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Two staff members of St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Egypt, a ministry supported by your generosity to ELCA World Hunger. StARS provides a wide range of services to refugees, including legal assistance, psychosocial support, education and feeding programs as their clients resettle. In 2021, StARS served more than 30,000 people.

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God's work. Our hands.

“Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

(Romans 5:5)

In 2021, violence, disasters and the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have threatened decades of progress in the work to end hunger and significantly disrupted the life and functioning of communities around the world. Already in 2022, the impact of the war in Ukraine is sending shock waves through the global food system and sparking a humanitarian migrant and refugee crisis. Our work as church together is critical in this time, and we are overwhelmed – yet again – by your generosity to ensure this work continues through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

Giving to support the mission of ELCA World Hunger rose to a record level in 2021 (8% growth over 2020). As a result, even in a year when implementing programs was a challenge due to COVID-19, programmatic work also grew by 8% in comparison with 2020.

Your generosity has allowed the ELCA to listen and say “yes” to the dreams of our companions and partners. Investments in new work and innovation have been especially meaningful in this time of intense change. ELCA World Hunger has extended its reach to 67 countries, with a notable increase of engagement in the Middle East and North Africa, expanding peace-building, housing initiatives, gender justice and vocational training, while sustaining collaborative efforts toward climate change resilience, education and programs for migrants and refugees.

Lutheran Disaster Response is active on the ground, responding to the disasters that make the headlines and many that do not. With our dynamic presence in communities around the globe through congregations, synods, affiliate organizations and companions, Lutheran Disaster Response quickly rises to meet the challenges caused by crises and disasters, time and time again. Even when other disaster-specific support begins to leave, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response sustain our commitment to accompanying communities in the long term.

How can we have such a footprint of work and depth of impact? By doing this work together as church, a truth apparent in the stories and impact numbers on the pages ahead.

Thank you for your support and for your giving in the months to come. Even as challenges loom before us, the work we do together is a sign of faith in God's promise, which gives us hope for the future. It is truly an honor to have you with us, making a practical and persistent difference through the effective, adaptive and faithful work of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding



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Helping children thrive at home and in school

Nong at his kindergarten graduation



Nong, a recent kindergarten graduate, has grown a lot in the past year. He lives in the densely populated Klong Toey area of Bangkok, Thailand, with his brother and grandfather. The community has few services for residents, many of whom are migrant workers living in poverty.

The Holistic Development Project, a ministry of the Church of Christ in Thailand, aims to holistically prepare children in the Klong Toey community for primary school through a Montessori curriculum focused on the physical, emotional, intellectual and social well-being of each child. The project, with support from ELCA World Hunger, offers neighborhood children a loving and safe environment where they are free to be themselves.

The work of the Holistic Development Project is life-giving for students such as Nong. After the unexpected death of his father, Nong and his brother went to live with their grandfather. His teachers noticed a big change in him; once a confident student, Nong grew uncharacteristically quiet, his attendance sporadic.

Nong's teachers visited the family and learned that the grandfather was primary caretaker for Nong and his brother and was working long hours to provide for them. The boys often had to get themselves ready for school and as a result stopped attending. Determined to help, Nong's teachers took turns visiting each morning to help the children get ready, eat breakfast and arrive at school on time. They even dedicated time before and after school to tutoring Nong, which helped him catch up.

All this took time, but Nong responded to the love and support. He started talking more, formed friendships with fellow students and once again became a confident student. He graduated from kindergarten and moved on to primary school, where he thrived despite the challenges of COVID-19 and online learning. His teachers, still committed to Nong's success and stability, continue to visit and encourage him.

The love, care and Christian education Nong received from the Holistic Development Project provided him with a meaningful foundation, encouraging his success even amid new challenges. He and his family are only one example of how the project, committed to bringing God's love to its community, has helped families cope and even thrive in times of crisis.

"I can't thank the teachers at the center enough for the help they have provided our family in a really difficult time," says Nong's grandfather. "Nong has grown so much, and I am proud of him."

As the teachers at the Holistic Development Project continue to serve their community and adapt to COVID-19, their actions spread the love of Christ in real and tangible ways. Residents of the Klong Toey community have noticed the church showing up in their time of need, and the church continues to remind them that they are worthy and they are loved. Your generosity to ELCA World Hunger is continually at work in the world, accompanying local leaders who care for and invest in the holistic health of their communities.



Nong and the rest of his kindergarten class from the Holistic Development Project of ELCA World Hunger partner, the Church of Christ in Thailand



You support programs, including education and vocational training, that help people facing hunger, homelessness and other challenges to get jobs, increase their earning potential and break the cycle of poverty for good.



GENDER JUSTICE

Empowering teen girls to dream their own futures in Colombia

In Bogotá, Colombia, a group of girls is gathering to fight against gender inequality, sexism and violence by pursuing their own dreams. One of these girls is Fernanda, who is 11 years old and lives in the Caracolí neighborhood. Its steep unpaved streets are lined with houses built from clay bricks, corrugated steel, wood scrap and other found materials, and most people work in trades, security or general services and have a difficult time making ends meet.

Thanks to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia or IELCO), girls such as Fernanda can learn empowering life skills that promise them a brighter future. IELCO's "Projecting My Future" project provides teen and preteen girls with training in entrepreneurship and leadership, helping them envision their futures and equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to realize their dreams. Many participants are migrants whose families fled the ongoing crisis in Venezuela in hope of a better life in Colombia.

Your support for ELCA World Hunger helped IELCO continue its important work even during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many girls and their families were anxious or even traumatized. IELCO visited one-on-one with families, planned playful and educational virtual workshops and delivered food to families to compensate for the meal that had come with the in-person program. This shift has also allowed IELCO to increase community awareness of the church, including among the families of the young people who attend.

Now that students are meeting in person once again, they have resumed their educational outings. Fernanda,

who has a passion for cooking, was excited by a field trip to learn skills from a local chef. After the visit, IELCO nurtured Fernanda by helping her buy ingredients to cook at home the recipes the chef had prepared. They then shared photos of her finished dishes with a well-known chef in Colombia in hope of garnering future support for employment at a restaurant.



Fernanda, at home, with dishes she learned to cook during a field trip to learn from a chef in Bogotá

Thank you for your support of Fernanda and girls like her as they dream of a future when they can pursue their passions and gifts. By accompanying girls in Caracolí, IELCO participates in the work God is doing throughout the community – from strengthening bonds within families to building life-changing relationships between the participants, the church and the neighborhood.



Women and girls around the world are more vulnerable to hunger and poverty than men are. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help provide education for girls, invest in women's businesses and work for gender justice. All are critical steps toward a just world where *all* are fed.



Sierra, a longtime participant in Alice's Garden and the Table, which educate locals about urban farming on vacant lots.

Transforming city lots into community gardens

“E ven in the midst of a pandemic, dreams may still come true,” says Venice Williams, executive director of Alice’s Garden in Milwaukee, Wis., a two-acre urban farm, community garden and gathering place for the ELCA worshipping community called The Table. Alice’s Garden works with families, teaching them to grow their own food and build their own businesses, to love and respect the land, and to be caretakers of creation. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help unique communities such as The Table – where worship happens on a farm in urban Milwaukee – thrive and adapt in a rapidly changing world.

During the pandemic, we all craved connection, and Alice’s Garden and The Table provided a safe space to meet the increased need in Milwaukee. At the garden, neighbors participated in outdoor culinary classes, reading circles and yoga classes. At The Table, a “first-century-style community in the 21st century,” they gathered to worship and share food.

Williams speaks of a particular dream that came to fruition during the pandemic – the opportunity to hire longtime program participant Sierra as its farm educator and new projects coordinator. Sierra graduated from college in 2014 with a degree in integrated environmental science. While intending to move permanently to Florida for a job opportunity, Sierra found herself furloughed and back home in Milwaukee. Williams jumped at the chance to hire her, even for a season.

“I had been wanting to hire Sierra for years but simply did not have the funding,” she says. “I have known her since she was ten years young. . . . She said yes and brought her passion and knowledge of the earth and its creatures to Alice’s Garden.”

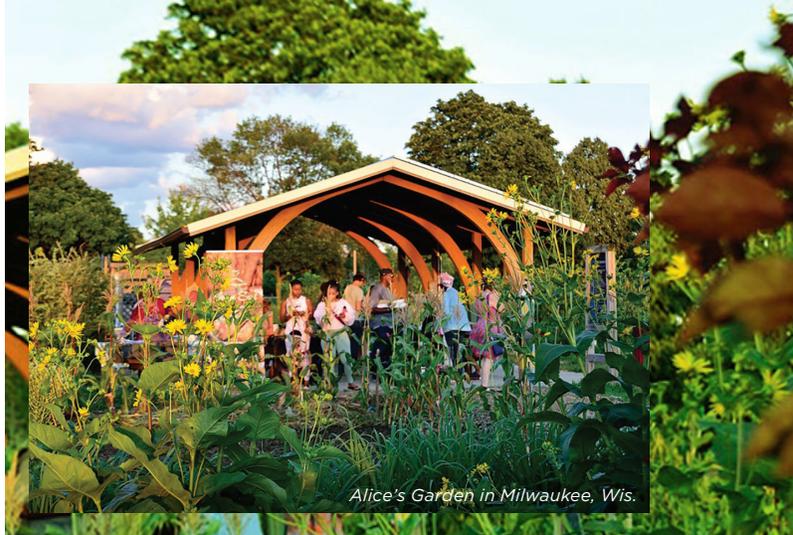


ELCA World Hunger accompanies ministries in the United States that address the needs of the whole person. Your support helps community gardens and farms provide space to grow food and build relationships that can lead to long-term health for the whole community.

With Sierra's help and the support of ELCA World Hunger, Alice's Garden has been working to educate local citizens about a Milwaukee policy that any vacant city lot can be used to cultivate food. Hundreds of lots are available for farming, yet many residents are unaware of this. Alice's Garden was also able to offer more educational opportunities for gardeners, increase the number of vendors and days for its farmers market and launch a retail producers cooperative in a brick-and-mortar space. At the same time, Alice's Garden helped six families expand their gardening and start growing produce to sell at the market.

COVID-19 has brought the community many challenges and heartaches, yet the slower pace of people's lives allowed them to see Alice's Garden more fully, as a space to cultivate existing relationships and plant new ones. As it celebrates 50 years of urban farming this year, its work in the community is more important than ever. Your gifts allow ELCA World Hunger to invest in the future of Milwaukee through the leaders and neighbors working together in the garden and gathered together at the Table.

Now that Sierra's job opportunity in Florida has panned out, she looks forward to a new chapter in her life and career. "As I slowly bring my time here in Milwaukee to a close and as a new season approaches, I am reminded of the abundance of the seasons that I've been so fortunate to witness here at home," she says. "Alice's Garden is truly a pocket of paradise in an urban landscape. My heart is so full of gratitude."

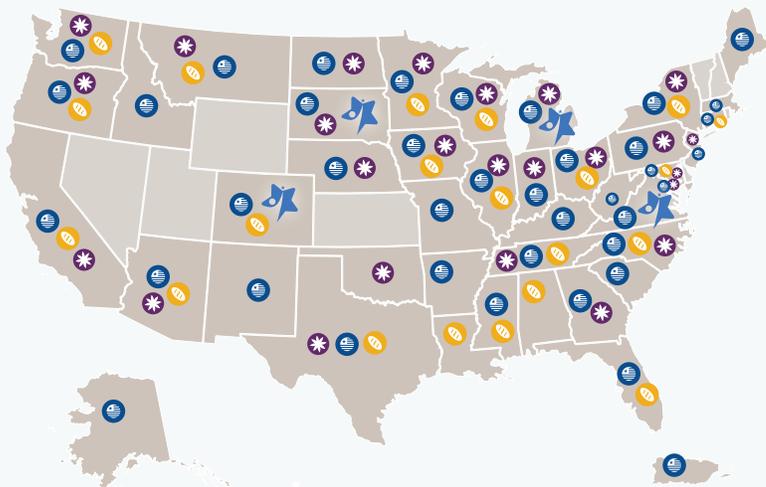


Alice's Garden in Milwaukee, Wis.

“Engagement with World Hunger is always about being reminded of the bigger picture; how we fit into it, how we are connected to it, and the strength of working together.”

—VENICE WILLIAMS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
ALICE'S GARDEN AND THE TABLE

2021 ELCA World Hunger Domestic Grants*



* Icons indicate states with at least one ELCA World Hunger grant.



Domestic Hunger Grants accompany congregations and their partners throughout the United States and Caribbean as they draw on the strengths of communities to address local issues, such as food security, housing, job access, clean water, human rights, policy change, leadership development and more.



Big Dream Grants support partner ministries that demonstrate excellence, innovation, best practices and alignment with ELCA World Hunger priority areas in substantial, sustainable ways.

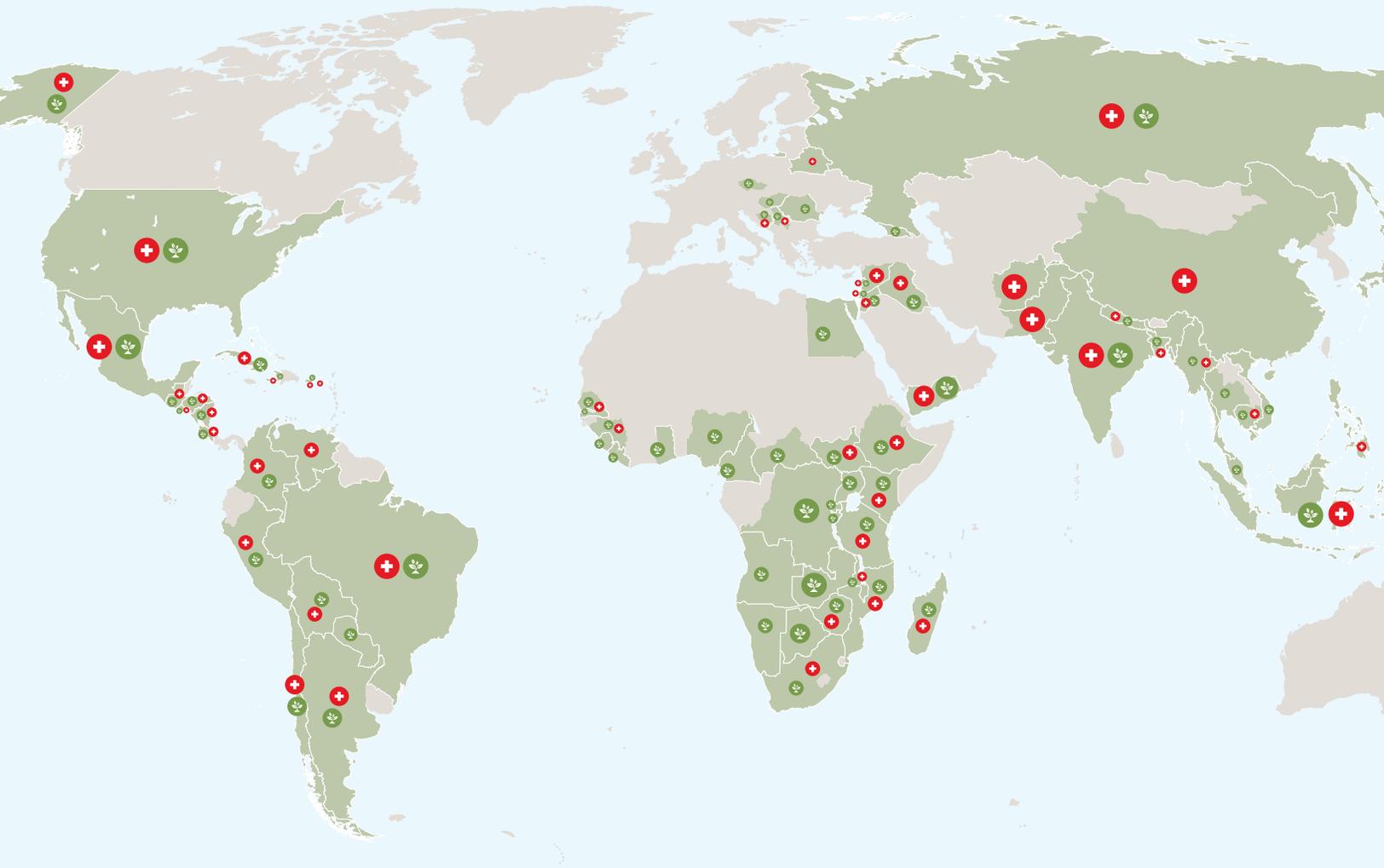


Daily Bread Matching Grants support congregations with feeding ministries. These grants provide daily bread for neighbors experiencing hunger while also serving as a tool for ministry fundraising and capacity building. Participants invite their congregation, networks and friends to donate, with a match from ELCA World Hunger to kick-start their campaign.



Ethnic Specific Ministry Grants are a response to the ways the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic challenges have disproportionately impacted Indigenous and ethnic-specific communities. ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA's Indigenous and ethnic-specific associations and ministries are partnering through these grants to support ministries working at the intersections of race, ethnicity and poverty toward building thriving, healthy and resilient communities where all are fed.

Your gifts at work: 2021



ELCA WORLD HUNGER



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

ELCA World Hunger

67 countries
43 states and territories

INTERNATIONAL

Angola	Lebanon
Argentina	Liberia
Bangladesh	Madagascar
Bolivia	Malawi
Bosnia	Malaysia
Botswana	Mexico
Brazil	Mozambique
Burundi	Myanmar
Cambodia	Namibia
Cameroon	Nepal
Central African Republic	Nicaragua
Chile	Nigeria
Colombia	Palestine
Costa Rica	Papua New Guinea
Cuba	Paraguay
Czech Rep.	Peru
Egypt	Republic of the Congo
El Salvador	Romania
Ethiopia	Russia
Georgia	Rwanda
Germany	Senegal
Ghana	Serbia
Guatemala	Sierra Leone
Guinea	South Africa
Haiti	South Sudan
Honduras	Tanzania
Hungary	Thailand
India	The Gambia
Indonesia	Uganda
Iraq	United States of America
Japan	Vietnam
Jordan	Yemen
Kenya	Zambia
	Zimbabwe

UNITED STATES AND CARIBBEAN

Alabama	Mississippi
Alaska	Montana
Arkansas	Nebraska
Arizona	New Jersey
California	New Mexico
Colorado	New York
Connecticut	North Carolina
District of Columbia	North Dakota
Florida	Ohio
Georgia	Oklahoma
Idaho	Oregon
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Puerto Rico
Iowa	South Carolina
Kentucky	South Dakota
Louisiana	Tennessee
Maine	Texas
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	Washington
Michigan	West Virginia
Minnesota	Wisconsin
Missouri	

Lutheran Disaster Response

47 countries
17 states and territories

INTERNATIONAL

Afghanistan	Lebanon
COVID-19	COVID-19, humanitarian crisis
Argentina	Madagascar
Migrants	COVID-19, drought, fire
Bangladesh	Malawi
Fire, flooding	COVID-19
Belarus	Mexico
Refugees	COVID-19, earthquake, flooding, migrants, refugees, hurricane
Bolivia	Myanmar
COVID-19	Conflict
Bosnia	Nepal
Refugees	COVID-19, flooding
Brazil	Nicaragua
COVID-19	Hurricane
Cambodia	Pakistan
COVID-19	COVID-19
Chile	Palestine
COVID-19, migrants	Conflict
China	Peru
Flooding	COVID-19, migrants
Colombia	Philippines
Migrants	Earthquake
Costa Rica	Russia
Migrants	COVID-19
Cuba	Senegal
COVID-19	COVID-19
El Salvador	Serbia
Migrants	Refugees
Ethiopia	South Africa
COVID-19, conflict	COVID-19
Guatemala	South Sudan
Migrants, hurricane	COVID-19, political crisis
Guinea	Syria
Conflict, Ebola	Conflict
Haiti	Tanzania
Earthquake	COVID-19
Honduras	United States of America
Migrants	Venezuela
India	Economic crisis
COVID-19, flooding, refugees	Yemen
Indonesia	Conflict
COVID-19	Zimbabwe
Iraq	COVID-19
Conflict, migrants	
Jordan	
Refugees	
Kenya	
Drought	

UNITED STATES AND CARIBBEAN

Alabama	Hurricane Sally, Hurricane Zeta
California	2018 wildfires
Florida	Hurricane Dorian, Hurricane Michael, Hurricane Sally
Georgia	Hurricane Michael, tornadoes
Kentucky	Tornadoes, unaccompanied minors
Louisiana	Hurricane Ida
Maryland	Flooding
Michigan	Severe storms, flooding
Minnesota	COVID-19, migrants, civil unrest
Montana	Disaster preparedness
Missouri	Tornadoes, flooding
Nebraska	Flooding, disaster preparedness
New York	Legal services for unaccompanied minors
Ohio	Tornadoes
South Dakota	COVID-19, disaster preparedness, severe storms, tornadoes, flooding
Tennessee	Tornadoes, flooding, Christmas day 2020 downtown Nashville bombing
Texas	Hurricane Ida

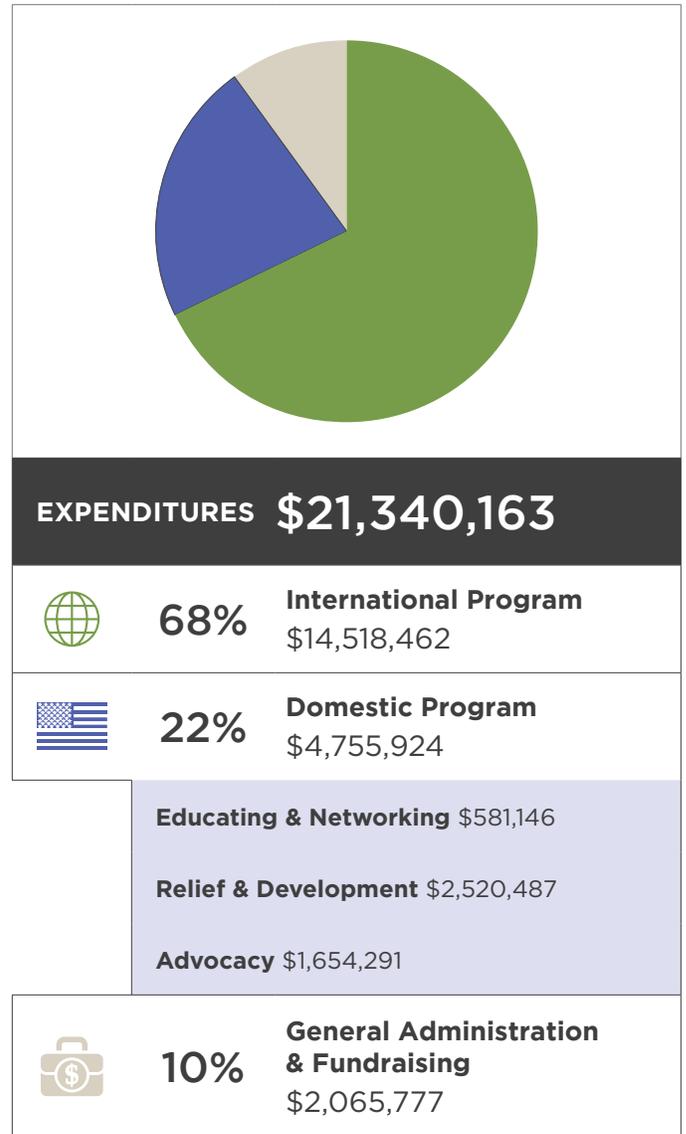
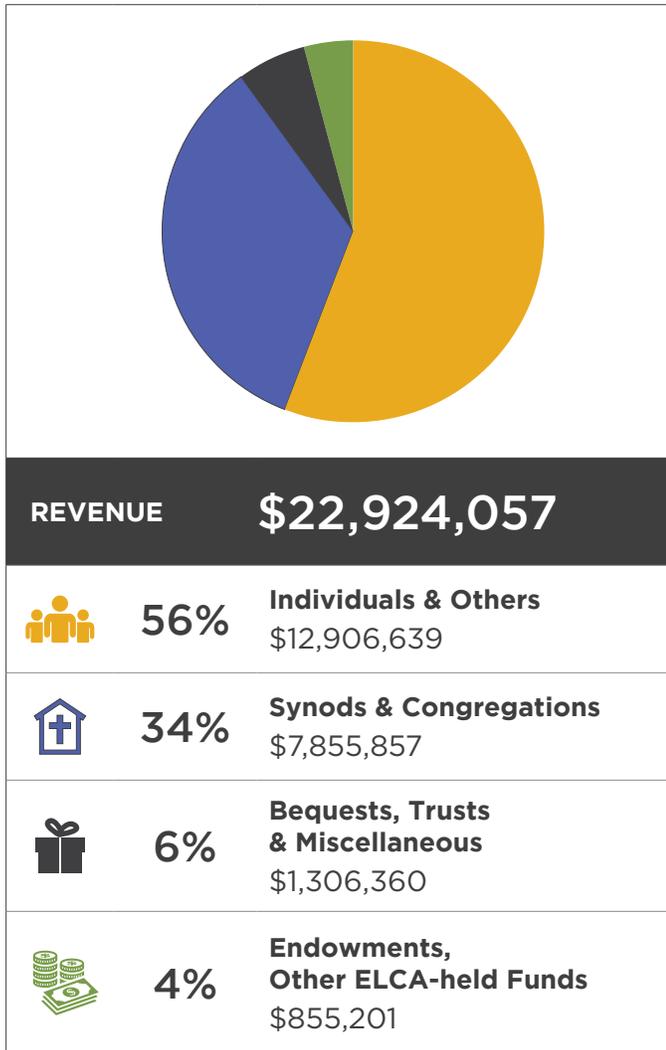


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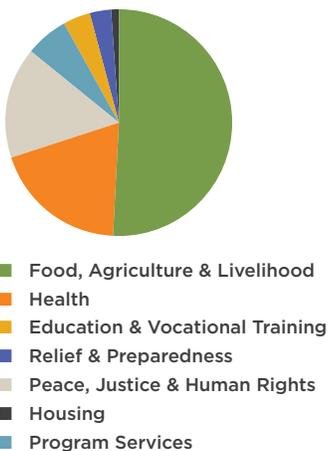
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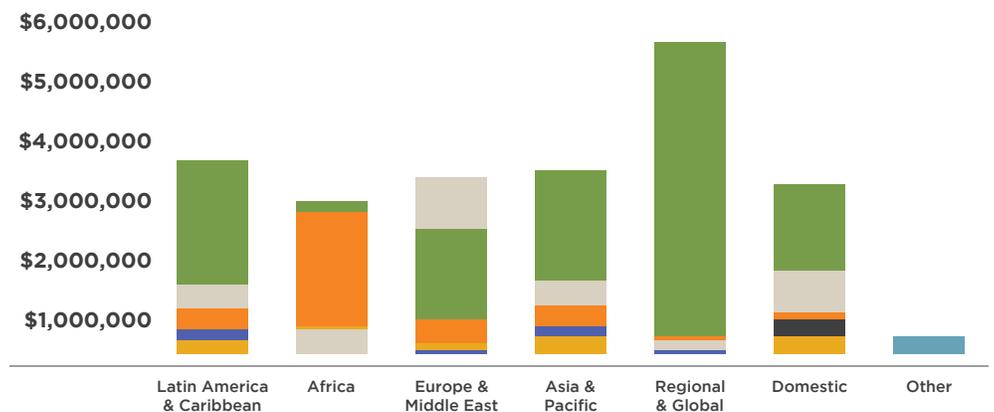
2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



ELCA WORLD HUNGER
Grants by Sector



ELCA WORLD HUNGER
Grant Expenditures by Region





“We requested this grant on behalf of our partner churches, allowing us to strengthen our bond with one another. The churches are often the first avenue for assistance to the public. Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSMNJ), striving to support that vital work, is enhancing its disaster response program to lay the groundwork for future need ... developing meaningful and lasting relationships with families in the community. Although this particular grant was a short-term endeavor, the strengthened relationship will allow us to act more quickly for a longer time period. This grant also allowed clearer lines of outreach and communication between LSMNJ and our partner churches.”

-LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES OF NEW JERSEY

HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE

Thanks to your support, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is at work accompanying partners from Louisiana to New York as they rebuild after Hurricane Ida.

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey received a grant from LDR and partnered with Trinity Lutheran Church in Jersey City, N.J., for food distribution (pictured).

2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE		\$14,458,194
BY SOURCE		
	63%	Individuals & Others \$9,147,042
	33%	Synods & Congregations \$4,801,152
	4%	Grants \$510,000
BY DESIGNATION		
	52%	Specific Designated Support \$7,542,066
	48%	General Undesignated Support \$6,916,128

EXPENDITURES		\$9,417,075
BY TYPE		
	55%	International \$5,156,499
	38%	United States \$3,569,523
	7%	Fundraising & Administration \$691,053

HIGHLIGHTED EXPENDITURES		
UNITED STATES		
	35%	Hurricanes \$1,243,056
	17%	Severe Storms, Floods & Other Disasters \$617,222
	17%	Program Management Services, Network Consultation \$594,219
	14%	Tornadoes \$501,950
	14%	Capacity Building \$495,984
	3%	Migration Ministries \$117,092
INTERNATIONAL		
	32%	Latin America & Caribbean <i>(COVID-19, Haiti earthquake, hurricanes, migrants – including AMMPARO)</i> \$1,653,290
	20%	Europe & Middle East <i>(COVID-19, refugees, political crisis, humanitarian aid)</i> \$1,019,856
	14%	Africa <i>(COVID-19, fire, drought, peace and reconciliation)</i> \$739,174
	18%	Asia <i>(COVID-19, fire, flooding, refugees, earthquake)</i> \$908,846
	10%	Global Grants \$502,750
	6%	Operations \$332,583

Note: Lutheran Disaster Response's revenue increase derives primarily from disaster-specific gifts. Many of those disasters occurred later in the fiscal year (the earthquake in Haiti, U.S. tornadoes, U.S. wildfires and U.S. severe storms) and will require responses that extend into the years to come. All donations made in response to specific disasters will be directed for that situation; there was and will be no reallocation of funds for a more general or alternate purpose. Thank you for your faithful partnership in our mission!

COVID-19 grant helps Palestinian refugee family find stability and medical care

Supported in part by your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) serves refugees in Lebanon. Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Mikhael, one of the 470,000 Palestinians in Lebanon, lives in the Dbayeh refugee camp with his family. The Dbayeh camp, just north of Beirut, is one of 12 refugee camps in Lebanon, which account for nearly half of all Palestinians who reside in Lebanon as refugees. In such camps, Palestinians such as Mikhael and his family are particularly vulnerable to poverty, unemployment and poor housing.

Mikhael, now in his 60s, has provided for his family by working in construction. Like many others, Mikhael lost his job during the COVID-19 pandemic. His health began to weaken, and he couldn't afford necessary medical care. Mikhael needed to find another way to support his family and himself.

The ecumenical Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) connected Mikhael to its local work

through the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC). Using COVID-19 support from Lutheran Disaster Response, JCC distributed cash grants to households economically impacted by the pandemic. Upon hearing Mikhael's story, JCC awarded him one of these grants, made possible by your generous giving.

Mikhael felt "blessed and happy" to receive the grant. It helped him cover expenses for his family and gain medical care so he could look for a job and return to work.

Many of us share Mikhael's sense of financial uncertainty during the pandemic, but poverty and lack of social protection leaves such refugees especially vulnerable. The flexible financial assistance provided by JCC and DSPR empowered Mikhael and his family to weather the crisis, and their ongoing work helps him look to the future with hope.



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) shares hope, healing and renewal with people in the United States and around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. Your gifts support survivors of disasters as they work to rebuild.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lutheran Disaster Response in 2022

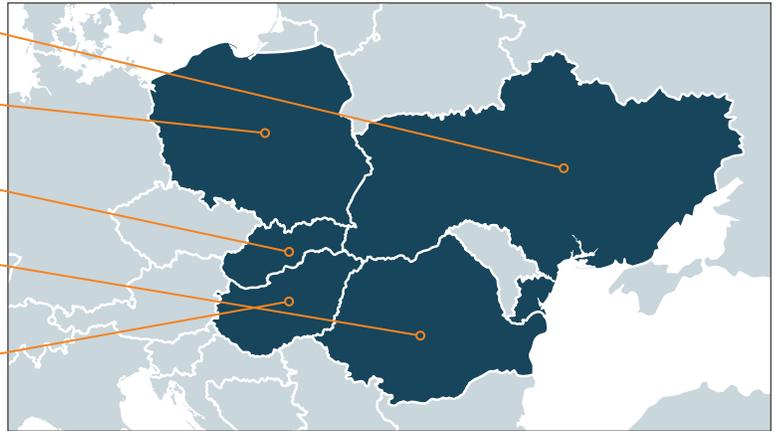
Your gifts of more than \$4 million to support relief in Eastern Europe through Lutheran Disaster Response are already at work. Thank you!

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 quickly escalated into a war and humanitarian crisis. In collaboration with Lutheran, ecumenical and other partners, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, is accompanying partners in Ukraine and neighboring countries that are supporting refugees, internally displaced people and others impacted by the crisis.

RESPONSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Cash support for refugees and displaced people.
- Emergency items such as beds, blankets and shelter.
- Food, clean water and hygiene items.
- Protection and safeguarding of vulnerable individuals and groups.
- Psychosocial care and pastoral support.
- Gender justice and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

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- ROMANIA**
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How are the ELCA's companion churches responding in Eastern Europe?

**THE REV. RACHEL ESKESEN,
AREA DESK DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE**

Across Europe there has been fervent support on every level for welcoming refugees and organizing to meet their needs. For many of our Lutheran church partners in the region, this is nothing new; ministry to welcome migrants and refugees is an ongoing priority. But this time the sheer number of people arriving from Ukraine is a challenge.

I wish everyone could see these grassroots, on-the-ground efforts, complemented by organizational efforts, that are being implemented. This is not just organizations, not just pastors or congregation leaders — this is the whole community gathering to sort out donations, provide rides for people from the border and open up their homes to refugees.

There's one congregation here [in Budapest] that learned one of the 4-year-olds who was arriving and they would be hosting was having a birthday. They gathered supplies for a small celebration so that she might have some sense of normality in all of this. These are the kinds of personal, local, contextual efforts we're seeing across the region as people come together to respond to the acute needs of these vulnerable families and individuals.

I find a lot of hope in this intentional creation of space to remember that God is on the road, God is present in the violence, in the crisis and in the moments of rest.

Where do you see God in this crisis?

**THE REV. DR. RAFAEL MALPICA PADILLA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SERVICE AND JUSTICE**

I see God walking with the refugees, with the people who have been displaced. I see God at work in the families opening their homes in Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Romania. I see God in the volunteers serving with churches, the Red Cross and other institutions, giving of their time to care for those now coming their way. I see God dying in the streets of Ukraine. But I have hope, because I see God in the midst of God's people.

We need to start thinking now about the next steps, because once the shooting stops, major reconstruction work needs to happen. For that we must bring together all these resources. That's the advantage we have as we relate through the churches. Organizations come and go depending on their resources or their interest. But the churches remain. They are the community that gathers to accompany people, and we will be there with them for the long haul.

We will walk with the people of Ukraine to rebuild their homes and their lives. That's where I see God. That is where our hope lies — in the God of life, who is present, even amid death.

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ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S GLOBAL FARM *Challenge*



The Global Farm Challenge is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty.



Ending hunger isn't just about food.

It's about access, it's about justice, it's about caring for creation and each other. It's about hope for the world we want to live in. Ending hunger means recognizing the ways God is at work in farming communities and the ways God is calling all of us, together, to be part of the solution.

Give now!

All gifts toward the challenge will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$525,000.

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