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IMAGE ON COVER:

Marta Manuel and her granddaughter outside their home. Marta and her family received a bucket, maize flour, oil, salt, sugar, beans, water purification solution, and soap during a distribution by ACT members after Cyclone Idai flooded her village, destroying her home and all her belongings.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



Rudelmar Bueno de Faria

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Message from the **GENERAL SECRETARY**

2019 was the first year of implementation of ACT's new Global Strategy, *Hope in Action: Putting People First*. Throughout the year, ACT continued to live into this theme through our work in humanitarian response, development and advocacy.

ACT's work on Gender Justice gained significant momentum with the launch of the Gender Justice Program, and its engagement in several external processes such as the ICPD+25 conference and the Beijing+25 review process. I had the privilege of being the first faith actor ever to be invited to be on the expert panel during the 52nd Commission on Population and Development at the UN.

The implementation of global frameworks, such as the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda, the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees were the central motives of the programmes on climate justice as well as migration and displacement, both in our advocacy and programmatically.

In addition to the major humanitarian response of Cyclone Idai in Southern Africa, the area of Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response continued to deliver on two central elements for enhancing the effectiveness of the Alliance's Humanitarian Mechanism: the finalisation of Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans

(EPRPs) and a revision of the Humanitarian Mechanism.

We have witnessed increased relevance of the Alliance in various thematic and programmatic areas, and cooperation with external partners throughout 2019. ACT has been invited to engage in high-level spaces, for example as a co-chair of the newly formed UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council, in the Partnership for Religion and Development, at the World Economic Forum, in the consultations of various UN organisations, and in the central global policy processes which are of relevance to ACT's Global Strategy.

I am also happy to report a renewed energy, increased cohesion, and improved collaboration in various ACT forums since the Assembly. We are confident that these improvements will help to strengthen the overall impact of the Alliance.

I thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Alliance.

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

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria
General Secretary
ACT Alliance

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The ACT Alliance is a faith-motivated, rights-based, impact-focused network committed to working ecumenically and inter-religiously, with the communities we seek to serve and accompany at the centre of our work.

153
members

Present
in over
120
countries


59
forums


72%
global south


23%
global north


5%
global

THE WORLD'S
LARGEST
PROTESTANT
AND ORTHODOX
ALLIANCE,
ACT Alliance
consists of:

28,781
staff

38,135
volunteers

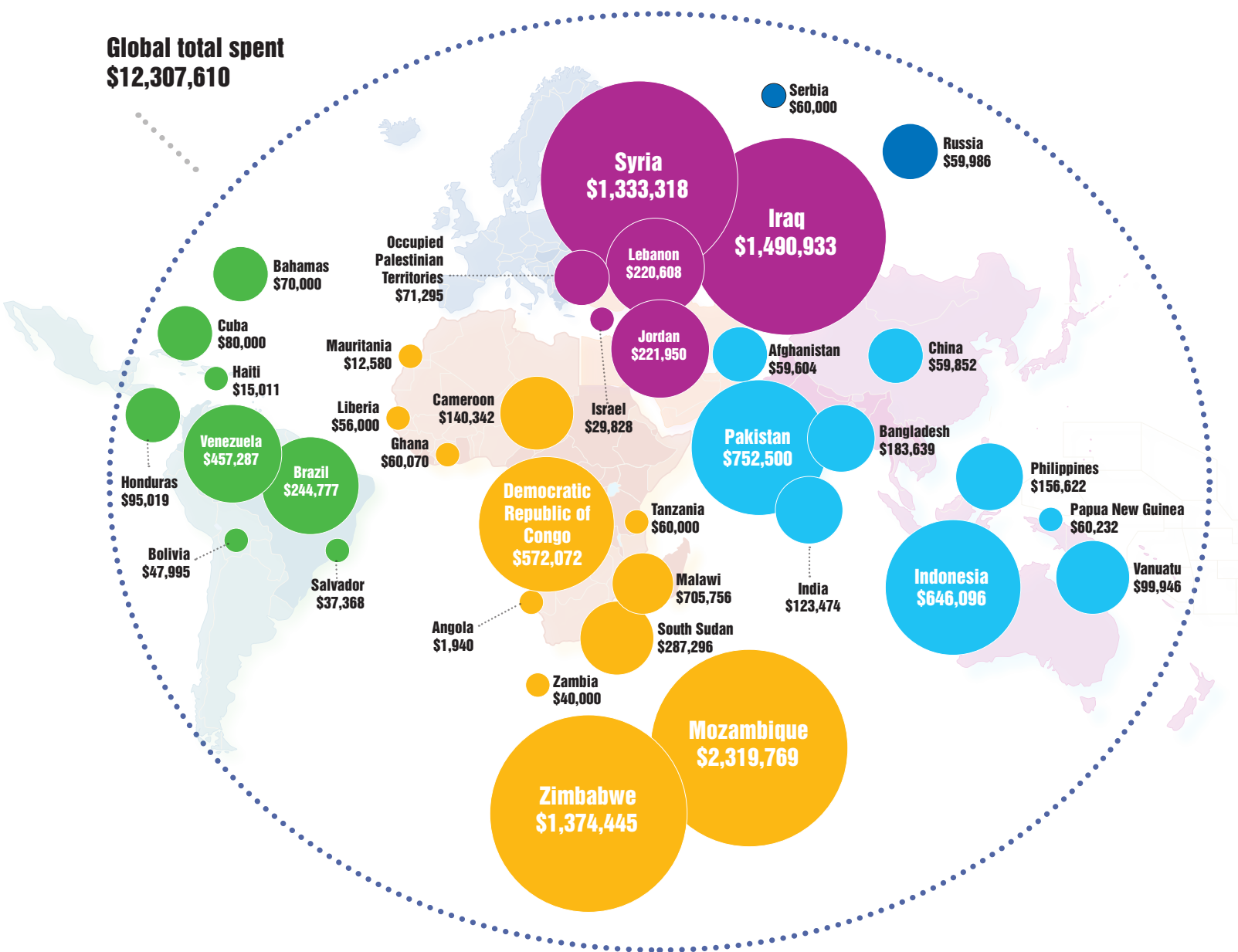
22,061
youth

hope
in **action** 

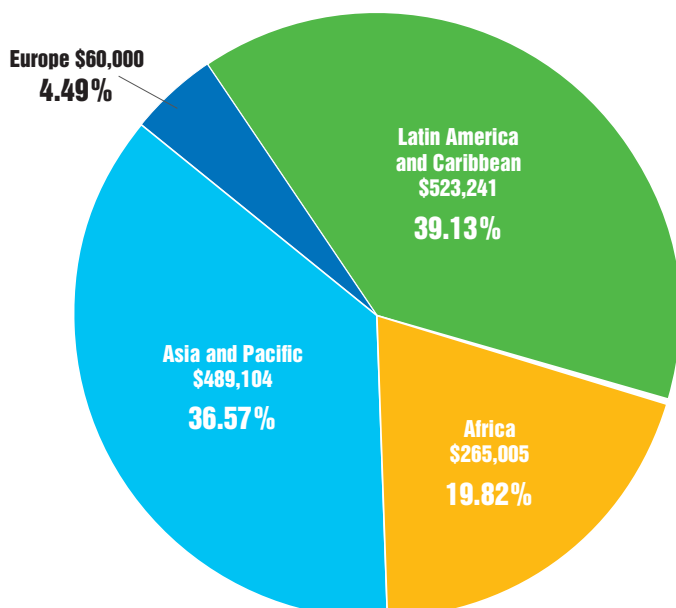
PUTTING
PEOPLE FIRST

ACT raised \$14,098,879 for humanitarian response in 2019 **Where was it spent?**

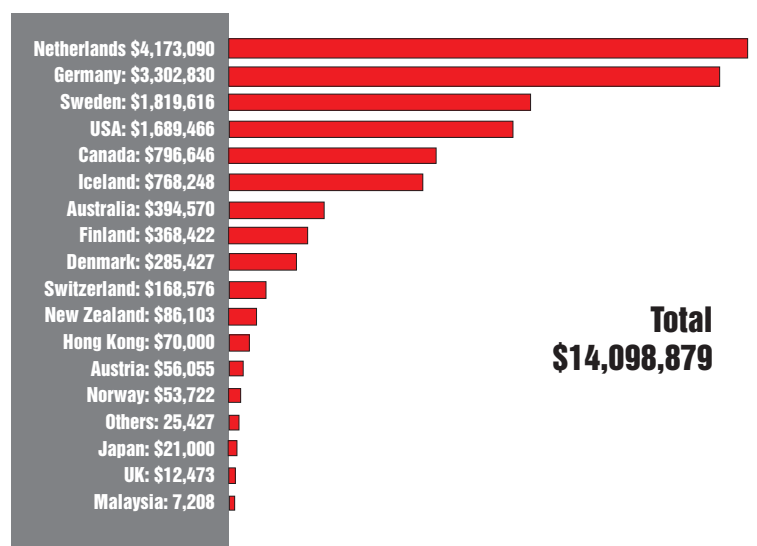
Global total spent
\$12,307,610



Rapid Response Fund Payments



Where did the funds come from?



Total
\$14,098,879

FORUMS

the heart of our identity and the centre of our alliance

► ACT, WCC, LWF and other ecumenical bodies joined tens of thousands in marching through the streets of New York City in the Climate Strike, demanding climate justice now.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



A key element of ACT's Global Strategy is to put forums at the centre of our work. To achieve this, ACT is:

- **Establishing mechanisms** to work effectively, based on shared principles, standards and accountability
- **Undertaking joint planning,** implementation, and monitoring to enhance effectiveness and impact
- **Developing the capacity** of all members through local initiatives and resource sharing
- **Enhancing the full participation** of members and fostering relations with ACT advisory structures.

Forum collaboration:

North America Forum and Central America Forum

Together these forums developed a regional appeal to support the work of ACT members in Central America, Mexico, Canada, and the USA. They are working to help meet the needs of people

on the move through central America and into the US and Canada, and are promoting legislation and policies that are in accordance with states' human rights obligations.



SPOTLIGHT

■ Cambodia Forum: (12 ACT members)

The Forum pooled resources to hire an agricultural advisor to map livelihood projects of members - including strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for collaboration. These findings have supported ACT members with overlapping livelihood projects to identify opportunities for collaboration.

■ South Sudan Forum: (15 ACT members)

The Forum conducted capacity building on the development of Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPRP). The forum is also addressing issues of Fragility, Conflict, and Vulnerability.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2019 ACT had a total of **49 national forums**, **7 sub-regional forums** and **3 regional forums**

49

National
forums

7

Sub-
regional
forums

3

Regional
forums



Africa

22 national,
1 sub-regional
1 regional



Asia and the Pacific

10 national
2 sub-regional
1 regional



Europe

1 national
1 regional



Latin America and the Caribbean

14 national
3 sub-regional



Middle East and North Africa

2 national
1 sub-regional



North America

1 regional

Forums reflected are based on September 2019 records.

Africa

47
members in

26
countries

22 national, 1 sub-regional
and 1 regional forum

► ACT members were among the first agencies to deliver relief supplies to villages in Nhamatanda District in Mozambique, where 220 families each received 25kgs maize, 1kg salt, 1 kg sugar, 1L soya oil, 5kgs beans, 2pcs bath soap through ACT's response. Anna Cardoso, 20 years old, visited the distribution with her child to get supplies for her family because her mother was sick. ACT provided life saving humanitarian relief after Cyclone Idai affected hundreds of thousands in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

PHOTO: ALWYNN JAVIER/ACT



► The primary school Escola Primaria C. Julius Nyerere in Beira, Mozambique has 14 classrooms, but only two could be used after structures collapsed and roofs were blown off by cyclone Idai. Classrooms were destroyed by the cyclone and floods, and 90,000 pupils were left out of school. ACT members provided support to the communities affected.

PHOTO:
NATALIA JIDOVANU /
FINN CHURCH AID



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

The ACT West Africa regional forum (WARF) was created in 2019.

Building resilience after Cyclone Idai

Cyclone Idai struck parts of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe just weeks before the annual harvest, destroying farmland and crops and leaving thousands of people in need of food assistance. The cyclone displaced millions of people, claimed

lives, livelihoods and caused widespread destruction.

ACT responded to the recovery, livelihood and resilience needs of communities affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Mozambique

- Food kits and cash assistance delivered to over 5,000 people
- Water treatment services delivered to over 3,000 households, and 45 latrines were constructed for schools
- Capacity building on hygiene practices and water resource management
- Psychosocial support provided in settlement camps by ACT members

Zimbabwe

- A hygiene awareness initiative was launched
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene kits provided to 1,194 households
- 147 houses rebuilt
- Sport activities and psychosocial support delivered to over 3,000 people
- Over 50 church leaders were trained to provide psychological support

Malawi

- 140 displaced families were provided with tents
- Agriculture and irrigation tools were provided to 73 households.



Asia and the Pacific

20
members in

11
countries

10 national, 2 sub-regional
and 1 regional forum

▲ Photos from ACT's Rohingya Response work, focusing primarily on awareness raising (WASH) with Clowns without Borders and WASH kit distributions.

PHOTO: FRAMEIN/ICCO

Highlight

ACT Alliance joined the Asia Climate Change Consortium (ACCC) at the **U.N. Asia-Pacific Climate Week** to advocate for more ambitious climate action and to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The Rohingya Crisis

Generations of statelessness, marginalization, and extreme violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar have forcibly displaced hundreds of thousands of people across the border to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The monsoon and cyclone seasons have been particularly challenging as access to food has become more difficult, and the congested camps are ill-equipped to handle torrential rains and landslides.



► A Rohingya woman walks along a path in the Mainerghona Refugee Camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY



◀ A woman walks her water buffalo through West Fasura, a village on an island in the Brahmaputra River in northern Bangladesh. Severe flooding in August 2017 destroyed the island's crops. ACT Alliance provided emergency cash grants to vulnerable island families to reestablish their household economies and restart their lives.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY

Quality and Accountability in ACT's response

- ACT members committed to preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), fraud, corruption, and abuse of power, ensuring that their staff completed the PSEA and corruption training.



ACT reached over 18,000 people and delivered:

- Solar street lights
- Bathing spaces
- Pathways
- Emergency and early warning materials
- Capacity building on disaster risk reduction.



ACT's response took into account gender considerations:

- Community kitchens limited the exposure of women to violence they would often face while collecting firewood
- WASH kits included specific items for women i.e. sanitary napkins and Thami (traditional clothing)
- Bamboo bridges and pathways made it easier to access the Women and Girls Safe Spaces
- 900 female project participants were provided with entrepreneurship opportunities
- A women's forum was set up to discuss issues including violence against women, child marriage, women's empowerment and family planning.

Latin America and the Caribbean

29
members in

15
countries

**14 national and
3 sub-regional forums**

“ACT Alliance and its members are concerned by the violent reaction against human rights and the rule of law, the reduction of civil society spaces, the decrease in press freedom, the increase of corruption and the lack of transparency.”

—Extracted from the Statement issued by the
ACT Alliance Global Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean



Global Conference on LAC

- ACT brought together ecumenical organisations, UN bodies, and churches from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), North America and Europe to discuss issues affecting the region. A statement noting commitments to tackle these issues was developed.



Commitments from the Conference

- Establish regional and global networks to accompany political and social crises in the region
- Promote and support the voices and strategies of churches and faith-based organisations
- Accompany communities in their processes of accessing justice
- Strengthen action with UN agencies and programs to promote gender justice and initiatives against violence
- Challenge impunity and the reduction of civil society space
- Strengthen internal spaces and joint actions against religious fundamentalism and injustice
- Ensure that human rights and environmental defenders are protected.



◀ ACT members are supporting people on the move who are forced to flee their communities.

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

Supporting youth

Over 400 youth (including ACT members and other FBO's) completed a Diploma in Culture of Peace through the Emprendemos Paz program which is supported by Centro Regional Ecuménico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS), Christian Aid, the British Methodist Church and the United Church of Canada.

The module incorporated ACT affiliated resources on understanding development and transformational development and explored ethical and ecumenical perspectives of youth from ACT members and partners and from various churches in Latin America. The program also supported youth to develop and implement locally-led, transformative initiatives.

Upon completion, youth received certificates issued by the University of the Latin American Educational Center (UCEL) and the Evangelical Nicaraguan University Martin Luther King.

Middle East and North Africa

5

members in

7

countries

2 national and
1 sub-regional forum

► ACT Alliance continues to support communities affected by the conflict in the region.

PHOTO: HÅVARD BJELLAND/KIRKENS NODHJELP

DID YOU KNOW?

A new Working Group on Climate Change for the MENA region has been established.



16 days of activism against gender-based violence



ACT Members in the MENA Region supported UN Women's 16 Days of Activism Campaign which aims to combat Gender-Based Violence against women. Members participated in an art competition and hosted faith-related reflections and awareness-raising initiatives. Over 100 pictures were produced by members and participants of ACT appeals for the region's social media campaign.

◄ Artwork contributed to the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

PHOTO: LWF JORDAN



► Girls navigate a muddy street as they make their way to school amid the rubble of the Old City of Mosul, Iraq.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

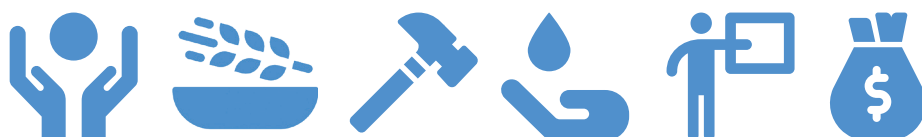
Supporting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, returnees and host communities in Iraq

The humanitarian crisis in Iraq remains one of the largest and most volatile in the world, with complex realities, rapidly changing vulnerabilities, and economic problems. Throughout the year ACT

worked to build the resilience of the crisis-affected population and to improve living conditions.

Special attention was given to the needs of the most vulnerable

groups including, women and children, elderly people, and persons living with disabilities. Special consideration was also given to ethnic and religious minorities.



ACT's Response reached 24,142 people and included:

- Protection / Psychosocial support
- Food Security
- Early recovery/livelihoods
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Education
- Unconditional cash

Climate Justice



“It is through the voices, first-hand experiences and concerns of our members that ACT Alliance calls for urgent action on addressing the root causes of disasters, including climate change.”

—Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary, ACT Alliance

◀ Patricia Roy Akullo from the ACT Uganda Forum sharing ACT's calls for climate justice with Democracy Now!

PHOTO JOANNA PATOURIS/ACT

ACT's climate justice agenda affirms the stewardship of Creation and acknowledges that caring for the environment and ecosystem services is tied to the survival, resilience, sustainability of humanity.

Much of ACT's impact in 2019 was made possible through the support of ACT member Brot für die Welt. Specifically, ACT:

Contributed to and influenced:



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



**SEASON OF
CREATION**



Harnessed capacities:

+ 100 staff from ACT members and partners trained on climate justice advocacy and community resilience.



Strengthened partnerships:

With FBOs, CSOs and governments on climate justice.



Amplified voices:

During the 2019 Climate Summit (COP25), ACT's climate justice work was featured in over 120 media outlets, including *Time* magazine and the BBC.



SPOTLIGHT



PHOTO: YAKKUM/INDONESIA

YAKKUM Emergency Unit, Indonesia wins ACT's 2019 ACT Alliance Resilience Award. Their initiative engages grassroots women in aquaponic and organic farming while empowering women in community resilience and leadership initiatives.

Gender Justice

**actalliance FOR
GENDER JUSTICE**

ACT is committed to being a leading faith-based alliance speaking out on gender justice and responding to intersecting inequalities.

In 2019, ACT highlighted the transformative role of faith, influencing discussions, promoting feminist theology and strengthening advocacy for gender justice.

Advocacy for Gender Justice

A few of the platforms that ACT engaged in include:



▲ A woman from West Fasura, a village on an island in the Brahmaputra River in northern Bangladesh is working to raise her home in response to severe flooding in the area. ACT members provided support to families to rebuild their lives..

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

- **The ACT Secretariat, in partnership with Act Church of Sweden, signed an agreement with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) to work on gender justice.**
- **The Africa Gender Justice Community of Practice (CoP) was created. To date, there are two regional Gender Justice CoPs (Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa).**



▲ ACT provided life saving humanitarian relief after Cyclone Idai affected hundreds of thousands in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

PHOTO: ELISA LANNAONE/DKH

Highlight

With support from UNFPA, ACT worked with the Associated Press to produce the first of a series of short documentaries on the issue of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights looking at how faith-based groups contribute to tackling endemic gender-based violence and toxic masculinity which was launched at ICPD+25.

Peace and Human Security

ACT is committed to addressing the root causes of conflict, preventing violence, contributing to human security and sustaining peace and justice.

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

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY



Preventing violence that could lead to atrocity crimes

The ACT Secretariat, in cooperation with the UN, is working to implement the Plan of Action to Prevent Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes, through:

- Addressing cultural attitudes that underpin the use of sexual violence
- Creating pathways to counter the exclusion and discrimination of women
- Actively engaging women in faith leadership and in peace processes.

Highlight

ACT co-sponsored an event with the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect at the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

► A boy flies a kite in a refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where members of the ACT Alliance provide humanitarian support.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY



DID YOU KNOW?

- ACT is a member of the NGO Working Group of the UN Security Council and is addressing issues related to peace and security and human rights.
- ACT is a member of the Ecumenical Network on South Sudan Taskforce, to ensure peace engagements by the churches in the region.

Migration and Displacement

ACT is committed to promoting rights-based, locally and regionally informed, and globally coordinated advocacy on the rights of people on the move.

In 2019, ACT addressed issues of human trafficking and is building on the capacity of members to develop and implement integrated humanitarian and development programming while strengthening ecumenical collaboration.

ACT Alliance has been actively involved in the:

- Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)
- Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)
- Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)



▲ A Rohingya woman carries a tarp, blankets and other items that she received from responding ACT members at a refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY

Highlights

- ACT launched a Joint Appeal between the North and Central America forums, to address the migrant caravans emanating from Central America.
- ACT co-led the newly established UN Thematic Workstream on Regular Migration Pathways with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN).

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

ACT is an inaugural member of the Ad Hoc Group on Climate-Induced Migration and Displacement.

◆ A woman from the Misioneras de Cristo Resuscitado, (Mexico), accompanied migrants from the Caravan, providing medical care and helping with food distributions. People call her an “angel from heaven.”

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY



Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response

ACT is committed to enabling an effective ecumenical response that saves lives and maintains dignity while

strengthening the resilience of affected communities and accountability to people and communities affected by crises.



▲ Residents of Rodriguez, Riza in the Philippines review a disaster risk reduction map. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

In 2019:

- 16 ACT Appeals launched
- 23 Rapid Response Fund projects funded
- Four multi-country Appeals mobilized



▲ ACT members in the Philippines are working with communities to increase their disaster risk reduction through programmes like the emergency pail.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Highlights

- ACT began the rollout of the revised and digitalized Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) mechanism.
- ACT Appeals launched in priority contexts where there was no pre-existing direct ACT member presence.

DID YOU KNOW?

A reform of the ACT Humanitarian Mechanism is currently underway. A Technical Working Group composed of senior humanitarians from ACT members was created to undertake this work.

Humanitarian Advocacy

ACT asserted the important role of local faith actors in humanitarian response in the following platforms:

- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) Conference
- Sphere General Assembly
- Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR) meetings.

Religion and Development

“We connect people across political, geographic and linguistic boundaries; we connect this generation to the ones that came before and the ones that will follow. We are in position to understand people’s needs and use our institutions to provide platforms to advocate for those needs.”

—Wendi Bevins, Lutheran World Relief

Archbishop Antje Jackelén, Uppsala Cathedral, Church of Sweden.
PHOTO: MAGNUS ARONSON

DID YOU KNOW?

- **ACT’s General Secretary, Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, was selected as one of four co-chairs of the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council for a two-year term.**
- **ACT is currently one of three co-chairs of the global policy and learning platform of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD). ACT also co-hosted PaRD’s 2019 General Assembly.**

Highlights

- ACT Alliance, ICCO and Vrije Universiteit launched a knowledge platform on religion and development in Amsterdam and established an extraordinary chair on Religion and Sustainable Development held by Dr Azza Karam, General Secretary of Religions for Peace.
- An e-course on religion and development was launched. The religious literacy training was developed with numerous ACT members and external partners and is available for ACT members through the ACTLearn platform on fabo.org.

Reference Groups

Reference Groups were established to advise and support the development of implementation plans and policies for the thematic and programmatic priorities of ACT's Global

Strategy. Each group is composed of a variety of sectoral and technical expertise, including in humanitarian, sustainable development, advocacy and communications.

Reference Groups include:



Gender Justice

Chairs

- Palwashay Arbab, Community World Service Asia
- Marianna Leite, Christian Aid



Climate Justice

Chairs

- Patricia Roy Akullo, ACT Uganda Forum/ DanChurchAid
- Mattias Söderberg, DanChurchAid



Migration and Displacement

Chairs

- Rabia Sabri, Community World Service Asia
- Andrew Fuys, Church World Service



Peace and Human Security

Chairs

- Nishant Neel, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action
- Sunra Lambert-Baj, DanChurchAid



Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response

Chair

- Michael Mosselmans, Christian Aid

Vice chairs

- Joseph Sahayam, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action
- Christer Laenholm, DanChurchAid



Quality and Accountability

Chairs

- Khurram Saeed, Community World Service Asia
- Coleen Heemskerk, Act Church of Sweden



Advocacy and Policy

Chairs

- Eva Ekelund, Act Church of Sweden
- Philemon Jazi, Diakonia Sweden

Communities of Practice (CoP)

- Youth Participation CoP
- Safety and Security CoP
- Religion and Development CoP
- Psychosocial CoP

- Migration and Development CoP
- Human Rights in Development CoP
- Gender Equality and Justice CoP
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and

- Adaptation to Climate Change CoP
- Disability Inclusive Development CoP
- Child Safeguarding CoP

Quality and Accountability

Support to members and national forums

- ACT provided capacity building and training to the Nepal Forum to enhance the forum's understanding and compliance with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). Members have since established a Quality and Accountability (Q&A) working group to encourage peer learning.
- A regional workshop on CHS was conducted for ACT forum members engaged in the Cyclone Idai response (Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe). This initiative supported responding members to ensure that their response was in line with the CHS requirements.
- A Training of Trainers on Sphere Standards was organized by the ACT Secretariat for Central America and the Caribbean region. The Secretariat also contributed to the launch of the Sphere handbook and introduced its most recent version to the Cuban government, the media and to the humanitarian community in the region.



◀ A woman signing an ACT photo release, giving ACT permission to use the images taken during ACT's Cyclone Idai response
PHOTOS: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

2019 Highlights

- The ACT Alliance Secretariat undertook its mid-term audit against the CHS and maintained its CHS certificate.
- ACT's Q&A Reference Group was established to advise and support the Secretariat in the implementation of the Global Strategy including, compliance to humanitarian standards, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), and complaints handling.
- ACT committed to the Inter-Agency Misconduct Disclosure Scheme and began its implementation at the Secretariat level, to ensure the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and to increase transparency during the recruitment process.

Capacity Building



ACT continued to build the capacity of members and the wider ecumenical family through the ACTLearn Hub (hosted on [Fabo.org/act](https://fabo.org/act)). Fabo is a member-based learning network that aims to empower tomorrow's changemakers to participate responsibly and effectively in social change. ACTLearn is an area of Fabo reserved for ACT and its members.

The ACTLearn Partnership is supported by the ACT Secretariat, DanChurchAid, Act Church of Sweden, Diakonia, Finn Church Aid, Lutheran World Federation, and Norwegian Church Aid.

▲ ACT Alliance supports distance learning for refugee children and youth in Uganda's refugee settlements during school closures due to Covid-19.

PHOTO: HUGH RUTHERFORD/FINN CHURCH AID

Highlights

- The ACTLearn Hub which connects ACT members to training modules and resources was launched in 2019.
- ACT members participated in 91 different learning sites in 2019 across Fabo.org.
- 26 participants from 21 ACT members and partners graduated from ACT's Advocacy Academy Program.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Over 750 people have completed the ACT Alliance Code of Conduct Training.**
- **ACT launched a 10-module training on Religion and Development.**

External Partnerships



▲ A Rohingya girl lifts her sibling in a refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

ACT's engagement in major multilateral advisory councils and political spaces has provided ACT a platform for strong influence and cooperation.

ACT is a member of the following multilateral advisory councils and political spaces:

- NGO Working Group on the UN Security Council
- Multi-faith Advisory Council to the United Nations
- Global Steering Committee for the Implementation of the Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes
- Advisory Board for the Humanitarian Encyclopedia
- Steering Committee of the Moral and Spiritual Initiative to End Extreme Poverty
- International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD).

ACT is also a member and/or is on the Board of several key networks and platforms:



International
Council of
Voluntary
Agencies

**JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE on
FAITH & LOCAL COMMUNITIES**



Sphere
Humanitarian Charter
and Minimum Standards
in Humanitarian Response

Core Humanitarian
STANDARD

ACT has MoU's with the following UN agencies:



SPOTLIGHT

ACT Alliance moderated the only official high-level political panel addressing faith and gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights at the 25th International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

Audited Accounts

Balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 USD	2019 CHF	2018 USD	2018 CHF
		0.9858		0.9703
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash at bank	4,620,299	4,554,534	4,002,640	3,883,762
Income receivable net	436,361	430,150	302,639	293,651
Staff advances	98,730	97,325	42,995	41,718
Other debtors	190,837	188,121	107,168	103,985
TOTAL ASSETS	5,346,228	5,270,129	4,455,443	4,323,116
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS				
Current liabilities				
Accrued expenses	148,066	145,958	603,563	585,637
Other creditors	76,909	75,814	10,503	10,191
Funds received in advance (Unspent earmarked contribution)	1,405,827	1,385,816	174,636	169,450
	1,630,801	1,607,588	788,702	765,278
Funds in trust				
Appeals funds	3,184,301	3,138,975	2,575,504	2,499,011
Exchange Gain and Losses of Appeals	(43,265)	-42,649	(31,978)	(31,028)
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUST	3,141,035	3,096,326	2,543,526	2,467,983
Own funds				
General reserve				
A. Restricted Reserve	868,937	856,569	894,609	868,039
Total Restricted Reserve	868,937	856,569	894,609	868,039
B. Unrestricted Reserve at beginning of year	228,605	225,351	505,365	490,356
Total Unrestricted Reserve	228,605	225,351	505,365	490,356
C. Designated Reserve for Assembly 2022	0	0	0	0
Total Designated Reserve for Assembly 2022	0	0	0	0
Funds for Assembly	(65,929)	(64,990)	(123,785)	120,108)
Result of operations for the year	(457,221)	(450,713)	(152,974)	(148,431)
Total general reserve	574,393	566,217	1,123,214	1,089,856
Total own funds	574,393	566,217	1,123,214	1,089,856
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS	5,346,228	5,270,129	4,455,443	4,323,116

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 USD	2019 CHF	2018 USD	2018 CHF
		0.9858		0.9703
INCOME				
Fees				
Membership fees	144,900	142,837	133,500	129,535
Income based fees	1,824,626	1,798,655	1,836,592	1,782,046
International coordination fees	408,378	402,565	527,125	511,469
Total fees	2,377,904	2,344,057	2,497,217	2,423,050
Voluntary Contributions				
Voluntary contributions unearmarked	751,740	741,040	633,382	614,571
Voluntary contributions earmarked to Programs	852,288	840,156	709,890	688,807
External Income	20,092	19,806	90,195	87,517
Support to Faith Based CPDE	46,711	46,046	62,430	60,576
Assembly 2018			787,587	764,196
Total Voluntary Contributions	1,670,831	1,647,048	2,283,485	2,215,666
TOTAL INCOME	4,048,735	3,991,105	4,780,702	4,638,715
EXPENSES				
Staff costs	2,818,312	2,778,196	2,932,859	2,845,753
Office costs	680,393	670,708	636,946	618,028
Program 1: Climate Justice	192,987	190,240	168,341	163,341
Program 2: Gender Justice	34,119	33,633	30,830	29,914
Program 3: Peace and Human Security	28,116	27,716	41,251	40,026
Program 4: Migration and Displacement	44,965	44,325	6,144	5,962
Program 5: Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response	33	33	–	–
Program 6: Communications	114,123	112,498	149,481	145,041
Program 7: Partnerships and resource mobilisation	190,411	187,700	132,186	128,260
Program 8: Alliance development	63,660	62,753	37,303	36,195
Program 9: Effective Secretariat operations	103,173	101,705	79,684	77,317
Provision for doubtful debts and write off	2,007	1,978	4,468	4,335
Support to Faith Based CPDE	62,902	62,006	38,453	37,311
General Assembly Expenses	–	–	729,883	708,205
Other expenses	161,000	158,709	–	–
	4,496,133	4,432,135	4,987,827	4,839,689
Interest received	–	–	(12,303)	(11,938)
Other income	–	–	(57,874)	(56,155)
Exchange (Gain)/Loss Core budget	9,823	9,683	3,723	3,613
	9,823	9,683	(66,454)	(64,480)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,505,957	4,441,819	4,921,373	4,775,209
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE ALLOCATIONS	(457,222)	450,713	(140,671)	(136,493)
Interest capitalized to restricted reserve			(12,303)	(11,938)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER ALLOCATIONS	(457,222)	(450,713)	(152,974)	(148,431)

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