

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

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\$11 MILLION USD in assistance was provided
to **944,661** participants in **23 COUNTRIES**.

Who is World Renew?

World Renew is a faith-based international development and humanitarian organization, working since 1962 to address the root causes and impacts of poverty, disaster, and injustice. With a USD \$34 million budget in 2020, we work with 64 local partners and have a long-term presence in 19 countries throughout Africa, Asia, and the Americas, bringing permanent, sustainable change to vulnerable communities and working towards the Sustainable Development Goals. We provide consultation, technical assistance, and financial support to build the capacity of our partners as they implement programs that integrate agriculture and food security, health, economic opportunities, peacebuilding and justice, disaster response and preparedness, and gender equality. As an industry leader in prioritizing local ownership of programs, World Renew uses Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) methodologies so communities can identify challenges, evaluate their assets, and generate their own solutions.

Our Disaster Response Work

World Renew has been assisting survivors of conflict and natural disasters since 1962. In the last ten years, World Renew has managed and supported 662 separate humanitarian projects totaling USD \$172.9

million, reaching 4.6 million people in 54 countries. In 2019, two-thirds of our humanitarian funding went to preventing food insecurity, mostly in-kind food, cash, and voucher assistance. The remaining humanitarian funding was directed to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), shelter, economic recovery, and psychosocial support (PSS) programming. Our response priorities include gender-sensitive assistance to conflict-affected families in Syria, Lebanon, Bangladesh, and Nigeria, who are affected by drought, floods in sub-Saharan Africa, and to survivors of natural disasters in Indonesia, Nepal, and The Philippines. Given the shifting global context of COVID-19, all programs are COVID-responsive in meeting PPE needs, preventing transmission, and conducting interventions safely in adherence to the do-no-harm principles.

Key Programming Approaches

- **Gender Focus:** Women's priorities are at the center of our efforts, ensuring access and control of resources, increased decisionmaking, and empowering women and girls.
- **Partnership:** Ninety percent of our humanitarian programming is implemented by local partner organizations, enabling our responses to: be tailored to, and informed by, community needs; reach communities that were otherwise inaccessible due to limited organizational capacity or insecurity preventing access; contribute to localization by strengthening local actors; and conduct humanitarian-development nexus programs.
- **Food Security:** Emergency food assistance, including in-kind food, cash, or vouchers, is the largest component of World Renew's humanitarian programming. Our extensive global procurement capacity ensures in-kind food is sourced as locally

as possible. Cash or voucher assistance is informed by market assessments which determine the strength of markets and the willingness of local communities to use these modalities. Currently, more than half of our emergency food responses use cash or vouchers.

- **Nexus programs:** World Renew bridges immediate and long-term responses, moving from emergency aid to resilience and economic recovery by strengthening livelihoods, providing training and capital for small business formation, setting up village savings and loan groups, breaking down gender barriers, and improving local disaster preparedness.

Our Expertise in Disaster Response

World Renew is a founding member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (2019 revenue CDN \$48 million) and one of the largest programming members. With access to funds through this membership, World Renew has significant organizational capacity in emergency food assistance, long-term food security, and agricultural programming. World Renew's partnership model ensures that humanitarian assistance is gender sensitive and reaches vulnerable populations in conflict and difficult-to-access settings. Through membership in the ACT and Integral Alliances, World Renew has responded to humanitarian emergencies in over 120 countries. World Renew is a member of Cooperation Canada, the Humanitarian Response Network (Canada), and the Canadian Christian Relief & Development Association. World Renew has received humanitarian funding from donors such as Global Affairs Canada (GAC), UK Aid, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, and non-government organizational and private donors in North America and Europe. World Renew has extensive field experience in cluster coordination within the UN system, particularly with food security, WASH, and shelter.

Evidence of Impact

Following Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines in November 2013, World Renew began a six-year response which transitioned from gender-sensitive emergency humanitarian assistance to longer-term, gender-transformative economic

recovery. Significant funding from individuals and churches in North America, members of the Integral and ACT alliances, and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) made this multi-phased response, totaling over US\$11 million, possible. The emergency phase, implemented by local church networks with immediate access to affected communities, included the provision of food assistance to 12,276 families and cash to 4,155 families. Typhoon-resistant homes were built for 1,392 families, and 1,579 families received water-sealed latrines. In 2016, with funding from GAC, a project to improve the economic wellbeing of typhoon-affected communities began, fostering sustainable livelihood opportunities and building resilient communities that are prepared for future disasters. During the post-emergency phase, the project reached approximately 53,000 community members, building the capacity of 55 separate community-based organizations.

Best Practices and Innovations

- **Partnership:** World Renew's unique approach to humanitarian programming relies on long-term partnerships with locally-based organizations. A rich history of partnerships in countries around the world has equipped World Renew to respond with agility in disaster settings and continue programming long after others have left. This approach supports the capacity building of local partners in Sphere and the Core Humanitarian Standards.
- **Early intervention:** Using data from standardized food security indicators and Early Warning and Surveillance Mechanisms, World Renew supports food insecure households before hunger reaches crisis levels. By responding in contexts where severe food-security repercussions are expected without intervention (Integrated Phase Classification System IPC 2), World Renew strives to ensure that households do not cross into more serious levels of food insecurity (IPC 3 or higher).
- **Multi-sectoral integration:** World Renew has significant experience in WASH, food, non-food items, shelter, economic recovery, infrastructure, and PSS programs. This expertise allows for integration of sectors enabling responses to more sustainably and holistically meet the needs of affected communities.

