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**On the cover:** Heab Hear, age 4, fishes in Cambodia. Our trusted partners have helped many of his neighbors toward a more secure future. **Photo:** Paul Jeffrey.

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## Dear friend of ELCA World Hunger:

AS I WRITE THIS LETTER, MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE experienced fierce storms and tornadoes, the worst of which hit in Oklahoma. In response to this disaster, Bishop Michael Girlinghouse wrote the following in a pastoral letter to the people of the ELCA's Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod:

*"I have always been convinced that God gathers us in communities exactly for times like these. As Genesis tells us, it is not good for us to be alone (Genesis 2:18). As we support and care for one another through times of tragedy and disaster, God's presence, love, support and mercy are experienced and shared. God is with us as we are with one another in God's name. We are the body of Christ for one another. Thank you so much for your prayers, your support, your concern and your compassion for all of us who live in central Oklahoma."*

The power of communities acting together to claim hope and healing cannot be understated. In the time of the gathering of the earliest church, the winds of hope blew in with the Holy Spirit. And we are told in the book of Acts (Acts 6) that one of the first acts of the newborn church was to organize to care for those who were in need of food. And the church has been building up this community of caring in the name of Jesus ever since.

In this issue of LifeLines, you will see stories of the ways that we are gathered into communities for times such as this. We are gathered to learn from one another. We are gathered (just as the believers in the book of Acts were) to share the blessings of each of our lives so that they are blessings for all of our lives. Such community brings an end to estrangement and a birth to new hope. Lives are changed.

Because of the work we do together in the face of the tragedy and travesty of hunger, *today* folks are fed, today children live, today water flows, today crops grow, today healing comes. But even more powerful is that the way we work, through communities, means that *tomorrow*, those who worried about food, about water, about life and livelihood will not. Neither will their children. That is the way that communities flourish. That is the investment you make through ELCA World Hunger and its related work in Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Across these programs in 2012, over \$30 million of support was mobilized to communities in the United States and in about 50 other countries. As has been our tradition, the costs of administration and fundraising are kept low. Support is directed into communities through people who know those communities through the eyes of faith. This issue of Lifelines is an invitation to know this work and a few of those communities better and to encourage your continued participation as we join the winds of hope and the promise of God's love revealed.

With gratitude,

**The Rev. Daniel Rift**  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

# Highlights of 2012

## YOU MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

ELCA LUTHERANS THROUGHOUT OUR CHURCH — YOU — HAVE A GENEROUS HEART AND HELPFUL HAND for our brothers and sisters who seek to lift themselves out of poverty, who are recovering from disaster or who are eager to be free of malaria.

Together, you supported the three related ministries of ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign by giving a total of \$30,605,394 in fiscal year 2012 (Feb. 1, 2012, through Jan. 31, 2013).

This issue of LifeLines spotlights how you, through your generous support of these three related ministries and the ongoing presence of the church and our partners around the world, make a world of difference in people's lives. It can't be said often enough – **thank you.**



Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT.



Photo: ACT/ICCO/Saskia Bolt.



Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

# Your generous giving

## YOU GIVE IN SO MANY WAYS

THANKS TO YOU AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU throughout the church, in 2012 ELCA World Hunger and its related ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign, received more than \$30 million in total gifts to accompany our neighbors and companions in more than 50 countries around the world, including the United States.

By supporting programs that provide relief in times of disaster and immediate need, development for more secure futures, advocacy to speak for and with people who live in poverty, and education for ELCA members about the causes of hunger and poverty, we act together as followers of Jesus.

The charts on these pages show how you and people like you gave more than \$18.5 million to ELCA World

Hunger, more than \$7.7 million to Lutheran Disaster Response and more than \$4.2 million to the ELCA Malaria Campaign – through your congregations and synods, through direct giving, through your employers' matching gift programs, your estate plans and through other means.

Gifts made through congregations and synods are the rock-solid foundation of our work together. Last year, in fiscal year 2012 (Feb. 1, 2012, to Jan. 31, 2013), donations given through congregations and synods totaled 57 percent of your support of ELCA World Hunger, or \$10.6 million. Gifts through congregations and synods made up 48 percent of giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, or \$3.7 million. And in fiscal 2012, the ELCA Malaria Campaign received \$2.5 million through congregations and synods, or 59 percent. **Thank you!**



Chickens lay eggs for the table and for market. Our partner in Cambodia worked with Vin Tha to improve her family's nutrition and income. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.



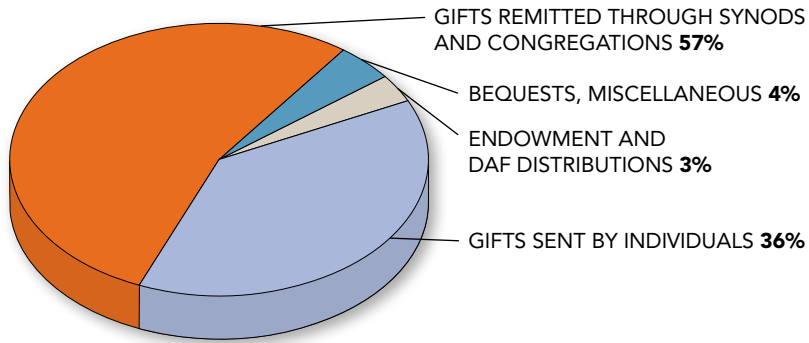
This family in Zimbabwe has learned to prevent, recognize and seek treatment for malaria, thanks to your support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Photo: Kristen Opalinski.



Refugees in South Sudan keep up with their schoolwork in a camp managed by The Lutheran World Federation and supported by your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

### Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue

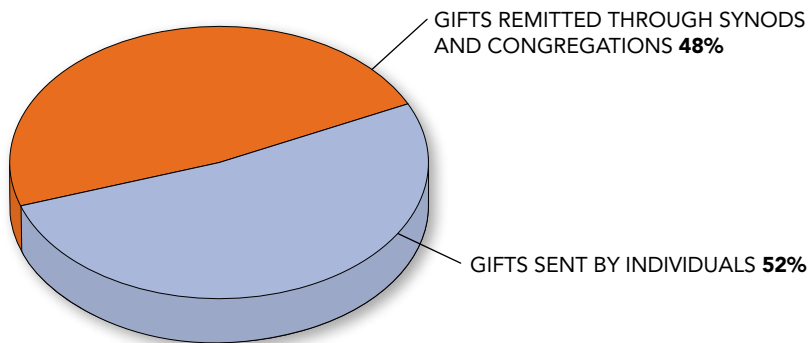


Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$10,591,606
Gifts Sent by Individuals	\$6,712,363
Bequests, Miscellaneous	\$783,557
Endowment and DAF distributions	\$514,706
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,602,232</b>

Unaudited figures

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

### Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue

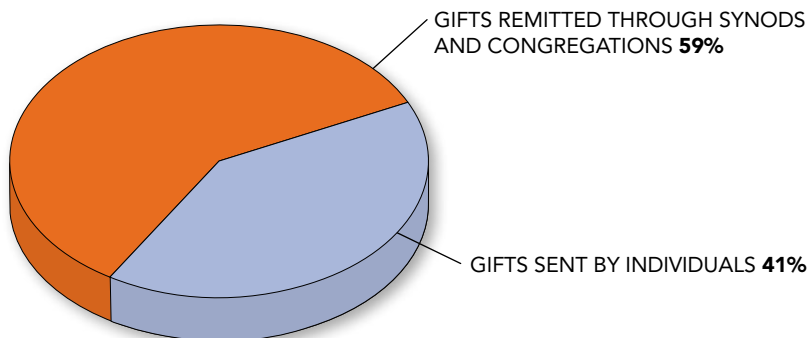


Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$3,733,679
Gifts Sent by Individuals	\$4,041,662
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,775,341</b>

Unaudited figures

## ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

### Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue



Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$2,496,346
Gifts Sent by Individuals	\$1,731,502
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,227,848</b>

Unaudited figures

# Feeding neighbors after the flood



The Cedar River overflowed its banks and flooded Waverly, Iowa, five years ago. Photo courtesy Tab Ray.



Gardens flourish where once there were muddy ruins. Photo: Marcia Hahn.

## WORKING TOGETHER IN IOWA

WE OFTEN THINK OF THE IMMEDIATE WORK of disaster response, but the extent of the church's work becomes really apparent when we consider the longer term.

Five years ago, Iowa's rivers overflowed their banks and flooded cities and towns throughout the state. This is the story of how Lutheran Disaster Response and ELCA World Hunger are still working together to help the people of Waverly, Iowa, not only recover from a devastating flood but also create community in the process.

As the rivers rose and the word went out that Iowa was in trouble, ELCA Lutherans around the country gave generously to fund our church's response to this disaster. Lutheran Disaster Response U.S. quickly allocated \$300,000 to the statewide response, and went to work with our affiliate, Lutheran Services in Iowa, which raised another \$1 million.

Hundreds of Waverly residents had to evacuate, including the Rev. Mark Anderson of the ELCA Northeastern Iowa Synod and his family. More than one-third of the town's homes and businesses were damaged. The buildings of one ELCA congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, were badly damaged by the muddy floodwaters. Dozens of homes near the river were so nearly destroyed that they were declared total losses.

Lutheran Disaster Response took action, helping neighbors navigate the complexities of FEMA forms and the many other services available after a disaster. Through Lutheran Services in Iowa, a long-term recovery committee was set up to manage a process that would take years.

The state government bought 101 ruined houses from their owners, cleared away the debris and turned the land over to the city, which began planning for parks and green space.

In the meantime, Pastor Anderson was sent to a conference in Detroit – the 2010 ELCA World Hunger Leaders' Gathering, a national event that is a regular highlight of the churchwide ministry's education and networking programs.

He arrived a little late and found that the only field trip still open was a visit to an urban garden that had received an ELCA World Hunger domestic grant. Since "all the other cool things were full," as he says with a smile, he signed up for that field trip without much enthusiasm.

But what he learned at the Detroit garden changed not only his mind, but the life of his city.

The city's plan for the vacant land didn't use all the space available, so Pastor Anderson visited Tab Ray, the director of Waverly's Leisure Services department, and told him about urban gardening – and the idea took root.

“We’re not a food desert,” Anderson explained, “yet even here in the heartland there are people who don’t have any food to eat. People can use their best gardening talents and feed their neighbors.”

In January 2011, with the support of ELCA World Hunger’s community development program, Pastor Anderson and Mr. Ray presented the idea to representatives of the city council, Iowa State University’s county extension service, Wartburg College’s social work department, the Waverly garden club, a local produce farmer and two congregations – and the group agreed to dedicate four of the vacant lots for community gardening. ELCA World Hunger helped the project get started with a development grant through the Domestic Hunger Grants program. Community groups volunteered to tend plots.

That first year, the garden produced about 500 pounds of food, most of which was given to the community food shelf, food pantries and Saints’ Café, the rotating meal served at area churches.

The next year, the garden expanded, opening plots for families. Pastor Anderson says, “I have a house with a yard, but no suitable place for a garden, so my daughter and I have a Daddy-Daughter vegetable garden. We do

our own garden and also the community garden.

“There’s a real sense of community with garden neighbors and the people who come work at the community gardens. It is its own little community itself – a community of gardeners working together with their skill to support their community.”

The people who come to Saints’ Café form a community as well. “Some people come because they don’t have enough food to eat, but others come because they don’t have people to eat with.” As Pastor Anderson says, “The community that feeds a community also creates community.”

In 2012, the garden produced more than 3,400 pounds of vegetables – enough for the Saints’ Café and other local food programs, with plenty for the North East Iowa Food Bank that serves 16 counties. The gardeners are planning to expand in 2013.

The harvest of food and friendship growing up where once there were only muddy ruins is an amazing testimony not only to the people of Waverly, but to the power of an unexpected idea planted in the right place.

And it’s your giving to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response that made it all possible. **Thank you.**



JoHanna Smrcina coordinated Waverly’s gardens project. The Rev. Mark Anderson brought the idea back from an ELCA World Hunger event. Photo: Marcia Hahn.



Ron Lenth, University of Iowa Extension Specialist for Bremer County, has been a key member of the Waverly gardens project since the beginning. Photo: Marcia Hahn.

# ELCA World Hunger

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

AROUND THE WORLD, 868 MILLION PEOPLE – that’s 1 in 8 – are chronically hungry, without enough nourishment to lead active daily lives. In the United States, according to the Department of Agriculture, more than 50 million of our 315 million neighbors – that’s almost 1 in 6 – are sometimes food insecure, that is, not always able to put enough nutritious food on the table. More than 12 million of our neighbors live in households with repeated periods of hunger. For many, it is church-based organizations that help them stand up to hunger.

As followers of Jesus Christ, who preached good news to the poor, we are called to act on these shocking facts. The vision of ELCA World Hunger is to end hunger. For good.

### Our approach

Emergency food relief – feeding programs, backpacks, soup kitchens and the like – can be an effective response to a crisis, but ending hunger for good calls for much more than that. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce their own food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and reliable sources of income, we can help people and communities create their own long-term sustainable change.

ELCA World Hunger believes that people know their own communities best. We rely on our congregations

and our global companion churches to identify needs and the solutions that will make a difference in their own contexts. It’s then that we partner with communities to help them bring that change about.

Working through our congregations and synods, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation, and other partners including Church World Service, Bread for the World, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, we reach more communities more effectively than we could ever do alone.

In addition to funding relief and development projects that help our sisters and brothers get through a crisis or lift themselves out of poverty, we engage members of the ELCA in education about the issues of hunger and poverty, and in advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty. ELCA World Hunger also serves a network of volunteer Hunger Leaders who help spread the message throughout their congregations and synods.

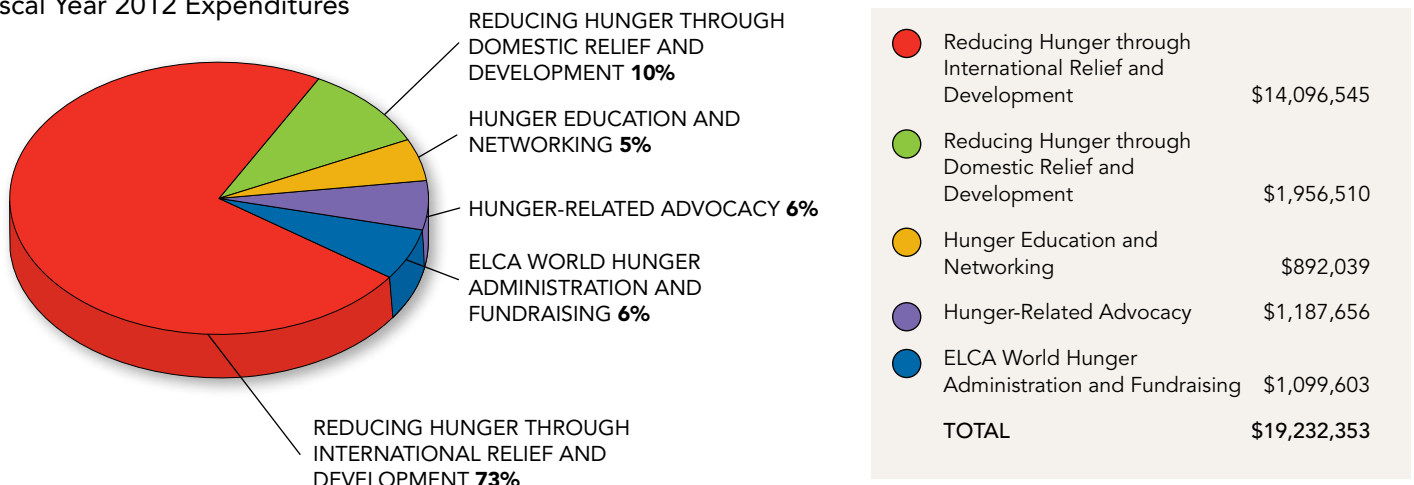
### How your gifts are used

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are allocated first according to our founding guidelines: 25-30 percent are to be expended within the United States and 70-75 percent in other parts of the world. Currently, 73 percent of your giving – more than \$14 million – supports work outside the United States.

The greatest portion of that \$14 million supports

## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

### Fiscal Year 2012 Expenditures





work carried out by our Lutheran worldwide communion and by our companion churches around the world. The Lutheran World Federation, through its Department for World Service and Department for Mission and Development, was allocated \$5.5 million for its work. Our companion churches around the world received nearly \$5.4 million of your gifts.

Other international partners, including Church World Service, Lutheran World Relief and the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, made up the rest.

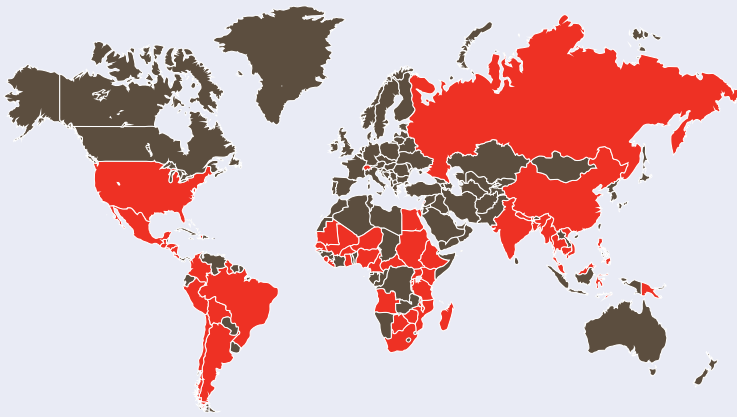
These globally distributed funds support projects in six categories: sustainable development, including livestock, microfinance, water and agricultural programs; health care and education for healthcare workers;

education and vocational training for sustainable livelihoods; peace, justice and human rights; emergency relief; and capacity building to strengthen our companions.

In the United States, your gifts help support grants and loans in the areas of advocacy, relief, development and organizing. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger also help support outdoor ministry programs, community organizing, advocacy work and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

Through this comprehensive approach, we work effectively and efficiently to address hunger from all angles – both locally and around the world. Your generous support makes it all possible. **Thank you.**

## Countries with programs supported by ELCA World Hunger



Angola	Cameroon	Guatemala	Nigeria
Argentina	Chile	Guyana	Papua New Guinea
Bangladesh	China	Haiti	Peru
Bolivia	Colombia	Honduras	Philippines
Botswana	Costa Rica	India	Russia
Brazil	Egypt	Indonesia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	El Salvador	Kenya	Senegal
Burundi	Eritrea	Lebanon	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Ethiopia	Liberia	Singapore
Cambodia	Ghana	Madagascar	South Africa
		Malawi	Sudan
		Malaysia	Switzerland
		Mali	Tanzania
		Mauritania	Thailand
		Mexico	Timor-Leste
		Mozambique	Uganda
		Myanmar	Vietnam
		Nepal	United States
		Nicaragua	West Bank
		Niger	Zimbabwe

# ELCA World Hunger

## LEARNING AND ADVOCATING IN OHIO

IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, THE ELCA'S WASHINGTON Office gathered 60 ELCA members and other people of faith at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio, to discuss rural development, anti-hunger policy and job creation. These pastors, social service providers and community leaders shared their experiences of small town and rural life, lifting up how their congregations and organizations fight hunger in Ohio. Your giving to ELCA World Hunger helped support this event. **Thank you.**

The Lutherans were joined by staff members from U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office; the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod; the Rev. Callon W. Holloway Jr., bishop of the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod; staff representatives from the ELCA Northwestern Ohio Synod; and staff from the ELCA Washington Office and the Poverty and Justice ministry of the ELCA. Bishop Eaton was instrumental in organizing the event.

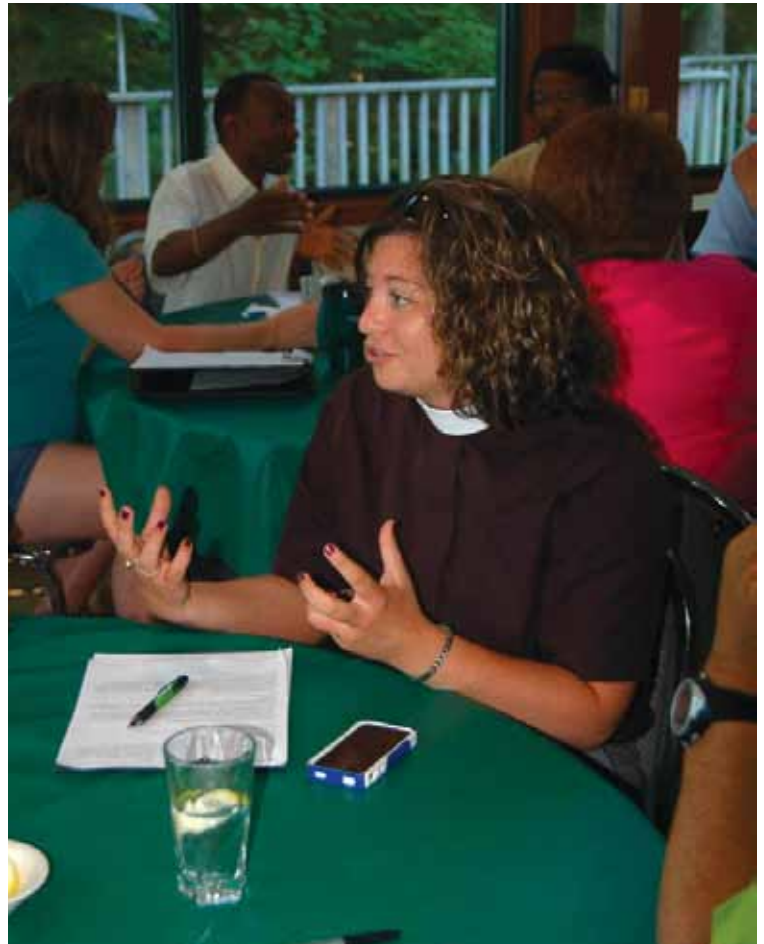
Exemplifying how effective public policy advocacy can grow out of direct service, the participants discussed holistic approaches to the problem of hunger, including how federal policy can aid the work of food providers in rural areas who support community gardens, food pantries and community kitchens.

When people of faith come together to understand the issues at work in their own communities and then voice their concerns to the elected officials who represent them, systems can be changed.

ELCA World Hunger supports this work in many ways, including the network of State Public Policy Officers, the ELCA Washington Office and the Lutheran Office for World Community at the United Nations. Ecumenical advocacy partners include Bread for the World and the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance. Please visit [www.ELCA.org/advocacy](http://www.ELCA.org/advocacy) for more information.



Speakers including Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and ELCA member Connie Schultz (wife of Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown) addressed the gathering. Photos: ELCA staff.

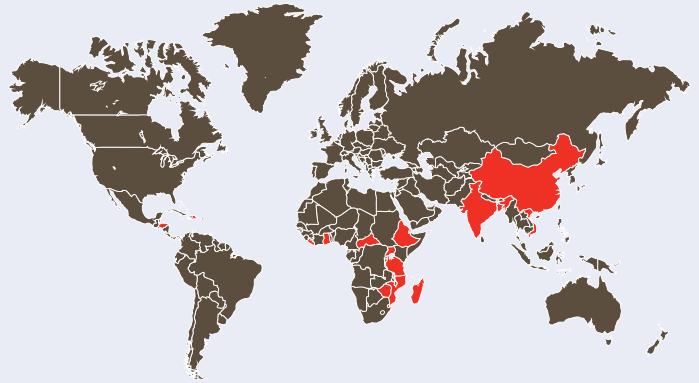


## THE 100 WELLS CHALLENGE

IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, THE YOUTH OF THIS church rallied around the 100 Wells Challenge, raising funds for the water projects of ELCA World Hunger. The campaign had an ambitious goal of \$250,000. At the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, the 30,000 Lutheran youth brought their gifts and their enthusiasm – and blew right past that fundraising goal, eventually raising more than \$600,000 to help dig wells, build springboxes, and much more.

Thanks to the generous young people of the ELCA, thousands of families in hundreds of communities around the world now have this vital resource close to home. Clean water for drinking and for cooking. Abundant water for irrigation and for washing. When a woman has easy access to clean water close to home, she doesn't have to spend hours walking to fetch water. She can use that time for any number of other productive activities, including finishing her own education. It all depends on water. Thanks to the energy of the young people of this church, it's there when people need it. **Thank you.**

## Countries with water projects supported by ELCA World Hunger



Bangladesh	Ghana	Mozambique
Central African Republic	Haiti	Tanzania
China	Honduras	Uganda
Eritrea	India	Vietnam
Ethiopia	Liberia	Zimbabwe
	Madagascar	



Teens walked for water at the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering. Photo: ELCA staff.



Clean water close to home makes a big difference for this woman's family in Uganda. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

# Lutheran Disaster Response

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

WHENEVER AND WHEREVER DISASTER STRIKES, Lutherans are ready to respond efficiently and effectively. Thanks to your generous giving, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to reach out quickly to help neighbors in time of need – and to keep walking alongside our neighbors for as long as we’re needed.

### Thank you.

Disaster response professionals speak of three phases following a disaster: incident, immediate response, and long-term recovery. Each phase, they say, takes at least 10 times longer to complete than the previous one.

In the *incident* phase, the focus is on rescue. The hands-on work is carried out by expert first responders. During that phase, Lutheran Disaster Response gets the word out to ELCA members across the country and starts mobilizing.

The *immediate response* phase comes next: This is the time for damage assessment, demolition and initial clean-up. During this phase, Lutheran Disaster Response lays the foundation for long-term recovery. In the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response connects with congregations, synods and Lutheran social ministry organizations. Elsewhere, we confer with companion churches, Lutheran partners and ecumenical partners. Together, we determine the best

ways to walk alongside our neighbors through the long, hard work of recovery.

The longest phase, *long-term recovery*, focuses on helping people and communities regain a new sense of normal. In the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response offers a particular expertise in case management – helping neighbors navigate the confusing network of federal, state, municipal and private services available to disaster survivors. Overseas, Lutheran Disaster Response often works through The Lutheran World Federation, which is known worldwide for its competence in managing camps for people displaced by disaster or war.

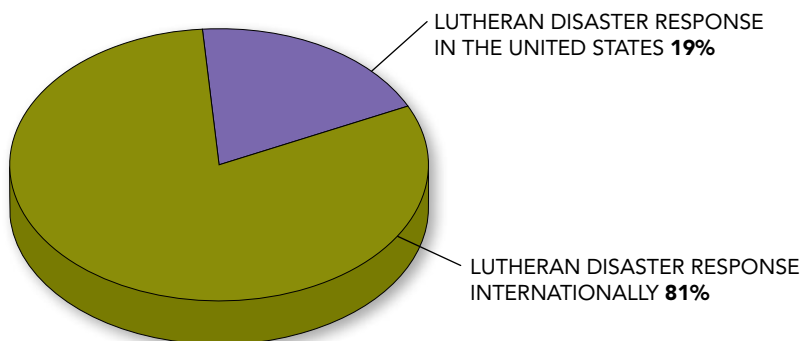
Here are some highlights of our work in 2012. Please visit [www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster) for more detail on these responses and others.

## Africa: drought, rain and refugees

Lutheran Disaster Response has been at work across Africa, responding to crises ranging from drought in the Sahel region of West Africa to Typhoon Bopha in Madagascar, as well as unrest that drove thousands of people from their homes in South Sudan, the Ivory Coast, and the Congo. We have also worked with our companions in South Sudan and Tanzania to provide training in emergency preparedness and disaster risk management.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

### Fiscal Year 2012 Expenditures



Lutheran Disaster Response Internationally	\$8,459,980
Lutheran Disaster Response in the United States	\$2,010,341
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,470,321</b>

Unaudited figures

## Asia: earthquakes, cyclones and risk management

Throughout Asia, the ELCA has been engaged in several phases of disaster response work. We continue to walk with our companions in Japan as they recover from the earthquake and tsunami of March 2011. In 2012, we have responded through our companions and partners to an earthquake in China, a landslide in the Philippines and a cyclone in India. We have also continued our support of flood recovery in Pakistan, community recovery in India and risk management in Indonesia.

## Haiti: earthquake response and transition

ELCA members poured out more than \$13 million to support our church's response after the devastating 2010 earthquake. Working in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti and The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Disaster Response carried out immediate and long-term recovery work that sustained lives and rebuilt communities.

Thanks to your generosity, the emergency relief and recovery work that Lutheran Disaster Response carried out in response to the January 2010 earthquake is now ready to transition to development work supported by ELCA World Hunger.

## Worldwide: emergency hubs

In 2012, Lutheran Disaster Response worked closely with The Lutheran World Federation in creating emergency hubs in disaster-prone areas around the globe. These hubs will make human and material assets available for quick response in times of disaster and for preparedness work in times of calm. The three hubs are located in El Salvador, Kenya and Nepal.

## United States: floods, fires and storms

In 2012, Lutheran Disaster Response served in every section of the United States, working to serve our neighbors after floods, fires and severe storms.

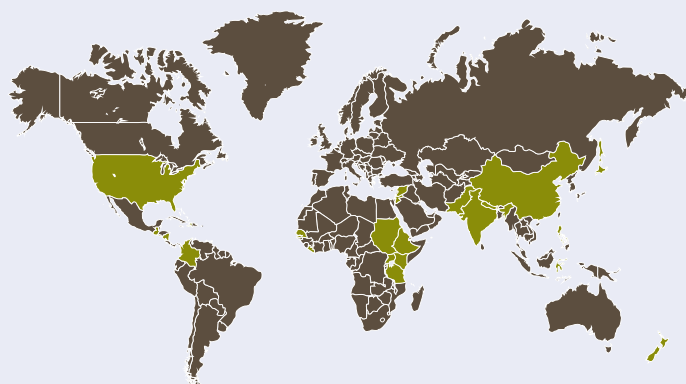
In North Dakota, the response after the 2011 floods has moved into the long-term recovery phase. Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response has been able to support this effective and well-organized

response with more than \$700,000.

Spring storms brought tornadoes and floods to the Midwest and the South in 2012. Our Lutheran social-ministries partners responded with case management services and spiritual care for survivors.

Hurricane Sandy inundated the Atlantic coast, hitting New York, New Jersey and Maryland hardest. Our Lutheran social ministry partners in those areas are hard at work. See the feature on our Hurricane Sandy response on the next page.

### Countries with disaster work supported by Lutheran Disaster Response



China	Japan	Philippines
Colombia	Jordan	Senegal
El Salvador	Kenya	South Sudan
Ethiopia	Liberia	Syria
Guatemala	Nepal	Tanzania
Haiti	New Zealand	Uganda
India	Nicaragua	United States
Indonesia	Pakistan	

# Lutheran Disaster Response

## HURRICANE SANDY: AS LONG AS WE'RE NEEDED

DURING THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER 2012, Hurricane Sandy churned along the Atlantic coast from the Caribbean to Canada. The storm left in its wake more than 275 dead and property damage totaling at least \$75 billion, a toll surpassed only by Hurricane Katrina. Even before the floodwater receded, Lutheran Disaster Response, working through our congregations, synods, affiliates, our partners and our companions, was hard at work and ready to keep working.

In Haiti, Lutheran Disaster Response and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti worked together to meet the needs of communities affected by the storm, especially in cholera prevention.

The Lutheran World Federation's Emergency Hub in El Salvador made possible a more effective response

in Cuba by carrying out a quick and complete assessment of damage in collaboration with the Cuban Council of Churches.

In the United States, Lutheran Disaster Response has been particularly active in Maryland, New Jersey and New York, providing volunteer coordination, construction management and case management. This work is coordinated through our social-ministry affiliates and will continue for three to five years.

Disaster response is a commitment, and the people of this church have already given nearly \$4 million for our long-term Hurricane Sandy recovery work. Your generosity makes it possible for Lutheran Disaster Response to live up to its promise to walk alongside those affected by this disaster for as long as we're needed. **Thank you.**



*Bishop Claire Burkat and youth of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod pitch in to help clean up after Hurricane Sandy.  
Photos: Chris Kendig.*





The Za'atri refugee camp is a safe haven for nearly 100,000 people displaced by the conflict in Syria, mostly women and young children. Photos: Paul Jeffrey.

## REFUGEES FROM SYRIA: WINTER WARMTH

AS THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA INTENSIFIED IN 2012, hundreds of thousands of Syrian families fled their homes for the neighboring kingdom of Jordan, which in July opened the Za'atri refugee camp for those who could not find a safe haven elsewhere. Our trusted partner, The Lutheran World Federation, manages the camp, which sheltered nearly 100,000 people only six months after opening its gates. The majority of the camp's population are women and young children.

The winter of 2012 was the harshest in the Middle East in many years. The severe weather was a hardship for everyone in the region, but it was especially dangerous for the most vulnerable. The Lutheran World Federation had planned for the weather, with heaters and insulation for shelters, plenty of blankets and quilts, and warm clothes and shoes for thousands of children in Za'atri camp.

Much of this warmth is thanks to your generosity. In fiscal 2012, Lutheran Disaster Response forwarded \$350,000 to help meet the needs of Syrian refugees. Of this, \$100,000 was specifically designated to keep the children of Za'atri warm and dry. **Thank you.**



# ELCA Malaria Campaign

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

THE ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN HAS CAUGHT THE imaginations of people throughout this church – and is already changing lives. Thanks to your generosity, our Lutheran companions in Africa are either gearing up or are already reaching out to neighbors with education about malaria prevention, testing and treatment; administering diagnostic tests and medication; working with government agencies to distribute nets and medicines; and making plans to expand their work and reach out to even more neighbors.

As our companions plan their programs and prepare their budgets, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is able to meet their needs now and in the future, thanks to you.

In fiscal year 2012, you and people like you throughout the ELCA gave generously to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, meeting and exceeding the 2012 annual goal of \$4 million by a margin of more than \$200,000. **Thank you.**

The ELCA Malaria Campaign has an ambitious overall goal: to raise \$15 million by the end of fiscal year 2015 to help make malaria history. Thanks to you, the Campaign is well on its way toward reaching that goal. By the end of fiscal year 2012, total gifts reached more

than \$6.4 million, or nearly 43 percent of the overall goal.

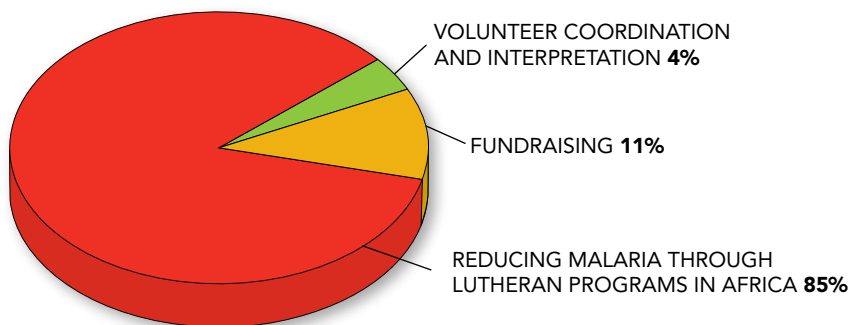
Congregations, whether giving directly or channeling their giving through their synods, are the backbone of this effort. Since the beginning of the ELCA Malaria Campaign, 54 percent of the total given toward the overall goal has come from congregations and synods working together to help make malaria history.

Individuals and others who gave directly, not through their congregations, made up the rest. **Thank you.**

To what do we owe this amazing response to the ELCA Malaria Campaign? Lutherans have a heart for neighbors who yearn to be free of malaria. And leaders have risen throughout this church to help mobilize that passion into action. Volunteer coordinators from every region and synod work hard to get the word out. The volunteer National Leadership Team raises awareness and funds from another perspective. College students are involved as well, with Sorenson Grants matching the funds they raise. Even youth and children are catching the excitement! And our companions in Africa are putting your gifts to work efficiently and effectively. To learn much more about this wonderful partnership, please visit [www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria).

## ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

### Fiscal Year 2012 Expenditures



Reducing Malaria through Lutheran Programs in Africa	\$2,486,114
Volunteer Coordination and Interpretation	\$125,602
Fundraising	\$302,490
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,914,206</b>

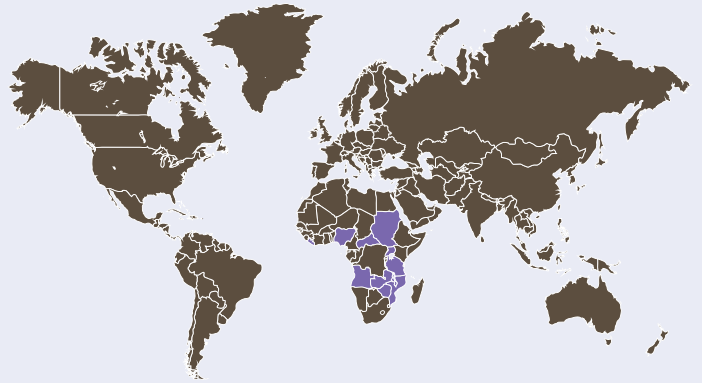
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Joyce's congregation in Tanzania is very active in anti-malaria education. Photos: ELCA staff.

### Countries where malaria work is supported by the ELCA Malaria Campaign



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| Angola                   | Malawi      | Tanzania |
| Central African Republic | Mozambique  | Uganda   |
| Liberia                  | Nigeria     | Zambia   |
|                          | South Sudan | Zimbabwe |



These young people in Zambia know that nets are an important part of preventing malaria.



Education about malaria is as important as nets.

# ELCA Malaria Campaign



Climbers and pastors Carol Fryer (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) Wyvetta Bullock (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Jack Horner (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) pose with their guides on the way up Mount Kilimanjaro. Climber photos courtesy Wyvetta Bullock.



Pastors Wyvetta Bullock, Jack Horner and Carol Fryer (from left) smiling after their adventure.



Neighbors in Zambia are tested and treated for malaria at the clinic in Kashima. Photo: ELCA staff.

## WILL YOU CLIMB THIS MOUNTAIN SO THIS CHILD CAN LIVE?

*The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner and the Rev. Carol Fryer of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod, along with the Rev. Wyvetta Bullock of the ELCA's churchwide staff, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to benefit the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Pastor Horner reflects on the experience:*

I came to Tanzania as part of my effort to raise money for the Metropolitan New York Synod's support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Hiking up the western slope was long, but not particularly challenging. The summit day was another thing altogether.

We started at midnight, zigzagging up the steep mountain switchback trails. The air got noticeably thinner, windier and colder the higher we went. Around 6:30, dawn began to break and we saw how far we had come and how much farther we had to go. As the air got thinner I needed to ask our guide a number of times to stop so I could get a "full" breath.

It took more than eight hours to make the summit. After a short break for pictures, we made our way back down for the four-hour hike to basecamp. After lunch we were on our way again to our last camp, content with our accomplishment but questioning our sanity for what was the most physically and emotionally grueling day for any of us. Why did we put ourselves through this?

That night, I had a dream. I stood at the base of Kilimanjaro with a man and a child. The man asked me, "Will you climb this mountain so this child can live?"

I had wanted to conquer Kilimanjaro. In the end I think Kilimanjaro conquered me. But if one child can live because of our efforts to raise money and awareness to conquer malaria it was all worth it.

*The climbers' goal was to inspire the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod to give to the ELCA Malaria Campaign – and it worked. Metro New York gave nearly \$112,000 to the Campaign in fiscal 2012 – and nearly \$135,000 to date. Thank you.*

## NO SHORTAGE IN KASHIMA

IN RURAL ZAMBIA, NEIGHBORS IN THE COMMUNITY of Kashima were worried about shortages of malaria medications, particularly shortages of the front-line malaria treatment. But their clinic has been well supplied, thanks to your support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

The officer in charge of the government-run Kashima Rural Health Center reports that even though other clinics had run out of that medication last year, Kashima never did. Thanks to your giving to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, which supports the Lutheran Malaria Program in Zambia, the health center had enough for everyone who needed it last year.

Abel Makungwe of the Lutheran Malaria Program in Zambia tells what that means to one family:

“There was a family in Kashima that had a terrible time with malaria. One week, one of the kids would be

down with malaria. They would take him or her to the traditional healer, and then the next week another child would be sick. When the Lutheran Malaria Program came, we started educating this family and advised them to go to the clinic.

“As a family, the whole household went to the Kashima clinic, where they were tested for malaria. And about five of their household members were positive for malaria. They were put on malaria treatment and they got well.

“From that day until now, they have not experienced any serious malaria cases in their home. And on the issue of income – they are not spending as much money on treatment as they used to give to these traditional healers. They are healthy now.”

Your support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign helped bring the good news of malaria prevention and treatment to this family – and many others. **Thank you.**



The Rev. Collins Chinsembo is a dedicated volunteer trained to test and treat for malaria. This child's test showed that she did not have the disease. Photo: ELCA staff.



The officer in charge of the health center (standing) reports no shortages of medicine last year. Photo: Matt Jepsen.

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# THANK YOU!

*School goes on at the Za'atri  
refugee camp in Jordan.  
Photo: Paul Jeffrey.*



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