



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

Stories of your gifts in action bringing
justice, peace and dignity to people
around the world



Welcome to Your Annual Report

Thank you for sharing in our mission: creating a world where people live in justice, peace and dignity. Inspired by God's love for humanity, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty. I am deeply grateful to serve CLWR as it provides leadership in Canada and internationally on issues that matter to us as Christians and as citizens. Our collaboration with international partners continues to grow and flourish, allowing us to continue to respond with love to people who are suffering unjust or challenging political, social, economic and environmental circumstances.

This Annual Report is an expression of gratitude to you as it shares stories of **your gifts in action**. May this report be an inspiration to you and an expression of the community of CLWR donors. We hope you see yourself in these stories, and we hope you feel they are also part of your story too. As part of our accountability to you, our financial update is included and you are encouraged to connect with us anytime if you have questions about how we raise or spend our funds. Your trust and confidence in our work is critically important and we would welcome a chance to connect with you. Thank you again for your kind and generous support.



Yours, in service and in gratitude,


Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director



Feeding Families in Rutshuru and Masisi Territory

In **North Kivu Province, DRC**, your gifts are in action helping children under five suffering from severe malnutrition. You help deliver life-saving, ready-to-use therapeutic foods, milk and medications. You may remember reading about Plumpy'Nut—a high-protein therapeutic food that is affordable, portable and

provides immediate help for severe and acute malnutrition in children.



Your gifts stock intensive therapeutic units, like the one visited by Angelique and her children. Her youngest, Marc, was losing weight and needed urgent care. Angelique was able to get Marc the food he needed, and Angelique learned how to make high-energy porridge for him to continue to gain weight at home.



Nepal Flooding Response

Monsoon rains caused deadly flooding in **northern India and southern Nepal**. The storm damaged roads, buried railways and caused widespread power outages, cutting off access and contact to several communities. Houses, buildings and crops were damaged or destroyed. With your support, this project increased access to safe water and basic sanitation, provided access to shelter and restored livelihood options for over 1,400 families (8,400 people) in flood-affected districts.



Cheeta received emergency food, blankets and kitchen utensils while she spent three days waiting in a nearby school for the water to recede. When Cheeta returned home, she found her house destroyed and everything inside damaged. Thanks to your support, Cheeta's home was rebuilt. She also received support to reopen her grocery store. You made it possible for 200 families like Cheeta's to return to rebuilt or repaired homes. Through employment opportunities that rebuilt community infrastructure, 550 families had an income again. Through the restoration of latrines and water pumps, Cheeta and others affected by the flood now have better access to safe drinking water and hygienic latrines.



At the Palabek Refugee settlement in Lamwo, your gifts help women like Ayoo, a person with special needs. She has no family to care for her and when we met her, she was living in a tent. With your generosity, we were able to help her build her own home. It is built from baked bricks, making it very durable and safe. She was very proud to welcome us into her home and offered deep appreciation.



Emergency Response & Ongoing Support For Refugees and Host Communities in Uganda

Your support helped respond to the emergency and longer-term needs of refugee and host community members in **Adjumani and Moyo districts**. The Famine Relief Response project made large strides in addressing the health needs of 12,200 South Sudanese refugees, and 3,110 host community members in Uganda.



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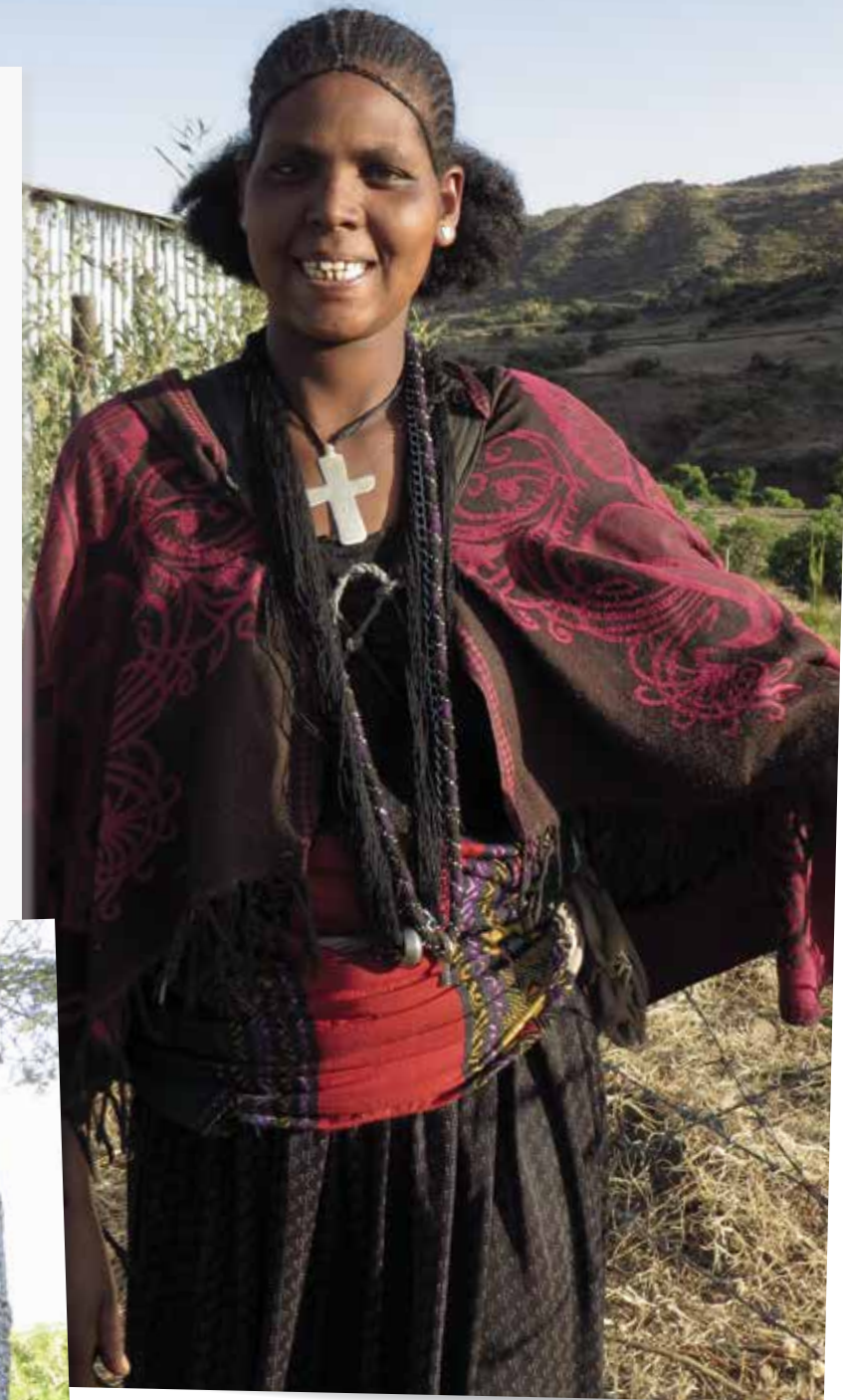


School Improvements in Jordan

Working in partnership with the Jordanian Ministry of Education, the **Improved Learning Environments for Children (ILEC)** project has, to date, rehabilitated 26 schools, including 20 school washrooms and constructed 6 completely new school washrooms. By the end of the project, 75 schools and 60 WASH Blocks will be repaired, and 15 new school washrooms will be built. The project is also providing training to 305 school staff in 75 schools on topics including hygiene promotion; environmental awareness; movements, games and sport; child protection, and non-violent communication.

Food and Farming in Ethiopia

Your gifts helped build an irrigation system on the Demale River, helping 480 families. In **Hetosa**, your gifts helped 1,026 small-scale farmer households with irrigation and livestock, in the formation of cooperatives, and improved agricultural production and market access.



Our food security project in Lalibella benefitted 1,224 households in Ethiopia through activities including:

- cash-for-work to construct two small-scale irrigation schemes,
- improving natural resource conservation measures,
- introducing improved agricultural technologies and practices,
- promoting marketing of surplus crops and vegetables,
- providing training on improved nutritional practices.



Refugee Resettlement Here in Canada

I have one word to sum up my experience: BREATHE. I can breathe again. You guys are life savers. It is overwhelming. Luxuries there are basics here...like electricity and water. You can't imagine the hardships we have had to bear. Human nature is to adapt, survive and overcome. You have helped us overcome. Thank you so much. Ten thousand thank-yous on behalf of my children.

- Mohammed, Mariam and their kids Nadia (8) and Sarah (4), after they arrived from Jordan.



Our deep thanks to everyone who is part of helping this family start their new life in Canada, and our enormous respect goes to Mariam and Mohammed for their resilience and courage. Welcome to Canada!



How Your Support Provides Opportunity to Refugee Families:

76 families arrived this year! That's 221 people you helped welcome to Canada. Your gifts provided support and services before, during and after the arrival of our sponsored families, who came from Afghanistan, Burundi, DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Myanmar, South Sudan and Syria.

This year our refugee resettlement team also submitted 67 new refugee family sponsorship applications, representing a total of 168 people.

Witnessing Your "We Care" Donations Being Delivered: October, 2017

Our first stop was a remote school in rural Swaziland. Children travel long distances to this remote school, many without shoes. When the children received their Learning and Living kits, the smiles on their faces and excitement was much like watching family open presents on Christmas morning—the joy and happiness from a thoughtful gift is indeed a universal feeling! Young mothers also received Baby Bundles to support their young babies, and grandmothers who help take care of the children received warm quilts. While these may seem like such simple items to us, the people receiving them are extremely grateful for them. We visited communities living with very little, while trying to support orphans, young mothers, school children, grandparents and those living with physical or mental disabilities. While visiting an elderly community where we distributed quilts, something happened that I will always remember. Upon receiving the quilts, the grandparents got out of their chairs and started singing and dancing, all as one. This wasn't something that was planned, but the happiness of receiving these quilts brought tears to their eyes, while their singing and dancing brought tears to my own.



—Cody Cleave, We Care Program Coordinator

Thanks to you, the We Care Program donated \$495,000 worth of aid last year.

People in need in Tanzania, Mauritania, Liberia, and Angola were supported by shipments of commodities graciously donated by Lutheran Church groups and individuals totaling over 50,000kg of goods! Items included over 22,000 quilts and blankets, 5,800 Baby Bundles, 8,800 We Care kits, and a variety of other items.





ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance is a coalition of more than 140 churches and church-related organizations **working together in over 100 countries to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalized people**—regardless of their religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality, and in keeping with the highest international humanitarian codes and standards. With your support last year, we were part of the ACT Alliance response to Hurricane Irma in Cuba.

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Humanitarian Coalition

The Humanitarian Coalition brings together leading aid organizations to **provide Canadians with a simple and effective way to help during international humanitarian disasters**. CLWR joins forces with other agencies to raise funds, partner with the government, and mobilize media, businesses and individual Canadians. CLWR joined the Coalition in 2017 and has participated in joint funding appeals in response to the famine in South Sudan and the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh.



HUMANITARIAN COALITION

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger by:

- supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition, and achieve sustainable food security;
- influencing improvements in national and international policies that contribute to ending global hunger; and
- increasing and deepening the engagement of Canadians in efforts to end global hunger.

With your support last year, **CLWR provided over \$1.5 million in food assistance and food security activities** via projects in Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity in helping make these vital programs possible. Your gifts are truly in action bringing peace, justice and dignity to people around the world. Your kind and compassionate gifts lift people up and provide hope for brighter futures here in Canada and around the world. We are blessed to have you in our CLWR family and our community is stronger because of you.

Thank you for putting your values into action by giving to help children and families all over the world.



With gratitude,

Carla Blakley

Carla Blakley, Director of Community Relations



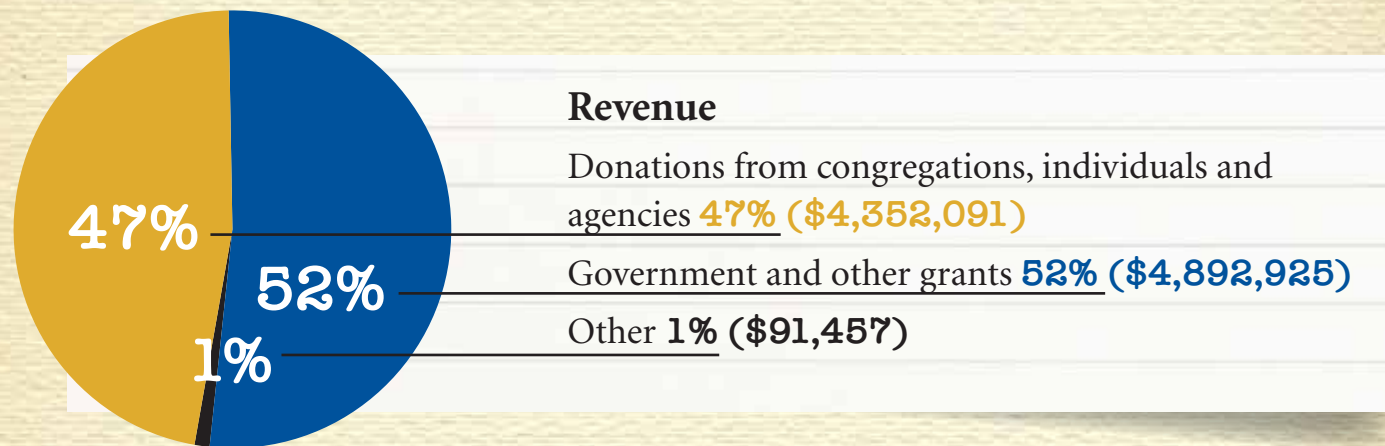
“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40 NRSV

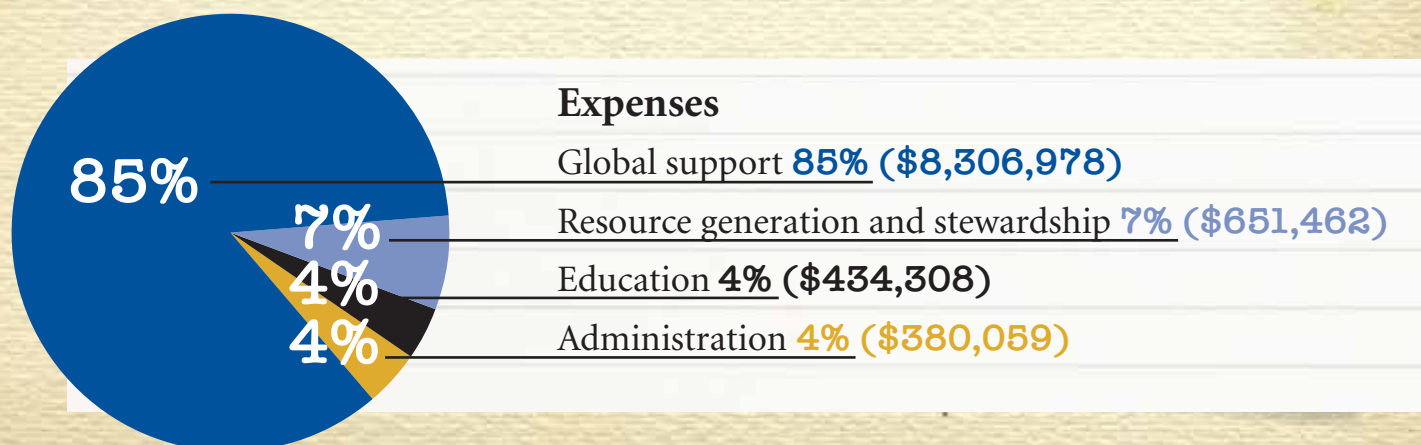


Our Financial Report

Each and every gift to CLWR is precious. Thank you for your caring and compassionate support. Here's how we raise our funds:



Thank you for entrusting us with your gift. We work every single day to use your gifts wisely. Here's how we spend our funds:





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