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Responding to Emergencies

With support from donors, we assisted the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in Gaza respond to the many needs after the war beginning in July 2014. One of three medical clinics was damaged in the attacks, but staff worked with the Shijai'a community to protect and repair it. The demand for DSPR Gaza's services especially psychosocial care has escalated, and many more families have been left without adequate income or shelter.

CWS was grateful for generous contributions to the Vanuatu Appeal after the Category 5 storm Cyclone Pam ripped through Vanuatu in March. Funds raised contributed to the US \$1 million ACT Alliance Appeal coordinated by the Vanuatu Christian Council with support from Australian counterparts, Act for Peace. They participated in government disaster response coordination. The majority of the assistance went to 14 communities on Tongoa Island.

On April 25 we launched an appeal after a magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit Nepal. ACT Alliance distributed hot meals, food items, and non-food items like cooking utensils, blankets, water, sanitation, tarpaulins and medical care immediately. Relief efforts later focused on corrugated iron and building materials for people in more isolated areas ahead of the monsoon rains. CWS initiated a joint agency request to the New Zealand government to support immediate debt relief through the Asian Development Bank, IMF and World Bank.

CWS contributed funds to the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone efforts to stop the spread of the Ebola virus. Churches helped with community awareness, emergency supplies, and assisted families in quarantine and survivors.

Being a member of ACT Alliance meant funds raised were deployed effectively in areas where we did not have direct partnerships. The ACT Alliance is the third largest aid and development agency in the world with the expertise to save lives and help communities prepare in case of disaster.

Refugees

CWS continued to fund relief, education, medical care, and psychosocial support for Iraqi, Palestinian, Syrian and other refugees. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported a staggering 59.5 million people in 2014.

Nationally, we campaigned to increase the number of refugees New Zealand accepts under the annual quota system – currently 750. We are ranked 90th in the world for our help to refugees on a per capita basis. New Zealand churches have resettled refugees over many decades and CWS commends them for supporting this campaign.

CWS produced resources for Refugee and Peace Sundays inviting parishes to pray for peace and support refugees. For Refugee Sunday retired Bishop John Bluck wrote a reflection 'Their only security is us' which was also printed in the Christchurch Press. Resources are available on our website.

To mark the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the Syrian conflict in March, CWS initiated a Church Leaders' letter to churches asking for prayers for peace in Syria and Iraq. The letter was signed by the leaders of CWS partner churches as well as Cardinal Dew. The New Zealand representative on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee Rt. Rev Ray Coster collected the signatures on our behalf.

Climate Change

CWS supported efforts to increase awareness and action for climate justice including in preparation for the United Nations Climate Summit in December 2015. We produced Youth Topics: "More Climate Change means less Food", which has been very popular with supporters of all ages. It was written by intern Grace Manning and published with financial assistance from the Prince Albert College Trust of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Community Development

CWS supported the work of 19 partners in 20 countries. Our partners have worked hard to make sure the people with whom they work have the resources they need to survive and more influence on the decisions that affect them. Climate change, conflict and the lack of resources have stretched their expertise and networks. However, they have achieved real change for some of the most vulnerable people. Families have improved livelihoods and medical care, children have access to education and communities are stronger because of their tireless efforts.

Disaster preparation has become increasingly important alongside the main priorities to improve family income and food production. A number of our partners are helping people develop the skills needed to deal with violence in their communities and strengthen campaigns for fairer treatment of women and girls.

Fundraising

One of the highlights of the past year was a 24 hour Musicathon organised by St John's in the City and St Andrew's on the Terrace Presbyterian Churches in Wellington. They raised over \$20,000 for the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees' programme to provide water for West Bank, engaging support from people outside their congregations.

An ambitious fundraising strategy to raise new income and expand the donor base was approved by the Board. A key new initiative is the development of the Ration Challenge planned for June 2016, inviting participants to live on the same rations as a Syrian refugee for five days while raising money for refugees.

We are very grateful to the Presbyterian Women Aotearoa and the Methodist Women's Fellowship who raised funds for Neythal in South India through the Special Project. Neythal works with fisherfolk helping protect their rights including through legal channels, and improve livelihoods. Thanks to the World Day of Prayer for their grant to emergency relief and vocational training for Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

HIGHLIGHTS



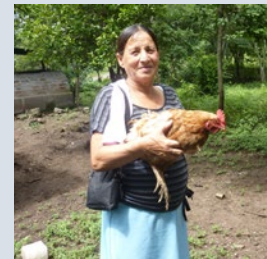
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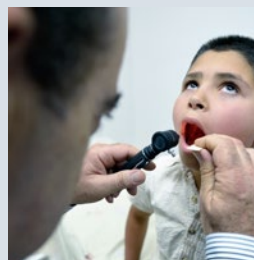
Gave \$102,822.40 to the ACT Appeal for Nepal.



CWS visited partners in Haiti, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Tonga, as well as attending the 2nd General Assembly of the ACT Alliance held in the Dominican Republic.



In Nicaragua, under CEPAD's guidance, five cooperatives and two associations were established with a membership of 200 people. Each has its own strategic plan as they become self-sustaining.



DSPR Jordan's Primary Health Care clinics in Madaba and Jerash camps saw over 9,000 patients of whom more than 2,000 were Syrian refugees in 2014.



Thanks to St John's in the City and St Andrew's on the Terrace church members who sang and played music for 24 hours.

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

CWS contributed to discussions on the development of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) replacing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that expire this year. The 17 goals for the next 15 years were finally agreed in September 2015 and are for all countries, not just developing ones. CWS advocated for strong goals that addressed the root causes of poverty and inequality, including addressing climate change and violence. CWS is supporting a call for a cross-party parliamentary working party on the SDGs and greater public involvement, especially on tackling poverty in New Zealand.

Supporters' Council

As part of CWS's commitment to greater accountability, the first Supporters' Council was held in Christchurch last September in conjunction with the AGM. It was very well attended. Trish Murray, International Programmes Coordinator spoke about her recent trip to the Middle East which provoked some lively discussion and dissent.

Strategic planning

At its September meeting the Board clarified its vision and mission whilst continuing to capture the essence of CWS philosophy. Five key strategic goals for the next three years (2015-2018) were developed:

1. Our engagement with worldwide partners fulfils our vision
2. Sufficient capacity, skilled capability, good practice and integrity depicts our organisation
3. An extensive and diverse donor base sustains our work and mission
4. Advocacy and education for justice and peace sustain our purpose
5. By sharing our stories and our mission we inspire and engage New Zealanders.

Bequests

Our sincere thanks for bequests left by Elizabeth Gordon, Patricia Hulks and Kenneth Fay. We are also

grateful to those who made donations in memory of those who died.

Thank you

During the year we made plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first Christmas Appeal. The inaugural appeal helped people recovering after World War 11 in Greece. We have come full circle, as the needs of refugees become more urgent. We are thankful for the generosity of donors to our partners who are tackling poverty and injustice at the root.

In particular we are grateful to the Anglican Mission Board, Global Missions of the Presbyterian Church, Mission and Ecumenical of the Methodist Church and Quaker Peace and Service for support for humanitarian appeals. Thanks to the New Zealand government for matching funding to Ama Takiloa, and DSPR in Jordan and Lebanon. Special thanks to Luxon's Advertising, Marcus Thomas Design, Meta Digital and Wickliffe's for their support. Without the generous assistance of our mail out and office volunteers, Board and Working Group members, and many advocates and supporters throughout the country, we could not do as much as we do. Our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated partners who are making sure many more families escape poverty and violence. Thank you – it is work we do together.



CWS DIRECTOR
PAULINE MCKAY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIPS WORLDWIDE

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Africa

In Sierra Leone CWS contributed to the ACT Alliance appeal to respond to the Ebola virus and the Kayima School Project. The Council of Churches in Sierra Leone with funding from the ACT Alliance appeal worked hard to stop the virus spreading and offered pastoral care and practical help to families in quarantine and survivors.

In South Sudan CWS supported local partner the Maridi Service Agency. MSA runs a high school but closed one of three preschools due to a lack of land. CWS funds purchased a new transmitter for Maridi FM which as the only local radio station plays an important community and educative role, for example in HIV and AIDS awareness and promoting the place of girls and women.

In southwest Uganda CWS supported the Centre for Community Solidarity's work with families of HIV and AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children. They set up local associations of women who meet monthly to support each other, learn new skills and participate in a joint savings scheme. Together they have built 610 water tanks since 2008. This past year CCS distributed 240 piglets to the women to improve family income.

Regional Total \$71,982

Asia

In India CWS partners advocated for the basic human rights and recognition of Tribal and Dalit people through five partners. The Women Development Resource Centre/Federation for Dalit Women Empowerment trained 214 leaders who went on to train a further 1957 community leaders on gender issues, the impact of globalization and ways to improve family livelihoods. The Human Rights Foundation trained and supported women in local government. Working across 75 panchayats (local government), EKTA Women Resource Centre mobilized women to stop violence in their communities and improve incomes. Young women surveyed six bus stands and won safety improvements as part of the One Billion Rising campaign. The Social

Action for New Development trained 1781 people on organic agriculture, government, education and health matters. They run a People's Knowledge Bank, support the local trade union for scavengers and a credit union, and teach skills to improve livelihoods. The rights of fisherfolk are the priority of Neythal as it resources women to improve livelihoods, housing, education and personal safety. Working with other groups to protect coastal ecology is central to their work.

In Nepal CWS supported the ACT Alliance appeal to provide emergency relief after the earthquakes.

In Myanmar CWS contributed to the ACT Alliance appeal for internally displaced people in Rakhine State.

In the Philippines CWS partnered with Developers Foundation to help coastal communities in Aklan province recover after the 2013 Typhoon Haiyan, improve incomes and strengthen disaster preparedness planning.

In Sri Lanka partners make intercultural understanding a priority in their work. The Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform undertook its first People's Caravan for Food Sovereignty to highlight policy concerns of small farmers as part of its work to foster 'regenerative agriculture', and supported research into better farming techniques. Advocating for fair working conditions and women's safety have been priorities of the Women's Centre in Free Trade Zone factories. It has fostered better understanding between Sinhala and Tamil workers and their families.

In the region CWS supported Community World Service (formerly Church World Service) based in Pakistan with core funding for humanitarian and development work.

Regional Total \$532,627

Latin America

In Chile CWS supported the ACT Alliance appeal for earthquake recovery in Chile.

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In Haiti Institut Culturel Karl Lévêque's (ICKL) partly funded salaries and training support for teachers in two rural schools as well as funding furniture and equipment.

In Nicaragua the Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional (CEPAD) completed a five year programme supporting 43 communities to improve livelihoods and establish Community Development Committees to manage local priorities. In these communities they trained 82 peace mentors to provide psychosocial care, and taught improved eco-agricultural techniques.

Regional Total \$47,840

Middle East

Palestine CWS supported the work of Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in East Jerusalem, Galilee, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and the West Bank assisting Palestinian and Syrian refugees. DSPR runs vocational programmes, a preschool, and schemes to assist high school students and provide relief supplies, health education, primary health clinics, and psychosocial care and health days in Jordan's refugee camps. Life skills training and children's forums are assisting new refugees. For the second year they organized Syrian students in Lebanon to sit final school exams in Syria. CWS also supported Community World Service to provide emergency grants to Iraqi refugees in Iran.

Regional Total \$217,494

Pacific

In Vanuatu CWS contributed to the first ACT Alliance Appeal in the region, providing food, water, seeds, shelter and tools after Cyclone Pam. In Tonga CWS funded the Tonga Community Development Trust Ama Takiloa village women's programmes on food security, women's participation, income generation, environmental education and disaster preparedness. Staff took part in the Joint Consortium Disaster

Risk Reduction Simulation Exercise – also held in Vanuatu and Fiji. CWS contributed core funding to the Pacific Conference of Churches supporting regional priorities including action to halt climate change, self-determination for Pacific territories and improved livelihoods.

Regional Total \$195,350

Aotearoa/New Zealand

In Aotearoa New Zealand CWS made grants to The Family Centre, Te Whare Roimata and the Beneficiary Advisory Services.

Total \$3,500

International

As a member of the ACT Alliance and an associate member of CHS Alliance (formerly the Humanitarian Accountability Project), CWS contributed core funding and to the ACT Alliance Rapid Response Fund.

Total \$12,425

Appraisal, Monitoring and Evaluation

CWS staff visited the Tonga Community Development Trust – Ama Takiloa, CEPAD in Nicaragua, and ICKL in Haiti and attended the second Assembly of the ACT Alliance. Rob Wayne from the International Programmes Working Group visited the Philippines to meet with Developers and the National Council of Churches regarding relief efforts post-Typhoon Haiyan. Staff attended meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the National Disaster Relief Forum of which it is a member.

Total \$17,940

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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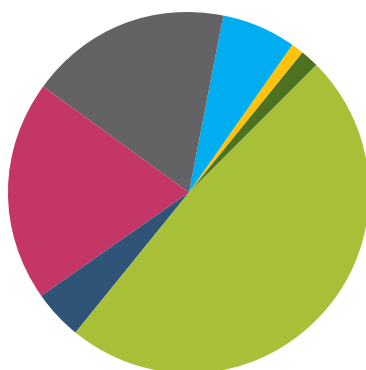
INCOME

Christmas Appeal	\$ 409,719
Regular Appeals	\$ 195,942
General Donations	\$ 216,864
Designated Donations - Development (including Gifted, Live Below the Line)	\$ 177,991
Bequests	\$ 173,083
Designated Donations - Emergency	\$ 320,579
Grants (Church and Government)	\$ 198,152
Interest	\$ 55,582
Total Income	\$ 1,747,911

EXPENDITURE

International Programmes Funding	\$ 1,089,853
Education and Relationships	\$ 14,006
Promotions	\$ 103,884
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	\$ 425,458
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,632,201
Excess of Income over Expenditure	\$ 115,710

TOTAL PROGRAMME FUNDING 2014 - 15



- Asia 48.54%
- Latin America 4.35%
- Middle East 19.79%
- Pacific 18.1%
- Africa 6.55%
- International 1.13%
- Appraisal and Monitoring 1.63%

The accounts have been audited by Williams Accountants, Christchurch. A full set of the audited accounts is available on request.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE WORKING WITH PARTNER CHURCHES

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**Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
and Polynesia**

Methodist Church of New Zealand

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Christian Churches New Zealand

Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand

Christian World Service makes sure people have food, water, dignity and justice. We work with committed partners in 21 countries to strengthen communities, cope with challenges like climate change, conflict and the loss of livelihoods. They are teaching poor people to set up businesses, practise eco-agriculture and influence the decisions that affect their lives. When disaster strikes, they know who needs help first and how to make it happen. Poor people can rely on our partners for the long term support money can't buy. We provide help where needed, regardless of race, religion or region, and address the causes of poverty as well as its effects.

- We do not parachute into a community but work through strong long term partnerships.
- We work in partnership with local groups who are the experts and the activists.
- We work at the grassroots with vulnerable and marginalised people.
- We trust the wisdom of the local community to know what is needed and how best to do it.
- We support self-determination and the role of women in development.
- We share their stories and concerns with New Zealanders so we can look after each other.

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CWS is a member of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), a coalition of more than 140 churches and affiliated organisations who work in 140 countries to create positive and sustainable change for people. The work encompasses development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy. Help is provided regardless of religion, politics, gender, sexual orientation, race or nationality and to the highest international codes and standards. Alliance members are deeply rooted in local communities and respond to conflict and disaster when needed. They have earned trust and respect for staying focused on local needs long after an emergency is in the news. Influencing governments and other key decision makers to make sure the rights of all people and concern for the environment have become increasingly important.

Memberships

CWS is an associate member of the CHS Alliance (merged with Humanitarian Accountability Partnership), the National Disaster Relief Forum, the Council for International Development, the Fair Trade Association of Australia New Zealand and a member of Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand.

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