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## IMAGE ON COVER:

*A Toposa woman in Kakuta, a remote community in South Sudan's Eastern Equatoria State.*

*In recent years the region has suffered from cattle raiding and child abduction. The Catholic Church-sponsored Holy Trinity Peace Village in nearby Kuron fosters reconciliation and peace between the region's pastoralist communities. The project ensures the voices of women and girls are heard and respected. The Peace Village is supported by ACT Alliance member Norwegian Church Aid.*

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



*Rudelmar Bueno de Faria*

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

# Message from the **GENERAL SECRETARY**

In 2021 ACT and its members engaged virtually, in person, and in hybrid formats to define clear pathways for the future of the Alliance. We used member conversations in December's Electronic General Assembly to discuss challenging topics such as racism in development work and LGBTQI discrimination in an open way.

This ability to listen and find common ground will be increasingly important in responding to global challenges. The impact of the pandemic, ongoing conflicts and the effects of climate change are deepening existing vulnerabilities and inequalities in countries such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Yemen.

2021 saw us adopt our revised humanitarian mechanism, which will ensure effective and timely responses and increase accountability. We can be proud of our commitment to localisation, which reflects the values of our members.

We saw the renewal of our Governing Board at the ACT Electronic General Assembly. I would like once again to express our deep gratitude to our retiring Board, who worked hard to establish a predictable funding model for the Alliance. This remains a priority for me and the new Board moving forward.

In 2021, ACT was selected as one of only two civil society representatives on the COVAX facility, testament to how ACT is recognised in global high-level spaces. I finished my term as co-chair of the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council but continue to be a member of this and other UN bodies.

ACT improved the effectiveness and transparency of our work by launching a new finance system,

new advocacy procedures, and a renewed website.

ACT's Climate Justice programme facilitated in-person and virtual member engagement at COP26, drawing on regional consultations. The Gender Justice programme advanced collective work on gender policies among ACT forums and members. The Migration and Displacement programme is a thought leader in global processes on climate-induced migration and mixed migration flows. The Peace and Human Security programme engaged in ecumenical efforts on conflict in and around Ethiopia and northern Mozambique.

The engagement of ACT members and of young people inspired us. Youth voices were a key part of our ACT Electronic General Assembly. In 2021, we also appointed two distinguished members of our network as ACT Goodwill Ambassadors, Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel and Dr. Humberto Shikiya. They will speak to climate justice and sustainable development in high-level forums.

The Alliance has a unique ability to hold space for difficult discussions within the ecumenical movement, and to listen deeply to communities which have been silenced. Our common ground is rooted in our diakonal involvement and our faith. This gives us the energy we need to face the challenges of our time.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rudelmar Bueno de Faria'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria



# actalliance

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

The world's largest Protestant and Orthodox alliance in humanitarian, development and advocacy work, ACT Alliance consists of:

**138**  
**members**  
**3** observer  
members

Present  
in over  
**125**  
**countries**

  
**59**  
**forums**

  
**62%**  
global south\*

  
**31%**  
global north

  
**7%**  
global

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

**19,432**  
**member  
staff**

**7,401**  
**women**

**9,970**  
**men**

**29,496**  
**volunteers**

**2,199**  
**youth**

**66**  
**non-  
binary**

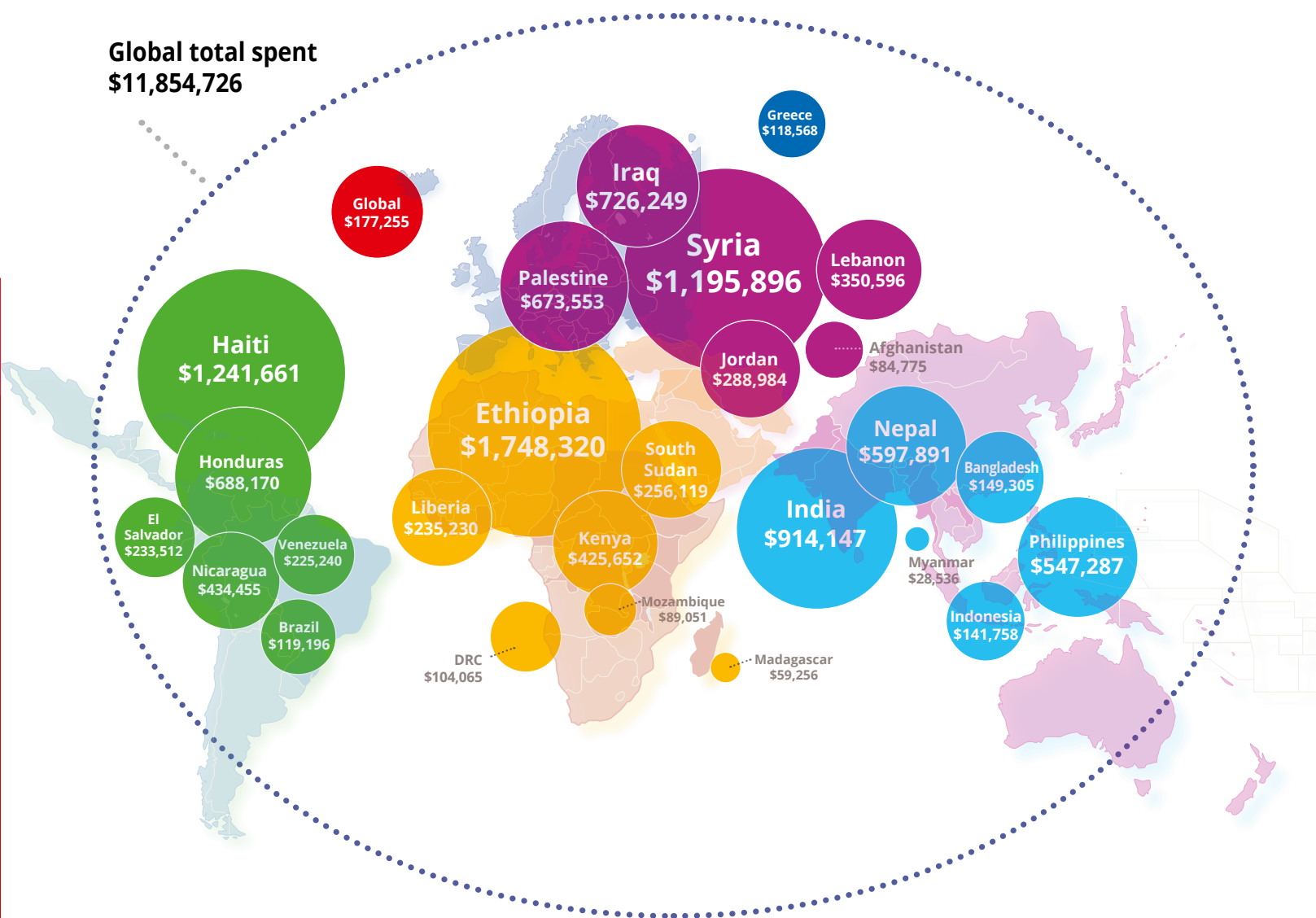
*\*The percentage of Global South members has decreased slightly due to a reduction in membership as of 2020.*

**hope**  
**in action**   
PUTTING  
PEOPLE FIRST

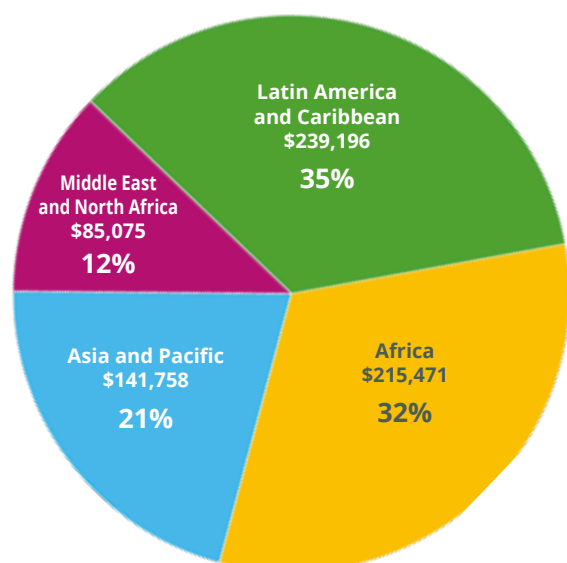


# ACT raised \$11,854,726 for humanitarian response in 2021 **Where was it spent?**

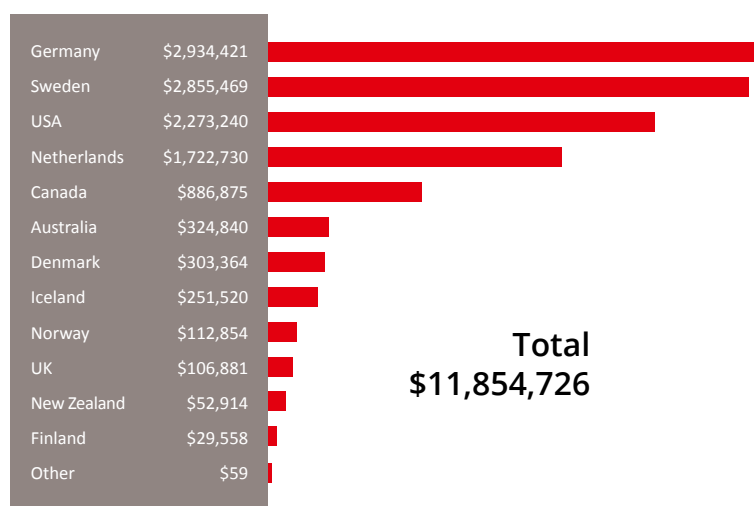
Global total spent  
\$11,854,726



## Rapid Response Fund Payments



## Where did the funds come from?



# ACT Alliance **Electronic General Assembly**



▲ New ACT Moderator Erik Lysén speaks with Irene Sebastian-Waweru, co-chair of the ACT Africa Youth CoP and a member of the ACT Alliance Kenya Forum.



## VOICES

### **Alliance puts Christian faith and hope into action**

"I am proud to moderate an alliance that embodies commitments to sustainable development, multilateral cooperation, respect for democracy and human rights, peace, dignity, and equality – a global coalition of actors that work together to contribute to a just, inclusive, and peaceful world. A church-based alliance with its roots in faith-based communities at the local level. An alliance that puts Christian faith and hope into action."

—Eric Lysén, newly elected Moderator, ACT Alliance.

ACT's Electronic General Assembly was held late in 2021. The virtual nature of this assembly was by design, rather than being a response to COVID-19 restrictions. While ACT's in-person General Assembly takes place in person every 6 years, virtual assemblies will take place at the midpoint between them.

More than 270 representatives elected a new governing board, officers, and a membership and nominations committee for the alliance. They also had conversations on a range of issues that affect alliance members, including racism, decolonisation and LGBTQI inclusion.

This Assembly had a particular focus on youth engagement in climate justice. An opening panel on the intergenerational nature of climate justice work was followed by further discussions throughout the week. The virtual nature of this assembly gave all 138 ACT members an opportunity to send a youth observer.

Erik Lysén, director of international affairs with Act Church of Sweden, was elected as the new moderator replacing outgoing moderator Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen of DanChurchAid. Minnieanne Calub, from the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, was elected vice-moderator and Ms. Simangaliso Hove, Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe, will serve a second term as treasurer.



▲ Prof. Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel of Germany was appointed ACT Alliance Climate Justice Ambassador.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

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VOICES

## The voices of the excluded

"As one ecumenical family we have a huge opportunity to magnify the voices of the most excluded communities and people and bring the hope and ethical convictions of the churches to fruition."

—Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel, ACT Goodwill Climate Justice Ambassador.

# ACT Alliance Goodwill Ambassadors

In 2021, ACT appointed Prof. Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel and Dr. Humberto Martin Shikiya as ACT Goodwill Ambassadors. Each brings a wealth of experience to these newly-created positions.

ACT's Goodwill Ambassadors raise awareness and mobilise support among their broad audiences to help ACT fight climate change; promote peace, human security and gender justice; and realise the Sustainable Development Goals.

As ACT Goodwill Ambassador for Climate Justice, Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel represented the alliance at COP26 in Glasgow,



Dr. Humberto Martin Shikiya of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is the ACT Goodwill Ambassador for Sustainable Development.

PHOTO: MARCELO SCHNEIDER/WCC

where she moderated a panel on loss and damage. She was also a featured panellist on intergenerational climate justice at the 2021 ACT Electronic General Assembly.

Dr. Humberto Martin Shikiya of Buenos Aires,

Argentina, is the ACT Goodwill Ambassador for Sustainable Development. Dr. Shikiya supports ACT's advocacy to counter inequality and economic injustice in alignment with the UN's

2030 Agenda and the underlying principles of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since his appointment he has provided pastoral accompaniment to communities in Colombia advocating for improved COVID-19 responses from their government and participated in activities marking the fifth anniversary of Colombia's peace agreement. He was involved in the Zacchaeus Project, an ecumenical campaign advocating for tax justice, and in presenting the Voluntary National Report on the Implementation of the SDGs in Argentina.



# Youth Engagement



▲ ACT Youth representatives were part of the official delegation to the COP26 climate conference. They participated enthusiastically in the climate march and skits that attracted media attention to ACT's climate justice advocacy.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

In 2021, ACT's global Youth Community of Practice (CoP) made great headway in being heard in the alliance and in the world. Two youth representatives were elected to ACT's Governing Board in early 2021 and Youth CoP members were active in all conversations and plenary sessions at the ACT Electronic General Assembly.

The Youth CoP is an informal network of 30 to 40 young people that share information, inspiration and opportunities for engagement with each other. Its members represent more than 15 different nationalities from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, and North America.



## VOICES



### A call to young people

"Young people must rise up and be involved in decision-making, policy creation and strategy development...they should be educated and empowered with knowledge to equip them for Climate Justice work."

—Patricia Mungcal, National Council of Churches in the Philippines, co-chair ACT Youth Community of Practice.

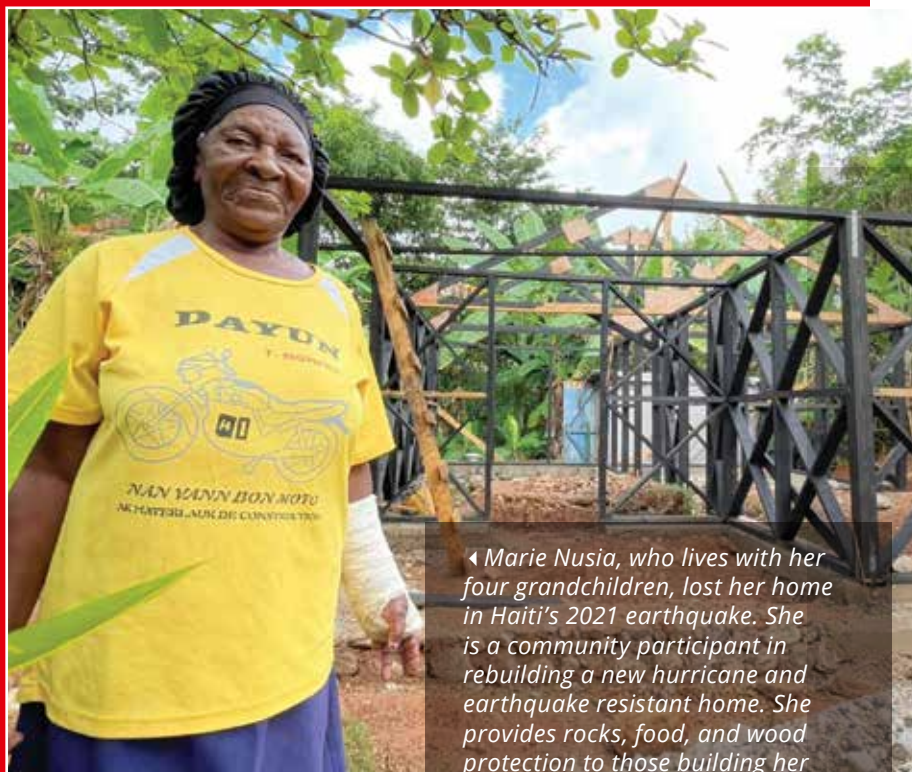


# Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response

## ACT responds to crises

### Haitian earthquake

In August 2021 a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti, leading to at least 2,207 deaths and injuring more than 12,268 people. Two days later, a major tropical storm swept the country, leaving floods and landslides in its wake. Both events added to the many challenges the country has already endured: recurring natural disasters, grinding poverty, armed gang violence, chronic and acute food insecurity, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Haiti Forum used the Survivor and Community-led Response method which puts the power to improve their situation in the hands of the community.



▲ Marie Nusia, who lives with her four grandchildren, lost her home in Haiti's 2021 earthquake. She is a community participant in rebuilding a new hurricane and earthquake resistant home. She provides rocks, food, and wood protection to those building her new home in this community-rooted response to an emergency.

PHOTO: LWF HAITI

### Indonesia: Rapid Response

In January 2021, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit West Sulawesi. More than 30,353 persons needed temporary shelter. The earthquake disrupted electricity, communication, the water supply and access to air, sea, and land transportation. COVID-19 complicated matters. With the assistance of ACT's Rapid Response Fund, ACT Indonesia Forum members delivered food, shelter materials, medical services, and drinking water to nearly 5,000 households.



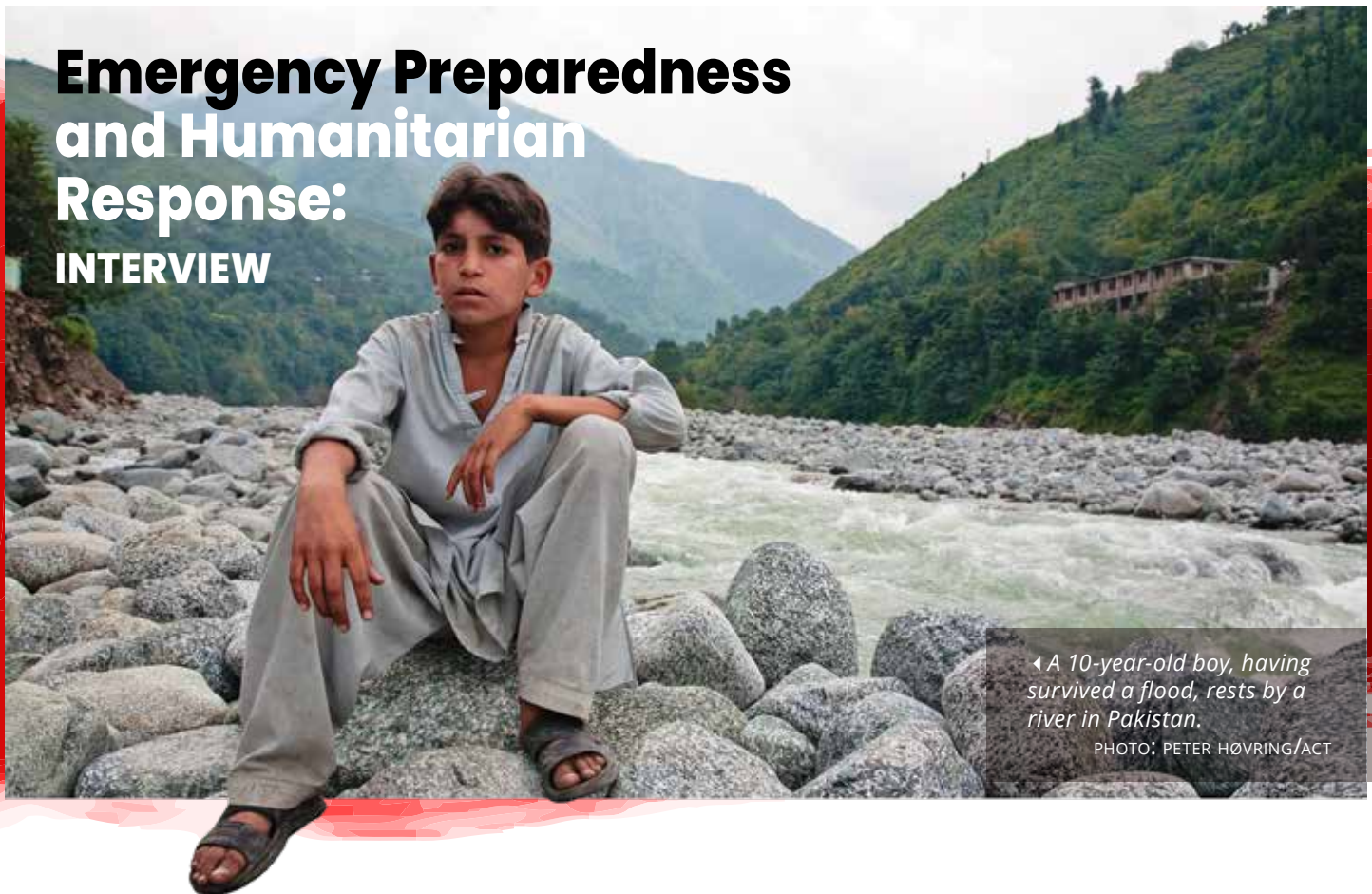
▲ Rebuilding after an earthquake in Indonesia. ACT's Rapid Response Fund allows local and national ACT members to respond in a timely and effective manner to small and medium-scale emergencies

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



# Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response:

## INTERVIEW



◀ A 10-year-old boy, having survived a flood, rests by a river in Pakistan.

PHOTO: PETER HØVRING/ACT

*Three questions for Niall O'Rourke, ACT Alliance Head of Humanitarian Affairs and Cyra Bullecer, ACT's Humanitarian Operations Manager.*

### Q. What is ACT's Humanitarian Mechanism and how does it work?

ACT's Humanitarian Mechanism consists of three pillars: Emergency Preparedness, Rapid Response and our Appeal funded work. It is mandatory for all ACT members and forums around the globe to have Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans (EPRPs). These plans set out how members and forums work together, coordinate, and share capacities before, during, and after humanitarian crises. In their preparedness plans, ACT members identify hazards and risks so that when a crisis hits, they can respond. These plans are linked to the wider resilience approaches used by ACT members



to help communities mitigate risks and prevent disasters. For example, houses built in Haiti after a previous earthquake were designed to be stable in future earthquakes.

ACT's Rapid Response Fund (RRF) allows local and national ACT members to respond in a timely and effective manner to small and medium-scale emergencies.



Emergencies funded through the RRF can be rapid onset (such as an earthquake or flood); slow onset, requiring an early response (such as drought); or of a complex humanitarian nature (for example, conflict driven displacement). Through the RRF, local ACT members are resourced to be agile and respond to crises

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◀ Shelter materials like these help families who have lost their homes during earthquakes and other natural disasters. If the community is at the centre of decision making before, during, and after a humanitarian crisis it can ultimately emerge stronger and better prepared for the future.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

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in their operational context in a timely and efficient manner, helping to save lives and respond to emergency needs.

The third pillar of ACT's Humanitarian Mechanism is the ACT Appeal. ACT Appeals are designed to allow members to respond to large-scale humanitarian crises. ACT Appeals also seek to strengthen local response systems. This ensures effective delivery of humanitarian assistance alongside programme activities that strengthen local partners and communities.

### **Q. ACT's revised humanitarian policy was approved by the Governing Board in 2021. What's new about it?**

The revised ACT humanitarian policy builds on the strengths of ACT's humanitarian work. Ensuring ACT members can deliver high-quality, locally led humanitarian response

programmes is a strategic priority for the ACT Secretariat. We are doubling the emergency funds exclusively available to local and national members. The Rapid Response Fund allows local and national members to respond to small and medium-sized crises.

Local and national members can now access up to \$150,000 USD in any relevant humanitarian crisis. For example, members in Brazil were able to access \$150,000 USD for the January 2021 floods, whilst members in Indonesia accessed funds for the earthquake that struck West Sulawesi.

In 2021, a total of 12 local organisations accessed the Rapid Response Fund to respond to localised and medium-level crises. Most of these organisations were linked to our member churches, many of which are already mobilised to respond to a disaster.

Increasing the level of funding available to local members is also consistent with the

Grand Bargain of 2016, a set of commitments which major donors and humanitarian agencies have subscribed to. Localisation is central to the Grand Bargain, putting local communities at the centre of decision-making.

### **Q. How does localisation benefit communities?**

ACT understands localisation as a process of giving primacy to the humanitarian solutions of first responders, communities, and diverse forms of local civil society. Past experiences with international humanitarian aid have shown that when communities don't own the humanitarian response, there's a high chance of abuses of power.

Communities understand their own hazards best. If the community is at the centre of decision making before, during, and after a humanitarian crisis it can ultimately emerge stronger and better prepared for the future.



# Gender Justice



**DID  
YOU  
KNOW?**

**Gender Justice  
is central to  
Climate Justice.  
At COP26, ACT's  
message was loud  
and clear.**

PHOTO: CLAUDIO CUTARELLI GREENS/  
EFA GROUP/ACT



◀ *San Luis, Nicaragua. Isabel Gómez belongs to a group that grows maize for her entire community. To address recurring drought and failed harvests, ACT Alliance member Evangelical Lutheran Church of America installed a solar-powered water pump and a drip irrigation system to help her community.*

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

▶ *Girls walk home from school in the Nuseirat refugee camp, located in the middle of the Gaza strip.*  
PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT





◀ An Indigenous girl in Argentina's Chaco region does her homework in the kitchen of her family's house.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



## On the Road2Equality

*Three questions for Elaine Neuenfeldt, Programme Manager, ACT Gender Justice Programme*

### **Q. Why is working on gender justice important for the alliance?**

When we talk about gender justice, we refer to an intersectional and collective approach focused on the different experiences and lived realities of those most impacted by discrimination and oppression. Although women and their rights are at the centre of our work, achieving gender equality and justice requires a broader cultural and theological shift. This is at the core of our work as an Alliance. It is a cross-thematic issue that we need to work on collectively.

This is especially true today

when we face different forms of fundamentalisms that threaten our democracies, our values, the dignity of those in most in need and the acquired rights of women everywhere. The work to achieve justice is a journey, which is why we called our campaign #TheRoad2Equality. We need everyone to walk on this road regardless of their background or thematic priorities.

### **Q. What is your model of programmatic action and how it is working?**

We are grateful to the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) who funded this programme and trust our capacity to develop new ways of walking the talk on the road to equality. We are also lucky to have internal ACT Alliance

structures like the Forums, the Communities of Practice, and the Gender Reference Group who support us in this journey. In the past couple of years, we have worked to support several strategic projects in 10 countries. The Forums shaped innovative projects that addressed issues they saw at the local level. We also developed Regional Roadmaps so that all our members are equipped with a gender justice policy not only on paper but in practice.

We worked to change the narrative in international forums like the United Nations, where we connect local realities to global policies. We organise conversations on difficult topics for the ecumenical movement, secular organisations and governments on what needs to be done. These

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▲ Members of the Tesfa ('hope') self-help group for women, southern Ethiopia. The group uses community banking to improve women's economic status and independence.

PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/LWF



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Gender justice**

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are just examples, but as you can see, we do a lot. And we plan on doing even more.

**Q. What are the challenges and opportunities you see and what are you planning to do to address them?**

The first challenge we all see is a convergence in fundamentalist groups and their narratives. We have an ethical responsibility to challenge those. The role of faith leaders and organisations is crucial. We need to create new theologies of liberation and justice to oppose arguments



that try to oppress and control. To do that we need to find ways to protect the prophetic voices that dare to speak up for justice.

Another issue we will work on is mainstreaming gender in all ACT programmes. We have started with the Climate Justice programme and the Migration and Displacement

programme, but we need to do more. For instance, we need to collaborate on Humanitarian Assistance, ensuring that women and girls' true needs are taken into account when delivering aid.

There is so much to do, and our team is ready for the challenge. I am blessed to work with an amazing group of dedicated women and men who truly are committed to justice and rights. But we need more people to support, to engage, to advise and help. Everyone is welcome! There is a saying I really believe in: "If you want to go fast walk alone, if you want to go far, walk together."

I believe it's time to walk together.



25  
members14  
countriesFORUMS  
14 national  
3 sub-regional

# Latin America and the Caribbean



▲ ACT member CESE responded to the needs of communities affected by fires in Brazil's Amazon rainforest. PHOTO: ACT

◀ Students act out a humorous adaptation of Romeo and Juliet at El Rincon Juvenil, Guatemala. Created with the support of LWF, El Rincon is a space for artistic development that fosters a culture of peace and respect for human rights in an area which suffers from violence. PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

## Localisation in action

A virtual ecumenical school with 50 participants from across the region met weekly for four months to strengthen church and local organisations' humanitarian response capacity. Consistent with ACT's commitment to localisation, the school was an initiative of the LAC Disaster Risk Reduction Community of Practice.

Topics covered included how to implement and report on the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS). This voluntary code describes the essential elements of principled, accountable and quality humanitarian action, and is a key part of ACT Alliance's renewed humanitarian system.

The course invited theologians to address how Faith-Based organisations can integrate psychosocial and spiritual dimensions into community resilience when faced with disasters. The Gender Community of Practice delivered a session on the relationship between gender and humanitarian assistance within ACT's work.

## Gender

Working with ACT's Gender Programme, the Guatemala Forum strengthened its work on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Transformative Masculinities. Those responsible for the project have deepened their knowledge and created key educational resources. Inspired by this, member organisations created alliances and developed initiatives addressing GBV.



▲ An Indigenous Wichi girl, Argentina.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



### VOICES

### Women's leadership

"The gender project strengthens the local network of organisations that are part of the ACT Forum. It has led to greater participation and leadership of women within the forum."

—Pilar Canello, ACT Argentina Forum

5

members

4

countries

FORUMS

5 national

1 regional

# Middle East and North Africa

## Gender



In the Middle East and North Africa region, the ACT Gender Community of Practice and the Gender Programme Team worked closely together to plan and deliver gender training. Participants were asked to draft samples of a Gender Justice policy and plan how to communicate the results within their organisations. Some members developed new Gender Justice policies while others adapted existing gender policies by applying what they had learned in the sessions.

In Palestine, members reviewed the Personal Status Law through a gender lens. In Jordan, members studied the gendered impacts of COVID-19 in refugee camps.



## A fragile system

"In Lebanon... a fragile system is breaking down in the face of climate threats... causing 70 per cent of the population to face a critical water shortage... The economic collapse has meant that for a large portion of the population alternative clean water sources have become unaffordable."

—Rev. Dr. Rima Nasrallah, Chair of the Ecojustice committee of the Middle East Council of Churches.



▲ A Palestinian woman inspects a carnation destined for export to Europe, in Rafah, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip.

PHOTOS: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



◀ Farhoun Saad picks cotton outside Sakra, Egypt.



## Climate

The MENA Climate Community of Practice (CoP) advocacy workshops in Palestine, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon led to the creation and adoption of key climate justice messages for the region. Members also examined the impact of climate-based conflict on peace.



24  
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10 national  
1 sub-regional

# Asia and the Pacific

## COVID response continues

ACT's main COVID-19 appeal continued in 2021 when there was a major increase in people affected by the pandemic in India and Nepal. To reduce exposure to COVID-19 in rural communities, training was rolled out on how to use personal protective equipment and access vaccines. Families who had lost their livelihoods and were displaced due to the pandemic received assistance for immediate expenses.



## Forum projects

In 2021, projects in Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, Afghanistan and Pakistan focused on Migration and Displacement, Economic Justice, Transformative Masculinities, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, and Gender-Based Violence.

The Indonesia Forum coordinated interfaith discussions on gender policies. ACT Indonesia and Bangladesh Forums contributed to forum-driven advocacy sessions.

◀ Mr. Bahrain works on the roof of his house in Bangga, Indonesia. His village hosted about 200 displaced families in a tent camp supported in part by ACT member CWS.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



▼ Yakhshi Gul and her child sit outside their home in Afghanistan.

PHOTO: HAZRAT ALI CWS/ACT



▲ COVID-19 hygiene supplies delivery, Kathmandu.

PHOTO: LWF

◀ 2021 lockdown in Nepal a response to COVID.

PHOTO: SAROJ BASNET, ICCO/ACT

## Afghanistan

In August, a few weeks after American troops left Afghanistan, ACT member CWSA began delivery of a cash assistance programme to highly vulnerable households in Kabul as food insecurity worsened. An appeal was launched in November to respond to the needs of internally displaced people in Afghanistan and Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

**39**  
members

**21**  
countries

**FORUMS**  
21 national

## Africa

### Seeking Peace in South Sudan

July 9, 2021, marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Sudan as the newest country in the world. The occasion was marred by ongoing difficulties achieving peace despite 2018's new peace agreement.

Protracted conflict and the combined impact of floods, COVID-19 and desert locusts contributed to an extended and complex humanitarian crisis in the young country. In 2021, an estimated one-third of South Sudan's population needed humanitarian assistance. The South Sudan Forum addressed basic needs such as food, shelter, drinking water, sanitation and protection from gender-based violence.

▲ Women unload emergency food aid in Akobo, South Sudan, where a combination of fighting and flooding has increased food insecurity. The 50-pound bags of sorghum, provided by the United Nations' World Food Program, were transported by river barge to the remote community. ACT Alliance member DanChurchAid helps Akobo families with food and livelihood projects. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

## Mozambique

ACT Alliance co-hosted a virtual conference on the conflict in northern Mozambique with the World Council of Churches, the All Africa Council of Churches, and the Christian Council of Mozambique. Since 2017, attacks by an extremist group have killed hundreds, destroyed villages and towns, and forced an estimated 745,000 people to flee their homes.

Conference participants formed a regional ecumenical network of support and called on the region's stakeholders to fulfill their mandates.

▲ A woman grinds flour in South Sudan.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

### DID YOU KNOW?

The ACT Tanzania Forum's interfaith meeting of youth, religious and government representatives led to the translation of Tanzania's climate change policy into Swahili.



### VOICES

#### Crisis made worse by resource exploitation

"This complex crisis is exacerbated by the intensifying exploitation of natural resources by transnational corporations that displace households from the land, inhibit local economic opportunities, extract the province's mineral wealth, and return few benefits to the local population."

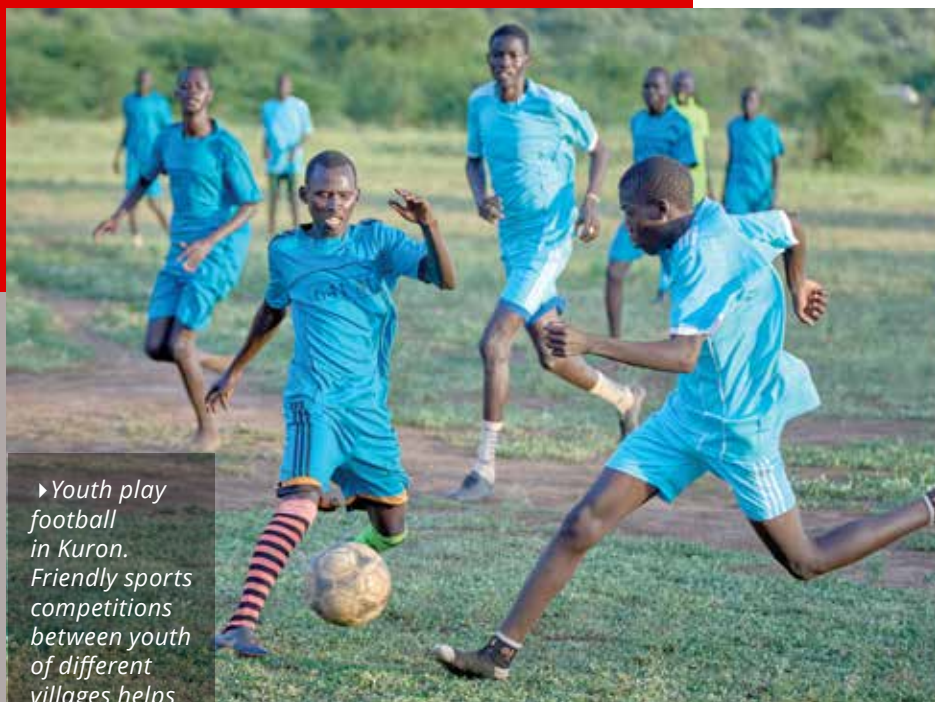
—Statement from the International Virtual Ecumenical Partners Conference for Peace and Security in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, 29 October 2021.



# Peace and Human Security

## Pathways for Peace and Human Security

In 2021, ACT hosted a global webinar to advance the Peace and Human Security agenda within the alliance, with members from all regions participating. Four members whose organisations have already been engaged in peace programming, spoke about their best practices. Participants left the meeting enthused about peer learning, follow-up webinars and the future sharing of best practices, experiences, capacity building, resources and funding.



► Youth play football in Kuron. Friendly sports competitions between youth of different villages helps to foster mutual understanding and lessen the threat of violence.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



▲ A bridge in Kuron was built to facilitate better communication between the region's pastoralist communities. The region has been plagued by cattle raiding and child abduction in recent years. The Catholic Church-sponsored Holy Trinity Peace Village, centered in Kuron, fosters reconciliation and peace. The Peace Village is supported by Norwegian Church Aid, a member of the ACT Alliance. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

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## Peace, security and stability

“We are concerned about the escalation of inter-communal conflicts, violence, displacement of civilians, as well as sexual- and gender-based violence (SGBV) among communities...peace, security, and stability in South Sudan has not been realized resulting from the delayed/slow implementation of the peace agreement.”

—South Sudan Council of Churches Letter of Concern to South Sudan

## Ecumenical alliances for peace in South Sudan

As a member of the Ecumenical Network South Sudan (ENSS), ACT works with the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC) as it accompanies the people of South Sudan in their search for peace. In early 2021 ACT Alliance moderated a global virtual event with the three active regional hubs to raise support for the SSCC's peace advocacy. The ENSS reviewed the implementation of the 2018 revised peace agreement, finding increased community conflict and fighting among armed groups.



**ACT members continued their climate justice advocacy through regional and national forums, by participating in the ecumenical Season of Creation, and at COP26, the first in-person UN climate conference since 2019.**

## Climate Justice

▲ ACT was engaged in ecumenical and interfaith prayer services at COP26.

PHOTO: ALBIN HILLERT/LWF



PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

## Ecumenical collaboration

ACT continued its ecumenical commitments prior to COP26 with ecumenical webinars and Season of Creation celebrations. At COP, collaboration included side events, the multi-faith Talanoa and delivery of more than 150,000 Pray and Act petitions to the COP26 Presidency.

## The road to COP26

In 2021, the road to COP included multistakeholder dialogues in ACT's regions. The Africa Forum produced a powerful statement that informed ACT's COP26 position, and LAC Forum members met with their governments to influence their negotiating positions.



### VOICES

#### **COP26 results disappointing**

"As people of faith, committed to care for creation and work for climate justice and the dignity of all, we are disappointed by the results from COP26 in Glasgow. What has been negotiated does not go far enough in offering solid solutions to the climate crisis...We stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities that increasingly suffer from climate change, yet COP decision-making struggles to come to terms with the reality that without details and actions, promises are empty."

—COP26 Ecumenical Preliminary Analysis



▲ At COP26, ACT delegates, members and staff participated in lively presentations illustrating the key themes of the alliance's climate justice work and attracting media attention.

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT



# Climate Justice



▲ ACT members march through the streets of Glasgow at COP26.  
PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

**DID YOU KNOW?**

ACT Alliance is part of the ecumenical Season of Creation steering committee. The Season of Creation is celebrated by alliance members around the world.

## Youth in climate action

ACT and its members continue to encourage the participation of youth. Zimbabwe's final COP26 Nationally Determined Contributions reflected the input of youth linked to ACT's Zimbabwe Forum.



▲ El Salvador's José Alejandro Romero is growing cocoa in this nursery to replace his coffee crop. Cocoa is more resistant to the high temperatures and humidity caused by climate change.

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

“ ” VOICES

### Learning to advocate

“At COP26 I learned how to advocate at local, regional and national levels. When we're able to advocate, the government, who will be negotiators at next year's COP, get the opportunity to hear what the people, civil society, are thinking.”

—Bikila Abeya, ACT COP26 delegate and member of the ACT Ethiopia Forum.



# Migration and Displacement

People on the move have human rights issues whether they are refugees or migrants. Mobility due to the climate crisis is a growing concern and is raised by ACT at global migration and displacement meetings.

► Children walk along a path in the Jamtoli Refugee Camp near Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where members of the ACT Alliance provide humanitarian support for Rohingya refugees. The Rohingya have fled government-sanctioned violence in Myanmar for safety in Bangladesh.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT



## Global Forum on Migration and Development

ACT and its members participated virtually in the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), an independent process. GFMD now has more awareness of the impacts of climate change and the need for additional tools to protect migrants. The 2023 GFMD event will have a strong focus on the effects of climate change.

### DID YOU KNOW?

ACT works with the International Detention Coalition promoting alternatives to migrant detention.

## UN PROCESSES

### Internal displacement

In 2021 the UN Secretary General initiated a panel on internal displacement. As part of a Geneva-based group, ACT contributed to a report on internally-displaced persons and advocated for ACT member involvement, as many have expertise with internally-displaced persons.

### Global Compact for Migration

ACT members participated in the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) reviews held in Asia, Latin America, Africa and MENA. Their views were reflected in the GCM's final reports.

### UN Network on Migration

As part of a UN Network on Migration working group ACT recommended migration opportunities for the most vulnerable, including those affected by climate change, and drew attention to useful



► A young woman waits outside a centre that helps with repatriation in La Chakra, San Salvador. In El Salvador, children and adults are repatriated daily.

PHOTO: SEAN HAWKEY/ACT

improvements such as special visas for those whose visas have expired.

### Global Compact on Refugees

ACT helped prepare a virtual high-level meeting hosted by the Global Compact on Refugees in late 2021.



# FORUMS

## the heart of the Alliance



### ACT Forums by region

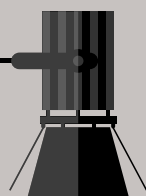
<b>Africa</b>	21 national
<b>Asia and the Pacific</b>	10 national + 1 sub-regional
<b>Europe</b>	1 national + 1 regional
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	14 national + 3 sub-regional
<b>The Middle East and North Africa</b>	5 national + 1 regional
<b>North America</b>	1 regional



Forums are ACT's vehicles to create meaningful change in the lives of communities in need.

#### In 2021, ACT Forums:

- Played a critical role in humanitarian response with numerous RRFs and appeals
- Worked together on joint programming for the gender justice and climate justice programmes
- Developed joint advocacy



#### SPOTLIGHT

- The Indonesia Forum responded to COVID-19 with regular meetings to increase coordination between members.
- The Tanzania Forum successfully engaged faith leaders in national advocacy on the shrinking space for civil society.



#### Africa

21 national



#### Asia and the Pacific

10 national  
1 sub-regional



#### Europe

1 national  
1 regional



#### Latin America and the Caribbean

14 national  
3 sub-regional



#### Middle East and North Africa

5 national  
1 regional



#### North America

1 regional

# Reference Groups and Communities of Practice

◀ Patricia Roy Akullo, of the ACT Uganda Forum and member of the Climate Justice Reference Group, speaking on a COP26 panel on gender inclusive adaptation for climate justice in Glasgow. PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

## Reference Groups

Reference Groups continued to meet virtually in 2021, given the continuing health impacts of COVID-19.



### Advocacy and Policy

#### Chairs

Eva Ekelund (Act Church of Sweden) and Philemon Jazi (Diakonia Sweden)



### Climate Justice

#### Chairs

Elena Cedillo (Lutheran World Federation) and Mattias Söderberg (DanChurchAid)



### Emergency Preparedness and Humanitarian Response

Michael Mosselmans (Christian Aid) Joseph Sahayam (CASA)



### Gender Justice

Palwashay Arbab (Community World Service Asia), Yordanos Asnake Sisay (Ethiopian Orthodox Church – Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission) and Ranan Issa Abu Shanab (Community World Service Asia)



### Migration and Displacement

Andrew Fuys (Church World Service) and Rabia Wasid (Community World Service Asia)



### Peace and Human Security

Sunra Lambert-Baj (DanChurchAid) and Nishant Neel (CASA)



### Quality and Accountability/Complaints Handling

Coleen Heemskerk (Act Church of Sweden) and Khurram Saaed (Community World Service Asia)



▲ ACT Alliance COP26 youth delegate Jamilet Azucena of Lima, Peru, at one of Glasgow's climate marches. This was Jamilet's first experience overseas and at a United Nations conference. She is a member of ACT's Youth CoP. PHOTO: FIONA CONNELLY/ACT

## Communities of Practice (CoP)

1. Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction
2. Disability-inclusive Development
3. Gender Justice
4. Human Rights in Development
5. Migration and Displacement
6. Psychosocial support
7. Religion & Development
8. Safeguarding
9. Safety and Security
10. Youth

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# Quality and Accountability

The ACT Alliance Secretariat, working with the Reference Group on Quality and Accountability and the Community of Practice on Safeguarding, continues to strengthen accountability in the Alliance's work. This will benefit all stakeholders, especially our communities.



▲ Nepal Forum participants in an ACT Alliance workshop on Core Humanitarian Standards.

PHOTO: STEFANIE MEIER/ACT



## Key highlights

- The Secretariat went through an extensive audit and qualified for the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) certificate, valid through March 2025.
- The ACT Quality and Accountability Framework was revised to clarify ACT's primary commitments and the responsibilities of ACT members, the ACT Secretariat and ACT governance in relation to ACT's accountability mechanisms.
- ACT Alliance updated the ACT Complaints Policy and developed a new policy for Community Data Safeguarding.
- Regional webinars introduced the revised Complaints Policy to members' staff, forum convenors and coordinators.



## Capacity Building

The ACT Learn Platform (housed at fabo.org) supports free e-learning for ACT members and their staff as well as ACT Secretariat staff. Mandatory e-courses on Fabo for Alliance staff include the Code of Conduct, the Complaints Policy and CHS.

# Audited Accounts

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31

	Note	2021 USD	2021 CHF	2020 USD	2020 CHF
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank		6'506'876	5'942'190	4'010'396	3'622'350
Income receivable net		159'016	145'217	280'179	253'069
Staff advances		19'038	17'386	28'502	25'744
Other debtors		149'185	136'238	146'418	132'251
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>6'834'116</b>	<b>6'241'031</b>	<b>4'465'495</b>	<b>4'033'414</b>
<b>Non current assets</b>					
Software at cost		149'522	136'546	-	-
Software Accumulated Depreciation		-4'984	4'552	-	-
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<b>144'538</b>	<b>131'994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>6'978'654</b>	<b>6'373'025</b>	<b>4'465'495</b>	<b>4'033'414</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS</b>					
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable		438'720	400'647	-	-
Other creditors		143'542	131'086	121'159	109'436
Accrued expenses		213'998	195'427	505'809	456'867
Funds received in advance (Unspent earmarked contribution)		1'523'448	1'391'238	1'180'058	1'065'875
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>2'319'709</b>	<b>2'118'398</b>	<b>1'807'026</b>	<b>1'632'178</b>
<b>Funds in trust</b>					
Appeals funds		4'062'963	3'710'367	1'917'480	1'731'944
Exchange Gain and Losses of Appeals		-	-	5'482	4'952
<b>Total Funds in Trust</b>		<b>4'062'963</b>	<b>3'710'367</b>	<b>1'922'962</b>	<b>1'736'896</b>
<b>Own funds</b>					
<b>General reserve</b>					
<b>A. Restricted Reserve</b>		<b>574'392</b>	<b>518'814</b>	<b>574'392</b>	<b>518'814</b>
<b>Total Restricted Reserve</b>		<b>574'392</b>	<b>518'814</b>	<b>574'392</b>	<b>518'814</b>
<b>B. Unrestricted Reserve at beginning of year</b>		<b>161'115</b>	<b>151'139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Reserve</b>		<b>161'115</b>	<b>151'139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>C. Designated Reserve for Assembly</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Designated Reserve for Assembly</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Result of operations for the year		39'262	35'893	161'115	151'139
Prior Year adjustment	-	178'787	163'447	-	-
Cumulative Translation Adjustment		-	1'861	-	(5'613)
<b>Total General Reserve</b>		<b>595'981</b>	<b>544'260</b>	<b>735'507</b>	<b>664'340</b>
<b>Total Own Funds</b>		<b>595'981</b>	<b>544'260</b>	<b>735'507</b>	<b>664'340</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS</b>		<b>6'978'654</b>	<b>6'373'025</b>	<b>4'465'495</b>	<b>4'033'414</b>



## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AS AT DECEMBER 31

	Note	2021 USD	2021 CHF	2020 USD	2020 CHF
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Fees</b>					
Forum fees	5	39'482	34'266	27'578	25'870
Income based fees	5	1'539'335	1'409'088	1'754'004	1'645'400
International coordination fees	5	408'970	373'881	418'596	392'677
<b>Total Fees</b>		<b>1'987'787</b>	<b>1'817'235</b>	<b>2'200'179</b>	<b>2'063'948</b>
<b>Member contributions and donor funds</b>					
Voluntary contributions unearmarked	5	950'445	858'815	703'046	659'515
Funds earmarked to Programs & Projects	5	1'945'257	1'778'354	1'841'260	1'727'253
Other Income		42'199	48'660	-	-
Appeals Income		11'854'726	10'837'590	11'385'578	10'680'605
<b>Total Member Contributions and Donor Funds</b>		<b>14'792'627</b>	<b>13'523'419</b>	<b>13'929'885</b>	<b>13'067'372</b>
<b>TOTAL Income</b>		<b>16'780'414</b>	<b>15'340'654</b>	<b>16'130'063</b>	<b>15'131'320</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Core staff costs		2'059'429	1'882'730	2'278'482	2'137'402
Core office costs		416'162	380'456	542'337	508'757
Core depreciation		4'984	4'556	-	-
Core activity costs		171'108	156'427	327'194	306'934
Core provision for doubtful debts and write off		37'396	34'188	70'853	66'466
Support to Faith Based CPDE - IBON Project	5	35'210	32'189	16'369	15'355
Climate Justice Programme	5	339'585	310'449	148'831	139'616
Gender Justice Programme	5	1'177'463	1'076'437	1'251'604	1'174'107
Peace and Human Security Programme	5	17'544	16'039	-	-
Migration Programme	5	161'480	147'625	-	-
International Planned Parenthood Project	5	140'000	127'988	-	-
ACT Learning Pilot Project	5	38'449	35'150	-	-
ACT Security Group	5	128'388	117'373	-	-
General Assembly Expenses	5	22'029	20'139	4'723	4'430
Appeals Disbursement	6	11'854'726	10'837'590	11'385'578	10'680'605
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>16'603'953</b>	<b>15'179'334</b>	<b>16'025'969</b>	<b>15'033'671</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>		<b>176'460</b>	<b>161'320</b>	<b>104'094</b>	<b>95'163</b>
Exchange (Gain)/Loss Core budget	2	59'149	54'074	- 57'021	- 53'490
<b>Intermediate result before change in funds</b>		<b>117'311</b>	<b>107'246</b>	<b>161'115</b>	<b>148'653</b>
Transfer to Restricted funds (Project carry forwards)	5	- 78'049	- 71'353	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE ALLOCATIONS</b>		<b>39'262</b>	<b>35'893</b>	<b>161'115</b>	<b>151'139</b>
Prior Year Adjustment	4	- 178'787	- 163'447	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER ALLOCATIONS</b>		<b>- 139'525</b>	<b>- 127'554</b>	<b>161'115</b>	<b>151'139</b>



# ACT Alliance Governing Board

At its closing plenary on December 3, 2021, the ACT Electronic General Assembly elected a new governing board, the officers of the board, and the membership and nominations committee (MNC).

▲ *The 2021-24 Governing Board members*

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*Thank you to all those who served on the Governing Board until 2021:*

## Officers

**Moderator** Ms Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen  
DanChurchAid

**Vice Moderator**  
Rev. Tegwende Léonard Kinda  
Dignus Burkina Faso

## Executive Committee

**Ms Minnieanne Calub**  
National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)

**Ms Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo**  
World Renew

**Rev Joel Ortega Dopico**  
Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba (Cuban Council of Churches)

**Prof Isabel Apawo Phiri**  
World Council of Churches

## Membership and Nominations Committee 2021

**Mr Jouni Hemberg**  
Finn Church Aid

**Mr Melton Luhanga**  
Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD)

**Ms Mara Manzoni Luz**  
Centro Regional Ecueménico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS)

**Ms Arshint**  
Soemarsono Christian Foundation for Public Health (YAKKUM)

**Ms Elsa Tesfay**  
The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

## Incoming Governing Board 2021-24

*A warm welcome to those who were elected to the new governing board, below, and a special thank you to all those who put their names forward.*

## Officers

**Moderator** Mr Erik Lysén Act  
Church of Sweden

**Vice Moderator**  
Ms Minnieanne Calub  
National Council of Churches in the Philippines

**Treasurer** Ms Simangaliso Hove  
Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe

## Executive Committee

**Ms Sally Azar**  
[Youth] Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)

**Ms Maria Immonen**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

**Rev Dr Laurie Ann Kraus**  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Lic Nicolás Rosenthal**  
Fundación Protestante de Diaconía Hora de Obrar para el Desarrollo Social y Ambiental

## Membership and Nominations Committee (2021-24)

**Mr Jouni Hemberg**  
Finn Church Aid

**Ms Joanne (Jo) Knight**  
Anglican Overseas Aid - Australia

**Mr Lorenzo Mota King**  
Social Services of Dominican Churches (SSID)

## Mr Hani Riad

Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical & Social Services (BLESS)

**Ms Marie Anne Sliwinski**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

## Members Governing Board

### Permanent seats

**Ms Maria Immonen**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

**Prof Isabel Apawo Phiri**  
World Council of Churches

### Africa

**Ms Simangaliso Hove**  
Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe

**Rev Dr Evans Onyemara**  
Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN)

**Mr Yilikal Shiferaw** (2021)  
Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC-DICAC)

### Asia

**Ms Karen M. Janjua**  
Community World Service Asia

**Mr Sungjae Kim**  
The National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ)

**Ms Minnieanne Calub**  
National Council of Churches in the Philippines

### Europe

**Mr Martin Kessler**  
Diakonie-katastrophenhilfe (DKH)

**Mr Erik Lysén**  
Act Church of Sweden

**Ms Rommie Nauta**  
Kerk in Actie

### Europe (Eastern)

**Ms Tsosinar Ghazarya**  
Armenia Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation (ART)

### Latin America and the Caribbean

**Ms Judith Castañeda**  
Centro Evangélico de Estudios pastorales en Centro América (Cedepca)

**Mr Joel Ortega Dopico**  
Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba (Cuban Council of Churches)

**Lic Nicolás Rosenthal**  
Fundación Protestante de Diaconía Hora de Obrar para el Desarrollo Social y Ambiental

### The Middle East

**Rev Dr Rima Nasrallah**  
Middle East Council of Churches

### North America

**Rev Dr Laurie Ann Kraus**  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Mr Guy Smagghe**  
Presbyterian World Service & Development

### Pacific Nations, Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

**Ms Janet Cousens**  
Act for Peace (Australia)

### Youth

**Ms Sally Azar**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)

**Ms Embla Regine Mathisen**  
NCA - Changemaker Norway

### Global

**Ms Casey Harden**  
World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)



# ACT Alliance

## Members and Observers

### AFRICA

**Angola** Angolan Council of Christian Churches (CICA)

**Burkina Faso** Dignus Burkina Faso (DIGNUSBF)

**Burundi** National Council of Churches of Burundi/ Conseil national des églises du Burundi (CNEB)

**Cameroon** Eglise fraternelle luthérienne du Cameroun (EFLC)

**DRC** Eglise évangélique luthérienne au Congo (ELCCo) / Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo

**DRC** Bureau Oecumenique d'Appui au Developpement (BOAD) / Ecumenical Office for Development Support

**DRC** Centre Oecuménique pour la Promotion du Monde Rural (COPROMOR)

**DRC** Eglise du Christ au Congo Kinshasa (ECC)

**Ethiopia** Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)

**Ethiopia** Ethiopian Orthodox Church-Devel and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC)

**Ghana** Presbyterian Relief Services and Development - Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PRSD)

**Kenya** National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK)

**Kenya** Anglican Development Services Kenya (ADS)

**Kenya** Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA)

**Kenya** Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA)

**Lesotho** Christian Council of Lesotho (CCL)

**Liberia** Lutheran Development Service in Liberia (LDS Liberia)

**Madagascar** Eglise de Jésus-Christ à Madagascar - Dépt pour le Développement (FJKM)

**Madagascar** Malagasy Lutheran Church (MLC)

**Malawi** Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS)

**Malawi** Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD Malawi)

**Mozambique** Comité Ecuménico para o Desenvolvimento Social (CEDES)

**Nigeria** Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN)

**Sierra Leone** Council of Churches in Sierra Leone (CCSL)

**South Africa** Economic Justice Network of Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa (EJN-FOCCISA)

**South Africa** Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA-DS)

**South Sudan** Presbyterian Relief & Development Agency (PRDA)

**Tanzania** Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)

**Tanzania** Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS)

**Tanzania** Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT)

**Uganda** Church of Uganda (CoU)

**Uganda** Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC)

**Uganda** Rural Action Community Based Organisation (RACOBABO)

**Zambia** Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ)

**Zambia** United Church of Zambia (UCZ)

**Zimbabwe** Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe (LDS Zimbabwe)

**Zimbabwe** Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC)

**Zimbabwe** Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA)

**Zimbabwe** Ecumenical Church Leaders' Forum (ECLF)

### ASIA

**Bangladesh** Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB)

**Cambodia** Life With Dignity (LWD)

**China** Amity Foundation (AF)

**India** Christian Agency for Rural Development (CARD India)

**India** United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)

**India** Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)

**India** Synodical Board of Social Services, Church of North India (SBSS-CNI)

**India** Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT)

**Indonesia** Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)

**Indonesia** Indonesian Christian Association for Health Services (ICAHS/PELKESI)

**Indonesia** Christian Foundation for Public Health (YAKKUM), includes YEU

**Japan** National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ)

**Korea** (South) Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK)

**Pakistan** Community World Service Asia (CWSA Pakistan)

**Philippines** National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)

**Sri Lanka** National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL)

**Taiwan** Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)

### EUROPE

**Armenia** Armenia Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation (ART)

**Austria** Diakonie ACT Austria

**Belgium** Solidarité Protestante (SP)

**Czech Republic** Diaconia ECCB – Center of Relief and Development (DECCB-CRD)

**Denmark** DanChurchAid (DCA)

**Finland** Finn Church Aid/Kirkon Ulkomaanapu (FCA)

**Finland** Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)

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**EUROPE ...continued**

**Germany** Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)  
**Germany** Bread for the World (BfdW)  
**Germany** Mission EineWelt  
**Greece** APOSTOLI  
**Hungary** Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)  
**Iceland** Icelandic Church Aid (ICA)  
**The Netherlands** ICCO (merged with Cordaid 2021)  
**The Netherlands** Kerk in Actie (KiA)  
**Norway** Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)  
**Romania** Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania (AIDRom)  
**Russia** Russian Orthodox Church Round Table Office (ROC)  
**Serbia** Philanthropy -The Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church (COVEC)  
**Serbia** Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO)  
**Sweden** Act Church of Sweden (ActCoS)  
**Sweden** Diakonia Sweden  
**Switzerland** Bread for All (BfA) (merged with HEKS-EPER November 2021)  
**Switzerland** Swiss Church Aid (HEKS-EPER) (merged with Bread for All November 2021)  
**UK and Ireland** Christian Aid (CA)

**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**Argentina** Centro Regional Ecueménico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS)  
**Argentina** Fundacion Protestante Hora de Otrar (FPHdO)  
**Brazil** Coordenadoria Ecumênica de Serviço (CESE)  
**Brazil** Diaconia Brazil  
**Brazil** Fundação Luterana de Diaconia (FLD)  
**Brazil** KOINONIA Presença Ecueménica e Serviço  
**Bolivia** Asociación Boliviana Uniendo Manos por la Vida (RED UMAVIDA)  
**Bolivia** Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en Bolivia (IEMB)

**Chile** Fundación Educación Popular en Salud (EPES)  
**Colombia** Presbyterian Church of Colombia (IPC)  
**Costa Rica** Asociación Iglesia Luterana Costarricense (ILCO)  
**Cuba** Council of Churches of Cuba (CCC) /Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba (CIC)  
**Dominican Rep.** Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID)  
**El Salvador** Asociación Cristiana de Educación y Desarrollo (ALFALIT)  
**El Salvador** Salvadorian Lutheran Synod (SLS)  
**Guatemala** Asociación Conferencia de Iglesias Evangélicas de Guatemala (CIEDEG)  
**Guatemala** Centro Evangélico de Estudios pastorales en Centro América (CEDEPCA)  
**Haiti** Service chrétien d'Haïti (SCH)  
**Honduras** Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)  
**Nicaragua** Centro Intereclesial de Estudios Teológicas y Sociales (CIEETS)  
**Nicaragua** Council of Evangelical Churches (CEPAD)  
**Nicaragua** Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua - Fé y Esperanza (ILFE)  
**Peru** DIACONIA Peru  
**Peru** Iglesia Metodista del Peru (IMP)/ Methodist Church of Peru (MCP)

**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

**Egypt** Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical & Social Services (BLESS)  
**Jordan** Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)  
**Lebanon** Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)  
**OPT** Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)  
**OPT** The East Jerusalem YMCA (EJ-YMCA)

**NORTH AMERICA**

**Canada** United Church of Canada: Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit (UCC)  
**Canada** Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)  
**Canada** Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)  
**Canada** World Renew/ex Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (WR)

**Canada** Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)  
**USA** Church World Service, Inc., (CWS-USA)  
**USA** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)  
**USA** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Presbyterian Church (USA)  
**USA** United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)  
**USA/Canada** Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Week of Compassion  
**USA** United Church of Christ

**PACIFIC**

**Australia** Act for Peace (AfP)  
**Australia** Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA)  
**Australia** Anglicans in Development (ABM-AID)  
**Australia** Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS)  
**Australia** Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA)  
**Australia** UnitingWorld Relief and Development Unit (UWRDU)  
**New Zealand** Christian World Service (CWS NZ)

**GLOBAL**

**Canada** World Association for Christian Communication (WACC)  
**Germany** United Evangelical Mission (UEM)  
**Germany** World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)  
**Switzerland** ECLOF International (ECLOF)  
**Switzerland** The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
**Switzerland** Mission 21: Protestant Mission Basel (Mission 21)  
**Switzerland** World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)  
**UK** The Salvation Army (SA)  
**USA** Baptist World Aid (BWA)

**OBSERVERS**

**Belgium** Conference of European Churches (CEC)  
**Switzerland** World Student Christian Federation (WSCF)  
**UK** Anglican Alliance





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▲ Nurul Huda paddles his fishing boat off the Indonesian island of Nias.

Huda, a resident of the seaside village of Olora, lost much of his fishing equipment in an earthquake. Church World Service, a member of the ACT Alliance, provided new nets and boats for

the fishers of Olora, allowing them to restart their lives.

Fuel prices have risen, making it harder for fishers to earn a living. Climate change has made it more difficult to predict fish movements, and changing weather patterns can surprise the fishers at sea. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT