Imagine a world where all people have food, voice and a safe place to call home. That is the vision we share. The number of people involuntarily on the move—across countries, across borders—means this is an unprecedented challenge. Migration is not a new phenomenon—people have been migrating since the dawn of time, in search of food, in search of a home, in search of well-being. Now, however, we must stretch our imagination and deepen our resolve to help them complete the journey.

When we were founded in 1946, we provided solutions to people hungry and on the move after a devastating global war. As we look towards the 75th anniversary of Church World Service in 2021, this is a time for even greater tenacity. Here in the 21st century we must be determined to provide new solutions for the contexts of war and prejudice, the effects of climate change, economic disparity and injustice. We cannot permit our world to raise a generation of children enmeshed in suffering.

CWS provides just, sustainable and community-driven solutions in response to forces that compel people to flee violence, poverty and injustice; and we ensure the dignity, safety and human rights of people to find the place of peace where they can experience the fulness of life that all of us are entitled to.

To our thousands of volunteers and donors who are the foundation of CWS, “Thank you.”

This year we celebrate your energy and spirit in supporting and promoting the work of CWS: disaster response, resettling refugees and advocating are all combined in the work addressing the poverty and hunger behind climate change and human mobility. You are the pillars of this faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe.

We are excited by your participation in social media and inspired by your voice. Your ideas and encouragement energize our vision and mission. Your online engagement and fundraising have helped strengthen our ability to support families and communities in more than 30 countries.

Your advocacy and service are powerful demonstrations of the importance of faith and values. You continued to resettle and welcome families in new communities. During the 50th anniversary year of the CROP Hunger Walk, you volunteered, walked and raised funds to reduce hunger and poverty. In town halls and the halls of Congress, you lifted your voice as a committed faith community to remind people that the United States and all nations should be places of sanctuary that promote peace and justice.

Thank you for your trust, and for allowing us to work with you so that one day there may be enough for all, and a future far greater than our past.

Rev. John L. McCullough
President & CEO

CWS works with schools in Vietnam to improve their libraries and promote reading. This school, Muong Kim #1, has nearly 300 students.

Cover: A mother and child from Central America on a migrant caravan through southern Mexico. Photo: Sean Hawkey/ACT Alliance
We are a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

This isn’t easy; it takes a lot of work. It takes a lot of listening... and it takes commitment. With you right alongside us, it is possible.

We’re excited to highlight the fruits of our shared work through this year’s annual report. Here, you’ll find stories of families you’ve cared for. These stories showcase how your support means clean water flowing for thousands of households; long-term recovery for neighborhoods struck by hurricanes, earthquakes and other disasters; new hope for children who have spent their entire young lives looking for protection.

We have a vision of a caring, compassionate world. We believe that, with kindness and faith, there can be enough food, water, shelter and safety for all. You’ve given us—and thousands of families around the world—so much to believe in this year. We hope these stories encourage you the way you’ve encouraged others!
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"I’m forever grateful for resettlement—a chance only 1% of refugees get—and for Columbus giving me a second chance to live. This fresh start to life with no fear of getting attacked, my children being able to live a normal life, feels like resurrecting from a dark and hopeless grave which I lived in for eleven years."

- GUY TSCHIMANGA, FORMER REFUGEE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Opinion Editorial in The Columbus Dispatch, June 20, 2019

"Here at home, there is no shortage of Americans who are willing and able to help refugees. American communities from coast to coast have expressed an eagerness to welcome refugee families and help them rebuild their lives."

-CWS IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS LARRY YUNGK AND WILMOT COLLINS

Opinion Editorial in The Hill, October 8, 2018
Hunger and poverty affect millions of people around the world. Parents are struggling to provide nutritious meals for their children. As weather patterns change and seed quality deteriorates, farmers are struggling to earn a living when droughts or floods wipe out their crops. Mothers are struggling to keep their children healthy without a nearby source of clean water, nutritious food or access to health care. Parents are struggling to pay for school uniforms and supplies for their children. Families around the world are hard at work every day, but they still face a reality where there just isn’t enough.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reports that global hunger continues to rise; more than 820 million people in the world were still hungry in 2018 and 150 million children were stunted. The World Bank reports that 736 million people continue to live with less than $1.90 per day.

CWS and our supporters are walking alongside vulnerable, rural, indigenous, poor and marginalized communities in their daily struggle to change the equation. We’re making sure that they have the resources, information and opportunity they need to overcome scarcity and become more adaptive, resilient and prosperous. Thanks to our donor support, families are finding new ways to earn income. Parents are feeding their children healthy meals and can afford school fees. Mothers have better access to clean, safe water and communities have improved food security and sanitation.

Despite the great progress that our global community has made, we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of ending hunger and poverty. Though there may be a long road ahead, fewer people are walking it alone thanks to CWS programs that work diligently to ensure that there is enough for all in our world.
Families in rural Nicaragua are facing an increasing number of challenges. Political unrest has interrupted daily life as human rights protections have deteriorated and communities have been cut off by closed roads. Additionally, climate change has made weather patterns unpredictable. Drought or flooding can destroy harvests, derail planting and wreak havoc on farmers’ abilities to feed their families and earn income.

Against this backdrop of uncertainty, we have spent three years working with 220 families in the country’s Carazo department to become more food secure. In partnership with Growing Hope Globally and Centro Intereclesial de Estudios Teológicos y Sociales, or CIEETS, we’ve been working with these families for several years now. We’re working with them to plant new types of crops, find new ways of earning extra money and sustainably care for the natural resources around them.

This work, which reaches about 880 people, has unfolded in eight communities where we have helped establish Farmer Field Schools. These learning centers provide a space for farmers to learn from experts on soil management and crop production—and from each other. They share their successes and get advice on overcoming obstacles from people who understand their specific situation.

This program contributed to lowering the participating families’ poverty levels by strengthening their skills and capacities to diversify their livelihoods. This, in turn, resulted in increased food availability and diversity, increased farms’ values and raised awareness about the importance of care and management of natural resources.

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René Bermúdez, Iris Mercedes Canales and their children, René and Yarozca.

René learned about successful poultry raising practices and has started raising chickens. He now has 40 egg-producing hens, plus 140 chickens that he is preparing to sell. All Photos: Sean Hawkey

René and Iris have a son and daughter, René and Yarozca. They are active participants in this CWS-supported program, taking on new initiatives and enterprises. They are working hard to ensure that their family always has enough to eat and a way to earn a living.

Early in the program, René said that he and his neighbors were struggling to grow enough food in the face of drought or torrential rains. Even then, though, he was optimistic about the program. “The project is a blessing for many families. It has helped us learn many things that are necessary to cope with and mitigate this crisis — how to survive with our own resources,” he said in 2017. In the years since, René has diversified his plots and livelihoods so that his family is more resilient.

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Faustino de Jesús Cortés
“I’ve been working with CIEETS, and they’ve helped us with fruit trees, mangos, papaya and other fruits. They’re just maturing, and we’ll get some fruit from them soon. We have papaya, plenty of yuca, and plenty of quequisque, which is good for nutrition. It’s the basics, and we have coconut, peaches and star fruit...What we want is to carry on improving, and all this will strengthen us.”

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Livelihood Opportunities for Women

As Desmond Tutu said, “If we are going to see real development in the world then our best investment is WOMEN!” While men and women alike are affected by poverty, rural and poor women are some of the most vulnerable. Often, they are charged with managing their households—raising children, cooking, getting water and more daily tasks—but do not have the resources they need to succeed. Their opportunities outside the home can be limited by gender discrimination, and their rights are often unprotected.

Women are rising to meet these challenges through CWS livelihood programs. Our teams focus on initiatives that increase their incomes and resources. Women are flexing their entrepreneurial skills and improving their livelihoods. When these women’s economic conditions improve, they can move their families and communities out of poverty.

ZGURITA, MOLDOVA
Investing in Rural Women

In one of the poorest nations in Europe, we’re teaming up with a group of rural women to earn better incomes for their families through our Renewable Energy Technologies program. Alongside partner Ormax, we worked with a cooperative to build a greenhouse to produce fruit and vegetables so that the members can sell their produce in a small local market as well as in a nearby larger town. We’ve also provided knowledge and skills to plan for large solar vegetable dryers to dry medicinal herbs, which they will also sell. This addition will allow the cooperative to hire more women to work in this initiative.

Photo: Courtesy Ormax

WEST POKOT, KENYA
Bees are Valuable Livestock

Long droughts and scarce resources can make West Pokot County, Kenya, a harsh place to live. Families in this region often make a living through beekeeping, since it doesn’t tax the fragile ecosystem and is one of the few ways women in the area can add to their family’s earnings. Through a partnership with African Beekeepers Limited, we’re helping families use new hive designs and best practices to start or improve their beekeeping. Men and women alike join a beekeeping group and receive five hives each plus harvesting equipment, training and honey processing units. So far, the program includes 20 groups and has engaged 155 women. Beekeepers earn income that they can use for household expenses, making them more resilient despite the often-harsh conditions. If families are displaced by flooding, they can harvest and sell honey from the hives as soon as they return, easing their recovery.

NEBAJ, GUATEMALA
Seeds of Hope for Rural Women

Men and women are treated differently in much of Guatemala, especially in indigenous communities. Women are often responsible for maintaining their households, but not for earning income. Alongside Conferencia de Iglesias Evangelicas de Guatemala and Growing Hope Globally, we’re giving indigenous women more opportunities to provide for their families and earn income. In Nebaj, we’ve helped build 30 community greenhouses, in which more than 93 women are now growing vegetables to sell and for their families to eat. This also allows women to earn a living locally, increasing their families’ incomes and thus reducing the need for family members to leave home to look for work.

Photo: Alex Morse / Growing Hope Globally

WEST TIMOR, INDONESIA
Supporting Women Entrepreneurs

Bedaya means “empowerment” in Indonesian, which is exactly why we chose it as the name for our program that engages women in rural West Timor to improve their families’ lives. By the end of this year, 307 women across nine communities had joined Savings and Loan Groups that were started as part of this program. The women work together to save funds from their micro businesses so members can borrow larger amounts than they can save on their own. They use these loans to start or expand businesses. “My shop has bloomed this past year because I could borrow money from our group to invest in and grow my business,” says group member Mama Erni Liunokas.

GRAN CHACO, BOLIVIA
Bright Futures are Blooming

Flowers are an important part of observing certain religious holidays in Bolivia. A group of eight women noticed that flowers in their town were trucked in from several hours away and were very expensive, or families used plastic flower arrangements. CWS and our partners Growing Hope Globally and Centro de Estudios Regionales de Tarija supported them as they conducted market research in the nearby town, planned which types of fresh flowers would be the most popular, planted a flower garden, covered it with a shade to prevent sun and heat damage, and installed a sprinkler irrigation system. They have now had multiple successful harvests and sales, earning each woman in the group about $1,080 per year. Other women in their community have seen the group’s success and are interested in joining. CWS and our partners will continue to work with the group as they grow.

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Many families in rural Kenya struggle to find consistent supplies of clean water. This challenge is particularly acute in arid communities where families rely on raising sheep or cattle. In Marsabit County, one of the most water-scarce parts of Kenya, Namanu Macharia and her neighbors used to walk up to 12 miles a day in search of water.

Our team has been helping communities address water challenges in East Africa for more than a decade. Over the years, we have worked with communities to build a variety of infrastructure elements to make clean water more readily accessible to more people. This year, we focused on enhancing existing systems so that they are better managed and earn income for the communities.

Thanks to a borehole, solar-powered water system and kiosk built through the program, Namanu now has a water source a third of a mile from her home. The borehole is 400 feet deep and—because CWS is committed to using environmentally sensitive technologies to ensure the long-term sustainability of our work—it uses solar power to pump out 2,200 gallons of water every hour. Some of the water goes to the nearby Merille Health Center, which about 4,800 people rely on. Some water goes to Ushindi Primary School and Merille Youth Polytechnic School, meaning clean water for more than 250 students and their teachers. On Tuesdays, the system fills troughs at the local livestock market.

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A community water committee manages the income from the kiosk, which has already passed $4,000. The funds are used for maintenance and to ensure the system’s long-term viability. In Marsabit and Baringo Counties, our team is working with communities and partners to find ways to guarantee that this process is consistent and transparent. We are supporting water committees as they find ways to spend the income on projects that help their vulnerable neighbors become water secure.

Of course, families also rely on the water system to provide water for private household use. The system has a kiosk with two taps; some water is purified and comes out of one tap, and the other tap has unpurified water that can be used for washing clothes or for thirsty cows and sheep.

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More than 40% of Kenyans rely on water sources that have salt in them, such as rivers, ponds or shallow wells.
Two billion people worldwide do not have access to basic toilets or latrines, according to the World Health Organization. That’s about one in four people who are facing the challenges that come with a lack of proper sanitation. It exposes them to disease and damages their quality of life. That is why CWS is teaming up with local partners and communities around the world to tackle the challenge of lack of access to adequate sanitation. Together, we’re finding and building culturally specific solutions for families, and public places like schools and health centers. We’re also helping change practices towards the elimination of open defecation and the promotion of handwashing, which reduce disease transmission and improve families’ health and dignity. Here are some examples of what that looks like.

### SCHOOL BATHROOMS
Between classes and exams, students have enough things on their mind each day. Having a decent bathroom shouldn’t be one of them. Our team helps build clean, private and lockable bathrooms so that all students, especially girls, can comfortably relieve themselves. This year, we built girls’ and boys’ bathrooms at six schools in Kenya. A total of 3,500 students and 74 teachers are using these bathrooms. We also provide sanitary items to girls starting in fifth grade.

### ECO TOILETS
Poverty is deeply entrenched in rural Georgia, where a CWS-supported program has helped establish two replicable and sustainable model farms to showcase renewable energy technologies and get more people interested in using them. Each farm is equipped with an eco-dry toilet and wastewater filter. These toilets use less water, reduce waste odor and enable the family to eventually use the waste as fertilizer. The family on one of the farms has already reported that their friends and neighbors have expressed interest in having these technologies in their own homes.

### HOUSEHOLD LATRINES
This year, we completed our housing programs, in which we worked with families who lost their homes in the 2010 Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Between the two programs, we helped build latrines for 352 families to go with their new houses.

### COMMUNITY-LED SANITATION
An estimated six million people in Vietnam still use streams or fields as bathrooms, a practice known as open defecation. To help change this dangerous habit, we work with community leaders to help them understand the health benefits of sanitary latrines and how to build and maintain them. Then they share what they have learned with their neighbors and motivate them to build sanitary latrines, too. Entire communities have built safe latrines through this program and are proud to be certified as Open Defecation Free by their local governments. This year, 1,586 families—more than 6,800 people—built household latrines through this program.

### PUBLIC RESTROOMS
Sanitary latrines are a critical part of keeping people healthy—and living with dignity—after a disaster. We’ve built 25 public latrines that are used by more than 1,700 people who lost their homes after the earthquake and tsunami that struck Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, in September 2018.

### FLOOD-RESISTANT LATRINES
Annual flooding is a way of life for families in the Ayeyarwady River delta in Myanmar. It disrupts daily life for about half of each year and often destroys latrines that are poorly built and shallow, which in turn contaminates other water sources and makes communities more vulnerable to disease. To help address this challenge this year, we worked with local masons to build latrines that are designed specifically for flood-prone areas for houses and a school. Now, 57 families and 400 students are using flood-tolerant latrines and should experience fewer sanitation-related health challenges. Working with local masons ensures that the skills and expertise will stay within the community, so we know that these communities will continue to benefit from this information long after the program ends.

### FAMILY LATRINES
One of the largest issues facing families in the Cambodian countryside is a lack of proper sanitation. That’s why our team worked with 367 families to build safe, sanitary household latrines, which are being used by 1,659 people. We worked with two schools to construct twin latrines that are used by 680 students and 22 teachers. We teamed up with volunteers called Community Change Agents to share information about healthy hygiene and sanitation habits with their neighbors.

### FLOOD-RESISTANT LATRINES

Photo credits: Shanley Studio (Cambodia) and Paul Jeffrey / ACT Alliance (Haiti)
Raising the Voices of Children with Incarcerated Parents in Latin America & the Caribbean

An estimated 2 million children across Latin America and the Caribbean have an incarcerated parent. These children often face stigma or discrimination that affect their dignity and overall development. Deprived of a home or opportunity to be raised by both parents, they may have to move to live with extended family, and their family may struggle financially with the loss of a provider. While these children and their families face extra challenges, they generally do not have the support or resources they need to overcome them. Policy makers, researchers, advocates and other decision-makers are often unaware of the impact that parental incarceration has on a child’s life.

In 2011, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child focused their annual Day of General Discussion on the topic of children with incarcerated parents. The summary report from that day affirms the rights that all children possess, key among them the “right of the child to be raised by his/her two parents; the right of the child to have his/her place in the family; and the right of the child to benefit from an environment that will promote and allow his/her personal development.” The Committee also reiterated that children have inherent dignity and that their best interests need to be a primary consideration in addressing situations in which their needs are not being met.

With the report’s data and stories, we brought together local organizations from across the region into Plataforma NNAPES, which envisions a world where all children with incarcerated parents thrive and have all their rights realized. We embarked on work on the needed sustained change. This included educating policy makers about the issues to help them champion them in a way that leads to policy changes. We also needed to raise awareness in society and communities to end the stigma and discrimination.

Our team and partners prioritize research in this program so that policy makers have clear and accurate information to make informed decisions. This year we produced the first quantitative report about children with incarcerated parents in Argentina in partnership with Observatorio de la Deuda Social de la Universidad Católica Argentina. We also produced Childhood That Matters, a regional report that focuses on the harmful impact of drug policies on children with incarcerated parents.

With data and research in hand, CWS and our partners have raised the visibility of this issue with national governments and regional bodies, and we saw the fruit of our work in 2019. The government of the Dominican Republic included issues relating to children with incarcerated parents in its National Plan for the Prevention of Violence Against Children. We continued to strengthen our relationship with entities within the Organization of American States to increase our access to policy makers and enhance our ability to advocate to national governments. In fact, the Inter-American Commission of Women invited CWS to present Childhood That Matters at the prestigious Hall of the Americas in Washington, D.C.

Our team also supports NNAPES members as they provide support to children with incarcerated parents directly. This year, we worked with Instituto de Promoción Humana in Nicaragua to provide counseling and legal services to more than 100 children and 30 families and facilitated a gathering where people came together to share and support one another.

Similarly, Plataforma NNAPES member Asociación Civil de Familiares de Detenidos formed the first support group for children with incarcerated parents in Argentina this year. Gianella, 14, is a member of this group. “What I like most is that we are all in the same situation. We can listen to each other. We all respect each other, and we have become very good friends,” she says. “Before this group existed, I didn’t have a place where I could go and let it all out. It has helped me to go and unload about what’s going on.”

**CHILDHOOD THAT MATTERS**

This year, with the help of the Open Society Foundations, we released the report Childhood That Matters, which focuses on the harmful impact of drug policies on children with incarcerated parents. It concludes that children with incarcerated parents are often exposed to violence and trauma, including watching their parent get arrested. Drug policies often fail to take their well-being into account. They usually face stigma in society, and can end up being bullied, discriminated against or isolated. This study also provided an updated projection as to how many children in Latin America and the Caribbean have a parent in prison between 1.7 and 2.3 million children in the region’s 25 countries.

Childhood That Matters makes a series of recommendations for governments and organizations that work with children whose parents are incarcerated. It reiterates that these children’s needs should be considered in drug policy discussions. Better yet, these children should be included in discussions and evaluations of public policies that affect them. Their needs should be considered when parents are being sentenced, and caretakers should be incarcerated close to their children for easier visitation. Trained counselors and social workers should be on hand to support these children in school.
Imagine seeing your children sick all the time but not knowing how to help them. Or knowing that your child is too small despite your best efforts to provide healthy meals for them every day. Every parent wants their children to grow up healthy and strong, but many parents don’t have the resources or information to help their children have a healthy and nutritious diet. CWS programs focus on bringing parents and caregivers together for learning opportunities about breastfeeding, cooking, dietary diversity and nutrition. When parents and caregivers have the information and recipes they need, children stay healthy and thrive.

Teaming Up for Child Nutrition

Healthy meals and full bellies are a critical part of ensuring that young children are growing and thriving. We also focus on children’s education through programs that help equip young children to succeed when they start school. In Serbia, children usually begin attending primary school at 7 years old. Families are required to enroll their children in preschool before that, but the government doesn’t pay for preschools. Roma families cannot afford to send their children or face discrimination when they attempt to enroll them. We work with our partner Alfa to operate a preschool program in Belgrade for children from marginalized Roma families. Since the program started in 2006, 929 children have attended. This year, 47 children are enrolled in the program for 5- and 6-year-olds. They are building their basic math, literacy and language skills so they will be able to fully participate in primary school alongside their classmates.

CHILD NUTRITION INFORMATION SESSION IN MYANMAR

We’re teaming up with parents in 15 rural communities near Myanmar’s Ayeyarwady River to make sure that they have the information and recipes they need to provide healthy meals for their children. We host information and education sessions, followed by cooking demonstrations and friendly competitions to test learning among mothers and other caregivers. We host feeding sessions, too, for especially vulnerable children. “I am proud of what I have learned, especially about different types of foods’ nutritional value, new recipes for cooking healthy meals for young children, the importance of exclusive breastfeeding and growth monitoring,” says Khin Myo Than, a mother in one of the groups. “Now I can help my son, and other children, grow up to be healthy. I really appreciate the support from CWS and their donors for our children.”

HELPING CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA GET AND STAY HEALTHY

In western Cambodia, we’re partnering with Rural Development Association to help parents get health care for their malnourished young children. We’ve also supported 1,072 caregivers in 41 communities to build a basic knowledge of good nutrition, healthy cooking ideas and better hygiene habits to keep them healthy. “Since my daughter was severely underweight, the CWS program supported me to take her to a nearby government health center for immediate treatment,” says a mom named Bun Ratha. Thanks to the CWS supplemental feeding program, “both children have gained weight and are growing healthier. Now, they rarely get sick like they did before.” Besides the relief of knowing her children are healthier, Bun Ratha is also relieved of the cost of frequent clinic visits and medicine.

MOTHERS CLUBS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mothers clubs are vital community-based organizations for rural women in the Dominican Republic. Through our partnership with Social de Iglesias Dominicanas, we support 113 women in seven clubs, most of which are near the border with Haiti. These clubs provide opportunities for women to learn about nutrition and share local recipes and to learn about the benefits of breastfeeding. We have also helped the clubs start income-generating programs such as greenhouses and fish farms. This means that the mothers not only have sources of nutritious food to feed their children, but they also have better livelihoods and can afford to send them to school.

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HEALTHY HABITS FOR NEW MOMS IN NICARAGUA

In partnership with Accion Medica Cristiana, we work with 76 volunteer women in 17 indigenous communities along the Nicaragua-Honduras border to share information and host classes about healthy habits for expectant and new lactating mothers. These volunteers also learn how to talk to their neighbors about the benefits of breastfeeding, when to transition babies to solid food, what types of food are best for babies and how to make sure everyone—especially young children—has safe water to drink. By equipping volunteers to lead this effort within their communities, we create a ripple effect that transforms more lives than simply those of direct participants.

HELPING MOTHERS IN PERU

In partnership with Oportunidaet, we support 463 mothers in nine rural communities near the Peru-Bolivia border to focus on child nutrition and breastfeeding. The mothers are working to transform their community and inspire others by sharing their knowledge and experiences. They also help caregivers build their own capacity by teaching them how to share important information with their neighbors. These mothers are leading the way, and their efforts are having a ripple effect throughout their community and beyond.

... and Nourishing Young Minds

Healthy meals and full bellies are a critical part of ensuring that young children are growing and thriving. We also focus on children’s education through programs that help equip young children to succeed when they start school. In Serbia, children usually begin attending primary school at 7 years old. Families are required to enroll their children in preschool before that, but the government doesn’t pay for preschools. Roma families cannot afford to send their children or face discrimination when they attempt to enroll them. We work with our partner Alfa to operate a preschool program in Belgrade for children from marginalized Roma families. Since the program started in 2006, 929 children have attended. This year, 47 children are enrolled in the program for 5- and 6-year-olds. They are building their basic math, literacy and language skills so they will be able to fully participate in primary school alongside their classmates.
Each of us knows what hunger looks like. We’ve seen it on the local news and in the faces of children around the world. It is long-lasting, and it is everywhere. But, thanks to CROP Hunger Walk supporters, so is our response to it.

For 50 years, Americans have come together to fight hunger in exceptional ways through the CROP Hunger Walk. These Walkers are passionate (and compassionate!) farmers, students, members of the faith community, volunteers and more who care that the people they see daily are struggling. And for five decades, they have moved to make a difference.

The story of the CROP Hunger Walk goes back to 1969. Teens in Bismarck, ND and York County, PA decided it was time to do something for families who had to walk miles for food and clean water. So they walked…and, because they took that first step, hunger has forever been changed.

Today, millions of people across nearly every state have participated in what is now called the CROP Hunger Walk. In the past 50 years we have raised nearly half a billion dollars to respond to hunger around the world and around the block.

50 years later, our Walks may look a little different, but our vision remains the same: a world where every child has enough healthy food to survive each day.

This past year, 100,000 CROP Hunger Walkers hit the pavement in more than 800 Walks, which raised $7.6 million – with nearly $2 million to fight hunger in the United States. These funds were distributed to more than 1,600 organizations.

We are grateful for the generous support we have received to assist with our food distribution programs across our 13 counties of Northern Illinois. For 20 years CROP Hunger Walk committees have selected the Food Bank or one of our 350 local food pantries to receive a portion of funds raised to help us feed our hungry neighbors. Receiving protein, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy and nutritious non-perishables at no cost helps our neighbors use their limited incomes for other essential expenses including housing, transportation and medical needs. Last year the Food Bank network distributed 69 million meals to serve half a million people annually. Thank you Church World Service and CROP Hunger Walks for your support to feed our hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois and in our communities nationwide.

- HESTER BURY, MEMBER OF THE CROP HUNGER WALK PLANNING TEAM AND STAFF AT THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK, A RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION OF THE CROP HUNGER WALK.
Tick tock. Tick tock. Every two seconds someone in the world is forced to leave their home and everything they know. With the threat of violence, persecution or disaster knocking on their door they make the only choice they can to find safety—they run.

Of the more than 70 million people who are forcibly displaced today, more than half of them are children—their parents having made an impossible choice, often risking further danger for the chance of protection and a future.

Unfortunately, in recent years fewer and fewer displaced people have access to the protection they need to rebuild their lives. The United Nations estimates that less than 1% of the more than 25 million refugees will be resettled to a safe country. Many nations that are hosting asylum seekers and refugees—including the United States at our southern border—deny them access to fundamental rights and critical services.

Every family has the right to live in safety and dignity. That is why across the nation you, our supporters, welcome refugees and asylum seekers into your communities with open hearts and helping hands. Faith leaders and refugee communities lift their voices to advocate for better policies, and by standing in solidarity, we are helping keep immigrant families together. And around the world we walk alongside displaced people to address their most critical needs so that they can provide for their families and begin to rebuild where they are.
Helping Refugee Families Thrive in the United States

Since CWS first started assisting families seeking safety in the United States in the wake of World War II, there has never been a greater need for the life-saving refugee resettlement program. More than 25 million refugees—over half of whom are children—have fled conflict and persecution and remain in desperate need of a safe place to call home.

For the most vulnerable among them, resettlement is their best hope for finding lasting safety and building a future for their children. This includes children in need of advanced medical care, victims of torture, religious minorities and LGBTQI+ refugees who continue to be unsafe in the places they have fled to.

Despite the global need for refugee resettlement, the U.S. Government has cut refugee arrivals to the lowest ever in the history of the program, setting the admissions goal this past year to just 30,000 refugees. Even as the administration has cut the refugee resettlement program by nearly 75%, CWS has worked to expand services and support for arriving refugee families.

In 2019, CWS resettled 3,681 refugees and special immigrant visa holders—10.9% of all refugees who were admitted to the United States. These refugee families were greeted by congregations and local communities in 22 locations across the nation who helped provide a warm welcome to families starting their new lives in the U.S. From the moment families arrive in the United States, CWS and its partners make sure their material needs are met while also providing critical knowledge and skill-building to help them thrive. In our offices across the nation, refugee clients have access to a robust range of programming and services including medical and mental health services, English language training, youth mentorship, childcare services, employment readiness training, immigration legal services and financial education. CWS also participates in U.S. government-sponsored integration programs including intensive case management through the Preferred Communities program, employment assistance through the Matching Grant program and community orientation through the Refugee AmeriCorps program.

Having undergone painful and challenging journeys to find safety, refugees arriving in the United States show remarkable resilience, strength and determination. Through community support and services, we are able to come alongside them as they build a bright future for themselves, their children and their communities.

Their average wage was more than twice the federal minimum wage.

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SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

As refugee resettlement has slowed under the Trump Administration, CWS has expanded the capacity of its resettlement network to provide critical support services to immigrants and asylum seekers across the country. In addition to connecting them with community resources, CWS has rapidly expanded the provision of legal services.

THIS YEAR THE CWS NETWORK HELPED

- 224 Asylum Seekers File Protection Applications
- 798 Immigrants File Naturalization Applications
- 1,810 Immigrants File Permanent Residency Applications
Welcoming Asylum-seekers at Our Southern Border

There is a desperate humanitarian crisis in Central America, where violence and corruption are forcing thousands of families to flee in search of safety for their children. The journey to the U.S. southern border is long and dangerous with no guarantee of protection on the other side. But for many parents the alternative is far worse.

Many families who arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border asking for protection—from Central America as well as fleeing other nations around the world—are turned away or forced to wait in dangerous border regions of Mexico for months. Some of the most desperate families cross anyway, hoping their odds will be better on the other side.

Once families finally make it to the United States with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, they are often detained by Customs and Border Patrol in overcrowded facilities—some without beds, showers or even a toothbrush. After a few days or weeks, most families are released onto the streets with a notice to appear for their court dates.

When asylum seekers are finally released from U.S. custody, CWS helps ensure they get the warm welcome and support they deserve. CWS supports a network of small, church-based respite shelters at the U.S.-Mexico border where these families are welcomed with open arms and much-needed services. Asylum seekers often spend 24-48 hours at these shelters as they prepare for the next step in their journeys.

Families rest in a make-shift shelter as they make their way to the U.S. border to request asylum protection. All Photos: Sean Hawkey

If you disobey, the gangs will dismember your body, put it in a bag and dump it outside of town. When they asked me to hand over my son to become a ‘soldier,’ I knew we had to leave. 

—ASYLUM SEEKER FROM HONDURAS

One family of five from Honduras had nowhere to turn when they were released from detention onto the streets of El Paso. Their oldest child has a severe eye condition requiring medical care. After the family found themselves at a CWS-supported shelter they were given the call center number. When CWS heard they were hoping to travel to New York, we connected them with the NYC New Sanctuary Coalition, who was there to welcome them to their new home as soon as they arrived and has continued to provide ongoing support.

Together we can continue to grow this vital network and ensure that every family fleeing violence and persecution at the border receives the warm welcome they deserve.

CWS LAUNCHES CALL CENTER FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

Once asylum seekers leave the temporary shelters to travel to a more permanent location, they are often on their own. Many have only the phone number of a person they are trying to meet and the few belongings they’ve gathered along the way.

The CWS Resource Call Center works to support these families as they begin to rebuild their lives in the United States. Border shelters provide asylum seekers with the call center’s toll-free number, where callers are connected to CWS resettlement offices, CWS member congregations, Sanctuary Churches and other service providers across the country who can provide local support through housing, legal and support services, resource sharing and friendship. Shelter staff report that the CWS Resource Call Center is often the only help they can provide families as they move on from the shelters to a final destination.

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As the administration has made policy changes that threaten the lives of immigrants and refugees, CWS has ramped up its efforts to ensure that communities across the country remain places of welcome and hope.

We know that the best ways to counter fear and misinformation are by educating immigrants and refugees about their rights and elevating their voices to ensure that their stories are heard. That’s why this year, we continued to grow our efforts to advocate alongside former refugees at a Capitol Hill press conference. Refugee leaders wrote a dozen opinion articles that were published in their local papers. Legislators, governors and mayors in 11 states passed pro-refugee resolutions, and even more spoke out in support of refugees in their communities.

CWS collaborated with Republicans and Democrats to showcase the bipartisan support for refugee resettlement, including through congressional sign-on letters to the administration, briefings and hearings to hold the administration accountable and increasing participation in the Bipartisan Congressional Refugee Caucus. Our efforts have preserved congressional support for funding that helps refugees overseas and domestically, including unaccompanied children, while opposing funds for deportation, detention and border militarization.

At the state level CWS is at the forefront of advancing pro-refugee legislation. This year, we tracked 46 pro-refugee proposals in 20 states, 11 anti-refugee proposals in nine states, 230 pro-immigrant proposals in 36 states, and 85 anti-immigrant proposals in 28 states. By mobilizing our network and partners to make their voices heard, we held the line against negative proposals and won positive proposals across the country.

As a result, when the news broke that some administration officials have proposed shutting down the life-saving refugee resettlement program, members of Congress and local elected officials have spoken out and are fighting back. This vital work is far from over and we will not stop until the refugee program is rebuilt and America is once again a beacon of hope for the persecuted.

As the Trump Administration has ramped up deportations and targeted families, the Sanctuary Movement has become a galvanizing force for the faith community to respond. Coordinated by CWS, the Sanctuary Movement has rapidly grown to more than 1,100 congregations organized in over 50 coalitions and networks to offer safe shelter for immigrants facing deportation and walk in solidarity with undocumented leaders brave enough to tell their stories to the world.

This year, CWS supported the growth of new Sanctuary networks by providing resources, trainings and one-on-one support, and by equipping congregations with the tools they need to succeed. As raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement have increased, CWS has mobilized Sanctuary Movement partners to provide more tools to help immigrants know their rights and be prepared if ICE knocks on their doors. Through the #SacredResistance campaign, CWS issued a map of congregations standing ready to provide shelter and rapid response to raids, along with a toolkit for faith allies to stand in solidarity with immigrants.

Even as the administration has threatened individuals in Sanctuary with huge fines as an act of punishment, the Sanctuary Movement is supporting more individuals than ever before—ensuring that families can stay together during this challenging time in our nation’s history.
A refugee’s journey to safety in the United States begins long before they ever board a plane. Each person who is referred to the U.S. government for resettlement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees must be thoroughly vetted through a series of interviews, security screenings, background checks and health checks—a process that can take two years or more.

CWS-operated Resettlement Support Center Africa helps all U.S.-bound refugees from sub-Saharan Africa navigate this lengthy and complex process.

As the United States has scaled back the refugee resettlement program and made it more difficult for individuals from the Middle East to find protection in the United States, RSC Africa has increasingly taken on a larger share of the global resettlement case preparation and processing. This year 15,073 refugees—more than half of all refugees resettled to the United States—were processed through RSC Africa.

As U.S. processing of refugees has slowed, RSC Africa’s African Regional Deployment Unit has continued to assist UNHCR with swift processing of cases submitted to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and identified new cases for submission. This year, the growing ARDU team was deployed to UNHCR offices in Uganda, Burundi, Kenya and Tanzania where they referred 9.4% of all cases submitted to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

After refugees are approved for travel, our team at RSC Africa provides Cultural Orientation to help prepare them to board a plane and to navigate the U.S. healthcare, financial and education systems. A specialized curriculum for children and youth teaches them about hygiene, school, dressing for four seasons and how to eat a healthy diet. This year CWS expanded its support for refugees preparing for travel by introducing a new SMS campaign for refugee applicants to alert them to important messages throughout the resettlement process and to assist with key Cultural Orientation lessons.

In addition, RSC Africa expanded its English Language Programs this year, which equip refugees preparing to travel to the United States with improved English language skills. In May 2019, we launched classes in Kiziba Refugee Camp, Rwanda. CWS now operates ELP classes in three refugee camps in Rwanda and Tanzania.
Standing with Refugees by Taking the Ration Challenge

In the week surrounding World Refugee Day, June 16-23, CWS offered Americans—for the first time—an opportunity to raise money and awareness for refugees by joining the global Ration Challenge movement. For one week, 14,000 American Ration Challengers ate only the same rations as a Syrian refugee—just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chickpeas, beans, fish and oil—and got sponsored to do it.

This small act of solidarity fostered conversations around the nation about the challenges millions of refugees face each day and the need to stand with them. Ration Challengers asked their families and friends to sponsor them, and together raised vital funds to provide food, medicine and education for refugees; and support the ongoing work of CWS to help vulnerable people rebuild their lives in safety.

We never imagined that so many people would sign up to spend a week eating only the same rations as a refugee. Thousands of people took on the challenge and shared their experiences to help change attitudes about refugees. Hundreds of emails, social media posts and conversations later, we raised over $370,000 and showed the world that Americans are passionate about raising funds and their voices in support of refugees.

The Ration Challenge also sent a strong message to refugees throughout the world that they are not forgotten and that our communities will continue to welcome them and stand with them.

With the money raised through the Ration Challenge, Syrian refugee families living in Jordan received food, medical care and education—as did refugee communities that CWS supports around the world.

“I would like to thank everyone who helped and remembered us—who put themselves in our situation and considered what we might need. I can’t describe my thanks to you for supporting us.”

Mona, a Syrian mother in Jordan receiving assistance

Thanks to the funds raised by people taking the Ration Challenge

A team of Ration Challenge participants enjoy a group meal together.

Ration Challenge participants display the contents of their ration box.

Your Weekly Rations

4lbs 4oz White Rice
15oz Kidney Beans
6oz Dried Lentils
12oz Vegetable Oil
3oz Dried Chickpeas
3.75oz Canned Sardines
14oz Plain Flour
Expanding Our Work Supporting Migrants & Refugees into Bosnia

In 2017, about 1,100 refugees and migrants entered Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2018, the number jumped to around 25,000. Like the rest of the migrants and refugees who have taken the Balkan route to reach Europe since 2015, these were primarily people from the Middle East, Asia and North Africa fleeing violence or in search of economic opportunities.

While the people and their stories were like those who have been on the Balkan route in the past several years, their decision to pass through Bosnia and Herzegovina was new. As EU nations tightened their borders, Bosnia became a transit country for refugees and migrants. Most settled in the northwest, near the Croatian border. Although the area was initially welcoming to refugees and migrants, tensions have risen as local resources have been stretched thin.

The Bosnian government was not prepared for this sudden influx of new arrivals, as refugees and migrants who had previously largely bypassed Bosnia on the Balkan route. Unlike in neighboring countries such as Serbia, there were no systems in place to call home. This new program is an exciting way for thousands of our new neighbors in Bosnia to realize our vision of a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Our team also realized that there wasn’t a good information-sharing system in place between Serbia and Bosnia. This makes providing adequate services a challenge when refugees and migrants arrive in a new location. They must start over with their paperwork and processing in Bosnia. In addition to the frustration and headache of the processes, this also means that people are having to relive their trauma again as they repeatedly tell their story.

We knew that our team could help. For more than two decades, we have worked with partners and local authorities in Bosnia to find long-term, sustainable solutions for those displaced by the Yugoslav war in the 1990s. Additionally, we have been supporting protection and the respect of rights and dignity for refugees and migrants in Serbia since 2015.

Our programs in Belgrade reached more than 10,000 refugees and migrants this year with information and referral services, phone charging and internet connectivity, translation services, access to education, tutoring support and events specifically for women and girls. Between CWS and our partners, we have a wealth of experience providing quality services in dynamic, complex situations with people on the move, but also in offering longer-term care and ensuring the wellbeing of people who are stranded or whose paths are blocked by gated borders, militarized police, violence and national or international policies and politics.

In late 2018, we reached out to authorities and agencies in Bosnia to offer our support. The International Organization for Migration, the agency that the Bosnian government has officially turned to in order to help refugees and migrants, welcomed it. So did the local government Center for Social Welfare in Bihac, a city about 10 miles from the Croatian border and temporary home to about 3,000 refugees and migrants.

We found that because the refugee situation in Bosnia has not caught international attention, there are limited resources dedicated to respond to refugee and migrant needs. The refugee and migrant centers are providing modest services and primarily focus on helping women, children and families. Because of this limited scope, many people still don’t have support or can only access very basic services. This is especially true for young adults, who transition from being one of the highest priorities for support to one of the lowest when they turn 18 and are officially considered adults rather than children.

By the end of our second month, we had reached 980 people through educational and informational programs and some referrals for other services. We are focused on protecting unaccompanied or separated children as well as young adults under age 21. This means reaching all of them in the area to assess their needs and develop action plans for those most at risk. Additionally, we are teaming up with the Center for Social Welfare in Bihac to support their efforts to support unaccompanied children. We are helping them build their capacity to identify and respond to signs of gender-based violence, abuse, trafficking or exploitation. Across the border in Serbia, we are building on our existing work to improve cross-border cooperation and help transfer some of that expertise to better serve refugees and migrants in Bosnia.

This program is one way in which we are working to realize our vision of a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. This new program is an exciting way to build on our existing expertise to make that vision a reality for thousands of our new neighbors in Bosnia.
Disasters took a heavy toll on our world this year. Among many crises, two hurricanes slammed into the United States and brought devastating rain and winds to the southeast. In Indonesia, the combined effects of an earthquake, a tsunami and land liquefaction killed more than 5,000 people and left tens of thousands homeless. Cyclone Idai affected more than 840,000 people in Mozambique and Malawi. Farmers around the world faced climate emergencies as heavy rains wiped out harvests or crops shriveled up in drought. Perennial flooding in rural areas cut off local communities and destroyed livelihoods. Violent conflict and economic crises exacerbated the global refugee crisis that continues to unfold.

CWS and our supporters and partners responded to disasters large and small this year. In some cases, we provided immediate relief by bringing in truckloads of supplies. As response efforts shifted to long-term recovery, communities could count on CWS to stay and walk the journey to recovery with them. We supported families as they built new homes or found alternative housing, students as they returned to school and farmers with seeds and education as they replanted. We also continue to find opportunities to build back better and to ensure that families participating in our poverty-fighting programs are more resilient and stable in the face of disaster.
Building Resilience Before & After Emergencies

Many of our programs focus on supporting communities in disaster-prone areas. For many participating families, it’s not a question of if the next earthquake, hurricane or flood will hit. It’s a question of when. These families are often vulnerable or marginalized and don’t have the resources to start over elsewhere after an emergency. When a disaster strikes, we provide immediate relief and support medium- to long-term recovery. We also know that every relief effort is an opportunity to build back better—to make sure that affected families emerge more resilient in the face of future emergencies. We work to ensure that communities and their environments will be stronger when future disasters strike.

SUSTAINABLE DROUGHT RESPONSE IN KENYA

As an immediate response to the 2017-2018 widespread, prolonged drought in Baringo County, Kenya, CWS implemented a cash for work program. This is a way to meet immediate needs while making sure communities are better prepared to survive the next disaster. Our team talked to families in the affected area to determine what community infrastructure improvements would help in the future; in this case, clearing roads and desilting dams. About 300 participants joined to accomplish these projects. They were paid for their work using mobile money transfers. This income allowed them to meet immediate needs such as buying food or other essential supplies. About 2,100 people had more resources to make it through the disaster, and community infrastructure was improved to reduce the impact of future emergencies.

FLOOD-TOLERANT INFRASTRUCTURE IN MYANMAR

Families living in the expansive Ayeyarwady River delta in southwest Myanmar rely on the river for food, transportation and communication. When the river swells annually, though, these villages often flood. To help address this perennial challenge, our team worked with families and a community school to build infrastructure that works in both the dry and rainy seasons. That means that 57 families and 400 students are now using flood-tolerant latrines. To ensure that building is done locally, we have also offered classes and on-the-job training for masons to learn how to build the flood-resistant toilets. We have worked with communities to build concrete platforms that raise the base of wells with hand pumps up several feet, making them accessible and preventing contamination during flooding. These improvements help meet immediate needs for clean water access and sanitary latrines, and they help reduce the damaging effects of disasters since communities can now focus their limited resources on meeting other needs.

BUILDING EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT HOMES IN HAITI TO WEATHER FUTURE STORMS

“There were six of us living in the house. When the hurricane passed, it destroyed the walls and it took off the roof,” Attilus Wilnick recalls. He’s talking about the day that Hurricane Matthew hit in October 2016. His family was one of 142 who are now living in sturdy new houses built through a CWS program to build back better after Hurricane Matthew and increase resilience in the face of future disasters. Their new house is built with better supplies; a firm foundation, rebar support columns and concrete block walls. Our team has seen time and again that these new houses stand strong when storms come, and families living in them have even offered shelter to their neighbors. In Attilus’s words, “it is as if we came from hell and arrived in paradise.”

This year we also wrapped up our program rebuilding houses and livelihoods for families displaced by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake. We worked with 352 families to build new houses. They told us over and over that they are no longer concerned about hurricanes or earthquakes, as their house has been built in accordance with standards for preventing earthquake damage.

In addition to having a safe place to live, though, people needed a way to provide for their families. Through the CWS program, three agronomists worked with 154 families to improve their harvests through new techniques like drip irrigation, pest control and using organic fertilizer. We hosted five workshops for community members in which 110 people learned about irrigation and producing leeks, sorghum and corn, as well as pig farming. We distributed hundreds of pounds of vegetable seeds to farmers, and dozens of families received baby animals to raise for income and better nutrition. These development activities helped families support themselves and become more resilient in the face of future disasters.

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Earthquake & Tsunami Response in Indonesia

A 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, on September 28, 2018. The quake triggered tsunamis and a phenomenon called liquefaction, when land literally turns to liquid. “The mud flowed, destroyed our house and dragged it and other houses—or what was left of them—away,” says Henny Putong, a resident of Central Sulawesi.

The ground itself moved entire villages, swallowed houses and destroyed infrastructure, like roads and water lines. These compound disasters killed more than 5,300 people. Within hours, hundreds of thousands of people lost their homes and scrambled to find any kind of shelter.

Our team immediately began to mobilize a response. Within a few days, two trucks were heading into the disaster zone laden with tarpaulins, ropes, blankets, bottled water, fuel and hygiene supplies. We assembled a team of current and former employees and hired a fleet of trucks and drivers to deliver water to encampments where thousands of displaced families were living.

“CWS was the first organization to supply water as there is no safe water source nearby and otherwise people had to walk a long way to a river to get it. Thanks to CWS, we have a water tank that CWS refills daily with fresh water from a tanker,” Henny Putong, an area resident and community leader, said in the early days after the disaster. After an emergency like this, most water sources are contaminated, and even nearby water sources like rivers may not be safe to drink. By trucking in water, we made sure that water wasn’t just close by... it was also safe to drink.

As weeks turned to months, CWS continued our relief effort in Central Sulawesi. We helped families and communities build latrines, improve their hygiene, get other supplies, build transitional shelters, and make plans to meet other pressing needs. Throughout it all, we continued delivering clean water to thousands of people each day.

People and organizations from around the world have supported our work, which is part of the ACT Alliance response. Partners and supporters from the United States, Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom, Finland, Spain, Iceland and the Netherlands stepped up to help. Together we’ve mobilized a relief effort that has brought protection, hope and comfort to tens of thousands of people. Disasters of this magnitude can roll back decades of development progress. It will take several years of investments and collaboration with our partners, the government of Indonesia and affected communities to restore. Looking ahead, we will continue to be engaged in recovery efforts, building more transitional shelters, monitoring water supplies, providing more families with safe water each day and supporting resettled families as they restore their livelihoods.

Our response in Central Sulawesi unfolded in coordination with the government and other responding organizations.

Nearly 1,400 people from 34 camps joined CWS-supported public information sessions about hygiene and sanitation led by community health volunteers.

Using more than a dozen tanker trucks, we delivered clean water to dozens of locations. We reached up to 20,000 people from nearly 4,400 families every day.

Initially, we delivered more than 4,000 tarps to families for immediate shelter. We later distributed shelter kits with tarp, plastic mats, blankets, sarongs, solar lamps and document bags to more than 1,200 families.

To make sure that more people had a sanitary and private toilet, we built 25 four-stall public toilets in 10 different villages and camps for more than 1,700 people to use. Then we turned our attention to helping families who were not permanently displaced build private toilets in their homes.

We delivered tens of thousands of household supplies to survivors. Among these supplies were 4,373 water containers, 1,454 packages of hygiene items, 2,760 mosquito nets, 6,000 sleeping mats, 5,671 solar lamps and 1,911 blankets.
Immediate & Long-term Response

We have observed increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather patterns in our emergency response work as historic storms devastate communities. The 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, when eight hurricanes formed, was no exception. Of these, two were major storms that reached hurricane levels. Hurricanes Florence and Michael slammed into the southeast of the United States, causing severe damage in North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Hurricane Florence dumped historic amounts of rainfall on the Carolinas in September, and in October Hurricane Michael became the strongest hurricane on record to strike the Florida panhandle.

Our team responded immediately, mobilizing and delivering about $2.4 million in supplies to help families cope with immediate loss or displacement. As response turned to recovery, we included marginalized or unreached groups who may not be able to access much-needed help. In every CWS response, we work to ensure that immigrant and refugee communities receive the support they need to recover. Since Hurricanes Florence and Michael, we have worked with migrant communities in North Carolina and Florida to help more people find temporary housing, repair or rebuild homes and obtain urgently needed household supplies.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE: CWS HURRICANE RELIEF BY THE NUMBERS

- **Hygiene Kits**: 18,410
- **School Kits**: 12,654
- **Emergency Cleanup Buckets**: 24,053
- **Blankets**: 17,800
- **TOTAL**: 72,917

While these recovery efforts unfold, we also know that it is important to build communities’ resilience so that they will be prepared when the next disaster comes. We launched a pilot program this year to better understand the needs of local migrant and refugee communities and find ways to support them to better prepare for and respond to such disasters. We have already seen the success of this program as we respond to requests for disaster preparation training and support.

FOCUS ON MIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE FLORENCE

Migrant and seasonal farmworker communities are among the most vulnerable in a disaster like Hurricane Florence. They often cannot access the same response or recovery services as their neighbors. In the early days after the storm, we provided a grant to East Coast Migrant Head Start Project to purchase gift cards for more than 100 families with about 300 children. The families used the gift cards to purchase food, space heaters, blankets and basic household items. In early 2019, we partnered with the Migrant Education Program of Robeson County Public Schools in Lumberton, North Carolina, to write a proposal to help migrant students and their families access urgently needed clothes, shoes, housing supplies, furniture and food.

We expect to reach over 140 people through this initiative.

HURRICANE MICHAEL RECOVERY IN FLORIDA

In the wake of Hurricane Michael, our team deepened partnerships with Redlands Christian Migrant Association and Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition, two organizations that we partnered with after Hurricane Irma in 2017. After Michael, an overwhelming number of migrant farmworker families converged on the town of Immokalee in south Florida. They were seeking a safe place to live after fleeing from hurricane-ravaged parts of the Florida panhandle or North Carolina, just like other families had after Hurricane Florence a month earlier. Their convergence on Immokalee overwhelmed the local housing supply, and service providers had a hard time finding housing for these families. Through a grant to RCMA, we helped 64 families find temporary housing, purchase basic supplies or find transportation out of the area if they chose to leave.

After Hurricane Irma in 2017, we worked with the IUNC to assemble a construction crew. This crew helped migrant farmworker families repair and rebuild their damaged mobile homes. We provided the same type of support following Hurricane Michael. We also strengthened our partnership with the IUNC, whose offices served as a distribution center for CWS Hygiene Kits, Emergency Cleanup Buckets and Blankets.

LONG-TERM RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE HARVEY AND HURRICANE MATTHEW

Hurricane recovery lasts for years. Our team continues to partner with two organizations in Texas that are engaged in long-term recovery after Hurricane Harvey struck in August 2017. This year, we partnered with Living Hope Wheelchair Association to build ramps for quadriplegic and paraplegic clients, Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services distributed additional gift cards to clients this year to help them continue to purchase supplies or replace items that Harvey destroyed. We also organized and hosted a disaster preparedness training for ECHOS clients and provided basic emergency kits to families.

We also provide fiduciary support to Long-Term Recovery Groups—community cooperatives that lead local recovery efforts—to enable them to function more efficiently. Both the Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition and the Robeson County Disaster Recovery Committee were formed after Hurricane Matthew struck North Carolina in 2016. Both communities were severely damaged again in Hurricane Florence this year, significantly deteriorating gains made after Matthew. We serve as the fiduciary agency for both groups as well as the Liberty County Long-Term Recovery Group in Texas, which is assisting survivors of Hurricane Harvey. As fiduciary, CWS provides technical and system support to the LTRGs, which makes it easier for the groups to attract and manage donor funds and support.
Material Shipments Around the World

193,359 CWS Kits & Blankets shipped around the world this year

- CWS HYGIENE KITS
- CWS BLANKETS
- CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS
- CWS SCHOOL KITS

United States 147,704
Serbia 5,675
Honduras 15,000
Syria 24,000
Ecuador 680
Dominican Republic 300
Church World Service reaches 55 countries around the world.

Church World Service was founded in 1946 “to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.” That spirit of partnership continues in our programs today. Much of our work is implemented by local organizations that have an in-depth knowledge of their specific context and can excel at delivering innovative, culturally appropriate responses to the challenges our neighbors face.
Recently resettled refugee children show off their new bikes in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Photo: Shane Wilson Photo
We’ve all heard that it takes a village to raise a child. Now imagine the size of the village it takes to help children all over the world have a safe home, healthy meals and a good education.

Ours is a large village. Our grassroots base of individuals and communities of faith continues to walk with many of the most vulnerable in our world as they tackle hunger and poverty, rebuild after disasters and find a safe place to call home. Additionally, the organizations, foundations, and other institutions listed here are a critical part of helping make our vision a reality. Thank you to each of these entities for funding, implementing or otherwise supporting our work.

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**Funders & Program Partners**

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**ORGANIZATIONS & FOUNDATIONS**

- Act for Peace
- Airbnb Open Homes Program
- Ajinomoto Foundation
- Arcus Foundation
- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Australian Department of Home Affairs
- Brethren in Christ Foundation
- Bulker Family Foundation
- Christian Aid
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo
- Elton John AIDS Foundation
- Environmental Conservation and Preservation Agency
- Ford Foundation
- Foundation To Promote Open Society
- Growing Hope Global
- Henry E. Niles Foundation
- Hudson County Chamber Foundation Inc
- Humanitarian Innovation Fund
- International Cooperation Foundation (Japan)
- Japan Platform
- Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Kaneko and Associates
- Lancaster County Community Foundation
- Merry Malaya
- Myers Foundation
- NCEO Philanthropy
- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance
- Open Society Foundations
- Pfizer Foundation
- Philadelphia Foundation
- Portisau North America Foundation
- Righteous Persons Foundation
- Social Change Initiative
- State of Florida
- State of New Jersey
- State of North Carolina
- Stichting van der Honing-Holtming
- Susan Sarandon Charitable Foundation
- Teackle
- U.S. Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration
- Unbound Philanthropy
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees
- United Service Foundation Inc
- US Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Refugee Resettlement
- US Department of State - Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration
- USA for UNCR
- USAID American Schools & Hospitals Abroad
- Wallace Genetic Foundation

**U.S. AGENCIES**

- National Institutes of Health
- Peace Corps
- USAID
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Peace Corps
- US Department of State
- USAID
- United States Agency for International Development
- USAID
- United States Department of Agriculture
- United States Department of Homeland Security
- United States Department of Justice
- US Department of State - Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration
- USAID

**NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Act for Peace
- ActionAid
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FAITH-BASED ENTITIES CONTINUED

Church of Christ
Lewiston Congregational Church United
Lawrence Park United Methodist Church
Ivester Church of the Brethren
Islamic Center of Virginia
Indianola United Methodist Church
Immanuel Mennonite Church
Hope United Methodist Church
Holy Infant Catholic Church
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Christ / Disciples of Christ
Global Ministries of the United Church of
Church World Service (U.S. & International)
United Methodist Committee on Relief
United Methodist Church General Board
of Church and Society
United Church of Jasper
United Methodist Church General Board of
Church and Society
United Methodist Church General Board of
Global Ministries
United Methodist Church General Board of
Relief (U.S. & International)
United Presbyterian Church
Unity on the Bay
Vevay United Methodist Church
Vineyard Church
Wabash Church of the Brethren
Watts Street Baptiste Church
Weber Hills United Methodist Church

Week of Compassion
Wesley Oak United Methodist Church
Wesley Park United Methodist Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
West End Memorial Fellowship
Western Reserve Association
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westover Church
White Pine United Methodist Church
Wider Church Ministries
York Association United Church of Christ

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Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition
District Departments of Education and Training in Vietnam
District Health Centers in Vietnam
East Coast Migrant Head Start Project
Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
Faith in Public Life
Fundacion para el Desarrollo en Justicia y Paz, Fundazap
Government of Turkana County
Groupe de Recherche et d’Appui pour le Développement Agroécologique
Innovateur Durable, GRADAID

Gurjes Unidos
HelpAge International – Latin America
Inmigrantes Unmet Needs Coalition
Info Park
Institute of Human Promotion, INPRHU
Instituto de Promoción Humana, INPRHU
Interfaith Immigration Coalition
Junta Unida de Misiones, JUM
Latin America Working Group
Liberty Country Long Term Recovery Group
Living Hope Wheelchair Association
Los Angeles Region Long Term Recovery Group
Lutheran World Federation Colombia Program
LWCT Health
Migrant Education Program Public Schools of Robeson County, NC

Photo: Sean Hawkey

Committees and School Leaders in Cambodia
Commune Councils, Village Development in Vietnam
Commune and District Women’s Unions in Vietnam
Comision de Accion Social Menonita, CASM
Centro Regional Ecumenico de Asesoria y Sociales, CREAS
Centro Inter-Eclesial de Estudios Tecnologicos,
CERDET
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Centro Regional Ecuemonica de Asesoría y Servicios, CREA
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Commune and District People’s Committees in Vietnam
Commune and District Women’s Unions in Vietnam

Conferences Councils, Village Development
Committees and School Leaders in Cambodia

Photo: Sean Hawkey
Our work contains millions of moving parts, and every one of those parts is built and pushed forward by people like you. Simply put, we are nothing without our supporters. And in this tumultuous period of huge policy shifts, increased natural disasters, unprecedented displacement and growing unkindness, you are a light guiding the next steps. Interested in getting involved with Church World Service? Visit www.cwsglobal.org/annual-report/ways-to-give for more information.

Ways to Give

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
Volunteers are the heartbeat of CWS. It was volunteers who shipped trains full of food to families after World War II, who formalized the CROP Hunger Walk in the 1960s, who welcomed refugees into their homes in the ’80s and onward, and who define CWS in the here and now.

MAKE A DONATION
Your monetary gifts move a solution from its planning stages all the way to the hands of someone who desperately needs that solution. It’s funding a way for clean water to get to disaster zones, giving families stuck in refugee camps provisions that last... and so much more.

BE INFORMED
In a time when facts are hard to keep straight, you’ve got an insider connection to specialized insights. Sign up for our events and educational opportunities on hot button issues like immigration, climate change, hunger and poverty. You’ll be a grounding source of wisdom and reliable knowledge in your community!

LIFT YOUR VOICE
Part of living in a democracy means that we have the privilege of crying out to our leadership about injustices we see. But we know that making advocacy calls or sending emails can be intimidating. That’s why we work hard to provide the scripts and tools you need to cry out when you’re hurting on behalf of your neighbors or yourself.

CONNECT WITH OTHERS
Your daily life is filled with people and businesses who are unfamiliar with CWS, but who may care about human rights and suffering. That makes you an irreplaceable link between your network and what they can do to help others.

ACT IN FAITH
In the chaos of compassion, it’s easy to cause hurt rather than healing. We prayerfully seek to serve in a way that honors every spectrum of God’s creation, from our brothers and sisters to the earth we steward together. If you identify with a faith community, there are some special ways you can be a part of that mission.

Photo: Act For Peace
Financial Statements

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (Subject to Audit)

INCOME SOURCES OF CWS SUPPORT

- DONATED MATERIALS $2,086,510 / 2.7%
- U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT $46,286,783 / 60.3%
- INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME $4,560,625 / 5.9%
- MEMBER COMMUNIONS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS $5,782,497 / 7.5%
- PUBLIC & COMMUNITY APPEALS $18,083,459 / 23.6%

EXPENSES

- ADVOCACY $3,451,207 / 14.7%
- MANAGEMENT & GENERAL $3,507,357 / 4.7%
- FUNDRAISING $5,235,465 / 7.0%
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE $7,367,061 / 9.9%
- GLOBAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT $44,625,772 / 60.2%
- SERVICES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE $10,011,455 / 13.5%

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY APPEALS

- EVENTS $7,597,403 / 42%
- INDIVIDUAL GIVING $5,576,963 / 31%
- CONGREGATIONS $2,994,127 / 16%
- FOUNDATIONS/CORPORATIONS $1,954,986 / 11%

DONATED MATERIALS

Communities in the U.S. build CWS Kits to help those recovering from disasters, remitting them to CWS to help those in need.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

CWS secures U.S. and state grants and contracts which support our refugee, emergency and development work. Primarily, the support assists refugees and internally displaced persons by conducting interviews with refugee resettlement candidates in Sub-Saharan Africa, to providing resettlement, integration, employment, training and legal services through a network of offices in the U.S.

MEMBER COMMUNIONS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

CWS is a membership organization enjoying the support of 37 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox communions. The support of our member communions is at the core of our roots: we were founded by a group of 18 denominations in 1946. The same spirit of concern is in place today amongst a broader network of members who choose to effect change through CWS.

INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME

Revenue from investments, including endowment funds, service fees and miscellaneous income is included.

SERVICES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE

CWS works with a network of churches, organizations and individuals that assist uprooted persons that have had to flee their countries due to persecution, armed conflict, etc. Together, we seek to provide forcibly displaced populations support to address critical unmet needs as durable solutions are sought.

GLOBAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

The focus of CWS' hunger and development work is on the most vulnerable persons and communities, to develop socially, economically and environmentally sustainable communities and help them to achieve a higher quality of life.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

CWS joins others to support people and communities in humanitarian crises around the world, helping the faith community play its special role in disaster mitigation, preparedness and response. The goal is to assist communities experiencing crisis to achieve durable solutions that build or restore peace and justice.

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

- NET ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2018 $2,621,557
- NET ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2019 $17,443,245
- NET INCOME $20,064,802

Church World Service is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code; contributions are tax deductible. The CWS financial records are audited by independent auditors in accordance with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The CWS 990 is available from the Guidestar website and the auditor's report is available from cwwglobal.org/about/financials.
Founded in 1946, CWS is comprised of 37 member communions encompassing a diversity of denominations, theologies, traditions, histories and cultures. Over more than 70 years, much has changed in the way we work together. CWS and its member communions are in a time of discernment and exploration. Our membership continues to be involved in these conversations together.

CWS is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

CWS serves not only to carry out this mission, but to do so as an ecumenical and global collaborative. CWS convenes its members around the Development and Humanitarian Assistance Advisory Group, addressing emergencies and sustainable development; the Immigration and Refugee Program Advisory Group; on Capitol Hill in joint advocacy efforts; and throughout the United States. Thousands of our members put their faith into action by participating in CROP Hunger Walks; taking the Ration Challenge; assembling CWS Hygiene Kits, School Kits or Emergency Cleanup Buckets; or offering signature CWS Blankets to those who most need warmth, shelter and comfort. Our grassroots advocacy efforts encompass thousands of congregations and individuals.

Our strength is in our capacity to do more together than we or any of our members could ever do alone. As an ecumenical agency, we work together because it is always a deeper expression of our unity in Christ.

CWS Members unite every year for an annual members meeting, which has overarching responsibilities for governance including confirmation of CWS Board members and the appointment of the CEO.
The Office of the President is responsible for overall leadership, strategy and the execution of programs in achieving the Church World Service mission and vision. The Office oversees relationships and policy with the Board of Directors and Member Communions. It directs the agency’s advocacy, strategy, research, incubation of ideas and functions in finance and human resources. The CEO cultivates donors in support of the CWS mission, sometimes spanning years of partnership.

The Office of the President advocacy team works to advance United States and United Nations policies that further the goals of the CWS mission to transform communities around the globe. These policies address CWS priority concerns including refugee resettlement and the rights and dignity of all migrants; the elimination of global hunger and poverty; disaster risk reduction and climate changes; and resolving man-made conflicts.

Our team works to ensure that the voices of our grassroots partners are heard. This year we facilitated the attendance of Latin American partners during the United Nations’ 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Our partners’ presentations focused on social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. We also hosted events that informed on how strengthening women’s community leadership enhances protection and expands inclusive delivery of sustainable development goals, and how the failure to uphold basic human rights, particularly for women and girls, exacerbates challenges in addressing the needs of vulnerable migrants.

Partners on another panel shared efforts to create more protective environments for vulnerable children and youth whose families are affected by incarceration and immigration detention, including in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We work with a variety of academic, peer agency and professional membership organizations. Through the CWS Incubation Lab, volunteer advisors connect strategic thinking through the realm of business, industry and academia, testing ideas that can influence and support the CWS mission. The CWS Global App continues to be an important tool in experiments with younger audiences. A recent campaign focused on our refugee work. Testing that the content engages users in learning about humanitarian issues and the work of CWS: 74% stated they were now more motivated to learn about issues facing refugees, and 78% say they learned something new from this campaign.
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A community coordinator named Agustin holds her daughter near the CWS water tank that they use in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.
Tomás Aquilino Guzmán at the CWS-supported Fish Training Center in Dajabón, Dominican Republic. The center offers classes on starting fish ponds and raising fish as a sustainable source of nutritious food. They also help neighboring families affordably purchase fish to eat and release fish to repopulate local rivers.