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PHOTO: ACT / Nakivale, Uganda. The group, which named itself "Me for You", comes together for mutual support with regards to their mental health, but also pooling money together to support each other.



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Letter from the GENERAL SECRETARY



2025 was a year marked not only by deepening crises, but also by a growing struggle over the values that shape our world. Across regions, we witnessed rising geopolitical polarisation, the continued erosion of multilateral cooperation, and the expansion of anti-rights groups that misuse religion to justify exclusion, inequality, and division. These trends are interconnected and are increasingly reshaping systems in ways that challenge justice, solidarity, and collective action.

A defining priority for ACT Alliance in 2025 was the continued advancement of localisation. Our membership reaffirmed its commitment to shifting power, resources, and decision-

making closer to communities. Central to this effort was the **Rapid Response Fund**, which has emerged as a defining mechanism of the Alliance enabling timely, locally-led responses across diverse contexts, from small to medium-scale emergencies. More than a funding tool, it reflects a broader shift towards trust, legitimacy, and the recognition of local leadership as essential to effective humanitarian action.

At the global level, ACT actively contributed to shaping policy debates on the future of humanitarian action. Through our engagement in the Panel on the Future of Humanitarian Action, convened by ODI Global and NEAR, we supported the development of a shared vision for a more inclusive, accountable, and locally grounded humanitarian ecosystem. Our contributions through vision-setting, policy engagement, and dialogue with key government donors across Europe emphasised the importance of localisation, while reaffirming the need for a strong and functional multilateral system. Central to this work was a renewed focus on legitimacy: recognising the critical role of local and faith-based actors in building trust and delivering impact.

ACT Alliance also **expanded its engagement beyond traditional humanitarian and development spaces. Through participation in the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Faith in Action**, we brought ethical and values-based perspectives into global discussions on issues such as climate change, artificial intelligence, and economic justice. In a world increasingly divided, this engagement reflects our commitment to advancing moral frameworks that promote inclusion, social cohesion, and collective well-being across sectors.

We also strengthened partnerships not only within the faith-based community, but also with secular movements and institutions, particularly in advancing gender justice and climate action. Recognition by the United Nations system, including invitations to participate in key human rights and policy platforms, reflects the value of our collective voice and the relevance of our work in today's complex landscape.

Yet, this progress unfolded within an increasingly challenging environment. The rise of regressive narratives continues to affect all areas of our work, from the rollback of gender rights and increasing violence against women, to climate denial, and the growing discrimination faced by people on the move. **These forces are not only dividing societies; they are weakening the very foundations of multilateralism and collective responsibility.**

In response, ACT Alliance strengthened its role as both a prophetic and practical actor combining principled advocacy with concrete action at community level. Across our programmes, we worked to resist exclusionary narratives, amplify rights-based approaches, and ensure that our efforts translated into meaningful improvements in the daily lives of the communities we serve.

Despite a difficult global funding landscape, marked by significant reductions in aid and shifting political priorities, the Alliance demonstrated resilience. **In a context where humanitarian needs continued to rise while available resources remain constrained, we recognised the urgency of a more sustainable and equitable funding model.** Through early strategic adjustments, transparent engagement with our membership, and a commitment to co-creation, we navigated these challenges while sustaining our impact. More importantly, we have continued to identify and create new opportunities, adapting to change while remaining anchored in our values.

As we look ahead to 2026, our path is clear. We must continue to defend and reimagine a multilateral ecosystem that is fair, inclusive, and functional. We must deepen partnerships across sectors, bringing together faith actors, civil society, governments, and the private sector to co-create solutions that reflect our shared humanity. And we must remain steadfast in our commitment to combining action with advocacy, ensuring that our voice continues to speak for justice, dignity, and solidarity.

Our faith reminds us that hope is not passive. It is active, relational, and courageous.

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria
General Secretary, ACT Alliance

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A large red circular graphic on the left side of the page, containing the title "ACT ALLIANCE BY THE NUMBERS" in white text. The background of the page is a photograph of four people (three men and one woman) standing outdoors in a rural setting. One man in the foreground is wearing a black clerical shirt and smiling. The woman next to him is wearing a patterned blue and white dress. The background shows a dirt path and green hills.

ACT ALLIANCE BY THE NUMBERS

ACT Alliance is a coalition of faith based organisations united by a shared commitment to justice, inclusion, and solidarity. Decolonising aid, by placing local leadership, values and knowledge at the centre of our work, remains the foundation of everything we do.

ACT Alliance has 164 member organisations working through regional and national Forums in 127 countries. These Forums coordinate members working in the same country or region, avoiding duplication and ensuring responses are locally driven and context specific.

Who is in the Alliance?

164

members
globally

127

countries

54

active
forums

6%

global organisations

(world-wide confessional
& ecumenical bodies)

21%

international organisations

(Global North church agencies
working internationally)

5%

regional organisations

(multi-country ecumenical
networks)

68%

national organisations

64%

Global South

30%

Global North

1

observer
member

Humanitarian Response in 2025

USD 8,670,711

(per the institutional audit report) mobilised for
humanitarian responses through appeals to:

33 members in 21 countries, responding to 16 crises.

Of these, 16 were local members.

USD 1,647,025.14

disbursed from the Rapid Response Fund to:

**19 local members in 14 countries, responding to
small and medium-scale emergencies.**



OUR THEMATIC AREAS OF FOCUS

PHOTO: ACT / Nakivale, Uganda. A typical refugee shelter in Uganda is made from a tarpaulin provided by UNHCR.

A photograph of a Climate March in Belem, Brazil. In the foreground, a woman wears a large, elaborate headdress made of blue feathers and a yellow beaded necklace. She has red body paint on her face and chest. To her left, a man in a green t-shirt with the word "oxente" is visible. In the background, other participants and police officers in riot gear are present.

PHOTO: ACT / Belem, Brazil. The Climate March brought tens of thousands into the streets of Belem, Brazil on the middle weekend of COP30 as faith actors, civil society, trade unions, and other activists called for urgent action on climate change and for climate justice.

CLIMATE JUSTICE

Weakening multilateralism, intensifying geopolitical competition, and widening inequality between the Global North and Global South continued to shape the global climate landscape in 2025. These dynamics strained implementation of the Paris Agreement and trust in the UNFCCC process with consequences for ambition on emissions reduction, adaptation, and support for communities facing loss and damage. Diverging positions between developed and developing countries, particularly on just transition and climate finance, underscored how much work in building support for a fair transition remains to be done.

This made coalition-based action more important. Faith actors, civil society organisations, and community-led initiatives sustained engagement and advanced climate justice narratives within fragmented policy spaces, with ACT Alliance serving as a bridge between local realities and global climate policy processes.

The Climate Justice Programme focused on deepening member engagement, strengthening evidence-informed advocacy, and linking local implementation with regional and global policy influencing. In 2025, the programme consolidated a model that integrates practice-based learning, research, and policy engagement, producing more grounded, context-specific advocacy at national level for regional and global level influencing.

The programme strengthened research-led advocacy at national level through evidence-based policy analyses, including the State of Adaptation Finance in Uganda, research on Loss and Damage in Malawi, and an assessment of Kenya's Climate-Smart Agriculture Strategy. These studies informed ACT Alliance's advocacy with national governments, regional ministerial platforms, and the UNFCCC process.

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS & COP30

ACT Alliance's global climate justice engagement in 2025 bridged technical policy influencing with coordinated faith-based advocacy, ensuring equity, justice, and lived experience informed global climate decision-making. ACT Alliance engaged in the UNFCCC process throughout 2025, including the Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) and COP30. Ahead of both, ACT convened its Climate Justice members through the Climate Justice Reference Group's Advocacy Working Group to develop shared advocacy positions and coordinated messaging on adaptation, climate finance, gender, just transition, and loss and damage. Sustained engagement with negotiators, Party delegations, and strategic partners amplified faith-based perspectives across multiple negotiation streams.

Beyond the UNFCCC, ACT's participation in the Finance in Common Summit and the OECD Environment and Climate Change Expert Forum positioned the Alliance within broader financial policy and tax justice debates, contributing to conversations on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) and evolving climate finance architecture.

ACT also contributed technical and policy inputs to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage and Financing for Development processes, grounding international policy design in member experience and field-level realities.

COP30 was a defining moment for this engagement. Alongside an ecumenical delegation, ACT supported coordinated advocacy, negotiation engagement, and media engagement throughout the conference, including structured engagement with multiple negotiation blocs and direct contributions to key decision texts on adaptation, climate finance, loss and damage, gender, and just transition.

COP30 also shaped public climate narratives. Through press releases, opinion pieces, and coverage across international and regional outlets, ACT helped elevate climate justice perspectives beyond negotiation spaces and into wider public discourse.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Africa

In Africa, the Climate Justice Programme strengthened policy influence and scaled locally led adaptation across Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, and Ethiopia.

ACT played a key role in continental climate processes, including the Africa Climate Summit 2 in Addis Ababa. The programme convened a faith leaders' pre-summit process with 96 participants, resulting in the Addis Ababa Faith Declaration on Climate Justice, which fed into the African Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action.

ACT convened two side events during the summit on climate finance and locally led adaptation, and facilitated a post-summit webinar to consolidate advocacy priorities on adaptation, loss and damage, climate finance, just transition, and gender.

At national level, ACT supported a multistakeholder consultation in Mozambique that contributed to the review of the Gender and Climate Change Strategy. In Kenya, Uganda, and Zimbabwe, ACT members engaged in national processes shaping country positioning towards COP30.

The programme implemented Phase 2 of the Locally Led Climate Fund (LLCF) across Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Liberia, and launched Phase 3, extending into 2026.

This work strengthened locally led adaptation through practical interventions:

- In Uganda, localised adaptation plans were developed across four regions, alongside engagement with Parliament on adaptation financing
- In Zimbabwe, communities adopted drip irrigation supported by solarised water systems and strengthened climate-smart agriculture practices
- In Kenya, community groups engaged in tree management and sustainable livelihoods through collaboration with the Social Services Department and the Aga Khan Foundation

- In Liberia, drought-resilient farming approaches were piloted, i.e., the establishment of water catchment areas, with increased community interest in scaling up the initiatives in other locations

Across these countries, communities, youth, and faith leaders strengthened engagement in climate action, including ecosystem protection, clean energy adoption, and local advocacy.

Overall, the Africa programme showed how locally led action can inform and strengthen national and continental climate policy processes.

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

In LAC, the programme strengthened rights-based climate advocacy and coordinated faith engagement across Argentina, Peru, Honduras, and Brazil.

ACT supported national and regional processes linking climate action with human rights and social justice:

- Convened an ecumenical consultation in Argentina bringing together 15 faith leaders to strengthen joint advocacy on climate justice and human rights
- Supported rights-based approach workshops in Peru and Honduras, strengthening integration of human rights into climate programming and policy engagement
- Facilitated regional collaboration among faith actors towards COP30 through consultation processes in Brazil
- Supported member organisations from the LAC region to engage in pre-COP30 engagements including the People's Summit and Tapiri

In Honduras, ACT supported a National Conference of Youth with 134 participants, producing a declaration that informed national climate priorities towards COP30.

Across the region, ACT strengthened collaboration between faith actors and civil society organisations, reinforcing rights-based approaches to climate justice.

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

In the Middle East and North Africa, the programme strengthened collaboration among faith actors and supported climate justice advocacy linked to community and church engagement.

A key development was the operationalisation of the MENA Climate Justice and Faith Based Climate (FBC) Hub, led by Bread for the World and Danmission with support from ACT. Through

regional exchanges and coordination, the Hub strengthened collaboration among member organisations and supported joint advocacy on climate and environmental issues.

ACT also partnered with regional faith-based and theological institutions to convene an Eco-theology Symposium, bringing together church leaders, theologians, students, and climate practitioners to discuss climate change, environmental stewardship, and the role of faith institutions in responding to social and environmental challenges.

Across the region, the programme strengthened coordination among faith actors and supported the integration of climate and environmental issues into theological reflection, advocacy, and community engagement.

Asia-Pacific:

In Asia-Pacific, the programme strengthened rights-based approaches to climate action and supported regional learning and exchange among members and partners.

ACT convened a two-day regional workshop on Human Rights-Based Approaches (HRBA) to climate change, with 35 participants, exploring rights-based approaches in climate adaptation, resilience-building, and mitigation, with an emphasis on identifying and meaningfully engaging vulnerable groups in project design and implementation.

The engagement strengthened regional learning and supported members in integrating rights-based approaches into climate advocacy and programming.



Major Outcomes & Outputs

ACT Climate Justice Programme 2025



Strengthening Global Climate Advocacy and Policy Influence

- Coordinated ACT engagement at SB62 and COP30 on adaptation, climate finance, loss and damage, gender, just transition, and Article 2.1(c)
- Contributed written inputs and technical recommendations to UNFCCC negotiation streams and COP30 decision texts, including the Global Goal on Adaptation, Standing Committee on Finance decisions, the Gender Action Plan, and the COP30 Mutirão decision
- Convened bilateral engagements with negotiators, Heads of Delegation, and Ministers from the Africa Group, European Union, Least Developed Countries Group, and Latin American and Caribbean States
- Participated in the Finance in Common Summit and OECD Climate Change Expert Group Global Forum, contributing to global discussions on climate finance and the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)
- Submitted advocacy inputs to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage and Financing for Development processes



COP30 Campaigning, and Media Engagement

- Coordinated and supported an ecumenical delegation of 50 participants engaged in advocacy, campaigning, side events, and negotiations at COP30

- Convened side events on adaptation finance, resilience, human mobility, loss and damage, and just transition
- Coordinated member-led advocacy messaging through structured consultations across regions
- Published press releases, opinion pieces, blogs, and advocacy statements amplifying ACT's climate justice priorities
- Secured media coverage through platforms including Dialogue Earth, Anglican Journal, The News Minute, Standard Media, Science Africa, Story Spotlight and Church Times
- Launched the ACT Climate Justice LinkedIn page and strengthened digital communications around COP30 and Africa Climate Summit engagements
- Produced ACT's first digital annual report featuring climate justice and climate-induced displacement work
- Supported the Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC, including 2 hybrid Talanoa dialogues and 2 press conferences
- Coordinated with the Season of Creation steering committee on the 2025 campaign



Advancing Locally-Led Climate Action and National Policy Engagement

- Implemented Phase 2 of the Locally Led Climate Fund (LLCF) across Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Liberia, while launching Phase 3 extending into 2026
- Supported community-led adaptation initiatives including climate-smart agriculture, drought-resilient farming, ecosystem restoration, solarised irrigation systems, eco-stoves, and clean energy adoption
- Contributed to the review of Mozambique's Gender and Climate Change Strategy through multistakeholder consultations

- Supported national climate positioning processes in Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Honduras, Argentina, Peru, and Brazil ahead of COP30
- Strengthened participation of communities, youth, faith leaders, and civil society organisations in climate action and local advocacy processes
- Strengthened linkages between local adaptation evidence and national, regional, and global climate advocacy



Strengthening Faith-Based Mobilisation and Regional Collaboration

- Convened faith leaders and ecumenical actors through the Africa Climate Summit 2, resulting in the Addis Ababa Faith Declaration on Climate Justice
- Advanced operationalisation of the MENA Climate Justice and Faith Hub and the Africa Faith Actors and Leaders Hub
- Strengthened collaboration between ACT members, theological institutions, ecumenical partners, and civil society organisations across Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, and MENA
- Convened regional consultations and exchanges on climate justice, theology, environmental stewardship, and sustainable practices
- Strengthened coordinated faith-based advocacy on climate finance, adaptation, rights-based approaches, and environmental justice



Youth Engagement and Rights-Based Climate Justice

- Supported the ACT Youth Community of Practice in developing a global youth call to action ahead of COP30
- Convened a regional youth climate justice workshop in Bogotá and supported Honduras' National Conference of Youth involving 134 young people
- Strengthened integration of Human Rights-Based Approaches (HRBA) into climate adaptation, resilience, and mitigation work through workshops in Honduras, Peru, Argentina, and Asia-Pacific
- Produced and disseminated rights-based climate advocacy resources in English and Spanish
- Strengthened regional learning, intergenerational collaboration, and participation of vulnerable groups in climate advocacy and programming

PHOTO: Norwegian Church Aid / DBG

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In 2025, the global humanitarian landscape continued to deteriorate, shaped by escalating conflict, climate-related crises, and growing geopolitical instability. Humanitarian needs rose sharply while available funding contracted, widening the gap between needs and resources, with serious implications for vulnerable communities and the organisations supporting them.

The erosion of respect for international humanitarian law and increasing risks to aid workers further complicated response efforts. For ACT Alliance and its members, this meant mounting operational pressure as organisations worked to sustain critical interventions in an increasingly constrained funding environment.

In response, ACT Alliance strengthened its humanitarian architecture with a dual focus on locally led response and coordinated action at scale. The Rapid Response Fund (RRF) remained the central mechanism for timely, localised interventions, while the appeal mechanism continued to serve as the primary vehicle for large-scale, coordinated responses to major crises.

ACT Alliance runs two humanitarian funding mechanisms: Appeals and the Rapid Response Fund (RRF). Appeals respond to more complex crises over one or more years, while RRFs fund locally identified needs quickly, reaching communities within the first critical days.

These were the active appeals and RRFs in 2025:

ACT RRFs

In 2025, 18 responses were activated through the RRF mechanism: 9 in Asia, 5 in Africa, 2 in LAC, and 2 in MENA. 19 member organisations received grants through single-member and multi-member activations; two members, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and the Christian Council of Nigeria, were each supported to serve affected communities in two separate instances during 2025.

2025 RRF Funding Summary:

- **Total Requested: USD 2,321,807**
- **Total Mobilised: USD 1,663,623 (72%)**
- **Total Disbursed: USD 1,647,025.14 (71%)**
- **Closing Balance: USD 760,569**
- **Responses Activated: 18**
- **Countries Reached: 16**
- **Members Funded: 19**
- **Average Grant Size: USD 91,668**
- **Average Disbursement per Member: USD 86,686**

Most approved RRF proposals responded to floods, followed by forced migration, conflict, health, typhoon, earthquake, and heatwave.

The Alliance also invested in strengthening quality and accountability across its network, including closer collaboration with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance and the rollout of harmonised approaches to due diligence and capacity assessment.

These were the active appeals and RRFs in 2025:

WHERE WAS THE MONEY SPENT			
Country	All appeals except RRF 2025	RRF 2025	Total 2025
Afghanistan	328,167		328,167
Myanmar	644,327		644,327
Bangladesh	73,561		73,561
Pakistan		155,280	155,280
Cambodia		87,150	87,150
India		150,000	150,000
Philippines		125,000	125,000
Indonesia		361,629	361,629
Thailand		50,000	50,000
Srilanka		30,000	30,000
Ukraine	1,917,383		1,917,383
DRC/Uganda/ Tanzania	1,098,676	199,936	1,298,612
Malawi	12,288	30,000	42,288
Nigeria		170,000	170,000
South Sudan	692,475		692,475
Sudan.	377,507		377,507
Haiti	226,632		226,632
Colombia		50,000	50,000
Argentina		20,000	20,000
Jordan/ Iraq	1,006,151		1,006,151
Syria	840,973	148,900	989,873
Palestine	1,269,279		1,269,279
Lebanon	183,292		183,292
GRAND TOTAL	8,670,711	1,577,895	10,248,606

RAPID RESPOND FUND (RRF) SPENT IN 2025 PER REGION			
Region	USD	USD Total per Region	% of Region to Total
AFRICA			
RRF 02/2025- Tanzania	50,000		
RRF 04/2025- Malawi	30,000		
RRF 06/2025- Nigeria	100,000		
RRF 13/2025- Nigeria	70,000		
RRF 14/2025- Uganda	149,936		
Africa Total		399,936	25%
ASIA PACIFIC			
RRF 05/2025- Pakistan	20,000		
RRF 08/2025- Pakistan	135,280		
RRF 09/2025- Cambodia	87,150		
RRF 10/2025- India	150,000		
RRF 11/2025- Philippines	75,000		
RRF 12/2025- Philippines	50,000		
RRF 15/2025- Indonesia	361,629		
RRF 16/2025- Thailand	50,000		
RRF 17/2025- Sri Lanka	30,000		
Asia Pacific Total		959,059	61%
LAC			
RRF 01/2025- Colombia	50,000		
RRF 03/2025- Argentina	20,000		
LAC Total		70,000	4%
MENA			
RRF 07/2025- Syria	148,900		
MENA Total		148,900	9%
GRAND TOTAL	1,577,895	1,577,895	100%

ACT APPEALS

Sudan and Gaza

In 2025, Sudan remained the largest humanitarian crisis globally, driven by conflict, widespread violence, and mass displacement. ACT Alliance, through a joint appeal with partners including Caritas, Norwegian Church Aid, and CAFOD, responded to urgent needs in communities within Sudan and in neighbouring countries.

The crisis in Gaza underscored the severe consequences of conflict, including widespread humanitarian need and significant challenges around access, protection, and respect for international humanitarian law. ACT Alliance members worked in an increasingly constrained and volatile operating environment, facing registration renewal delays and denied access to essential items. Coordination within the Alliance and with UN mechanisms nonetheless allowed life-saving support to reach Gaza.

Appeal members also advocated for an end to the violence against Palestinians and for humanitarian aid to enter Gaza.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Africa: Central Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania)

Ongoing conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo continued to drive one of the region's most severe humanitarian crises in 2025, marked by large-scale displacement within the Kivu provinces and across borders into Uganda and Tanzania. ACT Alliance members responded through the Central Africa Appeal, working across the three countries to address urgent humanitarian needs.

The response combined locally led approaches with coordinated regional action. In eastern DRC, 481 displaced and returnee households received agricultural recovery support, including seed protection rations, technical training, and cash-voucher assistance. In Tanzania's Nyarugusu refugee camp, WASH and hygiene interventions improved sanitation while a multi-channel feedback system resolved community complaints within 3 to 5 days. In Uganda's Nakivale settlement, 105 shelters were built through a cash-for-work model engaging 1,325 refugees, alongside community-based protection, GBV prevention, and alternative dispute resolution led by local faith actors.

National and international members partnered to deliver coordinated assistance while strengthening cross-border collaboration and joint programming. Coordination with UNHCR and national authorities, a sub-regional monitoring visit, and joint learning processes reinforced alignment across the three countries, improving access to shelter, sanitation, livelihoods, and protection services for affected communities.

Middle East

The MENA region had 5 active humanitarian appeals in 2025, responding to the most affected populations across Gaza, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, and Jordan. Members worked to integrate humanitarian emergency support with recovery programming where possible. ACT Alliance advanced a two-year pilot triple nexus approach through the ACT appeal in Jordan and Iraq, integrating humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding components into a single coordinated response. It is implemented by ACT Iraq Forum members Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Christian Aid Program Kurdistan Region (CAPNI), alongside ACT Jordan Forum member Middle East Council of Churches (MECC); CAPNI is set to join the appeal in 2026. The programme is strengthening joint approaches to protracted crisis response across both countries.

The appeal, with a **total budget of USD 3,366,350**, targets crisis-affected populations including refugees, internally displaced people, returnees, and vulnerable host communities across multiple governorates in Iraq and key locations in Jordan, including Amman, Madaba, Al Fuheis and Al Zarka.

Early implementation shows strong progress in operationalising the triple nexus approach, particularly through integrated service delivery and locally led programming. In Iraq, LWF completed all planned activities across WASH, livelihoods, protection, preparedness, advocacy, and community engagement, contributing to both immediate response and longer-term recovery and social cohesion.

WASH interventions included community and school-based water conservation awareness, household-level water valve installations, provision of maintenance spare parts to water authorities, and door-to-door outreach, improving access to services, reducing water losses, and strengthening responsible water use.

- A key output was the completed engineering design of a strategic Water Treatment Plant in Sumel District, providing an implementation-ready solution to strengthen long-term water systems and reduce groundwater dependence.
- Livelihoods support reached women and youth through vocational training, in-kind tools, and small grants, strengthening income generation, business sustainability, and household resilience.
- Protection and peacebuilding interventions included GBV awareness, psychosocial support for 129 youth, youth-led peace initiatives, and conflict resolution and leadership training, strengthening social cohesion and community participation.

In Jordan, MECC contributed to livelihoods and social cohesion through vocational training for young Syrian refugees and Jordanian participants in solar photovoltaic installation and hybrid car maintenance. Classroom learning combined with on-the-job placements at private sector

companies improved technical skills, employability, and market readiness, strengthening economic resilience among participants. Further social cohesion activities are planned to reinforce positive relations between refugee and host communities.

Coordination mechanisms under the ACT Jordan Forum were strengthened through consultations on the nexus approach and peacebuilding programming, improving shared understanding and coordination among ACT and non-ACT actors in the country.

Implementation in Iraq and Jordan is progressing at different speeds due to funding disbursement timelines, with CAPNI activities commencing in 2026. The pilot has already demonstrated the value of coordinated, multi-member programming in fragile contexts, showing how integrated, locally led, and multi-sectoral approaches can strengthen resilience, improve coordination across country forums, and support more sustainable recovery pathways in protracted crisis settings.

It will also inform how ACT Alliance integrates the Nexus mechanism into the evolution of the Alliance's humanitarian mechanism. An external evaluation and a position paper are planned for 2026 to support the board in taking the necessary decisions.

EUROPE

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Ukraine

Humanitarian needs in Ukraine remained significant in 2025, despite reduced global visibility. ACT Alliance members continued to respond to conflict-driven needs, with a strong emphasis on locally led programming.

Through the ACT Ukraine appeal, over 7,200 people received multi-sectoral support, including psychosocial care, shelter repairs, health services, and cash assistance. Key interventions included the repair of 221 housing units, protection services for nearly 2,000 individuals, and targeted support to vulnerable groups, including people living with disabilities. Education and community-based services were also strengthened, supporting safe learning environments and local resilience.

Building on earlier work, members expanded the use of Survivor and Community-Led Response (SCLR) methodologies, enabling communities to identify priorities and design contextually relevant interventions. This strengthened community ownership, supported local decision-making, and reinforced accountability to affected populations. A new appeal was launched following the conclusion of the previous response, ensuring continuity of support to communities affected by ongoing conflict.



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Major Outcomes & Outputs

ACT Humanitarian Response & Emergency Preparedness Programme 2025



Strengthening Locally-Led Humanitarian Action

Locally-led response was strengthened across ACT's humanitarian work, with national and community actors driving contextually grounded interventions.

- National and local members-led implementation across diverse crisis contexts, supported by flexible and decentralised funding
- The Rapid Response Fund (RRF) enabled timely, locally driven interventions across 18 responses in 16 countries
- Expansion of Survivor and Community-Led Response (SCLR) approaches, strengthened community ownership and local decision-making
- Community feedback mechanisms improved accountability and responsiveness to affected populations



Delivering Timely and Scalable Humanitarian Assistance

- 18 RRF activations supported emergency responses across Asia, Africa, LAC, and MENA
- USD 1.66M mobilised (72% of requested funding), enabling continued response in priority crises
- 19 member organisations funded, with an average grant size of USD 92,817

- Appeal mechanism enabled coordinated responses to major crises, including Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, and Central Africa
- Majority of responses addressed climate-related disasters, particularly floods



Strengthening Networked and Coordinated Response Models

ACT enhanced its alliance-based model, enabling more coordinated, efficient, and multi-country humanitarian responses.

- Joint appeals facilitated cross-border collaboration and aligned response strategies across regions
- National and international members partnered to deliver integrated, multi-sectoral interventions
- Coordination with UN agencies and national authorities strengthened access and operational alignment
- Joint monitoring and learning processes improved coherence and shared accountability across responses



Advancing Integrated and Nexus-Based Programming

- The Triple Nexus Appeal in Jordan and Iraq advanced coordinated humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding programming across LWF, CAPNI, and MECC in protracted crisis contexts

- In Iraq, integrated WASH interventions improved water access through household water valve installations, water conservation awareness, and strengthened maintenance support to water authorities
- Development outcomes were strengthened through completion of the Sumel Water Treatment Plant design and livelihoods support for women and youth through vocational training, small grants, and in-kind inputs
- Peacebuilding and social cohesion were reinforced through GBV awareness, psychosocial support for 129 youth, and youth-led peace, leadership, and conflict resolution initiatives
- In Jordan, vocational training in renewable energy and hybrid vehicle maintenance, combined with private sector placements, strengthened employability for refugees and host community youth
- Early implementation demonstrates stronger linkage between humanitarian response, livelihoods, and peacebuilding in fragile contexts, informing the evolution of ACT's appeal model



Strengthening Quality, Accountability, and Standards

- Collaboration with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance strengthened alignment with global standards
- Harmonised due diligence and capacity assessment approaches improved operational consistency
- Community feedback systems enabled timely resolution of complaints and strengthened accountability
- Increased focus on quality assurance reinforced principled, people-centred humanitarian action



Leveraging Evidence, Learning, and Adaptive Practice

- Cross-country learning and joint monitoring informed real-time programme adjustments
- Lessons from SCLR and locally led approaches were integrated into ongoing and future responses
- Sub-regional monitoring visits supported shared learning and improved implementation quality
- Evidence generated is informing the ongoing evolution of ACT's humanitarian architecture



Sustaining Humanitarian Action in a Constrained Funding Environment

- Flexible funding mechanisms enabled continuity of essential services despite funding gaps
- Local partnerships improved reach, cost-efficiency, and contextual relevance
- A 28% funding gap in RRF requests highlighted the need for more predictable and equitable financing
- Advocacy efforts strengthened calls for increased support to locally led humanitarian response

2026 AREAS OF WORK

In 2026, ACT Alliance will prioritise the operationalisation and scaling of locally led humanitarian action, building on commitments made at the 2024 General Assembly.

- **Operationalising the Locally Led Response Pledge:** Strengthening the leadership of national members through deeper capacity sharing, mutual learning, and more equitable partnerships across the network
- **Expanding the Rapid Response Fund (RRF):**
 - Introduction of a **Capacity Sharing Fund** (approx. 15% of RRF) to strengthen institutional and technical capacities of local members (Q3 rollout)
 - Launch of an **Anticipatory Action Fund** (approx. 10% of RRF) to enable earlier, proactive responses for members engaged in pre-existing early action mechanisms (Q4 rollout)
- **Strengthening Adaptive and Integrated Programming:** Scaling nexus approaches and community-led methodologies to better respond to protracted and climate-driven crises



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GENDER JUSTICE

In 2025, the global landscape for gender justice was shaped by intensifying backlash and renewed mobilisation. Shrinking civic space, rising fundamentalisms, and coordinated anti-rights movements continued to challenge progress on gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Rising political polarisation and technology-facilitated gender-based violence made advocacy and programming more complex, reinforcing the urgency of collective action.

At the same time, faith-based organisations, feminist movements, and multilateral actors collaborated more closely, defending human rights, countering regressive narratives, and advancing gender justice at global and national levels. Growing recognition of the links between gender justice and climate justice underscored the value of integrated, intersectional approaches.

ACT Alliance continued to build its role as a global faith-based actor for gender justice, prioritising institutional development, coordinated advocacy, and capacity building across regions while amplifying faith-rooted and rights-based approaches to gender equality.

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

ACT Alliance maintained a visible presence in global policy and advocacy spaces, contributing a progressive faith voice in increasingly contested environments.

- A key milestone was the revision of the ACT Alliance Gender Justice Policy, aligned with the updated Quality and Accountability Framework. This established clearer shared standards across the Alliance and a stronger basis for accountability, learning, and future investment in gender-transformative action. ACT also expanded its engagement in global policy spaces, advanced regional leadership, and deepened collaboration across its network.
- Coordinated engagement across major global platforms, including the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, and the Human Rights Council
- Mobilised over 25 members through joint delegations, high-level side events, and collective advocacy efforts, increasing visibility and influence
- Co-convened a high-level roundtable on “Joint Leadership to Push Forward for Gender Justice”, bringing together United Nations agencies, feminist organisations, and faith-based partners to align priorities and strengthen collaboration
- Deepened partnerships with UN agencies, governments, and feminist movements, positioning ACT as a bridge between faith-based and rights-based actors

ACT expanded its global advocacy through targeted convenings and strategic partnerships. At the International Conference on Family Planning in Bogotá, the Alliance partnered with the Berlin

Institute for Population and Development, UNFPA, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the Network of Catholics for the Right to Decide in Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Co-organised the panel **“Reclaiming Reproductive Rights and Transforming Taboos and Social Norms Amid Growing Resistance”**
- Brought together specialists, activists, and decision-makers to address emerging challenges in sexual and reproductive rights
- Advanced dialogue on countering regressive narratives and promoting gender equality in highly polarised policy environments

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Africa

Addressing Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence: In Africa, capacity development responded to emerging forms of gender-based violence in digital spaces and their growing impact.

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- Delivered webinars and learning dialogues to equip members to prevent and respond to technology-facilitated GBV
- Linked learning processes to advocacy efforts, including contributions to the 16 Days of Activism campaign
- Facilitated regional dialogues on women's health and sexual and reproductive health and rights through faith-based engagement, increasing member awareness

Asia-Pacific

Women in Leadership and Transformative Capacity Development: The region continued to advance leadership development through sustained, locally grounded approaches.

- Continued implementation of the Women in Leadership Academy as a core capacity initiative
- Convened a dedicated learning session with programme graduates, fostering peer exchange, mentoring, and reflection
- Advanced long-term leadership pathways for women within ACT member organisations
- Reinforced the role of structured accompaniment in enabling sustained leadership

Middle East and North Africa

Family Law Reform and Gender Equality: Regional efforts focused on advancing gender-equal legal frameworks and collaboration across contexts, particularly in complex legal environments.

- 38 participants from 12 countries engaged in dialogue on gender-equal family law reform
- Advanced collaboration to promote more inclusive and equitable legal frameworks, with a focus on minority Christian contexts
- Facilitated peer exchange between legal, faith, and advocacy actors working on reform processes
- Promoted locally led approaches to advocacy, ensuring contextual relevance and ownership
- Regional Gender justice workshop attended by 20 participants from 6 countries, developing gender justice guidance and terminology booklet.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Faith and Feminism Dialogue and Theological Engagement: Work in the region focused on deepening theological reflection and collaboration between faith-based and feminist actors.

- 13 participants engaged in the IX Latin American Congress on Gender and Religion at EST Faculties in Brazil
- Consolidated the Dialogue Forum between Faith and Feminism as a key regional platform for exchange and strategy
- Advanced collective analysis of the theological resource Will It Be of God? Gender Justice Argumentario, developed by the LAC Gender Community of Practice and the Global Gender Justice Programme. Will it be of God- Gender Justice Argumentario - ACT Alliance
- Expanded capacity to engage in faith-based narratives that support human rights and gender equality

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Major Outcomes & Outputs

ACT Gender Justice Programme 2025

The Gender Justice Programme strengthened ACT Alliance's foundations for change in 2025 through the revision of the Gender Justice Policy, the expansion of regional leadership, and deeper cross-regional collaboration. It mobilised collective action to counter backlash, defend rights-based and faith-rooted approaches, and advance gender justice across global, regional, and national spaces.

In a year marked by intensified resistance to gender justice, shrinking civic space, and funding cuts, ACT Alliance maintained a coordinated, faith-rooted response, strengthening regional capacities and a global faith voice grounded in justice. This work builds a foundation for transformative gender justice in the years ahead.



PHOTO: ACT / New York, USA. ACT Alliance co-sponsored a side event entitled "Transforming Taboos: How to Change a Social Norm" during the UN's 69th Commission on the Status of Women.



PHOTO: ACT / New York, USA. ACT Alliance was a host of the Multi-Faith Advisory Council's reception during the 69th UN Commission on the Status of Women.



Institutionalising Gender Justice Across the Alliance

- Revision of the Gender Justice Policy and alignment with the Quality and Accountability Framework
- Establishment of shared standards and compliance expectations across members
- Improved internal accountability, learning, and investment in gender-transformative programming



Strengthening Global Advocacy and Faith-Based Voice

- Coordinated engagement at the Commission on the Status of Women, Commission on Population and Development, and Human Rights Council
- Mobilisation of over 25 members in joint advocacy, side events, and global convenings
- Co-convening of a high-level roundtable on joint leadership with UN agencies, feminist organisations, and faith-based partners
- Co-organisation of the International Conference on Family Planning panel in Bogotá with partners including UNFPA, the German Federal Foreign Office, and regional networks
- Amplified faith-rooted advocacy challenging regressive narratives on SRHR and gender equality



Advancing Regional Leadership and Locally-Led Approaches

- Family Law Workshop in Amman convened 38 participants from 12 countries to advance gender-equal legal reform
- Participation of 13 members in the IX Latin American Congress on Gender and Religion, contributing to regional theological engagement
- Webinars and dialogues in Africa addressed technology-facilitated gender-based violence and informed 16 Days of Activism advocacy
- Continued implementation of the Women in Leadership Academy in Asia-Pacific, including dedicated learning sessions with programme graduates
- Expanded regionally led initiatives across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East



Deepening Theological Engagement and Norm Change

- Establishment of the Global Theological Reference Group to guide faith-informed approaches to the programmatic work in the Alliance (humanitarian, gender and climate)
- Use of theological resources, including “Will It Be of God?”, to support dialogue on faith and human rights

- Advancement of decolonised and interfaith theological frameworks in collaboration with feminist movements
- Integration of theological reflection into advocacy on SRHR, GBV, and gender equality



Strengthening Capacity on Emerging Gender Justice Issues

- Increased focus on technology-facilitated gender-based violence across regional programming
- Delivery of targeted webinars and learning dialogues to build member capacity on digital GBV
- Integration of gender considerations into climate and resilience work, including GBV risk mitigation
- Enhanced capacity to respond to evolving risks in digital and civic spaces



Leveraging Partnerships and Collective Action

- Expanded collaboration with UN agencies, including UNFPA, and engagement with government actors
- Deepened partnerships with feminist organisations and regional networks

- Coordinated advocacy and programming across faith-based and rights-based actors
- Increased alignment to counter anti-rights movements and shrinking civic space



Generating Evidence and Knowledge for Advocacy and Practice

- Publication of global reports marking 30 years of the Beijing Platform for Action and ICPD Programme of Action
- Documentation of faith-based contributions to norm change and gender justice advocacy
- Development of research-based resources to support policymakers and practitioners
- Increased use of evidence to elevate progressive faith voices in global spaces



Strengthening Cross-Regional Learning and Collaboration

- Communities of Practice facilitated exchange on GBV, SRHR, climate and gender justice, and transformative masculinities
- Cross-regional knowledge sharing informed programme design and advocacy approaches
- Peer learning supported adaptation of context-specific solutions across regions
- Integration of shared learning into regional and global programming

2026 TARGETS

in 2026, ACT Alliance will scale the institutionalisation of gender justice, strengthen theological engagement, and deepen partnerships to advance rights-based and faith-rooted approaches across global, regional, and national levels. This will include:

Rolling Out the Gender Justice Policy

- Global and regional implementation of the revised Gender Justice Policy through workshops, webinars, and policy dialogues
- Member-wide mapping of policy uptake and contextualisation across regions
- Strengthening alignment with the Quality and Accountability Framework

Expanding Theological Engagement and Learning

- Scaling the work of the Global Theological Reference Group
- Delivery of global and regional webinars and “conversatorios” on SRHR, GBV, transformative masculinities, and countering fundamentalisms
- Strengthening interfaith and decolonised theological approaches to gender justice

Advancing Integrated and Gender-Responsive Programming

- Strengthening the integration of gender justice across climate and resilience programming
- Regional leadership consultation on climate and gender justice in Asia-Pacific
- Increased focus on GBV risk mitigation across thematic areas

Deepening Partnerships and Collective Advocacy

- Expanding collaboration with faith-based and rights-based actors, including LGBTQIA+ and SRHR movements
- Continued coordinated engagement in global advocacy spaces including CSW, CPD, and the Human Rights Council
- Strengthening joint advocacy, delegations, and side events across regions

Strengthening Learning, Evidence, and Accountability

- Implementation of enhanced MEAL approaches including Outcome Harvesting and member surveys
- Documentation of best practices and lessons learned across regions
- Strengthening knowledge generation to inform programming and advocacy

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PEACE & HUMAN SECURITY

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, the global peace and security landscape was marked by escalating conflict across regions where ACT Alliance is actively engaged, including Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Gaza, and Cameroon. Fragile peace agreements, political instability, geopolitical tensions, and competition over natural resources deepened humanitarian needs and reinforced the need for coordinated, locally led peacebuilding.

In response, ACT Alliance strengthened its role as a convener of ecumenical collaboration, bringing together churches, national councils of churches, regional ecumenical bodies, and global partners to coordinate peacebuilding, humanitarian advocacy, and mediation. Working with the World Council of Churches (WCC), the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), and the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA), the programme expanded collaborative peace platforms and strengthened faith-based engagement in some of the world's most fragile contexts.

The programme also strengthened the Africa Community of Practice on Peace and Human Security and operationalised the Peace and Human Security Reference Group, creating stronger mechanisms for peer learning, strategic coordination, and integrated approaches linking humanitarian action, development, and peacebuilding. Through these platforms, ACT members advanced advocacy on locally led peace processes, the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, and the role of women and young people in building sustainable peace.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Through engagement with the World Council of Churches, the All Africa Conference of Churches, and national and regional church networks, ACT strengthened dialogue, aligned peacebuilding efforts, and accompanied actors working on the frontlines of conflict, an approach central to ACT's contribution to peace and human security in an increasingly fragmented and volatile world.

Africa

Sudan

In response to the escalating conflict in Sudan, the programme prioritised coordinated ecumenical engagement. In partnership with the World Council of Churches (WCC), the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), the Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA), and the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC), ACT convened consultations towards forming an Ecumenical Network on Sudan, aligning actors around a unified response to the ongoing violence, mass displacement, and humanitarian crisis affecting civilians across the country and region.

Further consultations with church leadership, including the Archbishop of the Episcopal Church in Sudan and representatives of the Sudan Council of Churches, assessed the

evolving security situation and explored pathways for coordinated peace initiatives, including the potential role of emerging bodies such as the New Sudan Council of Churches (NSCC) in the Nuba Mountains. These efforts reinforced ACT's commitment to accompanying local faith actors and strengthening ecumenical responses in highly fragile contexts.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Amid continued conflict and instability in eastern DRC, ACT Alliance convened strategic discussions with ecumenical partners including WCC, AACC, and FECCLAHA to assess the situation and identify pathways for coordinated response, focused on the escalating violence, loss of life, and large-scale displacement affecting communities within DRC and across neighbouring countries.

A key outcome was AACC's agreement to lead the convening of senior church leaders from DRC in a neutral setting to foster dialogue and strengthen the Church's role in peacebuilding, reflecting ACT's broader approach of leveraging ecumenical leadership and partnerships to create safe spaces for dialogue, reflection, and collective action in conflict-affected contexts.

South Sudan

In response to renewed tensions and political instability in South Sudan, ACT engaged through the Ecumenical Network on South Sudan (ENSS) to convene a consultative meeting with church leaders and key stakeholders, examining the drivers of conflict, including political rivalries and fragilities within the peace process, and the role of church-led shuttle diplomacy in mitigating tensions.

The consultations produced a shared commitment to organise a high-level ecumenical solidarity visit to South Sudan, demonstrating unified support for peace and reinforcing the role of faith actors in mediation and reconciliation. ACT continued to accompany the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), strengthening ecumenical collaboration as a cornerstone of sustainable peacebuilding in the country.



Major Outcomes & Outputs
ACT Peace & Human Security
Programme 2025



Strengthening Ecumenical Leadership and Influence

- Positioned ACT Alliance as a key convener and trusted partner within the ecumenical peacebuilding space, enabling more coordinated and strategic responses to escalating conflicts across Africa
- Strengthened the collective voice and visibility of faith actors in regional and continental peace processes, including engagement with the African Union and diplomatic stakeholders
- Catalysed alignment among global, regional, and national church actors, reinforcing the role of ecumenical collaboration in advancing sustainable peace



Advancing Coordinated Responses in Complex Conflict Contexts

- Enabled more cohesive and collaborative approaches to conflict response in priority countries, supporting joint analysis, shared advocacy positions, and coordinated action among partners
- Strengthened accompaniment of national and local faith actors, ensuring that peacebuilding efforts remain contextually grounded and locally-led
- Contributed to expanding ecumenical platforms for dialogue and engagement in fragile and conflict-affected settings
- Majority of responses addressed climate-related disasters, particularly floods



Building Systems for Learning, Collaboration, and Sustainability

- Reactivated and strengthened regional platforms such as the Africa Community of Practice on Peace and Human Security, fostering peer learning, exchange, and joint action across forums
- Institutionalised strategic guidance and cross-programmatic alignment through the operationalisation of the Peace and Human Security Reference Group
- Advanced integrated approaches to peacebuilding through engagement with the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, supporting more holistic and connected programming



Enhancing Capacity for Faith-Based Peace Advocacy

- Strengthened the ability of ACT members and forums to engage in peace advocacy through targeted capacity-building initiatives and knowledge-sharing platforms
- Expanded understanding and application of faith-based approaches to peacebuilding, equipping actors with practical tools to influence policy and practice
- Supported forums to deepen ownership, collaboration, and sustainability in their peace and human security work at national and regional levels

2026 TARGETS

For 2026, The Peace and Human Security programme will prioritise:

- **Strengthen ecumenical peace advocacy and solidarity:** Continue joint peace advocacy and ecumenical solidarity with the World Council of Churches (WCC), All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), FECCLAHA, UN agencies, and other faith-based partners, with a focus on Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and Colombia. The programme will continue supporting ACT members' engagement in UN peace processes while advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda, youth participation in peacebuilding, and efforts to counter the rise of fundamentalisms.
- **Expand peer learning and Communities of Practice:** Strengthen the Africa Community of Practice on Peace and Human Security through webinars, peer learning, and collaborative activities leading up to the International Day of Peace (21 September). Priority themes will include youth in peacebuilding (UNSCR 2250), women in peace processes, and locally led peacebuilding.
- **Deepen regional engagement:** Support the establishment of a Peace and Human Security coordination platform in Asia-Pacific, organise a regional consultation and member survey in MENA to identify Peace and Human Security priorities, and provide technical accompaniment to the LAC initiative on **Fundamentalisms, Human Rights and Democracy**.



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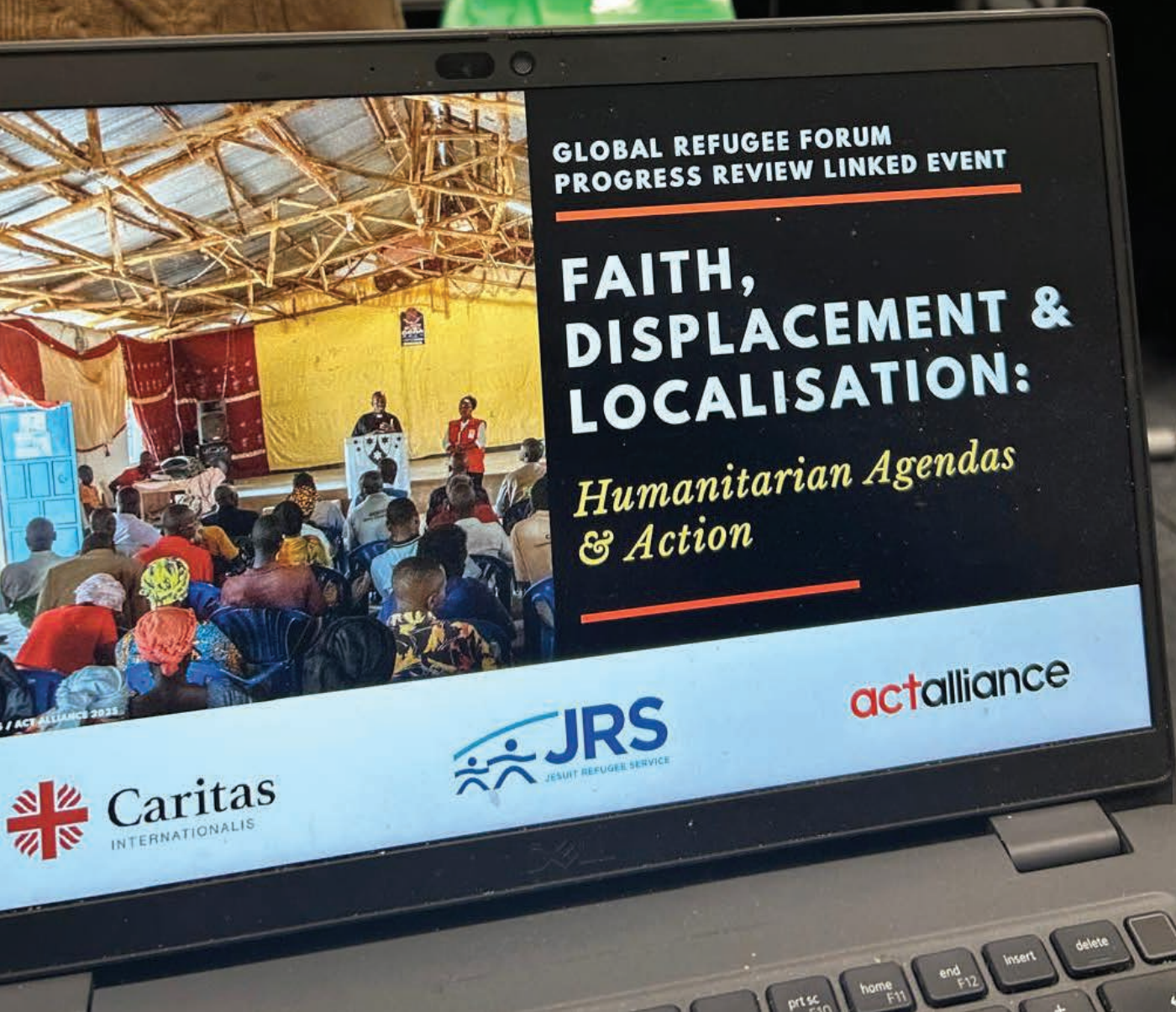
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MIGRATION & DISPLACEMENT



In 2025, migration and displacement intensified globally, driven by climate change, conflict, inequality, and socioeconomic pressures, with human mobility increasing across regions through both forced displacement and movement linked to survival and opportunity. Political discourse became increasingly securitised in many contexts, with tighter border controls, restrictive migration policies, shrinking civic space and growing constraints on civil society working with migrants.

Civil society actors working on migration faced growing restrictions on civic space, legal barriers in some contexts, heightened scrutiny, and reduced funding across humanitarian, multilateral, and civil society systems.

Despite these pressures, ACT Alliance and its members sustained rights-based advocacy and coordination across regions, adapting approaches to remain relevant and effective in restrictive environments. A key development was the reactivation and consolidation of the Migration and Displacement programme architecture following global member consultations, which reaffirmed four priorities:

- Protection of rights
- Shifting migration narratives
- Policy influence at multiple levels
- Faith-based solidarity

GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, the Reference Group on Migration and Displacement was renewed, with expanded membership including youth and wider Global South participation. A global consultation process, launched in 2025, brought together members from various regions to:

- Map where members are working and which priorities they are focusing on
- Identify shared priorities and inform coordinated advocacy planning for 2026
- Strengthen coordination on rights-based migration efforts

ACT Alliance strengthened coordinated, evidence-based advocacy on migration and displacement through ongoing engagement in global policy processes, including the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration regional review processes, reinforcing its position as a framework for policy dialogue grounded in human rights and safe migration pathways.

Members strengthened the connection between global migration frameworks and national advocacy through HRBA-aligned National Advocacy Plans, stronger stakeholder engagement, and

the identification of strategic policy entry points, supporting more coordinated and structured rights-based advocacy on human mobility.

The programme also promoted cross-thematic integration, addressing migration alongside climate justice, gender justice, humanitarian response, and peace and human security within shared advocacy and programming strategies.

This process informed the relaunch of the programme architecture and global priority setting, including capacity strengthening and inter-programmatic alignment.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

In Latin America and the Caribbean, ACT members strengthened coordinated advocacy and regional collaboration on human mobility, with a focus on rights-based approaches, climate-induced displacement, and amplifying lived experiences of people affected by displacement, particularly climate-induced mobility.

- Formalised the first regional Community of Practice on Human Mobility, bringing together over 13 members to strengthen joint advocacy, programming, and response coordination.
- Strengthened regional advocacy alignment through collective engagement on migration governance, including national-level policy and electoral processes such as in Honduras.
- Advanced evidence-based and narrative advocacy by supporting member-led documentation of migrant and displaced persons’ lived experiences, including the development of storytelling materials used in regional and global policy engagement.
- Enhanced cross-regional learning and coordination through consultations and joint planning processes, strengthening a forum-driven model for migration work across ACT members.

Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

In the Middle East and North Africa, ACT members strengthened faith-based engagement on migration and displacement, deepening theological reflection and regional collaboration in contexts of prolonged crisis and increasing pressure on civic space and migration discourse.

- Reactivated regional collaboration through the “Church in Migration” initiative, bringing together ACT members to engage jointly on migration-related challenges from a faith perspective.

- Advanced theological dialogue processes exploring migration, displacement, and faith responses, supporting members to engage more consistently with rights-based and dignity-centred narratives in highly sensitive contexts.



Major Outcomes & Outputs

ACT Migration & Displacement Programme 2025



Strengthening Global Coordination and Programme Architecture

- Reference Group on Migration and Displacement revitalised in 2025, with expanded membership including youth participation
- Global consultation process completed, bringing together members across regions
- Programme-wide mapping exercise undertaken to identify where members are working and their priority areas
- 2025- 2026 advocacy priorities aligned across the network, strengthening coordinated global action
- Programme architecture formally reactivated after a period of absence in global facilitation, consolidating ACT's migration work structure organisations, and faith-based partners
- Co-organisation of the International Conference on Family Planning panel in Bogotá with partners including UNFPA, the German Federal Foreign Office, and regional networks
- Amplified faith-rooted advocacy challenging regressive narratives on SRHR and gender equality



Advancing Regional Collaboration and Community Platforms

- Established a Regional Community of Practice on Human Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean, engaging 13+ ACT members to strengthen joint advocacy and programming coordination

- "Church in Migration" initiative reactivated in the Middle East and North Africa, strengthening faith-based collaboration on migration and displacement
- Regional consultations launched to strengthen coordination and alignment of member priorities across forums



Strengthening Rights-Based Advocacy and Policy Engagement

- Regional reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in 2025
- Members strengthened engagement in national and regional migration policy processes through coordinated, evidence-based and rights-based advocacy, supported by National Advocacy Plans, strengthened stakeholder engagement, and the identification of strategic policy entry points
- Advocacy positioned migration as a rights-based and dignity-centred agenda in increasingly restrictive policy environments



Amplifying Migrant Voices and Evidence-Based Advocacy

- Member-led production of migrant storytelling materials, including documented lived experiences of climate-induced displacement

- Community narratives integrated into regional and global advocacy processes, including policy engagement materials
- Evidence collection strengthened through consultations and documentation processes supporting advocacy at multiple levels



Strengthening Cross-Programme Integration and Collaboration

- Migration work integrated with climate justice, gender justice, peace and security, and humanitarian programming
- Inter-programmatic collaboration strengthened through joint advocacy planning and consultations
- Capacity strengthening identified as a core priority area across members to improve advocacy and technical expertise
- Forum-driven collaboration model reinforced, improving joint action and coordination across ACT members

2026 TARGETS

In 2026, the Migration and Displacement Programme will focus on:

- Implement the renewed Migration and Displacement Programme architecture by advancing shared priorities, regional coordination, and collective action across the network
- Strengthening member capacity on rights-based advocacy for people on the move, including in contexts of shrinking civic space and operational risk
- Engaging in global policy processes, including continued advocacy within the Global Compact for Migration framework, as well as the 2027 Global Refugee Forum
- Strengthening inter-programme collaboration with Climate Justice, Gender Justice, Peace and Human Security, and Humanitarian Response programmes
- Enhancing storytelling, evidence collection, and communication strategies to counter harmful narratives and amplify migrant and displaced voices
- Supporting members to adapt and sustain programming amid ongoing funding constraints, civic space restrictions, and increasing operational pressures
- Strengthen localisation and Forum-led collaboration through Communities of Practice, peer learning, and greater leadership by national and local actors

Strengthen the strategic leadership of the Reference Group through enhanced governance, regional representation, youth participation, and stronger alignment between regional and global priorities.

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ADVOCACY

INTRODUCTION

In 2025, ACT Alliance's advocacy work responded to a rapidly changing context marked by shrinking civic space, rising fundamentalisms, weakening multilateralism, and escalating conflict. Members increasingly witness religion being used to justify exclusion, threaten democracy, and undermine human rights, in their regions and globally.

In response, ACT strengthened its role as a collective, faith and rights-based alliance, mobilising members to advance locally led solutions grounded in justice, dignity, and human rights, with fundamentalisms and shrinking civic space treated as cross-cutting challenges affecting advocacy for climate justice, gender equality, migration, and peacebuilding. ACT also deepened engagement on structural inequalities, particularly economic justice, financing for development, and the UN Tax Convention.

2025 also marked a strategic shift towards more focused, high-impact advocacy, prioritising depth over breadth, strengthening collaboration across the Alliance, and investing in multistakeholder partnerships to create greater coherence and alignment in global advocacy.

The ACT Advocacy Academy remained a flagship initiative for building sustained advocacy capacity, equipping participants with practical skills and concrete plans to engage in policy processes, challenge injustice, and amplify faith-based community voices.

91 participants participated in the ACT Advocacy Academy from 56 ACT member and partner organisations across 32 countries.

MAJOR OUTCOMES FROM 2025

- 1. Confronting Fundamentalisms Across Advocacy Spaces:** ACT Alliance deepened its work addressing the rise of fundamentalisms, particularly the instrumentalisation of religion in political and social spaces. This included strengthening collaboration between members, such as ACT Fesur, and external partners, including UN OHCHR, to better analyse, respond to, and counter narratives that undermine human rights, particularly in gender justice and civic space.
- 2. Advancing Economic Justice:** Building on its commitment to addressing structural and intersecting inequalities, ACT Alliance continued to play an active role in global conversations on economic justice, including tax and debt justice. The Alliance coordinated joint advocacy messages and produced a Financing for Development (FFD4) Briefing Paper to align members and partners around key economic justice priorities. ACT also joined the Jubilee Turn Debt into Hope campaign, with active engagement from some ACT Forums. Through its Community of Practice on the UN Tax Convention, members contributed to shaping collective positions on reforming global financial systems.

3. Enhancing Interconnected Advocacy - National - Regional - Global: ACT Alliance continued to bridge grassroots realities with global policy processes, with members engaged in advocacy at national, regional, and international levels, ensuring lived experience and programmatic expertise inform global decision-making.

4. Strengthening Collaboration Across the Advocacy Ecosystem: Recognising that no single actor can address today's complex challenges alone, ACT worked more intentionally to strengthen collaboration across ecumenical agencies and civil society partners, coordinating advocacy to ensure complementarity, reduce duplication, and maximise collective impact.

5. Amplifying Faith-Based Voices in Global Policy Spaces: ACT Alliance maintained its presence in global advocacy spaces, contributing faith and rights-based perspectives to key policy discussions. Through engagement with UN agencies and multilateral platforms, the Alliance reinforced the importance of values-driven advocacy in shaping inclusive and just policies.

2026 TARGETS

In 2026 ACT Alliance's Advocacy work will focus on:

- Deepening efforts to **counter fundamentalisms** and defend civic space
- Advancing **economic justice**, including continued engagement on a UN Global Tax Convention
- Strengthening **forum-centred and locally led advocacy**
- Enhancing **strategic, interconnected advocacy** across local, regional, and global levels
- Expanding **collaborative approaches within the advocacy ecosystem** to maximise impact

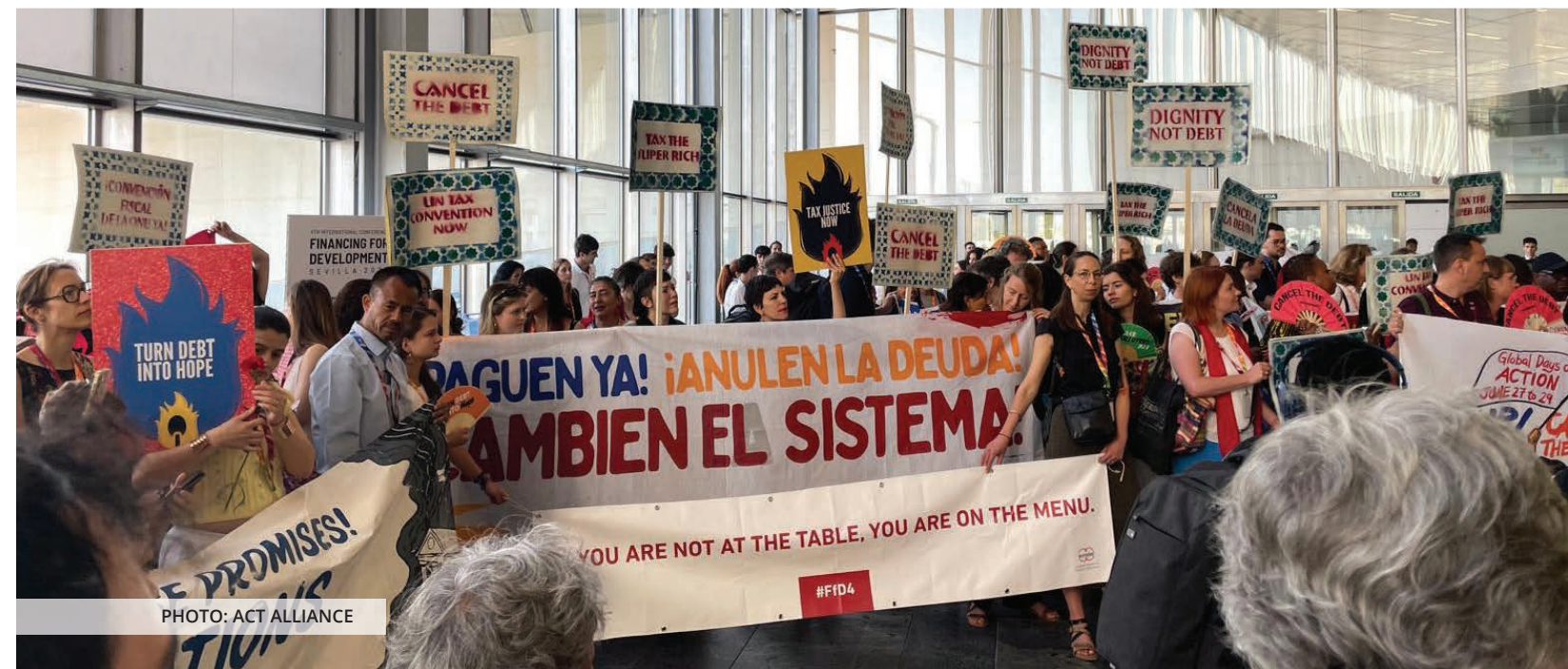


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QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2025, the ACT Secretariat continued to strengthen quality, accountability, safeguarding, and due diligence systems across the Alliance, with a strong focus on embedding the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS), advancing localisation through capacity strengthening, and reinforcing alignment with global humanitarian standards

STRENGTHENING POLICY FRAMEWORKS AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS

- The previous CHS audit concluded in March 2025, and its findings were incorporated into the revised CHS Compliance Action Plan (2025-2027), overseen by the Steering Group. Regular monitoring and follow-up strengthened oversight of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) and improved tracking of CHS-related commitments across the Secretariat.
- The Governing Board revised and approved the ACT Quality and Accountability Framework, strengthening alignment between membership, Secretariat, and operational accountability requirements. The revised Gender Justice Policy was also approved and became mandatory for members, reinforcing ACT's commitment to accountability, inclusion, and gender justice.
- The ACT Membership Portal continued to support organisational compliance by facilitating the submission and monitoring of mandatory policies and annual audit reports from members.
- Operational systems were further strengthened through revisions to the Humanitarian Operations Manual and associated monitoring tools. Structured monitoring plans continued to support oversight of Appeals and Rapid Response Fund (RRF) projects, while preparatory work advanced on a digital Project Management System to improve programme monitoring, reporting, and compliance oversight.

ADVANCE DUE DILIGENCE AND HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

- The CHS Self-Assessment Pilot was completed with 14 local and national members, strengthening engagement with the CHS Alliance and promoting peer learning across the network. A Learning Review of the pilot generated recommendations that are now informing ACT's harmonised Due Diligence Passporting Framework.
- The Due Diligence Working Group (DDWG) was established and became operational, working with existing ACT structures including the RRF Expansion Group and the Reference Group on Quality and Accountability. The group advanced its workplan and led development of the Due Diligence Tool and User Guide.
- ACT also strengthened collaboration with strategic partners, including CHS Alliance, Groupe URD, Sphere, and Fabo, reinforcing the Alliance's commitment to humanitarian quality, continuous improvement, and internationally recognised standards.

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND ORGANISATIONAL LEARNING

- Capacity strengthening remained a priority throughout 2025. Learning initiatives were delivered across regions, including a Complaints Investigation Workshop in MENA, a

Global Quality and Accountability Workshop in Asia, CHS Self-Assessment learning events in LAC, and a briefing on Q&A requirements at the Africa CEOs Conference.

- Progress was also made on safeguarding and organisational learning, including revisions to the Code of Conduct and Child Safeguarding e-learning courses, expanded promotion of ACT Learn (Fabo) courses, and engagement on emerging issues such as the responsible use of artificial intelligence through ACT's Learning Community of Practice.
- The Quality, Accountability and Complaints Reference Group was further strengthened through the onboarding of new members and the start of its operational work, improving coordination across ACT governance structures and providing stronger strategic guidance to the Secretariat.

During 2026 and 2027, the Secretariat will roll out the Due Diligence Passporting framework in phases, beginning with a pilot in the LAC region in collaboration with Groupe URD, before expanding across all ACT regions. The framework will generate a due diligence scoring profile for members, informing tiering and targeting capacity strengthening and funding support according to identified risks and organisational needs.

The Secretariat will continue implementing the CHS Compliance Action Plan while advancing humanitarian reforms linked to the expansion of the RRF, including enhanced capacity support and a pilot on anticipatory action. Additional priorities include revising the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, finalising the digital Project Management System, rolling out the revised Code of Conduct e-learning course, and continuing to use the Membership Portal to monitor compliance with mandatory policies.

AUDITS AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

In 2025, ACT Alliance mobilised a total of \$10,317,736.06 in humanitarian funding, comprising \$8,670,710.92 through humanitarian appeals and \$1,647,025.14 via the Rapid Response Fund (RRF). These resources supported life-saving interventions across multiple crises globally.

WHERE DID THE FUNDS COME FROM	
Country	Total 2025
Australia	210,963.57
Austria	22,473.34
Canada	311,512.64
Finland	431,930.75
Germany	1,214,699.88
Hungary	20,990.67
Iceland	489,706.00
Korea	3,250.02
Netherlands	2,000,702.27
New Zealand	59,906.84
Spain	8,299.06
Sweden	2,315,845.79
Switzerland	11,954.12
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea	9,800.00
United Kingdom	394,113.11
United States	2,811,588.00
GRAND TOTAL	10,317,736.06

WHERE WAS THE MONEY SPENT			
Country	All Appeals except RRF 2025	RRF 2025	Total 2025
Afghanistan	328,167.36		328,167.36
Argentina		20,000.00	20,000.00
Bangladesh	73,560.65		73,560.65
Cambodia		156,280.14	156,280.14
Colombia		50,000.00	50,000.00
Haiti	226632.26		226,632.26
India		150,000.00	150,000.00
Indonesia		361,629.00	361,629.00
Iraq	809,825.65		809,825.65
Jordan	196,324.85		196,324.85
Lebanon	222,853.83		222,853.83
Malawi		30,000.00	30,000.00
Mozambique	12,288.00		12,288.00
Myanmar	644326.82		644,326.82
Nigeria		170,000.00	170,000.00
Pakistan		155,280.00	155,280.00
Palestine	1229716.77		1,229,716.77
Philippines		125,000.00	125,000.00
South Sudan	692,474.54		692,474.54
Sri Lanka		30,000.00	30,000.00
Sudan	377,506.54		377,506.54
Syrian Arab Republic	840,972.67	148,900.00	989,872.67
Tanzania	70,726.90	50,000.00	120,726.90
Thailand		50,000.00	50,000.00
The Democratic Republic of the Congo	350,891.89		350,891.89
Uganda	677,058.80	149,936.00	826,994.80
Ukraine	1,917,383.39		1,917,383.39
GRAND TOTAL	8,670,710.92	1,647,025.14	10,317,736.06

RRF			
	USD	USD	%
		Total per Area	of Area to Total
AFRICA			
RRF250 - 2 - Tanzania	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 4- Malawi	30,000.00		
RRF250 - 6 - Nigeria	100,000.00		
RRF250 - 13 Nigeria	70,000.00		
RRF250 - 14 - Uganda	149,936.00	399,936.00	24%
ASIA			
RRF250 - 5- Pakistan	20,000.00		
RRF250 - 8 - Pakistan	100,000.00		
RRF250 - 9 Cambodia	87,150.00		
RRF260 - 1 Cambodia	69,130.14		
RRF250 - 10 India	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 10 India	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 10 India	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 11 Philippines	75,000.00		
RRF250 - 12 Philippines	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 8 - Pakistan	35,280.00		
RRF250 - 15 - Indonesia	129,689.00		
RRF250 - 15 - Indonesia	117,160.00		
RRF250 - 15 - Indonesia	114,780.00		
RRF250 - 16 - Thailand	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 17 - Sri Lanka	30,000.00	1,028,189.14	62%
MIDDLE EAST			
RRF250 - 7 - Syria	148,900.00	148,900.00	9%
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			
RRF250 - 1 - Colombia	50,000.00		
RRF250 - 3 - Argentina	20,000.00	70,000.00	4%
GRAND TOTAL	1,647,025.14	1,647,025.14	100%



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2025 REGIONAL OFFICES HIGHLIGHTS

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ACT Alliance regional offices strengthen coordination, support forums and members in each region, advance localisation of our humanitarian and development work, and connect national and regional priorities to ACT Alliance's global advocacy and humanitarian agenda.

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA)



Across the MENA region, the regional office supported members through capacity strengthening, regional dialogue, humanitarian coordination, and engagement on climate justice, gender justice, and quality and accountability.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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- 1. Expanding Local Leadership Across the Region:** The MENA region welcomed four new local members in 2025:
 - CAPNI in Iraq
 - Compassion Protestant Society in Lebanon
 - YWCA in Palestine
 - Council of Services and Development, Synod of the Nile (CSD) in Egypt bringing the total number of local ACT members in the region to eleven. The expansion strengthened ACT Alliance's localisation agenda and supported the establishment of the Egypt Forum.
- 2. Strengthening Regional Capacity and Collaboration:** Regional trainings and convenings focused on gender justice, CHS, investigations and complaints handling, resource mobilisation, and training-of-trainers approaches. More than 45 participants, including church leaders, judges, academics, women-led organisations, and ACT members, took part in a regional workshop on family status laws and gender justice.
- 3. Advancing Humanitarian Coordination and Ecumenical Engagement:** Despite ongoing conflict and instability across the region, ACT Alliance members maintained humanitarian responses in Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria, including in hard-to-reach areas. The regional office also strengthened engagement with churches, faith-based organisations, and ecumenical partners through climate justice initiatives, dialogue platforms, and regional collaboration.

MENA OFFICE ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

- 1. Localisation and Membership Growth:** The regional office prioritised strengthening locally led humanitarian and development action by expanding local membership and increasing the participation of local actors in regional coordination and decision-making. Discussions continued with additional local and church-based organisations interested in ACT Alliance membership.
- 2. Gender Justice and Community Engagement:** The Gender Community of Practice was reactivated with new leadership and regional learning exchanges. ACT Alliance convened regional dialogue on family status laws, bringing together judges, church leaders, advocates, academics, and civil society actors to strengthen collaboration and support ongoing legal reform discussions in the region.

- 3. Climate Justice and Faith-Based Collaboration:** The regional office supported the Eco Theology Symposium in Egypt and continued convening a regional faith-based climate group that met regularly throughout the year, bringing together ACT members, churches, and ecumenical partners to strengthen shared learning, collaboration, and climate engagement across the region.
- 4. Quality, Accountability, and Learning:** Regional members continued strengthening engagement with CHS and accountability processes through CHS self-assessments, complaints investigation training, and regional quality and accountability workshops, contributing to stronger accountability systems and peer learning across the region.
- 5. Humanitarian Coordination:** ACT Alliance members continued responding to humanitarian needs arising from conflict and displacement across the region. Local members remained at the forefront of humanitarian response, particularly in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria, reinforcing ACT Alliance's commitment to locally led humanitarian action.

2026 AREAS OF WORK

- Deepening Localization:** Continuing to expand local membership, with active engagement underway with the Anglican Church in both Palestine Egypt, and potential new YWCA membership in Jordan or Lebanon
- Advancing the Triple Nexus Approach:** Building on lessons from the pilot, with a focus on applying learnings from the Nexus appeal to strengthen the humanitarian-development-advocacy linkage across the region
- Strengthening Field-Level Capacity:** Continuing capacity building for local staff, with planned workshops including a focus on disability and inclusion
- Climate Engagement:** Exploring targeted climate work at regional and country level, with a focus on identifying where ACT Alliance can meaningfully engage in strategic decision-making processes
- Ecumenical and UN Collaboration:** Deepening cooperation with UN agencies and ecumenical partners to broaden the region's collective influence and visibility

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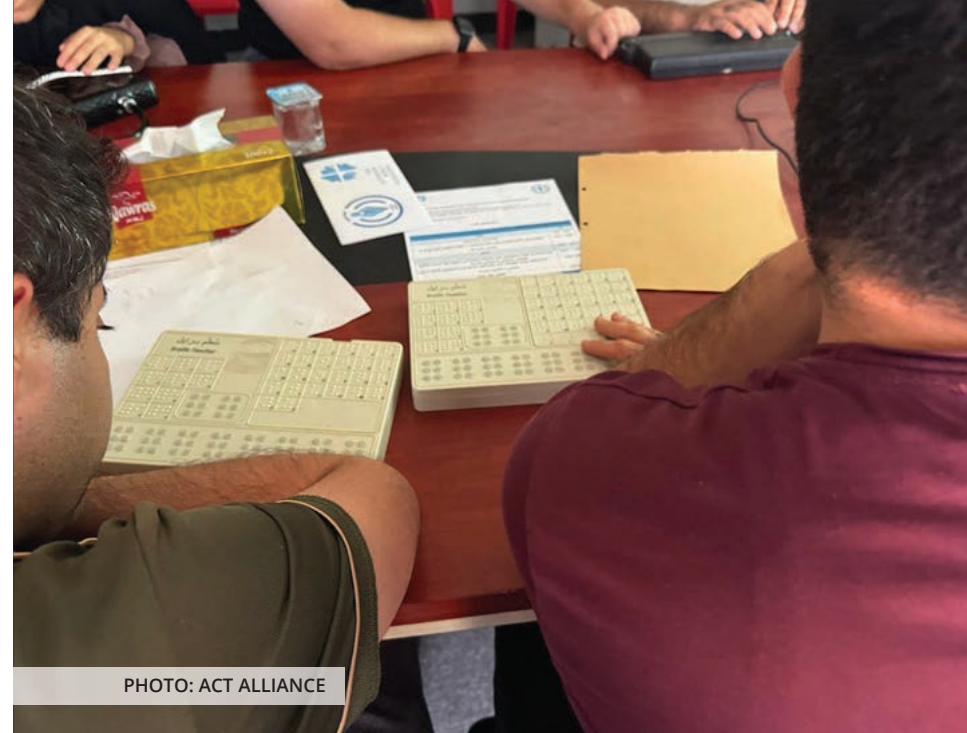


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Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)



In Latin America and the Caribbean, the regional office convened forums, strengthened regional collaboration, advanced advocacy coordination, and supported resource mobilisation across the region in 2025.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. **Building a Shared Regional Agenda:** The Regional Office supported Forum Coordinators from 11 countries to align around a shared regional agenda focused on climate justice and human mobility. This resulted in two funder-ready regional proposals designed to strengthen resource mobilisation and support locally led programming across LAC.
- 2. **Regional Cohesion and Collaboration:** Through in-person and virtual convenings, supported by Week of Compassion and PDA, the Regional Office deepened collaboration among forums, Communities of Practice, and regional partners. Bi-monthly coordination meetings reinforced peer learning and joint planning, positioning LAC as a more cohesive, high-performing region within ACT Alliance.
- 3. **Advocacy and Ecumenical Engagement:** The LAC office strengthened collective advocacy on climate justice, migration, human rights, gender justice, and democratic participation. Regional dialogues, faith-based initiatives, and collaborative campaigns amplified faith-rooted perspectives across regional and global platforms, including through deepened engagement with North American members and ecumenical partners.
- 4. **Securing Funding and Advancing Quality Standards:** The Regional Office secured and positioned funding to strengthen Forum work in Honduras, El Salvador, Cuba, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, and the FESUR Forum. Progress on CHS implementation, supported through Kerk in Actie (KIA), led to LAC receiving its first external invitation for technical support from Groupe URD, reflecting the region's growing credibility and quality standards.

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2026 Areas of Work:

- 1. Pilot implementation of the Due Diligence Passport in LAC as part of a broader set of reforms for 2026 - 2027, the programme will pilot the Due Diligence Passport to strengthen the role of national members and support more effective, locally led humanitarian responses. This initiative introduces a standardized due diligence process, supported by a tiered funding system and a “passporting” modality to streamline eligibility and access to funding.
- 2. Conduct three strategic country visits (e.g., Cuba, El Salvador, and Honduras) to strengthen accompaniment, deepen contextual understanding, and support forum development and regional engagement.

- 3. Promote stronger cross-regional collaboration among ACT Forums in the Americas, with particular emphasis on fostering coordinated advocacy efforts and identifying joint fundraising and resource mobilization opportunities.
- 4. Strengthen regional coordination and peer learning by continuing bi-monthly coordinators’ meetings and incorporating a more structured peer-exchange component for Community of Practice (CoP) moderators to enhance alignment, shared learning, and thematic collaboration.

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Africa



The Africa region has the highest number of ACT national members. In 2025, the secretariat enhanced coordination and strengthened forum engagement, deepening member engagement at both forum and regional level through capacity strengthening, peer learning, and programmatic work.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Strengthening regional engagement of national members:** ACT Alliance's Africa Region convened its inaugural meeting of CEOs and General Secretaries, bringing together 27 members for a two-day workshop. Participants committed to strengthening forum engagement, implementing ACT's Mandatory Policies, advancing quality and accountability, promoting localisation and locally led responses, and enhancing resource mobilisation through a consortium approach.
- 2. Sub-regional engagement of members in Southern Africa:** The ACT secretariat took part in the Southern Africa Regional Forum (SARF) meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 to 18 June 2025, with strong representation from forums across the sub-region and active discussion of the issues facing members' work there.
- 3. Meeting of General Secretaries of National Councils of Churches (GS-NCCs):** Held on 30 July, this meeting strengthened collaboration between ACT Forums and NCCs, reflecting the ACT Forum Policy's provision that NCCs have a permanent invitation to the forums. The meeting deepened understanding of the role councils of churches play in ACT Alliance's work and the need to collaborate with ACT Forums, whether or not they are ACT members.
- 4. The region welcomed 4 new members,** from Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Angola, extending ACT Alliance's reach into more communities.
- 5. Strengthening African Union Advocacy:** Monthly coordination meetings continued to enhance members' engagement with the African Union and AU-EU processes. In 2025, members jointly developed a briefing paper ahead of the Nordic-African Foreign Ministers' Meeting, demonstrating the strength of coordinated regional advocacy briefing paper.



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Asia Pacific



The regional office focused on strengthening national forums, deepening ecumenical collaboration, and reinforcing locally led coordination across the region amid ongoing funding and organisational transitions. The secretariat continued accompanying members and forums through strategic engagement, peer exchange, and alliance development, while strengthening ACT Alliance's relationships with national and regional ecumenical bodies.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Reactivating and Strengthening National Forums:** ACT Secretariat engaged with national forums across the region, contributing to the reactivation of forums in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, and Thailand, all significantly affected by the long-term impacts of COVID-19 and organisational transitions. The reactivation of the Thailand Forum also led to the approval of the membership application of the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT), strengthening ACT Alliance's national presence and local engagement in the country.
- **Strengthening Ecumenical and Regional Partnerships:** The region made important progress strengthening relationships with ecumenical bodies and national councils of churches. ACT Forums, members, and the Secretariat deepened engagement with key ecumenical partners, including the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) and the Communion of Churches in Indonesia (PGI), both non-ACT members, while continuing active collaboration with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka, both ACT members. These partnerships strengthened regional dialogue on ecumenical diakonia and collaboration between ACT Forums and broader faith-based networks.
- **Expanding Engagement in East Asia and the Pacific:** The regional office continued exploring opportunities to strengthen ACT Alliance's presence and coordination in East Asia and the Pacific. In China, engagement with Amity Foundation advanced through its active participation in ACT meetings and alliance platforms. Discussions also progressed on strengthening member coordination across East Asia, including China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines, alongside the exploration of new regional partnerships. In the Pacific, the ACT agenda remained a strategic priority for the PANZ Forum and the Secretariat, with plans to strengthen ACT visibility, communication, and engagement in the sub-region through ecumenical partners such as the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), and to expand collaboration with the broader partnership networks of PANZ members.

ASIA PACIFIC OFFICE ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

1. **Forum Accompaniment and Alliance Development:** The regional office continued supporting forums through accompaniment, coordination, and alliance strengthening, helping members sustain collaboration and rebuild momentum following periods of organisational and operational disruption.

2. **Ecumenical Diakonia and Faith-Based Engagement:** ACT Alliance strengthened collaboration with national and regional ecumenical bodies across Asia Pacific, contributing to ongoing dialogue on ecumenical cooperation, locally led engagement, and the role of faith-based actors in humanitarian and development work.
3. **Regional Coordination and Strategic Engagement:** The office supported regional coordination discussions focused on strengthening collaboration among members, expanding engagement in East Asia and the Pacific, and reinforcing the role of forums within ACT Alliance's evolving global strategy.

2026 AREAS OF WORK

1. **Strengthening Ecumenical Cooperation:** The regional office will continue advancing ecumenical cooperation processes initiated in 2025, focusing on strengthening relationships between ACT Forums, national councils of churches, and regional ecumenical bodies.
2. **Asia Pacific Regional Forum Meeting:** A face-to-face Asia Pacific Regional Forum meeting will be convened in Sri Lanka in September 2026, bringing together forums and members to strengthen regional collaboration and discuss strategic priorities for the region and the wider Alliance.
3. **Strengthening Localisation through the Rapid Response Fund (RRF):** The office will continue supporting localisation efforts across the region, with particular attention to the ongoing strengthening and reform of the Rapid Response Fund as a key mechanism for locally led humanitarian response.
4. **Expanding Regional Partnerships and East Asia Engagement:** Building on progress made in 2025, the regional office will further explore partnership opportunities and strengthen coordination across East Asia and the Pacific, including through planned engagement by the ACT General Secretary in 2026.

2026 PRIORITIES

- **Strengthening Regional Coordination and Strategic Alignment:** An annual regional online meeting will be convened to follow up on key regional priorities, including strengthening forum sustainability through peer learning and experience sharing on resource mobilization. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to reflect on emerging African contextual developments and contribute regional perspectives to the implementation of the new ACT Strategic Plan.
- **Revitalizing the West and Central Africa Regional Forum (WARF):** A key priority for 2026 will be the reactivation and strengthening of the West and Central Africa Regional

Forum (WARF). In collaboration with regional leadership and members, a face-to-face meeting will be organized to strengthen member engagement, enhance coordination, and identify opportunities for joint action on shared priorities.

- **Establishing the Greater Eastern Africa Sub-Regional Forum:** Building on interest expressed by national members, the ACT Regional Office will facilitate the establishment of the Greater Eastern Africa Sub-Regional Forum. The initiative aims to foster closer collaboration, improve coordination, and strengthen collective action among members in the sub-region.
- **Enhancing Engagement with National Forums:** The Regional Office will continue regular engagement with national forums through their existing meeting platforms, providing updates on regional initiatives, strengthening information sharing, and ensuring effective communication between members and the ACT Secretariat.
- **Promoting Sustainable and Collaborative Action:** The region will continue supporting forums to explore collaborative approaches to programming, advocacy, and resource mobilization, with a focus on strengthening member ownership, localization, and collective impact across Africa.



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Europe

The Europe region focused on strengthening member collaboration, advancing localisation commitments, supporting national Forums, and creating more space for youth engagement within ACT Alliance. Through collaboration between the ACT Europe Forum, ACT EU, national Forums, and thematic Communities of Practice, the region contributed to shaping key Alliance priorities emerging from the 2024 General Assembly.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Advancing Localisation and Humanitarian Reform:** ACT Europe Forum, ACT EU, and the Humanitarian Directors Meeting convened in Dublin to advance discussions on localisation and the future of humanitarian response within ACT Alliance. Members explored ways to strengthen the Rapid Response Fund (RRF), expand locally led response mechanisms, and increase the role of local actors in humanitarian decision-making and resource allocation.
- **Supporting National Forums and Regional Coordination:** The Secretariat continued accompanying the national forums in Ukraine and Armenia, strengthening coordination among members and keeping national priorities connected to ACT Alliance's broader humanitarian and advocacy agenda.
- **Elevating Youth Voices in Advocacy and Ecumenical Spaces:** Youth representatives engaged directly with the ACT Europe Forum and the Advocacy and Policy Group, contributing perspectives on youth-led advocacy and organisational leadership. The Youth Community of Practice also convened a lecture series on youth leadership, climate justice, and gender justice, and took part in broader ecumenical initiatives with the World Council of Churches and the Season of Creation closing event.

2026 AREAS OF WORK

- Finalise and advance the ACT Alliance Youth Policy through consultations and focus group discussions informed by the 2025 survey findings
- Continue supporting implementation of localisation commitments, including strengthening the Rapid Response Fund and locally led humanitarian approaches
- Deepen engagement with national forums, particularly in Ukraine and Armenia, to strengthen coordination and humanitarian response
- Expand collaboration between youth leaders, the Advocacy and Policy Group, and regional forums to strengthen youth participation in ACT governance and advocacy



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PHOTO: ACT / ACT Alliance co-sponsored a side event entitled "Transforming Taboos: How to Change a Social Norm" during the UN's 69th Commission on the Status of Women.

North America

The North America Forum's 2025 work began with a meeting the week before the US presidential inauguration. The operating context shifted more than anticipated in the early months of the second Trump administration, creating particular challenges for US members, especially those focused on migrant and refugee rights. The Forum focused much of its planning on a January 2026 conference with Latin American members in Bogotá, the first joint meeting bringing together members from across the Americas. ACT Canada Forum continued to support the Locally Led Climate Fund, alongside ELCA, completing the second year and planning the third year of the programme. Canadian members also followed up on General Assembly outcomes, particularly the advocacy messaging supported by members before the Assembly, ensuring that support did not waver and that appropriate follow-up steps were taken.



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**GOVERNING
BOARD**

In November 2024, ACT Alliance welcomed a newly elected Governing Board reflecting the diversity of its global membership. Comprising experienced leaders and emerging voices from across regions and faith traditions, the new Board carries forward ACT's values of dignity, inclusion, and collective action. The full elected Governing Board consists of:

REGION	NAME	ORGANISATION
Africa	Yilikal Shiferaw	EEOC-DICAC (Ethiopia)
	Evans Onyemara	CCN (Nigeria)
	Melton Luhanga	CARD (Malawi)
Asia	Minnie Anne Calub	NCCP (Philippines)
	Ling Chunxiang	Amity Foundation (China)
	Juliate Malakar	CCDB (Bangladesh)
Western Europe	Rommie Nauta	Kerk in Actie (NL)
	Martin Kessler	DKH (Germany)
	Tomi Järvinen	FCA (Finland)
Eastern Europe	Edna Ter-Vardanyan	ARTF Armenia
Global	Casey Harden	World YWCA
LAC	Joel Dopico	CIC (Cuba)
	Nicolás Rosenthal	FP Hora de Obrar (Argentina)
	Atahualpa Hernández	IELCO (Colombia)
MENA	Samer Laham	MECC
North America	Laurie Kraus	PDA (USA)
	Guy Smagghe	PWS&D (Canada)
Pacific	Peter Keegan	UnitingWorld (Australia)
Youth seats	Birgita Sekar	YAKKUM (Indonesia)
	Jean Wambui Karari	ADS (Kenya)
WCC permanent	Kenneth Mtata	WCC
LWF permanent	Maria Immonen	LWF

The full elected Membership and Nominations Committee consists of:

REGION	NAME	ORGANISATION
Africa	Tariro Washaya	MeDRA (Zimbabwe)
Asia	Kishore Kumar Nag	LWSIT (India)
Europe	Patrick Watt	Christian Aid (UK)
LAC	Horacio Mesones	CREAS (Argentina)
Pacific	Jo Knight	Anglican Overseas Aid (Australia)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Name	Role
Bueno de Faria, Rudelmar	Ex-Officio
Harden, Casey Mata-Calub, Minnie Anne	Vice-moderator
Mtata, Kenneth Nauta, Rommie Rosenthal, Nicolás	Moderator
Shiferaw, Yilikal Smagghe, Guy	Treasurer

One of the outgoing Board's key priorities was financial sustainability. This included approving steps toward a revised Funding Model to promote fairness, transparency, and predictable contributions across the membership. The Board also reviewed the 2024 audited financial accounts, assessed 2025 financial updates, and explored ways to strengthen ACT's core financial stability.

To support stronger member engagement and accountability, the Board ratified a revised Membership Model, clarifying roles, responsibilities, and expectations across the Alliance.

During the mid-term review of the Global Strategy, the Board found implementation largely on track, with minor shifts to strengthen internal cohesion, integrate decolonisation efforts, and enhance youth participation. These refinements were endorsed, extending the Strategy's relevance through 2027.

The Board also held strategic discussions on governance and statutory reforms, and assessed regional and global risks, including political polarisation and shifting humanitarian contexts, to better prepare the Alliance for emerging challenges.



PHOTO: ACT / ACT member LWF supports self-help groups who engage in psychosocial learning together to address the trauma they have experienced in their journeys as refugees coming to Uganda.

MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS LIST

In 2025, ACT Alliance's membership grew stronger and more diverse, reflecting our collective commitment to principled humanitarian action and development work. 12 new member organisations joined the Alliance. These new members expand our regional presence and thematic expertise, strengthening ACT's capacity to respond to crises and advance social justice globally.

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
AFRICA	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Angolan Council of Christian Churches/Conselho de Igrejas Cristãs em Angola (CICA)	Angola
Dignus Burkina Faso (DIGNUSBF)	Burkina Faso
National Council of Churches of Burundi/ Conseil national des églises du Burundi (CNEB)	Burundi
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon/Eglise fraternelle luthérienne du Cameroun (EFLC)	Cameroon
Church of Christ in the Congo Kinshasa/Eglise du Christ au Congo Kinshasa (ECC)	DRC
Ecumenical Center Promotion Rural World/Centre Oecuménique pour la Promotion du Monde Rural (COPROMOR)	DRC
Ecumenical Office for Development Support/Bureau Oecumenique d'Appui au Developpement (BOAD)	DRC
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo/Eglise évangélique luthérienne au Congo (ELCCo)	DRC
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)	Ethiopia
Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC)	Ethiopia
Presbyterian Relief Services and Development-Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PRSD)	Ghana
Anglican Development Services Kenya (ADS)	Kenya
Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa (FECCLAHA)	Kenya
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC)	Kenya
National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCKK)	Kenya
Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA)	Kenya
Christian Council of Lesotho (CCL)	Lesotho
Liberia Council of Churches (LCC)	Liberia
Lutheran Development Service in Liberia (LDS Liberia)	Liberia

Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar/Eglise de Jésus-Christ à Madagascar (SAF-FJKM)	Madagascar
Malagasy Lutheran Church (MLC)	Madagascar
Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD Malawi)	Malawi
Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS)	Malawi
Ecumenical Committee for Social Development/Comité Ecuménico para o Desenvolvimento Social (CEDES)	Mozambique
Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN)	Nigeria
Council of Churches in Sierra Leon (CCSL)	Sierra Leone
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 Africa
Lutheran Communion in South Africa (LUCSA)	South Africa
Presbyterian Relief & Development Agency (PRDA)	South Sudan
Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT)	Tanzania
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT)	Tanzania
Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS)	Tanzania
Church of Uganda (CoU)	Uganda
Rural Action Community Based Organisation (RACOBABO)	Uganda
Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC)	Uganda
Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ)	Zambia
The United Church of Zambia (UCZ)	Zambia
Ecumenical Church Leaders' Forum (ECLF)	Zimbabwe
Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe (LDS Zimbabwe)	Zimbabwe
Methodist Development and Relief Agency (MeDRA)	Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC)	Zimbabwe

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
ASIA	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB)	Bangladesh
RDRS, Bangladesh	Bangladesh
Life With Dignity (LWD)	Cambodia
Amity Foundation (AF)	China
Christian Agency for Rural Development (CARD India)	India
Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA)	India
Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT)	India
Synodical Board of Social Services, Church of North India (SBSS-CNI)	India
United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI)	India
Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)	Indonesia
Christian Foundation for Public Health (YAKKUM), includes YEU	Indonesia
Indonesian Christian Association for Health Services (ICAHS/PELKESI)	Indonesia
Maha Bhoga Marga Foundation (MBM)	Indonesia
National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ)	Japan
Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK)	Korea (South)
Community World Service Asia (CWSA Pakistan)	Pakistan
National Council of Churches in Pakistan (NCCP)	Pakistan
National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)	Philippines
National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL)	Sri Lanka
Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)	Taiwan



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PHOTO: ACT / Nakivale, Uganda. ACT member LWF provides cash for work to a group of refugees who are making cement latrine lids to improve sanitation in the refugee settlements as they earn money to support their families.



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ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
EUROPE	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Armenia Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation (ARTF)	Armenia
Diakonie ACT Austria	Austria
Solidarité Protestante (SP)	Belgium
Diaconia ECCB – Center of Relief and Development (DECCB-CRD)	Czech Republic
DanChurchAid (DCA)	Denmark
Finn Church Aid/Kirkon Ulkomaanapu (FCA)	Finland
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)	Finland
Bread for the World (BfdW)	Germany
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)	Germany
Mission EineWelt (MEW)	Germany
Moravian Mission Society/Herrnhuter Missionshilfe (HMH)	Germany
APOSTOLI	Greece
Faros	Greece
Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)	Hungary
Icelandic Church Aid (ICA)	Iceland
Christian Aid Ireland (CAI)	Ireland
Cordaid (merged with ICCO Cooperation, members since Dec 2009)	The Netherlands
Kerk in Actie (KiA)	The Netherlands
Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)	Norway
Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania (AIDRom)	Romania
Russian Orthodox Church–Department for External Church Relations (ROC-DECR)	Russia
Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization (EHO)	Serbia

Philanthropy –The Charitable Foundation of the Serbian Orthodox Church (COVEX/COVEC)	Serbia
Act Church of Sweden (ActCoS)	Sweden
Diakonia Sweden	Sweden
Swiss Church Aid (HEKS-EPER) merged with BfA in 2021 (Bread for the World joined June 2010)	Switzerland
Christian Aid (CA)	UK

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
Middle East and North Africa	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Bishopric of Public, Ecumenical & Social Services (BLESS)	Egypt
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)	Palestine
Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)	Lebanon
Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)	Palestine
East Jerusalem YMCA (EJ-YMCA)	Palestine
Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch & All the East –Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD)	Syria
St. Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee (EPDC)	Syria
Christian Aid Program– Kurdistan Region (CAPNI)	Iraq
Compassion Protestant Society (CPS)	Lebanon
Council of Services and Development, Synod of the Nile (CSD)	Egypt
YWCA Palestine	Palestine

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Diaconal Protestant Foundation Time to Work/Fundacion Protestante Hora de Obrar (FPHdO)	Argentina
Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Center/Centro Regional Ecuménico de Asesoría y Servicio (CREAS)	Argentina
Evangelical Center for Diaconia/Servicio Evangélico de Diaconia (SEDI)	Argentina
Diaconia Brazil	Brazil
Ecumenical Coordination of Services/Coordenadoria Ecumênica de Serviço (CESE)	Brazil
KOINONIA Ecumenical Presence and Service/KOINONIA Presença Ecuménica e Serviço	Brazil
Lutheran Foundation of Diaconia/Fundação Luterana de Diaconia (FLD)	Brazil
Bolivian Association Uniting Hands for Life/Asociación Boliviana Uniendo Manos por la Vida (RED UMAVIDA)	Bolivia
Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia/Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en Bolivia (IEMB)	Bolivia
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile/Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en Chile (IELCH)	Chile
Popular Education in Health/Fundación Educación Popular en Salud (EPES)	Chile
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia/Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia (IELCO) (former member that withdrew in 2016 & reapplied)	Colombia
Presbyterian Church of Colombia/Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia (PCC/IPC)	Colombia
Christian Center for Reflection & Dialogue/Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo (CCRD)	Cuba
Council of Churches of Cuba (CCC) /Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba (CIC)	Cuba
Social Service of Dominican Churches/Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID)	Dominican Rep.
Christian Association for Education and Development/Asociación Cristiana de Educación y Desarrollo (ALFALIT)	El Salvador

Salvadorian Lutheran Synod/Sinodo Luterano Salvadoreño (SLS)	El Salvador
Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America/Centro Evangélico de Estudios pastorales en Centro América (CEDEPCA)	Guatemala
Christian Service Haiti/Service chrétien d'Haïti (SCH)	Haiti
Mennonite Social Action Commission/Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)	Honduras
Christian Organization for the Integral Development of Honduras/Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)	Honduras
Council of Evangelical Churches/Consejo de Iglesias Proalianza Denominacional (CEPAD)	Nicaragua
Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies/Centro Intereclesial de Estudios Teológicas y Sociales (CIEETS)	Nicaragua
Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope/Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua Fé y Esperanza (ILFE)	Nicaragua
DIACONIA Peru	Peru
Methodist Church of Peru (MCP)/Iglesia Metodista del Peru (IMP)	Peru

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
PACIFIC	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
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 (UW)	Australia
Christian World Service (CWS NZ)	New Zealand



PHOTO: ACT / ACT member LWF supports self-help groups who engage in psychosocial learning together to address the trauma they have experienced in their journeys as refugees coming to Uganda.

ACT Alliance Members in 2025	
North America	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Alongside Hope	Canada
Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)	Canada
Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)	Canada
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Week of Compassion	USA/ Canada
Church World Service (CWS-USA)	USA
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	USA
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Presbyterian Church USA (PDA)	USA
United Church of Canada: Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit (UCC-Canada)	Canada
United Church of Christ (UCC-USA)	USA
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)	USA
World Renew (WR)	Canada

Global	
MEMBERS	COUNTRY
Anglican Alliance (member since 2013 as observer)	UK
Baptist World Aid (BWA)	USA
ECLOF International (ECLOF)	Switzerland
The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)	Switzerland
Mission 21: Protestant Mission Basel (Mission 21)	Switzerland
The Salvation Army (SA)	UK
United Evangelical Mission (UEM)	Germany
World Association for Christian Communication (WACC)	Canada
World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)	Germany
World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)	Switzerland



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PHOTO: ACT / Nakivale, Uganda. Mosumboku Shrimpuhwe is pleased to have access to a water point in the rapidly growing refugee community of Rubondo.

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