



Presbyterian World Service & Development

2022 IMPACT REPORT



Faithful to our calling,
we respond together.

Message from the Director

We know 2022 was a challenging year for many. A combination of conflict, in particular the war in Ukraine, an economic downturn experienced around the globe and the continuing climate crisis made the need for PWS&D's work more essential than ever.

Despite these challenges, PWS&D experienced unprecedented generosity from Presbyterians across the country. Your generous response to our Ukraine appeal, the global food crisis and devastating flooding in Pakistan, as well as continued support for our sustainable development projects enabled us to increase our impact in the world. Support from other churches at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the Humanitarian Coalition, and the Canadian government through Global Affairs Canada helped to greatly multiply this impact.

While 2022 marked the Presbyterian Church in Canada's 75th year of relief and development programming through PWS&D, it also offered us the opportunity to look toward the future.

In 2022, PWS&D developed a new strategic plan, which will help guide our work over the next few years. We will deepen the relationship with our supporters, revitalize our programs and partnerships, and optimize our organizational health. We will keep working at being inclusive of all people in our programs and will enhance our work in response to the climate crisis, all with the continued vision to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world. We invite you to accompany us on this journey.

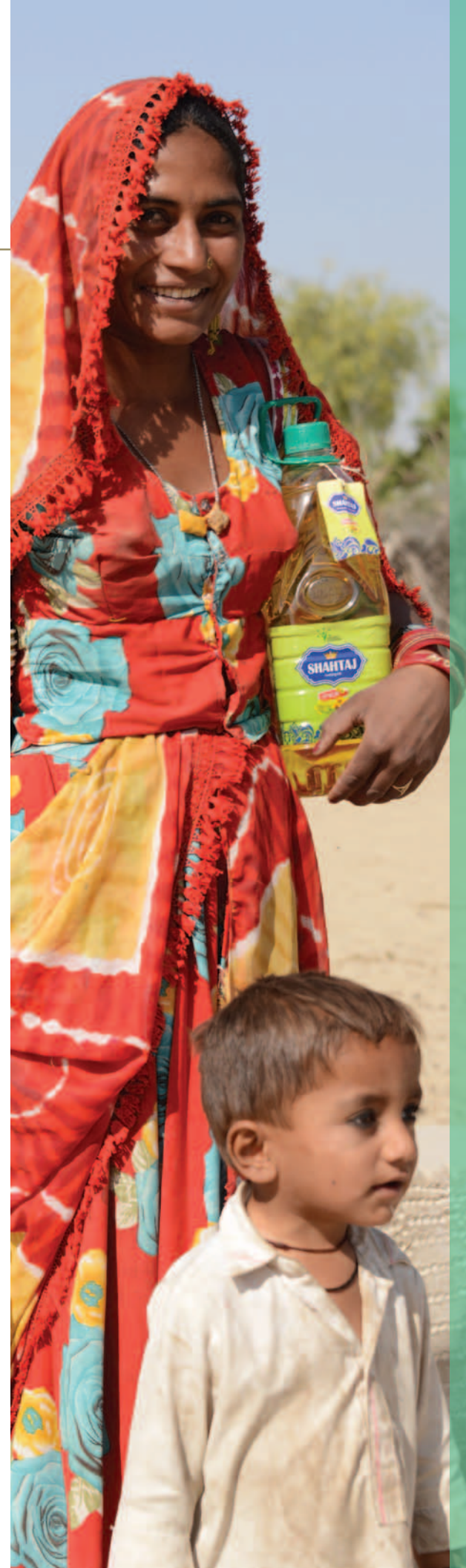
We know that God has provided enough for all, and that we are called to share this abundance. We hope this report will provide you with a snapshot of the sharing that was made possible in 2022 thanks to your generous support.

With deep gratitude for your support,



Guy Smagghe, Director

Visit [WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca) to learn more about the life-transforming work you helped make possible in 2022.



Marking 75 Years of Service Around the World

In 1945, after World War II, when parts of Europe had been ravaged by bombs, Canadian Presbyterians rallied to the call for help in response to post-World War II needs. Two years later, a committee was formed to provide food, clothing and practical help to churches in Europe. That committee would eventually become Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Through PWS&D, for 75 years, Canadian Presbyterians have been providing immediate relief and long-term development assistance around the world, with an ever-increasing scope and reach.

Here are just a few examples of how the church has responded through PWS&D over the past 75 years:

- Emergency food assistance in the aftermath of World War II
- Air drops of food and other assistance in Biafra (Nigeria) in the 1960s through Canairelief
- Famine response in Ethiopia in the 1980s
- Assistance to refugees of the Rwandan genocide in 1994
- Food assistance, as well as shelter and livelihood recovery after the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004
- Assisting Haitian earthquake survivors in 2010
- Food, shelter and psychological support experienced due to the war in Ukraine in 2022

None of this work would be possible without the faithful prayers and generous financial support of Presbyterians from sea to sea. Thank you for partnering with us. We invite you to continue journeying with us on the road to a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

To learn more about PWS&D's work in the last 75 years, order a copy of our book *Practical Compassion*. Learn more at [WeRespond.ca/Practical-Compassion](https://www.werespond.ca/Practical-Compassion).



In 2022, PWS&D and our partners undertook

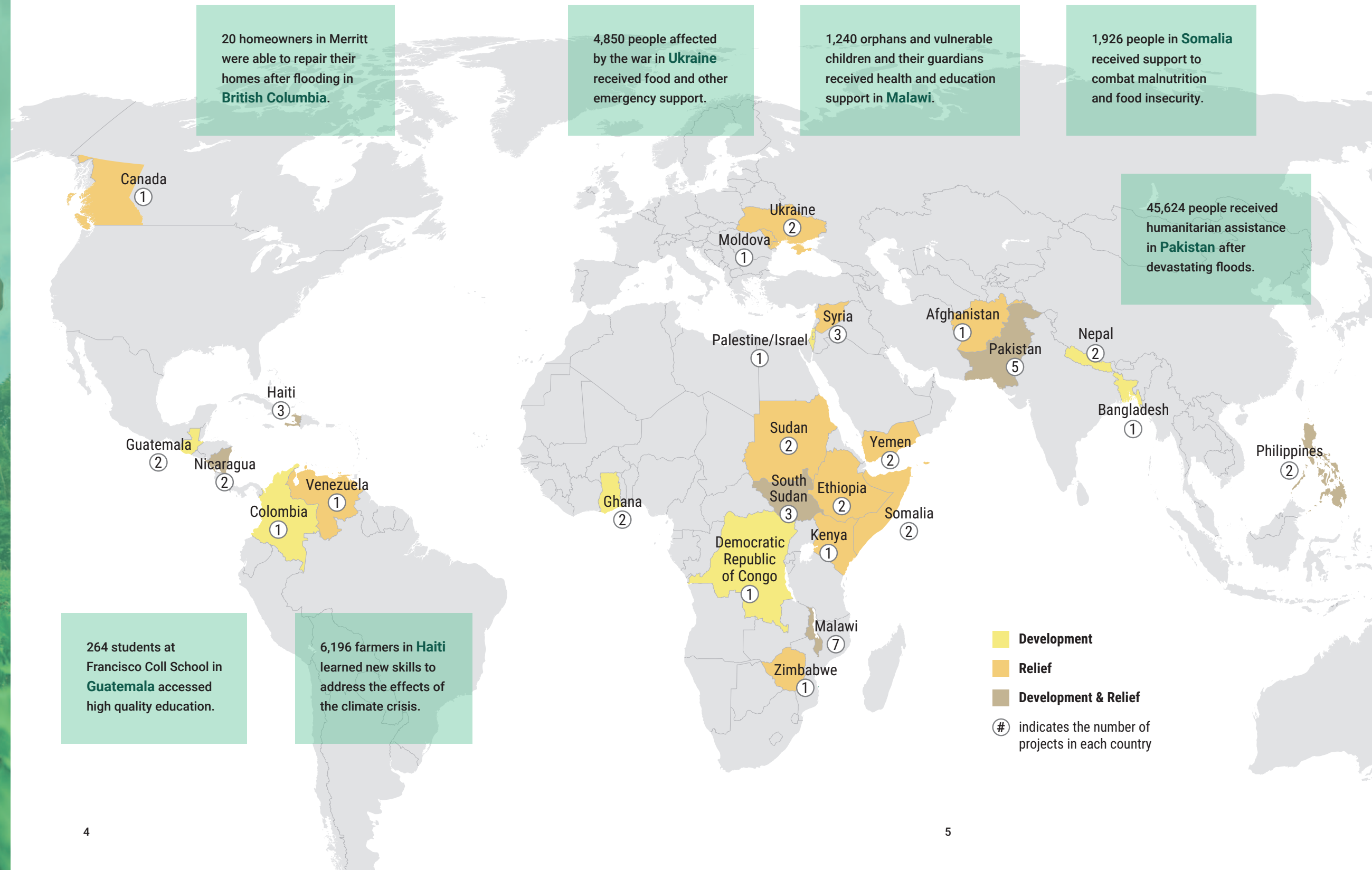
49 projects in **25** countries.

19 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

84,639 adults and children participated in health, food security, livelihoods and human rights projects

30 EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECTS

153,635 people received food, water and sanitation, and other emergency assistance



Development



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, families and communities are growing healthier and stronger.

In 2022, health programs in Ghana, Haiti, Malawi and Nepal supported 23,353 people.

In Nepal, leprosy rates are on the rise. While leprosy is a disease of the past for most Canadians, it still devastates the lives of less privileged people in Nepal. Working with our partner, the International Nepal Fellowship, PWS&D provides comprehensive treatment and support to people affected by leprosy and their families. Often marginalized in their communities because of the disease, it can be a challenge to find treatment and sustain a livelihood. Pallu Oli knew that something was wrong when he felt a burning sensation on his leg. A doctor prescribed him medicine, but his wound only became worse. Finally, upon accessing diagnosis and treatment through PWS&D's project, Pallu was able to start healing. **"I am very happy that my disease was diagnosed and is being treated accordingly."** He has high hopes for the future now that he is on the road to recovery.

HEALTH PROGRESS IN 2022...

- 7,508 children in Haiti participated in malnutrition screening and therapeutic nutrition treatment
- 300 youth in Nicaragua received comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education, which included information on improved nutrition and preventing gender-based violence
- Over 30,000 people in southern Malawi received essential maternal, newborn and child health services including immunization, growth monitoring, postnatal care and family planning

Food Security

Communities are learning innovative and sustainable agriculture practices to increase crop yields, improve nutrition, and build resilience to environmental changes.

In 2022, 28,346 people participated in food security projects in Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti and Malawi.

For many farmers around the world, food security is a struggle. In fact, 70 percent of those who experience hunger are food producers. The deteriorating and increasingly unpredictable climate, limited access to farming inputs and poor infrastructure in many communities mean the situation continues to get worse.

In Malawi, Ida James relies on farming to feed her family and to generate income to purchase other necessities for herself and her three children. Most days, it wasn't enough.

Ida heard about a program to strengthen food production coordinated by PWS&D's partner, Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD). While at first skeptical, Ida tested the new techniques on a small section of her land. By intercropping, using compost and mulch, and minimizing tillage, Ida improved the quality of her soil and increased her crop yield by 50 percent on the test plot.

Ida is hopeful for continued improvement to her yield and income. She remarks, **"CARD and PWS&D are partners in times of need. All the efforts being done are much appreciated."**

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 future, and lift up others in their community.

Sustainable livelihoods programs reached 15,293 people in Bangladesh, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi and Pakistan in 2022. These initiatives help to break cycles of poverty and create long-term positive impacts.

In Ghana, 25-year-old Dominic Anane was born with a congenital hearing disability. Like many others, Dominic experienced discrimination due to his disability—his family and community kept him from receiving a formal education, severely limiting his ability to support himself.

During a community survey, PWS&D's partner, the Presbyterian Church in Ghana's Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre, identified that Dominic was facing limitations in his livelihood opportunities, in part due to his disability. He learned tailoring and dressmaking and received a sewing machine through the project and is now financially self-reliant. He expressed his gratitude, **"I feel privileged to have benefitted from the community-based rehabilitation program, which has truly made my life meaningful."**





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.

Human rights projects in Ghana, Guatemala and Malawi helped to raise the awareness of 17,701 people on their rights and how to protect them. In addition, PWS&D supported KAIROS' Women of Courage partners in Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Palestine/Israel, the Philippines and South Sudan.

MEET AMALIA

Amalia López Pérez, a mother of three, joined a women's group that was formed by PWS&D's partner AMMID in Guatemala. Like many of the Indigenous women in her community, Amalia faces a daily reality of oppression, marginalization and domestic violence.

But Amalia has made significant changes in her personal life, having gained knowledge and self-confidence through the project. She is now involved in the municipal women's organization where she works with others to fight many of the stereotypes that might be placed on rural, Indigenous women. She shares, *"I cannot say that everything has changed, but I am beginning to take the first steps. I am demonstrating to other women that they should respect themselves and expect that same respect from their family and community."*

PWS&D is proud to support the KAIROS Women of Courage project. Rooted in the understanding that in conflict and post-conflict situations women are victimized many times over, the project works to end gender-based violence and increase the participation of women in peacebuilding processes. Support from the Government of Canada means PWS&D funds contributed to this project are matched 3:1.



Relief

Relief programs played a crucial part in PWS&D's work in 2022. From the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 to the ongoing climate crisis and the continued impacts of COVID-19, the need for humanitarian assistance was greater than ever.

Ukraine Conflict

The military conflict in Ukraine resulted in loss of life, mass movement of the civilian population within the country and into neighbouring countries, as well as severe damage to infrastructure and housing.

Presbyterians from across Canada responded generously—providing over \$900,000 for emergency relief programs for those affected by the conflict.

Responding with partners at ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D provided emergency food assistance, shelter, water and sanitation, livelihoods and psychological support to 4,850 affected people in 2022.

AFGHANISTAN

Despite ever-growing need in Afghanistan, PWS&D remained unable to provide urgent humanitarian assistance in the country in 2022. Due to Canadian sanctions against the Taliban and provisions under the Canadian Criminal Code's Anti-Terrorism legislation, funds were unable to be sent to Afghanistan. Instead, PWS&D assisted Afghan refugees in Pakistan—the only possible option at the time.

Through 2022, PWS&D joined with other Canadian organizations to advocate for necessary legislative changes through the Aid for Afghanistan campaign. We're so grateful for the support of so many in acting on this important issue!



"This assistance was timely, and we would not have survived without it."

Olena Slobodianiuk, a Ukraine resident assisted with food assistance through cash transfers

“I am very happy to see my child’s health improve. I will continue to give him therapeutic food, so he doesn’t get sick again.”

Hodan Hassan, the mother of a boy who received therapeutic malnutrition treatment in Somalia



Pakistan Floods

Torrential rains and flash floods between June and August 2022 left more than 5.7 million people in Pakistan deeply affected. Hundreds of thousands of acres of cultivated farmland became unusable and houses and schools were destroyed. As a result, water, sanitation and health services were desperately needed.

Working with Community World Service Asia in Pakistan, and with additional support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Humanitarian Coalition, PWS&D implemented over \$1 million in programming to assist 45,624 people. Food assistance through cash distributions took place over several months, ensuring families would be able to buy the food they required in local markets.

Additionally, through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D supported the provision of essentials, including access to medical facilities, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives to combat the serious increased risk of waterborne illness.

Conflict in Ethiopia

In 2022, a conflict that received far less media coverage than the war in Ukraine continued in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. Over the course of the year, the conflict also spread into neighbouring regions of the country. PWS&D provided food assistance, as well as livelihood and water and sanitation support to over 3,000 people. Essential support was also provided to Ethiopian refugees who fled to Sudan for safety.

Global Food Crisis

In 2022, the combined effects of COVID-19, climate change, and conflict (especially the war in Ukraine) created huge increases in world hunger. The places most affected by increased prices were countries that import more food than they grow, which are mostly low-income countries in the Horn of Africa region, as well as Yemen and Afghanistan.

In response to this growing need, PWS&D providing urgent food assistance in several countries which are extremely vulnerable to food insecurity and famine, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen.

PWS&D's membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance allowed us to provide necessary interventions in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Moldova, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Sudan, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe. PWS&D-supported relief projects provided life-saving emergency assistance to a total of 153,635 people in 2022.



Refugees

PWS&D is very grateful to congregations, presbyteries and other groups who contributed to the church's refugee sponsorship efforts in 2022. Over the course of the year, they developed applications, prepared to receive those they had sponsored, awaited arrival and/or assisted with the first year of settlement in Canada, helping newcomers from unsafe places build new lives.

The welcoming heart of Canadians Presbyterians continues to inspire us. Refugee sponsorship requests received from Presbyterian congregations still exceed the annual sponsorship quota allocated to The Presbyterian Church in Canada by the Government of Canada.

The Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) sponsorship program was restarted in 2022. Through this program, the financial costs to sponsoring groups is reduced because the government pays 50 percent of the costs. The refugee desk was able to facilitate the sponsorship of two applications for two families through this program.

As part of the Government of Canada's pledge in August 2021 to resettle 40,000 Afghan refugees in response to the evolving situation in Afghanistan, the government reserved 3,000 allocations to Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) under a program called Operation Afghan Safety. PWS&D's refugee staff supported two congregations to file two applications, for a total of nine people under the program.

During the year, 43 sponsored people arrived, originally from eight countries. This number reflects an increase from arrivals in 2021, when 38 people arrived. As in the previous few years, among the highest group of arrivals were refugees originally from Syria (23 people). Other arrivals included individuals from Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia and Sudan.

“The joy of welcoming newcomers to Canada far outweighs any difficulties. Refugee sponsorship is truly a chance to make a difference!”

Marianne Emig Carr, minister at
First Presbyterian Church in Brockville, Ont.



Journey for Hope

In October 2022, supporters from across Canada got active to make a difference in the first ever PWS&D Journey for Hope!

This new fundraiser builds on the passion of those who have biked, walked or done other activities over the past seven years in the Ride for Refuge. **This year, 12 teams raised over \$26,000 for PWS&D's food security work around the world.**

The Rev. William Ball, of the Edmonton Lakeland Amblers, reflected on the many ways people were involved at his church. “Most of us gathered at Dayspring Presbyterian Church where people put together as many puzzles as possible in two hours, played cribbage, ping-pong and Dungeon and Dragons. Another group set off along the picturesque White Mud Creek Ravine trail.”

“As the nine Gale Riders set off to cycle 17 km,” commented Darlene Vandermey, captain of the team from Gale Presbyterian Church in Elmira, Ont., “God blessed us with beautiful sunshine. The most beautiful part was a trail beside the Grand River where we witnessed the beauty of nature. The Journey for Hope project of global food security is something everyone on the team and all those who donated to Gale Riders earnestly wanted to support.”

The passionate response from riders, crafters and donors in the four provinces (Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan) where the Journey happened is only growing. “First-timers expressed their enjoyment of the activities and willingness to repeat the experience,” commented William, while in Victoria, BC, Laura Kavanagh was encouraged by the “great team effort from everyone.”

See you at the next Journey for Hope on September 23, 2023!



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Champion for Change

PWS&D Champions are volunteers committed to keeping their congregations aware of what PWS&D is doing to address global needs, and how they can help.

In 2022, 110 Champions from across Canada:

PRAYED

Champions Pray events gathered Champions on a monthly basis to pray for the work of PWS&D.

LEARNED

Champions attended Gather2Grow events online in spring and fall to build capacity and knowledge.

Champions arranged PWS&D speaking engagements at their churches.

ADVOCATED

Champions spoke at their churches all year long to provide updates about PWS&D's work.

Champions created Giving Trees to encourage generosity at Christmas time.

Champions advocated for those hungry around the world at Hunger on the Hill and other World Food Day events.

Many churches still need a Champion.

To become a PWS&D Champion, visit [WeRespond.ca/be-a-champion](https://www.werespond.ca/be-a-champion).



Where Our Resources Came From

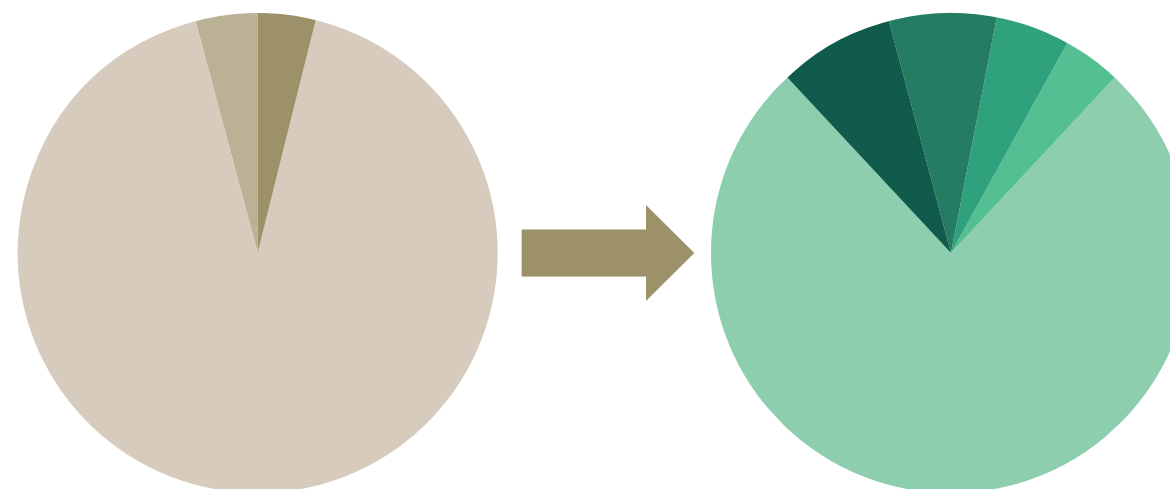
	2022	2021
Undesignated donations	1,229,858	1,205,570
Transferred from Loaves & Fishes Fund	1,313,612	1,063,692
Designated contributions (excluding relief)	212,641	278,654
Designated relief	1,306,196	413,541
Government funds from:		
Government of the Province of Manitoba	8,885	9,572
Government of Canada (CEWS)	—	27,134
Other income – interest	2,121	2,692
	4,073,313	3,000,855

Where Our Resources Went

	2022	2021
Disaster, relief and rehabilitation	1,438,095	1,036,983
Development projects	938,087	1,035,923
Relief and development program support	493,075	416,735
Memberships, partnerships and coalitions	49,617	54,959
Resources and communications	358,704	289,837
Administration	365,471	309,344
	3,643,049	3,143,781

For full financial statements, visit [WeRespond.ca/financials](https://www.werespond.ca/financials).

In 2022, PWS&D led projects at Canadian Foodgrains Bank valued at \$2,560,686. This included \$176,559 of PWS&D funds, matching funds from the Government of Canada and contributions from other Foodgrains Bank members. PWS&D also contributed over \$1 million to projects led by other Foodgrains Bank members, with a program value of \$3.7 million after all matching funds were applied. These funds are not reflected in PWS&D's statement of revenues and expenditures.



For every dollar PWS&D spent in 2022*

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

*This chart represents the full value of PWS&D programming in 2022—including Government of Canada matching funds through Canadian Foodgrains Bank and KAIROS—which are not reflected in the financial statements.

Program funds were spent on:

- Food security 8%
- Health 7%
- Human rights 5%
- Livelihoods 4%
- Relief 76%

In Jesus' hands, five loaves and two fish became enough to feed a multitude, with plenty remaining. Inspired by the miracle of multiplication, generous donations to PWS&D's legacy fund—the Loaves & Fishes Fund—multiply over a seven-year period. With 1/7 of the gift used in the year it is given, the remainder is invested. Over the next six years, a portion, including interest generated and market valuation, is provided to PWS&D, ensuring consistent predictable support for our programs and operations.

In 2022, PWS&D received \$495,752 in legacy gifts. We are so grateful for those who choose to include PWS&D in their legacy planning. To learn more, visit [WeRespond.ca/legacy-gifts](https://www.werespond.ca/legacy-gifts).



**For over 75 years you have helped make
this life-changing work possible.
Thank you for your faithful support!**

There are many ways you can provide sustaining support.

- Pray for those who lack the basic necessities, that they may experience abundant life
- Be a Champion for PWS&D in your church, presbytery, school or local community
- Consider making a legacy gift to the Loaves & Fishes Fund
- Request a speaker for a Sunday service, group meeting or youth gathering
- Designate your support for PWS&D through offerings at your local congregation
- Become a monthly donor and ensure PWS&D can rely on your regular and consistent support



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