



# Annual Report 2016

HOW YOU **GROW GOODNESS** THROUGH ALWS

*God saw everything that he had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.*

GENESIS 1:31 (NIV)



# How you helped goodness GROW in 2016:



You were part of helping **more than 1 million people!** In this report you'll see how you changed people's lives – thank you!



You **began work in Djibouti**, helping refugees from Yemen and Somalia, and built a school to educate **2,397 students!** (p8)



You gave **\$4.3 million** to help people through ALWS. You ran marathons, baked 10,000 honey biscuits, caught jewfish... (p22)



You welcomed **tens of thousands of refugees and displaced people** at camps in Kenya, Djibouti, Sudan and Jordan. (p6)



You invited our Community Education team into Lutheran schools, churches and groups with **242 presentations** given. (p21)



Volunteers gave **hundreds of hours** filing, folding and sticking – so more of your gifts reached the people who need help. (p23)



Your generosity and ALWS's hard work at efficiency, meant 'overheads'\* were just **12.65%** in 2016. (p28)

## Thank you!



Photo: ALWS



Read Debibiri's amazing 'Goodness Grows' story on page 13.

\* 'Overheads' are administration and fundraising costs as defined by the ACFID Code of Conduct. Percentages are calculated from total 2016 disbursements. ALWS aims to minimise overheads as much as possible without affecting services. Refer to full financial statements later in this report. Funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes and are not used to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a political party, or to promote a candidate or organisation affiliated to a particular party.

Za'atari Refugee Camp, Jordan. You help these girls from Syria recover from the trauma they've suffered by providing training in psychosocial care. Thank you!

Photo: ALWS



## The Widow's Mighty

**Early in 2016, I was given a tiny, awkward looking coin by an eccentric historian in Jerusalem.**

The historian told me the coin held the lowest value of all currencies at the time of Jesus. Thanks to Christ's parable of a woman who gave all she owned, the coin is now called the Widow's Mite.

I shared it with my staff, and watched as they rubbed it curiously through their fingers.

The widow's generosity was not lost on Jesus back then, nor on our staff today. As they studied the small piece of bronze, they reflected on the responsibility we have for each donation or grant entrusted to us.

**The market value of something so tiny may be small but to that woman, and to those we seek to serve overseas, it can be mighty in changing lives if used in the right way.**

Our theme for ALWS in 2016 was **"Goodness Grows"**.



Source:  
[www.widowsmite.com](http://www.widowsmite.com)

To do this has meant stretching the potential of each coin given to us as far as we possibly can. That's why it was pleasing when the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) re-accredited us at the highest level after an intense audit process early in 2016.

What's exciting about re-accreditation is it means in the projects where we partner with the Australian Government, each dollar donated to ALWS is matched by 5 from the Australian Government, up to a capped amount! In real terms it means we can do more to help people.

For example, in July I met with a young woman called Manisha in the foothills of Nepal.

For a little over \$30, together with a matching grant from our Government, Manisha underwent training to become a beautician. She was able to open up a shop, and is now fully booked. Appointments are as much a counselling session as they are a bit of lipstick, she said. Women come to her for a splash of makeup before a wedding, and leave feeling confident in themselves.

Manisha has gone on to train other beauticians, free of charge, because she wants them to have the same opportunity. All for just \$30 from ALWS supporters!

Just as powerful was when the accreditation panel's team leader (who has done more than 40 accreditations!) described your ALWS:

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**"You have a true heart for humanity and this is at your core."**

DFAT Accreditation team

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Looking forward to school! Here at Ali Addeh Refugee Camp in Djibouti, our Australian 'mite' is matched 10:1 by a European grant to build a new school for refugee children like these girls from Somalia.  
Photo: ALWS

"You have a true heart for humanity and this is at your core."

**"You're alive and breathing and very present. You don't use unfettered rhetoric but you walk the talk."**

"I commend you for standing your ground and remaining true to who you are. You're an extremely gracious and honest organisation."

'Walking the talk', and following the example of Jesus, leads us into places of great challenge, like the dust and cold of Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan.

Yet even here I witnessed how the 'mite' can become mighty, and goodness can grow in the darkest of places. A girl called Hannen told me about her months in the camp after fleeing the brutality of war in Syria:

"I blacked out the windows with curtains and didn't want to see anyone. It felt like it was the end of the world for me. I started hating myself for being Syrian and for being a girl."

"Mum and Dad felt worried about me. They told me an organisation called Lutheria (Lutheran World Federation) was looking for volunteers to work with them. At first, I refused because I didn't want to leave the room, but my parents forced me to go."



**Chey Mattner meeting in the mountains outside of Kathmandu**  
Photo: ALWS

"Lutheria interviewed me, and began training me in psychosocial care and how to care for youth in this way."

"And then I decided it was not the end of the world; that it was up to me now to make a future or not with my life. I started to use my experience to help other girls like me. My dream now is to be a role model for other girls, to do political studies, and to never ever be a victim."

Not long after, we teamed up with our main partner, Lutheran World Federation, to unlock European funding to build a school for refugees in the small African nation of Djibouti.

**Each \$1 the ALWS family gave the Europeans matched with \$10!**

This means we could help many more people from Somalia and Ethiopia seeking safety in Djibouti than what we could ever do alone. The school will give opportunity to a new generation, perhaps nurturing leaders who may one day help bring peace to their homeland.

**It's not hard to see goodness growing in this work God has called us to.**

We see it in each person who works for ALWS, in our volunteers, in the people who persist on the frontline in some of the most dangerous places on Earth, in the grants we receive from our Government and the Lutheran Laypeople's League, and in the letters we open from people who are moved to help in whatever way they can.

**That's why we thank God for everyone who is part of making the 'mite' mighty, so that together we can see goodness grow. Thank you!**

**Chey Mattner**  
Executive Secretary, ALWS





## Smiling because of you

**When students at Immanuel Lutheran Primary School (SA) raised money for a playground at their Partner Village in Cambodia, they did not know the blessing they'd give ...**

"The playground is important because it makes the children want to go to school. It attracts children who would otherwise not go."

"When I walk around the village, I ask children about going to pre-school. I tell them there is a playground, and they ask 'When will it be ready?'"

Ros is dad of 11 year old Srien (on the right in photo above). He's a farmer in this community that has for many years struggled with drought. That's why he's excited that as well as the playground, people in Australia have supported his community to build a spillway to dam up water for irrigation.

"When I learn that people in Australia must work hard to help us, and have great kindness, they show us that we too must work hard to help ourselves. Because of the hard work of you Australian people, we now have an increased rice yield. We have gone from half a tonne per hectare to 3 tonnes!"

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**"Because of the hard work of you Australian people, we have increased rice yield."**

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**That increase in harvest means Ros now has confidence his children can go to school.**

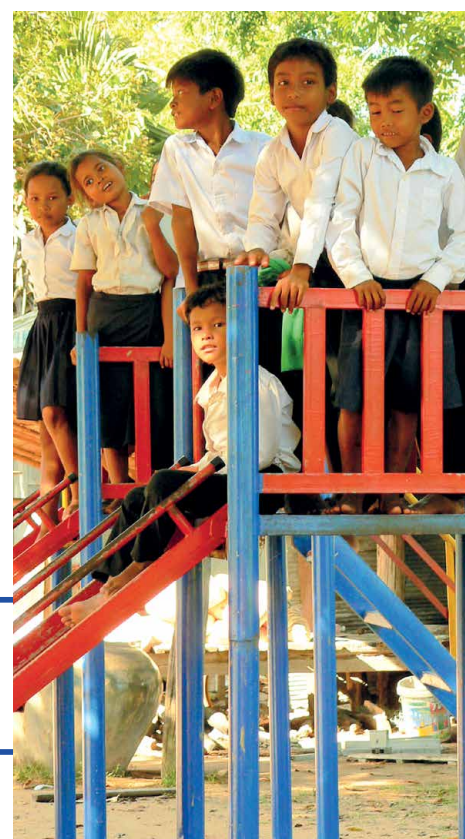
"All my children want to go to school. I want my children to be teachers. Then they can get a good salary, and when they retire they will get a pension from the government. It will be good if we can have a teacher from this village."

"Some people dream of living in a nice house, but I dream of my children studying abroad if they work hard. My wife disagrees with me on this. She wants our children to stay close to home!"

"I know the funds for this playground come from people in Australia and we know that people in Australia must work hard to provide us this money."

**"So I deeply say thank you, and wish you a long life."**

These smiles say a bigger 'thank you' than words ever could – and the sign with ALWS logo honours you and your gift for many years. Thank you! *Photos: ALWS*



**"My granddaughter came to visit from another village. The school there does not have a playground. She said to me, 'Grandpa, I will stay with you, so I can go to this school.' Even though we are different religions, and it is Christians who are helping us, we are all human. We just recognise their kindness in caring for us. I have no words enough to say but thank you."**

– Pinn Sarith



All family members have the same basic Needs  
 these are  
 Shelter,  
 food  
 Clothing  
 Education  
 Love



**School success!** The blackboard from a primary school in South Sudan shows we all share the same needs. Elizabeth achieved great success at school, with the support of her courageous teachers, and now is equipped to meet those needs in her future.

Photo: LWF

**COUNTRY**  
SOUTH SUDAN

**WHAT**  
Rebuilding Livelihoods

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
South Sudan

**WHERE**  
Jonglei State

**WHO**  
1,757 households and  
7,027 people (Direct beneficiaries)  
9,619 people (Indirect beneficiaries)\*

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$600,000

\* Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program / Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program

## Seeking safety in schools and shelter

### Welcoming 'strangers' in Australia

In 2016 ALWS granted a loan for airfares to help a family of 10 from Afghanistan reunite in Australia.

Another loan helped reunite a South Sudanese father with his two sons.

These loans support the efforts of Lutheran congregations to care for families who have suffered and survived so much.

We in turn are blessed by the passion and energy these new neighbours bring to our communities.

**Conflict and violence continues in South Sudan.** Thousands of people have lost their lives, and thousands more have been displaced. The conflict is disrupting agricultural production cycles, economic systems and education services. **In 2016, you supported:**

- 1,270 households that received grants to build shelters for their re-settlement.
- 487 of the most vulnerable households received Vegetable Seed Kits (okra, cow-peas, tomatoes) to improve family diet
- 250 households received fishing kits of 3 fishing twines, and a pack of hooks

- Two other ECDs supported in Duk County and Uror County
- Schools closed since 2013 were re-opened. Teachers were trained, teaching and learning materials provided, and learning spaces renovated. Enrolment increased 30% from 6,048 students to 7,940 students (including 2,555 girls).
- 184 students (93 girls) enrolled in the first ever Early Education Center (ECDs) in Twic East County (average attendance 130)

The 2016-2017 Project's Mid Term Review will be conducted in the course of 2017.

**FACT: 65.3 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide. This is the most ever on record.**

UNHCR



# When you welcome angels

## Kakuma Refugee Camp

... has been hosting refugees from East and Horn of Africa since 1991. It was set up as a temporary camp to provide services to refugees, but desperate needs means it still must operate today.

**In 2016, working together as partners:**

- 23,921 asylum seekers were welcomed and supported with basic needs
- the Reception Centre and Nadapal Transit Centre were repaired and renovated
- 6,854 new arrivals identified with extreme needs received complementary feeding
- 11,154 students (5,359 girls), including 230 students with disabilities (101 girls), were enrolled in 12 Early Education Centres
- 15 Special Needs Education teachers studied advanced skills
- awareness was raised about LWF World Service commitments and accountability

A Mid Term Review of the LWF Kenya-Djibouti Program's Strategic Plan conducted in 2016 lauded the significant contribution of the Program in the areas of Education, Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Services.

**COUNTRY**  
KENYA

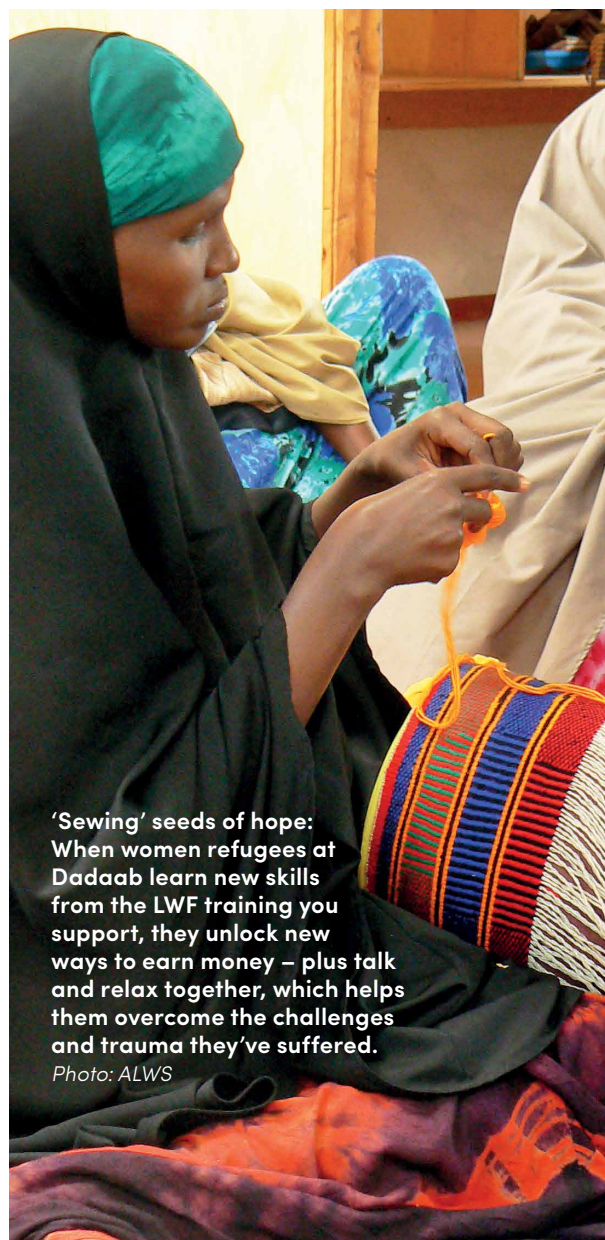
**WHAT**  
Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project and Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
Kenya-Djibouti

**WHO**  
**Kakuma:**  
28,049 people (Direct beneficiaries)  
193,000 people (Indirect beneficiaries)\*  
**Dadaab:**  
24,079 people (Direct beneficiaries)  
344,648 people (Indirect beneficiaries)\*

**ALWS ACTION**  
Kakuma – \$216,500  
Dadaab – \$50,000

\* Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program / Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit from results of program



**'Sewing' seeds of hope:**  
When women refugees at Dadaab learn new skills from the LWF training you support, they unlock new ways to earn money – plus talk and relax together, which helps them overcome the challenges and trauma they've suffered.

*Photo: ALWS*

## Dadaab Refugee Camp

... was established in 1991, following the civil war in Somalia. It currently hosts 272,764 refugees, mostly from Somalia.

**In 2016 together we:**

- enrolled 3,603 students (1,532 girls) for pre-school
- helped 17,976 primary aged students (6,999 girls) and 687 students with disabilities (289 girls)
- provided elderly persons with:
  - o 50 medium density mattresses
  - o 376 mosquito nets
  - o 61 visual aids for safety
- helped 180 people build resilience in group psychosocial sessions
- supported 90 people with disabilities through assistive and mobility devices
- trained 65 women and youth in tailoring and hand-weaving classes, so they can now earn income for their families
- provided 10 x 2-day training sessions for 101 youth and 103 women in decision-making

The work at Dadaab aims to empower refugees with knowledge and skills they can use when they return home. Schools give children education and life skills, and also provide protection. All work seeks to be as inclusive as possible, removing any barriers faced by people with disabilities.

**Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.**

Hebrews 13:2

**COUNTRY**  
CAMBODIA

**WHAT**  
Empowerment through Self Reliance Program

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Life With Dignity

**WHERE**  
Aoral, Thpong, Phnom Sruoch, Phnom  
Krovanh, Battambang and Kampong  
Chhang districts

**WHO**  
241,138 people  
(Direct and Indirect beneficiaries)\*

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$1,042,589 (DFAT: \$779,574 ALWS: \$263,015)

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in  
program / Indirect beneficiaries: people who benefit  
from results of program

## What we can build together

**In 2016, through our ALWS partner, Life with Dignity (LWD), you supported communities to:**

- decrease malnutrition of women and children
- increase families' income
- decrease the number of people hurt by natural disaster, particularly drought and climate change
- improve accountability and service delivery by local government

You helped communities construct pre-schools, deep wells, dams, roads, canals, irrigation systems, and to use agricultural kits and seeds.

You supported training on rights, advocacy, conflict resolution, land law, nutrition, agricultural techniques, financial management and accountability. This helps communities and local government work together for development.

In October 2016, an independent evaluator found: "... community members, village leaders and commune representatives spoke positively about the achievements in development outcomes through LWD's financial and technical support."

**COUNTRY**  
DJIBOUTI

**WHAT**  
Djibouti Refugee Assistance Project –  
ECHO matching Grant

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
Kenya-Djibouti

**WHERE**  
Ali Sabieh

**WHO**  
2,397 people (Direct beneficiaries)  
21,608 people (Indirect beneficiaries)\*

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$41,228 (allocated in 2016, sent in 2017)

\*Direct beneficiaries: people who participate in program / Indirect beneficiaries:  
people who benefit from results of program

## School's in for refugee children

**Djibouti is one of the least developed countries in Africa with no significant natural resources. The country's economy relies mainly on the port services it offers to land-locked neighbouring countries. Djibouti has been hosting refugees mainly from Somalia and Ethiopia since 1992, and now also welcomes refugees from Yemen.**

LWF World Service implements activities in education and community service projects with emphasis on child protection. In 2016, you provided support through a matching grant to a European Commission-funded project. **To date the project has:**

- constructed 10 classrooms
- provided school supplies and learning and teaching materials to 2,397 learners
- provided 500 desks for learners in schools
- constructed 15 disability-sensitive latrines
- provided 2 water tanks for schools to maintain hygiene and sanitation
- established and equipped 2 child-friendly spaces
- constructed a school fence with a gate to ensure a safe learning environment.

**Your new school takes shape! In just 5 months, a bare block of land at Ali Addeh Refugee Camp in Djibouti is becoming a new school. Here you see progress after two months. Photo: ALWS**





“Communities told of successfully requesting Commune or District support for various services ... and spoke positively of community forums as a mechanism to raise concerns with local, commune and district authorities.”

**When farmers learn new skills and see their crop yield increase, their confidence increases too! They expand their crop varieties, build new businesses, improve their marketing and pass on what they've learnt to other farmers... which means more income to support their children, especially with health and at school! No wonder the people you help are smiling:) Photo: ALWS**



## Teachers teach Teachers

**In 2016, a group of 8 teachers from Lutheran schools in Australia visited LWF-managed refugee camps in Djibouti to share teaching skills with refugee teachers.**

In return, the Aussie team learnt about managing huge classes of children who have suffered trauma, in classrooms where temperatures are 40 degrees plus!

The impact on Australian teachers was life-changing. Ann shared:

“Not many days pass by that I do not, at some stage of my day, reflect on the so many wonderful and courageous people who have so little, who shared their classrooms and welcomed us into their homes and shared their celebrations with us.

I personally found the Tour to be a most humbling and powerful challenge which gifted me the opportunity to witness the empowering work of LWF and ALWS.

It definitely inspired me to ensure that I continue the conversation on the plight of refugees and displaced people from so many places around the world.”

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**“Not many days pass by that I do not, at some stage of my day, reflect on the so many wonderful and courageous people who have so little ...**

**- Ann**

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**At Ali-Addeh Refugee Camp in Djibouti, teachers from Australian Lutheran schools met with refugee teachers, to learn from each other. Photo: ALWS**





**COUNTRY**  
INDONESIA

**WHAT**  
Empowerment towards Disaster Risk Reduction  
and Sustainable Development in Sumatra

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Centre for Disaster Risk Management  
and Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)

**WHERE**  
Sumatra and surrounding Islands

**WHO**  
10,953 people (Direct beneficiaries)  
40,605 people (Indirect beneficiaries)\*

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$455,015 (ALWS and LLL: \$224,408 DFAT: \$230,607)

\* Direct beneficiaries: people who  
participate in program / Indirect  
beneficiaries: people who benefit  
from results of program

**Working for water!** After  
a 2010 earthquake and  
tsunami destroyed the  
village's water tank,  
villagers had to walk  
more than one kilometre  
to collect clean water.  
They did this for five years  
until in 2016, supported by  
ALWS and CDRM&CDS,  
the community rebuilt the  
water tank. The community  
contributed sand,  
pebbles and timber, while  
CDRM&CDS contributed  
manufacturing materials,  
such as cement.

Photo: ALWS

## Neighbours being neighbours

Joined together through our common desire to serve our neighbours, ALWS, Mission International and LLL work together with Lutheran World Federation churches in Indonesia to serve people who live in areas vulnerable to disasters. This work is carried out through our partner, the Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies.

### Activities in 2016 included:

- **helping families, schools and communities** prepare for natural disasters by training people in first aid, setting up early warning systems and evacuation routes and assisting with the knowledge and materials needed to set up temporary shelters
- **training communities** in the importance of reducing unhygienic litter and helping them set up a waste management system
- **working with schools and families** to get more children with disabilities into school, and more teachers with the needed special education skills
- **training and supporting village health volunteers** to reduce sickness and death of mothers and their children
- **bringing communities and local government** together so that the government can provide necessary basic services
- **teaching farmers** how to increase their harvest, save their profits and expand their businesses.

While the project aims for longer-term impact by building up community members to manage healthy, safe and productive villages, we can already celebrate successes like:

- more women, children and elderly people are receiving health care through the program's support to 64 health posts
- 27 villages are safer through support for their disaster reduction plans and the training of 2,385 volunteers
- 12 villages are healthier through the establishment of waste management systems
- children are safer thanks to the 785 people trained in child protection
- 2,918 more people now have access to safe drinking water.

A mid-term review of the program (covering the years 2015–2017) will take place towards the end of 2017.





## Isolation to inclusion in Indonesia

**This program works to make sure people with disabilities are included in the life of the community, and have access to health and education services.**

The program works by mobilising volunteers, inspiring local government staff and encouraging people with disabilities. Activities include:

- 38 family counselling sessions to assist families with a member with a disability

- 53 awareness raising sessions on disability inclusion
- 12 community groups comprising over 220 volunteers have been established and supported to serve people with disability in their local communities
- 47 volunteers trained in the early detection of disability.

An evaluation of the program is planned for 2018.

**You supported a group of young people with hearing/speech impairments to learn how to turn second-hand clothes into handbags. The sale of these helps pay for Hephata's running costs, as well as providing an income for young people with a disability.** *Photo: ALWS*



**COUNTRY**  
INDONESIA

**WHAT**  
Strengthening Pantu Karya Hephata's Services for People with Disabilities through Community Based Rehabilitation Program

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Panti Karya Hephata - Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP)

**WHERE**  
7 districts of North Sumatra Province

**WHO**  
7,123 people

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$57,585

**Working together in Indonesia through Lutheran churches, we see the impact when goodness grows in local communities – and that's a development everyone wants to celebrate. Thank you!** *Photo: CDRM/CDS*





When household income improves, so does the health of children. Clean water means clean hands. Hygiene training means better health. Healthy children mean a better future! Photo: LWF Nepal

## Growing grain, gardens and gas!

**COUNTRY**  
NEPAL

**WHAT**  
Nepal Development Program

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
Nepal

**WHERE**  
Jhapa, Morang, Lalitpur, Kailali,  
Dailekh, Doti districts

**WHO**  
25,667 people

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$546,389  
(DFAT: \$428,289 ALWS: \$118,100)

**“Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.”**

**– Jesus**

Matthew 25:40 (CEV)

**In 2016, the Nepal Development Program continued its work with communities which suffer from poverty and marginalisation, including people who are landless, disaster-affected, Dalit, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and female-headed households. Achievements in 2016 included:**

- 51 communities established Disaster Management Teams, equipped with sirens, megaphones, rescue kits and first aid training
- 540 families protected with Early Warning Systems to be ready for flooding, earthquake and other disasters
- 28 communities and 12 schools with Disaster Management Plans in place
- 3 grain banks with emergency stock of food grains
- 22 communities with emergency funds set aside and available for families affected by disaster
- 555 families with established kitchen gardens
- 842 families supported to grow vegetables and cash crops on a commercial level, increasing their annual income on average by more than \$140

- 199 families provided access to public or vacant land to farm on, increasing their livelihoods
- 1,963 families installed improved cooking stoves, bio-gas and solar systems for cleaner and cheaper energy options
- 395 people, including 63 people with disabilities, started small businesses such as tailoring, shoe making, hairdressing, broom making, water-milling, and are earning on average \$130 a month
- 71 groups and 7 cooperatives were formed for savings, loans and joint community action
- 70 communities lobbied local government for elderly allowances, scholarships, irrigation canals, agricultural training and emergency shelters.

An evaluation, carried out in May 2016 of LWF Nepal’s strategy, found:

**“Many significant positive impacts were realised and visible at individual, household and community levels.** Communities could prepare for, cope with and mitigate disasters and disaster impacts. Increased livelihoods of households and community economic development.”



# Why working with women works!

**Debibiri, from Nepal, is a vegetable farmer. She was fortunate to study to Grade 12, but when her family could not support her, she had to get married.**

Debibiri was 18.

"Married life was very hard. We did not have much money and buying vegetables from the market was very expensive. We did not always have enough food to eat. We often had to compromise."

All over the world, girls and women face barriers disproportionately to boys and men.

These barriers include limited access to money, education, and social and economic opportunities. Addressing gender inequality is essential for development and the achievement of people's full potential.

ALWS projects strive to integrate gender perspectives into all aspects of their work and undertake transformation of attitudes and practices. They support the empowerment of women by designing specific opportunities and groups for women.

**Debibiri is proof of the impact**

**this gender focus can have on people's lives.**

"My life has changed.

I learnt about irrigation and different varieties of seeds from my training. The land near my house had been fallow, but now I have planted it with vegetables.

Water is a problem here. Before my training and support from LWF World Service there was not enough for cultivation, but now with the knowledge of irrigation systems, we can manage.

I still need to carry extra water for an hour in the mornings and evenings, but I am happy that I can now grow vegetables for my family's consumption and to sell at the market. This has provided extra income."

Women's groups are an important part of development work to help overcome the fact that women are often excluded from financial services and decision-making.

Women's groups promote the meaningful social, political and economic participation of women, promote women's leadership,

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**"My life has changed ..."**

- Debibiri

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increase financial literacy among women and increase spending on the family and household.

You can see the day-to-day impact in families like Debibiri's:

"I have two daughters, 5 years and 6 months old, so growing vegetables has meant I can feed my children, and will be able to save for their education. It has also improved their health by eating more vegetables.

**I can manage the family needs better now, and am really thankful your support has helped me establish this vegetable enterprise. Thank you."**

**Farmer Debibiri says "My life has changed", thanks to your support. Growing and selling veggies means she can now feed her children and save for their education! Photo: ALWS**





When Aningao heard her community needed a Literacy Teacher, she completed training supported by ALWS. In her current class she has 12 students, including her husband. She is grateful God gave her the opportunity to be a teacher, and says: "I would like everyone to be literate".

Photo: ALWS



## Growing God's Goodness

**In PNG, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG plays a critical role in providing health, education and community services.**

This is vital in remote areas, where the church health post may be the only help within a day's walk. That's why ALWS works with the ELCPNG to build quality services.

### Working together in 2016:

- 115 people were trained to teach adults how to read and write
- 179 disability volunteers were trained to help families improve outcomes for people with disability
- 45 schools were trained to improve school fee management

- 45 school counsellors were trained to support youths facing challenges

**These short-term achievements have long-term impact, strengthening the partnership with the ELCPNG as the key service provider. Some of the successes achieved include:**

- 'deaconess' training curriculum updated to help graduates serve in disability, conflict resolution and adult literacy
- standardised budgeting and reporting across church departments to improve efficiency and accountability

- improved clinical care in Lutheran Health Service hospitals and health centres

An evaluation of the Church Partnership Program, covering mid-2010 to mid-2016, was conducted. It found the capacity-building approach used was appropriate and effective. The strong partnership between ELCPNG and ALWS has been further strengthened with greater collaboration.

**"... Australia recognises the significant historical role the Churches play in the delivery of services to Papua New Guineans, particularly in the areas of health and education, and their unparalleled reach across the country.** The moral authority of Church Leaders is widely accepted and they continue to play a critical role in enabling communities to have a voice and build momentum for positive social change."

Bruce Davis, the Australian High Commissioner to PNG

COUNTRY	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
WHAT	Church Partnership Program
LOCAL PARTNER	Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG
WHERE	Country-wide
ALWS ACTION	\$589,122 (DFAT)



# Soap, stores and sales

## The Community Empowerment Project in Burundi supports community businesses, trainings, livelihoods and infrastructure.

In 2016, groups competed to present innovative business projects. Winners included palm oil sales, restaurants, soap-making, basket-making, embroidery and a community store.

### Your support through ALWS also ensured:

- 150 households received improved housing
- 354 people enrolled into literacy classes, and 149 people graduated
- 1,220 children enrolled into schools for the first time
- 526 households now own goats, 294 own chickens, 132 own pigs, and 196 own cows
- the health centre of Muvumu was completed and medical materials gathered to begin operation

- small roads rehabilitated to link communities to other villages, services and markets.

During the year, community leaders and animators (who support community members) were evaluated, and trained in literacy training, methodology and monitoring, and evaluation techniques for Community Based Organisations.

Animators and community members also received training in business management, market gardening, tuber harvesting and conservation, leadership,

modern farming techniques, disaster management, environment protection and social cohesion.

Child protection committees were trained in child rights and protection.

**Your support empowers communities to take charge of their own development, develops better leaders, and improves the livelihoods of families.** You also train communities to successfully move on when support is completed. The next evaluation for this country program will be in 2017.

COUNTRY	BURUNDI
WHAT	Community Emowerment Project (CEP)
LOCAL PARTNER	Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Burundi
WHERE	Cunkuzo and Ruyigi provinces
WHO	25,395 people
ALWS ACTION	\$415,000 (ALWS)



**Thanks to training and support, many communities now manage their own development projects, such as banana plantations.**

With your support, Cendrine and her village are learning about goat breeding, agricultural techniques and management of the land and harvests. Everyone involved in the project can now feed and clothe their families and afford medical treatment when it's needed. "Our thanks and appreciation to LWF's work and we ask for continued assistance especially for more intensive trainings in various sectors". Photo: ALWS





**SONG AND DANCE!** When you help people through ALWS, they love to say thank you. That may be a speech, a song, a gift like pumpkins or a goat – or a song and dance like you see here in Mozambique! Photo: ALWS

## Scarcity to security

**The Rural Livelihoods and Resilience Project assists communities to improve their access to food, market opportunities, water and sanitation.**

The project also assists communities to prepare for and respond to natural disaster.

**COUNTRY**  
MOZAMBIQUE

**WHAT**  
Rural Livelihoods and Resilience Project

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Mozambique

**WHERE**  
Gaza province

**WHO**  
17,153 people

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$108,024 (ALWS)

Due to severe and prolonged drought that has continued since 2015, it was a difficult year with limited food and water for people and livestock. The project distributed food and water in humanitarian response. The target communities in Gaza responded to the emergency drought situation by undertaking needs assessments, organising water trucking, and supporting the drilling of boreholes.

Savings and credit groups had access to savings that provided a buffer during the drought so that community members were able to buy food.

Community members also used the savings and credit groups to begin small businesses. Some of these benefitted the communities, like the group member who bought a truck to bring flour from South Africa to sell to other people at a reduced cost. Other group members are saving money to buy a truck that will transport people and their goods to attend the weekly trade fair.

In Chirete community the members were able to buy food and school material for their children even while coping with the drought.

During the year, two boreholes were drilled and four water cisterns built. This will reduce water scarcity for the people living in the communities. Community members were also trained in water management and repairing the water sources. Communities brought together funds to keep as a reserve for spare parts when they are needed in the future.

**The project also conducted training:**

- 2,400 households on environmentally friendly practices
- 214 households in business management
- 345 participants on water and sanitation.

In preparation for flooding which might occur in 2017, families were encouraged to find safe areas to build improved houses.

As 2016 was LWF Mozambique's final year working with the communities in Gaza, a closing ceremony was held to consolidate the relationships between community structures and local governments so that positive development outcomes continue.



# EMERGENCY ACTION

Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless – cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it...

from 1 Peter 4:7-11 (The Message)

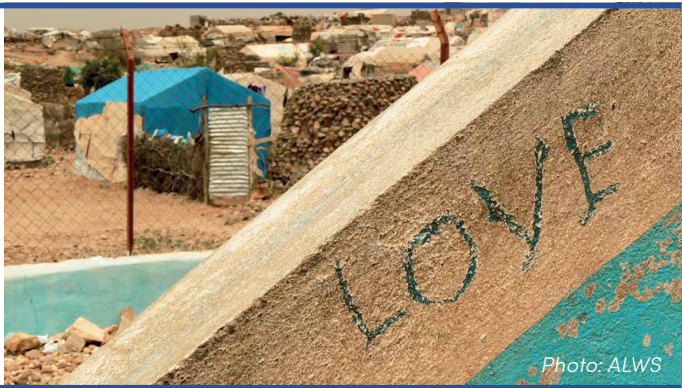


Photo: ALWS

## Ethiopia

LWF World Service Ethiopia launched an Emergency Response Project in Lasta district of North Wollo Zone of the Amhara National Regional State, and later in July in Rayitu district of the Oromia National Regional State.

Your support contributed towards:

- distributed grants to 2,790 people in Rayitu District in Bale Zone and 3,173 people in Lasta-Lalibela District in North Wollo Zone
- supported conservation including 187Km stone bund construction, 124 kilometres soil bund construction, 17 kilometres bench terrace construction, 14 kilometres access road.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Since February 2015 Ethiopia has suffered the brunt of the El Nino weather phenomenon. Both spring and summer rains failed affecting both agricultural and pastoral activity, causing significantly challenging food and nutrition security.

**WHO IS AFFECTED** Approximately 2.9 million people

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Lasta and Rayitu Districts

**WHO YOU HELPED** 5,953 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$177,000



## Papua New Guinea

### WHAT HAPPENED

El Nino weather pattern caused frost and drought leading to the failure of staple crops

### WHO IS AFFECTED

2.7 million people

### WHERE YOU HELPED

Various areas across PNG – with high altitude locations being the worst affected by drought

### WHO YOU HELPED

61 villages

### ALWS ACTION

\$72,770 (DFAT)

The response from ALWS ensured:

- 61 villages received drought-resistant varieties of African Yam, Taro, Cassava and Rice
- 160 people were supported to become food processing and preservation trainers for their communities. This skill enables people to convert perishable foods into long-lasting foods which they can eat in times of scarcity
- training on how to better-prepare for emergencies such as droughts
- training in managing soil which is nitrogen depleted or infested with pests.

This response was made in partnership with 6 other churches and their associated NGOs.

Here in Ethiopia, you supported people to work on vital community projects to earn income to buy food for their families. Photo: ALWS





Through ALWS, you support master masons and carpenters to train community members to build earthquake-resistant shelters. People can then re-build their own houses. *Photo: Brian Holmes AOA*

## Nepal

Recovering from a disaster as severe as the 2015 Nepal earthquake is a long-term effort. **LWF World Service with the ACT Alliance continues to support affected families:**

- provision of permanent, hazard resistant housing
- psychosocial support to communities
- grants to support resumption of livelihood activities for families who had assets damaged or destroyed by the earthquake.

In January, following an ACT Joint Monitoring visit to the areas

affected by the 2015 earthquake, it was reported:

"Manekor and LWF World Service (implementing partners) provided emergency response in 5 districts assigned by the government in Rasuwa. Food and non-food items, including winterisation support where provided except in Gatlang. The remote village of Langtang was inaccessible by road after the earthquake due to which aid was delivered there to 160 households by a helicopter. Manekor's and LWF World Service's operations were highly appreciated because the quality relief items have been delivered in a timely and transparent manner."

### WHAT HAPPENED

In April and May 2015, two massive earthquakes hit Nepal. Emergency relief efforts were transitioned in 2016 toward recovery and reconstruction assistance.

### WHERE

Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Rasuwa, Lalitpur, Kathmandu

### WHO IS AFFECTED

8,790 dead 22,300 injured  
more than 800,000 houses destroyed

### WHO YOU HELPED

10,360 families

### ALWS ACTION

\$387,800 sent in 2015 for 2016 activities and \$15,871 from Global Mission Partners

## Darfur, Sudan

Through your support, ALWS has contributed to providing help to:

### WHAT HAPPENED

Humanitarian crisis following 14 years of conflict.

### WHO IS AFFECTED

3.1 million people

### WHERE YOU HELPED

North, East and Central Darfur

### WHO YOU HELPED

397,988 people

### ALWS ACTION

\$177,000

- 91,489 people supported with curative, maternal, newborn and child healthcare, nutrition, preventive immunization, health education and awareness campaigns
- 278,487 people provided with Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services through 10 new boreholes and 79 rehabilitated hand pumps
- 12,500 newly displaced people supported with non-food items and emergency shelter materials
- 2,216 households received improved agriculture seeds including okra cowpeas, and watermelon
- 560 households participated in Cash for Work activities, working as labourers on vital community projects in Central Darfur.



It takes great courage to work in difficult places like here at Elegu Collection Centre for refugees from Darfur in Sudan... yet it is here we can most powerfully bring love to life and declare the 'stranger' welcomed.

*Photo: LWF Uganda*





When you lose everything, you need support to start again. Here, a Syrian refugee, now safe at Za'atari Refugee camp in Jordan, listens to her instructor in a sewing class to enhance her vocational opportunities.

Photo: LWF

## Burundi

**The ALWS family supported LWF Burundi to assist 2,300 people hurt by crisis.**

Working alongside Norwegian Church Aid, Christian Aid and Dan Church Aid, cash grants provided timely and appropriate emergency relief to the most affected households for their primary needs. Cash is invested into markets and local services, supporting the local economy. Cash transfers are accompanied by activities like support to savings and credit associations, or towards the creation of income-generating activities.

LWF also worked with diverse groups to achieve social cohesion through peace-building activities like engaging groups in dialogue, cultural events and sport. Since this work started there have been no incidents of violence – a real victory, considering that youth had previously been regularly involved in conflict.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Since April 2015 violence spread throughout Bujumbura, the capital city of Burundi. This continuing crisis has placed 442,000 people in need of life saving attention.

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Bujumbura Mairie province

**WHO IS AFFECTED** 1.1 million

**WHO YOU HELPED** 2,300 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$177,000

**When conflict and crisis happen, children are often those most at risk. Your support for people in Burundi to help build peace aims to protect the vulnerable and weak.** Photo: ALWS



## Syria

**In early 2016 Jordan closed its borders to newly arriving refugees. 41,157 Syrian and other refugees were still registered. Through ACT Alliance, LWF Jordan provides humanitarian assistance in a complex environment:**

- psychosocial classes continued in Irbid for 92 children aged 11-17 years, including both Syrian and Jordanian students to improve connection within the two communities
- 43 caregivers completed the Psychosocial Support and Positive Parenting course in Irbid
- improved learning environment for children and refugees
- increase in community cohesion
- 911 refugee children received school kits
- 210 people completed advanced livelihoods courses in sewing and office skills, with each receiving a kit to continue using the skills they learnt
- Business Skills training for 6 facilitators and 6 new participants who then delivered the course to 150 refugees in the camp interested in starting their own business
- construction of 6 classrooms for the school in Madaba was initiated
- 115 people received grants for basic needs.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Since conflict began in Syria in March 2011, more than 250,000 lives have been lost. 13.5 million people in Syria are in need of humanitarian assistance.

### WHO IS AFFECTED

655,404 Syrian refugees – only those registered in Jordan

### WHERE YOU HELPED

Mafraq, Irbid and Zarqa governorates and Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan

**WHO YOU HELPED** 397,988 people

### ALWS ACTION

\$365,807 (including \$20,975 from Global Mission Partners)





**Hope starts here! As families flee the crisis in Iraq, you offer them welcome in camps where they are safe, and can receive food, water and shelter. Photo: LWF**

## Iraq

**In 2016, ALWS supported Lutheran World Federation's response through survival assistance for internally displaced people and their host communities in northern Iraq:**

- 8,065 students received hygiene kits
- 573 people accessed services through the Women Friendly Space Operation
- 886 people received water through a distribution pipeline extension
- 53,058 students received kerosene for the winter months
- support towards livelihoods, shelter, psychosocial counselling, school rehabilitation, and sleeping and cooking materials.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Since June 2014, a significant increase in conflict has led to the displacement of millions of people requiring humanitarian support.

### WHO IS AFFECTED

10 million people

### WHERE YOU HELPED

The governorates of Kirkuk, Ninawa, Salah al-Din, Sulaymania, Erbil and Duhok.

**WHO YOU HELPED** Over 72,000 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$70,000



**Through our ALWS partner, Lutheran World Federation, you 'welcome the stranger' by offering life-protecting care to refugees and displaced people. Thank you!**

Photo: LWF





When staff from Lao and Cambodia visited the program ALWS supports in Indonesia, they met Juli and Rafi. They learned how the program has supported teachers from Rafi's school (where he is in Year 2) to develop special education teaching skills so that children with a disability can also benefit from a quality education. *Photo: ALWS*

## Dignity for All

**ALWS is taking the lead across the LWF partnership in making sure projects have world best practice in Child Safeguarding and Disability Inclusion.** ALWS acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government through DFAT to support this aspect of our work.

### Child Safeguarding (Building Child Safe Organisations)

**In 2016, ALWS:**

- supported a regional workshop in Child Safeguarding for LWF World Service Programs in Latin and Central America, and in Geneva for LWF World Service headquarter staff. These trainings help ensure programs do as much as they can to reduce the risk of children being abused or exploited
- provided funding for the LWF World Service Child Protection Policy to be translated into French, to be used in Haiti and Francophone countries in Africa
- provided ongoing support to all of our partners to strengthen the Child Safeguarding practices within their organisations.

**Funding DFAT: \$13,834 ALWS: \$23,665**

### Disability Inclusion

For the past seven years, ALWS has been advocating for disability-inclusion with partners. **In 2016 this has included:**

- training visit for program staff from Cambodia and Lao to Indonesia
- training of Church Agency Network members in disability-inclusion
- support to disability-inclusion programming in Nepal
- bringing together people with disabilities, NGOs and governments of Eastern Africa to make plans for improving outcomes for people with disability.

**Funding DFAT: \$29,109 ALWS: \$1,902**

## Education to inspiration to ACTION!

The three members of the ALWS Community Education team delivered 242 presentations in Lutheran schools, churches and groups in 2016.

**Raising awareness through the lens of 'Goodness Grows – Our planet. Our people. Our purpose', the team inspired young people like Year 7 student, Dustin:**

"I enjoyed learning about how fortunate I am to have clean water, clean food and gas that doesn't use pig poo. I learnt that some people have to walk for days and sometimes weeks to find a refugee camp to have food and water."

Students explored the realities of what a wonderful world God created and how He asked us to be caretakers. They looked at what this means in our lives today, especially in the light of changing climate and more frequent natural disasters.

Students saw the impact on people living in poverty through stories of families living in Cambodia, and heard how the work of ALWS and its partners supports these families and brings hope and change to their lives. Primary student Will shared:

**"One of the best things you taught me was to respect our planet as we would respect each other."**

By interacting with people face-to-face, the Community Education team is able to bring stories to life, respond to people's most pressing questions, and inspire real life action that changes people's lives.



**Inspired by the Awareness theme Goodness Grows, students engage in hands-on learning and action!** *Photo: ALWS*



# How YOU help Goodness Grow



Children at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya thank Pastor Mark for his marathon effort! Photo: LWF Kenya

## From Perth to Palmerston North

In 2016, the ALWS family showed amazing kindness and care to help goodness grow for people hurt by poverty, disaster and injustice. Thank you!

WHERE YOU LIVE	WHAT YOU GAVE
Queensland	\$838,701
New South Wales	\$379,034
ACT	\$69,964
Victoria	\$761,972
Tasmania	\$7,797
South Australia	\$1,690,157
Western Australia	\$103,117
Northern Territory	\$43,760
New Zealand	\$2,814
Other *	\$413,545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,310,861</b>

\* Lutheran Women of Australia, grants from LLL Permanent Funds, interest forgone on LLL accounts, etc

## 10,000 honey biscuits light up life with love!

When the Lutheran Church at Lobethal (SA) made and gave away 10,000 honey biscuits at Christmas Lobethal Lights ... they used 36kgs of honey ... talked to 6,000 visitors ... **and raised \$1,268 to help people through ALWS – a real gift that keeps on giving!**



Photo: ALWS

## Marathon Effort

When Pastor Mark Vainikka from the Lutheran Church of St Andrew the Apostle, Brisbane, ran his first marathon on 3 July, he raised funds for a cause close to his heart:

“I’m running a kilometre for every kilogram I’ve lost in weight over the last ten years (42kg), plus I’m aiming to send one child to pre-school in Kakuma refugee camp for every kilometre I run on the day – 42 children. I’ve gone through three heart operations and was obese only ten years ago. To now be doing this is really a dream come true’.

**Pastor Mark smashed his goal and raised \$3,401 to help support 100 children!**



## Grace grows goodness

‘My 5 year old son Eli has started earning pocket money this year and has just saved up enough in his ‘give’ jar to buy his first gift for someone in need. He was very excited to look through the different things in Gifts of Grace and choose the one he thought would help the most!’

– Darren



Crazy ideas. Hard work. Friendly fun. It's wonderful seeing the creative ways the ALWS family found to help others in 2016 – thank you!



Photo: Loxton Lutheran School

## Disco Donating

After an ALWS Awareness Day, the Grade 3/4 class at Loxton Lutheran School (SA) put on a disco to help children at Kakuma Refugee Camp. The disco raised \$961, and student Georgia says: **"I feel really great now I've helped the community and helped lots of kids go to pre-school."**



Photo: ALWS

## Vital Volunteers

In 2016, hard-working volunteers gave many hundreds of hours of their time to care for people through ALWS. Their gift means more of YOUR gifts are freed up to help those in need. 80 year old Audrey Hopkins from Adelaide, was acknowledged for her wonderful service by local Federal MP Amanda Rishworth (left), after being nominated by ALWS Community Action Officer Julie Krause (right). **We thank God for the gift of Audrey and all our amazing volunteers.**

## Len's love lasts a lifetime

Len Unger was born in 1917, and on 27 February celebrated his 100th birthday. For many decades, Len supported some of the world's poorest children and their families through ALWS. While Len never had his own children, he once said:

**"All those children I have helped, I think I could claim them as my grandchildren, as it were".**

Len passed away on 16 March 2017. **Thank you Len.**



Photo: ALWS



Photo: DHuf

## Hooked on helping

Aileen and Derryl Huf from St Peter's Lutheran Church in Port Macquarie turn fish – like Aileen's prize-winning Jewfish – into funds to help people in poor communities. Fillets are packaged 10 to a pack, **and congregation members (and friends) give a \$5 donation!**



## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, the Directors of the agency report on the financial statements and operations of the agency for the year ended 31 December 2016 as follows:

### **1. THE NAMES OF THE DIRECTORS IN OFFICE AT DATE OF THIS REPORT**

Rev P Hage (Chairperson)  
Mr J Braun (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr I Rentsch

Dr J Murray  
Ms M Brookes

### **2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activities of ALWS during the year were to support programs that decrease human poverty and injustice, provide for the well-being of refugees and the internally displaced and respond to the needs of people affected by disasters. These activities and programs are achieved in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation's (LWF) Department for World Service, ACT Alliance, the Evangelical Lutheran Church – PNG (ELC-PNG) and LWF churches in Indonesia. ALWS also assists uprooted people to resettle in Australia, provides global education programs to LCA schools, congregations and auxiliaries and liaises with government and non-government organisations to maximise the effectiveness of aid delivery.

### **3. OPERATING RESULTS**

There was a shortfall of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016 of \$391,708.

### **4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS**

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2016.

### **5. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

Since the end of the financial year, the Directors are not aware of any matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the financial report that have significantly or may significantly affect the operations or the state of affairs of the agency in subsequent financial years.

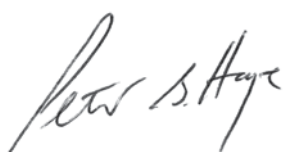
### **6. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS**

The Directors do not expect any developments in the operations of the agency which would affect the results of the operations in subsequent financial years.


### **7. DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**

No remuneration was received by or transactions entered into with the Directors or Directors' related entities during the year other than reimbursement of Board related expenses.

For and on behalf of the Board:



**Rev P B Hage**  
(Chairperson)



**Mr J Braun**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 9 March 2017

Place: 1 Freshwater Place, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria

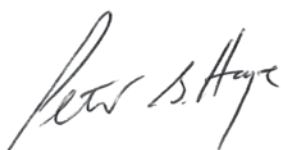


## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION


The Directors of Australian Lutheran World Service declare that:

- (a) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 28 to 37, are in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct and:
  - i. comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of the performance for the year ended on that date.
- (b) In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



**Rev P B Hage**  
(Chairperson)



**Mr J Braun**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Dated: 9 March 2017

Place: 1 Freshwater Place, Southbank, Melbourne, Victoria

*The attached financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)*

## Financial Report Summary

**The wonderful generosity of the ALWS family, and support from the Lutheran Laypeople's League and the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, have all contributed towards our income of \$6.6 million for the 2016 year.** Your kindness and generosity through ALWS, has enabled our continued work to support overseas projects and community education. **Thank you for your incredible support!**

This funding received enabled us to maintain our commitments to our eight core programs during 2016, plus disburse funds to eight emergency appeals. Thank you!

There was a shortfall of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016. The main reasons for this were the release of additional funds during 2016, to support the great need of the East Africa Drought. And a new funding payment method introduced during the 2016/17 year. This meant that for one of our grants, instead of receiving 100% of our funding in September 2016, we received 50% in September 2016 and the remaining 50% in April 2017. Taking both these reasons into account, ALWS remains financially sound.

Despite the increasing costs to operate as an aid agency

today, our overheads (fundraising and administration costs as defined by ACFID) have remained steady, with 12.65% overheads in 2016, and a 5 year average of 11.31%.

**This means over 87% of the money we received in 2016 went towards work supporting projects that help and educate people.** At ALWS, we continually strive to deliver effective programs, while meeting compliance requirements, to ensure we can have the greatest impact on the communities we seek to serve. Looking forward to 2017, we are seeking ways to diversify our income where possible, to build an even stronger organisation. This will include looking at ways to increase the impact of each dollar, by using our international partners and networks to leverage additional support. The ALWS supporter family is critical in this, and we are very grateful and give thanks for your continued kindness and generosity.

ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2016. It has the capacity to meet all of its obligations as and when they fall due, and retains enough money in reserve to meet its legal obligations. In 2017 ALWS does not anticipate any significant impact on its financial health.



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Australian Lutheran World Service, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Lutheran World Service has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Australian Lutheran World Service in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), the ACFID Code of Conduct and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling Australian Lutheran World Service's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act and is also consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the organisation's constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Responsibility of the Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The Board of Australian Lutheran World Service is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing Australian Lutheran World Service's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate Australian Lutheran World Service or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Australian Lutheran World Service's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause Australian Lutheran World Service to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**MRL GROUP PTY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants



**Mark LeCornu**  
Registered Company Auditor  
Adelaide, 24th day of March 2017

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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	NOTE	2016	2015
		\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		3,859,437	4,978,358
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		451,424	49,764
Grants			
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		2,101,183	2,606,855
- Other Australian		105,000	75,000
- Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		103,785	116,976
Other Income		23,200	11,026
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>6,644,029</b>	<b>7,837,979</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	8	5,415,668	5,468,676
- Program support costs		378,668	360,762
Community Education		344,932	303,074
Fundraising costs			
- Public		320,357	319,214
- Government, multilateral & private		5,949	4,858
Accountability & Administration		563,675	562,730
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>7,029,249</b>	<b>7,019,314</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		6,488	17,334
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>7,035,737</b>	<b>7,036,648</b>
<b>(SHORTFALL) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(391,708)</b>	<b>801,331</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTE	2016	2015
ASSETS		\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		5,838,731	6,236,555
Trade and Other Receivables	2	27,758	19,349
Inventories		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>5,866,489</b>	<b>6,255,904</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	11,567	14,218
Investment Property		0	0
Intangibles		0	0
Other Non-Current Assets	4	26,699	25,346
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>38,266</b>	<b>39,564</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>5,904,755</b>	<b>6,295,468</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	20,841	74,387
Borrowings		0	0
Current Tax Liabilities	6	28,747	34,426
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	262,933	174,531
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>312,521</b>	<b>283,344</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	13,084	41,266
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>13,084</b>	<b>41,266</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>325,605</b>	<b>324,610</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>5,579,150</b>	<b>5,970,858</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		5,579,150	5,970,858
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>5,579,150</b>	<b>5,970,858</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of period	5,970,858	<b>5,970,858</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	<b>0</b>
Items of other comprehensive income	0	<b>0</b>
(Shortfall) of revenue over expenses	(391,708)	<b>(391,708)</b>
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	<b>0</b>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>5,579,150</b>	<b>5,579,150</b>

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	NOTE	2016	2015
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Government grants and other income		6,540,244	7,740,221
Interest receipts		103,785	97,758
Operating Expenses		(7,023,035)	(6,929,484)
Net cash (used) generated from operating activities	12	(379,006)	908,495
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		(1,999)	(8,876)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(1,999)	(8,876)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net (decrease) increase in cash held		(397,824)	928,205
Cash at the beginning of the year		6,236,555	5,308,350
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	12	<b>5,838,731</b>	<b>6,236,555</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

## **NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

To assist in an understanding of the disclosures presented in the financial report the following summary explains the significant accounting policies which have been adopted in their preparation. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct; a code to which all Australian overseas aid agencies receiving government funding are required to adhere.

### **(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial report has been prepared primarily on the basis of historical cost and does not take into account changing money value or current valuations of non-current assets. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with current Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, and other mandatory reporting requirements.

### **(b) Depreciation**

Plant and equipment is valued at cost.

Depreciation is calculated on plant and equipment using the prime cost method based on the expected useful life of each asset. Surpluses and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the operating result for the year. Assets are depreciated on a straight line basis using appropriate rates as determined by management.

### **(c) Employee entitlements**

Employee entitlements are accounted for in accordance with AASB119. The amount expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlements to annual leave are accrued annually at current wage rates. Long service leave is accrued in respect of employees at the estimated present value of the future amounts expected to be paid on their current entitlements.

### **(d) Income policy**

Grants and donations received are recognised as revenue upon receipt.

### **(e) Value of volunteers**

The work of Australian Lutheran World Service is supported by a large number of volunteers each year. The value of services provided by volunteers is not included in revenue or expenditure because of the practical difficulties involved.

In relation to volunteers used directly for the support of international projects and community education, the economic value of volunteers is calculated to be \$6,165 for the year ended 31 December 2016. This amount is considered recognised development expenditure for the purpose of assessing entitlement for government funding.

### **(f) Comparative information**

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.



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	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2 TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Prepayments	11,282	19,017
Debtors - Other	16,476	332
	<b>27,758</b>	<b>19,349</b>
<b>NOTE 3 PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>(a) Summary</b>		
Office Equipment, at cost	90,585	88,586
Less Accumulated depreciation	(79,018)	(74,368)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>14,218</b>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of movements</b>		
A reconciliation of the carrying amount of each class of asset for the year is set out below:		
Office Equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	14,218	9,666
Plus Additions	1,999	8,876
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Depreciation	(4,650)	(4,324)
Carrying amount at end of year	11,567	14,218
<b>NOTE 4 OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Gross loan amounts outstanding	36,147	33,562
Less provision for doubtful debts	(9,448)	(8,216)
	<b>26,699</b>	<b>25,346</b>
<b>NOTE 5 TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Creditors	20,841	30,387
Funding held in advance	0	44,000
Accruals	0	0
	<b>20,841</b>	<b>74,387</b>
<b>NOTE 6 CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Tax Liabilities	28,747	34,426
	<b>28,747</b>	<b>34,426</b>
<b>NOTE 7 PROVISIONS</b>		
Long Service Leave	91,923	67,297
Annual Leave	184,094	148,500
	<b>276,017</b>	<b>215,797</b>
Current portion	262,933	174,531
Non-Current portion	13,084	41,266
	<b>276,017</b>	<b>215,797</b>

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### NOTE 8 DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ALWS	DFAT	TOTAL
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</b>				
Burundi	Community Empowerment Program	415,000		415,000
Cambodia	Integrated Rural Development & Empowerment Project	263,015	779,574	1,042,589
Disability Inclusive Development	Program Training (prior year refund received)	(2,361)	4,771	2,410
Child Protection	Child Protection	23,665	13,834	37,499
India	Grihini Project	49,606		49,606
Indonesia	CDRM & CDS Program	224,408	230,607	455,015
Indonesia	Hephata Program	57,585		57,585
Kenya	Kakuma Refugee Camp	216,500		216,500
Kenya	Dadaab Refugee Camp	50,000		50,000
Kenya	Djibouti	14,083		14,083
Mozambique	Gaza Development Program	108,024		108,024
Regional	AZEECON Project	40,000		40,000
Nepal	Nepal Development Program	118,100	428,289	546,389
PNG - CPP	Church Partnership Program		589,122	589,122
PNG - CPP Drought	Church Partnership Program		67,054	67,054
South Sudan	Crisis Response Plan	600,000		600,000
<b>EMERGENCY &amp; REFUGEE RESPONSE</b>				
Iraq/Mosul	Iraq Appeal IRQ161	70,000		70,000
Nepal	Nepal NPL151 - Earthquake Appeal	15,871		15,871
Sudan	Darfur Emergency SDN161	177,000		177,000
Myanmar	Myanmar Flood Appeal	6,330		6,330
Syria	Regional Response SYR161	365,807		365,807
Fiji	Cyclone Winston Emergency Response	7,387		7,387
Vanuatu	Vanuatu Emergency Appeal	13,267		13,267
Horn Of Africa	Ethiopia ETH161	177,000		177,000
Burundi	Conflict	177,000		177,000
<b>GLOBAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</b>				
	DWS Coordination	19,740		19,740
	DWS Program Support / Communications / Security & Safety	28,000		28,000
	DWS Audit Unit	14,000		14,000
	DWS Resource Mobilisation	14,000		14,000
	DWS PMER	9,800		9,800
	DWS Horn of Africa Coordination	29,590		29,590
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,302,417</b>	<b>2,113,251</b>	<b>5,415,668</b>



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### NOTE 9 TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

SOURCE	CASH AVAILABLE AT BEGINNING OF 2016	CASH RAISED DURING 2016	CASH DISBURSED DURING 2016	CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF 2016 FOR FUTURE USE
DFAT – Cambodia	419,328	809,169	836,723	391,774
DFAT – Indonesia CDRM	177,073	357,023	287,758	246,338
DFAT – Child Protection	11,637	37,509	11,848	37,298
DFAT – PNG CPP	519,074	352,146	774,110	97,110
DFAT – PNG CPP Drought	0	77,766	77,766	0
DFAT – Disability				
Inclusive Development	89,485	2,286	4,771	87,000
DFAT – Nepal	232,968	493,976	485,440	241,504
Vanuatu Emergency	12,115	2,059	14,174	0
Burundi Conflict Crisis	0	177,000	177,000	0
Nepal Earthquake Appeal	0	16,001	16,001	0
Iraq Appeal – Mosul	0	70,000	70,000	0
Sudan – Darfur	0	177,000	177,000	0
Myanmar Floods	6,330	0	6,330	0
Fiji Cyclone Appeal	0	7,387	7,387	0
Horn of Africa Drought	0	177,000	177,000	0
Syria Regional				
Humanitarian Response	322,901	47,206	365,807	4,300
Total – Other Purposes	4,445,644	3,840,501	3,552,738	4,733,407
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,236,555</b>	<b>6,644,029</b>	<b>7,041,853</b>	<b>5,838,731</b>

#### Notes:

(a) Cash available at end of 2016 for future use is shown on the balance sheet as follows:

**Cash and Cash equivalents** **5,838,731**

(b) This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Cash Flows on page 37.

## **NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY INFORMATION**

### **(a) Lutheran Church of Australia Incorporated (LCA)**

ALWS serves as the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The LCA endorses and indemnifies the activity of ALWS and has authorised the ALWS Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary to sign contracts and resulting financial declarations for work to be carried out by ALWS in accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws.

### **(b) Directors**

Persons holding the position of Director of the agency during the financial year were:

Rev P Hage  
Mr J Braun  
Mr Ian Rentsch  
Dr J Murray  
Ms M Brookes

### **(c) Lutheran World Federation, Department for World service (LWF)**

ALWS is a Related Agency to the Lutheran World Federation, Department for World Service. ALWS paid funds totalling \$3,843,800 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2016.

### **(d) Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance**

ACT Alliance, the coordination office for emergency relief projects organisationally based in the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches, was paid \$989,008 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2016.

### **(e) Contracting of associate**

During the year ended 31 December 2016, a family member of an employee of ALWS was engaged to provide graphic design services on a contractual basis. The services were to produce the ALWS Annual Report and educational material consistent with core activity of ALWS. The services were engaged on an arm's length basis on regular commercial terms and were subject to external audit including compliance assurance with ALWS policy.



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## NOTE 11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### INTEREST RATE RISK

	FLOATING INTEREST RATE	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 1 YEAR OR LESS	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 1 TO 2 YEARS	FIXED INTEREST RATE MATURING 2 to 5 YEARS	NON INTEREST BEARING	TOTAL BOOK VALUE	NET MARKET VALUE
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>							
Cash on hand					100	100	100
Cash at bank	5,838,631					5,838,631	5,838,631
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					27,758	27,758	27,758
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,838,631</b>				<b>27,858</b>	<b>5,866,489</b>	<b>5,866,489</b>
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>							
Trade and other payables					49,588	49,588	49,588
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>					<b>49,588</b>	<b>49,588</b>	<b>49,588</b>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,838,631</b>				<b>(21,730)</b>	<b>5,816,901</b>	<b>5,816,901</b>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 3.25%

## **NOTE 12 CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

### **(a) Reconciliation of cash**

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	5,838,731	6,236,555
Term Deposits	0	0
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>5,838,731</b>	<b>6,236,555</b>

### **(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations to operating result**

(Shortfall) Excess of Revenue over Expenditure (391,708) 801,331

#### **NON-CASH FLOWS IN OPERATING SURPLUS:**

Change to Provisions for Long Service Leave and Annual Leave	60,221	67,536
Depreciation	4,650	4,324
Change to Provision for Doubtful Debts	1,232	0

#### **CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:**

Movement in non-current assets (Resettlement Loans)	(2,585)	(1,470)
Movement in trade and other receivables	8,409	(14,293)
Movement in trade and other payables	(59,225)	51,067

<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(379,006)</b>	<b>908,495</b>
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# ALWS Board of Directors

## Rev Peter Hage, BTh GradDipMin – Chair

Peter is Parish Pastor at St Mark's Lutheran Church at Mount Gravatt in Queensland. He previously served at parishes in Mt Barker and Freeling/Rosedale in South Australia. He also served as a Missionary/Pastor and lecturer in PNG for 10 years. He currently serves as a Board member for LCA International Mission, and has visited ALWS projects in PNG, Cambodia, Nepal, Burundi and South Sudan.

## Dr Paul Meyer, BA MA PhD (Demography) – NSW Director/Vice-Chair

Paul is a retired senior data analyst and project manager at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Previously Paul lectured in the Graduate Program in Demography at the Australia National University, and was a Research Fellow at the Population Research Institute at Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia. He serves on the LCA's Commission for Social and Bioethical Questions. Paul was a US Peace Corps volunteer in Tonga, and has visited ALWS projects in Indonesia and Cambodia.

**Our thanks to Paul for his long and valuable contribution as Director.**

## Ian Rentsch, BA, B Soc Admin, MBA, MA (Theology) – NSW/ACT Director (incoming March 2016)

Ian's background is in the management of non-profit/community sector organisations, including Lutheran Community Care (South Australia). In June 2014, he resigned to take up full time study in theology. He now works for the Lutheran Church of Australia as Coordinator of the Church's Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Campaign and is undertaking additional work in the NSW District of the Church. Over the years, he has had voluntary membership on a wide range of boards and committees.

## Mr John Braun, BTech Electronic Engineering – VIC/TAS Director

John is a retired senior manager for IBM Global Services, and has more than 30 years of experience with design and implementation of communications and information technology infrastructure projects in the Asia Pacific region.

## Dr Judith Murray, BA (Hons) DipEd BEdSt PhD MAPS BNurs RN – QLD Director

Judith is Associate Professor of Counselling and Counselling Psychology at the University of Queensland. She also lectures in the Master of Counselling and Master of Applied Psychology programs. She is a Registered Nurse in Haematology and Oncology at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. She has visited the ALWS project in Kenya.

## Ms Morgan Brookes, BA BEd – SA/NT Director

Morgan plays a key role in the Kalahari training initiative of Concordia College in Adelaide, where she is also a teacher. She has visited the ALWS project in Indonesia.

*The ALWS Board met in March and September 2016.*

*The Administrative Committee convened in April, May, October, and December 2016.*

*ALWS has a Complaints Policy which can be found at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au) To lodge a complaint against ALWS, contact Executive Secretary Chey Mattner at [cheym@alws.org.au](mailto:cheym@alws.org.au) or 02 6021 5329, or if the complaint is against the Executive Secretary contact Board Chair Pastor Peter Hage [peter.hage@lca.org.au](mailto:peter.hage@lca.org.au) or 0466 303 999.*

## Board Advisory Group

The Board Advisory Group comprises a body of individuals who are 'on call' to the Board and Executive Secretary when matters arise requiring assistance in specific areas of expertise. It is not a decision-making body, nor one which meets as a group. The members and their areas of expertise are as follows:

### Finance:

**Mr Ron Asquith,**  
PA, BA Comm – Director,  
ATS Accountants

### Human Resources:

**Mr Don Elder,**  
BBus(HRM/IR)JPNWSW –  
Human Resources Manager,  
Lutheran Aged Care

### Risk & Accountability:

**Ms Yung Nietschke,**  
MA (Ed), BA/BSc – Consultant

### Legal:

**Mr Fred Kleinschmidt,**  
BA/LLB – Solicitor

### Education:

**Ms Jodie Hoff,**  
BTeach, BEd, Grad DipEd  
(Theology), MEdLeadership –  
Principal, LORDS College

### Programs:

**Ms Jamie Davies,**  
MInterAffairs&AfricanStudies  
– International Programs  
Director, Caritas Australia

**Dr Julianne Stewart,**  
PhD – Programs Director,  
Anglican Board of Mission

**The power of partnership! Thanks to support from Australia, Chay Hun in Cambodia has started her own grocery story. A Lutheran school raised money for her community, the Australian Government added their support, and ALWS working through Life With Dignity helped people in Chay Hun's village receive training. Now Chay Hun can send her children to school!**



# Positive partnerships



## Lutheran Church of Australia

ALWS is the Overseas Aid and Resettlement Agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia, working to enable the Lutheran community in Australia and New Zealand to bring love to life by reaching out in love, for justice. ALWS Chair Rev Peter Hage and Executive Secretary Chey Mattner are members of the LCA International Mission's Board.



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## Australian Government – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

ALWS is a fully accredited organisation with the Australian Government, which provided funding through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) to the programs in Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, and to projects in Disability Inclusive Development and Child Safeguarding. DFAT also provided funds through ALWS to Papua New Guinea through the Church Partnership Program and for an emergency response to the drought. ALWS gratefully acknowledges DFAT's support for these programs.



## Lutheran World Federation/Department for World Service (LWF/DWS)

LWF World Service is the main implementer of overseas aid and development for ALWS. It has a global program embracing developing countries in Africa, Central America, South-East Asia and the Middle East. It is a member of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and is the world's fifth largest partner to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Executive Secretary Chey Mattner is a member of LWF World Service's governing body, the Committee for World Service.



## Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance)

ACT Alliance is a network of 144 churches and affiliated organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. ACT Alliance works in over 100 countries in its work for a just world. ALWS is a member of ACT Alliance and its Pacific Australian and New Zealand Forum. Program Officer Lauren Kathage is a member of the Disability Inclusive Development Community of Practice, of which ALWS is the lead agency.



## Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL)

The LLL provides generous support for our institutional strengthening work in Indonesia, in partnership with LCA International Mission and Lutheran Education Australia. The LLL also supports ALWS' work in community education and administration. ALWS gratefully acknowledges LLL's generous support.



## National Council of Churches Australia – Act for Peace

The NCCA has its own overseas aid agency, Act for Peace. ALWS Executive Secretary Chey Mattner is a member of the Act for Peace Commission and chair of its Policy Sub Committee.



## Church Agency Network

The Church Agency Network (CAN) is a group of 11 Australian church-based aid and development agencies. The network is an opportunity to work together and to share experiences and practice, recognising that together we can achieve much more. ALWS is actively engaged in all CAN groups, which include CEOs, Program Managers, Program Effectiveness and Finance Managers. The CAN Disaster Operations (CAN DO) Steering Committee includes Executive Secretary Chey Mattner and Program Officer Leah Odongo.



## Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

ALWS is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the umbrella organisation for Australian overseas aid agencies. Its Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. ALWS is committed to full adherence to the Code.

For more information or to lodge a complaint for breach of the Code with the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, please contact:

Website: [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au) Email: [acfid@acfid.asn.au](mailto:acfid@acfid.asn.au)  
Tel: 02 6285 1816 Fax: 02 6285 1720





**Working together through ALWS,  
we seek to bring love to life,  
and reach out for justice!**

## Vision, Mission, Passion

### Our Mandate

We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me." (Matt 25:35, 36, 40).

### Our Vision

We see a more just world ... a world that upholds the cause of the oppressed, the widow and the fatherless; gives food to the hungry; sets prisoners free; gives sight to the blind; and lifts up those who have fallen down. (Based on Psalm 146)

### Our Mission

Our ALWS mission is to reach out in love... for justice. We seek to bring people together in partnership to ensure the voices of the poor are heard, and God's gifts of grace are shared. We strive for life-changing programs that restore human dignity, alleviate poverty and build just and sustainable communities.

### Our Approach

Poverty and injustice are the result of other people's greed, and so we inspire and equip people to support work which is rights-based, integrated and empowering. Our work is unconditional. It focuses on communities that are disadvantaged or displaced, through trusted partners in Asia/Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa. We utilise and invest in the skills of our people and those around us. We approach everything we do in an accountable, transparent and reflective way.

### Our Goals



#### Help ...

through partners to ensure people live in more just and sustainable communities through long-term development programs, and that people affected by emergencies receive life-sustaining care.



#### Inspire ...

and enable the Lutheran family to reach out in love for justice.



#### Improve ...

to enable us to best serve people, communities and supporters.



#### Strengthen ...

as an organisation to ensure we are transparent and accountable to people, communities, partners and supporters.



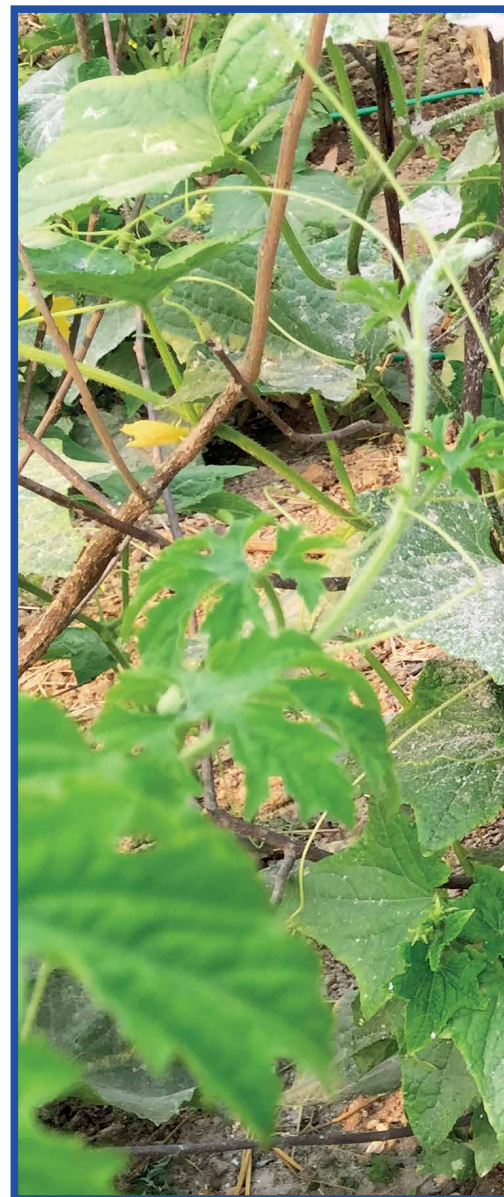
#### Partner ...

to leverage wider change and increase our impact.



#### Resource ...

with the people, funds and time needed to sustain the work of the organisation.



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