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, Cameroonian, 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
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
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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.

2022 continued to test the strength, resilience and determination of neighbors 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 safe place to call home. Together, we ensured communities thrived, families flourished and our neighbors never walked alone.

Responding to Disasters

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Welcoming New Neighbors

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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.

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Strengthening Communities

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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 to 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.
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.

With the help of incredible donors like you, CWS distributed over 96,000 CWS Kits and Blankets worldwide in 2022!

1,000 food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and pantries were supported through CROP Hunger Walks.

In Latin America, 1,182 children participated in our Child Protection and Violence Prevention program.

In Guatemala, over 900 families participated in our food security program, receiving seeds, learning new agricultural techniques, and building gardens.

In Bosnia & Herzegovina, we provided 567 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children with counseling and guardianship.

Over 8,100 unaccompanied children accessed counseling, education, medical and legal assistance, safe housing and more through our Egypt refugee program.

24,582 people across Asia gained better access to safe water and sanitation at home.

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Over 4,500 refugees were prepared for resettlement in our Resettlement Support Center in Kenya.

5,040 people participated in CWS food security programs in Kenya and Tanzania.

11,363 newcomers were resettled in the United States, including over 3,700 refugees and Special Immigrant Visa holders.

Over 10,275 refugees & migrants in Indonesia accessed healthcare, education and protection services.

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INCOME SOURCES OF CWS SUPPORT
$150,186,064

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%

EXPENSES HOW CWS USED ITS SUPPORT
$149,003,159

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%

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

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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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: “Don’t cheat yourself out of an excellent experience.”

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.
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