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2018 Ministry Report



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Letter from the Directors

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Ephesians 3:20-21

Dear Friend,

Your involvement in World Renew's ministry in 2018 changed the story of people who live with poverty, disaster, and injustice. This work was immersed in the prayers of committed faith communities like yours in North America and around the world.

Through God's miraculous power, the opportunities for change that World Renew offered in communities of poverty were transformational. People recognized their God-given resources and turned them into resilience. They built on the confidence that comes from success and developed abiding self-respect from an identity based on bearing the image of God.

With your support, World Renew was able to partner with Christian leaders from a total of 65 churches and outreach organizations last year. Together, we ministered in 1,297 communities with 359,950 participants in 21 countries, helping them with new health, literacy, income, agriculture, and leadership skills that improved their lives long-term.

World Renew responded to disasters in 19 countries in 2018, including the U.S. and Canada, assisting 575,093 participants with emergency food assistance, clean water, shelter, economic and agriculture rehabilitation, and long-term home repair and rebuilding.

God has done immeasurably more than we asked for or imagined through World Renew in 2018. The miraculous changes made in the lives of the people we have served are His. We give Him glory for the power of His love at work through all generations!

With gratitude and joy,



Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo
Director, Canada



Carol Bremer-Bennett
Director, U.S.

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2018

World Renew ministered with
935,043

participants who experienced powerful change in their lives in 2018.

1,297

communities worldwide joined World Renew through a local church or outreach ministry.



In total,
3,268

volunteers gave

279,409

hours of their time to serve others through World Renew in 2018, the equivalent of 139 full-time employees last year.

3,411

Free A Family® donors gave nearly **\$1 MILLION**,

helping to free **3,045** families from poverty.

468 global volunteers served others in North America and around the world.

World Renew engaged with a total of

1,530

youth and young adults from North America.



359,950

participants changed their story through World Renew's community development programs.

DRS placed

2,792

volunteers from 36 denominations on disaster sites in the U.S. and Canada.



With your support, World Renew helped

135

North American churches were involved in justice activities with World Renew.

158

refugees resettle in Canada.



World Renew placed international relief managers in Bangladesh, Madagascar, and Niger.

8

World Renew helped

575,093

participants worldwide recover from a disaster.

World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers contacted

12,790

disaster-affected households to assess their needs, and repaired or rebuilt

368 damaged homes.

256 North American congregations were engaged in partnerships with churches internationally.

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Compelled by God's deep passion for mercy and justice, World Renew joins with communities around the world in powerful change that renews hope, reconciles lives, and restores creation.

Where World Renew Worked in 2018



Country	Development Partners	Development Participants	Development Communities	Disaster Participants
1 Bangladesh*	5	163,354	46	352,348
2 Cambodia	5	22,833	100	
3 Canada**	1			111
4 Dominican Republic	1	314	15	
5 Ethiopia				18,138
6 Guatemala*	4	4,586	19	
7 Haiti	4	6,131	36	9,125
8 Honduras	5	6,626	30	
9 India	2	9,644	5	1,250
10 Kenya*	5	11,335	124	49,458
11 Laos	1	7,484		
12 Lebanon				6,535
13 Madagascar				7,040
14 Malawi*	1	38,557	91	
15 Mali	4	28,451	201	2,700
16 Mexico	1	312	4	700

Country	Development Partners	Development Participants	Development Communities	Disaster Participants
17 Mozambique	1	12,756	88	1,638
18 Nepal				8,360
19 Nicaragua	6	2,574	67	
20 Niger*	2	11,542	102	
21 Nigeria	3	19,808	46	13,511
22 Philippines				8,100
23 Senegal*	2	524	6	
24 Sierra Leone*	1	1,950	24	400
25 Syria				32,460
26 Tanzania*	2	3,600	82	7,097
27 Uganda	5	5,050	70	17,863
28 United States***	1			38,259
29 Zambia	3	2,519	88	
TOTALS	65	359,950	1,297	575,093
Combined Beneficiary Total				935,043

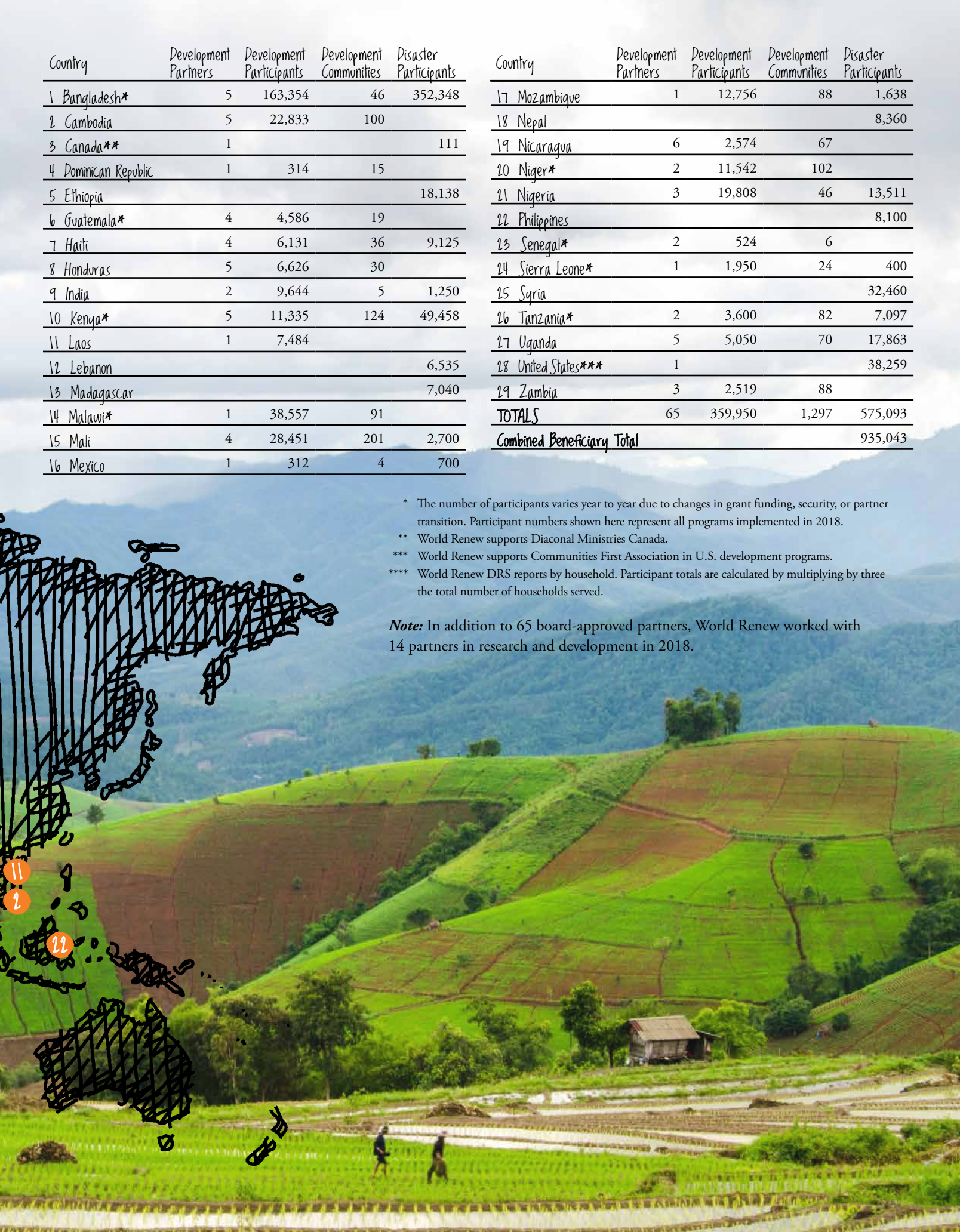
* The number of participants varies year to year due to changes in grant funding, security, or partner transition. Participant numbers shown here represent all programs implemented in 2018.

** World Renew supports Diaconal Ministries Canada.

*** World Renew supports Communities First Association in U.S. development programs.

**** World Renew DRS reports by household. Participant totals are calculated by multiplying by three the total number of households served.

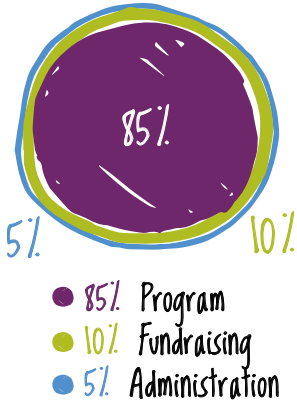
Note: In addition to 65 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 14 partners in research and development in 2018.



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Financial Information

World Renew is deeply committed to being trustworthy in carefully stewarding, with absolute integrity, your financial investment in people who are affected by poverty, disaster, and injustice.



In 2018, 85 percent of each gift you gave directly benefited people in need. The other 15 percent supported World Renew's core mission through administration and fundraising. Five percent helped to administer our programs effectively, and 10 cents of each dollar provided you with communication and accountability about how your gifts were used.



Where our Resources Came from

Revenues	July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018				July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017			
	USA in US\$	CAN in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$	USA in US\$	CAN in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
Churches and Individuals	15,951,692	13,595,773	26,596,675	33,969,274	13,244,565	12,269,737	22,437,446	29,947,259
Government Grants	0	1,385,732	1,084,977	1,385,732	0	1,385,732	1,038,235	1,385,732
CFGB Grants	0	7,956,771	6,229,855	7,956,771	0	8,052,776	6,033,398	8,052,776
Other Grants	499,744	914,748	1,215,958	1,553,021	778,609	4,195,903	3,922,314	5,235,785
Investments and Other Income	648,867	243,005	839,131	1,071,738	606,379	2,630,047	2,576,894	3,439,381
Total Revenues	17,100,303	24,096,029	35,966,596	45,936,536	14,629,553	28,534,195	36,008,287	48,060,260

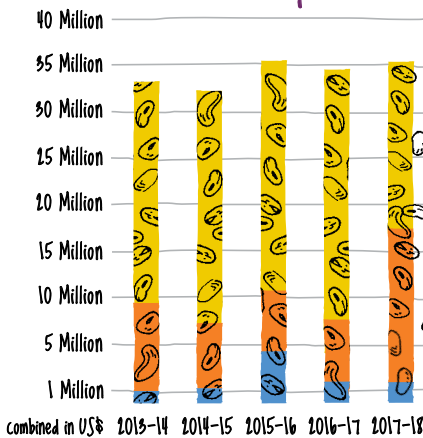
Note: These figures are derived from the combined financial statements for World Renew according to USA GAAP and as such may vary from those found in the World Renew Canada audited financial statement. The income received from CFGB each year may vary slightly from the project amount committed.

Where our Resources went

Revenues	July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018				July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017			
	USA in US\$	CAN in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$	USA in US\$	CAN in CDN\$	Combined in US\$	Combined in CDN\$
International Development	6,021,248	6,865,617	11,396,770	14,555,955	5,714,269	8,124,845	11,801,663	15,751,680
Domestic Development	108,520	233,129	291,051	371,731	126,802	189,039	268,436	358,282
Disaster Response	3,173,847	13,320,117	13,603,002	17,373,754	4,576,787	14,762,884	15,637,613	20,871,522
Education	1,494,326	801,339	2,121,745	2,709,892	1,100,140	761,566	1,670,730	2,229,923
Fundraising	1,647,785	2,168,060	3,345,295	4,272,611	1,359,237	1,580,279	2,543,233	3,394,453
Management/General	692,421	1,309,766	1,717,919	2,194,126	633,636	1,249,016	1,569,439	2,094,730
Total Expenses	13,138,147	24,698,028	\$32,475,782	41,478,069	13,510,871	26,667,629	33,491,114	44,700,590

Note: At the end of the fiscal year 2017-18, World Renew had an income balance of \$4.6 million (US). About \$3.5 million (US) of this amount is designated for disasters, about \$0.3 million (US) is designated for other projects, and \$0.2 million (US) in surplus of operating revenues over expenses.

5-Year Income Comparison (in US\$)



- Development Programs
- Disaster Response
- Estates

World Renew's net assets were US 38,020,944 (\$50,065,978 Cdn) in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Find our most recent audited financials at worldrenew.net/aboutus, or call us for more information.

World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada. (Registration Number 11885 7366 RR0001.) A charitable tax receipt is issued for gifts received in Canada. World Renew is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. Donations received in the U.S. are tax deductible. Funds are spent only in board-approved programs and projects.

Designated gifts donated to specific programs or projects are used as you indicate. When the need for a designated program or project has been met, or if it cannot be completed for any reason determined by World Renew's board, it will be used for a program or project with a similar intent or location, or where people's needs are the greatest.

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Resilience in Disaster



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Disaster Response in North America

Responding to Record-Breaking Hurricanes

In 2018, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) responded to enormous disasters across North America. Hurricanes, fires, and flooding destroyed homes, businesses, and property from Puerto Rico to Vancouver.

In the fall of 2017, three mammoth hurricanes hit U.S. coastal areas from Texas to the Carolinas. The destruction was immense, and you responded by generously entrusting World Renew with financial donations totaling more than

\$4.66 million. World Renew then began put your disaster gifts to work.

World Renew DRS launched multi-year hurricane response efforts in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. In the first year, more than 650 DRS volunteers gave their time and skills to help 125 homeowners in 20 communities recover from hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas in August, it caused \$180 billion



2018 North American Disaster Response

Building Estimating

Florida, Lake & Sumpter County	Hurricane Irma 2017
Florida, Putnam County	Hurricane Irma 2017
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017
Texas, Coastal Bend	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, San Marcos	Flooding 2015

Disaster Clean-up

Texas, Port Arthur	Hurricane Harvey 2017
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Early Assessment

Florida, Southwest	Hurricane Irma 2017
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017

Home Repair

Alberta, Fort McMurray	Wildfires 2015
California, Lake County	Fires 2015
California, Yosemite	Wildfires 2013
Florida, Citrus County	Hurricane Hermine 2016
Florida, Citrus County	Hurricane Irma 2017
Florida, Daytona Beach	Hurricane Irma 2017
Louisiana, Denham Springs	Flooding 2016
Louisiana, Hammond	Flooding 2016

Michigan, Detroit	Flooding 2014
Missouri, Springfield	Flooding 2015
Missouri, St. Louis	Flooding 2016
Missouri, VanBuren	Severe Storms 2017
Missouri, VanBuren	Severe Storms 2017
Mississippi, Hattiesburg	Tornadoes 2017
North Carolina, Fayetteville	Hurricane Matthew 2016
North Carolina, Lumberton	Hurricane Matthew 2016
North Carolina, Tarboro	Hurricane Matthew 2016
North Carolina, Washington	Hurricane Matthew 2016
New Jersey, Union Beach	Hurricane Sandy 2012
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017
Puerto Rico, Lares	Hurricane Maria 2017
South Carolina, Manning	Flooding 2015
Texas, Beaumont	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Brazoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Corpus Christi	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Houston	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Port Arthur	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Rio Grande Valley	Flooding 2015
Texas, San Marcos	Flooding 2015

Washington, Okanogan County	Wildfires 2014
West Virginia, Charleston	Severe Storms 2016
West Virginia, Clay	Severe Storms 2016
West Virginia, Multiple Counties	Severe Storms 2016
West Virginia, Rainelle	Severe Storms 2016
West Virginia, Webster Springs	Severe Storms 2016

Needs Assessment

Florida, Immokalee County	Hurricane Irma 2017
Florida, Jacksonville	Hurricane Irma 2017
Florida, Monroe County-Lower Keys	Hurricane Irma 2017
Florida, Monroe County-Key Largo	Hurricane Irma 2017
Louisiana, West Baton Rouge	Flooding 2016
Missouri, Ripley & Carter Counties	Flooding 2017
Ontario, Constance Bay	Flooding 2017
Texas, Brazoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Galveston	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Victoria County	Hurricane Harvey 2017
Texas, Wharton County	Hurricane Harvey 2017

Organizational Capacity Building

California, Santa Rosa	Fires 2017
Florida, Southwest	Hurricane Irma 2017

in damage. To help Texans recover from Harvey, World Renew DRS began working in Port Arthur where 85 percent of homes were damaged or destroyed. More than 500 DRS volunteers gave 44,000 hours of their time to help Harvey survivors rebuild last year.

A few weeks later, Hurricane Irma blew from the Florida Keys to the Carolinas. More than 100 people were killed in the storm, 6.5 million people were evacuated,

and 77,000 found emergency shelter. Since then, World Renew DRS volunteers have contacted 8,500 Florida residents to address their need for assistance.

Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in late September, causing catastrophic damage and a humanitarian crisis that included electrical outages, flooding, and lack of resources. Two months later, DRS staff and volunteers found many families still in need of food, water, electricity, and public services. World Renew DRS

began working in Mayaguez, Farjardo, and other communities to help people repair and rebuild.

Thanks to your generous support, World Renew DRS will continue to respond to these hurricanes for several years. Your donations to hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria response are making God's life-changing power visible among disaster survivors in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Help and Healing in Williams Lake

Uncontained forest fires burned millions of acres of land in the U.S. and Canada last year. World Renew's response to the wildfire in Williams Lake, British Columbia, brought help and healing that resulted in powerful change in that community.

The Williams Lake fire destroyed homes and property. More than 57,000 people evacuated, including Jim Tanis, pastor of Cariboo Community Church. World Renew DRS worked with Mennonite Disaster Services last year to help residents repair and rebuild their homes.

As World Renew DRS reached out to residents and church members, the congregation also ministered to their neighbors by organizing a trauma-



healing initiative led by World Renew-trained facilitators. Trauma-healing training, through a partnership with the American Bible Society, has been used by World Renew staff in response to violence and disaster around the world.

In Williams Lake, many trauma-healing participants were indigenous ministry

leaders who work in communities affected by the fire. "Having a framework that is rooted in the hope we have in the living Word has tremendous value in my life and ministry," a participant said. "I am eager to take this training back to my reserve."

The hope and healing that people experienced through World Renew's intervention in Williams Lake is an example of World Renew's integrated, holistic ministry approach. Physical and spiritual nurture helps people discover hope in the overcoming power of God's presence and seek to share it with those who are vulnerable and traumatized. By God's grace, it creates powerful change in people's lives.

DRS Groups Flood West Virginia

In June 2016, more than 8,000 residents requested assistance in recovering from flooding after a foot of rain fell in West Virginia in less than 24 hours.

World Renew DRS responded to the flooding last year with local partner, WV-VOAD. In one county, DRS organized

75 volunteers into groups to work on roof and ceiling repairs, drywall, flooring installation, finishing, and painting among the most damaged homes.

One team of volunteers, on a spring break trip from churches in Michigan, repaired eight homes in Clendenin and

Elkview. They completed a basement renovation, made floor and drywall repairs, put up insulation, and replaced windows. Their willingness to serve people in need is a testimony of God's power at work among recovering families, World Renew's partners, and the community.

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International Disaster Response



A Worldwide Snapshot of 2018

Natural disasters and conflict changed the lives of millions of people across the world in 2018. Among those most affected by these crises were women and girls, the elderly, and those with disabilities.

In the last decade, worrying global trends have developed – conflict is increasing and global hunger is on the rise in Sub-Saharan Africa. Over 68 million people have fled their homes, plunging many families into uncertainty. There are no easy answers to these long-term crises, but Christ's call to help those in need is clear.

In response, World Renew's international disaster response work

is increasingly focused on supporting families affected by long-term crises. Your faithful prayers and generous support have helped 575,093 people in 17 countries begin their recovery journey after natural disasters and conflict last year.

Nigeria

Violence caused by Boko Haram displaced nearly two million people in northern Nigeria. Many left everything behind to find safety, arriving to new communities with little more than the clothes on their backs. These families do not have enough land to grow crops and few other ways to earn an income.

Thousands are hungry but cannot afford to purchase enough food. World Renew is providing 750 families with cash, giving them the freedom to choose what they need most.

South Sudan

When war enveloped his community in South Sudan, Angelo (photo above) fled in his wheelchair to a refugee settlement in Uganda. In the settlement, Angelo found that the nearest latrine was not accessible to him in his wheelchair. Without a latrine, Angelo was at risk for illnesses like cholera and typhoid. Through World Renew's local partner, Here is Life, Angelo and 1,500

additional families now have their own accessible latrines that help reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

Syria and Lebanon

Since 2012, World Renew has provided 204,000 people affected by the Syrian Civil War with over US \$13.8 million in assistance. Today, the needs of Syrian families continue to increase, while many have run through their savings and cannot put enough food on the table. Through World Renew partners in Syria and Lebanon, 11,450 people are receiving food each month to help them through this unrelenting crisis.

Nepal

In August 2017, massive flooding affected thousands of people living in western Nepal. World Renew responded to the immediate needs of

700 families, distributing food, water filters, blankets, and emergency kits. The work quickly shifted to focus on long-term recovery for severely affected families with the construction of homes designed to withstand subsequent disasters. Today, 103 families live in new homes and are safer, and they are better prepared for future disasters.

Philippines

Each morning, Cleofe wakes while it is still dark to bake bread for her daily customers. Along with five other women, Cleofe owns a successful bakery in the Philippines. When Typhoon Haiyan struck their community in 2013, Cleofe and her husband lost everything. Five years later, through the work of World Renew, they are thriving and own a successful business. One day, Cleofe wants to bake the best bread in town.

Offering Safety to Rohingya Women

August 2017 marked the beginning of one of the largest migrations of people in recent memory. Violence against Rohingya families living in Myanmar forced 700,000 people to flee to neighboring Bangladesh. Almost overnight, spontaneous settlements of refugees began to spring up on the hillsides. With thousands of families living close together, access to food, shelter, and water was limited.

With funding from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Global Affairs Canada, World Renew provided lifesaving food assistance to more than 290,000 Rohingya refugees in 2018.

Sayeda, a mother of five, lost her husband in the violent attacks in Myanmar. She left everything behind to find freedom

and peace. Now living in a crowded refugee camp, her worries go beyond getting enough food to eat. For women and girls living in refugee camps, sexual violence is an enormous concern; even simple trips to collect firewood or use a communal latrine can be dangerous.

World Renew is constructing community kitchens to give women and girls safe spaces to cook meals, and socialize. These spaces can create powerful change in the lives of women who are already coping with unimaginable tragedies.

Sayeda dreams of returning to Myanmar one day, but for now, it is not safe.

World Renew is working to ensure that Sayeda and other women can live safely while they remain in Bangladesh.

2018 International Disaster Response

Asia		
Bangladesh	Conflict, Drought	
India	Flooding	
Nepal	Earthquake, Flooding	
Philippines	Storm	
East & Southern Africa		
Ethiopia	Drought	
Kenya	Drought	
Madagascar	Drought	
Mozambique	Flooding	
Tanzania	Drought	
Uganda	Conflict, Drought	
West Africa		
Mali	Conflict	
Nigeria	Conflict	
Sierra Leone	Flooding	
Latin America/Caribbean		
Haiti	Storm	
Mexico	Earthquake	
Middle East		
Lebanon	Conflict	
Syria	Conflict	

Agriculture	Food	Sanitation
Emerg Asst	Nutrition	Shelter
Econ Recovery	Psychosocial	Water

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International Transitional Programs



Powerful Change Works

Communities do not recover from crisis overnight. For families living in the Nebbi District of northern Uganda, change has been years in the making. In 2012, World Renew began a project to help farming families adapt to decreasing rainfall and years of inadequate agricultural practices that depleted the soil. The combination of poor soil and lack of rain left the subsistence farmers in the area facing serious challenges.

Without a significant change, families in Nebbi were at risk of more food insecurity and hunger.

To help the farmers avoid the looming crisis, World Renew is working with a local church partner to teach farmers in

Nebbi to use new agricultural practices that help them adapt to the changing weather patterns they are experiencing. Local families also learn about new ways to earn an income and save some of the money they earn.

Six years ago, Doreen and her family were struggling to make ends meet. They did not have enough money to send their children to school, and poor harvests frequently left them with little food on the table. What money they did have, they were unable to save.

Through World Renew programs in her village, Doreen's life has changed. Using the skills she learned in new agricultural practices and beekeeping, she has even earned enough money to

build her own home, and she dreams of one day sending her children to college.

“I used to use money in a reckless way, and then I would find that the money is gone,” she shared. “But the training on savings has helped me to see the value of planning very well how to use my money. Now I have a good savings culture, and I know what to use money for and what not to spend it on.”

For Doreen, change took years of hard work, learning, and the faithful support of donors in North America who made this work possible. Today, she smiles and excitedly shares about the amazing transformation that has taken place as she overflows with hope for a bright future.

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The Church in Global Community



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Justice Peace and Justice through Persistence

World Renew's peace and justice work is a powerful opportunity for change in communities where pressure on scarce resources can lead to unrest. World Renew walks alongside communities to build up their ability to resolve conflict and promote healing. In the village of Mingi, a conflict erupted between cattle herders and farmers when irrigation projects and land use decisions benefited mostly the farmers.

Both groups lashed out, and eventually nine herders were arrested, tortured, and killed. One hundred fifty others fled to nearby Makasi, where World Renew has been working for 30 years. In Makasi, there were similar tensions.



But World Renew worked with the leaders in Makasi to advocate for their rights and get clear titles to irrigation and designated grazing land.

With persistence and guidance from World Renew, the herders in Makasi

now have access to fields and good pastureland. They are confronting oppression and unjust policies with knowledge and skills that have equipped them to avoid the turmoil that the villagers in Mingi suffered.

As a result, the people of Makasi have provided safe refuge for three waves of displaced herders from other villages in the last three years. Their generosity is an unmistakable demonstration of the powerful change God is working in their, and their neighbor's, lives.

Literacy Literacy Creates Confident Leaders

World Renew and local partner, NEICORD, started working in the Mawshbuit area of Shillong, India, in 2012. Many people living in Mawshbuit are poor and depend on farming, day labor, and domestic work to feed their families. They had little hope or opportunity for a better life for themselves or their children.

Helinsha Nongkhlaw joined a women's self-help group through World Renew in Mawshbuit, and today she is the group's secretary. "I was illiterate when I joined a group in my community,"

Helinsha said. "But when I learned to read and write, I became more confident and got involved in decision making in my family and community."

Helinsha took other classes, such as leadership, business, and health. She started to save a little money each week in her group savings account and eventually qualified for two small loans. With these, she began to grow vegetables and raise pigs on her plot of land. Now she grows enough food to feed her children and sell the extra.

She has also paid back her loans with income from breeding and selling pigs.

Helinsha now earns enough income to send all six of her children to school. She is determined to educate them through graduation. Many women like Helinsha are learning literacy and other skills through World Renew so they can better support their families and contribute to their communities. They are creating a better future for themselves and their children that is fueled by powerful change.

Health Vegetables Grow Healthier Communities

Rice, beans, cheese, and tortillas are popular, traditional foods in many Honduran communities. Meat is a treat, but growing and eating vegetables is often unfamiliar among indigenous people.

To help Honduran families improve their health, World Renew and local partner, MCM, offered village women training in gardening. The women worked together in communal gardens and shared their produce. Soon they were growing vegetables on their patios at home using old tires and broken buckets.

The group's leaders then visited another community to learn about using poly-tunnels, small plastic covers that create a microclimate similar to a glass greenhouse. The women applied for a grant from World Renew to begin poly-tunnel gardening, and today their family's diets are healthier and more diverse. They are able to grow enough produce to eat and sell through much of the year.



The women also sell their vegetables to a supermarket chain that wants organic produce. To meet the increased demand, World Renew, with your support, helped the women double their planting space. The women gardeners are improving their families' health and planting seeds of powerful change that can launch them out of poverty.

Leadership Faith the Size of Two Papayas

Leadership training is one key part of World Renew's community development work around the world. Last year, World Renew started Truth-Centered Training (TCT) with six congregations of the Africa Inland Church of Tanzania, a World Renew partner. The training equips rural church leaders to carry out Christ-centered poverty reduction activities in their communities.

The six congregations committed to a 3-day, semi-annual training for five years. During the training, a pastor named John began to reflect on his gifts and ways to use them for God's glory. He remembered some property his father gave him, and he asked God to



use it. With only an idea and enough money to buy two papayas, John prepared the seeds, planted them, and consecrated them to God.

Today, there are 100 papaya trees growing on John's land, and he

supports his family by selling the fruit. He also gave part of the plot to his community: his neighbors are digging a fishpond where they will raise fish to sell as a way to diversify and increase their income.

Through TCT, Pastor John learned to put personal discipleship into practice in his life. His search for God's will for him and his community has had a powerful impact on the people around him. World Renew's mission is providing opportunities for powerful change that, with the seeds of faith, point people to a loving God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Income Earning Five-Year Grant Results in Lasting Change

Because of your generous giving, World Renew received a \$1,870,354 (Cdn), 5-year grant from Global Affairs Canada in 2013. The grant included a 3-to-1 match to improve food security and economic growth in Bangladesh, Honduras, Mali, Mozambique, and Tanzania through 2018.

Through this grant, 24,000 farmers have participated in agriculture training from World Renew in the last five years, and they began to grow more food to feed their families. Nearly 16,000 people started small businesses to help pay their children's school tuition and meet other family needs. Roughly 6,000 people learned the leadership skills they needed to begin to build their communities sustainably through participation and collaboration.

One woman in Cobue, Mozambique, Mrs. Alice Chimuta, joined a World Renew community group along with 13 of her neighbors. Mrs. Chimuta's



family did not have enough food to eat between harvests, and none of the women in the group could afford to buy necessities like shoes and soap. They did not have enough money to send their children to school or to buy the seeds and fertilizers they needed.

With support from World Renew and local partner, the Niassa Diocese of the

Anglican Church, thousands of families like Mrs. Chimuta's have now have more sufficient, more nutritious food to eat between harvests. Over the five-year grant period, thousands of lives have been powerfully changed in positive, permanent ways, and hundreds of communities like Cobue have been transformed by your faithful generosity.

Agriculture New Skills Enhance Traditions

Over the last ten years, World Renew has faithfully worked to improve land security and quality of life among vulnerable people groups in the mountains of Laos. Some want to move the mountain people off their land so it can be used for more lucrative rubber, oil palm, or coffee plantations. But the ethnic tribal people are closely tied to the land and their traditional way of life depends on it.

World Renew is helping the mountain people of Laos maintain their way of life and improve their agriculture skills by planting a variety of crops and practicing crop rotation. As a result, these subsistence farmers are making progress in developing sustainable farm systems despite many challenges.



With other organizations concerned about land tenure, World Renew is advocating for land justice among the highland peoples and providing training in basic human rights related to land and environmental protection. In addition, World Renew has introduced growing high-protein animal forage and is partnering with others to build quality schools in mountain communities.

In recognizing the value of those the world sees as worthless, World Renew is addressing the root causes of poverty and hunger with better harvests, more food, access to education, and human rights. For the mountain people of Laos, this is positive, permanent, powerful change.

Peace Found a Stool to Sit on



For many years, extremists have fueled religious conflict in Nigeria, often undermining gains made in lasting development. Hatred and revenge have caused destruction, displacement, and death. Despite this unrest, World Renew is working to build sustainable peace in Nigeria.

In late 2017, fifty influential people including religious leaders, traditional chiefs, politicians, and government officials gathered in Makurdi, Nigeria, for the Wukari Peacebuilding Consultation. The conference was the second of two inter-religious gatherings aimed at ending violence in the region.

World Renew and other agencies supported and attended the event. The participants created a peace agreement between religious groups in the area. The participants agreed to power sharing that fairly represents all religions, to end inflammatory preaching, and to develop systems to help resettle displaced people and provide them with shelter and safety.

“Our prayer is that everyone will leave here with a gift to take home to our people,” one leader said. “Here, peace has found a stool to sit on.”

Ending Extreme Poverty Worldwide by 2030



Leaders from 193 U.N. member states committed to working towards 17 common development objectives, or Sustainable Development Goals, between 2015 and 2030. World Renew's ministry with people who live in hunger, poverty, and disaster contributes to ten of the SDGs in transformative, Christ-centered ways. Find out how at worldrenew.net/sdg.

Powerful Change

Your Dollar at Work in the World

When you give financially to World Renew . . .

Your \$1 matched through grants from World Renew's networks and partners to create \$1.60 in ministry impact.



92 percent is invested in World Renew's programs and general operating support



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makes our presence possible in communities around the world, building relationships and partnerships,



so that God's presence is made real and experienced many times over . . .

. . . creating powerful change in stories of hope and grace.



Refugee Sponsorship Program Living in Peace, Without Fear

Youhanna, Yosra, and their children are from Qaraqosh, Iraq. When ISIS invaded their mostly Christian neighborhood in 2014, their home and restaurant business were destroyed and they fled to Lebanon. The family applied for asylum in Canada and was sponsored by Harvest Bible Chapel in Oakville, Ontario, through World Renew's Refugee Program.

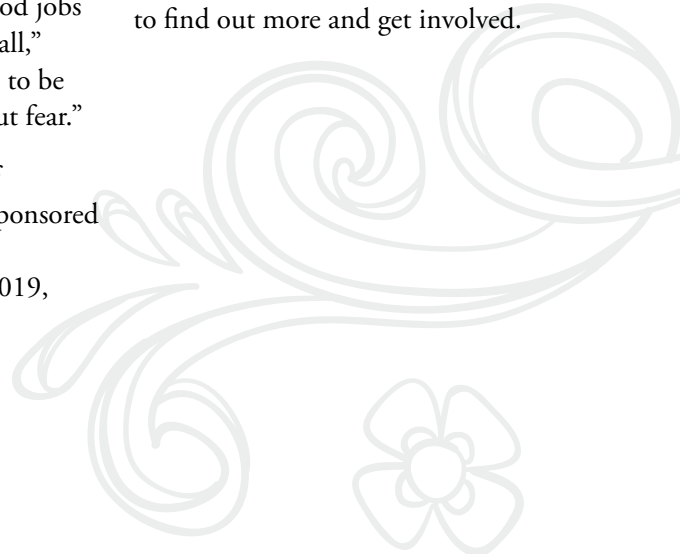
They arrived in Ontario in 2018 and are starting to thrive in their new home. "We see our sponsors as family. They have been so good to

us," Youhanna said. "Their love for us reflects true Christianity." The family is learning English and excited about the opportunities they have in Canada.

Youhanna and Yosra hope that their children can eventually find good jobs and get married. "But most of all," Youhanna said, "we want them to be able to live in peace and without fear."

Youhanna and Yosra are two of thousands of refugee families sponsored by Canadian churches through World Renew since 1979. In 2019,

the Refugee Sponsorship Program observes its fortieth anniversary. It is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness. World Renew is planning celebration events in late 2019. Please visit worldrenew.net/40yearsofwelcome to find out more and get involved.



Global Volunteer Program What Difference Can You Make?

“One church member asked me what difference our congregation could make by creating a church partnership overseas,” said James Halstead, “and I wasn’t sure. But over the next four years, God showed me the answer. While our involvement with GVP resulted in clean water, electricity, and a new church building in our partner community, I realized the real difference we are making is in the relationships we’re building together as one faith community.”

In 2018, World Renew’s Global Volunteer Program (GVP) provided 500 young people, families, and adults



with life-changing opportunities to volunteer overseas. Volunteers spent a week to several years working, living, and worshipping with families in their communities.

An experience with World Renew GVP can also make a formative difference in young people’s lives. The Embark program for teens and young adults helps them develop and grow their faith. “My Embark group met daily in Uganda,” said volunteer Alex Kooistra. “We talked about building a spirit of inter-dependence that helped me find a different perspective than I had before.”

World Renew GVP provides individuals, groups, and congregations with opportunities for God to use them to create powerful change in the world. The journey of discovery begins at worldrenew.net/volunteer.

Free A Family® Helping Families Break the Bonds of Poverty

A hopeful future can seem impossible for those weighed down by the burden of poverty. Through Free A Family®, World Renew is helping to empower families and entire communities in their journey out of poverty through community programs in agriculture, health, nutrition, literacy, and more.

As parents are connected with new opportunities to build their skills and use their resources, they are able to gain access to nutritious food, clean water, improved health, and increase income. All of this is done through local

churches and church partners dedicated to sharing the good news of Christ with holistic, faith-based approaches that nurture people’s relationship with God in connection to their development.

In 2018, more than 3,045 families in Asia, Latin America, eastern Africa, western Africa, and southern Africa were equipped to improve their health and well-being, have enough food to eat, and make plans for the future.

These successes were made possible through the 3,411 families in North



America who generously offered their prayers and gifts to help another family break the bonds of poverty.

Joseph Stewards A Legacy of Compassion

Joseph Stewards are ministry supporters who have shared with World Renew that they intend to include a financial gift to World Renew in their will or estate plan. Based on the story of Joseph in Genesis 41, Joseph Stewards share their blessings with those who face hunger and poverty, creating opportunities for people to change their story for generations to come.

With careful planning and generous spirits, Joseph Stewards set an important example for others to follow, joining together to make a greater impact for Christ around the world. More than 750 Joseph Stewards have shared that World Renew is included in their will or estate plan. Are you one of them? If so, please let us know; if not, please consider it.

To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward, go to worldrenew.net/josephstewards, or call Willemiena McCarron at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or Loise Githinji at 800-730-3490 in Canada.

Sea to Sea Bike Tour 2017 Ending the Cycle of Poverty

During the summer of 2017, a Sea to Sea Bike Tour attracted 135 cyclists to a 9-week, transcontinental ride that raised funds to alleviate poverty. The riders peddled almost 5,000 miles (8,000 km) from Vancouver to Halifax and raised Cdn \$1,874,687 (US \$1,467,810) with the event. This funding is now hard at work in programs that fight poverty worldwide.

The Sea to Sea Steering Committee, with the leadership of World Renew and co-sponsor, Partners Worldwide,

agreed to end their ongoing partnership in 2017 along with the summer's final cross-continental Sea to Sea ride. World Renew is deeply grateful for the huge investment of donors, riders, volunteers, and supporters of Sea to Sea, who gave, prayed, worked, and pedaled to help others.

The impact, the goodness, the camaraderie, and the faith and vision shared by Sea to Sea participants over the past dozen years will continue to make this world a better place for the sake of God's kingdom long into the



future through World Renew's global ministry.

Communities First Association Faith Leaders in North American Communities

World Renew partners with Communities First Association (CFA) in North America to coach, consult with, and train faith and church leaders. These leaders are passionate about engaging people in God's redemptive work where they live using Asset-Based Community Development, Economic Development, and Equity — or ABCDE².

In 2018, CFA developed and engaged more than 800 individuals in "The Poverty Simulation" activity. CFA also continued to collaborate with Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids,



Michigan, last year to introduce seminarians to ABCDE² immersion. The seminary immersion effort expanded to Chicago and Toronto, and

will further expand next year. Finally, CFA has been an integral participant in the Christian Reformed denomination's Community of Practice, and will also contribute to the Inspire conference in Windsor, Ontario, in 2019.

CFA is quickly becoming the place where community developers from across the U.S. receive nationally-recognized experiences in ABCDE². CFA helps local churches and educational leaders in North American communities uncover the grace of God's gifts and presence where they are.

Advocacy Helping Without Harming

World Renew offered *Helping without Harming* workshops in 2018, averaging about 50 people attending each event. With deacons, regional groups, and conference attendees in the U.S., and coordinating with Diaconal Ministries Canada, the hosts and sponsors worked together to organize a dozen workshops throughout the year.

In the 3-hour training, World Renew staff unwrapped materials that explore

ways to alleviate poverty while helping, rather than unknowingly harming, people who live in poverty. Participants learned new ways to come alongside their local and global community. Facilitators illustrated how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips, and other outreach activities can be more effective and meaningful.

The facilitators emphasized the need for partnership and humility in creating

opportunities for sustainable change in community. One participant said that they learned the importance of listening.

"Be aware that if your giving is a one-way street, it is not healthy. Help in a way that does not ultimately hurt people long-term." To find out more about hosting a *Helping without Harming* workshop in your church, see *Speakers and Workshops* at worldrenew.net.

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Action by Churches Together—ACT is a global alliance of 150 churches and faith-based organizations working together in advocacy, development, and humanitarian aid in 125 countries. World Renew is grateful for the coordination, representation, and financial support provided by the ACT Alliance in 2018.

Baker Family Funds—World Renew is grateful for gifts to the Baker Agriculture, Village Savings and Loan, Maternal and Child Health, and Community Justice funds. These funds support World Renew's ministry and innovation efforts over a 10- to 15-year period. The legacy created by gifts from the Baker estate is an encouragement to many.

Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services—World Renew is grateful to the Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services for advancing stewardship as an expression of faith. Barnabas and CSS guide World Renew supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, and planned giving.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank—CFGB is a partnership of 15 churches and church-based agencies, including World Renew. In 2018, CFGB marked its 35th anniversary of working to end global hunger. As a member of CFGB, World Renew committed a total of \$9,903,506 (Cdn) in resources to food-related programming in 13 countries last year.

CRC Agencies and Ministries—World Renew is thankful for fellow Christian Reformed agencies including Resonate Global Mission, Back to God Ministries International, the Office of Race Relations, the Office of Social Justice, and others. Our collaboration strengthens ministry, the witness of the church, those we serve, and the cause of Christ.

Communities First Association—CFA is a strategic partner of World Renew in community development in North America and received a grant of \$100,000 (USD) from World Renew during the 2017-18 fiscal year. We were blessed by CFA's diligence in Asset-Based Community Development in Christian Reformed churches and other ministries last year.

Deacons and Champions—World Renew is rooted in the diaconates of Christian Reformed churches across North America including the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada. We deeply appreciate our deacons, deacon's conferences, ambassadors, volunteers, and others who represent World Renew in their local congregations, encouraging prayer, involvement, and support for people who live in poverty.

Disaster Response Support—World Renew is grateful to organizations that contributed to international or domestic disaster response interventions last year.

- ADRA Canada
- Blanco River Regional Recovery Team
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians
- Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada
- Faith Community Disaster Recovery for the Rio Grande, Texas
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Food for the Hungry
- Global Affairs Canada
- Help, I'm Hurting! Inc.
- International Organization for Migration
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Mennonite Central Committee Canada
- Mennonite Disaster Service
- Methodist Relief and Development Fund U.K., All We Can
- Mideast Initiative
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- NGOs Supporting Uninsured and Underinsured Residents, Ft. McMurray, Alberta
- Presbyterian World Service & Development
- Primate's World Relief & Development Fund
- Reformed Church in North America
- Reformed Church of the Netherlands, Board of Special Needs
- Samaritan's Purse
- Tangilena Long-Term Recovery Group

- The Salvation Army
- Tear Australia
- Tear Netherlands
- Tearfund Switzerland
- Tearfund Canada
- Tearfund UK
- Transform Aid International
- Tri-County Long-Term Recovery Group, Manning, So. Carolina
- United Church of Canada
- United Methodist Church, Eastern North Carolina Conference
- Woord en Daad
- World Transform, Christian Reformed Church of Australia
- ZOA International

Growing Hope Globally (formerly Foods Resource Bank)—World Renew is thankful for GHG’s partnership and contributions from local growing projects. GHG programs engage subsistence farmers in the world’s poorest regions. In 2018, GHG supported World Renew with \$472,200 (USD) in food security programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, and Uganda.

Global Affairs Canada—World Renew gratefully acknowledges the consultation and program support of the Canadian government, which provided \$8,158,904 (Cdn) for projects in 17 countries. This included \$708,271 (Cdn) in funding for community development projects, with additional funds totalling \$7,450,633 through CFGB.

Integral Alliance—World Renew is grateful to the Integral Alliance, a global network of 22 Christian relief and development agencies that work in 100 countries, responding holistically to poverty worldwide through disaster management, collaboration, and innovation.

Joseph Fund Contributors—World Renew is grateful to those who contributed to the Joseph Fund in 2018. These gifts have a 7-year term: 10 percent is used the first year, the remainder is invested, and a percentage is directed to the ministry throughout the term. Last year, US \$2,285,709 or \$2,919,308 Cdn was released to World Renew’s ministry through the Joseph Fund.

Joseph Stewards—World Renew is grateful to Joseph Stewards who include those who are poor, hungry, and displaced in their will or estate plan. These gifts will transform lives and communities, providing resources far into the future among churches and Christian organizations that partner with World Renew.

Micah Network—World Renew is proud to be part of the Micah Network, a group of 750 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in more than 95 countries. The Micah Network motivates and equips the global Christian community to embrace and practice integral mission.

Partners Worldwide—World Renew is grateful to Partners Worldwide and their Christian business network for collaborating with World Renew to help people improve their lives through business development and job creation by building relationships.

Refugee Resettlement—World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship through World Renew last year. Because of your support, World Renew’s refugee program helped 158 people who fled dangerous circumstances find a home in Canada.

Special Gifts—World Renew acknowledges those who gave through our Christian partners in North America. This includes the Reformed Church in North America (RCA), One Day’s Wages in Seattle, Washington, and members of the RCA in Canada who gave to support World Renew’s disaster response efforts.

YOU—World Renew fully recognizes that this ministry is not possible without support, prayer and involvement from generous churches and individuals like you. God’s powerful work through the transforming death and resurrection of Christ Jesus permeates and undergirds this mission. We are grateful that in response to God’s transforming power in your heart, you give so that those who have the least may know His powerful love.

Thank You!

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If you have retirement assets or securities that have appreciated, you can donate them to World Renew — and reduce your taxes. You can also name World Renew as a beneficiary on your retirement savings plan or insurance policies. Real estate can be donated to World Renew while you continue to use the property. World Renew is adept at receiving stocks, bonds, retirement assets, real estate, and other assets. Please contact us about these giving options.

Through a Gift in Your Will

As a ministry partner, have you considered making a gift to World Renew in your will? Your ultimate gift provides resources that change stories of hunger, poverty, and injustice into testimonies of hope. It is a wonderful way to express your values. If you have already included World Renew in your final plans, please let us know and welcome you to Joseph Stewards, World Renew's legacy group.

Through a Life Income Gift

Through charitable gift annuities, you can make an immediate, significant gift to World Renew while receiving income for life. The Barnabas Foundation in the U.S. and Christian Stewardship Services in Canada issue and administer charitable gift annuities on behalf of World Renew.

To learn more about including World Renew in your will, giving appreciated securities, retirement assets, a life income gift, or to share with World Renew your legacy gift intentions, please call Willemiena McCarron at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or Loise Githinji at 800-730-3490 in Canada.



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