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annual report 2018

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IMAGE ON COVER: A 10-year-old girl looks after her cousin to help her family. She attends a mobile clinic provided by ACT Alliance after the September 2018 Central Sulawesi earthquake destroyed buildings throughout her village.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



Rudelmar Bueno de Faria

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Message from the **GENERAL SECRETARY**

Hope in Action- Putting People First. This was the theme of our General Assembly in 2018, and through the year, ACT lived into it in our work in humanitarian response, development and advocacy.

The Assembly was the focus of much of the work of the Secretariat during the year. Over 400 people gathered in Uppsala, Sweden for the 3rd ACT Assembly. Key outcomes of the Assembly were the adoption of the ACT Global Strategy for 2019-2026, passing a new Membership Engagement Model, the election of a new Governing Board and its officers, a new Membership and Nominations Committee, and the updating of ACT's statutes.

The Assembly showcased the best of ACT from around the world, from the Youth Pre-Assembly to the Created Equal gender campaign launch, from the worship life of the community to the engagement with the UN and Swedish government, from the exciting Member Conversations to the Regional Celebrations. We celebrated, we learned and worked together to continue to make ACT a relevant, coherent and effective Alliance.

ACT members and Forums have continued to engage in a variety of key processes through the year, including a strong presence at the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development—two key events in our gender justice work, the UN COP24 in Poland, where the Katowice Rulebook was negotiated, and in the negotiations

around the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. ACT is becoming more and more well-known and sought after as a partner, playing a key role as a faith-based organisation striving for justice for all people.

One aspect of the new Global Strategy is the clear focus on the Forums as the centre of ACT Alliance. The work to strengthen the forums was already underway through 2018, including the alignment of Forums' work with the SDGs, continued implementation of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) process, and the awarding of the Forum Good Practice Award to the Ethiopia Forum during the General Assembly.

As we move beyond the Assembly and live into our new Global Strategy, ACT will continue to work to embody Hope in Action and to strive for justice for all in a world where we are Putting People First.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rudelmar Bueno de Faria'.

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria
General Secretary
ACT Alliance

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A coalition of churches and church-related organisations working together to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalised people around the world.

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**NEW
MEMBERS**

THE LARGEST NETWORK of
Protestant and Orthodox churches and agencies
WORKING ON **advocacy, development** and
humanitarian issues

155*
members

Social media
reach of over

12
million



59
forums

**FAITH-MOTIVATED
RIGHTS-BASED
IMPACT-FOCUSED
PEOPLE-CENTRED**

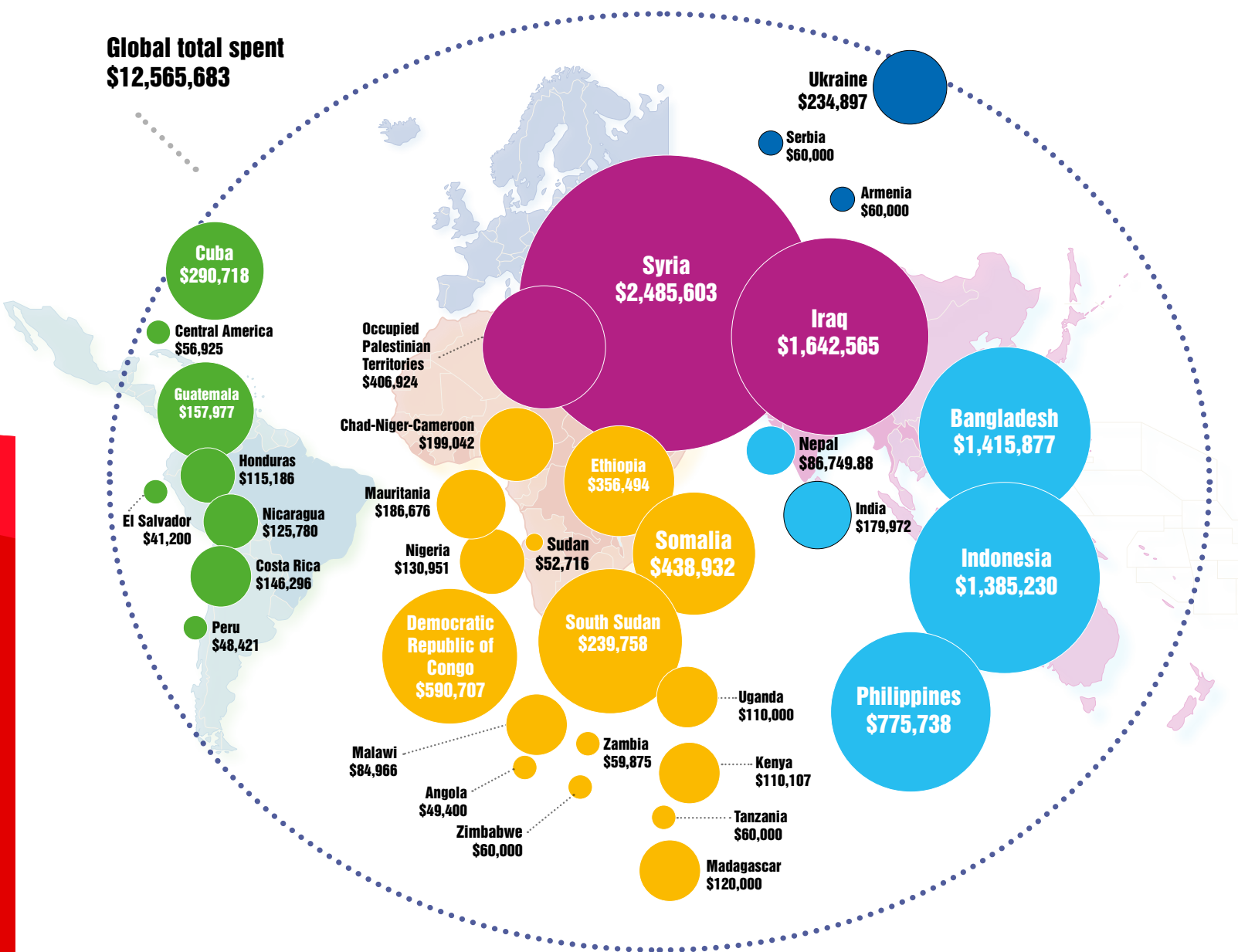
working
together in over

127
countries

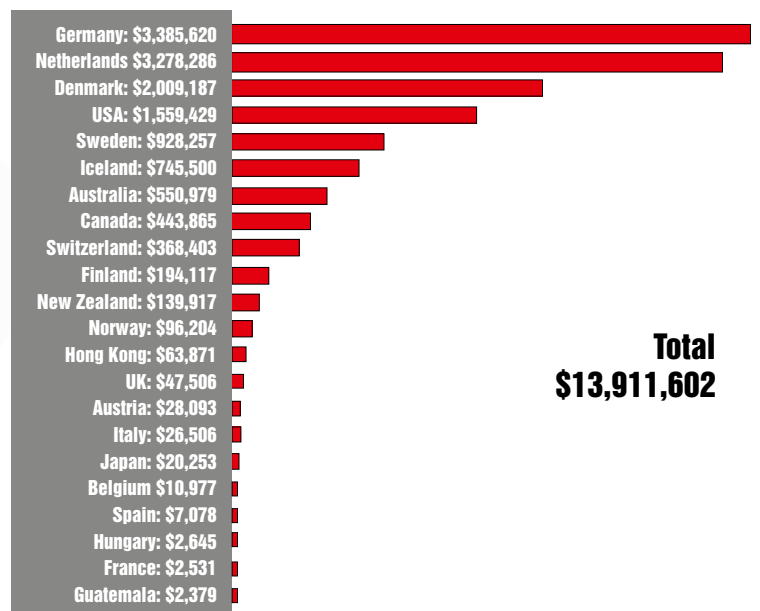
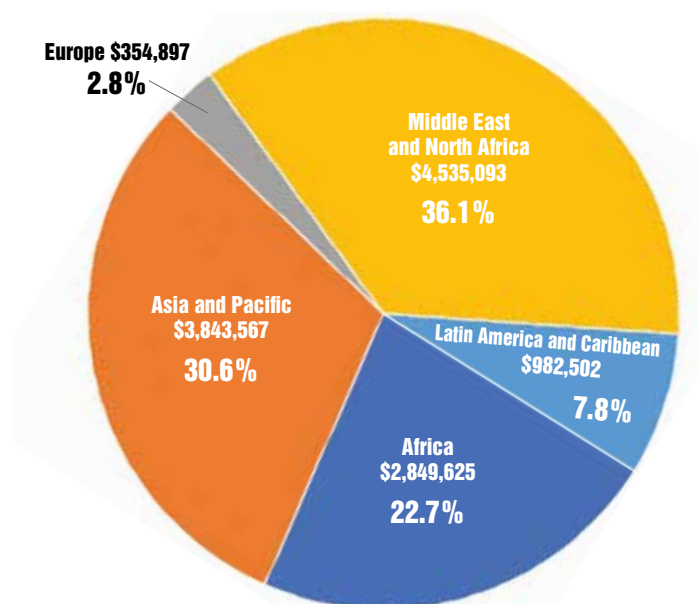
* as of June 2019

ACT raised \$13,911,602 for humanitarian response in 2018 **Where was it spent?**

Global total spent
\$12,565,683



Money spent on emergencies by region **Where did the funds come from?**



Total
\$13,911,602

Advocacy Highlights

ACT Alliance's commitment to prophetic diakonia and to denouncing injustices is at the heart of the alliance's advocacy work. ACT's advocacy is human rights-based and faith-based and is focused on amplifying and strengthening the voice of faith constituents in policy and practice.

Climate Justice and Disaster Risk Reduction

ACT Alliance is confronting the climate change crisis which stands in the way of sustainable development and is causing a higher number of humanitarian catastrophes around the world. ACT is committed to limiting warming to 1.5°C to prevent irreversible damage.

ACT Alliance is:

- **Influencing** international climate change negotiations and politics to ensure that there are provisions to support the most vulnerable communities to adapt and to cope with climate-induced impacts
- **Building the capacity** of ACT members, forums and the wider ecumenical family on community resilience to reduce vulnerabilities to disasters
- Strengthening **partnerships and collaboration** with faith-based actors, civil society organisations and governments
- Amplifying the voice of communities and **supporting** community-driven solutions

Over 170 staff of ACT members and partners have engaged in ACT's climate change advocacy capacity building initiatives.



▲ ACT Alliance at the Climate Justice March at COP24 in Katowice.

PHOTO: JOANNA PATOURIS/ACT



▲ Rohingya refugees hold up their ration cards as they wait in line to receive food in a refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where ACT members provide a variety of humanitarian support for the refugees.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

Migration and Displacement

Migration and displacement remain key components of the work of the alliance. In 2018, ACT engaged in the negotiation and adoption of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).



ACT members continue to be well placed to accompany and monitor the implementation and evaluation of migration and displacement initiatives, particularly at the forum level.

More than ever, we need to reinforce our engagement in matters related to gender— that's to say, every matter.

—Rudelmar Bueno de Faria,
General Secretary, ACT Alliance



▲ ACT's Gender Justice Community of Practice engaged in multiple platforms in 2018, strengthening the role of faith-based institutions in gender justice.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



Gender Justice

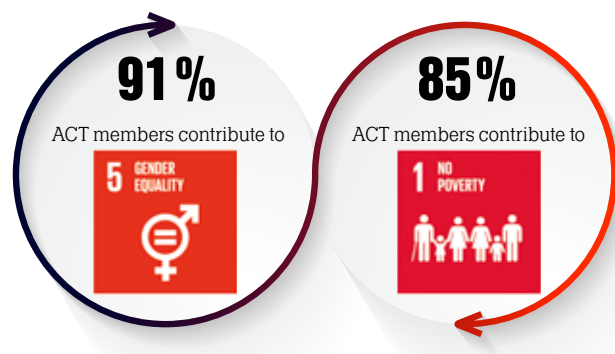
Faith actors and religious leaders play a central role in peoples lives and as norm setters, legislators, moral compasses and advocates. We must counter the backlash against women's rights by creating a new narrative that positions faith actors and communities as a central part of the solution. ACT launched its 'Created Equal' Campaign at the General Assembly. The Campaign aims to mainstream gender equality in all activities of the alliance.

To achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, ACT members will:

- Ensure gender balance in **participation, decision making, representation** and **staffing**
- Ensure gender equality through **gender mainstreaming** in **all** strategic **areas** and programme **design**
- Ensure **training** and **capacity development** is provided for all staff
- Ensure that communities, partners and others are **informed** of the policy
- **Promote** strategies that **guard** against human rights violations
- Ensure **protection** from gender-based violence
- Ensure **access** to sexual and reproductive health rights

Development Highlights

In 2018, ACT Alliance continued to contribute to Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while upholding the human rights, dignity and resilience of all people and communities which ACT members serve.



ACT continues to investigate how the work of ACT members contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals. Of the ACT members who responded to the 2018 Member Survey:

- 91% contribute to Gender Equality (SDG 5)
- 85% contribute to No Poverty (SDG 1)

Other SDGs that feature highly in ACT members' work include:



Religion and Development

There is a growing recognition of religion as an important factor in all social, economic and political aspects of life. Through the year, ACT promoted its faith-motivated and human rights-based approach and has built on opportunities for faith-based organisations in the global religion and development agenda. ACT has also strengthened the understanding and visibility of the role of faith-based organisations in this task.



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ACT Alliance invited to serve as a member of the Faith Advisory Council of the UN Interagency Taskforce on Religion (2018-2019).

In addition to these efforts, ACT has convened and co-organised various events including Civil Society Partnerships for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), the UN Inter-agency Task Force on Religion and Development, the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, and a Strategic Learning Exchange on Religion, Development and Diplomacy.



Image above: Inside the Uppsala Cathedral
PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/ACT

Humanitarian HIGHLIGHTS

During humanitarian emergencies, ACT strives to enable an effective ecumenical response that is: **prepared, timely, coordinated, locally-owned, saves lives, maintains dignity and upholds humanitarian standards.**



23 ACT appeals issued in 2018

The highest funded Appeals in 2018 were: the Indonesia Sulawesi Earthquake, the Syria Conflict, and the Iraq Conflict



◀ A man collects recyclable metal and plastic from rubble in the old city of Mosul, Iraq. This portion of the city was heavily damaged in 2016 and 2017. ACT Alliance members have been providing humanitarian support to those affected.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



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Rapid Response Fund projects (RRFs) supported in 2018 = USD 1,303,546

Rapid Response Funds are specifically designed for responding to small to medium-scale emergencies and are delivered by national ACT members and local faith actors.



At the national level, ACT members responded to crises in the Philippines, Zambia, Madagascar, Kenya, Malawi, Egypt, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Cuba, Serbia, Indonesia, Peru, El Salvador, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Honduras, Guatemala, DRC, Armenia, and India.



Humanitarian Advocacy and Coordination

ACT's commitments made to the World Humanitarian Summit continue to guide ACT's humanitarian policy and advocacy work.

ACT engaged in various humanitarian platforms throughout the year including:



Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPRP)

The EPRP Working Group completed the revision of the EPRP guidelines and tools to ensure a more efficient and relevant process for forums. EPRP's will be mandatory for accessing humanitarian funding from 2020.

“The participation of faith leaders in coordinated, harmonised and strategic climate justice advocacy initiatives cannot be overemphasised. Their voice can open doors and will amplify the voice for the preservation of humanity.”

—Sostina Mugove Takure,
ACT Zimbabwe Forum Coordinator



◀ A woman examines the small fish as she transfers part of the catch of the day in Karonga, a town in northern Malawi. Fish from Lake Malawi, which is bordered by Malawi, Tanzania and Mozambique, provide an important part of people's diet. Climate change poses threats to the food security of many communities.
PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY

Africa Highlights



By the end of 2018, over

60 ACT climate advocates from

11 African countries received training.

This regional cohort contributes to ACT's 170- person-strong ecumenical climate justice network from around the world.

Together, they call for stronger climate action and support for the most vulnerable.

47
members in
22
countries

Championing climate justice

The catastrophic impacts of climate change are affecting millions of people across the African continent. It is threatening human security and contributing to humanitarian emergencies, including food insecurity, migration and displacement. Climate change is destabilising already weak states such as those in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel region.

Some African countries are

especially vulnerable due to their limited capacity to adapt to the new norm of climate-induced disasters. ACT Alliance aims to bridge this gap by enhancing the capacity of ACT forums, partners and churches across Africa to advocate for and to facilitate ambitious climate action at the national level, in line with the Paris Agreement which aims to limit global temperature rise to below 1.5°C.

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**ACT Ethiopia Forum
wins 2018 Good Forum
Practice Award**

► Small scale farmers in Tanzania are trained by ACT members to implement irrigation systems that produce significantly larger crops to increase their income.

PHOTO: ALPHA KAPOLA/ NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID (NCA)



WASH support to a refugee camp

ACT Malawi Forum established a joint Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) working group to monitor and respond to WASH needs in refugee camps. Commended for their contributions to appropriate and sustainable WASH services, ACT

members were made responsible for all WASH projects in Malawi's Luwani Refugee Camp.

ACT prioritised support to vulnerable groups including women and child-headed households, persons with disabilities and the

elderly. The project improved hygienic conditions through awareness raising and the construction of new facilities to safely dispose of human waste. ACT Malawi Forum has partnered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to deliver on this work.



3488

beneficiaries



284

latrines constructed



10

refuse pits constructed for solid waste management



Maintenance on existing boreholes for safe and potable water



Hygiene awareness workshops

Asia and the Pacific



► ACT members in Indonesia respond to earthquake, and subsequent tsunami that struck Central Sulawesi, Indonesia.

PHOTO: MUHAMMAD ADITYA
SETYAWAN/YAKKUM

Building resilience after a disaster

The strongest earthquake on record struck the island of Lombok, Indonesia on August 5, 2018, resulting in over 560 deaths. A few weeks later on September 28, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.4 caused severe damage in Central Sulawesi. This earthquake triggered a tsunami resulting in landslides and soil liquefaction and led to the death of an additional 5,356 people.

ACT Indonesia Forum was already responding to Lombok and immediately coordinated to provide humanitarian support to those affected in Central Sulawesi. ACT Alliance focused on rehabilitating the lives and livelihoods of affected communities, targeting 100,000 people.

ACT's humanitarian response consisted of:



Shelter and protection



Nutrition



**Water, Sanitation
and Hygiene (WASH)**



Health care



**Psychosocial
support**

ACT Indonesia Forum's response ranged from rehabilitation to resilience building, strengthening the ability of local actors to better respond to emergencies.



▲ A Rohingya refugee girl in class in a sprawling refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where members of ACT Alliance provide humanitarian support to the refugees.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT ALLIANCE

A regional coalition for sustainable development

ACT members have joined FBOs to launch an Asia Pacific Faith-based Coalition for Sustainable Development to raise the voice of faith communities in various regional platforms.

The Coalition commits to:

- Do no harm
- Non-discrimination and equality
- Transparency and accountability
- Adhere to international humanitarian standards
- Adhere to international human rights principles and instruments.

Support after violence

Since conflict broke out in the state of Rakhine, Myanmar in 2017, there has been a huge influx of Rohingya people into Bangladesh. ACT members continue to provide psychosocial support and education to women and adolescent girls living in refugee camps at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh who have experienced gender-based violence.

Support from ACT members consists of:

- Training on hygiene, child marriage and disaster risk reduction
- Psychosocial support
- Literacy lessons



◀ Protestors share their concerns about displacement in an area already beset by poverty and employment problems, as well as a perceived likelihood of increased crime in Tijuana.

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

29
members in
15
countries

Latin America and the Caribbean

NEW ACT member: Iglesia Metodista del Peru



ACT Forums respond to people on the move in Central America

In October 2018, a Caravan of Honduran migrants set north through Guatemala toward Mexico and the United States to escape their desperate circumstances. As the caravan travelled through Guatemala and El Salvador, many more joined. Some joined in hopes of finding better opportunities elsewhere, while others joined in fear for their lives with a hope to escape violence and the emergence of drug cartels.

ACT's Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala Forums addressed the urgent humanitarian needs of the Central American migrants. The response prioritised the needs of the most vulnerable, including:

- Unaccompanied children
- Women travelling with children
- Pregnant women
- Persons with disabilities

ACT's response included:



Humanitarian advocacy, calling for more effective crisis management



Food aid



Psychosocial support



Hygiene kits



Accompaniment of the caravan at certain stages to increase protection measures



▲ Protestors clash with riot police as they tried to reach the main shelter where migrants are staying in Tijuana.

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

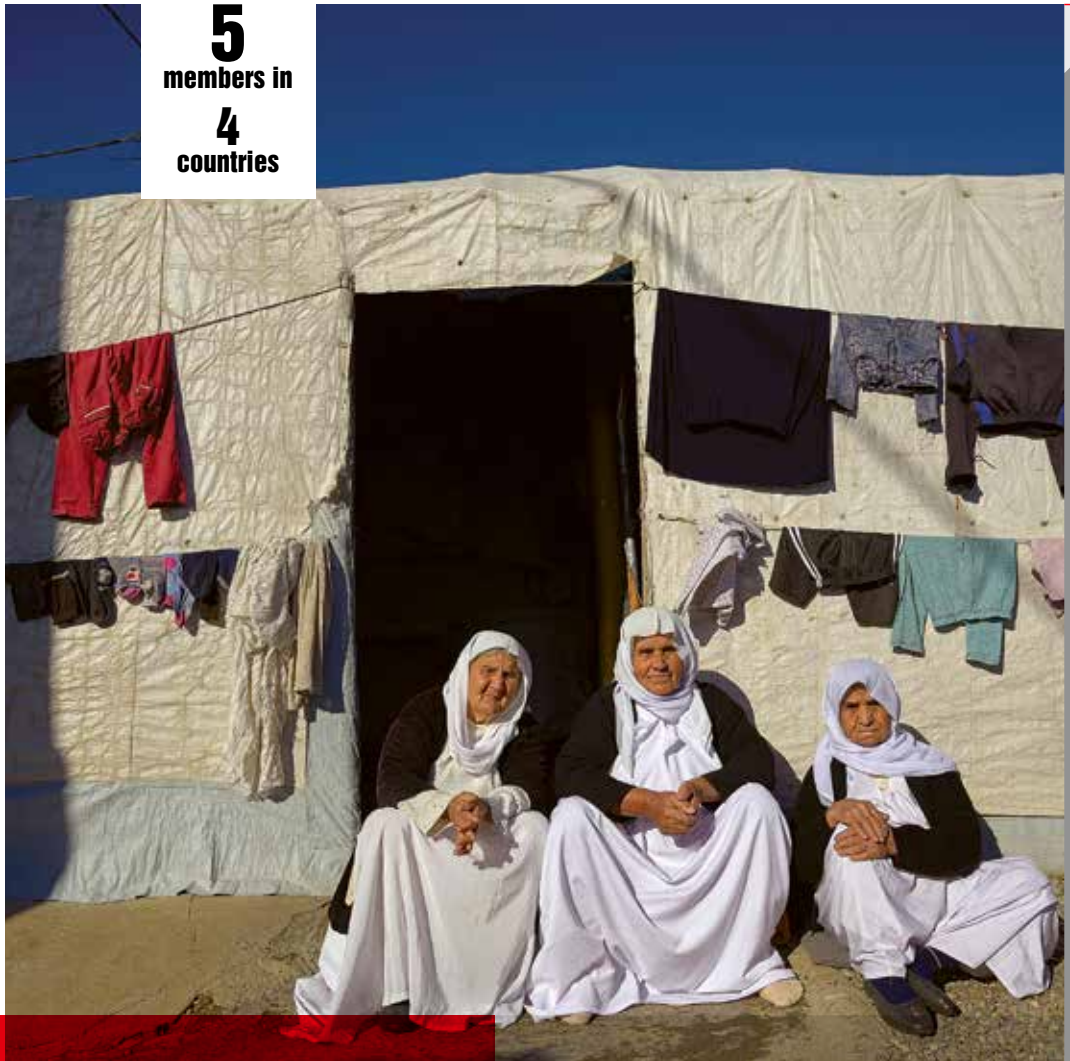
Regional Priorities

In 2018, ACT members in Latin America and the Caribbean identified the following priorities to guide their work:

- Economic justice/ role of FBOs in development
- Socio-environmental/ climate justice
- Gender justice
- Justice for migrants, displaced persons and refugees
- Democracy, peace, and justice
- Justice for disaster risk management

The Middle East and North Africa

5
members in
4
countries



► Women in a camp for internally displaced persons in Iraq's Kurdistan region. ACT members are working to provide water, sanitation, and psycho-social support for affected families.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



▲ A drawing titled, "I am safe" submitted to the art competition.

"I was very happy to be recognized at the final ceremony with my father, I felt like a human being and that I was respected even though this artwork didn't take much of my time or resources."

—Fourteen-year-old winning artist
from the Zaatari camp

Fighting gender-based violence in refugee camps

A partnership between ACT Alliance and UN Women brought positive energy through art in the Zaatari and Azraq Syrian refugee camps in Jordan. ACT members joined UN Women to host an art competition during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Through their artwork, refugees raised their voice against gender-based violence and encouraged discussions on harassment faced by youth in the camps.

Solidarity and humanitarian support for Syria

The Syria Crisis has had a devastating humanitarian, social and economic impact on Syria and neighbouring countries for eight years. Over 3.1 million people remain in direct need of humanitarian assistance. Refugees continue to face harsh living conditions, and thousands have been forced into poverty and vulnerable situations. ACT Alliance is working with local faith and non-faith actors to contribute to peacebuilding and social cohesion.

ACT Jordan Syria and Lebanon Forum's Public Statement that was approved at ACT's General Assembly calls for:



Stronger solidarity and humanitarian support to Syrian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons inside Syria



Circumstances that allow interventions to ensure the dignity of those affected by the conflict



Decreased aid dependency in Syria and within those countries supporting Syrian refugees



▲ ACT Alliance members provide humanitarian response in various parts of Syria where former residents have returned. Food packs (rice, cooking oil, sugar and other non-perishable foodstuffs) were distributed to returnee families.

PHOTO: HUNGARIAN INTERCHURCH AID (HIA)

ACT's General Assembly



ACT's third General Assembly took place from 28 October to 1 November 2018 at the Konsert & Kongress (UKK) in Uppsala, Sweden. Hosted by:

Church of Sweden 

 diakonia
PEOPLE CHANGING THE WORLD



PHOTO: MAGNUS ARONSON/COS

"A key element of our faith is based on the conviction that every person is loved and is created by God and has the same dignified rights."

—Archbishop Antje Jackelén,
Church of Sweden

The General Assembly is the highest governance body of the Alliance and brings together ACT's membership every four years. The work of the General Assembly aims to enable members to strengthen their commitment to one another, to celebrate their mutual achievements as an alliance and to endorse the future direction of the alliance.

Hope in Action Putting people first:

The theme of the General Assembly is reflective of ACT's:

- Participatory approach to development
- Commitment to localisation agenda
- Rights-based approach to advocacy
- Support and dedication to amplifying the voices of people and local communities

400
participants
from
70
countries

99
volunteers

▼ Assembly group photo PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/ACT



Highlights

Youth Engagement: ACT aims to ensure that there are platforms and support provisions to enable the engagement of youth in the life and work of the Alliance. 30 youth delegates participated in ACT's youth pre-Assembly day. ACT's Youth Community of Practice showcased their work and expectations and identified potential opportunities for member collaboration.

Ecumenical Cooperation: ACT and the World Council of Churches (WCC) hosted a Joint Day on 1 November, the final day of the ACT Assembly and the first day of the WCC Executive Committee meeting. The day aimed to explore what it means to be faith and rights-based. It provided a space for listening, discussions and reflections on ecumenical diakonia and sustainable development.



PHOTO: MAGNUS ARONSON/COS

“We need the church to help minimise pushbacks and to build on the historical role that it has played to promote gender equality.”

—Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Nguka,
United Nations Under-Secretary-
General and Executive Director of
UN Women

Gender Justice: ACT is committed to gender justice throughout the work and life of the alliance. The opening session of ACT's Assembly highlighted the significance of gender justice, which remained an interconnected and important topic throughout the week.

Regional Celebrations

Each region celebrated parts of their culture and their achievements over the past four years with the assembly participants.



► Africa Regional Celebrations

PHOTO: MAGNUS ARONSON/COS



▲ Youth engage in a two-day pre-Assembly meeting to learn, discuss, and strategize about their involvement in the Alliance.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

“We have no desire to fight against you, we want to walk with you.”

—Ben VanderWindt,
World Renew



General Assembly Outcomes

Elections

Governing Board, Membership and Nominations Committee, and Officers



▲ ACT's newly elected governing board at the Assembly.

PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/ACT

New Global Strategy (2019-2026) adopted

ACT's new Global Strategy that was adopted at the General Assembly prioritizes the following areas of work:



**Emergency
preparedness
& humanitarian
response**



Gender justice



**Peace and
human security**



Climate justice



**Migration and
displacement**



“My role will be to listen to the membership so that we can work together towards a just society against all forms of oppression.”

—Birgitte Qvist Sørensen,
newly elected ACT
Alliance Moderator

“The new membership engagement model that has been passed is a historic decision. It will allow members to engage at local, national and global levels and will present the Alliance with an immense range of opportunities.”

—Dr Sushant Agrawal, CASA India
outgoing ACT Alliance Moderator
(2014–2018)

▲ Birgitte Qvist Sørensen (right) newly elected ACT Alliance Moderator and Dr Sushant Agrawal (left) outgoing ACT Alliance moderator at the 2018 ACT Alliance General Assembly.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

► Amina Mohammed speaking on “The role of faith based actors in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” at the Assembly.

PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/ACT

New Membership Engagement Model adopted



Encourages a more inclusive membership

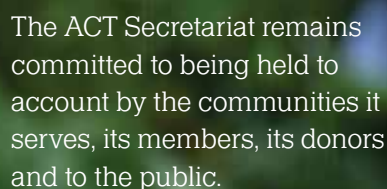


Fosters active engagement and participation in forums



Statutes revised

- Ensure compliance with Swiss law
- Eliminate contradictions with by-laws
- Incorporate corporate governance best practice



ACT continues to observe the highest standards of Quality and Accountability in humanitarian, development and advocacy sectors and is committed to:

- Core Humanitarian Standard
- Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
- Sphere Standards
- Istanbul Principles on Development Effectiveness

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018, ACT's Quality and Accountability advisory group merged with the Complaints Handling advisory group to better serve the alliance. Since the merge, the group has conducted trainings in the Asia and Pacific Region to facilitate the interlinkages between quality and accountability and the handling of complaints.

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ACT Alliance Secretariat passes CHS Maintenance Audit in March 2018.

Since the CHS Maintenance Audit, the ACT Secretariat focused on the implementation of the revised humanitarian mechanism (launched in January 2018), which has generated new learnings for the Alliance. Monitoring visits in Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia highlighted the benefits associated with ACT's stronger coordination and collaborative programming and identified areas for continued improvement.

FORUMS Putting forums at the centre of the Alliance

ACT's national, sub-regional and regional forums are a unique feature of the alliance. ACT Forums are platforms consisting of ACT members that operate in specific countries and regions and work collaboratively on humanitarian response, sustainable development and advocacy initiatives and programmes.

Forums have a critical role as implementing structures of the alliance. They foster ecumenical and interfaith cooperation, joint planning and monitoring to enhance the effectiveness, impact and accountability to the communities which they serve while upholding human dignity and principles of the Core Humanitarian Standard.



▲ Mr Girma Borishie Bati from the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Development and Social Services Commission (EECMY-DASSC), received the award on behalf of the Forum.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Good Forum Award

ACT Ethiopia Forum won the 2018 Good Forum Award for its commitment to putting people first and enhancing country-level coordination and collaboration.

Using Geographical Information Systems, ACT Ethiopia Forum mapped out its local engagement in various sectors of Ethiopia to identify potential areas to leverage ACT as an important partner in humanitarian and development initiatives.

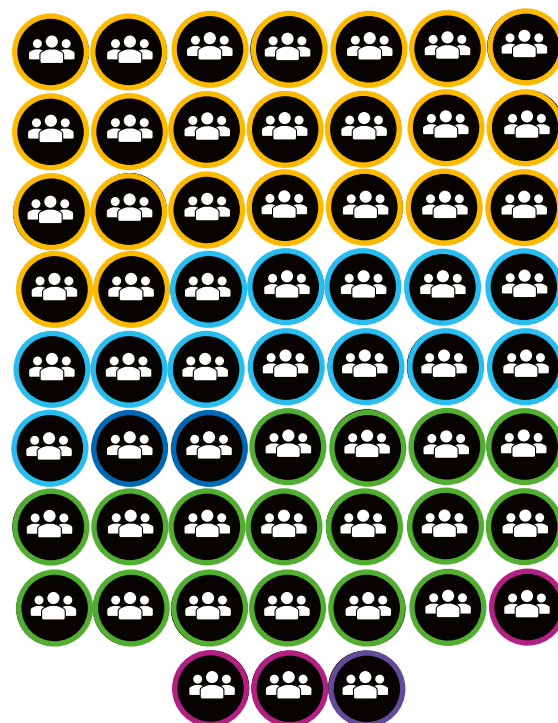
ACT Ethiopia Forum also explored the connections between the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and ACT's Christian values which inspire, motivate and guide the work of the Alliance.

Launched in 2017, the Forums Good Practice Guide and the Good Forums Award celebrates and encourages collaboration and knowledge sharing across ACT Forums around the world.

59
Forums in total

ACT Forums by region

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- The Middle East and North Africa
- North America



DID YOU KNOW?

ACT's new Global Strategy seeks to leverage the cohesion, effectiveness and relevance of the alliance by having high-impact national and regional forums as its core. The revised Forum Policy approved by the Governing Board comes into effect in 2019.

Advisory Groups

Advisory Groups are networks of ACT experts from around the world that provide strategic advice to the alliance on issues in line with ACT's strategic plan. Advisory Groups relate to the humanitarian, development or advocacy work of members.



Humanitarian Policy and Practice (HPPG)

Chairs: Michael Mosselmans (Christian Aid) and Jacqueline Koster (World Renew)



Development Policy and Practice (DPPG)

Chairs: Junior Sibanda (Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe) and Eva Ekelund (Church of Sweden)



Advocacy (AGA)

Chairs: Joycia Thorat (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action) and Philemon Jazi (Diakonia Sweden)



Climate Change Working Group (CCG)

Chairs: Martin Vogel (Church of Sweden) and Dinesh Vyas (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action)



Communications, Media and Brand (CMB)

Chair: Palwashay Arbab (Community World Service Asia, Pakistan)



Quality and Accountability (QAG)

Chairs: Coleen Heemskerk (Church of Sweden) and Dienneke De Groot (ICCO Cooperation)



Complaints Handling (CHAG)

Chair: Marvin Parvez (Community World Service Asia, Pakistan)



Spotlight on Advisory Groups

Development Policy and Practice (DPPG)

Supports ACT by providing expert analysis on development theory and practice, it offers political forecasting and identifies strategic entry points in global policy processes related to development policy and practice. The DPPG is committed to achieving an inclusive development agenda that is effective, accountable, puts people first and safeguards the space and participation of civil society organisations and churches.

Humanitarian Policy and Practice Group (HPPG)

Provides strategic advice and policy support to ACT's Secretariat, Governing Board, Forums, and other structures working on humanitarian issues. In 2018, the HPPG supported a Joint Monitoring visit to Bangladesh to assess ACT's response to the Rohingya Crisis. The group also supported ACT's Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan revision process and organised the first face to face meeting of Humanitarian Directors and HPPG members.

Communities of Practice

ACT Communities of Practice (CoPs) consist of a group of staff of ACT members working together to gain knowledge, share learnings and best practices related to their field of work. CoPs enhance the capabilities of participants and strengthen and support the work of the alliance.



**Disaster Risk Reduction,
Climate Change Adaptation
and Sustainable
Development**



**Psycho-social
Support**



**Disability Inclusive
Development**



**Safety
and Security**



**Gender Equality
and Justice**



**Human Rights
in Development**



**Migration and
Development**



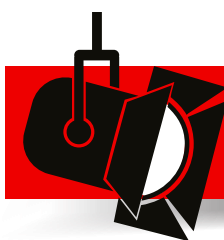
**Religion and
Development**



**Youth
Participation**



**Child
Safeguarding**



Spotlight on CoPs

Psycho-social CoP

Community-based Psycho-social support adds a mental and social dimension to traditional humanitarian aid. This CoP builds the capacity of ACT members to provide psycho-social support and to enhance the resilience and capacity of affected populations. In 2018, the CoP developed an e-library showcasing the best examples of psycho-social support from all regions which ACT is present. There are now four regional Psycho-social support CoPs, and a fifth is underway.

Human Rights and Development CoP

This CoP aims to implement ACT's rights-based development strategies and to promote the protection of civil society space in relevant development frameworks and policies. In 2018, the CoP engaged in a consultation on churches and civic space with faith-based leaders, issuing the *Kampala Declaration* which outlines commitments for future engagement. The CoP also contributed to the ACT Academy *Human Rights-Based Approach* learning module.

Gender Equality and Justice CoP

This CoP aims to support ACT's efforts to position gender equality as a key priority in the internal structures and programs of the alliance. The CoP also supports the work of ACT's new *Created Equal Campaign* to strengthen the work of ACT members and churches advocating for gender justice. In 2018, the CoP coordinated ACT's engagement in various UN platforms, including the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development. The CoP also supported ACT's gender justice work leading up to and during the General Assembly.

Audited Accounts

Balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2018

Appendix /Notes	2018 USD	2018 CHF	2017 USD	2017 CHF
		0.9703		0.981500
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash at bank	4,002,640	3,883,762	2,789,867	2,738,254
Short term deposits	0	0	2,000,560	1,963,549
Income receivable net	302,639	293,651	209,110	205,242
Staff advances	42,995	41,718	54,268	53,264
Other debtors	107,168	103,985	94,985	93,228
TOTAL ASSETS	4,455,443	4,323,116	5,148,790	5,053,537
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS				
Current liabilities				
Accrued expenses	603,563	585,637	188,358	184,874
Accounts payable	10,503	10,191	339,601	333,318
Funds received in advance (Unspent earmarked contribution)	174,636	169,450	65,599	64,385
	788,702	765,278	593,558	582,578
Funds in trust				
Appeals funds Appendix IV	2,575,504	2,499,011.06	2,845,568	2,792,926
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUST	2,575,504	2,499,011	2,845,568	2,792,926
Own funds				
General reserve Appendix III / Note 4				
A. Restricted Reserve	882,306	856,102	936,083	918,766
Total Restricted Reserve	882,306	856,102	936,083	918,766
B. Unrestricted Reserve at beginning of year	505,364	490,355	602,458	591,312
Total Unrestricted Reserve	505,364	490,355	602,458	591,312
C. Designated Reserve for Assembly 2018	0	0	268,216	263,254
Total Designated Reserve for Assembly 2018	0	0	268,216	263,254
Funds for Assembly	(123,784)	(120,108)		
Result of operations for the year	(172,649)	(167,521)	(97,093)	(95,297)
Currency translation adjustment				
Total general reserve	1,091,237	1,178,935	1,709,664	1,678,036
Total own funds	1,091,237	1,178,935	1,709,664	1,678,033
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS	4,455,443	4,443,223	5,148,790	5,053,537

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

		2018	2018	2017	2017
	Appendix /Notes	USD	CHF	USD	CHF
			0.9703		0.9845
INCOME					
Fees					
Membership fees	Appendix VI	133,500	129,535	134,688	132,600
Income based fees	Appendix VI	1,836,592	1,782,046	1,817,740	1,789,565
International coordination fees	Appendix VI	527,125	511,469	635,108	625,264
Total fees		2,497,217	2,423,050	2,587,537	2,547,429
Voluntary Contributions					
Voluntary contributions unearmarked	Appendix VII	633,382	614,571	812,373	799,781
Voluntary contributions earmarked to Programs	Appendix VII	800,086	776,323	822,114	809,371
Coordination Funds	Appendix VII			81,999	80,728
Support to Faith Based CPDE	Appendix VII	62,430	60,576	15,372	15,134
Assembly 2018		787,587	764,196		
Total Voluntary Contributions		2,283,485	2,215,666	1,731,858	1,705,014
TOTAL INCOME		4,780,702	4,638,715	4,319,440	4,252,446
EXPENSES					
Staff costs	Appendix V.2	2,932,859	2,845,753	3,019,716	2,972,911
Office costs	Appendix V.2	636,946	618,028	617,747	608,172
Program 1	Appendix V.1	168,341	163,341	158,956	156,492
Program 2	Appendix V.1	30,830	29,914	11,323	11,148
Program 3	Appendix V.1	41,251	40,026	107,727	106,058
Program 4	Appendix V.1	6,144	5,962	5,712	5,623
Program 5	Appendix V.1	-	-	2,106	2,074
Program 6	Appendix V.1	149,481	145,041	126,226	124,269
Program 7	Appendix V.1	132,186	128,260	196,237	193,195
Program 8	Appendix V.1	37,303	36,195	60,180	59,247
Program 9	Appendix V.1	79,684	77,317	23,992	23,620
Provision for doubtful debts and write off	Note 4	4,468	4,335	18,145	17,864
Support to Faith Based CPDE		38,453	37,311	15,372	15,134
Other expenses MENA & COS		729,883	708,205	-	-
		4,987,827	4,839,689	4,363,440	4,295,806
Interest received		(12,303)	(11,938)	(8,467)	(8,336)
Other income		(57,874)	(56,155)	-	-
Exchange (Gain)/Loss Core budget		35,701	34,641	(26,952)	-26,534
		(34,476)	(33,452)	(35,418)	(34,869)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,953,351	4,806,236	4,328,021	4,260,937
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE ALLOCATIONS		(172,649)	(167,521)	(8,627)	(8,494)
Interest capitalized to restricted reserve	Appendix II			(8,467)	(8,336)
Exchange (Gain) / Loss transferred to restricted Reserve	Appendix II			-	-
Allocation (to) / from 2014/2018 Assembly provision				-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER ALLOCATIONS		(172,649)	(167,521)	(17,094)	(16,830)

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Australia UnitingWorld

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