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Working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

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Partnerships and progress

WITH CHURCHES in Canada completing a full year of in-person worship, and travel restrictions lifted, we finally feel we have landed – tentatively – on the other side of the global pandemic. We still meet online, but in the past fiscal year PWRDF staff and volunteers were able to again meet Anglican supporters in Canada and our partners around the world, to share the good news of our work.

But the world is not at peace. War and conflict continue in Ukraine, Sudan and Haiti, and we were all rocked by the events in the Holy Land that began October 7, 2023. There are growing numbers of people who have been displaced – without a safe place to call home or even one nutritious meal per day. The impacts of climate change have affected communities around the world, disproportionately so among those already vulnerable and on the front line of other global public health crises, such as cholera, malaria and malnutrition.

PWRDF's work with partners is ever more important. We congratulate DARE, one of our partners working on the Thailand-Myanmar border, which recently received an international award for their service to refugees. Another of our partners, ILSA, a women's empowerment and human rights organization in Colombia, received a local grant from the Government of Canada, in part because of relationships made with PWRDF. PWRDF's Indigenous Midwifery Program for the Americas is welcoming a new partner from Ecuador who learned of our work with partners in Mexico and Peru, advocating for and affirming culturally safe birth practices, during a virtual gathering in December 2023.

We see the results and learning of partnership in Chimanimani District in eastern Zimbabwe, where TSURO Trust is working in a fragile watershed to help communities not just withstand drought and floods but to mitigate the effects of such events and improve the



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Will Postma and Valerie Maier join Chief Elaine Ingram of Burgeo First Nation on a recent trip to Newfoundland and Labrador.

well-being of families. Community members are planting fruit trees, indigenous trees, and fodder crops into farmers' fields. Women are sharing leadership. Government extension staff are working closely with TSURO staff. Youth are not just involved but critical to decision making as to next steps.

In Canada, young people also play a critical role in helping PWRDF move forward. Our Youth Council has developed the 'Youth to Youth: Walking in a Good Way' resource, a powerful reconciliation tool to be shared with youth across the country. Youth and alumni Youth Council members sit on our Board, Working Groups and represent PWRDF in Membership networks.

PWRDF's work in Canada is important, supporting longer-term impacts of wildfires and hurricanes, developing education learning modules, supporting a network of 14 Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holders within the Anglican Church, and responding to opportunities for projects and learning with First Nations in community health, youth engagement, safe water and Creation Care. We are grateful for resources entrusted to us and the encouragement of so many. We give thanks for our Diocesan and Parish Representatives

and many other volunteers across Canada, who have walked alongside our board and staff as we engage with our partners. We are encouraged by prayers and by partnerships that honour relationship building, trust and mutual learning. We are humbled by the life-changing work of PWRDF's many partners shared throughout the pages of this Annual Report.

In October 2024, we celebrate 65 years as an agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, established at General Synod in 1959. Looking ahead, we will continue to embrace partnership, work closely with our ecumenical and member networks and connect the realities and voices of communities across the world, including in Canada. And we will introduce a new name that draws on our legacy but ensures our future, as we work together toward a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

Will Postma, Executive Director

Valerie Maier, President

Our **IMPACT** at a **GLANCE**

4 films were developed, documenting early footage of Tłjch̓ Nation's Trails of our Ancestors. (Yellowknife, NWT)

188 people displaced by wildfires received evacuation support. (Yellowknife, NWT)

500 community members gained access to safe drinking water with a new water distribution truck. (Kingfisher Lake, Ontario)

150 people received support to rebuild after wildfire. (British Columbia)

413 families received medicine and medical care. (Cuba)

1,590 refugees received immediate food relief. (South Sudan)

2,986 households received maize, sorghum and vegetable seeds. (South Sudan)

146 people enrolled in adult literacy classes. (Haiti)

200 LGBTQIA+ youth were empowered through confidence-building, community education, and safeguarding measures. (El Salvador)

375 families benefited from improved food security. (Mexico–Chiapas/Guatemala border)

100 Indigenous midwives were trained in safe birthing practices. (Peru and Mexico)

200+ women participated in strengthening public policy advocacy and strategies via meetings and public forums with candidates. (Colombia)

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, PWRDF worked with 70 partners in 32 countries. Read some of the highlights here and on the following pages.



\$1,880,053

**Allocated to
development
projects**



\$2,275,323

**Allocated to
humanitarian
relief responses**

750 families of people with disabilities received warming kits in the winter. *(Ukraine)*



17,120 people received vital health care services and education at the Al-Ahli Hospital. *(Gaza)*



4,411 farmers completed training in dairy farming to improve their livelihoods. *(Kenya)*

560 women learned new skills to adapt to climate change and improve their livelihoods. *(Nepal)*



30,000+ individuals were supported with regular food assistance. *(Kenya)*

16,582 tree seedlings were planted at the Nyarugusu Refugee camp. *(Tanzania)*



3 women's groups were provided 10,000 litre tanks to provide access to clean water. *(Kenya)*



3 villages had earthquake-damaged water systems restored. *(Philippines)*



6,250 women gained entrepreneurship skills through education programs. *(Uganda)*



1,082

farmers learned conservation agriculture techniques to adapt to climate change. *(Zimbabwe)*

4,000+ community members improved their food security. *(Uganda)*

167 refugees received treatment for addiction, supported by a team of specialists. *(Thailand-Myanmar border)*

13,000 men and boys learned about the importance of prioritizing their health and well being. *(Lesotho)*

Climate action takes a joint effort

A multi-year project to make an impact on climate change in Eastern and South Africa has culminated in a collaboration among international faith-based organizations. PWRDF Programs and Partnership Coordinator Andrea Casey reports:

IN A WORLD facing a global climate crisis, cooperation and local efforts are essential. PWRDF and other Canadian ACT Alliance members have worked together to support local climate action through the Locally Led Climate Fund (LLCF). Having succeeded in its initial phase, the LLCF is now set to expand its goals in the next phase.

In 2020 and 2021, as the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the interconnectedness of global challenges, ACT Canada members met online, driven by a shared commitment to have a positive impact in the communities we serve. The pressing question: how could we best focus our collective efforts to make a meaningful difference?

These discussions culminated in a two-day virtual roundtable on Climate and the Environment in Eastern and Southern Africa. Held in November 2021, following the COP26 summit in Glasgow, this roundtable marked the start of a collective effort to combat climate change in a region critically affected by its consequences.

This ecumenical consultation was a significant milestone, drawing participants from Eastern and Southern Africa and Canada. This diverse group engaged in meaningful conversations about the gendered impacts of climate change, the role of local knowledge, and climate financing justice. The consultation underscored the unique position of churches and faith-based organizations in mobilizing communities.

Insights from the gathering and subsequent consultations led to the creation of the LLCF. Canadian ACT members committed more than \$275,000, with PWRDF contributing \$100,000

to support climate justice initiatives in Eastern and Southern Africa, focusing on localization and community-driven approaches. The fund's administration through the ACT secretariat was designed to ensure local decision-making and oversight, promoting collaboration and scalability.

By November 2022, the ACT Secretariat released a call for project concepts. In its first year, the LLCF supported four project concepts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe. These projects focused on a range of strategies to build resilience, adapt to and combat climate change, such as:

- fostering community activism to advance national climate adaptation priorities;
- enhancing multi-stakeholder engagement and advocacy for climate financing;
- promoting ecological justice and environmental sustainability;
- improving resilience through livelihood diversification and forest conservation.

These initiatives have already yielded promising results, successfully building local resilience to climate change.

Building on the achievements of the first phase, ACT Canada members have committed additional funds for a second phase of the LLCF, now totaling approximately \$290,000 with a new contribution from an ACT member in the United States. This phase aims to deepen engagement and impact through a localized approach, strengthen the agency of communities and local institutions, and ensure meaningful inclusion of young people in climate action. Phase Two will also expand the regional scope to include West Africa.

actalliance

The ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) is a coalition of 152 faith-based aid agencies around the world.

The journey of developing the LLCF is a demonstration of the power of working collectively, the importance of local solutions and actions, and the important role of faith-based organizations in tackling climate change. Through this fund, ACT Alliance members have made real progress in helping local communities adapt to and reduce the effects of climate change, aiming for a fairer and more sustainable future. These projects highlight the impact of local initiatives in addressing climate issues. PWRDF along with ACT Canada members, through the LLCF, has shown its commitment to supporting grassroots efforts, ensuring local communities lead the way in climate action and fostering cooperation to bring about lasting positive change.



Working amid war



Dr. Suhaila Tarazi stands in the Admin Room of the Al-Ahli Arab Anglican Hospital in Gaza after it was destroyed in October 2023.

PHOTO: Diocese of Jerusalem

Responding to emergencies has always been challenging, but as more and more crises are the result of violence, war or political unrest, the landscape becomes even more fraught. PWRDF's Humanitarian Response Coordinator, Naba Gurung, reflects on the challenges:

IN NATURAL DISASTERS, the state has the responsibility. Unless they declare an emergency and appeal for a wider response, it is their responsibility first. You may have limited road access, road collapse or bridge collapse, or there may be groups who are angry and they may obstruct the aid going through to certain areas, those kind of things. But usually, in the larger community and within the government, everybody is on board. In conflict, you have warring factions, so that makes the situation complicated. Sometimes one group is the state, and the other group is not a state actor. Or rebels who are not signatory to any peace agreements —

that further complicates the situation.

I need to remain flexible with the partners. You can't expect an ideal scenario. We're working in a very fluid situation, and I need to recognize that. That part, that fluidity, that need to remain flexible and to adapt to the to the local context is a challenge. For PWRDF and our partners, ultimately, we want to respond to save lives, reduce suffering, and we want to do it in a timely and relevant way.

Usually we need a plan, to be in solidarity with the partner, but also to contribute our financial resources. We are not the only organization to respond. We collaborate with other like-minded organizations. We come



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together to work with a local partner that's responding to a crisis in a conflict situation. For us to move money, we need at least some kind of a plan. Today, we and our partners might come up with a plan, and then it may have to change. We adapt as we go along. The next week that plan may not fit people's needs, so we need to revise it.

The humanitarian principles are humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. They can be particularly challenging to uphold during times of war compared to other emergencies.

Humanity, of course, drives all of these responses. All human lives are sacred. If people are dying or being killed, there's destruction, there is all kinds of devastation. But the principles become challenging when in an active war situation.

Neutrality is the most challenging. There

Emergency Responses in 2023-2024 due to conflict:

- Gaza – \$230,000 allocated
- Ukraine – \$199,185 allocated
- Ethiopia - \$100,000 allocated
- South Sudan - \$200,228 allocated
- Syria - \$235,000 allocated

are partner organizations, there are warring factions and then there are people in the community. People have different lenses and views. It's hard because you may be perceived as a sympathizer to one group, even if that's not your intent. Or your organization may not be perceived as such, but you might have someone on staff who may be perceived by other groups as their enemy. Neutrality is a very complicated thing.

Then, you need to advocate at the end of the day. It's very important. Humanitarian response doesn't give you the ultimate solution. You need to advocate for leadership, for peace processes and negotiation. And then in that case, also, you must remain **impartial** and not be perceived as taking sides, even though the basis of advocacy would be the protection of civilians. That's what I call the "humanitarian resistance."

Independence is also a challenge. In some cases, there's a very strong actor. Like in the case of Ethiopia, for example, the government force was fighting the Tigray People's Liberation Front. And there was an active blockade. If you are the partner in this case, you are effectively not able to be independent there. Because you're not able to function in that context, the basic functioning is not allowed at all. In a war situation, all these principles, in one way or another, become very difficult to uphold.



COLOMBIA

Diversifying production

Boyacá province is known for producing a significant portion of Colombia's food, primarily on land passed down from generation to generation. Yet Boyacá is among the poorest provinces. Many men leave to work in cities, so more than 25% of households are headed by women. With funding from PWRDF, ECLOF has been promoting equal opportunities to women and improving livelihoods through the three-year project "Empowering small-scale farmers and micro entrepreneurs." Farmers are learning to diversify production, apply organic fertilizers, improve access to resources for women and youth and foster a sense of belonging among young farmers to encourage them to stay rooted in their communities rather than migrating. During the first year of the project, 87 participants also accessed training and technical assistance that ensured they could effectively apply the techniques they learned. Several participants have gradually managed to equalize their costs by using organic inputs instead of chemical inputs and diversifying production.

Luz Herminda Castro (left) and Rodulfo Zamudio raise cows, pigs, and chickens to support their family of four. Rodulfo learned how to produce organic fertilizer to improve pastures and fodder with ECLOF.



KENYA

Learning about chicken farming

In the arid and semi-arid lands of Lower Eastern Kenya, Anglican Development Services Eastern of the Anglican Church of Kenya has been providing the community with training to become more self-reliant in the face of climate change. The “Integrated Initiatives for Sustainable Livelihoods” project aims to boost incomes of more than 15,000 people, improving food production, nutrition and the community in the process. PWRDF is supporting the three-year project. In year one, **679 farmers were trained in climate smart farming techniques** such as no till agriculture, cover cropping and integrated nutrient management. Notable improvements in soil health and fertility have led to higher yields, which in turn increased income. Farmers also learned about indigenous poultry farming. Training included egg hatching, brooding, management, feed formulation and marketing.



HAITI

Processing breadfruit for local nutrition

The grassroots Haitian Women’s Federation supports a membership of more than 350 women. Through Ontario-based Rayjon ShareCare, PWRDF has supported the creation of a sustainable breadfruit processing factory and tree nursery, generating income for the community. Support for the project will continue to 2027. In the past year, training and mentoring continued for the women. In April 2023, after many months of waiting for a safe opportunity, the HWF was able to transport a breadfruit grinder from Port-au-Prince to St. Marc. This grinder will enable them to process breadfruit flour, and can also serve to improve milling services for corn farmers. The mill also provides flour to a local bakery that makes konparet – a nutritious gingerbread-like cake made from breadfruit flour, wheat flour, coconut and banana.

The bakery and the Federation baked more than 3,000 konparet, which were then distributed to four schools and various local organizations in need of food.



ZIMBABWE

Getting a little help from nature

With funding from the federal government and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and support from PWRDF, TSURO Trust (Towards Sustainable Use of Resources Organization) is using “nature-based solutions” to **improve biodiversity and enhance climate resilient livelihoods for more than 1,500 people.** The Nature+ Project will reduce vulnerability to climate change through conservation agriculture, improved water management, tree planting, livestock management and more. Through a TSURO group, Mercy Gwegweni has learned about crop diversity and adopting small grain production. Originally she didn’t like the taste of small grains but has come to appreciate them. The group is governed by a committee, which Gwegweni aspires to join.



GUATEMALA

Improving nutrition with organic farming

In the second year of the “Weaving Strength for Good Living in Tzeltal Indigenous Communities” project, the focus has been on equipping women and men to be local development promoters. Through these initiatives, 375 families experienced greater food security, with half of families achieving self-sufficiency in producing grain, vegetables and fruit. Using organic composting, foliar fertilizer and organic pest control has improved family health, and also increased income by reducing chemical input costs. Despite unpredictable rainfall, many of the families were able to maintain their gardens by planting cover legumes and using green manure. They also integrated fruit trees into living fences for future food diversification. Many families now produce surplus vegetables, eggs and poultry for the market. The participation of 30 young men has added diversity and a greater intergenerational exchange is occurring in both indigenous and peri-urban communities.



SRI LANKA

Bringing peace and health

PWRDF began supporting the Oppuravillam Peace Centre in Sri Lanka in January 2023, with activities continuing through to 2024. There were 262 people – roughly half under the age of 18 – participating in various programs. The community identified the need for safe drinking water, due to the lack of local infrastructure outside the limits of Urban Vavuniya. The centre's October 2023 newsletter describes ground water in the region as being "calcified with traces of other harmful minerals making it unsuitable for consumption." People were using expensive bottled water or filling up bottles at distribution outlets run by the police or military, or simply making do with the groundwater available.

In 2023 a small reverse osmosis plant was installed to provide safe, potable water, and the community continues to reap the health benefits.



MEXICO

Supporting Indigenous births

PWRDF's three-year partnership with Indigenous midwives in Canada, Peru and Mexico improved sexual reproductive health and reduced maternal mortality rates among Indigenous women. A new project is building on that success, with midwives in Mexico (Kinal) and Peru (CHIRAPAQ) continuing to share more knowledge and training. **In 2023, Kinal held three sessions on traditional Indigenous midwifery, with active participation from 40 master midwives and apprentices.**

CHIRAPAQ held four training and knowledge exchange workshops on traditional Indigenous midwifery with 17 attendees at each session. In December 2023, a pivotal meeting was convened to introduce the Indigenous Midwifery Program of the Americas. Sixty midwives and 10 allies attended from Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico, Canada, the United States and France.

ONTARIO



Getting clean water to Northern homes

In 2021, Pimatiziwin Nipi (Cree for Living Waters) began raising funds to support the Mishamikoweesh Water Project. This Spiritual Ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada stretches across Northern Ontario and Northern Manitoba, where access to safe and potable water is a challenge. After several months of consultation between the Kingfisher Lake First Nation Chief and Council, the need for a truck to deliver potable water to homes in Kingfisher Lake First Nation was identified as a priority. Located in Northern Ontario, the remote community relies on ice roads in the winter to receive supplies. In 2024, drawing on funds raised through the Advent Conspiracy campaign of Pimatiziwin Nipi, PWRDF purchased and delivered a refurbished water truck to Kingfisher Lake.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Resilience through livelihoods

Since 2018, PWRDF has been supporting programs at Maison Dorcas to help survivors of gender-based violence heal. Part of the internationally renowned Panzi Hospital, Maison Dorcas trains women in a range of income-earning activities to support a safe return to their family and communities. A new three-year project aims to build on past success by enhancing the quality of professional training, evaluating the program interventions and the impact on participants, and improving in rural farming. Last year 315 women were trained in baking, soapmaking, basketry and food trade, and 130 women learned about market gardening production. Maison Dorcas also supported savings groups known as solidarity mutuals. Individuals are invited to contribute modest funds that are then redistributed as credit to other members who need help kickstarting their income-generating activities. An agricultural cooperative has been formed between 12 solidarity groups comprising 300 members.

PHOTO: Panzi Foundation



MYANMAR

Adapting artisan toolkit for new setting

In Rakhine state, conflict has forced many people from their homes. Lutheran World Relief (LWF) has been working there since 2013 and this past year PWRDF began supporting an LWF project to enhance dignity and social cohesion of Rohingya and ethnic Rakhine women. To build their confidence as well as their entrepreneurial skills, LWF adapted its innovative Myanmar Artisan Toolkit training curriculum for workshops on business literacy, entrepreneurship, leadership and advocacy. **There were 90 female participants. Based on their interests, experience, market demand, availability of resources, and business plan, they developed their own business plans and selected appropriate vocational training.** The women chose to learn about tailoring, food and beverage, home gardening and soap and natural shampoo making, and LWF coordinated with the Department of Social Welfare and other local agencies to deliver the training. LWF continues to mentor the women as they plan local savings and loans groups.

UGANDA

Building futures for young women

The Girls and Women Lead project aims to prevent teen pregnancies, early marriages and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). In the first year of this project, ARUWE engaged local governments, conducted community outreach, formed health clubs at schools, and provided comprehensive health services to youth. **The project reached 819 students (approximately two thirds female) in four schools.** The interactive sessions allowed students to freely discuss their challenges. They were encouraged to seek advice and report incidents thus fostering a safer school environment. ARUWE also used a radio campaign to address issues such as teen pregnancies, early marriages, SGBV, HIV and sexually transmitted infection among adolescent girls and young women.

The project provided vocational training for 92 girls and young women in baking, tailoring and hairdressing, equipping participants with skills for employment.

ZAMBIA

Spreading the message door-to-door

The Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP) has been working to reduce and prevent early marriage in Zambia, where 29% of girls are married before their 18th birthday and 5% are married before the age of 15. Last year, 21 community leaders organized 27 meetings in their respective communities to create awareness on child marriage, gender-based violence, teen pregnancies, positive parenting, alcohol and drug abuse, and the importance of children going to school. More than 1,100 people attended. **Following the meetings, community and church leaders went door-to-door and visited 277 households (more than 1,000 family members).** They encouraged children, adolescents and young people to spend more time at home.



NEWFOUNDLAND

Gathering together to promote reconciliation

In Burgeo, Newfoundland, the congregation of St. John the Evangelist has joined together with Burgeo First Nation to take a step toward reconciliation. With support from the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, the town of Burgeo, funds from PWRDF's Indigenous Responsive Grant, and the National Marine Conservation Area/National Park, the project aims to educate citizens about Indigenous history and culture, celebrating the town's diverse past. This includes the arrival of settlers, the establishment of the church, and the importance of the fishery community. The project features a raised gazebo with storyboards providing historical context, translated into the Mi'kmaq language. This gathering space represents reconciliation among the Indigenous community, the church, and the town, promoting a deeper understanding of the area's history.

Patsy Warren drums with Burgeo First Nation drummers to dedicate the new gazebo.



NWT

Preserving stories of Indigenous history

In the Northwest Territories, Hotii Ts'eeda, a research support centre hosted by the Tlicho Government, is connecting researchers with Indigenous communities to prioritize health research and develop a culturally competent health system. Hotii Ts'eeda is partnering with PWRDF and Artless Collective Inc. to produce four films documenting important moments in Tlicho history, celebrating language, culture and the Trails of our Ancestors. These films will inspire younger generations to embrace their heritage and serve as educational tools in schools, while preserving Indigenous traditions and knowledge for generations to come.



WINNIPEG

Healing from hydro development

The Gathering of Kohkoms (grandmothers) brought together 10 Indigenous elders from five communities that have been affected by hydro development for more than 50 years. The gathering, funded by PWRDF, provided a safe space for the elders to share their stories. In the first sharing circle, the elders described the impact of hydro development on communities. They discussed environmental damage and loss of livelihoods. The second circle focused on expressing these impacts through art, inspired by the Witness Blanket Art Installation. These two sharing circles ended with a beautiful water ceremony led by a Mispawistik community member along the shores of Lake Winnipeg.

As each person stood on the rocks at the edge of the water releasing their prayers and tobacco into the lake, an eagle soared directly above each person's head. This was seen as a sign of hope.

OTTAWA

Supporting Inuit culture so it can thrive

The Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families is a vital part of the Ottawa community. The centre provides services for cultural, educational, recreational and social support for community members. After generations of trauma and cultural suppression, the Inuit people are reclaiming their heritage and traditions. They are rediscovering their strength, and the centre was at the forefront of this movement. Every February, the centre hosts an Inuit Day Celebration. Supported by an Indigenous Responsive grant from PWRDF, the event drew a crowd of community members. The room was filled with the smells of traditional foods like seal meat, caribou, arctic char and bannock. The celebration was a display of Inuit culture, with games, throat singing, drum dancing, and elder storytelling. Children and adults participated in arts and crafts, and games that tested their stamina.



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KENYA

Providing food relief

Geseya Mosoni collects key staples at a food distribution.

In Marsabit County, a severe and prolonged drought has resulted in the loss of more than a million livestock and extreme food insecurity for the population. Church World Service and local communities have come together to respond to this crisis, with a community-based committee designing and implementing a project to support households under stress. Building on existing efforts, funded by PWRDF and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the project prioritized the needs of female-headed households, the elderly, people with disabilities, the sick, and pregnant individuals. Over three months, the committee distributed vital food rations to 2,700 households, providing a lifeline to those in need. Geseya Mosoni, 69, has been a food assistance project participant since July 2022. She lives in Silango with four daughters, two sons-in-law, and three sons. "I lost all my livestock to the drought, the only source of livelihood," she said. "Without the food from Canada, I don't know what would happen to me and my children."



Almaz Adane's son enjoys time in the child-friendly space provided by LWF with PWRDF funding.

ETHIOPIA

Keeping children safe amid conflict

In northern Ethiopia's Tigray region, the Mai-Weini Site for Internally Displaced People hosts a project focused on child protection and caregiver empowerment. PWRDF is a contributing partner to this project, which offers a child-friendly space for 200 three- to seven-year-olds to play and learn. They also receive nutritious meals daily. Also, awareness campaigns have reached 6,019 individuals, addressing critical issues like child protection and safety. Caregivers have learned income-generating activities, entrepreneurship and life skills, so they can start small businesses and support their families. People like Almaz Adane, a mother of two who arrived at Mai-Weini Site on foot after the conflict broke out in 2020. Her two youngest children have benefited from the child-feeding program and the child-friendly space established by LWF. Adane used to manage a restaurant. With additional training, she now runs a small streetside shop and supported her eldest son in training to become a tuk-tuk driver.



THE PHILIPPINES

Restoring water

In July 2022, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Abra, Philippines, causing flash flooding and destruction to surrounding areas. The Barangay Ballayangon communities of Pugo, Topap, and Agimitan lost water systems. CorDis, a partner of PWRDF, rebuilt four water systems with funding from PWRDF, the Canadian Embassy and other sources. **The new systems provide clean water to 150 families, an elementary school, and a daycare centre.** Rosemarie Lingbawan, a community leader, expressed gratitude. "We searched for the best sources, now water is readily available in our backyards.

"This water is life itself."



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SYRIA

Kickstarting earthquake recovery with microloans

In Aleppo, the aftermath of a 7.8-magnitude earthquake on top of dealing with an ongoing war, left residents struggling to recover. The Hope Centre, a local organization, has empowered craftspeople and business owners since 2018 through loans, with a 92% success rate. After the earthquake, **the Hope Centre received 100 loan applications and funded 62 projects**, providing ongoing support and coaching. PWRDF and the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) partnered with the Hope Centre and two other Syrian organizations to provide winterization support to families under stress and children during the harsh winter of 2024.



TANZANIA

Growing food to support the community

In Tanzania's Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, 137,365 refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi face food insecurity and malnutrition. While relying on food rations, refugees are working with aid organizations like Church World Service to improve their food security and nutrition. Asumani Ibcwca, a local farmer, joined the project and received training in sustainable vegetable farming practices. Inspired by gender training, he and his wife, Nadia Faida, worked together to increase productivity and improve food security for their family of six. They grew vegetables in their backyard, harvesting 10 to 15 kg of leafy greens each week. They shared the excess produce with neighbours and even saved 2 kg of seeds for future seasons. Ibcwca's dedication earned him the honour of being elected by his peers as lead farmer. He expressed gratitude for the project's impact on their lives. The project increased their monthly household income to TSH 150,000 (CAD \$75), restoring stability and happiness to their family.

Asumani and Nadia working together in their garden.



DARE members proudly display the deed to the land where they have begun to expand their program.

THAILAND/MYANMAR

Recovering from addiction

More than 2 million people from Myanmar are living as refugees in Thailand, escaping unfortunate circumstances in their home country. These individuals found support from organizations like the DARE Network, a long-time partner of PWRDF, that addresses critical substance abuse issues. In the Tak Province of Thailand, DARE has acquired land, with the support of PWRDF, to grow Moringa trees and process Moringa powder from their leaves into MoringAid, a popular health supplement. This innovative social enterprise will ensure the long-term sustainability of DARE Network's crucial programs. DARE has also built on the land a training house and treatment facilities, providing a safe space for refugees to receive the support they need. By enhancing DARE's sustainability, they can maintain and expand their programs, with the ultimate goal of helping displaced persons return to Myanmar.

SOUTH SUDAN

Supporting school fees with cash transfers

The pandemic increased food insecurity in Yei County, where people were returning home after years of living as refugees in other countries. In 2021, Global Affairs Canada launched the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development (HERD) program with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, working in eight countries with 10 member houses, including PWRDF. The program ran until December 2023. PWRDF worked with Finn Church Aid who distributed cash to households to meet their basic needs, including tuition for their children who had been out of school for extended periods. **When given financial resources, families allocated about 30% of the funds from the second transfer to cover school fees.** This highlights how participants used their agency and decision-making under the cash programming approach, even though the primary focus of the cash transfer was on food assistance.

JORDAN



Tahani tests out her new sewing machine.

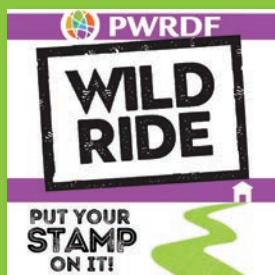
Job training leads to better life

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) has been providing support to women and youth in Jordan, including Syrian and Iraqi refugees as well as at-risk members of the host communities. Their efforts include health awareness interventions, livelihood programs, and providing training in solar panel installation, sewing, embroidery and home care. Tahani, 38, had always had a passion for sewing. She would work on small projects by hand, but longed to learn more and own a sewing machine. MECC offered a vocational training program for 40 women and men, in partnership with the YWCA Academy, funded by the ACT Alliance and PWRDF. When she heard about the program, Tahani was excited about the opportunity. "I immediately registered to learn and acquired a sewing machine to create items for my home and neighbours.

Having a second income allows me to provide for my children, especially since two of them require certain products and milk."



Watch your PWRDF Connect email to subscribe to seasonal resources!



The 2023 PWRDF Wild Ride was a heartfelt tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon Greg Smith, a beloved volunteer who died suddenly on May 6, 2023. His passion and commitment were deeply missed, but his legacy inspired participants across the country. It was a wild success! Twenty-two teams and 93 participants came together to put their stamp on the record-breaking campaign, raising an impressive \$62,000 for PWRDF programs supporting refugees and internally displaced people. In 2024, with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimating that more than 100 million people will be forcibly displaced or stateless – the Wild Ride focus on refugees continued. Participants were invited to help raise \$65,000 to celebrate our 65-year commitment to supporting refugees and internally displaced people.



Healthy planet, healthy people

Our 2024 Lent resource, written by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, focussed on “Health and well-being – without one, the other simply isn’t possible.” Throughout Lent, 1,584 subscribers received daily emails featuring Dr. Keesmaat’s insights on what health, well-being, and good living require from us in our relationships with one another, creation and God.

Finding hope at Advent

Beset with climate-caused disasters, it’s easy to feel helpless. But in actions both big and small we can find hope. Thus began “Hope in Action: Reflections on Farming, Family and Faith in the midst of the Climate Crisis” with Karri Munn-Venn. Munn-Venn brought her experience as a climate activist and wool farmer to writing the resource, which included reflections, scripture readings and prayer.



Scan the QR code with your device to watch Munn-Venn’s video.



PWRDF’s Youth Council participated in the bi-annual gathering of CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) and has been creating “Youth to Youth: Walking in a Good Way,” a resource to guide young people and their communities in the work of reconciliation. Following the annual Youth Council meeting, Robyn Sulkko and Heather Jenkins attended the Sacred Beginnings Indigenous Youth Gathering at the Sandy Saulteaux Centre in Beausejour, Man. From that gathering is arising Indigenous-led and youth-led responses to support trauma programming and entrepreneurship.

What a year!

Supporters heard 13 guest reflections during Praying with PWRDF on Zoom.

Volunteers learned more about PWRDF partners at 13 webinars.

183 new donors began supporting PWRDF.

Well wishers ordered 813 packs of PWRDF Christmas cards.

Including daily emails through Lent and Advent, we landed in your inbox 132 times!

Offering time, talent and treasure



World of Gifts

Last year's World of Gifts campaign raised just over \$500,000, with more than 2,200 items purchased to alleviate poverty and support communities in need around the world. The most popular gifts were goats for Health Workers in Malawi, seeds for South Sudanese refugees, and contributions to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Also, more than 300 donor gifts were matched, thanks to a generous anonymous donation of \$110,000.

Goat Get'em in Calgary

During the 2024 Lenten season, the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer in Calgary and its PWRDF supporters worked to raise funds to buy goats through PWRDF's World of Gifts. The goal of "Goat Get'em" was to raise \$480 to purchase a dozen goats for community health workers in Malawi. The narthex was adorned with a symbolic display of goats. In the end, parishioner and church groups (including the choir!) donated **more than \$1,480**, enough to buy 37 goats!



A Nova Scotia Kitchen Party

About 100 people attended the Bishop's Kitchen Party in Dartmouth, N.S., hosted by Holy Trinity Emmanuel Parish, and several other participating parishes. With musical talents from Bryan Cable and emcee Archdeacon Katherine Bourbonniere, the event was the culmination of a campaign honouring Bishop Sandra Fyfe's ministry. The Parishes' collective support of the World of Gifts "Buy a Farm" campaign **raised \$4,077** for PWRDF. The funds were designated

to support six "farms" – representing nine food security projects in eight countries.

Music for Ukraine in Toronto

St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Toronto played host to a heartwarming concert fundraiser for Ukraine on February 4, 2024. St. Matthew's holds a special connection with a significant Ukrainian immigrant population, many of whom arrived as refugees in the aftermath of the outbreak of war in 2022. The concert showcased a unique selection of contemporary compositions by Ukrainian artists. In the end, **more than \$2,000 was raised** to support PWRDF's Ukraine response.



Loose change adds up in B.C.

Every year during Lent, St. Matthew's Parish in Abbotsford, B.C. collects "loose change" and bills for a chosen outreach project. In 2024, the parish designated PWRDF's Gaza and West Bank Emergency Appeal to receive the generous donations, **amounting to \$2,087**. This donation supports the Al Ahli Anglican Arab Hospital in

Gaza, which has been struggling to provide care amidst severe shortages and damage.

The parishioners, inspired by Jesus' teachings to love one's neighbour, were grateful to contribute to this urgent cause.



2023–2024 Financial Report

Supporting the work of PWRDF improves the quality of daily life for vulnerable populations by promoting global justice and self-sustainability. Your commitment is transforming lives.

Revenue

(financial statement April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024)

	Actual	% of Revenue
Parish/Individual Donations	\$ 5,363,369	60.01
Canadian Foodgrains Bank Contributions	2,464,371	27.57
Bequests	698,341	7.81
Interest and Dividends	331,727	3.71
Other	102,487	1.15
Realized Gain (Loss) on Sale of Marketable Securities	(22,858)	-0.26
Total Revenue	\$ 8,937,437	100.00%

Expenses

Program Allocations (Development, Relief, Refugees)

	Actual	% of Expenses
Canadian Foodgrains Bank program	\$ 2,587,819	29.19
Humanitarian Response and Refugees	981,414	11.07
PWRDF Development Program:		
Africa	739,765	8.35
Latin America and the Caribbean	582,265	6.57
Canada – Indigenous Communities	271,000	3.06
Asia and the Pacific	93,114	1.05
Sub-Total	\$ 5,255,377	59.30

Program Allocations (Ecumenical Relations and Volunteer Support)

Supporter Relations Program	\$ 216,341	2.44
Partners and Ecumenical Relations	90,680	1.02
Strategic Plan Initiatives	55,680	0.63
Sub-Total	\$ 362,701	4.08

Total Program Allocations	\$ 5,618,078	63.38
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Program Delivery

Program Personnel	\$ 1,555,742	17.55
Program Occupancy and Office	139,902	1.58
Travel	35,227	0.40
Sub-Total: Program Delivery	\$ 1,730,871	19.53

Total Program:	\$ 7,348,949	82.91
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Administration

Personnel	\$ 799,798	9.02
Occupancy and Office	151,878	1.71
Professional Fees	84,152	0.95
Governance	44,329	0.50
Travel	10,161	0.11

Total Administration:	\$ 1,090,318	12.30
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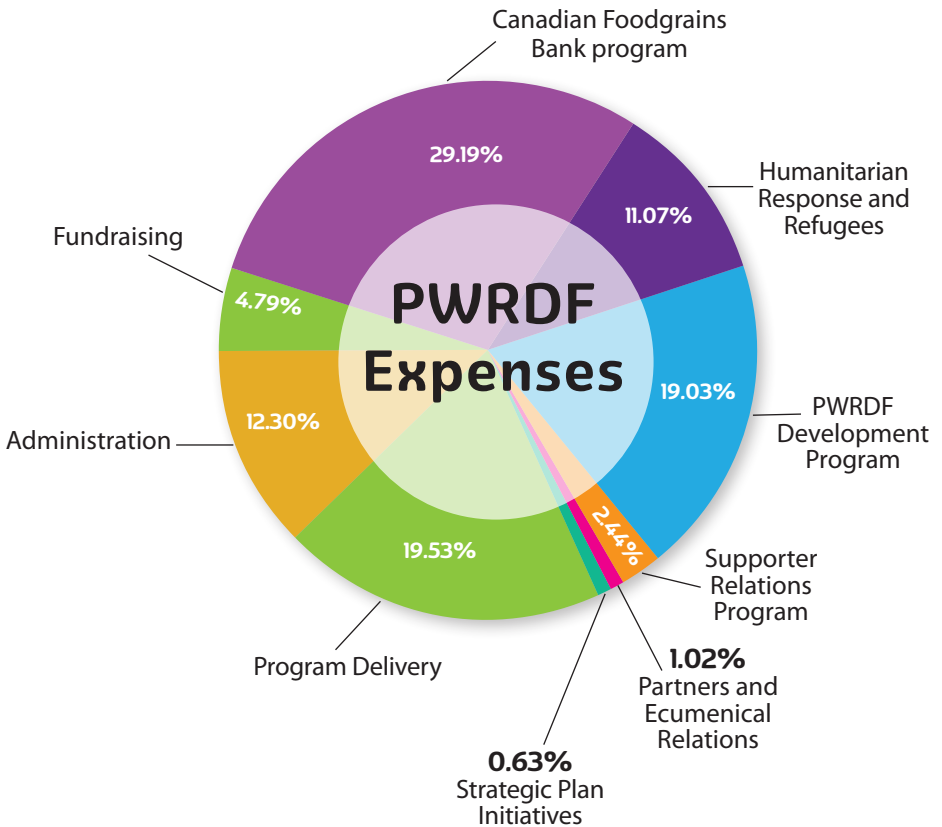
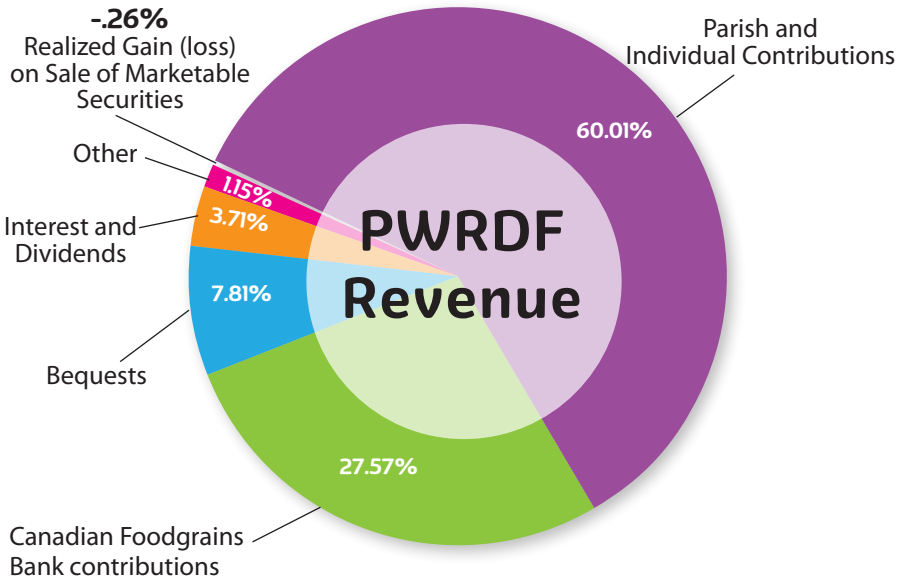
Fundraising	\$ 424,715	4.79
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Total Expenses	\$ 8,863,982	100.00
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Excess of revenue over expenses for the year from operations:	\$ 73,455	
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Unrealized gains (loss) on marketable securities:	1,170,530	
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Excess of Revenue over expenses for the year:	\$ 1,243,985	
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Moving forward



A group meeting at TSURO Trust in Zimbabwe.

PWRDF worked with 70 partners this year in 32 countries, seeing important results but also significant learning that is leading to better practices in the communities where our partners work.

Knowledge sharing

PWRDF partners have increased support for community gatherings, such as for women in Zimbabwe or Colombia to share experiences on agro-ecological knowledge. While some of that sharing involves participants traveling across longer distances, even across borders, other conversations are happening over virtual platforms, enabling partners to leverage technology to their advantage.

In the year ahead PWRDF will further build on these learnings by creating more spaces – virtual and in-person – for partners to connect and learn from each other.

Leveraged funds

PWRDF is supporting the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza by pooling funds with other agencies to create a larger and more responsive budget, giving the hospital a secure funding based to respond to diverse and complex patient needs as they arise, including mental health and trauma response.

Nexus programming

Organizations working in international development have become increasingly specialized, resulting in programming focused on one issue or following a single approach. Nexus programming challenges organizations to work more holistically, often

bringing together several organizations and stakeholders. For example, triple nexus programming involves coordinating humanitarian, development and peace-building activities.

PWRDF partners made important steps towards connecting nexus outcomes for peace, longer-term programming and more immediate responses to humanitarian needs. At the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 there was a clear recognition that achieving the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals would be impossible without addressing sustainable development in areas facing humanitarian need. At the summit, world leaders committed to enabling multi-year humanitarian funding commitments. These longer funding commitments allow programs to address immediate life-saving needs while also planning for recovery and, potentially, long-term sustainable development.

While we respond with our partners to urgent humanitarian needs, we want to also support sustainable programs and opportunities for peace-building for the long term.

All of this cooperation is important for PWRDF in our support for women's empowerment, climate action, food security and Indigenous programming in Canada and around the world. Our strategic and responsive programs with Indigenous partners support initiatives that are context-specific, while also fostering collaborative learning in environmental protection, leadership and advocacy efforts for local and culturally acceptable midwifery practices.

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