



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

PEACEBUILDING & JUSTICE



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1,668 GENDER JUSTICE GROUPS were launched in communities around the world.

1,086 COMMUNITIES have learned to protect their food source amidst climate change.

6,348 (3,409 FEMALE) PARTICIPANTS benefited from eight trauma healing programs in Bangladesh, Uganda, Mali, Malawi, Niger, and Nigeria.

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 assets, and generate their own solutions.

Our Peacebuilding and Justice Work

World Renew mobilizes communities to identify, confront, and change unjust systems using participatory methods, enabling them to advocate for and work to create change. We focus on ensuring equal rights and opportunities, recognizing that injustice is often due to individual or systemic abuses of power, and that peaceful and just environments enable effective community development. Community-level peacebuilding addresses conflicts between groups or advocates for formal reform at the legal and institutional level, involving key community leaders in conflict resolution discussions. Integrated programs effectively respond to injustices such as child, early, and forced marriages (CEFM), forced displacement, political instability, environmental degradation, land rights infringements, economic inequalities, gender inequality, gender-based violence (GBV) and discrimination against vulnerable groups.

Key Programming Approaches

- **Access and Inclusion:** We improve access to and control over resources and systems such as land, financial institutions, and education, especially for women, girls, and people with disabilities. We remove or reduce barriers to participation in community activities, and shift norms, exclusions, or harmful practices such as CEFM, female genital cutting, son preference, and honor violence.
- **Protection and Resilience:** Through a gender lens, we work to prevent or end GBV, conflict, and abuse (physical, sexual, mental, coercion). We build resilience in the face of injustice and provide trauma healing to survivors of injustice.

- **Power and Agency:** We aim to increase the degree of control over material, human, intellectual, and financial resources, as well as impact decision making and networking to increase the voices of marginalized groups. We promote advocacy with local communities and our constituents for the creation, improvement, or enforcement of policies, laws, or behaviors, contributing to the development of good governance at the local level.

Our Peacebuilding and Justice Expertise

World Renew intervenes in peacebuilding and justice initiatives using its expertise at local, regional, and international levels through networks and alliances such as ACT, Integral, and the Micah Challenge. Using our niche as a faith-based organization and adhering to the Core Humanitarian Standards, our robust and effective initiatives serve as catalysts for transformational development. For example, peacebuilding processes facilitated by World Renew in Nigeria have resulted in a significant Takum peace accord in 2002 and a Jalingo peace accord in 2003, paving ways for subsequent agricultural, livelihoods strengthening, educational, and other development initiatives in the affected areas. We've shared peacebuilding successes through a presentation on Moro Moro peacebuilding work in Indonesia at a 2013 conference through Columbia University's Earth Institute. A USD \$1.5 million, 10-year, private estate gift has funded justice programming in 11 countries, allowing us to pilot and scale critical justice initiatives.

Evidence of Impact

From 2018 to 2019, World Renew conducted a CAD \$70,000 project funded by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation for trauma healing and peacebuilding in the Bidibidi refugee settlement in Uganda. Bidibidi hosts more than 270,000 refugees who have fled significant violence and trauma in South Sudan. By the end of February 2019, forty community leaders and 77 trainers-of-trainers completed classes in trauma healing and peacebuilding. As a result, 3,951 refugees and host community members (1,625 female) received trauma healing and peacebuilding support which addressed economic and natural resource conflicts between the refugee and host communities,

and depression and PTSD experienced by refugees. The program increased access to psychological and psycho-social services for these vulnerable and marginalized groups, and focus-group discussions revealed that participants are now better able to heal from physical and emotional trauma.

Best Practices and Innovations

- **Peacebuilding and Trauma Healing:** Trauma healing training supports survivors of injustice as they work through their trauma with others to find healing and become equipped for effective peacebuilding. In India, the Malto and Santhal tribes, who have lived in conflict for hundreds of years, improved their relationships after both tribes met to undertake ten collaborative development projects, participate in workshops to discuss prejudice, and attend joint cultural events.
- **Integrating Climate Change and Environmental Justice:** Advocacy in Niger and Mali resulted in building collaboration between government officials and communities to protect forest resources. World Renew is leading a Climate Witness Project, which supports individuals and organizations that promote energy stewardship to decrease reliance on fossil fuels, improve climate change education, and advocate for public policy supporting those most impacted by climate change.
- **Land Advocacy:** Advocacy against land grabbing in Mali included mobilizing U.S. constituents in approaching their members of Congress, resulting in a \$250 million U.S. Millennium Challenge irrigation project which distributed ownership of 5 hectares of land to each affected family in 30 Malian villages. In a project in Tanzania, women subsistence farmers are equipped to acquire land title deeds, which help participants make long-term investments in their farms to enhance food security.
- **Youth Advocacy:** World Renew forms and supports youth action groups, which enable youth in communities to influence community attitudes on key issues affecting them, such as CEFM and GBV, through mediums such as street theater productions.

