://charitynavigator.org) AND [CHARITYINTELLIGENCE.CA](https://charityintelligence.ca).



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### THE WORLD RENEW TEAM

is dedicated to serving Christ by putting on compassion every day. Thank you for supporting them in their work.



World Renew staff and partners are highly skilled and deeply committed to sharing Christ's hope. Your gifts help make our work effective. Thank you for being an essential part of our team!

Thanks also to our board members in Canada, the US, Kenya, and Uganda for volunteering their time and expertise in 2025.