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IMAGE ON COVER:

Prewar goals revived

In Mariupol Ukraine, 18-year-old Dima's days were full, preparing for a professional football career and spending time with his girlfriend. Then came war. Today, he and Anna live in Hungary, 1700 kilometres from parents and relatives, learning a new language. With the help of ACT Alliance member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA), he has been able to revive his football goals. "HIA found a football club which was ready to take me on. I had not played football for over half a year due to the fighting in Ukraine, but the club's management understood," says Dima.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT



Rudelmar Bueno de Faria

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Message from the **GENERAL SECRETARY**

Humanity is facing a very difficult moment. In 2022, the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the existential threat of climate change, and the impact of ongoing conflicts were exacerbated by the war in Ukraine.

Despite these challenges, ACT and its members were able to consolidate our work as a relevant and cohesive faith-based alliance. We occupied new spaces in global decision-making platforms, contributed to the strengthening of the ecumenical movement, and engaged effectively with the multifaith sector. We also updated our technology and improved communications with members.

The reformed ACT Humanitarian Mechanism proved itself at the beginning of the war on Ukraine. Members, the Europe Forum, and the ACT Secretariat worked tirelessly to issue the appeal within a week, making the Ukraine response ACT's most swiftly coordinated humanitarian response. We also addressed ongoing crises that risk being forgotten, such as those in South Sudan and Afghanistan.

ACT's decade-long climate justice advocacy led to a breakthrough agreement on the creation of a loss and damage fund at COP27. Working with Forums and regional Communities of Practice, ACT mobilised members' commitment to mainstreaming gender justice. The Peace and Human Security programme engaged proactively on South Sudan and ACT contributed to a policy brief on climate-induced human mobility.

Strengthening our ecumenical commitments, ACT was active in the World Council of Churches (WCC) General Assembly, which led to strong references to the alliance in the final documents.

We released a joint publication with WCC, *Called to Transformation – Ecumenical Diakonia*, which provides a theological basis and political framework for ACT to support people affected by disaster and economic distress. As well, ACT and Religions for Peace are working on a joint project to address issues of fundamentalisms and violence.

I was elected to chair the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council's newly created Working Group on Peace and Security. ACT also took the lead with other groups in launching the Multi-Faith/Multi-Sector Alliance for Climate Action. Both engagements will further the alliance's work in these important areas.

Our Christian values of justice, inclusion and solidarity call us - people of faith, religious leaders, faith-based organisations - to speak out on behalf of people and the planet, for God's Creation. We must base our actions on these values, or risk moving backwards into a situation from which it will be very difficult to recover. As an alliance, we influence policy and decision making. We know what we need to say, based on the experiences of the world's most vulnerable communities. We will continue to engage in a transformational and prophetic way with the issues facing the world.

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria

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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.

144
members
3 observer
members

Present
in over
125
countries


52
forums


64%
global south*


30%
global north


6%
global

**ACT Alliance
consists of:**

19,635
member
staff

8,339
women

8,987
men

32,607
volunteers

43,287
youth

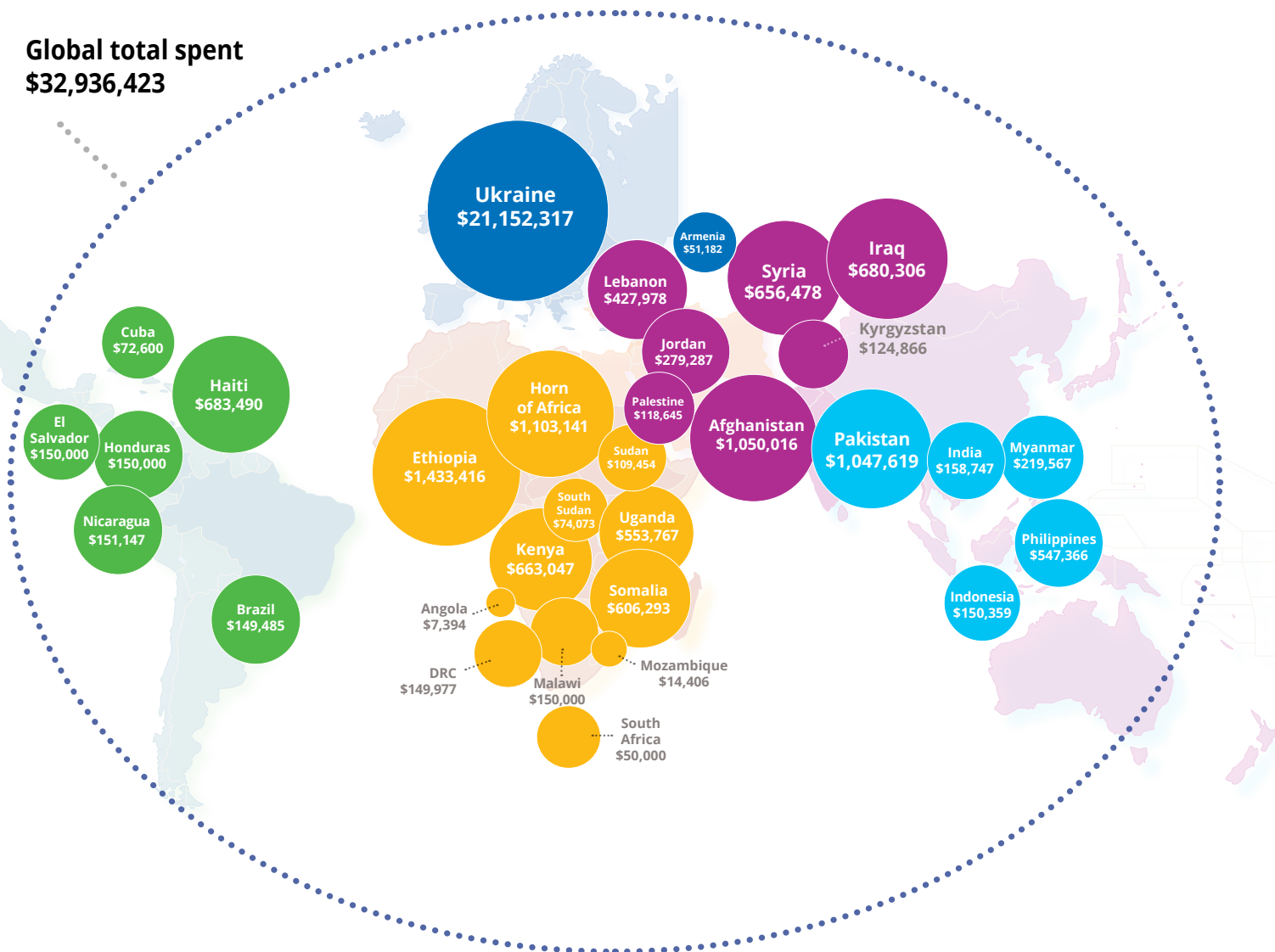
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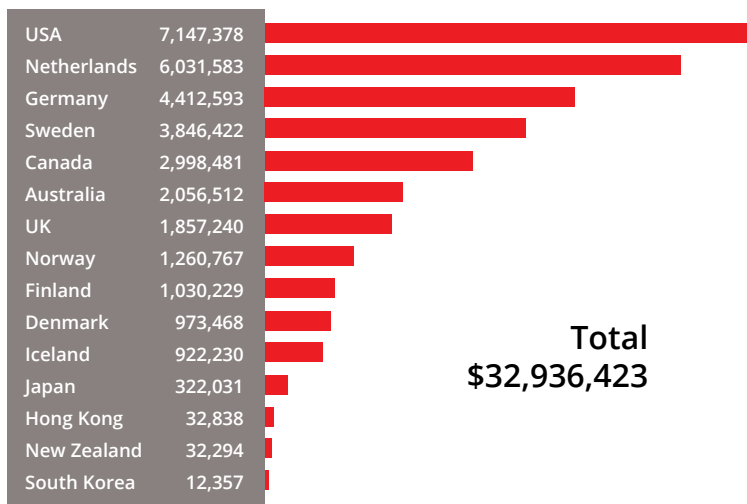
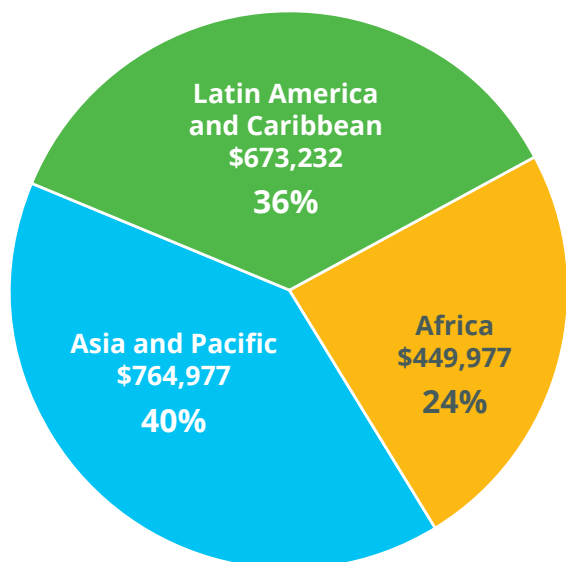
ACT raised \$32,936,423* for humanitarian response in 2022 **Where was it spent?**

Global total spent
\$32,936,423



Rapid Response Fund Payments

Where did the funds come from?



Total
\$32,936,423



▲ At COP27 ACT Alliance and Bread for the World met with Kausea Natano, Tuvalu's Prime Minister, to discuss the impact of the climate crisis on small island states. Mr. Natano and ACT's Climate Ambassador Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitzel pictured.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

ACT's three pillars are Advocacy, Humanitarian and Development work. By engaging in effective advocacy at local, national, regional and global levels, ACT Alliance contributes to positive and sustainable change in the lives of people affected by poverty and injustice.

ACT's advocacy work is faith- and rights-based, grounded in evidence and rooted in the experience of forums and members. These principles guide ACT's policy and advocacy work on its five themes - Gender Justice, Climate Justice, Migration and Displacement, Peace and Human Security and Humanitarian work - and its cross-cutting priorities.



We spoke with Alison Kelly (UK) the ACT Alliance Representative to the United Nations, based in New York, and Dr. Marianna Leite (Brazil), ACT Alliance's Global Advocacy and Development Policy Manager.



Dr. Marianna Leite



Alison Kelly

PHOTO: SIMON CHAMBERS/ACT

Q: Why is advocacy important for ACT Alliance?

Marianna: It's our responsibility to fundamentally change how things are now and envisage a future where everyone and the planet thrives. Policy and advocacy are deeply connected to humanitarian and development work. There is also a theological aspect to it – really believing in our prophetic voice and raising a faith voice and the voices of the communities we serve.

Alison: There's an increasing sense of urgency. With climate now being seen as an existential issue, there's an urgency to advocate for transformational change.

M: We need to make some waves - positive waves of change. ACT has a role both in attending to urgent needs and striving for everyone to be able to enjoy basic rights in future.

A: Transformation also means switching our thinking. The economy is a human system that should work for people and the planet. Our advocacy strategy is solutions focused. That's really

important. We know what works from our members' experience in their communities.

M: And we are all advocates. We all try to influence each other; it's part of being human. One of the things we say in the ACT Advocacy Academy is that advocacy can be as big as your creativity can reach.

A: It's opening the discussion. Advocacy can be local, it can be behind the scenes, it can be private; there are all these different mechanisms.

M: Informal and silent advocacy can be much more impactful than any visible external advocacy. It is crucial for members to consider when to say yes or no to advocacy and to do a risk analysis.

Q: What are the challenges and opportunities facing ACT's advocacy programme?

M: A major challenge is the toxic anti-NGO or anti-civil action narrative that now permeates society. Governments are cutting

funding for the lifesaving work we do. The same negative undertone comes from fundamentalist groups that are backtracking hard won human rights. It's hard to avert more damage because a narrative has a life of its own. Yet this is also an opportunity for ACT. We are a faith actor promoting human rights as part of a transformative approach to sustainable development.

We can push back against the pushbacks. ACT is unapologetic about our support to International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, and their principles.

A: We speak to the moral and ethical dimension of issues, and we have the technical expertise to be credible. Holding faith and rights together gives us a strong platform.

M: How to maintain hope is also part of our role as faith actors. We can hope for a better future, and we can be the change that we want to see in the world. I see that as part of ACT being prophetic.



PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT



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“We bring members in the Global South to speak to the UN in New York and at other global forums. Equipping them to tell their own powerful stories is a central part of our advocacy work.”

—Alison Kelly.

Addressing COVID vaccine inequity

By early 2022, it was clear that global COVID-19 vaccine distribution was not as rapid as the virus’ mutation and spread. Most doses of the vaccines were acquired by and administered in developed countries. The most vulnerable people, especially in developing nations, were yet again left behind.

ACT responded by continuing to advocate for vaccine equity and addressing vaccine hesitancy. We published resources and hosted regional workshops on Vaccine Equity and Hesitancy in the Africa and Asia Pacific regions. ACT called on governments to support the creation of a binding treaty on pandemic preparedness. ACT’s General Secretary, as a civil society representative to the COVAX facility, pushed [its funders] to make sure that vaccines reach those in developing nations.

New Advocacy Package

Developed over three years with ACT’s advocacy and policy reference group, an approvals process for all documents produced under the ACT banner was piloted in 2022.

Created for forums and all groups of ACT Alliance members that want to do joint advocacy, it is part of a new advocacy package meant to ensure that ACT always speaks with one united voice with coherent and mutually reinforcing language.

Member suggestions led to adjustments and user-friendly resources and design templates along with a forum-centred advocacy guidance, all part of the final package to be launched in 2023.



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“Faith actors have a fundamental role to play in tackling misinformation, enhancing confidence and calling out vaccine apartheid.”

—Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, ACT Alliance General Secretary.

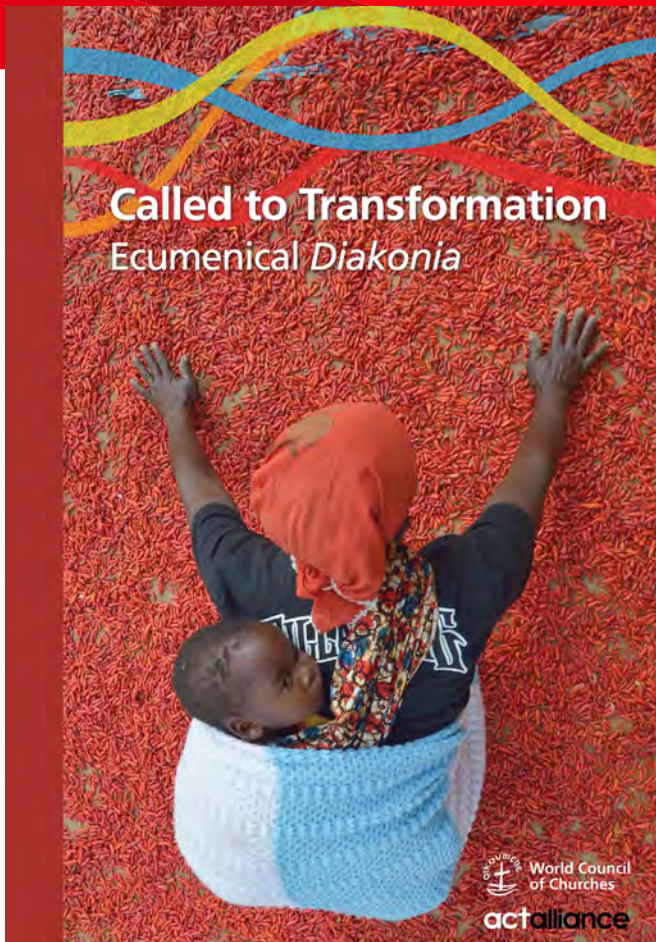


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“Just stop, even for 30 minutes, and brainstorm jointly as a Forum about what you mean by risk, what the potential wins and drawbacks could be, and consider the different ways you could act. I think everyone should carve out at least ten percent of their time to think about advocacy.”

—Dr. Marianna Leite.

Ecumenical Commitments



Called to Transformation

The publication *Called to Transformation – Ecumenical Diakonia* provides both a common platform for churches and ecumenical partners to act and reflect together, and a theological foundation for the humanitarian and development work of ACT members around the world. Published by ACT Alliance and the World Council of Churches, it will help churches and specialized ministries address the complex issues facing humanity today.



Called to Transformation – Ecumenical Diakonia not only helps churches to share ideas and lessons with each other, but also offers a prophetic perspective of being a church in challenging times. This is motivating the joint work of churches and church-related organizations to promote justice, inclusion, and solidarity.”

—ACT General Secretary Rudelmar Bueno de Faria.

ACT at the World Council of Churches General Assembly



Under the theme “Christ’s love moves the world to reconciliation and unity,” the WCC’s 11th Assembly drew more than 4,000 WCC members from around the world to Karlsruhe, Germany. ACT Alliance hosted a large networking space at the event to introduce participants to the work of the alliance and its members. ACT’s daily lunch time presentations called ACT O’ Clock featured panel discussions with members on topics such as gender justice and climate justice, ecumenical diakonia, and decolonization. ACT members and staff were on hand to answer delegate questions about ACT.

PHOTOS: Simon Chambers/ACT

Emergency Preparedness

and Humanitarian Response



▲ Dox, a Bernese Mountain dog, visits displaced children every week. Playing with the dog helps them regain a sense of normalcy.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

Ukraine

The Russian Federation launched a military offensive against Ukraine on 24 February. By October, close to 14 million refugee movements were recorded out of Ukraine, with more than 7.6 million Ukrainian refugees across Europe and 4.2 million registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes. A further 7.1 million people had been displaced internally within Ukraine, and 15,247 civilian casualties had been recorded.

Throughout 2022 shelling and missile attacks caused destruction, civilian injuries and deaths. Hostilities destroyed critical infrastructure, leaving millions without access to basic lifelines such as health services, water, electricity and gas supplies. The massive devastation in urban centres and the destruction of civilian infrastructure made life unbearable.

The initial ACT appeal for Ukraine was 21,604,347 USD, requested by alliance members HEKS/EPER, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Lutheran World Federation and the Europe forum. Updated ACT appeals later in the year, included AIDRom and CWS members and requested a further 26,844,987 USD to meet the increasing needs of those suffering from the effects of the war. ACT members also responded bilaterally and through their own programming, reaching over 700,000 people in 2022.

▶ Dasha (right) opened the doors of her home to Natalia and her family at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. ACT member HEKS has provided the family with vouchers for food, clothes, and other goods, and fuel.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT



Local presence leads to early response

ACT members were already active in Ukraine and nearby countries in early 2022. They were able to respond quickly to both the immediate and longer-term needs of people displaced within Ukraine and those who fled to surrounding countries, making this one of the swiftest responses ACT has had to a crisis.



DID YOU KNOW?

Almost all Ukrainians who have found refuge in other countries are women and children. Physically fit men aged 18 to 60 are subject to conscription and must stay in Ukraine.



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“We call for a humanitarian funding system which is based on justice and solidarity, which does not discriminate on any basis – region, race, religion, gender – but responds to need as quickly and robustly as the Ukraine response has.”

—Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, ACT General Secretary.

PROTRACTED CRISES

The humanitarian needs are dire in Syria, South Sudan, and among Rohingya refugees in Myanmar, to name just a few. Millions of people are displaced in and around Afghanistan and DRC. While billions in aid are flowing to Ukraine and its people, the same cannot be said for those facing other crises.

Severe drought in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia

The Horn of Africa is experiencing an historic multi-year severe drought, leading to a protracted crisis in the region. The rainy season of 2022 was recorded as the driest in over 40 years, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 43,000 people.

The drought has been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, desert locusts, and a surge in food and commodity prices due to the conflict in Ukraine. In Somalia alone, over half a million people fled their homes in search of food and water in the first few months of the year.



▲ Fatuma Abdinoor Hussein and her children left their home village in Somalia due to the drought.

PHOTO: Mohamed Abdihakim Ismail/ACT

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“Over 14 million people across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya – about half of them children – are already on the verge of starvation. This number will rise to 20 million by the middle of 2022 if the rains continue to fail, prices continue to rise, and significant funds are not surged to meet the needs of those in crisis.”

—April 2022 statement by ACT and more than 50 NGOs working in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

▼ Maryam Husam lives in Mosul, Iraq, a city destroyed by fighting.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT



Iraq: the crisis continues

Iraq's protracted humanitarian crisis originated with the 2014-2018 ISIS conflict and led to the forced displacement of over 6 million people. The impact of the conflict is still felt today. Displacement, the destruction of basic infrastructure, violent conflicts and insecurity, protection violations, and few livelihood opportunities for survivors are made worse by Iraq's current political and economic crisis. Adding to the difficulties, Iraq is ranked among the top five countries most affected by climate change. Temperatures above 50°C are becoming common, a new extreme.



▲ Qasim Yahia Ali lives in the old city of Mosul, Iraq. In the wake of war, he moved back into the old city and lived in the ruins.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

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In the multi-faith Middle East, each religion has historically had its own family law. As well, each Christian church has its own church law. In Jordan there are six different church laws governing family issues like divorce, custody and inheritances.

Middle East and North Africa



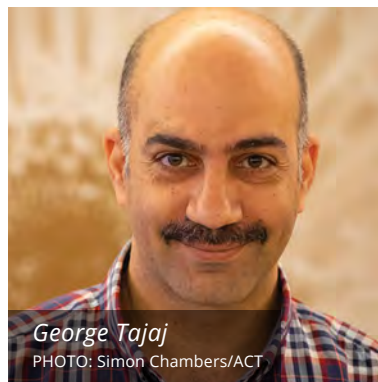
▲ MENA members at COP27.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

Three questions for Rachel Luce, ACT Alliance Regional Representative for the MENA region and George Majaj, ACT's Humanitarian Programme Advisor for MENA.

What are some of the key issues facing the region?

Rachel: There are several protracted crises in the region. Linked to that is mass migration. Educated people are leaving, as is the Christian minority. The Christian migration is really on the hearts and minds of our local members, as this is where the historic churches are located. We also see big changes in the social fabric, and you lose the value of diversity. Migration is a big concern for all the members, along with the conflicts and ongoing wars.



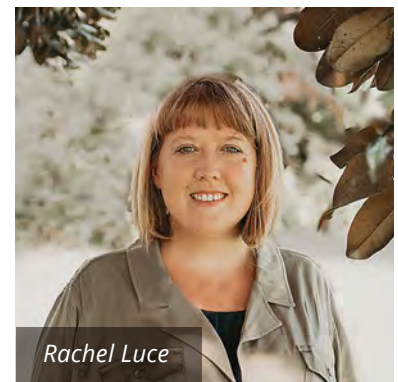
George Tajaj

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

George: Most of the crises are becoming protracted. There are fewer political ways to end these issues – for example in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Palestine. There's a lack of interest from funders and media. The political will at home and abroad is not there to solve the protracted crises in most of the countries in MENA, and that has a negative effect on communities.

How do members in the region work together?

R: In the Middle East, national forums meet monthly to discuss



Rachel Luce

what they're working on, joint areas of action such as training, what they're hearing from other platforms they're involved in, and how they might coordinate advocacy. The forums consist of country directors or their deputies. Iraq and Jerusalem have extended their forums so that faith-based agencies can join.

The MENA Communities of Practice (CoPs), such as Gender Justice and Climate Justice, are connected to the forums. Each national forum sends at least one delegate to a MENA CoP. These

Middle East and North Africa



◀ **The harbour in Gaza City.** Gaza sits beside the Mediterranean, but Palestinian fishers have been harassed by the Israeli army despite agreements to allow fishing. This affects fishers' livelihoods and safety.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

are usually the thematic experts. MENA CoPs meet monthly and discuss aspects of the work they want to do together. They go to in-person events, such as trainings, and then report back to their Forum.

What are the opportunities you see in the region?

The MENA Gender Justice CoP wants to influence change in Christian family law in the Middle East. For Christians, family law is governed by their church, and it covers inheritances, marriage, divorce, custody, and similar issues. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) changed their church's family law a few years ago. The MENA Gender Justice CoP wants to see similar

change across the region. They started with a study on Jordan's church family laws. After hearing the consultant's questions, the churches they interviewed decided to look into changing their laws. No one knew their own laws until they went to court to find out.

One of the MENA Gender Justice CoP's goals is to ensure family inheritances are divided equally between men and women and that women aren't pressured into signing away their inheritance rights. They also want family laws to be transparent and accessible. Changing these laws makes real, true change in the lives of people.

MENA's **Climate Justice CoP** is growing every year. Season of Creation is on fire in the

Middle East right now, which is amazing. ACT MENA members also invested a lot in Egypt's COP27. Now they're talking about how to engage after Dubai's COP28 in 2023. They're showing a commitment to global negotiations in the long term.

In MENA, we started by training members in country-specific multi-stakeholder dialogues where specialists reviewed adaptation, climate financing and mitigation. Once they understood climate justice at a country level, members engaged regionally because they could see the intersections. Now they're making the link to the global level. They see how the fight at one UN COP can lead to additional financing and how they can push for climate ambition.



▼ *An ecumenical service was held before COP27 at the Heavenly Cathedral, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.*

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

Local members advance advocacy at home

ACT Alliance welcomed a new Syrian member in 2022: GOPA-DERD (Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East).

Local members are organisations indigenous to the region or country in which they work. "Local members engage very quickly in the CoPs. They see the value of advocacy and the ACT programmes," says Rachel Luce, MENA Regional Representative. "They have been championing local voices here and internationally and they advance advocacy in their own country. They see this work as their long-term commitment to their country and to their people."

Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon's youth reflect on the Season of Creation symbol - the Burning Bush



▲ As part of their “walk to listen to the voice of creation,” Lebanon church youth reflect on the symbolism of the Season of Creation's burning bush.

PHOTO: MECC/ACT

“Countries are suffering from hunger and poverty and [some] are excessively rich. People are being killed and abused, and others are taking advantage of this situation to increase their richness and profits... I am sorry for our spiritual illnesses, and I am sorry for the wars which are killing humanity... on the land chosen by the Lord as the Garden of Eden...”

—His Beatitude Patriarch
Raphaël Bedros XXI Minassian,
Armenian Catholic Church on the
Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond to the cry of Creation. The global ecumenical family unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. It begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. ACT Alliance has been part of the Season of Creation for many years. The Season's initiatives encourage individual ACT members' advocacy to influence

decisions at global climate meetings such as the UNFCCC COP that follows shortly after the Celebration is completed.

The Middle East Council of Churches translated the Celebration Guide into Arabic, a first, and encouraged its members to participate. In Lebanon, church youth walked in nature to “listen to the voice of creation.” Hosted by MECC, the activity inaugurated a series of celebrations throughout MENA.

▼ Syrian women in a refugee camp in Jordan learn sewing and tailoring skills.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT



Restoring livelihoods for refugees

ACT Alliance member Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) established a small business startup loan programme for Syrian refugees living in Jordan but found that the refugees' high debt levels hampered success. DSPR decided to focus instead on helping refugees graduate from poverty, an approach that had been tried with Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Gaza. Programme participants now receive cash support for necessities for the first six to eight months and then receive training in topics such as life skills and starting a small business. They can then access loans and grants to establish a small business and are more able to repay loans.

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Asia and the Pacific



▲ Community members and local authorities came together to learn how to prepare for emergencies.

PHOTO: LWSIT/ACT

Climate Justice Resilience Award

The Tri-Boundary project won the ACT Resilience Award for community-based solutions for climate-related flooding and soil erosion on two river systems. Lutheran World Federation Nepal and Lutheran World Service India Trust partnered with RDRS Bangladesh on the project. The river systems cross the Nepali, Indian and Bangladeshi borders. In the past, floods have caused massive losses, including to human life.

The project has led to a coordinated and effective early warning system for floods and fostered disaster response relationships between river communities and various levels of government in the three countries. Communities have benefitted from safety training and now cultivate indigenous plants to stabilize the banks of the rivers.



PHOTO: Sahar Zafar/CWSA

Pakistan: Massive floods linked to climate change

Massive flooding in Pakistan left 2.1 million people homeless and 6.4 million people in need of aid. More than 1,739 people died, including 647 children, and an additional 12,867 were injured. The floods destroyed an estimated 50 percent of crops. The flood is one of the costliest natural disasters in world history. The immediate causes were linked to a changing climate: heavier-than-usual monsoon rains and melting glaciers following a severe heat wave. ACT Alliance members Community World Service Asia and Norwegian Church Aid raised an ACT appeal for USD 4,272,493 to respond to the needs of flood affected communities. The funds were to cover essential needs, medical clinics, water and sanitation.



▶ ACT member Norwegian Church Aid responds to Pakistan's massive monsoon floods with humanitarian assistance.

PHOTO: RDF/ACT



▶ ACT member CWSA's mobile clinic brings health care to communities devastated by the floods in Pakistan.

PHOTO: CWSA/ACT

Spotlight: Gender

The Pacific Australia and New Zealand Forum (PANZ) developed a series of workshops facilitated by Pacific-based gender experts to increase faith-based organisations' capacity to advance gender equality, through robust gender equality and safeguarding policies and mechanisms, and by addressing harmful social norms.

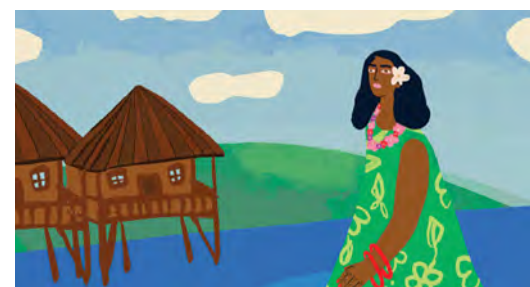
The PANZ Forum also addressed context-specific issues. For instance, the project helped women and girls in logging communities fight sexual exploitation, become aware of their rights and increase their access to protection and reporting services. They also closed a data gap on women



▶ Women like these in the Philippines could benefit from gender solutions specific to their situations.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

and girls by developing a gender analysis for the provincial women's council and the Ministry of Women.



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▲ Modesta Roca, Alba Canabi, and Catarin Seron – three generations of Guarani indigenous women in the village of Mberirenda, Bolivia.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

Latin America and the Caribbean SPOTLIGHT

ACT member Hora de Obrar’s ecological project worked with communities in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. Using theological reflection, communities of faith were encouraged to care for our common home through innovations such as organic growing practices and fair trade.

“When we increase the number of trees and use alternative agricultural production methods, there is more resilience to the changing climate. Local communities are engaged in concrete actions that may not have a big impact globally but are essential for them. They are developing solutions.” Romario Dohmann, ecological coordinator, Hora de Obrar, Argentina.



Gender Justice

The regional Gender Justice Community of Practice assembly in Peru included a theological working group who helped strengthen the theological basis of the region’s gender plans. Three sub-groups are working on economic justice, gender-

based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The LAC region’s roadmap for gender justice includes:

- A more gender-just distribution of power
- Adapting gender policies to specific contexts
- Mainstreaming gender justice.

Migration and displacement

ACT met with key regional actors working on migration and displacement. ACT also attended the Como nacido entre nosotros (As if born among us) campaign’s training. Its goal is to strengthen the capacity of LAC churches and faith-based organisations in protecting and promoting the rights of migrants.

Climate Justice

LAC Forum members took part in the regional consultation for Stockholm+50. This international meeting was hosted by Sweden and Kenya to increase adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Members from across the region were enthusiastic virtual followers of COP27. This has increased the awareness of ACT’s Climate Justice advocacy and global climate events among an increasing number of LAC members.



▲ ▲ ACT member Hora de Obrar of Argentina is planting 300 hectares of trees in the Misiones district of Argentina through the Crece Selva Misionera project. Reforestation will replace trees destroyed by wildfires.

PHOTO: Hora de Obrar/ACT

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Africa

South Sudan Action Plan for Peace

The ACT Africa office participated in the review of the 2015 Action Plan for Peace with the South Sudan Council of Churches and other ecumenical partners. The meeting affirmed the need for church unity, healing and reconciliation, and advocacy to support a revitalized peace agreement.



◀ Nyayany Kuetu and her daughter Nyapal pose with one of the cabbage plants in their garden in Nyikan, a small village along the Akobo River in South Sudan.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT.



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A Call to Silence the Guns in Africa

“We urge Africa’s heads of state to fulfil their commitments to silence the guns and foster peace in their countries, and to strengthen collaboration and partnerships at all levels.” Elizabeth Kisiigha Zimba, ACT Alliance Regional Representative for Africa and focal point for Peace and Human Security, in a letter to the African Union heads of state prior to their 35th summit.

▼ Tanzania held an advocacy meeting focused on youth-led climate engagement.

PHOTO: ACT



▲ Women sing enthusiastically during a worship gathering of the Presbyterian Church in Akobo, South Sudan.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

Climate Justice

To mark Africa Climate Week, ACT hosted an African faith leaders’ climate justice strategy meeting and organized a faith actors’ climate justice side event.

Tanzania, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe held advocacy meetings focused on youth-led climate engagement. Results included greater youth advocacy capacity, an advocacy roadmap and youth-created climate messages.



Gender Justice

The Africa Gender Justice Community of Practice launched a process to support ACT members with their gender policies. The Africa CoP will now focus on institution-specific Gender Justice policies and strengthen the role of Forums in gender policy.

Peace and Human Security

New African Peace and Human Security Community of Practice

Following an Africa regional Peace and Human Security workshop, African ACT forums created the Peace and Human Security Community of Practice for Africa.

The path forward

The following key priorities for the Peace and Human Security Reference Group and the Secretariat are based on survey results and recommendations from the 2021 global webinar, and the support of the P&HS Reference Group.

They include developing:

- regional Peace and Human Security Communities of Practice where there is member interest,
- regular webinars for peer learning,
- a repository for materials and resources for access by members,
- capacity building,
- policy advocacy on Peace and Human Security.



▲ Two men shake hands on the bridge in Kuron, South Sudan. The bridge was constructed to facilitate better communication between different ethnic communities.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

◀ A cattle keeper carries an AK-47 as he escorts his cows. Kuron is a remote community in South Sudan's Eastern Equatoria State. The region has been plagued by cattle raiding and child abduction in recent years. The Peace Village is supported by ACT member Norwegian Church Aid.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

Religious Leaders in Peace Building

Led by Norwegian Church Aid, the Peace and Human Security Reference Group and the ACT Secretariat hosted a webinar on The Role of Religious Leaders in Peace Building

Collaborations: Gender Justice and Humanitarian work

ACT's Peace and Human Security focal point and the Gender Justice team are exploring integrated programming with the ACT South Sudan Forum. The focal point also met with the ACT Humanitarian programme team to look at integrating approaches, especially in protracted crises.



▼ A tailor in the market in Akobo, South Sudan.

PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY/ACT

Climate Justice

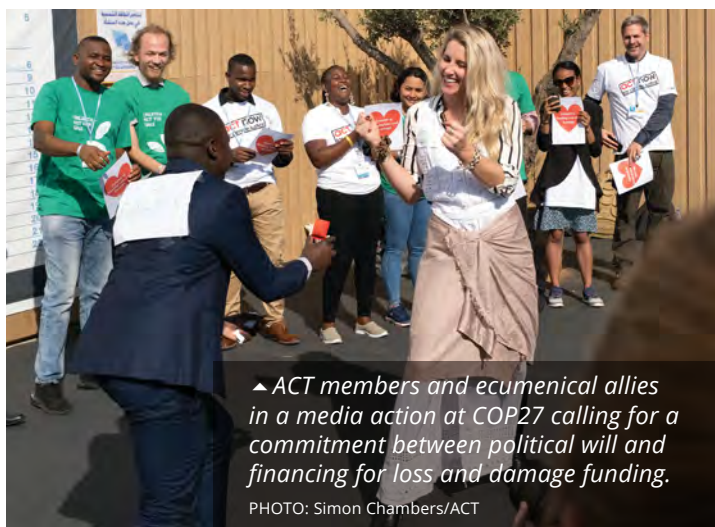


▲ Members of the MENA Climate Justice CoP co-organised a side event at the first UN MENA Climate Week in preparation for Egypt's COP27.

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A major win at COP27: Commitment to a loss and damage facility

ACT COP27 delegates and ACT members from around the world witnessed a huge success at the annual global climate conference, held in Egypt. After 30 years of effort on the part of lesser-developed nations, with support from groups like the ACT Alliance, the nations at COP27 agreed to establish a loss and damage facility. Once it is designed and funded, vulnerable communities should be able to access funds to replace what they lose due to the effects of the climate crisis.



▲ ACT members and ecumenical allies in a media action at COP27 calling for a commitment between political will and financing for loss and damage funding.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

“ VOICES

“ACT Alliance is very happy for this political breakthrough. Those most affected by climate change should no longer feel forgotten. The global community has acknowledged their needs and agreed to act.”

—Mattias Söderberg, co-chair of the ACT Alliance Climate Justice Reference Group.

New fund

Members of ACT Alliance in Canada created a pool of funds for projects in Eastern and Southern Africa, with which the Alliance established a Locally Led Climate Fund (ACT – LLCF). The fund, with a representative governing structure, will support national and local climate action in these regions through ACT's Locally Led Climate Fund.

Gender Justice



▲ Gender justice is climate justice at COP27.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

At global forums

The gender programme worked with ACT members as a collective prophetic voice for justice at the 66th UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66). As its subject was gender transformative climate justice, ACT delegates spoke of their national and regional work to increase understanding of the climate crisis's impact on women and girls.

ACT delegates also participated in the 55th Commission on Population and Development which focused on sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

ACT General Secretary Rudelmar Bueno de Faria participated in the launch of the report of the ICPD25 Nairobi Summit, in which ACT was recognised for its role in harnessing the values-based power of faith actors to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

The links between gender and climate were made forcefully by ACT members at COP27, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

“ VOICES

“Young women and girls in disaster-stricken areas are more prone to gender-based violence. Policies based on mutual agreement, mutual respect, and recognition of territorial and patrimonial rights are needed, or the climate crisis will only increase the ongoing economic crisis that endangers the lives of all people. Climate and gender justice are not stand-alone issues but are centred around civil and economic justice.”

Patricia Mungcal, co-chair of ACT's Youth CoP, before CSW66.



▲ Patricia Mungcal.

PHOTO: Simon Chambers/ACT

Gender Justice

GENDER JUSTICE IS CLIMATE JUSTICE



Red Bench campaign, 16 Days

ACT promoted the Red Bench campaign during 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV), the annual international campaign that begins on November 25. The Red Bench campaign originated in Italy and has been used by ACT members in Latin America. An empty red bench is a symbol of resistance to GBV and of solidarity with survivors and victims of violence. It also reminds us of those we have lost to violence.



VOICES

“Now I stand up for the rights of my daughters and daughters-in-law and encourage them to speak up too. Women ... suffer physically and emotionally as pregnancy affects their physical and mental health. I encourage them to adopt child spacing.”

—Reha, an Afghan refugee living in Pakistan, participated in ACT member Community World Service Asia’s Gender Justice sessions.



▲ Rev. Rima Nasrallah.
PHOTO: MECC.



VOICES

“In all the historical events that shaped Christianity, women were at the centre. So, when secular women meet with women theologians, they discover they have much in common: a similar struggle.”

—Rima Nasrallah, Middle East Council of Churches and ACT Governing Board member.

Migration and Displacement

Linking migration and climate change

The changing climate leads to increasing migration and displacement. In 2022, the climate justice and migration and displacement programmes worked with ACT's Africa forums to plan future joint research.

► Yazidi children in a camp for internally displaced persons in Iraq's Kurdistan region. Although ISIS was militarily defeated in 2017 and compensation can now be applied for, it is estimated more than 200,000 Yazidis are still internally displaced across this region.

PHOTO: Paul Jeffrey/ACT



UN PROCESSES

ACT continues to be a thought-leader in global processes on climate-induced migration and mixed migration flows.

■ Alliance members were delegates at the International **Migration Review Forum (IMRF)** in New York where they spoke to the need for regular pathways for migration to improve protection.

They also elaborated the links between climate change and migration.

- The alliance advocated for regular pathways and the connection between migration and climate change in the **UN Network on Migration (UNNM)** and its working groups.
- ACT successfully worked with the **UNHCR-NGO Global**

Consultations to include the themes of climate change and localisation. ACT co-organised a side event focused on women's experiences of climate displacement and strengthening the resilience of local communities.

- ACT provided comments on the **UN Secretary General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement**.

► Following destruction caused by a hurricane, a child's doll remains behind in Chamelecón, San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

PHOTO: Sean Hawkey/ACT



▲ At the Lviv, Ukraine railway station, the trains are full as people flee for safety in the early days of war.

PHOTO: Antti Yrjönen/FinnChurchAid



VOICES

"Climate change has led to more frequent and more intense natural disasters. This has had a direct impact primarily on women and their families. When women, girls and boys are forced to go on the migration route, they are exposed to human trafficking ... We ask countries to provide more protection and some humanitarian aid."

— Mercedes Perez, Honduras ACT member
CASM (Mennonite Social Action Committee).

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.

▼ ACT members at Core Humanitarian Standards training, Lebanon, 2022.

PHOTO: MECC



Key highlights

Action Plan to close gaps

ACT has started to develop an evidence-based action plan for closing accountability and compliance gaps among our members. These gaps were highlighted in previous Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) audits and annual member surveys. A proposal for an action plan to guide the ACT Alliance towards closing these gaps will be presented to ACT's Governing Board in 2023.

Pilot project

A pilot project on CHS self-assessment was developed with and supported by ACT member Kerk in Actie. It was launched to support national/local members. Of the twenty-four applications received, one member each from Asia and Africa and two from Latin America were selected to participate in 2023.



Did you know?

E-courses and regular learning events are available on the Fabo ACT Learn platform. All members are encouraged to sign up and participate. [Fabo.org/act](https://fabo.org/act)

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FORUMS

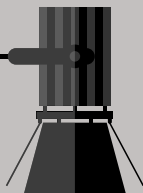
the heart of the Alliance



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

ACT Forums:

- The ACT Kenya Forum and the Kenyan government held a national stakeholder meeting to prepare the country's positions for COP27 climate negotiations.
- The Asia-Pacific Regional Forum co-convoked an Asia-Pacific Workshop on Vaccine Equity and Hesitancy.
- The new Syria Forum met for the first time in person.



SPOTLIGHT

- The Ukraine Forum was created in response to the humanitarian needs caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

ACT Forums by region

Africa	18 national
Asia and the Pacific	8 national + 1 sub-regional
Europe	2 national + 1 regional
Latin America and the Caribbean	14 national
The Middle East and North Africa	5 national + 1 regional
North America	1 regional



Africa

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Asia and the Pacific

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Europe

2 national
1 regional



Latin America and the Caribbean

14 national



Middle East and North Africa

5 national
1 regional



North America

1 regional

Reference Groups and Communities of Practice

Reference Groups

Reference Groups continued to meet virtually in 2022, given the continuing health impacts of COVID-19, and were active throughout the year. The Advocacy and Policy Group, for example, worked on testing the new advocacy procedures with members and responding to feedback by developing support materials.



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 Chairs

Hilda Timmermann (Kerk in Actie) and Joseph Sahayam (CASA)



Gender Justice Chairs

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 Chair

Andrew Fuys (Church World Service)



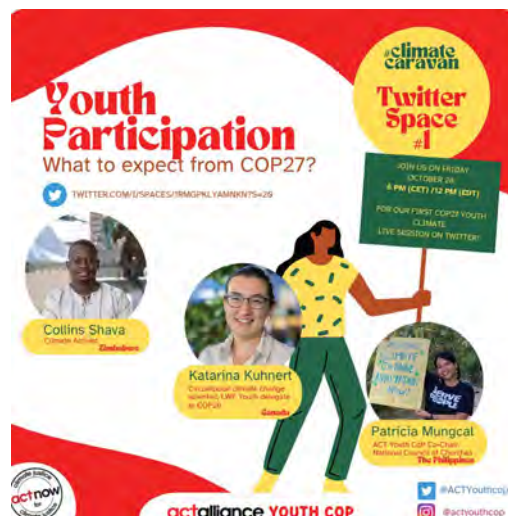
Peace and Human Security Chair

Nishant Neel (CASA)



Quality and Accountability/Complaints Handling Chairs

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



ACT global youth Community of Practice joins COP27 virtually

The Global Youth CoP hosted a Climate Caravan on Twitter for COP27. It featured stories, statements, poems and artwork from ACT youth regarding the climate crisis. The Youth CoP also hosted a series of Twitter Live podcasts on the ACT Now for Climate Justice Twitter account.

Communities of Practice (CoPs)

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

Audited Accounts

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2022 USD	2022 CHF	2021 USD	2021 CHF
		0.9234		0.9132
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	7'169'349	6'619'959	6'506'876	5'942'190
Income receivable net	70'457	65'057	159'016	145'217
Staff advances	24'719	22'825	19'038	17'386
Other debtors	186'712	172'405	149'185	136'238
Total Current Assets	7'451'237	6'880'246	6'834'116	6'241'031
Non Current Assets				
Software at cost	149'522	138'064	149'522	136'546
Software accumulated depreciation	- 34'888	- 32'215	- 4'984	- 4'552
Total Non Current Assets	114'634	105'849	144'538	131'994
TOTAL ASSETS	7'565'871	6'986'095	6'978'654	6'373'025
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	297'651	274'842	438'538	400'480
Other creditors	189'379	174'867	142'542	131'086
Accrued expenses	139'556	128'862	213'998	195'427
Funds received in advance (Unspent earmarked contribution)	1'595'274	1'473'027	1'523'448	1'391'238
Total Current Liabilities	2'221'860	2'051'598	2'319'526	2'118'230
Funds in Trust				
Appeal funds	2'921'966	2'698'055	4'063'146	3'710'534
Total Funds in Trust	2'921'966	2'698'055	4'063'146	3'710'534
Own Funds				
General Reserve				
Restricted Reserve as of 01.01	574'392	518'814	574'392	518'814
Restricted Reserve from Solidarity Fund	174'813	161'417	-	-
Restricted Reserve for Humanitarian Mechanism (SMC)	1'338'089	1'235'550	-	-
Total Restricted Reserve	2'087'293	1'915'781	574'392	518'814
Unrestricted Reserve at 01.01	21'589	23'585	161'115	151'139
Total Unrestricted Reserve	21'589	23'585	161'115	151'139
Result of Operations for the Year	313'163	300'583	39'262	35'893
Prior Year Adjustment	-	-	- 178'787	- 163'447
Cumulative Translation Adjustment	-	3'508	-	1'861
Total General Reserve	2'422'045	2'236'442	595'981	544'260
Total Own Funds	2'422'045	2'236'442	595'981	544'260
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS	7'565'871	6'986'095	6'978'654	6'373'025

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together (the association), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022, and the statement of income and expenditure, the movement in general reserves for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.


In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements comply with Swiss law and the association's articles of incorporation.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with article 69b paragraph 3 CC in connection with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and PS-CH 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists which has been designed for the preparation of the financial statements according to the instructions of the Governing Board.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

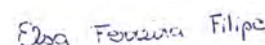
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Marc Secretan

Licensed audit expert
Auditor in charge

Geneva, 9 May 2023



Elsa Ferreira Filipe

Licensed audit expert

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2022		2021	
	USD	CHF	USD	CHF
INCOME				
Fees				
Forum fees	18'500	17'757	39'482	34'266
Income based fees (IBF)	1'690'625	1'622'714	1'539'335	1'409'088
International coordination fees (ICF)	133'342	127'986	408'970	373'881
Total Fees	1'842'467	1'768'457	1'987'787	1'817'235
Member Contributions and Donor Funds				
Voluntary contributions unearmarked	697'436	669'420	950'445	858'815
Other income	103	99	42'199	48'660
Funds earmarked to projects & programmes	1'893'638	1'817'573	1'945'257	1'778'354
Solidarity fund contributions	324'813	311'765	-	-
ACT Europe Forum funds for Ukraine Appeal	353'797	339'585	-	-
Appeals income net of SMC & ICF	32'936'424	31'613'404	11'854'726	10'837'590
Secretariat monitoring and coordination cost (SMC) income	2'259'457	2'168'697	-	-
Total Member Contributions and Donor Funds	38'465'666	36'920'543	14'792'627	13'523'419
Total Income	40'308'134	38'689'001	16'780'414	15'340'654
EXPENSES				
Core Costs:				
Staff costs	1'517'703	1'456'738	2'059'429	1'882'730
Office costs	405'007	388'739	416'162	380'456
Depreciation costs	29'904	28'703	4'984	4'556
Activity costs	202'892	194'742	171'108	156'427
Provision for doubtful debts and write off	31'975	30'691	37'396	34'188
General Assembly costs	7'257	6'986	22'029	20'139
Project and Programme Costs:				
Climate Justice Programme 1	404'365	388'142	339'585	310'449
Gender Justice Programme 2	1'096'950	1'052'886	1'177'463	1'076'437
Peace and Human Security Programme 3	23'915	22'955	17'544	16'039
Migration and Displacement Programme 4	132'179	126'869	161'480	147'625
Support to Faith Based CPDE - IBON Project	21'869	20'991	35'210	32'189
International Planned Parenthood Project	-	-	140'000	127'988
ACT Learning Pilot Project	47'032	45'143	38'449	35'150
ACT Security Group	74'493	71'500	128'388	117'372
Quality & Accountability Project	12'000	11'518	-	-
Other projects	28'364	27'243	-	-
Humanitarian:				
Humanitarian Mechanism (SMC) costs	931'217	893'811	-	-
Appeals disbursements	32'936'424	31'613'404	11'854'726	10'837'590
Total Expenses	37'903'587	36'381'042	16'603'953	15'179'334
Operating Result	2'404'547	2'307'959	176'460	161'320
Exchange (Gain) / Loss Core budget	32'104	30'815	59'149	54'074
Intermediate Result before change in funds	2'372'443	2'277'144	117'311	107'246
Transfer to Restricted funds - project funds carry forward	- 52'431	- 50'325	- 78'049	- 71'353
Transfer to Restricted funds for Humanitarian Mechanism (SMC)	1'338'089	1'284'339	-	-
Transfer to Funds in Trust	493'948	474'106	-	-
Transfer to Restricted funds	174'813	167'791	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE ALLOCATIONS	313'163	300'583	39'262	35'893
Prior Year Adjustment	-	-	(178'787)	(163'447)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER ALLOCATIONS	313'163	300'583	(139'525)	(127'554)



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NCA - Changemaker Norway

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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)

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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 ACT Ubumbano

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)

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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)

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

Indonesia Maha Bhoga Marga Foundation (MBM)

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)

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Belgium Solidarité Protestante (SP)

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

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Finland Finn Church Aid/Kirkon Ulkomaanapu (FCA)

Finland Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)

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Germany Bread for the World (BfW)
Germany Moravian Mission Society/ Herrnhuter Missionshilfe (HMH)
Germany Mission EineWelt
Greece APOSTOLI
Hungary Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)
Iceland Icelandic Church Aid (ICA)
The Netherlands ICCO (merged with ICCO Cooperation)
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 Swiss Church Aid (HEKS-EPER) (merged with Bread for All November 2021)
UK and Ireland Christian Aid (CA)

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Brazil Diaconia Brazil
Brazil Fundação Luterana de Diaconia (FLD)
Brazil KOINONIA Presença Ecuménica e Serviço
Bolivia Asociación Boliviana Uniendo Manos por la Vida (RED UMAVIDA)
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Dominican Rep. Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID)
El Salvador Asociación Cristiana de Educación y Desarrollo (ALFALIT)
El Salvador Salvadorian Lutheran Synod (SLS)
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Haiti Service chrétien d’Haiti (SCH)
Honduras Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)
Honduras Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)
Nicaragua Centro Intereclesial de Estudios Teológicas y Sociales (CIEETS)
Nicaragua Council of Evangelical Churches /Consejo de Iglesias Proalianza Denominacional (CEPAD)
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Lebanon Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)
Palestine Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSRP)
Palestine The East Jerusalem YMCA (EJ-YMCA)
Syria Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD)

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)

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A photograph of two young girls standing in a field of green foliage. The girl on the left is wearing a red dress with a white floral pattern and has her arms crossed. The girl on the right is wearing a brown dress with large green and red circular patterns and a matching headscarf. Both girls are looking directly at the camera with neutral expressions.

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Toposa girls in the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron, a remote community in South Sudan's Eastern Equatoria State. The Peace Village is supported by ACT Alliance member Norwegian Church Aid.

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