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THE REV. DANIEL RIFT
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 and Disaster Appeal

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On the cover: Cheslin Basin, 8, jumps rope in a model village constructed by The Lutheran World Federation in Gressier, Haiti, with the support of your gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

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Dear friend:

FORTY YEARS AGO, IN 1974, OUR PREDECESSOR CHURCHES separately and overwhelmingly approved a joint effort to address hunger – the seed that grew into ELCA World Hunger. The churches built this effort on a rich history and an innovative idea: They spoke of *root causes*.

This novel approach raised awareness that we are all part of the problem and can be part of the solution. It is directly descended from the ways that Jesus called his followers to service, that the Apostle Paul called believers into community beyond place and class, and that Martin Luther called the world to indignation about hunger and poverty.

That innovative idea has proven effective not only for the church’s work, but for that of others who seek to end hunger and poverty.

Now, thanks to a worldwide effort in which every nation and every faith has taken part, extreme poverty and food insecurity have been cut in half! The work of the church, brought together in Jesus Christ, has been essential to the vision, wisdom and innovation behind that remarkable result. For me, this is clear evidence that the Holy Spirit has been at work in the church for the sake of the world.

Since 1974, Lutherans like you have given \$500,000,000 – *five hundred million dollars* – to address hunger through our work together. At the same time, your giving in times of disaster has reached nearly \$400,000,000. What an outpouring of faithful generosity! I can’t say *thank you* strongly enough.

Over this time, our approach has grown to be largely community-based. We continue in relationships with such key partners as The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, and affiliates of Lutheran Services of America, and we have grown in our work with churches around the world.

Locally based, nationally and globally connected – that philosophy stands behind our work together.

But the Holy Spirit is not done with us yet. *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* calls the church to mobilize \$115 million through ELCA World Hunger – and \$15 million through the ELCA Malaria Campaign – over the next five years. So many lives will be transformed by our support of the Campaign – even our own.

With gratitude,

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



THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Thank you!

YOU MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

THIS ISSUE OF LIFELINES HIGHLIGHTS HOW YOU – through your financial support, heartfelt engagement and faithful advocacy – make a world of difference in people's lives in more than 50 countries all over the world, including the United States.

Generous people like you throughout our church and even outside our doors gave more than \$33 million in 2013 to support our work of accompanying those who seek to lift themselves out of poverty, who are recovering from disaster and who are eager to be free of malaria.

The following pages share financial results, program highlights and stories that illustrate the interconnected nature of our three related ministries: ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

It can't be said often enough – **thank you.**



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Your generous giving

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO YOU AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU throughout our church, in fiscal 2013 (Feb. 1, 2013, to Jan. 31, 2014), ELCA World Hunger and its related ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign, received more than \$33 million in total gifts to accompany our neighbors in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

Your generous support of this church's ministries that provide relief in times of immediate need, sustainable 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 shows clearly that, together, the people of this church act boldly on Jesus' call to love and serve our neighbor. And together, we are able to do so much more than any one of us could do alone. Thank you.

The charts on these pages show how you and people like you gave nearly \$18.7 million to ELCA World Hunger, nearly \$10 million to Lutheran Disaster Response and more than \$4.4 million to the ELCA Malaria Campaign – through your congregations and synods, through your direct giving, through your employers' matching gift programs, through your estate plans and through other means.

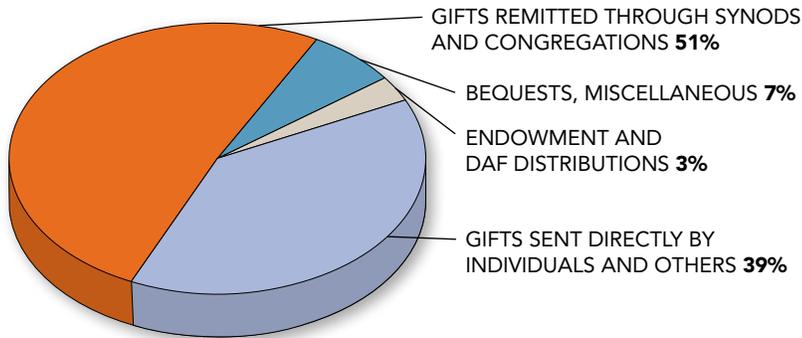
We are grateful for the support of many ELCA congregations and all 65 synods. Some include this as a portion of their annual budget, and many more offer special events and other opportunities for individuals to give. We believe that a great amount of individuals' direct giving is attributable to information and inspiration provided by congregations and synods. This vital partnership with congregations and synods helps keep our fundraising costs low (averaging about 4 percent across our three related ministries, as shown on the following pages). **Thank you.**



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ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue

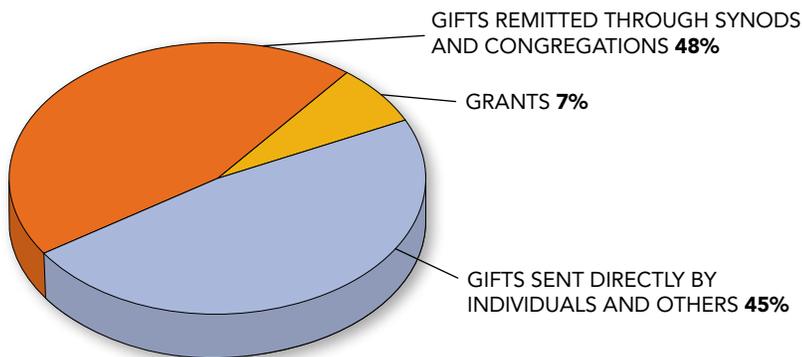


Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$9,543,797
Bequests, Miscellaneous	\$1,347,875
Endowment and DAF distributions	\$494,597
Gifts Sent Directly by Individuals and Others	\$7,296,831
TOTAL	\$18,683,100

Unaudited figures

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue

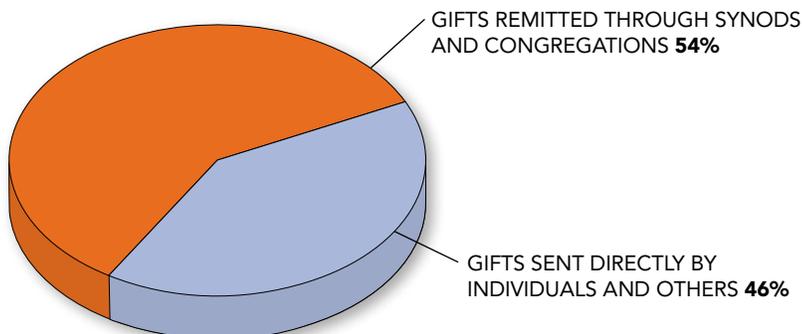


Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$4,761,155
Grants	\$753,712
Gifts Sent Directly by Individuals and Others	\$4,458,197
TOTAL	\$9,973,064

Unaudited figures

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue



Gifts Remitted through Synods and Congregations	\$2,377,519
Gifts Sent Directly by Individuals and Others	\$2,059,725
TOTAL	\$4,437,244

Unaudited figures

ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Res

FROM RELIEF AND RECOVERY TO DEVELOPMENT

THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED IN HAITI BY THE earthquake of January 2010 called forth an outpouring of compassion and generosity from ELCA members, congregations and synods throughout our church.

Thanks to your giving, Lutheran Disaster Response was able to respond immediately. Working through our companion church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, and our trusted partners, including The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Disaster Response provided for our sisters' and brothers' urgent needs. And we stayed there, keeping our promise to walk alongside our brothers and sisters for as long as we're needed – thanks to you.

By the end of fiscal year 2013, Lutheran Disaster Response had directed more than \$13 million toward relief and recovery work in Haiti. Now, four years after the earthquake, as Lutheran Disaster Response funding for work in Haiti concludes, the ELCA continues to provide for the transition from relief and recovery to long-term development through ELCA World Hunger.

The Model Village in Gressier, Haiti, near the epicenter of the earthquake, is a living demonstration of the transition. This planned community of 150 earthquake-resistant homes stands atop a hill overlooking the deep-blue Caribbean Sea. The first two-year phase of the Model Village was supported by Lutheran Disaster Response.



Photo: Paul Jeffrey

The second two-year phase of the Model Village is supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Part of this phase is the development of sustainable access to water and electricity. To share these community responsibilities, all the residents – most of whom work as lower-level civil servants, commuting by bus to Port-au-Prince each day – take active part in the homeowners' association, which benefits from training in democratic processes by The Lutheran World Federation.

Michelline, who lost her husband in the quake, is one of the 12 community-elected board members of the association. She and her colleague Metalus proudly describe the group's accomplishments, including a plan to drill a new well and install a pipeline to pump the

water to the village's hilltop reservoir. They also point out the line of utility poles marching up the hill and the transformer ready to be installed, signs of their successful work with the national electric utility to bring electricity to the town.

Michelline can tell what happens when relief and recovery work makes a natural transition to sustainable development. After the quake, she took part in a livelihood development and microcredit program supported by Lutheran Disaster Response. The skills she learned made it possible for her to support her three surviving children. Now, this community leader and her children face a brighter future – and people like you make it all possible. **Thank you.**



Photo: Paul Jeffrey

ELCA World Hunger

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013

IN 2013, WE CELEBRATED THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The beginnings of ELCA World Hunger go back even before that, all the way back to 1974, in the hunger ministries of the Lutheran Church of America and the American Lutheran Church. Since then, our church's ministry with and for those who are hungry has accompanied people and communities around the world as neighbors work together to lift themselves out of poverty. And people like you throughout our church have given ELCA World Hunger and its predecessors more than \$500 million to act together on Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors. **Thank you.**

Our approach

Relief in the form of soup kitchens, food pantries and backpack programs addresses immediate needs, but that's just a temporary solution. Ending hunger for good requires permanent solutions that support families and communities as they address their own daily and long-term needs. By connecting people with the resources needed for sustainable food production and access to safe water, education, health care and sustainable livelihoods, we help families and communities lift themselves out of poverty.

ELCA World Hunger acts on the belief that people know their own communities best. We rely on our local congregations and synods, as well as our global

companion churches, to identify needs and the solutions that will make the difference in their own contexts. This is how we begin to address hunger and poverty.

By working through our congregations and synods, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners such as Bread for the World and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, we are able to reach many more communities than we could ever do alone.

In addition to partnering for relief and development, we engage members of the ELCA through education to understand the root causes of hunger and through advocacy to address the systems that perpetuate hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger serves and equips a growing network of volunteers organized by synod and within congregations to connect passion, expertise and action across our church.

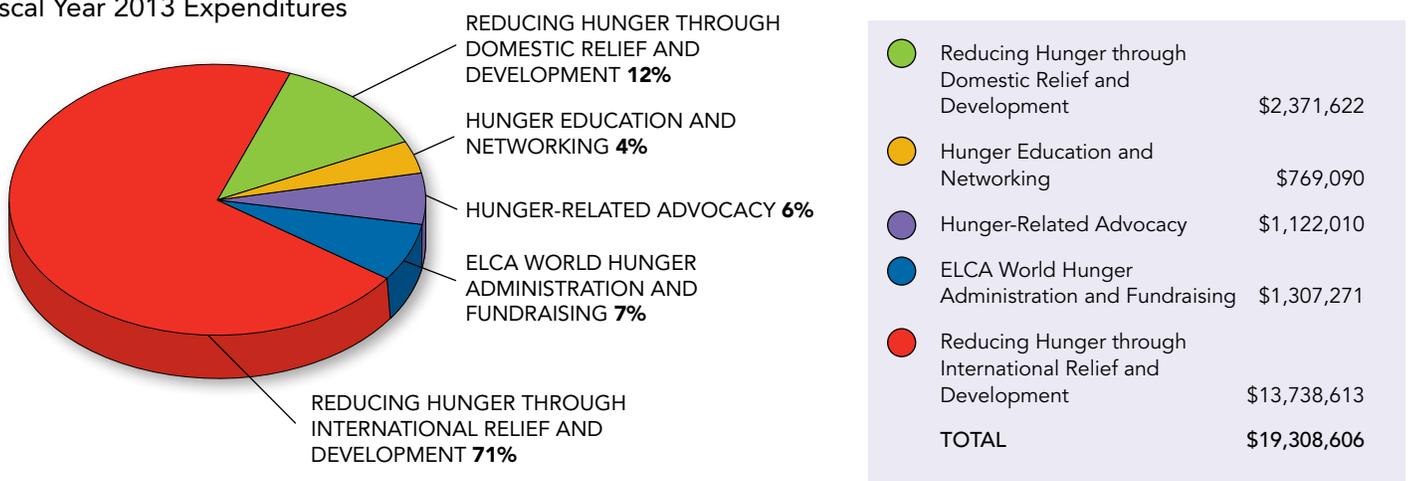
How your gifts are used

Annually, ELCA World Hunger is entirely funded by donations and the revenue generated by past gifts to our endowment. Our founding guidelines call for 25 to 30 percent of our funds to be expended within the United States and 70 to 75 percent internationally.

Internationally, our work can be categorized under the headings of sustainable development, health care, human rights or education. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger supported 255 unique projects in 57 countries in fiscal 2013.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditures



Unaudited figures

In 2013, more than \$4.9 million of your giving was allocated to The Lutheran World Federation for its many programs, and more than \$4.7 million to our companion churches and related organizations.

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

Domestic hunger grants are made annually to organizations with a Lutheran connection in communities across the United States. Through an application and review process that includes all 65 of the ELCA's synods, 351 grants were awarded in 43 states in 2013.

The Campaign for the ELCA

The 2013 Churchwide Assembly approved *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. This new undertaking will strengthen our support of the ministries that define the ELCA – especially ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Our plan is to expand our work by 25 percent over the next five years, and your gifts to ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign will inspire and be celebrated as part of this groundbreaking effort.

Thank you for your participation in the work of ELCA World Hunger. Your prayers, your actions and your gifts make our work possible. Together, we can end hunger. Together, we *will* end hunger. **Thank you.**

Where ELCA World Hunger worked in 2013



Angola
Argentina
Bangladesh
Bolivia
Botswana
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica

Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
India
Indonesia
Japan
Kenya
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Mali

Mauritania
Mexico
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Palestine
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Russia
Rwanda
Senegal

Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
South Sudan
Sudan
Tanzania
Thailand
Uganda
Zimbabwe
United States

Alaska
Alabama
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Iowa
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Kansas
Kentucky

Massachusetts
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
North Carolina
North Dakota
Nebraska
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Vermont
Washington
Wisconsin
West Virginia

BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR FULANI HERDERS

IN THE SEMI-ARID SAHEL REGION OF WEST AFRICA,

Just south of the Sahara desert, the Fulani people have a long history as pastoralists – herders of cattle. Their long-horned cattle tolerate the harsh climate well, but during the dry season, the cows give much less milk, which is the mainstay of the Fulani diet and economy. Less milk means less food for the herders and their families, and less money to buy food.

Not far from the town of Linguère in Senegal, Fulani herders – mostly women – had been making a precarious living for years by selling their cows' milk. The Senegal Lutheran Development Service, a ministry of our companion church in that country, began a conversation with the herders about ways to work together toward steady, sustainable livelihoods.

And so, thanks to your faithful support of ELCA World Hunger, the Fedannde Jolof Center was founded. The members of this dairy cooperative are those herders, accompanied by the Senegal Lutheran Development Service.

After consulting experts in the field, the members of the co-op decided to crossbreed their cows with bulls

of Western dairy breeds to combine the best qualities of both: hardiness and abundant milk production even in the dry season. The co-op brought in two Holstein bulls, and as time went on, the crossbred offspring began improving the production of the herd. A crossbred cow like the ones in the photo below can give five times as much milk as her mother, earning up to \$400 each month for the members of the co-op.

The cooperative members care for the cattle, collect and process the raw milk, and market the finished products. Fresh pasteurized milk and a cultured milk drink (lait caillé, similar to yogurt or buttermilk) are best-sellers. Another popular item is butter oil, a widely used cooking oil made by heating butter. Fulani women make the butter oil in their villages, and the Fedannde Jolof co-op buys it and bottles it for market.

Accompanied by the Senegal Lutheran Development Service, the members of the cooperative take excellent care of their herd of dairy cattle. Thanks to your generous support of ELCA World Hunger and the work of the Fedannde Jolof Center, the Fulani cattle herders of Linguère now have steady, sustainable livelihoods and brighter futures for their families. **Thank you.**



BRIDGING THE GAP

THE WEST SIDE AND WESTERN SUBURBS OF Chicago include not only some of the wealthiest neighborhoods in the United States but also some of the poorest. What can bridge that gap? The church can – that is, you. Your prayers and your support of ELCA World Hunger help make it possible.

One example of that bridging work is the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry, which has served its neighbors in an area that stretches from Chicago's Humboldt Park west to the towns of Berwyn and Schiller Park for more than 35 years. Thanks to your generous giving to ELCA World Hunger, the food pantry was able to supply more than 44,000 individuals with 660,000 pounds of food last year, with the support of an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant.

One of the pantry's regular visitors is Verdell Chandler, who always brings a warm smile – and her elderly mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's ten years ago.

Verdell, who has rheumatoid arthritis, had a good job in downtown Chicago until her company outsourced the department, throwing 70 people out of work. Verdell's now on disability, but that allows her to be with her mother full time.

Caring for her mother is a challenge, but Verdell handles it gracefully – her mother's own example taught her how. Verdell says, "My mother always took care of everybody when they needed her, bringing children and grandchildren to live with her until she lost her house in the mortgage crisis. I'm glad she's with me. Sometimes she forgets her own name, but she never forgets mine. And sometimes we just dance," she adds.

Verdell says, "We eat better when we come here. It's harder and harder to get out with Mother, but the people here always make us welcome."

The pantry makes a difference in the lives of Verdell and her mother, and in the lives of thousands of other neighbors. And your generosity helps make it possible. **Thank you.**



Photo courtesy Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry



Photo: ELCA staff

Lutheran Disaster Response

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS GIVING, LUTHERAN Disaster Response was able to bring help and hope to families and communities around the world as they prepared for or recovered after disasters in 2013.

You and people like you throughout our church gave nearly \$10 million to this ministry in fiscal 2013 (Feb. 1, 2013, to Jan. 31, 2014). Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response was able to commit \$1 million for the immediate response to Typhoon Haiyan. Your generosity also supported our ongoing response after Hurricane Sandy in the United States and our continued assistance to millions of refugees in Kenya, Jordan and other places around the world. Thank you.

Working through our network of trusted affiliates, partners and companions, Lutheran Disaster Response

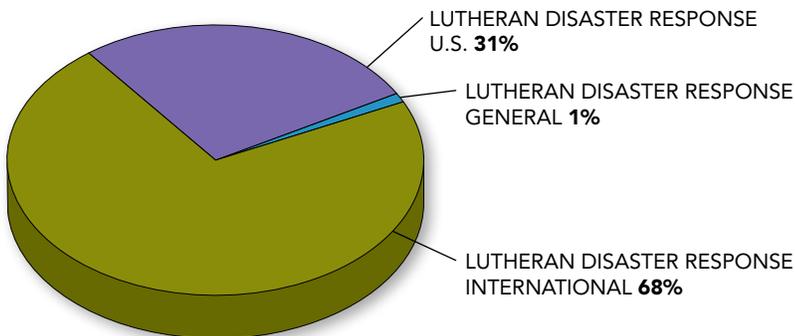
supplied shelter-repair kits, food and clean water to typhoon survivors in the Philippines; offered case management and other needed services for survivors of the Black Forest Fire in Colorado; provided safe havens for refugees in Syria, the Central African Republic and Uganda; and much more.

As a ministry of the church, Lutheran Disaster Response also offers emotional and spiritual support for survivors, including Camp Noah programs for children. Working through local congregations and other organizations that already have relationships with affected communities means that we have an understanding of survivors' situations from the inside out.

Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response is able to offer effective, efficient, compassionate help to people and communities recovering after a disaster strikes. **Thank you.**

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditures



Lutheran Disaster Response U.S.	\$2,850,178
Lutheran Disaster Response General	\$129,773
Lutheran Disaster Response International	\$6,177,472
TOTAL	\$9,157,423

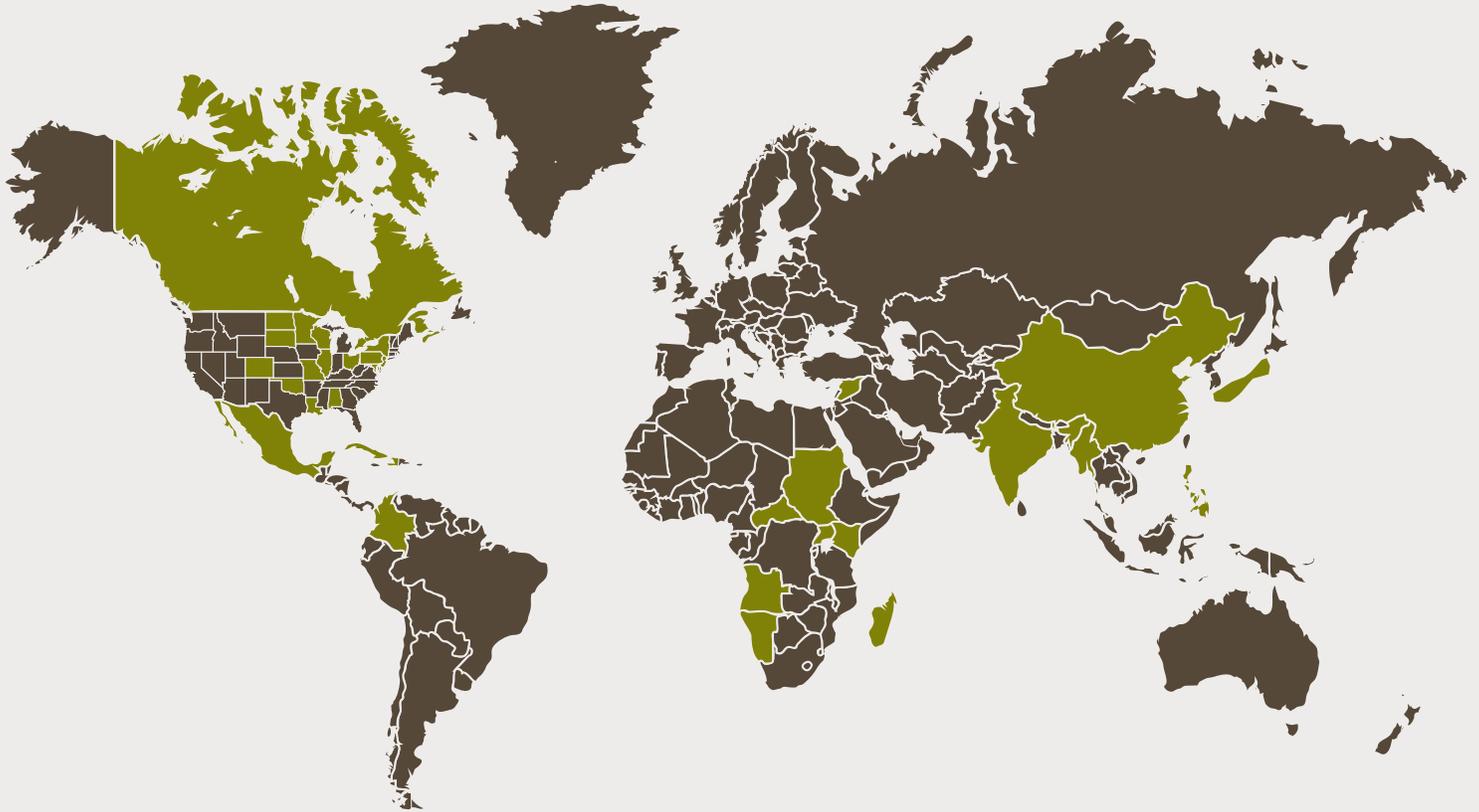
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Selected designated response funds with start date	FY2013	Funds disbursed since start date and reserved for future needs
Pacific Typhoon Response 11/2013	\$1,000,000	\$2,391,421
Syria Conflict Relief 8/2012	\$747,392	\$1,097,392
Caribbean Hurricane Relief — Sandy 10/2012	\$700,000	\$826,021
Haiti Earthquake Relief 1/2010	\$748,305	\$13,576,588
South Asian Tsunami 12/2004	\$588,674	\$10,573,937
Japan Disaster Response 2/2011	\$508,398	\$2,947,297
Tornadoes ongoing	\$232,000	\$2,945,485
Hurricane Response USA ongoing	\$100,000	\$10,176,776
Hurricane Sandy USA 10/2012	\$999,592	\$3,274,573
Severe Spring Storms 3/2011	\$3,849	\$2,471,178
Floods ongoing	\$60,000	\$1,748,394
Hurricane Response ongoing	\$100,000	\$20,418,505



Photo: Michael Rieger/FEMA

Where Lutheran Disaster Response worked in 2013



United States

Alabama	<i>Tornado</i>
Colorado	<i>Wildfires, Flooding</i>
Illinois	<i>Flooding, Tornado</i>
Louisiana	<i>Hurricane</i>
Maryland	<i>Hurricane</i>
Minnesota	<i>Flooding</i>
Missouri	<i>Tornado, Flooding</i>
New Jersey	<i>Hurricane</i>
New York	<i>Hurricane, Flooding</i>
North Dakota	<i>Flooding</i>
Ohio	<i>Flooding</i>
Oklahoma	<i>Tornado</i>
Pennsylvania	<i>Flooding, Hurricanes</i>
South Dakota	<i>Ice storm, Winter storm</i>
Wisconsin	<i>Flooding</i>

Angola

Canada

Central African Republic

China

Colombia

Cuba

Haiti

India

Japan

Kenya

Madagascar

Mexico

Myanmar

Namibia

Philippines

South Sudan

Syria

Uganda

Drought

Flooding

Conflict

Earthquake

Hurricane, Flooding

Hurricane

Earthquake

Cyclone, Flooding, Landslides

Earthquake

Conflict

Cyclone

Hurricane, Flooding, Landslides

Conflict

Drought

Typhoon

Conflict

Conflict

Conflict

Lutheran Disaster Response

TYPHOON HAIYAN

ON NOVEMBER 8, 2013, ONE OF THE MOST powerful storms in recorded history swept across the Philippines, leaving devastation in its wake.

Nearly 6,200 people were killed and more than 1,000 remain missing. More than 1 million homes were destroyed or damaged, displacing more than 4 million people. In all, more than 14 million people were affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

Thanks to the generous support of people like you throughout our church, Lutheran Disaster Response was able to immediately commit \$1 million to begin work in the Philippines. Thank you.

Working through our trusted partners, Lutheran Disaster Response quickly provided clean water and cooking supplies for people staying in community emergency centers, as well as shelter-repair kits to help thousands of neighbors repair their homes.

These shelter-repair kits are made up of locally sourced coco lumber, corrugated metal roofing panels, nails, hand tools and other necessities. Buying from local suppliers helps prevent unemployment and loss of income in the affected area.

Another way that our local partners help the economy in the affected area is by hiring neighbors for cleanup work. Teams of neighbors are hired for ten-day terms to help clean up areas designated as priorities by community leaders – for example, roads or fishing docks. Neighbors are supplied with protective gear and are paid according to government wage guidelines.

Cash-for-work programs like this benefit the area's economy beyond the team members whose livelihoods may have been turned upside-down by the storm. Their earnings make it possible for the local shops and small businesses to keep going as well.

It takes a long time to recover from a disaster, no matter where or when. Lutheran Disaster Response, thanks to your generosity and to our relationships with trusted partners and our companion church, will accompany the people of the Philippines as they recover from the effects of Typhoon Haiyan – for as long as it takes. You make it possible for us to keep that promise. **Thank you.**



Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT



Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT

Lutheran Disaster Response is grateful to our local partners in the Philippines, primarily Lutheran World Relief, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Philippines, The Lutheran World Federation and the ACT Alliance, in coordination with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. Thanks to Lutheran World Relief for the information in this article. Please see www.lwr.org for more.



Photo: Joseph Chu/ELCA

EVEN BEFORE WE'RE NEEDED

EVEN AS THE DUST SETTLED AFTER THE DEVASTATING 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the staff of our partner's warehouse across the border in the Dominican Republic was busily loading emergency supplies into trucks, which arrived in Haiti's capital city well before the airport or seaport could reopen.

This inspired The Lutheran World Federation to form a network of regional emergency hubs located in Kenya, Nepal, El Salvador and Zambia. The hubs help companion churches and Lutheran World Federation country programs improve their preparation for emergencies and how to develop quick and comprehensive plans for response. The new hub strategy trains technical staff of companions and country programs in Africa, Asia and Central America for disaster preparedness and coordination of humanitarian assistance.

During 2013, the hubs were called on to help in various emergencies in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Writing is another critical but often overlooked skill in emergency response. Surveys, assessments, contextual research, grant proposal writing and situation reports are often done under tight deadlines, with lives and funding at stake.

It's impossible to predict when and where disasters will strike, but it's always wise to be prepared. Emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction go hand in hand. Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response is there for our companions and neighbors even before we're needed. **Thank you.**

BLACK FOREST FIRE

FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE SEMIRURAL AREA OF Black Forest, Colorado, just north of Colorado Springs, on June 11, 2013, and raged almost unchecked until June 20. The fire caused the deaths of two people, the evacuation of thousands more, and the loss of more than 500 homes and 14,000 acres of ponderosa pine. It was the most destructive fire in Colorado's history.

Lutheran Disaster Response, working through the ELCA's Rocky Mountain Synod and our social ministry affiliate, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, was there immediately to determine where needs would be greatest after the fire.

Since then, Lutheran Disaster Response has been providing disaster case management for families whose lives were disrupted by the Black Forest Fire. Disaster case managers help those who were impacted by the fires find the resources they need to rebuild and recover. This can include filing insurance claims and applying for FEMA assistance, among other things. But the most important part is accompanying neighbors on the long road to recovery.

Lutheran Disaster Response is also part of the unmet needs committee, which helps people cover certain outstanding expenses resulting from a disaster. For example, one woman who was evacuated came back to find a partially destroyed home and a completely melted pair of hearing aids. The cost of replacing the hearing aids – more than \$4,500 – was not covered by insurance. In order to restore this woman's quality of life, the unmet needs committee helped her purchase a new pair.

Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response was able to act quickly to provide hope and healing for people affected by the Black Forest Fire. This church's disaster response work is a long-term commitment, and you make it possible. **Thank you.**

ELCA Malaria Campaign

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013

THANKS TO YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC AND GENEROUS support, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is making a world of difference.

Working through our companion churches and other partners in the African countries listed on the opposite page, the ELCA Malaria Campaign helps families and communities prevent malaria, recognize its symptoms, and seek effective treatment as soon as it appears. Another pillar of our work together is the promotion of sustainable livelihood programs, including village savings

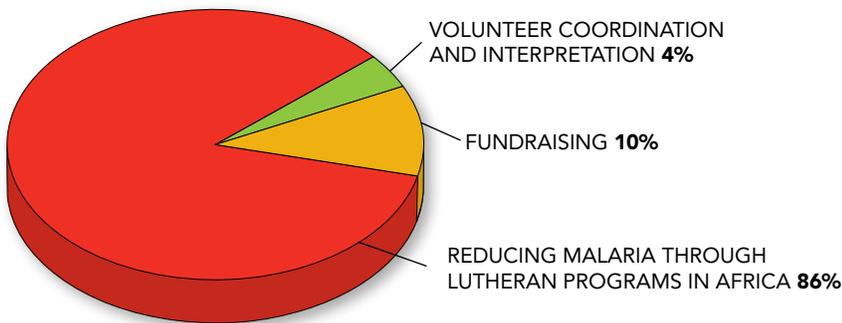
and loan groups, so that families can afford preventive supplies and medical expenses.

Trained health care workers like village health team member Stella, pictured below, and volunteers, including Lutheran pastors, offer malaria education, testing and treatment in rural communities. The trust that the church has among neighbors in these rural communities makes our companions' work particularly effective, even among neighbors who are not Lutheran or even Christian.

And our work is making an amazing difference, as the statistics on the opposite page reveal.

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditures



Volunteer Coordination and Interpretation	\$112,156
Fundraising	\$274,712
Reducing Malaria through Lutheran Programs in Africa	\$2,465,332
TOTAL	\$2,852,200

Unaudited figures



Total impact in 2013:

9,227

church leaders, program staff, health workers, community leaders and volunteers trained in malaria prevention and control

1,912,445

people reached through malaria programming

8,108

workshops or educational sessions held

22,056

nets distributed, sometimes in partnership with governmental or other programs

60,788

educational pamphlets distributed

80

bicycles and bicycle ambulances distributed to community volunteers

100,304

people tested for malaria

19,336

people treated for malaria

32,179

pregnant women received prenatal malaria care

4,429

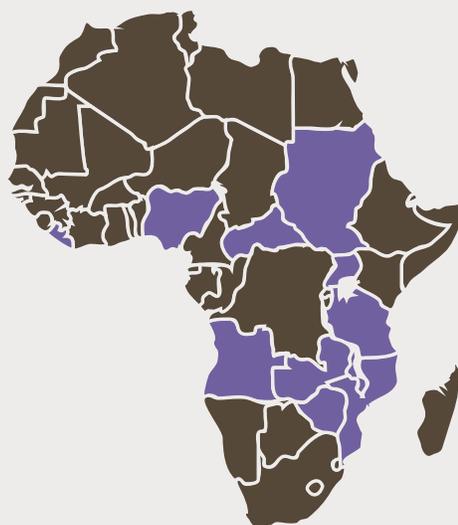
people participated in community-based savings and self-help groups

\$107,311

(US) mobilized through community-based savings and self-help groups

All this good work is made possible by your generous support. Because of you, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is coming ever closer to our vision of making malaria history. **Thank you.**

Countries where the ELCA Malaria Campaign worked in 2013



Angola
Burundi
Liberia
Malawi

Mozambique
Nigeria
South Sudan
Tanzania

Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe



Photo: ELCA staff

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The ELCA Malaria Campaign's work with The Lutheran World Federation's Uganda program is one part of a long, multi-dimensional relationship between the ELCA and the people of Uganda. Lutheran Disaster Response is currently helping to support South Sudanese and Congolese refugees who fled conflict to find safety in Uganda. ELCA World Hunger has long supported the promotion of sustainable agriculture and development in the country, primarily through Lutheran and ecumenical partners. Now, through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, our relationship with our neighbors in Uganda deepens further. Here are just a few snapshots of the effect your generous support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign has in Uganda.

"NOW WE CAN REACH EVERY CORNER OF EVERY VILLAGE!"

ONYAIT MICHAEL IS A VILLAGE HEALTH TEAM member in Uganda, working with The Lutheran World Federation's malaria program, supported by the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Onyait says, "We used to bury so many people, especially children, due to malaria. We also used to refer so many children with severe malaria to the hospital, and many of the families were finding it very hard because the hospital is so far.

"But now, with this project, we are seeing the malaria cases in our communities reducing! These days we can hardly hear of a child dying due to malaria, or being rushed to the hospital as a result of severe malaria.

"This has resulted from the malaria prevention messages we are giving the communities, the community events when we are working with community members to clear bushes and water-logged containers around the households, the distribution of insecticide-treated nets and monitoring their use from time to time, and the community outreaches in which we test and treat for malaria. Now we are even testing and treating for malaria at people's homes!

"We are very happy with the training and other support we have received from The Lutheran World Federation and the ELCA Malaria Campaign. This has equipped us with the knowledge and skills to do our work effectively."

Onyait goes on with a smile, "We are also very happy about the bicycles! We used to find it difficult to move from place to place to mobilize the community members. Now, with the bicycles, we can reach every

corner in every village to do our work!

"My colleagues and I are very thankful to the ELCA Malaria Campaign and The Lutheran World Federation for all their support. We are really very appreciative because malaria has been the number-one killer of our people. **Thank you so much. Eyalama noi!**"



“OUR SON IS ABLE TO STAY IN SCHOOL!”

OPUS GETULIDA AND HER HUSBAND, OJOMIO Augustine, are the parents of two young children. They live in Sirye village in Palam, Uganda, where your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign are at work through our partner, The Lutheran World Federation.

Opus says, “Before, we had very little knowledge of malaria prevention and treatment, and most times my household members were sick due to malaria. We even thought that was normal, because almost everyone in our community was falling sick with the same disease.

“This year has been a blessing to us. The Lutheran malaria program has provided us with treated mosquito nets to protect us from mosquito bites.”

“The village health teams are teaching us about malaria prevention and seeking treatment quickly. They are also visiting us from time to time to see how we are using our nets, and are giving us advice.”

She continues, “These days we are no longer falling sick due to malaria. Our first son is also able to stay in school because he is no longer being disturbed by malaria! I really thank the Lutheran malaria program for helping us to fight malaria.”

Your support has made a life-changing difference for Opus and Omojio and their children. **Thank you.**

“WE HAVE ROOM FOR OTHER PATIENTS NOW!”

ATIM CHRISTIE, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE health center in Kapujan, Uganda, remembers how things were before the ELCA Malaria Campaign, working through The Lutheran World Federation, came to her area.

Christie says, “Before the program started, the prevalence of malaria in this community was too high – 75 percent of the cases at our clinic were due to malaria. And we did not even have enough test kits to test all of the sick patients. We were overloaded.”

But things have changed, thanks to the generosity of people like you.

“The Lutheran World Federation malaria program began supporting us with staff training and with test kits and medications. The program also trained many village health team members in this area and empowered them with skills to prevent and control malaria. They perform open clinics to test and treat at the local level, and every month they come to us to report out and to refresh their training.

“The village health team workers are very dedicated. When a patient is very sick, they will escort them to the clinic and will not leave until the patient receives treatment.

Christie goes on with a smile, “Now malaria represents only 50 percent of the cases we see here at the clinic. We have room for other patients now!

“The Lutheran World Federation malaria program has boosted the morale of all our staff. They are not always so busy with malaria cases now, and they have time to go out in the community and teach health-related skills.

“We are very grateful that all our health center staff and the village health team members work together and have been trained to prevent and treat malaria.”



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