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Letter from the President & CEO

We are grateful for the thousands of donors and volunteers who are the foundation of Church World Service as a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. This year we celebrate their energy and spirit in meeting the challenges of persistent hunger and the global displacement crisis that has stripped millions of refugee families of a safe place to call home.

As a global family, we were tested to find solutions that could ameliorate these huge and complex problems. What could we offer to those who look to us to see that suffering fades and justice shines? Our volunteers and funders!

Making one of the most powerful demonstrations of our faith and values, resettlement supporters welcomed new refugee families into their communities by helping to provide care and household supplies. CROP Hunger Walkers laced up their walking shoes, raising funds to help reduce hunger in their neighborhoods. When one of the most horrendous hurricane seasons crashed upon our shores, together, we raised voices in compassion and for justice for those in need of help and hope.

We thank our supporters for working through this, and for their willingness to adapt and change. In the face of uncertainty and great odds, this trust is monumental.

In the coming year – especially with the world’s migration problem growing more difficult and severe with the effects of climate change – we are grateful that we are on this transformational journey together. Never in our history have we cowered in the face of human misery, and never have we lost hope that the future can be far greater than our past.

Rev. John L. McCullough
President & CEO





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

Our vision is a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home. This year, we helped tens of thousands of families make that vision a reality. Moms are now skilled chefs, preparing healthy meals for their little ones. Families in arid regions have access to water, even during long dry spells. Thousands of people can relieve themselves in clean, sanitary latrines that didn't exist a year ago. More children are attending school each day, ready to learn and dreaming big. Refugee families are settling into new homes and jobs, far from the conflict that forced them to flee.

Some days we take great strides towards accomplishing this mission. Other days we take baby steps. Regardless, we are moving forward. And with your support, we're going to keep pushing and keep fighting until people everywhere have the tools, education and opportunity they need.



CWS Cash for Work Programs allow young people in the semi-arid regions of Kenya the ability to make money while working to solve problems in their communities.



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Families in West Timor, Indonesia, are expanding their vegetable gardens and eating more nutritious foods through our Timor Zero Hunger program. Learn more on page 10. Photo: Shanley Studio

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We're teaming up with parents in Myanmar to make sure young children have enough nutritious food to grow up healthy and strong. Photo: Shanley Studio

Hunger and poverty

mean hearing your only daughter tell you day after day that she wishes she lived in a home where the roof didn't leak and rats didn't fall through the ceiling. It's doing everything you can to earn a living and feed your family, only to find out that your baby is malnourished. It's wanting to buy some small Christmas gifts for your grandchildren but needing to spend the money to keep your house warm instead. It's having to cook for your children using dirty, smelly water and knowing that it might make them sick. And it's heading out to a field in the dark to relieve yourself because your family doesn't have a toilet ■

It's the poverty that too many of our global neighbors face. Families around the world are hard at work every day, but they still face gut-wrenching decisions and challenges that often seem insurmountable ■

CWS and our supporters and partners around the world have stood with these families this year and for more than seven decades. The help and hope that we offer come in many forms, but in every instance we are proud to provide families with the supplies, information and opportunity they need to earn that extra income, prepare that healthy meal, build that sanitary latrine or purify that dirty water. While the dual challenges of hunger and poverty continue to loom large, families around the world are resting easier thanks to CWS programs ■



Expanding Our Hunger-Fighting Work on the Island of Timor

Photo: Indonesia, Shanley Studio

The island of Timor is divided between West Timor, which is part of Indonesia, and the independent nation of Timor-Leste. Our team has been engaged in West Timor through our Timor Zero Hunger program for years, helping families diversify diets, access clean water, protect their health, improve family income and expand home-based businesses. Because hunger and poverty don't stop at national borders, this year our team worked with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health and local government leaders to expand the program into Timor-Leste as well.

Like the rest of CWS food security programs throughout Asia, Timor Zero Hunger uses integrated projects to help people in remote villages realize their basic rights.

When parents of young children have the chance to learn about best practices for raising chickens and starting or expanding vegetable gardens – and then have the chickens, seeds and tools they need to put their knowledge into practice – they can feed their children better and have the potential to earn extra income. Our team also

provides advice and encouragement for savings groups so that entrepreneurs can build their businesses and families can have a financial safety net in the event of an emergency.

To complement our support to individual families, we also work with communities to dig wells or improve existing ones, thereby protecting health and preventing the spread of water-borne diseases. We help families build sanitary latrines and improve their basic hygiene practices, too.

Expanding into Timor-Leste

With the successes from our work with families in West Timor, the first step in expansion across the border was to decide on which Timor-Leste communities to partner with. Our team presented our ideas for Timor-Leste to our longstanding partner, the Ministry of Health. Ministry staff were – and continue to be – very supportive. They recommended starting in Liquiçá district because there is great need there and it is relatively accessible for them to monitor.

Collaborating with Communities

The next step was for our Timor-Leste team to visit the program in West Timor. They traveled with our Indonesia team and met with families to learn about project opportunities, successes and challenges. Then, a member of our West Timor team spent some time in Timor-Leste to further train and support our team there.

Timor Zero Hunger in Timor-Leste officially launched with 100 families in Vatouvou and Maumeta villages in Liquiçá, where the soil is quite poor, drought is a challenge and water and healthcare services are limited. All families here face hunger or malnutrition.

Gabriela da Costa, the head of Vatouvou village, noted, **“CWS is the first outside organization to ever work here, and of course as village leader, I really appreciate that our national Ministry of Health has thought to suggest that our families join the Timor Zero Hunger initiative.”**

The families that have joined the program so far are focusing on raising chickens. Clementina Pintu dos Santosher is one of the participants. She says, “For me, this was the first opportunity I have ever had to join a learning group like this, and I’m happy CWS is here because no other outside organization or government agency is helping us improve our lives. The whole community here is very poor, especially the families who have no regular paid work.”

Clementina has made a promise to herself: she will grow her flock so that she can sell eggs and chicks and earn more money to support her family. More importantly, she will have more nutritious food for her two children.

Growing Together

As Clementina’s flock grows, so will the program. We plan to support an additional 100 families in these villages in the coming year through chicken raising and home gardening as well as improved access to clean water and sanitation. With support from our ACT Alliance partner Act for Peace, our team also has plans to help community leaders assess vulnerabilities to climate change and implement strategies to mitigate the threat that climate change poses.



Clementina Pintu dos Santosher in front of her new chicken coop.

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Clementina Pintu dos Santosher,
a participant of Timor Zero Hunger

Bringing Communities Together to Overcome Poverty



Haiti
Cooperatives & Agroecological Associations



RURAL SAVINGS AND LOAN COOPERATIVES IN HAITI'S POOREST REGION

For 14 years we have partnered with Sant Kreyen Pou Devlopman Entegre, or SKDE, in Haiti's Northwest Department, where we accompany 10 cooperatives with a total of 6,000 members. We support the cooperatives' credit programs as well as community stores, bakeries and efforts to improve infrastructure. Our team provides administration and bookkeeping management assistance, agricultural technical support, training and access to seeds and livestock. We also have a new partner that accompanies farmers in eight agroecological associations. Our support is helping them prepare for and mitigate the effects of climate change.



Nicaragua
Agricultural Training Centers



AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTERS IN REMOTE AREAS OF NICARAGUA

Farmers from Miskito indigenous communities along the Coco River visit four CWS-supported training centers for classes, information sessions and a space to share their successes and challenges. These centers serve as experimental farms, where crops grow side by side but are cultivated using different techniques. Participants can see how these different test plots are performing and then adapt the methodology to improve how they use their own land. Each farmer agrees to share what he or she has learned with at least two friends and neighbors to spread this valuable information throughout the community.

Truly sustainable change depends on people. We can distribute seeds, provide livestock to families and build water systems, but true long-term change can't happen without community ownership and participation. That's why so many of our programs focus on supporting cooperatives and peer learning networks. Here are some highlights of what that looks like.



Georgia
Community Cooperatives



POWERING COOPERATIVES IN GEORGIA WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY

By partnering with five community cooperatives to establish income-generating activities powered by renewable energy, we are also providing employment for some of the 105 cooperative members to run the operation. These activities include drying fruit and vegetables with solar power or producing charcoal briquettes, both of which can be sold in local markets to meet a growing demand. Dozens or even hundreds of neighbors can also earn income by providing the bay leaves, primrose or other needed plants from their land. This has the added benefit of protecting the environment because families are no longer burning the branches or plants as organic waste.



Cambodia
Self-Help Groups



ASSISTING SELF-HELP GROUPS IN CAMBODIA

Families in many small, rural Cambodian villages rely on daily wage labor for income. That means they are relying on an income stream that is inherently unreliable and limited. When any shock to their daily lives happens, they almost never have the resources to cope. Often their only choice is to go to moneylenders who charge high interest rates. That's why our team helps communities start Self-Help Groups. Each member contributes a small amount – as little as a dollar in many cases - monthly, and members can borrow at a reasonable rate to build businesses or meet emergency needs, especially for health and medical care. Across Cambodia we work with 46 groups that have saved \$116,453 so far! Our teams in Myanmar and Indonesia support similar groups, too.



Realizing a Right to Water in South America

Roughly the size of Texas, the Gran Chaco covers a vast swath of land across Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay. For the families living in small communities scattered across the region's arid landscape, water access is a top priority.

Take the rural municipality of Los Blancos, for example. It's a small town of about 500 families in Argentina's Salta Province. About 2,000 more families live in remote sections of the district around the town. Nearly every conventional means of accessing potable water is out of the question for these 2,000 families because of their geographic isolation. This is the hottest spot in South America, and drought can last up to six months. When rains do come, they are quick and torrential. Underground water sources are scarce and salted with high levels of arsenic, so drilling borehole wells does not guarantee access to quality water. The two main rivers in the area are the Bermejo and the Pilcomayo, which are 30 and 62 miles from town, respectively.

Only two percent of families in Los Blancos have access to quality water. The need isn't just for the families themselves, either; 68 percent share water sources that support their cattle and goats.

In a situation like this one, there is no single solution or big project that can meet water needs. Instead, it takes a coordinated effort across stakeholders. That's the idea behind the Water Roundtable of Rivadavia. Rivadavia is the department of Salta where Los Blancos is located; it has about 30,000 inhabitants total, 90 percent of whom live in small rural communities. The Water Roundtable is a government-civil society platform that aims to ensure water access for all inhabitants, whether they are from poor farmer families or from one of the region's indigenous populations.

CWS is one of two international organizations that have been invited to be part of the Water Roundtable. Our local partner, Fundapaz, is one driving force behind the Roundtable. The other is Argentina's National Agricultural Technology Institute, and local indigenous and farmer organizations are also actively engaged.



As an indigenous leader said at a meeting in 2017,
“We all have the same right to water.”

This year, we hit a major milestone. Through the construction of catchment systems at homes and schools, rainwater storage capacity expansion in the region passed a million liters.

Rooftop rainwater catchment systems like this one collect rain that falls on the roof and pipe it to tanks for use long after the rain has stopped.

Rooftop Rainwater Catchment Systems

One small-scale water system that can help address the challenge of water access is the rooftop rainwater catchment system. The premise is simple: collect the rainwater that falls on large roof surfaces into gutters, which in turn pipe the water into a large cistern. If that cistern is properly sealed and maintained, the water will be potable for an extended period. There is sufficient rainfall in Rivadavia and Los Blancos to fill a cistern. Water can also be trucked in to fill the cisterns when needed.

During a Water Roundtable meeting in 2017, a local water expert said, **“The deeper one goes to get water, the more expensive and complicated it is. Investing in rainwater catchment is wise and sustainable and empowers communities.”**



Photo courtesy Fundapaz

Through CWS support, Fundapaz trains construction teams to build these cisterns. Nestor Montes is one of these technicians, who has built cisterns in his home town of Los Blancos and now travels to other communities to train local teams in those locations. **“It is a great feeling when you build the first rainwater harvesting system in a community, but many more are needed. Water is our number one problem.”**

Mapping to Inspire Action

This accomplishment belongs to every member of the Water Roundtable. It is also only the beginning. CWS and Fundapaz’s goal is not to build every cistern that is needed in the district. Instead, we aim to build the initial systems in a community and empower and inspire the community members to construct the rest or advocate successfully to local government to build them.

Part of this effort means enabling local community members to use GPS technology for participatory mapping. With CWS-supported training, local leaders are establishing inter-ethnic teams to survey families, calculate water deficits and use GPS equipment and Geographic Information Systems to create maps of some of the region’s remotest areas. Those maps — that today include information from more than 2,000 families — are critical tools to support water-related advocacy.

These efforts have succeeded in mobilizing governmental action. This year, the benchmark of a million liters and the work of the Water Roundtable moved the provincial government of Salta to draft a decree that mandates that each new school, health clinic and housing project funded by the province should include a rainwater catchment and storage system.

As with so many places in our world, prosperity in the Chaco is not going to be accomplished by a single technology or advocacy coalition. It will be accomplished when the rights of the people who live there are realized. That includes the right to water and all the subsequent benefits the realization of it will bring. Every day this year, and every day for many years to come, we are walking with the people of the Gran Chaco as they advocate for and build the systems that will enable water access for all.

Building and Improving Water Systems

Access to clean, safe water is a basic human right. Here are some of the ways that our teams around the world have helped families realize this right.



SAND DAMS: Sand builds up behind a wall and acts like a sponge, absorbing water as it flows over. Families can access the water held in the sand long after the rainy season ends.



WATER KIOSKS: They provide clean water for a small fee. They are a source of clean water close to homes, eliminating the long walk for water many women would otherwise face.

RAINWATER STORAGE & CISTERNS: Whether for a home, school or an entire community, collecting and storing rainwater in large tanks is a cost-effective way to provide access to safe water.



WATER COMMITTEES: They help make important decisions regarding water use and care for water delivery infrastructure to keep them operating as smoothly as they did on their first day of use.



	Argentina	Bolivia	Cambodia	Dominican Republic	Guatemala	Haiti
BIOSAND FILTERS					■	
DRIP IRRIGATION	■	■			■	■
ELEVATED WELL HAND PUMPS						
RAINWATER STORAGE & CISTERNS	■	■				■
SAND DAMS						
PROTECTED WATER SOURCES						
RING WELLS			■			■
WATER COMMITTEES			■	■		■
WATER KIOSKS						



PROTECTED WATER SOURCES:

Adding walls and a roof to a spring or well is an easy and affordable way to keep leaves, dirt and other pollutants - including animal waste - from contaminating the water.

Photo: Shanley Studio

BIOSAND FILTERS: These affordable household filters efficiently remove nearly all sediment, parasites and bacteria from water and make it safe for drinking - all without electricity or needing to replace expensive filters.



RING WELLS: Drilling or digging wells and lining them with concrete rings means access to safer water for many families or an entire community at once.



DRIP IRRIGATION: Using pipes to slowly but consistently drip water onto plants enables farmers to maximize their irrigation capacity while minimizing water usage.



ELEVATED WELL HAND PUMPS:

By building concrete platforms that raise hand pumps above the annual flood levels, families can still use the pump to access safe water when the area is flooded.

	Honduras	Indonesia	Kenya	Myanmar	Nicaragua	Paraguay	Vietnam
BIOSAND FILTERS		■			■		■
DRIP IRRIGATION	■				■	■	
ELEVATED WELL HAND PUMPS				■			
RAINWATER STORAGE & CISTERNS					■	■	
SAND DAMS			■				
PROTECTED WATER SOURCES	■	■			■		
RING WELLS		■		■			
WATER COMMITTEES	■	■		■	■		
WATER KIOSKS			■				



Caring for Vulnerable Children in Serbia

The Roma are one of the most marginalized groups in Serbia and across Europe. They face drastic inequalities that are transferred from one generation to the next in a cycle of hardship reinforced by stereotype and prejudice as well as legal and institutional obstacles. Roma children are significantly less likely to attend school than other children in Belgrade and are often at risk of living and working on the street. As a result, most Roma end up with fewer skills, worse job prospects and poorer living conditions than their fellow citizens.

Through a partnership with the Center for Youth Integration, this year our team provided critical services to more than 350 children at risk of living and working on the street. Most of these children are Roma. These children usually live in difficult conditions, have dropped out of school and are in poor health.

Hana is one of these children. “I’m living in a settlement without electricity or running water. When it rains everything in my home gets wet,” her mom, Spresa, says. She says that Hana told her, “I wish I had a room like the shelter. Without water on the walls, garbage or rats.”

Hana and her family live in one of the 27 informal settlements across Belgrade where outreach teams from Center for Youth Integration work to build community trust. Outreach workers spend time getting to know the families of each settlement with a long-term goal of linking them to the two drop-in shelters in addition to wider social and health services.

Each shelter is a haven to the visiting children. This year about 300 children from 130 families visited the shelters, which provide clean clothes, meals, showers and a safe space to relax, study and play. “I like to play with other children, to draw, watch TV and play football in the park,” Hana says.

An additional 63 children who don’t visit the shelters — usually because their settlement is too far away — also received counseling, clothes, hygiene packages and help

with school enrollment this year. If they can’t come to the shelters, the shelter services come to them.

Just as importantly as the supplies and meals that the children receive, the shelter teams help their families access a network of services and care. Because of their



Hana (left) plays with her friends during a visit to one of the shelters.

deep poverty and lack of proper documentation, these families are often excluded from services like education and health programs.

A critical role of the shelter staff is to help remove these obstacles. Parents don't send children to school because they don't have clean clothes, for example. Each child can get a clean outfit by visiting the shelter. If parents can't afford to buy school supplies, the shelters provide them. Often, these clothes and supplies are donated by people and businesses in Belgrade. Parents may not know how to register their child for school, or the child has dropped out. Shelter staff help them through the enrollment process and then maintain close relationships with schools to make sure the children continue to attend.

At the moment, 250 of the children who visit the shelters are enrolled in school, and a majority are proving themselves to be good students.

A team of professional teachers, social workers, volunteers, psychologists and nurses provide a wide range of services for the children. Each child has an individual action plan developed, and most receive individual counseling. They can also receive basic medical treatment and hygiene support in the shelters. **“The drop-in shelter helped me to take my child to the doctor and to get a health ID,”** says Spresa.

This year was another year of growth for the program, especially when freezing temperatures led more children to seek refuge in the shelters in December. Also in December, we helped launch the coffee shop 16, a social enterprise that provides funds to support the program as well as young adults who visited the shelters as children.

Being born into a Roma family shouldn't be an automatic sentence to a life in poverty. Every child deserves the chance to get an education and to have the support and care that he or she needs. Ensuring that these children have the chance to fulfill their potential is a full-time, long-term effort. We intend to be right there with them every step of the way.



Emir visited the CYI drop-in shelters as a child. Now he is a barista at 16.

A CAFÉ WITH A CAUSE

Roma children can visit the drop-in shelters until they are 15 years old. However, the challenges they face don't stop there. Many Roma are excluded from employment opportunities or are forced to occupy "invisible" occupations that don't engage the public.

In December, CWS joined the Center for Youth Integration to launch a café called 16. It is intended to represent the next step of services for young adults who visited the drop-in shelters as children. One of the café's main goals, in addition to financial support of CYI activities, is to make the Roma more visible to the wider community in a non-stereotypical role. Two young adults at a time enroll in a barista and management training course that lasts for two months. Once they have completed the training, they are eligible to work in 16 or another of Belgrade's countless coffee shops.

Supporting Schools and Students

Giving young minds space to learn is critical to ending multi-generational poverty. By supporting schools and education programs this year, we have helped thousands of students on their journey to improving their lives and our world.



◀ Rebuilding & Repairing Schools in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew

Matthew Hurricane Matthew damaged many public schools in Haiti. This year our team completed repairs and new construction at two schools that serve more than 650 students. Construction continues at a third school, which is in a remote area with no truck access. Our team and community members must carry supplies for an hour and a half from the main road to the construction site. A fourth school will also undergo repairs in the coming year.

Child-centered Learning in Vietnam ▶

Our Vietnam team facilitates workshops about how to make school libraries nicer for children. After one workshop this year, a colleague from the local Department of Education told us, "teachers used to share ideas about better libraries during summer vacation times, but we were just learning on our own. We never had a chance, until now, to join a professional training like the one CWS organized."





◀ Supporting School Safe Zones in Kenya

“Before the project, we would go for days without school lunches as there wasn’t enough water for cooking. Today, thanks to CWS, we have enough water and we can wash our hands after visiting the latrine,” says Rhoda, a fifth grader at Chepkram School.



▲ Access to Education for Young Refugees in Serbia

Refugee children often face long gaps in their education while on their journey to safety. Our team in Serbia helps unaccompanied refugee children living in camps in Belgrade continue their education. “I don’t want to waste my time, because I have plans for the future to be in a good university. That’s why we’re coming here to school - we want to learn new things,” says 17-year-old Ahmad.



▲ Hot Water for Kindergartens in Moldova

Moldova, one of the poorest nations in Europe, doesn’t produce its own energy. Many Moldovan schools can’t afford to access hot water. Through our Renewable Energy Technologies program, we’re helping construct and install locally-produced solar systems that provide a low-cost way for school bathrooms and kitchens to have hot water, all while improving student health and reducing environmental and electricity costs. This year, we reached 1,784 children in four kindergartens and a summer camp.

▶ Training Teachers in Argentina on the Impact of Parental Incarceration

An estimated two million children across Latin America and the Caribbean have an incarcerated parent. We are providing training for teachers in Argentina about how to support and accompany these children who are often traumatized and stigmatized and have a higher chance of dropping out of school. “Nobody ever talked to us about this. It definitely encourages us to talk to the families,” said one teacher.



Photo: ACIFAD



Fighting Hunger in the United States

While families around the world battle hunger, it also continues to be a burden for many in the United States. The U.S. is one of the wealthiest countries, yet children across America are sitting in classrooms worrying about if they will have dinner tonight.

Each year, people like you take to the streets to show their belief that no child should be hungry - not in their neighborhood or anywhere in the world. These CROP Hunger Walkers support the global work of CWS and U.S. food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other hunger-fighting agencies.



CROP Hunger Walks are family friendly events that instill a commitment to service in the next generation.



CROP Hunger Walks fund programs such as client choice food pantries, providing weekend backpacks of food for hungry school children and meal distribution to neighbors in crisis. Photo: Patrick Thompson



This year 87,000 CROP Hunger Walkers from congregations, schools, businesses and organizations walked in more than 800 events, raising more than \$2 million to end hunger in the United States in addition to the roughly \$6 million for international assistance. These funds were distributed to 1,670 hunger organizations across 44 states.

Northtowns Academy Food Pantry in New York received CROP Hunger Walk funds. Julie Murray, the pantry's co-coordinator, told us:

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We were having difficulty finding sources of protein, fresh fruits and vegetables. With the funding you've provided we have been able to set up a weekly order for bread and bagels. We work with one of the produce sellers at the local farmer's market to purchase fresh fruit at the end of each day. We also purchase eggs, ground turkey and ground beef from whichever grocer is cheapest that week. With these weekly purchases we've been able to provide better choices for meal planning. Our families are very appreciative of the fresh meat and produce. Many of them have expressed that other pantries don't give those options. You make our job here so much easier.

Since 1969, CROP Hunger Walks have been raising awareness and millions of dollars each year to address the causes of hunger. As we approach our 50th anniversary we are inspired by the millions of people who have joined this movement. Together, we will end hunger...one step at a time.



Join the movement.
Change the world.

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For children who are at risk of living and working on the street, CWS-supported shelters in Belgrade, Serbia, are a safe place to do homework or crafts, take a shower, study, eat a meal and laugh with friends.



Evanis Gatunzi, a refugee from Rwanda, rides a bike for the first time in Durham, North Carolina. Photo: Paul Jeffrey

Displacement.

Around the world violence, conflict and persecution are forcing families to flee their homes in search of safety at an alarming rate. The United Nations estimates there are more than 25 million refugees who cannot safely return home. The U.S. refugee resettlement program, built by CWS and faith communities around the country, saves lives, encourages other countries to keep their doors open to families seeking safety and promotes global security ■

Since we first began resettling refugees in the aftermath of World War II we have welcomed these families into our communities, into our churches and into our lives, and we have seen how doing so has made us more vibrant, prosperous and strong. Throughout every step of the resettlement process we work to ensure that refugee families are put on a path to achieve security, stability and full integration in their new communities. And for the majority of refugee families who will not get the opportunity to be resettled, we provide tools and support to help them build new livelihoods where they are ■

As the number of refugee families admitted to the United States has dwindled, we are also working to lift the voices of people of faith, refugee leaders and welcoming communities to defend America's longstanding tradition of protecting the persecuted and ensure our nation remains a beacon of hope for decades to come ■

A photograph of a man in a light blue t-shirt holding a young child in a light blue patterned shirt on a trampoline. They are outdoors with trees and a fence in the background. A blue banner with white text is overlaid on the image.

Helping Refugees Rebuild Their Lives in Safety and With Dignity

For more than 70 years, Church World Service has partnered with local communities across the United States to help refugee families find protection through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

With more than 25.4 million refugees around the world today, the refugee crisis has reached historic heights. One in every 110 people in the world is displaced from his or her home due to conflict or persecution. These mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers want nothing more than the opportunity to live their lives in safety and dignity.

Though the U.S. has long been the global leader in refugee resettlement, the Trump administration has implemented policies to limit and slow the admission of vulnerable refugee families. The administration set the U.S. refugee admissions ceiling to 45,000 individuals for federal fiscal year 2018. As the fiscal year comes to a close, less than half of the refugees who were promised safety actually arrived.

Yet resettlement remains a vital lifeline for the small percentage of refugees who are referred for admission into the United States. Many of these families have no home to return to and face violence or persecution in the places they have fled to. The opportunity to start over in the United States can be the difference between life and death. Despite low arrival numbers, CWS continues to provide life-saving services to as many refugee families as possible.

This year we resettled 2,374 refugees and 1,412 special immigrant visa holders—refugees eligible for resettlement due to their service with the U.S. military—in 34 communities across the United States.

Recognizing that our capacity for welcome is greater than the number of refugees being admitted to the United States, we increased access to our services to other eligible populations. We opened our doors to immigrants in need of legal services and helped refugees who have been granted asylum connect with services and support programming.

Along with our faith and community partners, we provided the support and services needed to put each client on a path to achieve security, stability and a bright future for their children. CWS clients accessed English language training, legal services, employment services, mental health services, youth programs and leadership development training. We provided targeted programming for the most vulnerable refugee populations, including women and the elderly.

CWS also participated in U.S. government-sponsored integration programs including employment services and assistance through Matching Grant, intensive case management through Preferred Communities, citizenship programs and intensive community orientation through the Refugee AmeriCorps program. We are one of only two agencies that provided services to Cuban and Haitian entrants in South Florida and eight other states this year.



Nasratullah Ahmadzai, 4, bounces on a trampoline as his brother, Sanaullah Ahmadzai, 2, gets a boost from their father, Ahmadullah Ahmadzai, in the yard of their home in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Refugees from Afghanistan, they were resettled in Harrisonburg by Church World Service. Photo: Paul Jeffrey

And across the country, communities, congregations, civic groups and local leaders pitched in to welcome and support refugee families, donating their time, resources and voices. They formed Welcome Teams to cosponsor arriving refugees, hosted vigils in their churches and demanded action from their members of Congress. As we move into 2019, CWS is committed to expanding these partnerships to ensure that every refugee resettled joins a community that is invested in their future.



The Refugee AmeriCorps program trained 514 new community volunteers.

83.8%

of clients enrolled in the Matching Grant program achieved self-sufficiency within 180 days in 2017

WHERE ARE THE REFUGEES?

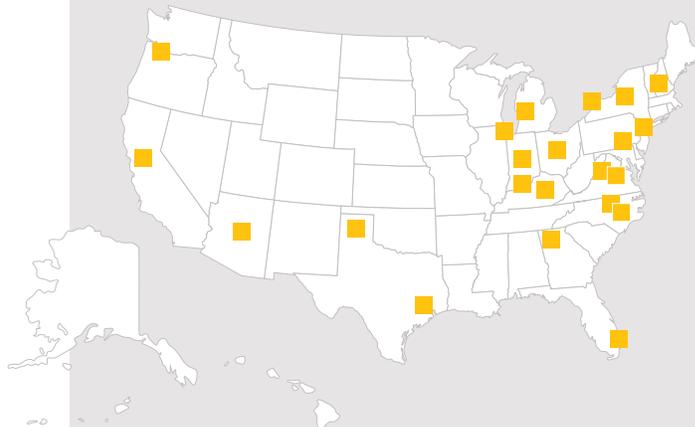
As the administration has taken steps to dismantle the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, CWS mobilized faith leaders, community partners and refugee leaders around the country to hold Congress accountable for low refugee admissions.

CWS organized the national #WhereRtheRefugees campaign, engaging with media and activists to increase awareness and action around the low number of refugee arrivals. We worked with members from both sides of the aisle to support refugee protection, securing Rep. Hultgren (R-IL) to speak at a World Refugee Day press conference, and organizing a bipartisan Congressional letter signed by 63 members of Congress—11 Republicans—calling on the administration to increase the pace of refugee arrivals and expressing strong support for the U.S. refugee resettlement program.

We continue to rally support and work to rebuild bipartisan support for refugees to ensure that the United States remains a beacon of hope for the persecuted.

DISPLACEMENT

CWS LOCAL OFFICES AND AFFILIATES RESETTLE REFUGEES IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES



- Phoenix, AZ
- Sacramento, CA
- Miami, FL
- Atlanta, GA
- Chicago, IL
- Indianapolis, IN
- Lexington, KY
- Louisville, KY
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Durham, NC
- Greensboro, NC
- Concord, NH
- Jersey City, NJ
- Buffalo, NY
- Syracuse, NY
- Columbus, OH
- Portland, OR
- Lancaster, PA
- Amarillo, TX
- Houston, TX
- Harrisonburg, VA
- Richmond, VA

Refugees wait to board a plane at the Kakuma Refugee Camp

Helping Refugees Access Protection Through the U.S. Resettlement Process

This year, 36 percent of all refugees resettled in the United States were processed by the CWS Resettlement Support Center Africa.



CWS is one of only three resettlement agencies to also operate a Resettlement Support Center through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration. RSC Africa helps all refugees from Sub-Saharan Africa who are referred by the United Nations for resettlement in the United States to navigate the lengthy and complicated process of interviews, health screenings and security screenings on the path to resettlement.

In order to assist clients who speak dozens of different languages and bridge the language and cultural divides that can influence a refugee interview, we provided specialized training to 1,229 interpreters in seven countries across the African continent this year. Building on an already robust pool of qualified interpreters, a total of 349 new interpreters were identified and hired.

We also provided all refugees processed through RSC Africa with Cultural Orientation programming to help prepare them for travel and arrival in the United States. Orientation classes cover topics such as how to dress for seasonal weather; what to expect when boarding

RSC Africa provides English Language Programming to refugees living in camps to expand their work opportunities and prepare them for resettlement.



RSC Africa processed a total of 7,436 individuals for resettlement in this time period.



5.7%

individuals with serious medical and/or protection concerns departed from their country of Asylum, where they were not able to get the care or protection they deserve



0.7%

minors resettled through the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors program



1.5%

individuals reunited with their family members

an airplane for the first time; and how to navigate new healthcare, education and employment systems. Building upon our existing programming, this year we launched a new Child Cultural Orientation curriculum that distinguishes between children and youth, allowing for clearer and targeted, age-appropriate lessons.

At a time when resource reallocation and policy decisions have slowed refugee processing, we worked to ensure that any refugee given the opportunity to resettle to the United States was not unnecessarily held back. In 2018, RSC Africa's Africa Regional Deployment Unit stepped in to help United Nations offices in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya process cases already submitted to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and identify new cases for submission. From July 2017-March 2018 the Regional Deployment Unit accounted for 8.79 percent of all referrals received from the United Nations.



Mobilizing Refugee Leaders and People of Faith

Advocates and Members of Congress gather in front of the Capitol for a press conference organized by CWS on World Refugee Day

Since Church World Service first opened its doors in response to the global humanitarian and refugee crisis created by World War II, refugees have never faced as many obstacles to finding protection as they do today. The administration’s fear-based misinformation campaign against immigrants and refugees has further divided the nation and eroded longstanding bipartisan support for refugee protection. And its policies have dismantled large portions of the refugee resettlement program while narrowing paths to protection for refugees seeking asylum.

When policymakers at the state and local level began introducing anti-refugee bills, we mobilized our grassroots networks of refugee leaders and people of faith to defeat these proposals. In 2017, 36 anti-refugee bills were filed in 20 states that sought to halt or drastically slow down resettlement, deny rights and access to services, discriminate against refugees and keep refugee families apart.

So we set to work.

We knew that our vast network of faith leaders and resettlement affiliates around the country could be powerful voices for change in their communities. We equipped these leaders with tools and support to engage with their local

government leaders and organize within their communities to defeat these anti-refugee proposals.

We also recognized the power of developing a diverse group of refugee advocates to educate their communities about refugees and engage with local leaders on policy issues. To date CWS has trained and mentored more than 600 refugee leaders across the country on grassroots organizing, storytelling and advocacy. This year CWS helped these leaders develop civic engagement strategies, draft opinion editorials and organize public events and speaking engagements around the country.

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The USRAP is a critical pillar of our national foreign policy and enables the United States to fulfill key international commitments.

Bipartisan letter to the administration defending the refugee resettlement program signed by 17 U.S. Senators, organized by CWS



West Virginia

CWS partnered with the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry to leverage faith voices to stop two bills that would have imposed burdensome and unnecessary requirements before refugees could be resettled in the state.



South Dakota

CWS partnered with Refugee Congress delegates and refugee advocates to stop a bill that would have suspended all resettlement of refugees and blocked individuals from several Muslim-majority countries from traveling to or reuniting with their family members in the state.



Georgia

We supported our affiliate, New American Pathways, in organizing the fifth annual New Americans Day celebration at the State Capitol with hundreds of participants. The event led to the official designation of New Americans Day through a Republican-led Senate proclamation.

In many states - with the backing of local communities and refugee advocates - legislators introduced pro-refugee bills to provide more resources and protection for vulnerable refugee families.



New York



Iowa

Following our efforts, the New York State legislature allocated \$2 million for resettlement agencies to serve refugees, and the Iowa State legislature approved \$200,000 for the RefugeeRISE AmeriCorps program to improve the economic development and integration of refugees.

Across the country CWS has equipped welcoming communities and refugee advocates to advance a proactive state and local legislative agenda.

SANCTUARY

In recent years the Sanctuary Movement, first born to protect asylum seekers in the 1980s, has seen a modern resurgence. Congregations across the country have taken up the call to stand in solidarity with individuals directly impacted by harmful immigration enforcement actions by providing safe-haven to immigrants in need.

CWS is the national coordinator for this modern Sanctuary Movement, which now boasts more than 1,000 congregations that stand ready to help immigrants in danger of deportation to stay with their families. In the past 4 years, 51 congregations in 40 cities have provided

Sanctuary to 79 individuals seeking to remain in their communities and have helped hundreds more be released from detention or win legal relief from deportation.

A critical component of the Sanctuary Movement is elevating the stories of immigrant leaders and the faith communities providing sanctuary by engaging with media and local community leaders to build more understanding of the challenges facing immigrant families. CWS provides the leaders of the Sanctuary Movement with training and support to build their capacity to stand strong, grow and inspire others.



Engaging Faith Leaders to Provide Life-Saving Support and Safe Spaces for LGBT Refugees

In many countries of sub-saharan Africa, LGBT people are criminalized for who they are and may face physical attacks, torture, abuse and isolation by their loved ones. Often, these individuals are forced to flee the only home they've ever known in search of safety.

In order to support these vulnerable refugees, CWS works with our faith partners in Kenya and South Africa to create welcoming and safe spaces for refugees, asylees and nationals in both countries.



The CWS Safe Space Program spreads awareness and battles misconceptions about sexual orientation and gender identity through sensitization trainings with faith leaders, and improves LGBT individuals' access to health services and information.



Participants of the CWS Safe Space dialogue program in Kenya learned about how to support LGBT individuals and provide access to health services.



We asked these faith leaders to identify the areas where they needed support and training, and then we trained 60 of them to offer basic pastoral care and counseling to LGBT project participants in Kenya. Through these trainings we expanded the number of engaged faith leaders in Nairobi, Nakuru, Mombasa and Kisumu. They learned about HIV and sexual and reproductive health needs for LGBT individuals and how to help them access supportive health services.

CWS partnered with the Kenyan organization LVCT Health, to empower community organizers to implement an HIV prevention and treatment project in Nairobi for LGBT refugees and asylum seekers. The sexual and reproductive health services offered today include screening of sexually transmitted infections, tuberculosis and cervical cancer, as well as the provision of medication that can help prevent the spread of HIV.

Our partnership with faith communities in Kenya and South Africa has been transformative. While there are still challenges in acceptance of the LGBT community, faith leaders involved in our program became sympathetic and understanding, even beginning to advocate on behalf of LGBT communities.

After receiving our training, Kisumu, a Kenyan faith leader, engaged parents of LGBT children to increase their understanding, acceptance, and support of their children. He facilitated discussions about sexual orientation and gender diversity, and included testimonials from LGBT community members. It is with the energy and encouragement of faith leaders like Kisumu that CWS helps facilitate community-based social change.





Providing Vital Services for Refugees in Egypt

The staff of StARS." Photo courtesy StARS.

As prolonged conflicts in Africa and the Middle East continue to force mass displacement, the number of people seeking safety in Egypt continues to grow each year. As of June 2018, there were more than 230,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers living in Egypt, an increase of more than 10 percent during the past year.

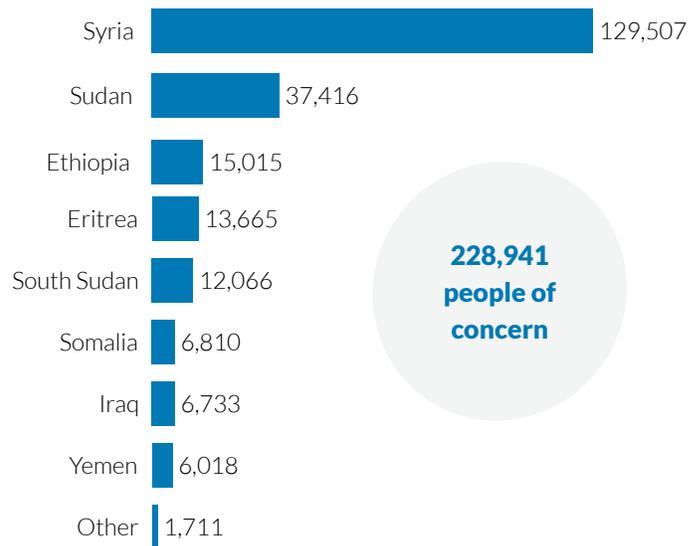
As the number of refugees in Cairo grows, services to support this vulnerable population remain limited. Refugees cannot legally work, so they are forced to accept work in the dangerous informal sector. Xenophobia and anti-refugee sentiment further impair their ability to access critical services.

Refugee women, many of whom are also survivors of rape and other gender-based violence in their countries of origin or during transit, are up against socio-economic and racial dynamics that can exacerbate their risk in Cairo.

Many refugees experience detention, torture or other trauma in their country of origin or in transit. Overcrowding, limited funding and xenophobia can prevent refugees from receiving needed care in Cairo. Further, refugees are often refused access to or face higher fees for basic services than Egyptians. Even basic counseling and case management is limited, preventing people from knowing their rights or accessing therapy or medical care.

Although refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt represent 58 nations, only Syrian, Yemeni and Sudanese refugee children have an official right to public education. These schools are often overcrowded and have high rates of violence. "Refugee schools" are usually less expensive, but they are often unaccredited and vary drastically in quality. There is almost no opportunity for unaccompanied or separated refugee children to access education, and educational opportunities for adults are similarly scarce.

NATIONS OF ORIGIN OF REFUGEES IN CAIRO



Source: UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency - Egypt Fact Sheet June 2018

PROTECTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

CWS is the leading funder of Cairo-based refugee protection agency St. Andrew's Refugee Services, known as StARS. This year, the number of refugees served through CWS-supported programs passed 30,000. We expect that number to continue to grow in the coming year.

Our Egypt Refugee Program aims to improve vulnerable refugee and migrants' access in five key sectors:



Protecting and supporting children



Gender-based violence protection and response



Education for children, adults and communities



Health services



Psychosocial support

This program is a leader in Cairo for providing child protection services to both children with families and unaccompanied or separated children. The number of unaccompanied children continues to rise; it grew by more than 20 percent this year. StARS reached more than 3,700 children this year through counseling, strengthening ties to community and social support, safe spaces for socializing, medical assistance and other services.

Preventing and responding to gender-based violence is a staple of all services. Within the Psychosocial program, six senior caseworkers focus specifically on this issue. In the coming year two psychologist positions will be added to expand available treatment. Similarly, two new counselors within the Education program will help train teachers to identify and respond to incidents.

The Medical Access Program served 1,751 refugees this year. Eleven caseworkers connect them to a network of doctors who will provide low-cost or free services. If no funding is available for treatment, CWS-supported microgrants can help pay for needed operations. This year, 123 refugees received one or more grants. One of these grant recipients was a single mother of four, who used the \$209 to get an operation addressing a cataract in her left eye that had left her previously unable to work. After the procedure, she was able to find a part-time job and says she is more capable of going about her daily activities and looking after her children.

The robust Mental Health and Psychosocial Support program helped 11,669 refugees this year and has nine

teams of caseworkers, four of whom focus specifically on unaccompanied children. Staff represent six of the largest refugee communities in Cairo. Emergency services are available for refugees facing homelessness or other crises, and drop-in services are available. Longer-term case management is also available.

StARS operates schools for refugees from pre-school age up through adults. The Children's Education Program offers one of the only English-language refugee schools in Cairo and has more than 300 students. It is particularly valuable for students who are barred from public schools. The Adult Education Program also offers classes in English, Arabic, computer skills and livelihoods.

StARS provides a tapestry of critical services to protect and serve many of Cairo's most vulnerable refugee residents. They are not outsiders in these communities, though. Over 80 percent of StARS staff are refugees themselves, reflecting the ability of the StARS team to effectively and compassionately meet the needs of neighbors in Cairo.



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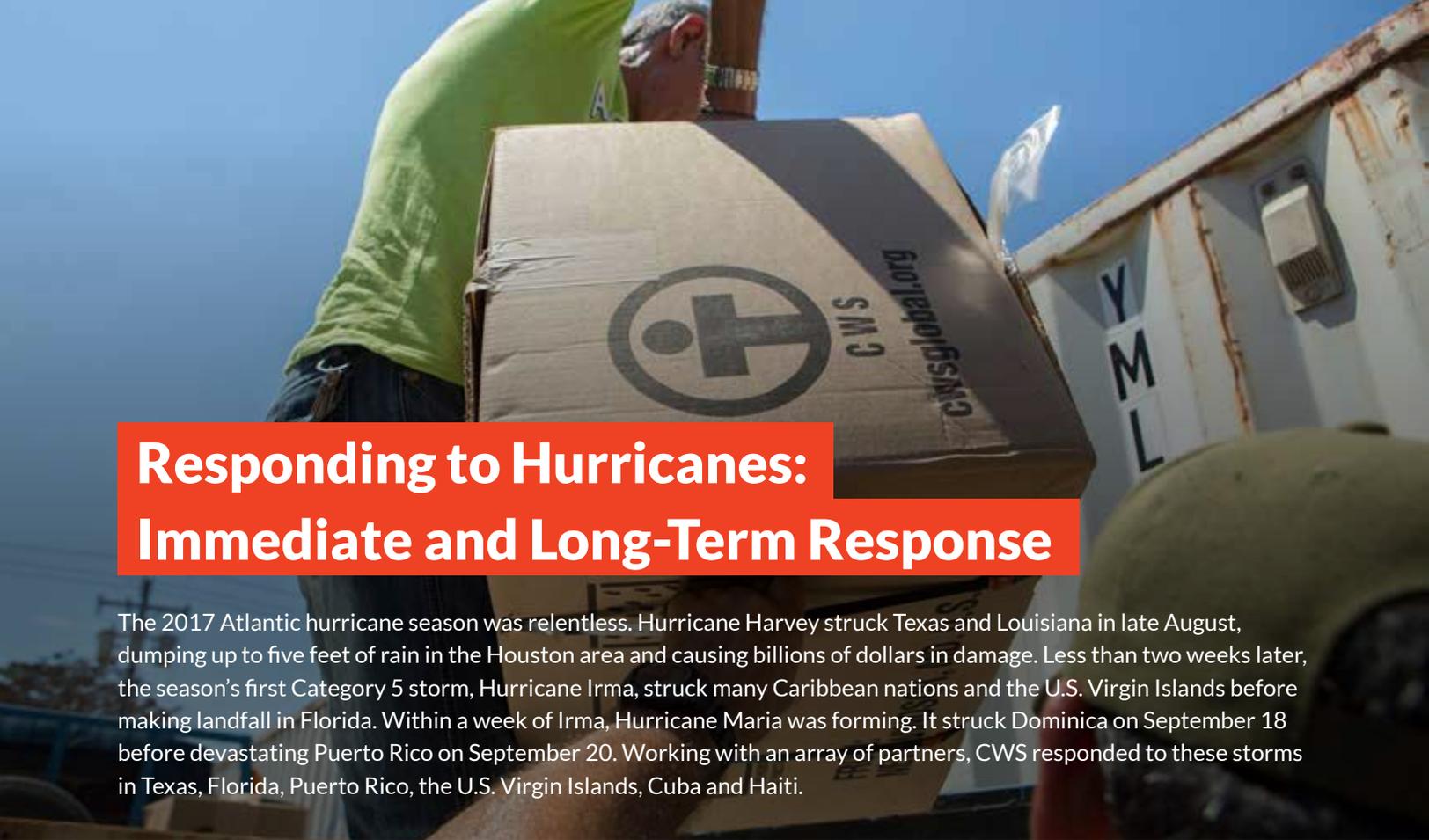


Hurricane Harvey damaged these greenhouses in a community near Houston, Texas. CWS helped repair the greenhouses, which are a key part of the community's source of income.

Disaster.

Whether it's a hurricane delivering drenching rains, prolonged drought shriveling crops or violent political conflict, emergencies take a heavy toll. This year was no exception. CWS and our donors, supporters and partners reached families reeling from the relentless Atlantic hurricane season, drought then flooding in Kenya, multiple emergencies that are fueling the largest refugee crisis in more than 70 years and other disasters large and small ■

We accompany families through every stage of the disaster cycle. Many of our global development programs focus on preparing remote communities to respond to an emergency when help might be a long time coming. That often means helping community volunteers organize response teams and learn basic first aid. When disaster strikes, we provide critical supplies to meet immediate needs. We continue to support long-term recovery efforts, well after the television cameras and news crews have gone ■



Responding to Hurricanes: Immediate and Long-Term Response

The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season was relentless. Hurricane Harvey struck Texas and Louisiana in late August, dumping up to five feet of rain in the Houston area and causing billions of dollars in damage. Less than two weeks later, the season's first Category 5 storm, Hurricane Irma, struck many Caribbean nations and the U.S. Virgin Islands before making landfall in Florida. Within a week of Irma, Hurricane Maria was forming. It struck Dominica on September 18 before devastating Puerto Rico on September 20. Working with an array of partners, CWS responded to these storms in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Cuba and Haiti.

Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey unleashed torrential rain and battering winds on Houston and surrounding parts of Texas. As part of the initial response, CWS shipped tens of thousands of supplies to affected communities. CWS Hygiene Kits were provided to people who had been evacuated and were living in mass shelters. CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets were provided to help families as they returned to their flood-damaged homes. CWS School Kits helped ensure that students had the supplies they needed to stay on top of their studies when schools reopened.

Our longer-term response focused on supporting community organizations that were inundated with people needing extra support following the storm. In conjunction with two of our member denominations, CWS provided significant financial support to Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services in Houston. With this support, they were able to hire a new caseworker and offer full time employment to some of their caseworkers; provide additional services to clients affected by Hurricane Harvey; and distribute warm CWS Blankets as winter set in. Our Domestic Disaster Program also provided a grant to Living Hope Wheelchair Association to support their

clients who had been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Living Hope's clients faced many of the same challenges as other Houston residents after the storm, but because they are in wheelchairs, they also had the extra challenges of finding accessible and affordable housing and replacing lost medical equipment. In the Rosharon area of Texas, CWS supported a community of mainly former Cambodian refugees to repair greenhouses that had been damaged in the storm. The community's main income source is water spinach, which they raise in the greenhouses and then sell to local communities.

Hurricane Irma

Shortly before Hurricane Irma struck Cuba, a container of CWS Kits arrived on the island to help meet local needs. The timing proved fortuitous; these 15,000 CWS Hygiene Kits were among the first distributed as part of the ACT Alliance response to Hurricane Irma.

In neighboring Haiti, Irma's winds and rain affected the Northwest region. CWS had already been working in this part of the country, building and repairing homes for



CWS Kits were among the first supplies distributed as part of the ACT Alliance response to Hurricane Irma in Cuba.
Photos: Erick Coll / ACT Alliance

CONVENING THE CONVERSATION

For years, the Development and Humanitarian Assistance Advisory Group has helped steer and guide CWS humanitarian response efforts, both in the United States and around the world. The Group is made up of representatives from several CWS member denominations and their affiliated humanitarian response organizations. During the 2017 hurricane season, the nature of this group shifted. What began as convening calls for input on the CWS response transitioned to a space for these entities to coordinate responses. Our team continued to convene these calls into the winter, ensuring that organizations could share individual response updates, seek input on planned activities and share resources and information with one another to better streamline the ecumenical response.

families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Our team put a plan in place to expand this work to support new families whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Irma. We were reassured to learn that all of the homes that CWS had already constructed stood strong through Irma's beating.

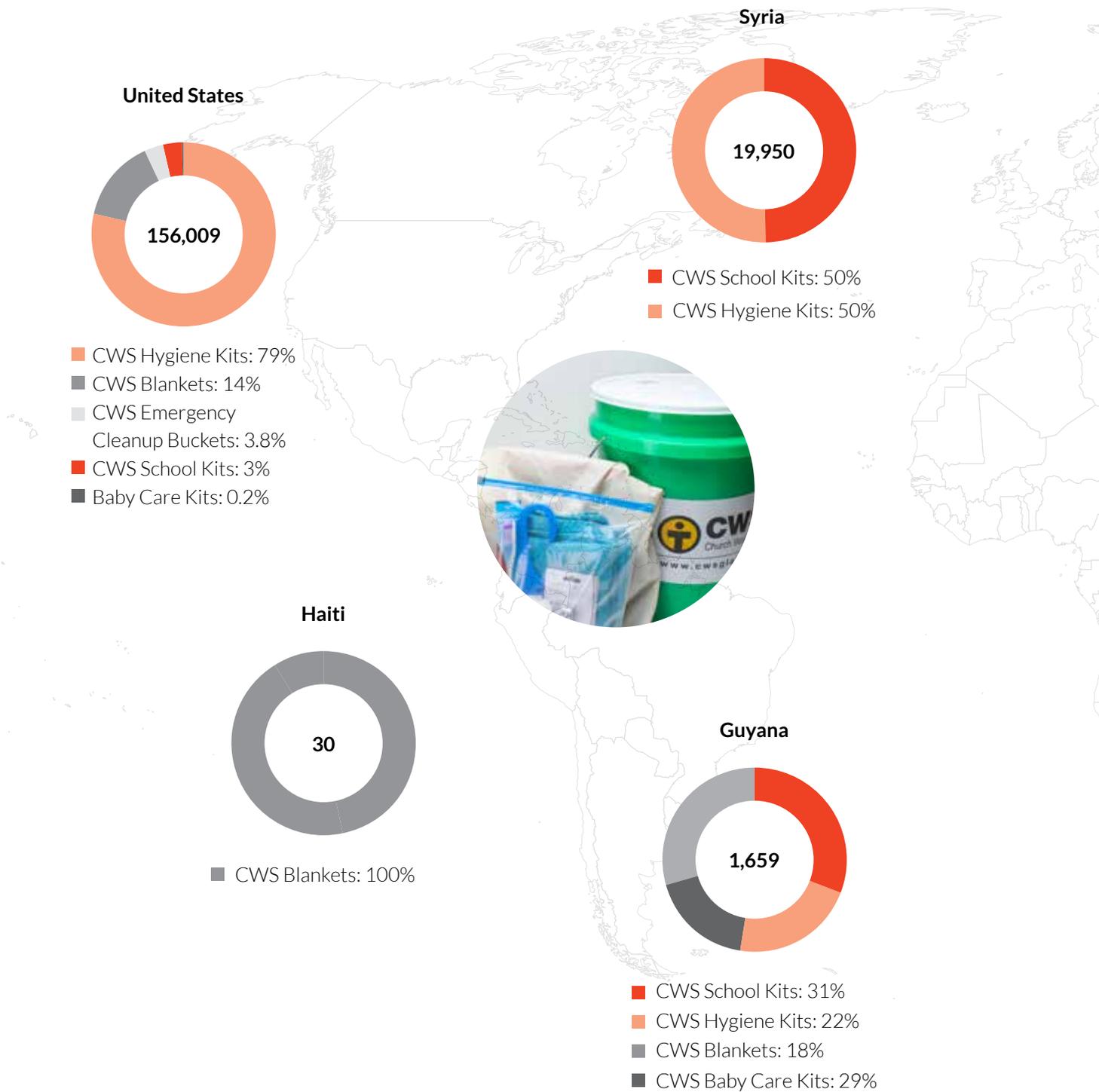
In Florida, as in Texas, CWS provided material goods for immediate response and then looked to community-based organizations for longer-term support. In addition to the CWS Kits and Blankets that were shipped to Florida, the CWS Immigration and Refugee Program office in Miami helped distribute donated supplies to neighboring communities. We were also able to provide small grants to organizations that were supporting migrant workers; these grants helped families pay rent and utilities in the gap between when the storm hit and when farms reopened.

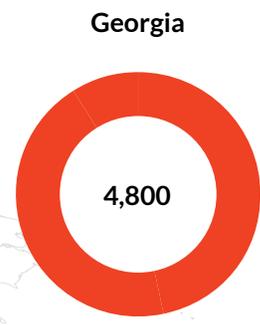
Hurricane Maria

Like so many others around the world, our team watched in horror in September as the third powerful hurricane of the season, Hurricane Maria, swept across Puerto Rico and left a trail of darkness and devastation behind. Because CWS does not have staff in Puerto Rico, our response focused on getting vital supplies to our partners on the ground. Two major shipments went out in partnership with member denominations. The first contained more than 25,000 CWS Kits as well as bungee cords, tarps, double-burner stoves and propane tanks. The second shipment once again contained CWS Kits and this time included 1,000 water filters and 500 tarps. Our Domestic Disaster Program also provided funding for long-term recovery efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thanks to funds raised for CWS hurricane response, our Immigration and Refugee Program office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania has also been assisting evacuees from Puerto Rico who have relocated to the area. The staff have assisted families to find secure housing and employment as they cope with the devastation in Puerto Rico and identify long-term solutions to the situation.

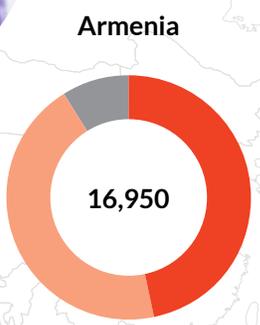
Material Shipments

244,368 CWS Kits & Blankets shipped around the world this year.

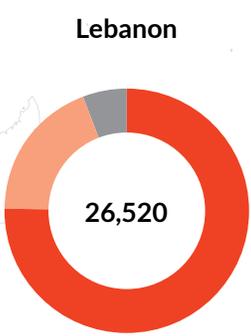




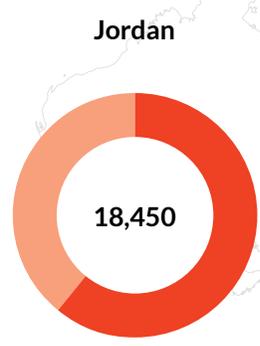
■ CWS School Kits: 100%



■ CWS School Kits: 47%
■ CWS Hygiene Kits: 44%
■ CWS Blankets: 9%



■ CWS School Kits: 75%
■ CWS Hygiene Kits: 19%
■ CWS Blankets: 6%



■ CWS School Kits: 61%
■ CWS Hygiene Kits: 39%



Responding to Flooding in Kenya's Tana River Valley

Kenya's Tana River County is home to environmental extremes. Situated in a semi-arid region, Tana River County is generally dry and prone to drought, including a severe drought in 2017 that was officially declared a state of emergency.

A year later as heavy rains fell for more than two months, the drought quickly transformed into a severe flood throughout the region.



The flooding rapidly displaced more than 300,000 people from their homes. Tragically, 132 people lost their lives.

We quickly stepped in to provide aid to those suffering due to the floods. Prior to the flooding CWS had been working with the Tana River community for three years to improve living standards and build community resilience to recurrent shocks.

We knew the flooding would have devastating long term impacts. Tana River County, one of the five poorest in Kenya, is home to various ethnic groups whose primary form of subsistence is farming and livestock. The floods washed away their homes, their animals and their livelihoods. In the Tana Delta, 4,909 households and a total of 9,539 acres of crops were destroyed .

To respond to the loss of land, the Kenya Red Cross Society set up camps for displaced families. However, the camps themselves created new challenges; some are completely cut off from neighboring towns, making it nearly impossible to deliver necessary food and supplies. There are not



CWS distributed food and vital supplies to people who lost their homes due to flooding in the Tana Delta

Our work is far from over.

In a rapid assessment conducted in May 2018, CWS found that 70 percent of those displaced by the flood lost everything they owned. We will continue to work with Tana River communities to respond to the flood and to help foster sustainable community development.

enough mobile toilets in the camps; this and other factors such as conflict among tribes and faith groups creates further tensions and challenges.

We implemented a grassroots approach to address these challenges and provide aid, mobilizing and empowering the community to drive solutions. We worked with the community to bring together 40 local faith leaders who

made a commitment to work with their members to promote peace during the emergency and throughout the response. We also coordinated a meeting of 10 non-governmental organizations and government agencies to establish a plan for comprehensive relief throughout the county.

Together, we worked with the community to respond to the emergency by:



Establishing six food and non-food distribution committees



Distributing food and supplies to 490 households



Installing seven water tanks reaching 89 households

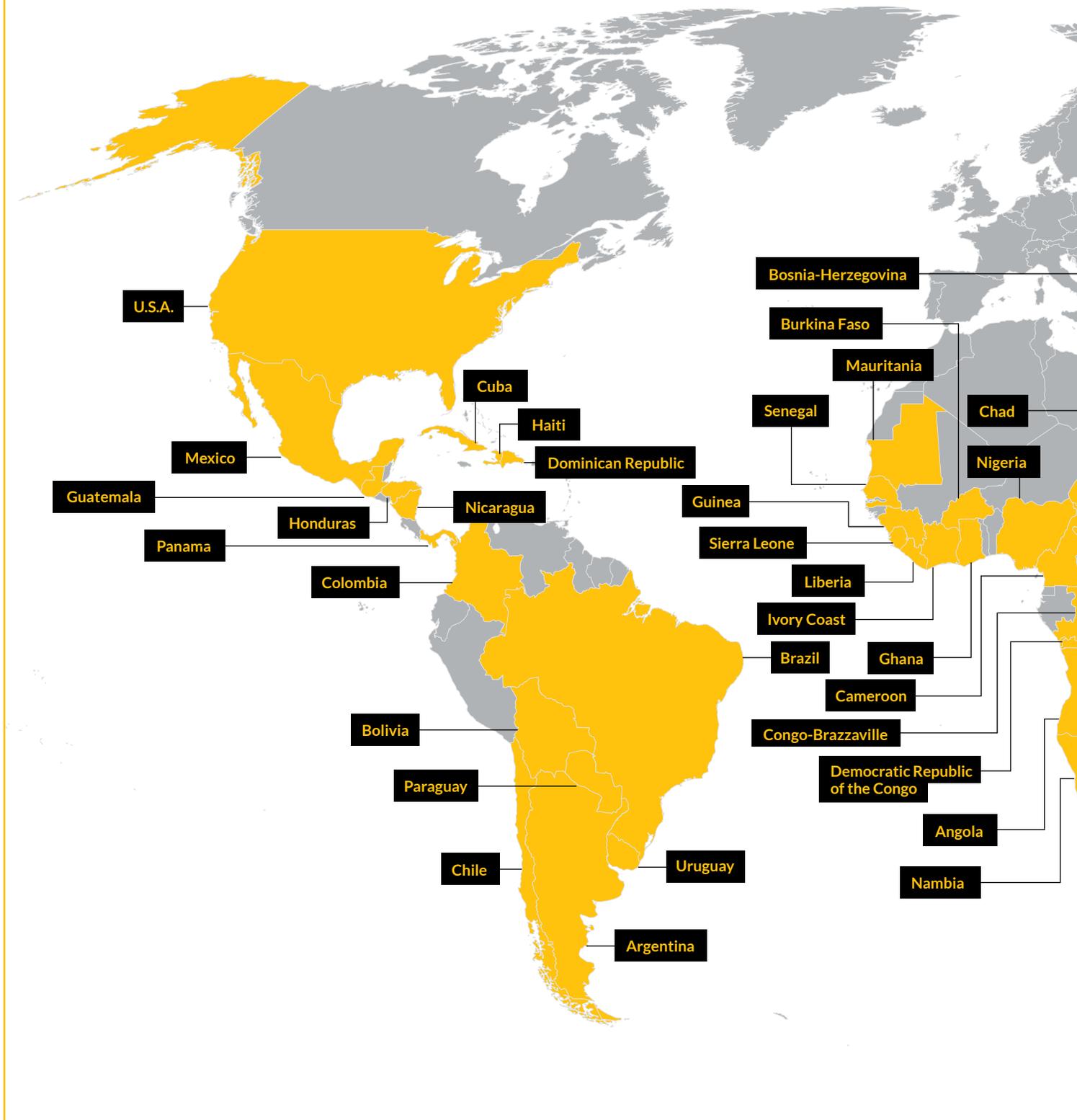


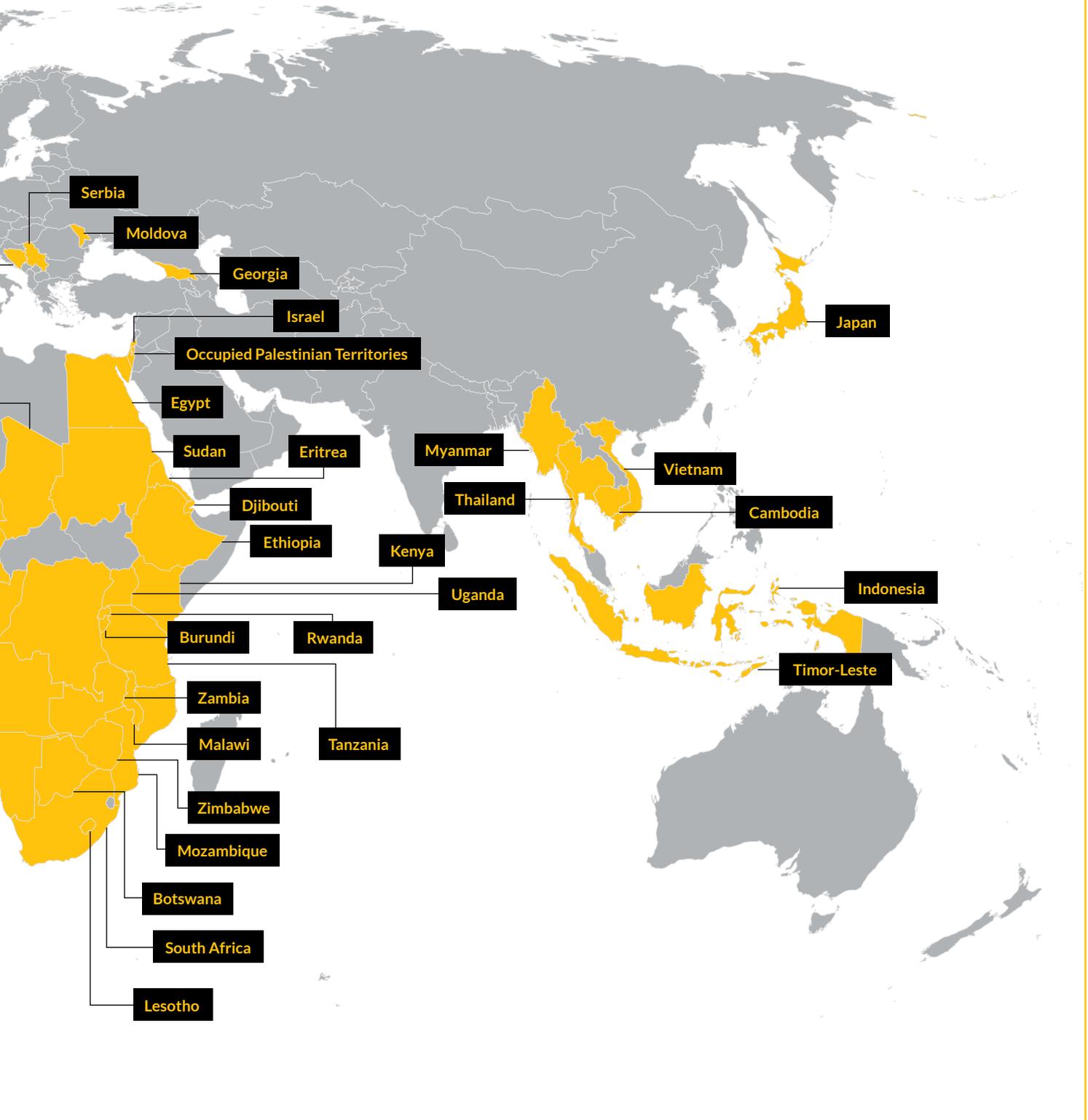
Installing 12 mobile toilets



Successfully training 250 individuals in proper hygiene and sanitation techniques.

Our Presence Around the World





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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 ■



CWS & ACT ALLIANCE

Church World Service is a founding member of the ACT Alliance, a coalition of 144 churches and faith-based organizations working together in over 100 countries.

Together we work in long-term transformational and sustainable development around the world. For ACT and its members, development is deeply rooted in the growth and protection of human dignity, community resilience and environmental sustainability. This relationship of ecumenical commitment to respond to the needs of communities at their most vulnerable is reflective of CWS.

Through advocacy, the ACT Alliance seeks to influence decision makers, policies, structures and systems to bring about a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

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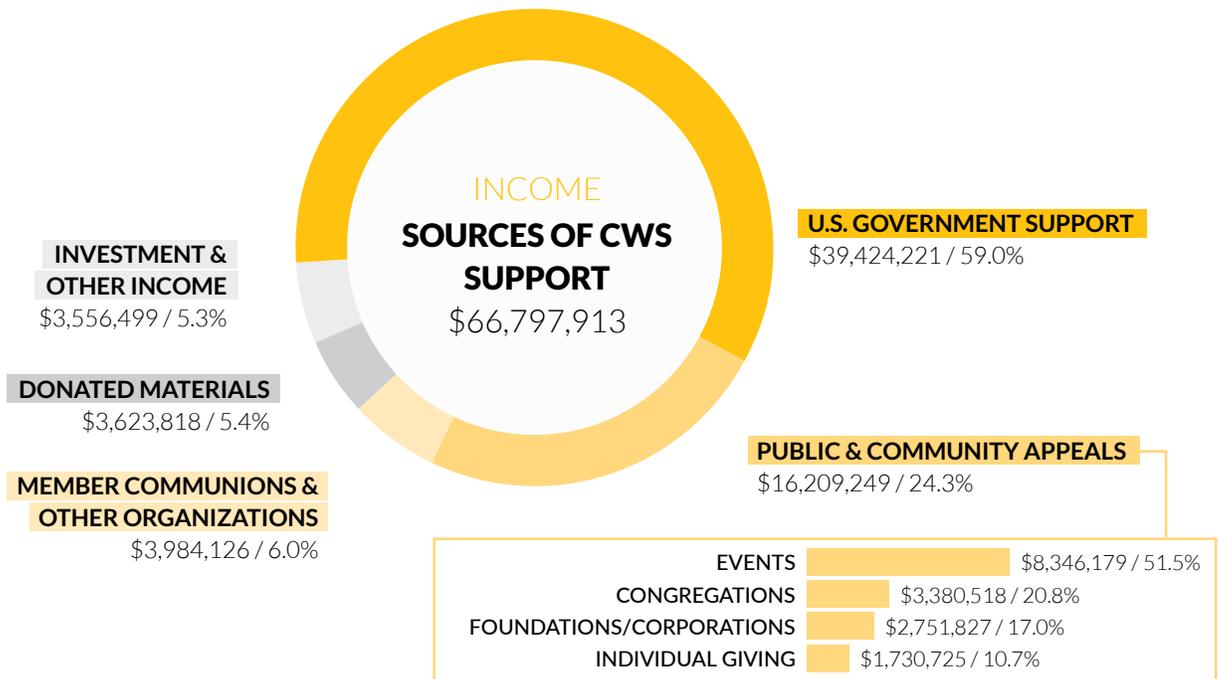
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Regional Center for Advice and Service, CREAS
Regional Development Service
Room To Grow Foundation
Rural Communities Development Agency
Rural Development Association
Sant Kreyen pou Devlopman Entegre, SKDE
Social Service of Dominican Churches, SSID
St. Andrew's Refugee Services
Tbilisi Youth House Foundation
The Border Consortium
The Church of Christ in Thailand
The Interchurch Center of Theological and Social Studies, CIEETS
United Board of Missions, JUM
Vietnam Department of Education
Vietnamese Health Centers
Vietnamese Women's Unions
Walking Together - Caminamos Juntos
WASH Skill Development Organization
Washington Office on Latin America
World Council of Churches
Yayasan Gerbangmas
Yayasan INANTA

Financial Statements

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 (Subject to Audit)



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 who were concerned about helping those most in need following World War II. The same spirit of concern is in place today amongst a broader network of members who choose to effect change through CWS.

DONATED MATERIALS

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

INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME

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

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY APPEALS

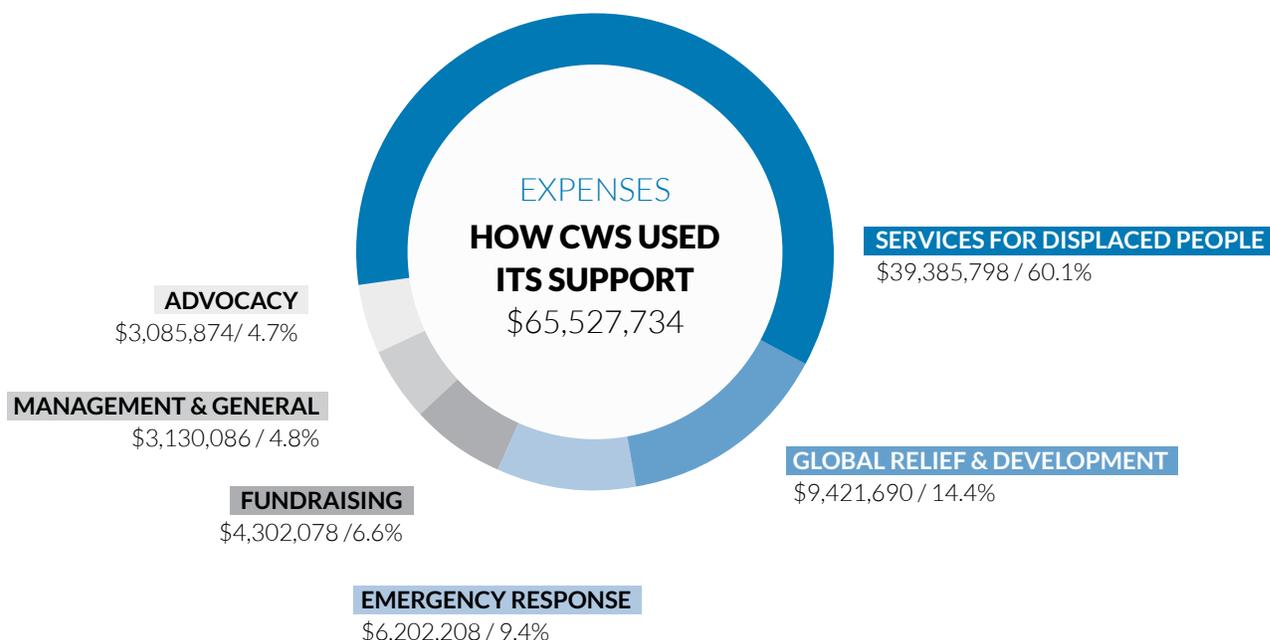
Public response from individuals, congregations, events and foundations make a significant amount of our work possible.

EVENTS Individuals across the country wanting to take a stand against injustice and see a difference in the world take part in our special events. These include our largest public fundraiser – the CROP Hunger Walk – along with matching grants gifts, fundraising efforts and other events.

CONGREGATIONS Congregations are the heartbeat of our community engagement in the U.S. Through Blankets and Tools offerings, special collections and other opportunities for engagement, congregations help to make our work possible.

FOUNDATIONS/CORPORATIONS Partnerships with family, regional and national foundations, who believe in and choose to invest in our mission, are critical to the work we do.

INDIVIDUAL GIVING Individuals, seeking to see a change in the world, partner with CWS through their generous financial and planned gifts. This support allows them to be active participants in the work we do around the world.



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.

FUNDRAISING

Fund-raising activities involve inducing potential donors to contribute money, securities, services, materials, other assets or time.

MANAGEMENT & GENERAL

Management and general activities include oversight, business management, general record keeping, budgeting, financing, and all management and administration except for direct conduct of program services or fund-raising activities.

ADVOCACY

Grounded in faith, CWS seeks to build and strengthen relationships, build partnerships and coalitions, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. At the core of CWS' work is to help people of faith put faith into action. An emphasis on relationships enables partnerships to be built around the world that informs and inspires our work, and leads to advocacy for issues that build or restore peace and justice.

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,270,179
NET ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2017	\$16,173,066
NET ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2018	\$17,443,245

Church World Service is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code; contributions are tax deductible.

The CWS financials records are audited by independent auditors in accordance with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The audit report is available on the CWS website and the CWS 990 through Guidestar at guidestar.org

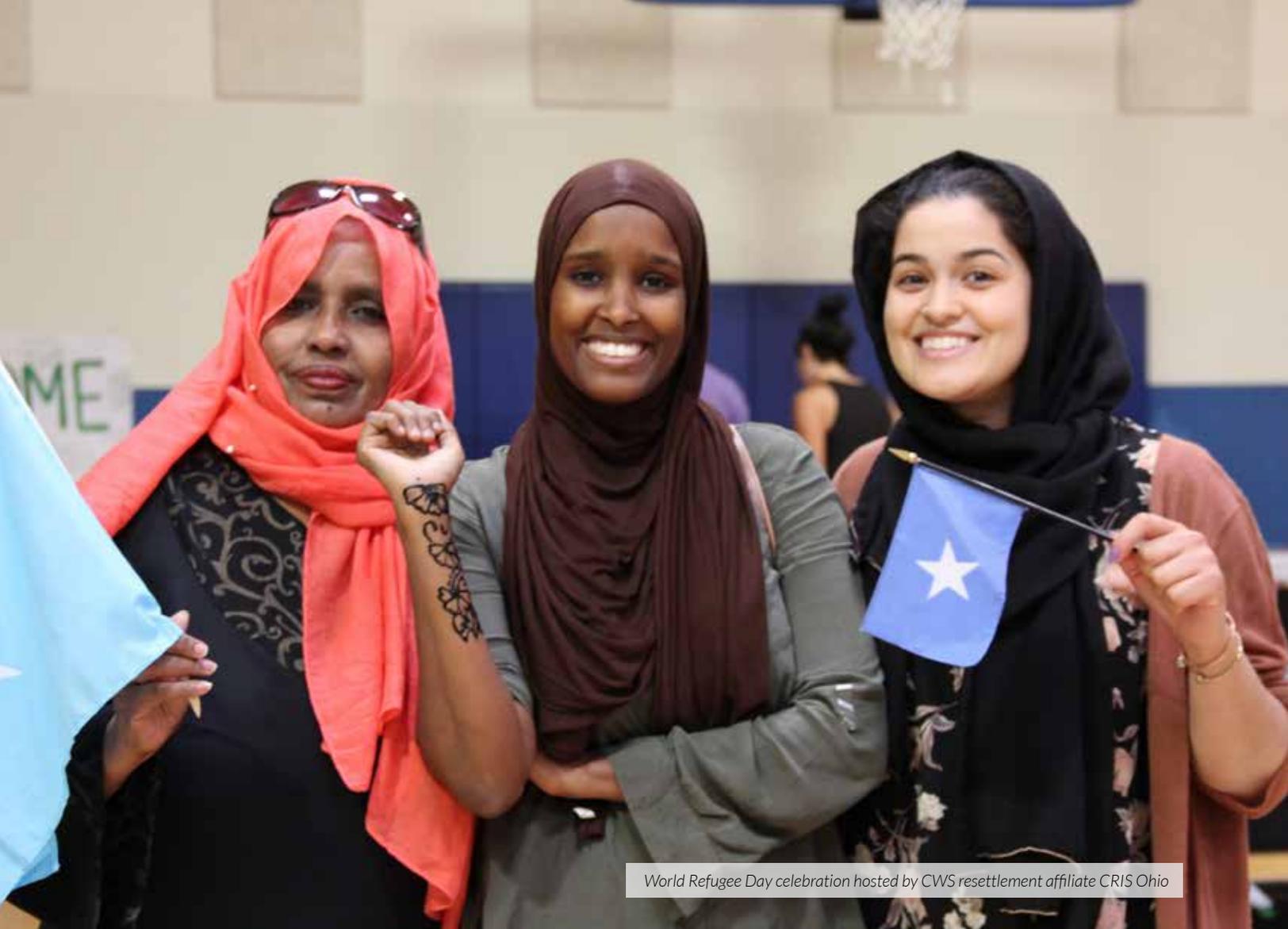
CWS Member Communion

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 CROP Advisory Group, addressing emergencies and sustainable development; the Immigration and Refugee Program Advisory Group; on Capitol Hill in joint advocacy efforts; and throughout the U.S. Thousands of our members put their faith into action by participating in CROP Hunger Walks, 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 ■



World Refugee Day celebration hosted by CWS resettlement affiliate CRIS Ohio

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Alliance of Baptists
American Baptist Churches USA
Armenian Church of America
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Church of the Brethren
Community of Christ
The Coptic Orthodox Church in North America
Ecumenical Catholic Communion
The Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Friends United Meeting
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
International Council of Community Churches
Korean Presbyterian Church in America
Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church

Mar Thoma Church
Moravian Church in America
National Baptist Convention of America
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
Orthodox Church in America
Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A.
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Polish National Catholic Church of America
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
Reformed Church in America
Serbian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and Canada
The Swedenborgian Church
Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America
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The United Methodist Church

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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 Communion, managing relationships and emerging directions among its members. The CEO works intentionally with donors to develop support of the mission. The Office directs the agency's advocacy, strategy, research, incubation of ideas and functions in finance and human resources.

A cross-cutting advocacy program complements the work of the DHA and IRP+ programs. We advocate for U.S. and United Nations policies and legislation that address CWS priority program concerns of refugee resettlement and global hunger and poverty; climate change and disaster risk reduction; and human emergencies, including conflict resolution and discrimination.

Through advocacy, strategy, research, innovation and partnership, we ensure that CWS is aligned in a common strategy globally. In addition, we work with a variety of academic, peer agency and professional membership organizations. An incubation lab affords the space to connect strategic thinking through a team of advisors from business, industry and academia, to test ideas that can influence and support the CWS mission.

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In Paraguay, we're helping start demonstration vegetable gardens for families in six indigenous communities. People can see how different vegetables grow in these gardens and start practicing recipes to incorporate them into their daily diets. Then families can start their own vegetable gardens using what they have learned!



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