2020 will go down in history for the global pandemic, but also as proof of human kindness and determination. COVID-19 highlighted existing vulnerabilities and affected hard-won socio-economic progress. Yet we also saw governments and organisations collaborate to contain COVID-19 and work towards reopening the world in a more just and inclusive way.

2020, for me, was also a year of hope. People selflessly extended their support to friends and strangers alike. ACT moved quickly to prioritise COVID-19 and to restrict its spread. We launched a USD 12 million appeal and launched 34 COVID-19 RRFs and Sub-Appeals. Because the pandemic added to the inequitable status of women and girls, ACT humanitarian and gender programmes added a gender lens to our COVID-19 response. We also responded to regional emergencies including those in the Philippines and Central America, as well as the Beirut Blast.

The pandemic affected the ACT Secretariat and our members financially, increasing the Secretariat’s financial strain. I worked closely with the Core Management Team and the Board to address the Secretariat’s immediate situation while we continue to develop a sustainable funding model. ACT continued to position itself as a thought leader, emphasizing its value as a faith-based actor. I was named a co-chair of the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council where I worked with other faith leaders and UN agencies to advocate for issues such as vaccine equity.


We have a long road ahead of us as we continue to respond to the global pandemic and the vulnerabilities and inequities it has intensified. We gladly take on these challenges to improve the lives of communities through targeted interventions. ACT Alliance continues to work towards a world where no one is left behind.

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria
General Secretary
ACT Alliance
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.

**ACT raised $11,385,578 for humanitarian response in 2020**

**Where was it spent?**

**Global total spent**

$11,385,578

**North America**

- USA $1,959,777
- Canada $974,527
- Mexico $144,660

**South America**

- Brazil $168,662
- Colombia $90,000
- Peru $99,961

**Asia**

- India $1,008,906
- Pakistan $184,387
- Bangladesh $1,008,906
- Myanmar $47,032

**Europe**

- Sweden $2,562,111
- Germany $2,312,793
- Netherlands $2,197,959
- UK $212,396
- Switzerland $25,063

**Africa**

- South Sudan $748,018
- Sudan $615,433
- Somalia $88,510
- Ethiopia $75,000

**Middle East and North Africa**

- Lebanon $1,676,027
- Iraq $1,533,695
- Jordan $74,042
- Afghanistan $90,271

**Rapid Response Fund Payments**

- Latin America and Caribbean $495,012
- Asia and Pacific $268,927
- Middle East and North Africa $239,792

**Where did the funds come from?**

- Sweden $2,562,111
- Germany $2,312,793
- Netherlands $2,197,959
- USA $1,959,777
- Canada $974,527
- Denmark $332,409
- Australia $253,512
- Iceland $215,523
- UK $212,396
- Finland $150,659
- Norway $140,179
- New Zealand $35,117
- Switzerland $25,063
- Japan $23,105

**Total**

$11,385,578

**Present in over 120 countries**

- 137 members
- 3 observer members
- 66% global south*
- 28% global north
- 5% global
- 33,994 volunteers
- 1,576 youth
- 11,604 men
- 7,603 women
- 41 non-binary
- 20,371 staff
- 61 forums

**Putting people first**

*The percentage of Global South members has decreased slightly due to a reduction in membership as of 2020.*
We know their pain because we were there with them.

Since its creation in 2010, ACT Alliance has been working with its members to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable.

10 years
137 members
120 countries
500+ responses
100% diakonia

We are rooted in the communities we serve.

ACT Alliance celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020. Our members have made ACT the largest Protestant and Orthodox network of churches and agencies engaged in humanitarian, development and advocacy work. Together we help create meaningful change in the lives of the vulnerable.
ACT’s COVID-19 response

ACT Alliance and its members quickly adapted to the reality of COVID-19. We called for vaccine equity and worked closely with civil society, the UN and other partners. We organised virtual meetings where members shared strategies to reduce COVID-19’s impact on their work. Our collective activities addressed the immediate risks of the disease while incorporating COVID-19 into existing programmes and thematic work.

ACT’s activities highlight Faith-Based Organisations’ (FBOs) ability to foster behaviours that protect people’s health. We helped:

- channel fact-based messages in local languages,
- reduce vaccine hesitancy,
- find and support quarantined families, and
- implement safety protocols for religious gatherings and burials.

Emergency preparedness and humanitarian response

ACT launched a global USD 12 million appeal and Rapid Response Fund, raising USD 4.1 million in 2020. The funds helped ACT set up integrated programming between the humanitarian and gender justice programmes.

- ACT helped launch 34 COVID-19 RRFs and Sub-Appeals, some of which helped fund gender projects.

Climate Justice

- ACT held six virtual dialogues and conferences on COVID-19, climate change, food security, youth and the pandemic’s impact.

Gender Justice

- With the global Gender Justice team, ACT developed new gender and security online training modules reflecting gender justice policies.

Migration and Displacement

- ACT believes all persons, especially those on the move, should have access to accurate information, hygiene and health services, food, livelihood and psychosocial support.

- ACT Forums were active in global NGO networks supporting the UN Secretary General’s new High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

Peace and Human Security

- ACT developed COVID-19 Conflict Sensitive Considerations for use in strategic planning and programming.

ACT Communications

- A new COVID-19 section of the ACT website featured factual COVID-19 resources created by ACT, its members, the World Health Organization and other experts.

COVID affects girls’ education

Rabia Sabri, Programme Coordinator at CWSA Afghanistan, fears that the economic impact of COVID in her communities will cause families to further prioritise boys’ education at the expense of girls. "It is important to continue to support these families financially and convince them to invest in education," she says, "especially for girls."

Did you know?

ACT’s humanitarian operations include a gender analysis and gender-sensitive programming for engaging women and girls to prevent gender-based violence.
Supporting IDPs in Cameroon

Since December 2016, people in Cameroon’s two Anglophone regions have experienced all forms of atrocities, human rights violations and restricted movement. They endure official and unofficial checkpoints, curfews, lockdowns, arbitrary detentions and the confiscation of personal documents.

ACT members reached over 71,250 IDPs in these regions. More than half of the beneficiaries were women and children.

The project provided:
- lifesaving assistance
- essential medical and psychosocial support
- early recovery/livelihoods
- training on how to prepare for potential emergencies

Humanitarian crises

ACT responded to multiple humanitarian crises, including severe floods and cyclones in Madagascar, South Sudan, Ghana, Liberia, Somalia, Kenya and Uganda. Several thousand people were displaced due to the loss of infrastructure and livelihoods.

Humanitarian Crisis in Lake Chad Basin

The Lake Chad Basin area faces one of the most severe humanitarian crises due to the displacement of more than 2.5 million people. They include internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and returnees. This is the result of protracted conflict and climate change which have led to extreme poverty.

With ecumenical partners, ACT provided humanitarian support including:
- cash transfers to thousands of IDPs,
- food distribution,
- water, sanitation and hygiene,
- psychosocial support and protection.

ACT members also worked to prevent Gender Based Violence.

ACT forums respond to Ethiopia–Tigray conflict

Military action in the Ethiopia-Tigray conflict led to insecurity, internal and external forced migration and disruption to livelihoods for at least 1.3 million people.

Responding to this, ACT Ethiopia Forum called for a peaceful resolution, launched an appeal and established a humanitarian corridor to protect relief recipients and delivery.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Climate change increased drought in Zimbabwe, Zambia and neighbouring countries.
## Rebuilding after floods in Bangladesh

Children walk home from school in Kunderpara, a village on an island in the Brahmaputra River in northern Bangladesh. Severe flooding eroded the bank of the river, washing away part of this farm. ICCO Cooperation, a member of the ACT Alliance, provided emergency food and seeds so that island families could replant their food crops and restart their lives.

**photo:** Paul Jeffrey / ACT

## Upholding human rights and justice

ACT members contribute to peace and human security in the region. ACT Alliance signed a solidarity statement condemning a national anti-terror bill passed by the Philippines' government during the COVID-19 lockdown. The bill limited the movement of civil society organisations (CSOs) and accused them of being members of the Communist party, limiting civil liberties and adding to human rights violations.

**photo:** NCCP

## Multi-disaster appeal

ACT issued its first multi-disaster appeal for the Philippines, responding to the impact of major typhoons and the Taal volcanic eruption, which caused displacement of more than 100,000 people and disrupted economic activity. ACT member the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and other FBOs received funding to support those affected.

**Annalyn Consulta** from Bariis village, Philippines, one of those affected by Typhoon Goni in November 2020.

**photo:** Mark Saludes

## DID YOU KNOW?

ACT is now recognized as a thought leader in Asia and the Pacific on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction. This is thanks to ACT’s role as a Faith-Based Organisation working with civil society networks.
Latin America and the Caribbean

Access to water
In 2020, drought and COVID-19 increased the vulnerability of local small farmers and indigenous communities in the El Impenetrable area of Chaco, Argentina.

ACT Alliance Argentina Forum members and partners CREAS, SEDI, Hora de Obrar and CWS launched a rapid response fund to help Junta Unida de Misiones (JUM) increase water access in the region. The project trained rural community leaders to build and maintain water infrastructure. The repairs and construction have benefited more than 200 members of farming families and indigenous communities.

“Access to water is one of the most perverse forms of inequality and the consequence of a development model based on profit and lack of care for Creation. This ... is a sign of hope,” said Mara Luz Manzoni, CREAS Regional Director.

Rising fundamentalisms and climate justice
Rising fundamentalisms (religious, political, economic and social) in the region were a focus in 2020. ACT promoted local-level research to understand its spread in different areas. This now forms part of the regions’ advocacy strategy. In 2021, a network of pastors representing Protestant and Pentecostal churches will be established.

A meeting with key scientists and religious leaders highlighted how fundamentalists both deny climate change and oppose gender justice efforts. The outcomes of this meeting will be published in 2021.

Gender justice and migration
The Guatemala, Brazil, and Colombia Forums led on the issue of protection of women and vulnerable people due to gender-based violence. The Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala Forums led initiatives to protect migrants with a gender justice approach.

COVID-19 response
All forums and members contributed to the COVID-19 response by providing food, biosecurity items, psychosocial support and spiritual counsel.

Cuba embargo
ACT asked that Cuba have access to biosecurity materials, medical supplies and vaccines.
Supporting Beirut Blast victims

On August 4, 2020, a major explosion in Beirut killed more than 178 people, injured 6,500 and left another 300,000 homeless. It destroyed health infrastructure and destabilized a fragile population already facing civil unrest, an ongoing socio-economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

An ACT Appeal raised USD 1.6 million from 14 different funding members and helped 71,336 beneficiaries, more than half of them female. Appeal funds provided:

- basic assistance,
- shelter and hospital rehabilitation,
- food security, water and sanitation services,
- cash, and
- protection and health assistance.

The Appeal also helped Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) recover. Women-led MSMEs were prioritised so that they could sustain their families beyond the project’s lifetime.

Mainstreaming gender in development

Gender is a key focus of the regions’ forums. A gender lens was used on a study about the main structures and functions of one of Palestine’s Church laws. The Jordan and Palestine Forums are engaged in a joint gender justice programme.

In Jordan, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees of the Middle East Council of Churches works with Palestinian and Syrian refugees on awareness building and empowerment on the following issues:

- gender-based violence,
- economic justice,
- early marriage and
- protection of women and girls.

The Palestine Forum, with the Jordan Forum, developed a Gender Justice proposal which is being implemented in 2020-2021 in Palestine, Galilee and Jordan.

Middle East and North Africa

2020 saw the launch of new Lebanon, Jordan and Syria national forums and the MENA regional forum.

Norwegian Church Aid distributes food in the neighbourhoods of Beirut.

Photo: Joakim Ell/NCA
Climate Justice

Programme Goal
Protect and support communities affected by the impacts of climate change, enhance adaptation and resilience, address climate-induced economic and non-economic loss and damage, and build capacity, advocate and mobilise for climate justice.

Scientific evidence shows that climate change is a reality, worsening poverty and inequality, especially in developing countries. Increasing numbers of floods and droughts, sea-level rise and other extreme weather events lead to more humanitarian crises.

ACT’s Climate Justice programme builds member’s capacities in relation to Agenda 2030, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the UNFCCC, with a focus on the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

COVID-19 impact
COVID-19 delayed plans to implement the Paris Agreement. Yet ACT continued to rally for climate justice beyond the UNFCCC processes. We joined the climate work of the United Nations’ Multi-Faith Advisory Council. With DanChurchAid and Norwegian Church Aid, ACT investigated peacebuilding and climate change in Mali and Somalia. The resulting report Winning the Peace shows how adaptation projects can support peacebuilding in those countries.

To prepare the alliance for future climate action three other studies were published looking at:
- The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals through a climate lens
- Climate Risk Insurance and Risk Financing
- Climate Resilient, Sustainable Low Emission Livelihoods

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—Mattias Söderberg, senior advocacy adviser at DanChurchAid. Mattias currently serves as the co-chair of ACT’s Climate Change Working Group.

Gender Justice

Programme goal
To be a leading faith-based alliance speaking out on gender justice, with a strong track record of effective programming that responds to intersecting inequalities.

“Communities around the world trust us to be their moral compass. We have a crucial role to play when it comes to promoting justice and teaching values.”

Capacity-building modules
With regional Gender Justice Communities of Practice (CoPs), ACT developed virtual capacity-building modules specific to each region.

Each CoP developed a roadmap to implement the localisation of the ACT Gender Policy. Ninety of 137 ACT members have a gender policy, and a further 20 members plan to develop one.

ACT forum projects
2020 saw the start of ten selected projects implemented by ACT Forums (Argentina, Guatemala, Serbia, Jordan, Palestine, Solomon Islands, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Uganda). They addressed issues like Gender-Based Violence (GBV), transformative masculinities, family law, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and gendered economic justice.

ACT took part in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Dar es Salaam. The interfaith event included young women and men from the East Coastal Diocese Tanzania Episcopal Conference (Catholic-TEC) and the National Muslim Council of Tanzania, as well as leaders of faith-based organisations and civil society.

Did you know?
12 million girls each year get married before the age of 18—roughly 33,000 every day, or one girl every two seconds.

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Migration and Displacement

Programme Goal
To promote and realise the rights of people on the move.

IN 2020 we adjusted our programme to address the realities of COVID-19. Pandemic restrictions on movement limited asylum options and job losses were common among undocumented migrant workers. Yet the pandemic meant that members had more access to global consultation processes, notably with the UN Network on Migration. ACT was also able to deepen its collaboration with migration and climate change experts. We engaged with United Nations as follows:

- The UN Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: ACT continued with implementation and follow-up within the Alliance.
- The UN Network on Migration: With ACT’s involvement, a meeting series was designed to discuss the effects of the pandemic on migrant communities and those working with them. As civil society co-lead of Thematic Working Group 3 on Regular Pathways, ACT improved migrant protection. As a member of Core Working Groups 2.1 and 2.2 at the country level ACT influenced key guidance documents and prepared for virtual training workshops.
- Climate, Migration and Displacement Platform: As a steering group member we organised policy discussions with UN agencies and civil society partners.

Ecumenical statement on European migration
“Solidarity should be the guiding principle governing migration and particularly refugee reception. We expect the EU to reject the discourse and politics of fear and deterrence and to adopt a moral stance and compassionate practice based on the fundamental values on which the EU is founded.”

—From a statement by ACT and 12 other ecumenical groups before the release of the EU Commission’s 2020 Migration Pact.

Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response

Programme Goal
To enable an effective ecumenical response that saves lives and maintains dignity, strengthens the resilience of affected communities and accountability to people and communities affected by crises.

Today, humanitarian work is driven by increasing levels of conflict and natural disasters. ACT Alliance enables an effective ecumenical response that saves lives and maintains dignity by investing in preparedness, disaster risk reduction and resilience, in addition to its work in lifesaving emergency assistance.

In 2020
- 30 ACT Appeals
- 34 Rapid Response Fund proposals
- For COVID-19 these included 17 Appeals and 19 RRFs.

Humanitarian Advocacy
ACT worked to contain the impacts of COVID-19 on:
- The International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA),
- Sphere, and
- The Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR).

Norwegian Church Aid distributes food in the neighbourhoods of Beirut.
PHOTO: JAN-HERMAN HUSBY/NCA

DID YOU KNOW?
More than 85 million forcibly displaced people move within and between countries; about two-thirds of them are internally displaced.

ACT members respond to the Beirut Blast

On August 4, 2020, over 2,700 tonnes of ammonium nitrate exploded in a warehouse in the port of Beirut, killing hundreds, injuring thousands and displacing over 300,000 people. MECC and DSPR, along with Christian Aid, Diakonia Sweden and Norwegian Church Aid launched a USD 3.2 million appeal for ACT’s humanitarian work in response to the Beirut Blast.

PHOTO: NCA

ACT played a vital role in the global coordination of large-scale emergencies, including the COVID-19 Global Response, Beirut Blast, Central America Hurricanes and Philippines Multiple Emergencies.
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.

▶ A mother and child in a camp for over 5,000 internally displaced persons in an Episcopal Church compound in Wau, South Sudan. Most of the families here were displaced by violence early in 2017. Norwegian Church Aid, a member of the ACT Alliance, provided relief supplies to the displaced in Wau, and has supported the South Sudan Council of Churches as it has struggled to mediate the conflict.

PHOTO: HILS JENKINS

ACT Secretariat engaged with the World Council of Churches, All Africa Council of Churches, the National Councils of Churches, and the Ecumenical Network for South Sudan and Ecumenical Network for Sudan, as well as interfaith networks and civil society organisations. Together, they improve communities’ ability to manage future conflicts.

Advocacy

With the Ecumenical Network South Sudan, ACT advocated for the role of the South Sudan Council of Churches in that region’s peace process. ACT and the World Council of Churches appealed to Mozambique’s President for his government to intervene in the armed conflict in Northern Mozambique/Cabo Delgado province and protect people’s rights. ACT also met Mozambique’s Ambassador in Geneva. ACT called for the parties in the Armenia-Azerbaijan border conflict to respect the ceasefire and include faith actors in peace discussions.

Voices

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PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

ACT and its partners developed a sub-Strategy on Peace and Human Security for 2020–21 which will strengthen ecumenical work, capacity building (notably among women and youth) and international engagement.

FORUMS at the heart of the Alliance

ACT Forums

▶ played a critical role in humanitarian response with numerous RRFs and appeals,
▶ promoted national gender policy and programme implementation processes, and
▶ led national consultations on migration and displacement that fed into global consultations of the UN High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

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Spotted

LAC developed a regional approach to migration issues in close collaboration with the North America Forum and Mexico.

ACT Forums by region

Africa 22 national + 2 sub-regional
Asia and the Pacific 11 national, 1 sub-regional + 1 regional
Europe 1 national + 1 regional
Latin America and the Caribbean 14 national + 3 sub-regional
The Middle East and North Africa 5 national + 1 regional
North America 1 regional

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22 national, 2 sub-regional
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11 national, 1 sub-regional, 1 regional
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Latin America and the Caribbean
14 national, 3 sub-regional
Middle East and North Africa
5 national, 1 regional
North America
1 regional

1 Global forum
53 National forums
6 Sub-regional forums
4 Regional forums

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Reference Groups

Shortly before COVID-19 caused lockdowns worldwide, ACT Reference Groups met for three days in Geneva. They discussed their work on the different thematic areas of ACT’s global strategy. The Misconduct Disclosure Scheme of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response introduced ACT members to new approaches to their work.

Reference Groups include:

- **Advocacy and Policy**
  - Chairs: Eva Ekelund (Act Church of Sweden) and Philemon Jazi (Diakonia Sweden)

- **Climate Justice**
  - Chairs: Patriciah Roy Akullo (ACT Uganda Forum) and Mattias Söderberg (DanChurchAid)

- **Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response**
  - Chair: Michael Mosselmans (Christian Aid)

- **Gender Justice**
  - Chairs: Palwashay Arbab (Community World Service Asia) and Marianna Leite (Christian Aid)

- **Migration and Displacement**
  - Chairs: Rabia Sabri (Community World Service Asia) and Andrew Fuys (Church World Service)

- **Peace and Human Security**
  - Chairs: Nishant Neel (Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action) and Sunra Lambert-Baj (DanChurchAid)

- **Quality and Accountability/Complaints Handling**
  - Chairs: Khurram Saeed (Community World Service Asia) and Coleen Heemskerk (Act Church of Sweden)

**Youth now a major force in ACT**

ACT’s General Assembly voted to include two youth seats in the Governing Board.

“We should be proud of this, as it is important for the organisation’s trustworthiness and future. Youth are the voices, hands and ears of the society, and to continuously involve youth is essential.”

**Communities of Practice (CoP)**

1. Youth participation CoP
2. Safety and security CoP
3. Religion and development CoP
4. Psychosocial CoP
5. Migration and development CoP
6. Human rights in development CoP
7. Gender equality and justice CoP
8. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) and adaptation to climate change CoP
9. Disability inclusive development CoP
10. Safeguarding CoP

**Key highlights**

- **Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS):** ACT qualified for the CHS maintenance audit and completed its four-year annual audit cycle in 2020. The Secretariat organised a series of webinars based on the findings from the CHS audit and the needs identified.

- **Did you know?** In 2020, ACT began revising its Complaints Handling Policy and Guidelines to further improve its ability to respond appropriately to complaints and assure its accountability to members and the communities they serve.

- **Safeguarding CoP:** ACT expanded the scope of the Child safeguarding CoP to including issues such as Prevention of Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment, Codes of Conduct, reporting and feedback mechanisms, and screening and recruitment. We relaunched it as the Safeguarding CoP. New child safeguarding resources and six e-learning modules are available at fabo.org, promoting child safeguarding practices among members.

- **Guidelines developed:** ACT produced guidelines on Communicating with Communities across the Project Cycle Management. These will equip our members, forums and staff to foster dignity, inclusiveness and accountability while enhancing transparency, ownership and long-term projects’ sustainability.

**Capacity Building**

**Key Highlights**

- ACT developed the secretariat processes for PMER (Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting). After receiving partner analyses, we initiated a new approach for activity preparation through collaborative planning, encouraging stronger cross-planning between teams, and providing a tool for monitoring implementation.

- ACT continues to develop the Fabo platform and other online tools for member capacity building, including the ACT Gender Security course, communications skills training, and other webinars and courses.
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31**

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Ethiopia Ethiopian Orthodox Church- Devel and Inter-Church Aid Commission (ECOCICAC)
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Tanzania Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)
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ASIA

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India Christian Agency for Rural Development (CARD India)
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Belgium Solidarité Protestant (SP)
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A pastoralist wears a mask while herding his camel in Turkana West, Kenya. The Lutheran World Federation and other ACT Alliance partners worked with nomad pastoralists to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their communities through social distancing, masking and other means.

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