



Presbyterian World Service  
& Development

# Impact 2025

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life for all, PWS&D works to be faithful stewards of the resources generously entrusted to us. PWS&D continues to be blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of Presbyterians from coast to coast.



In 2025, PWS&D contributed to \$6.5 million worth of programs where most needed around the world. We are grateful for the support of the Government of Canada and membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which allows PWS&D to multiply and expand our resources through matching funds, and our reach through collaboration with ecumenical partners.

PWS&D's refugee sponsorship program provided accompaniment to congregations and presbyteries that welcomed 55 refugees to Canada in 2025.

**PWS&D was able to reach out to 233,178 people in 19 countries through our development and relief programs—providing sustainable solutions to poverty and compassionate support in times of disaster and conflict. Thank you for helping make this possible!**

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## Health

By ensuring mothers and children receive the medical care they need, caring for people affected by HIV and AIDS, and providing access to water and sanitation programs, families and communities are growing healthier and stronger.

In 2025, 50,224 people in Bangladesh, Ghana, Haiti, India, Malawi and Nepal participated in health programs.



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## Food Security

Communities are learning innovative and sustainable agriculture practices to increase crop yields, improve nutrition and build resilience to the climate crisis.

In 2025, 39,098 people participated in food security projects in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan and South Sudan.



*“I chose this change because water is life; without water, we cannot live.”*

Hilda, in Guatemala

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## Sustainable Livelihoods

Families are empowered to meet their basic needs through education, skills training and small business development. When one person becomes self-reliant, they improve their quality of life and help break cycles of poverty.

In 2025, sustainable livelihoods programs reached 25,491 people in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Malawi, Nepal, Pakistan and South Sudan.

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## Human Rights

Injustices are addressed through a shared commitment to human rights, with a special focus on promoting and protecting rights for women, children, subsistence farmers, persons with disabilities, and refugees.

In 2025, 24,984 people took part in human rights projects in Colombia, DR Congo, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Malawi, Nepal, Nicaragua, Palestine and South Sudan.



## Relief

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In 2025, humanitarian crises—whether due to conflict or natural disaster—continued to remind us how vulnerable so many people are. Immediate relief ensures marginalized people and communities have access to food, shelter and water, and can recover from trauma and loss.

Vital emergency assistance was provided to 93,380 people through PWS&D's global partners, and through long-standing relationships with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance.

In 2025, PWS&D provided assistance in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Malawi, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen.

South Sudan is facing a humanitarian crisis. At just 18-years-old, Nyibol struggled to feed herself and her six young siblings until they received food assistance through PWS&D.



*“Because of the food assistance, I have not given up. It has revived my ambition to go to school.”*

## Refugee Sponsorship

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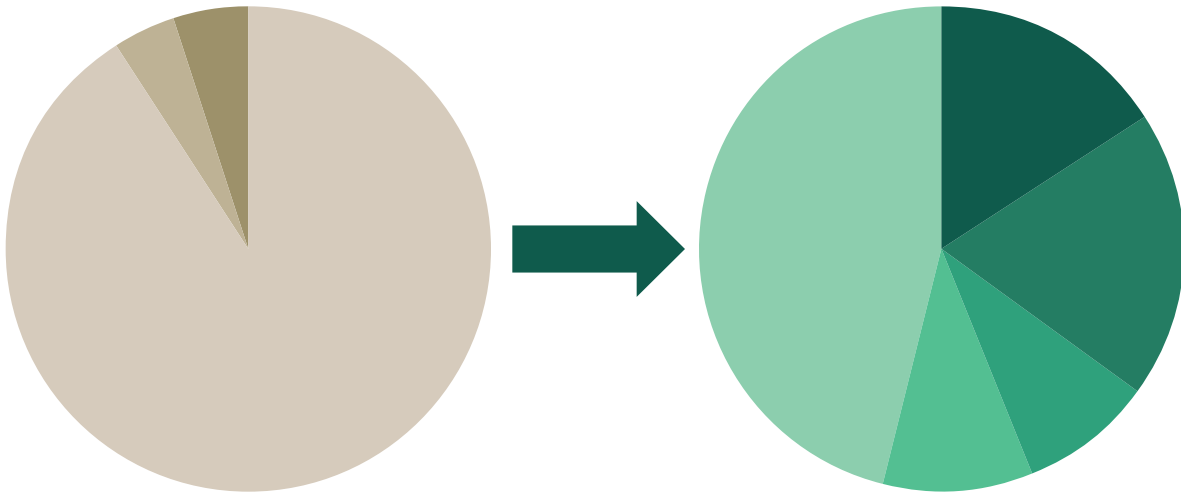
PWS&D's refugee ministry is a response to Christ's call to serve and defend the marginalized and persecuted. During 2025, 55 sponsored refugees arrived in Canada originating from 10 countries.

PWS&D is deeply concerned about cuts to the total number of refugees allowed to be sponsored to Canada under sponsorship agreements. Cuts by the government resulted in a 29% reduction in spaces allocated to the PCC—dropping from 82 spaces in 2024 to 58 spaces in 2025. This is especially troubling when the number of refugees globally has never been higher and the demands for sponsorship far outpace the number of spaces available.



PWS&D contributed to **\$6.5 million** worth of programs in 2025 – **\$3.5 million** in development and **\$3 million** in relief projects.

This was possible because of **\$4.1 million** in donations from members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including **\$1.1 million** in legacy gifts to the Loaves & Fishes fund and **\$485,000** to our Canadian Foodgrains Bank account.



### For every dollar PWS&D spent in 2025\*

- **92%** Development and relief programs (see following chart)
- **4%** Education and fundraising
- **5%** Administration

*\*This chart represents the full value of PWS&D programming in 2025—including Government of Canada matching funds through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.*

### Program funds were spent on:

- Food security **16%**
- Health **19%**
- Human rights **9%**
- Livelihoods **10%**
- Relief **46%**