



CWS

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Since our start in 1946, CWS has been a faith-led organization that believes we are stronger when we stand together, especially in the midst of challenging times.

2022 has been challenging – from natural disasters and war to unprecedented levels of hunger amid an ongoing global pandemic. Yet we continue the path we began all those years ago – building relationships with local organizations and partnering with individuals around the globe to walk alongside our most vulnerable neighbors in some of the most overlooked and underserved communities in over 65 countries around the world.

Because of the compassionate action of CWS donors, friends and partners we continue reaching the most vulnerable as they rebuild homes, restore livelihoods and renew hope.

Dear CWS friends,

On a Thursday morning in late February, Russia launched an unprovoked invasion of its neighbor, Ukraine. **That attack triggered the largest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II, and one of the largest in modern history.** It pushed the world past a horrific milestone: more than 100 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes. It has also begun to accelerate famine and hunger across the globe.

This has been a turbulent year. Ukrainians have fled in search of safety and peace; so have Afghans, Cameroonians, Syrians, Hondurans, Ethiopians and many, many others. Drought and storms have forced people from their homes, leaving behind rubble or parched earth. Conflict and climate change are also driving hunger and malnutrition to even more disastrous levels.

In response, CWS volunteers, donors, partners and advocates have unreservedly wrapped our global community with welcome and love.

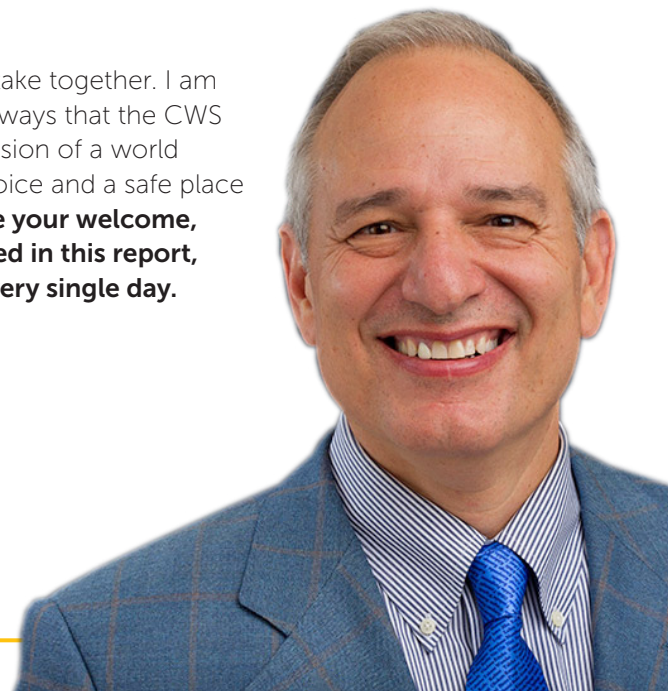
CWS has scaled up rapidly in order to respond to these crises. After the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, we worked alongside our member denominations, local communities and generous supporters to find innovative and effective ways to offer a warm welcome to thousands of newly-arriving Afghans across the nation. Around the world, our partners are walking alongside families to build resilience in the face of unpredictable climates. Thanks to you, people can now access livelihoods, nutritious food, clean water, legal support and the other services that they need to build the lives we know we all deserve.

Every step that we take, we take together. I am deeply grateful for all of the ways that the CWS family works to realize our vision of a world where everyone has food, voice and a safe place to call home. **I hope you see your welcome, love and generosity reflected in this report, because I see it in action every single day.**

Yours in mission,



RICK SANTOS
PRESIDENT AND CEO
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Our Mission

2022 continued to test the strength, resilience and determination of neighbors these challenges, the unwavering support from CWS donors and friends allowed safe place to call home. Together, we ensured communities thrived, families

around the globe. Hunger and poverty, natural disasters and wars – despite us to keep working toward a world where everyone has food, voice and a flourished and our neighbors never walked alone.



Responding to Disasters

Because of compassionate supporters, CWS walks with neighbors on the road to recovery no matter how long it takes. Leidy and Jorge Sarmientos lost everything two years ago when Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit their community in Honduras. This year, support from CWS donors and friends enabled the Sarmientos family and 92 others to participate in a CWS-sponsored emergency restoration program. Through this program, families received critical supplies to rebuild their homes and resources like agricultural training, seeds and livestock to restore their livelihoods.

In 2022, you helped **70,815** people participate in disaster response and recovery programs.



Because of you, we welcomed **7,644** Afghans in the United States this year.

Welcoming New Neighbors

Like many other Afghans, when Shukria boarded a plane out of Kabul in August 2021, she did it because she had no choice. It was a matter of life and death. Shukria was one of thousands of Afghan evacuees CWS welcomed through the Afghan Placement and Assistance program after Afghanistan's capital fell to the Taliban. With help from generous friends, Shukria is building a new life in the United States and working as a CWS case manager to help other refugees.

As the number of displaced people increases in our world, CWS supporters continue to be there every step of the way – providing vital support to refugees in the United States and around the world.

Strengthening Communities

This year, global hunger and food insecurity rose to alarming new levels. As people struggled to provide for their families, CWS supporters came alongside communities as they nurtured businesses, raised livestock, planted gardens and grew crops. A CWS vegetable farming program helped hundreds of our neighbors in Tanzania learn valuable skills to support sustainable farming. Moize Munenwa Joseph, one of the program's lead farmers, credits the program for improving the yield on his farm.

Your support gave Joseph a way to provide for his family of eight and use the skills he's learned to help his community flourish.

"I never looked at agriculture as a very important activity. I came to realize that agriculture can be more helpful in supporting my family than the other work that I have been engaged in before."

-MOIZE MUNENWA JOSEPH, TANZANIA

This year, **4,030** people improved their diets and nutrition with your help.



SCAN HERE to read the full stories of Leidy and Jorge, Shukria and Joseph.



Displacement: Finding peace and a sense of home

A home is so much more than a place to sleep at night. It's a safe haven, a comfort zone, a place where memories and traditions are created.

After Russia attacked Ukraine, Julia and her husband decided she would leave home with their children, while he stayed in Ukraine to continue working as a driver to support the family. Julia knew an abrupt departure would be jarring, but the alternative was worse.

Julia and her children fled to a CWS-supported Refugee Accommodation Center in neighboring Moldova. Like many refugees fleeing violence, they traveled light – leaving behind the comforts of home. For Julia, that meant abandoning a routine that was the source of fond memories with her children. “My younger son loves when I prepare sweets,” she said.

The shelter lacked basic kitchen equipment like a stove and refrigerator, so Julia's family ate simple meals that didn't require much – until the compassion of CWS supporters reached the shelter.

Thanks to donors like you, Julia and her boys found a sense of comfort when the shelter received \$28,000 worth of kitchen equipment. “We are happy to participate in preparing the meals and creating a bit of atmosphere that reminds us of home,” she said.

Nearly 32 miles away in another part of Moldova, other Ukrainian children who had left home with their mothers were also feeling the effects of war.

No school, no activities and no time with friends. Cherished moments of their childhood passed them by.

CWS teamed up with a local organization establish an educational center for refugee children and their families. The center provides computer and wi-fi access for children to learn, a safe place for them to enjoy activities, form friendships and be a kid again.



“I enjoy spending time here and making new friends,” shared Michael*, one of the children visiting the center.

“There are no words to explain how good it is to do online lessons in a special space dedicated to us,” shared Eva.*

Through your support, Julia and her family, Eva, Michael and other Ukrainian refugees in Moldova found a sense of home in the chaos of war – and hope in times of uncertainty.

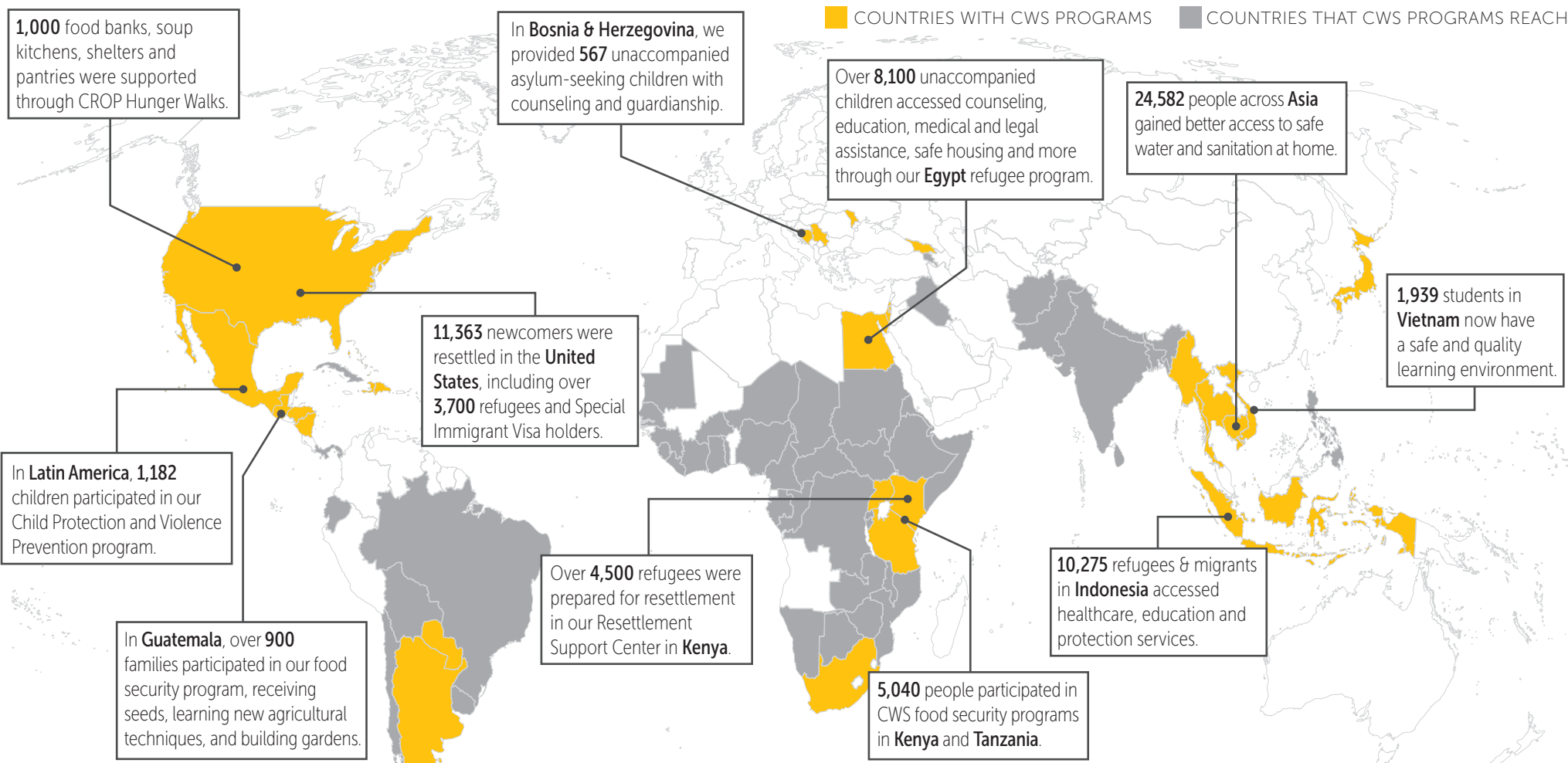
**Names changed to protect refugee identities.*



Russia's military offensive in Ukraine forced millions of people to flee to neighboring countries. CWS quickly mobilized to respond in Moldova – one of the poorest countries in Europe and the country with the most Ukrainian refugees per capita. CWS has worked with local partner organizations in Moldova for over 20 years, focusing on sustainable livelihoods and renewable energy projects. Our Ukraine humanitarian response continues that approach, working alongside host communities and local organizations to reach over 5,500 refugees and community members in need. Whether through safe housing, education access, protection assistance or vital food and supplies, CWS continues supporting the most vulnerable and marginalized. As needs stretch from short to medium-term, integrating refugees into host communities and livelihoods support is a top priority. In the coming year, CWS aims to scale up our partner network and response to reach at least 10,000 refugees and host community members in Moldova.

Our Presence Around the World

Thanks to the overwhelming compassion of our donors and volunteers, CWS programs operated in **28** countries this year and reached families in dozens more. Below is a sample of what we achieved together this past year.



35,435
BLANKETS



49,980
HYGIENE KITS



8,310
SCHOOL KITS



2,208
CLEANUP BUCKETS



407
WELCOME BACKPACKS

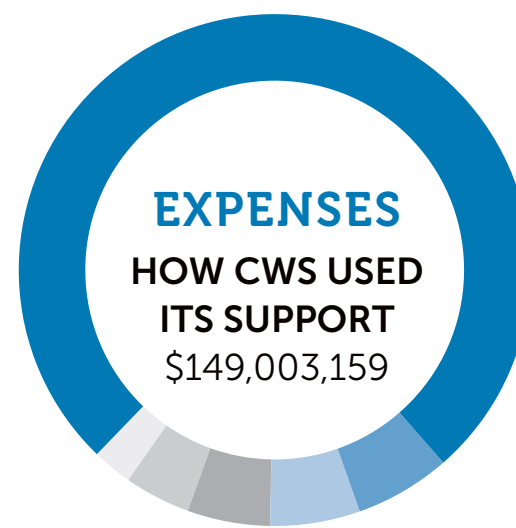


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- **U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**
\$114,606,867 / 76.3%
- **PUBLIC & COMMUNITY APPEALS**
\$24,259,221 / 16.2%
- **MEMBER COMMUNIONS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**
\$8,761,003 / 5.8%
- **DONATED MATERIALS**
\$1,564,686 / 1.0%
- **INVESTMENT & OTHER INCOME**
\$994,287 / 0.7%

EVENTS	\$6,926,620 / 28.6%
INDIVIDUAL GIVING	\$6,805,987 / 28%
CONGREGATIONS	\$5,326,940 / 22%
FOUNDATIONS/CORPORATIONS	\$5,199,674 / 21.4%



- **SERVICES FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE**
\$113,732,353 / 76.3%
- **MANAGEMENT & GENERAL**
\$9,022,824 / 6.1%
- **GLOBAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT**
\$8,458,343 / 5.7%
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
\$7,790,587 / 5.2%
- **FUNDRAISING**
\$6,221,668 / 4.2%
- **ADVOCACY**
\$3,777,384 / 2.5%

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,182,905
NET ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2021	\$24,833,246
NET ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2022	\$26,016,151

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Take Action. Give Hope. Change Lives.



Through sharing of their time, talent and resources, CWS volunteers and donors turn dreams into reality and have a transformative impact on the lives of many – including their own.

Last year, over **14,700** volunteers stepped up to help with CWS programs.

MEET CLARETTA, A CWS VOLUNTEER



"I go in with the attitude of what am I going to learn," shares Claretta Witherspoon, captain of Mt. Pleasant Christian Church's Refugee Welcome Team. **For 19 years, Claretta has helped welcome refugees from all over the world** (Montagnards, Liberians, Colombians and now Sudanese). She says the key to her church's success and positive experience is the training, support and weekly calls with CWS case managers. Claretta reflects on all she's learned and the fun she's had meeting and interacting with refugee families. She's learned to use Google translate to help with job applications. She's played rhyming games with the children to help them learn English "It has been extremely rewarding and has really gotten our church energized," Claretta said.

Both the volunteers and the families they welcome are strengthened by the experience. "They teach me creativity, how to make things work." She shared.

Claretta's advice to anyone considering volunteering:

"Do it. Don't cheat yourself out of an excellent experience."

SCAN HERE to read more about Claretta and to learn about the many ways you can share your time, talent and voice with CWS.



A TRUSTED PARTNER IN DELIVERING IMPACT

In 2022, nearly 50 government donors, foundations and corporate philanthropy programs trusted CWS to deliver life-changing programs and resources to displaced and underserved populations worldwide. We continue to be a top provider of services for refugees and the displaced for the U.S. Department of State, and have longstanding relationships with private donors such as the Open Society Foundations, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Airbnb.org. We are excited about new relationships built with donors like the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Alstom Foundation. For these as well as other donor governments and the United Nations, CWS has been a strong steward of funding to support refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable populations around the world.

Here are some examples of how our institutional funding changed lives in 2022:

- **UNHCR** funded CWS to implement protection monitoring, a new initiative on the U.S.-Mexico border, interviewing over 1,300 asylum seekers.
- **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, through our longstanding partnership with **The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**, funded solutions to agricultural and food insecurity in Tanzania including food assistance and technical training.
- Through partnership with the **Arcus Foundation**, CWS established a longevity of support among LGBTQI+ persons within Kenya and South Africa.
- Because of **Airbnb.org's** support, CWS can provide free and safe temporary housing across the United States to newly arriving refugees.
- Through support from two church partnerships, **United Methodist Committee on Relief** and **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, CWS was able to provide services to asylum seekers in Miami, Jersey City, Houston and Chicago.

Over **110,000** people and institutions donated to support CWS in 2022.

SCAN HERE to learn more about our institutional donors and to find out about the many different ways you can donate to or collaborate with CWS.



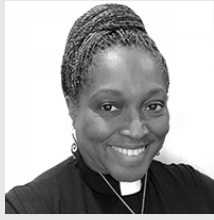
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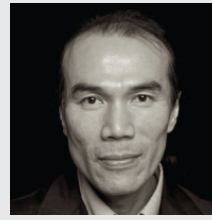
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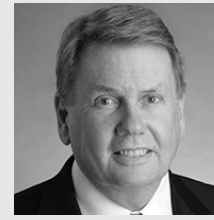
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place to call **home.**



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