


# Annual Report 2017

## WHAT WE DO TOGETHER



If you are tired from  
carrying heavy burdens,  
come to me and I will  
give you rest.

*Jesus – Matthew 11:28 (CEV)*

Please enjoy this report of the love you have brought to life through ALWS in 2017, caring for those burdened by poverty, injustice, conflict and natural disaster. Your support gives people strength to carry on and build a better future. **Thank you!**

# What we did **together** in 2017...

Ours is a world where each year there seems to be more hurt – more natural disasters, more conflict, more people forced from their homes as refugees. The challenges are a burden too big to carry alone ... that's why we come together to help. As we look back on 2017, we may pause for a rest, but only to renew our strength to carry on. **Working together ...**



**You built an entire school ...** in a refugee camp in Djibouti, helping hundreds of children go to school – a gift no one can take away. (p8)



**Who walked my way?** 272 people, supported by 90 volunteers, joined our first **Walk My Way**, helping 4,806 refugee children go to school. (p9)



**When people were hurt** by natural disasters, climate change and conflict, you reached out to bring help, healing and hope. (pp16–21)



**Face to face ...** our Community education team gave 270+ presentations in schools, Lutheran churches and community groups. (p23)



**More help than ever before!** In 2017 the ALWS family, with Australian Government support, gave the most help in ALWS history! (p24)

## Thank you!

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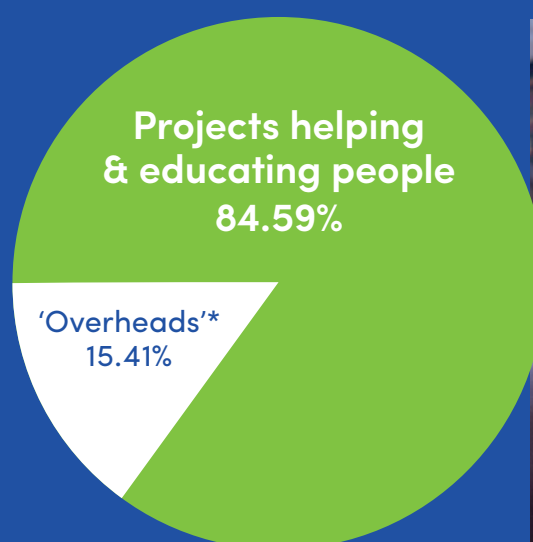


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ALWS farewells Executive Director, Chey Mattner, as he moves to Geneva to work as the Head of Operations for Lutheran World Federation. Photo: ALWS

## When Gabriel spoke

### I met Gabriel in a refugee camp in Kenya.

He was one of a group the United Nations calls 'Child Headed Households'.

These children arrive as refugees without their parents. Until a foster family is found to live with, the oldest child has responsibility to care for their siblings. They're given a tent, some thin mats to sleep on, a food ration card, a water container and a couple of pots to cook in ... yet nothing can replace the parents they've lost.

Gabriel was the quietest child in the group.

He had lost both parents to war, and made the journey to safety on foot, with his two younger sisters and a little brother aged only three.

Gabriel explained how he would love to attend school, but couldn't because he needed to care for his little brother while his sisters were in class. His job was to make sure the fortnightly rations lasted until the next distribution. **He admitted he often got this wrong, and his siblings would go without food for a few days.**

Each child in his household had one pair of shoes and two pairs of clothes, one to wear while the other one was being washed.

In the week before I met him, Gabriel had sold some of his cooking pots to buy uniforms for his sisters. He did this to protect them from harm, knowing a child in a uniform would be left alone if people saw someone was expecting them at the end of their walk.

**In the Bible, Gabriel is an angel God uses to deliver important messages to his people ...**

**... so refugee Gabriel's name was fitting in the message his example gave me about how kindness and sacrifice can bring love to life for others.**

**Sometimes I think all of us could do with a 'Gabriel'.**

Our world faces such challenges with poverty, conflict and injustice, yet at the same time seems caught up in self-interest, greed and personal power.

That's why it's such a privilege to take the kindness and care of the ALWS family to the people who need it most – like Gabriel.

**As you explore this 2017 ALWS Annual Report, you'll see much that will inspire you.**

In 2017, ALWS launched the first-ever 'Walk My Way' event to bring attention to the world's poor.

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**... how kindness and sacrifice can bring love to life for others.**

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come to me and I will give you rest.**

*- Matthew 11:28*



Photo: LWF / P. Jeffrey

**We also visited 215 schools and churches, supported development work in eight countries, responded to five large emergencies, and provided high quality technical support in areas such as child safeguarding, disability inclusion, gender, communications and governance.**

We leveraged the strength of our partners overseas and in Australia in a more meaningful way than ever before. We explored ways of stretching our dollars further by having them matched by large institutional donors in Europe, and joined hands with the American Lutheran community to raise funds for important projects in Indonesia.

We worked closely with Lutheran churches in programs in Asia-Pacific, and took a lead role in a consortium of faith-based agencies called the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) to apply for emergency funding from the Australian Government - something we could have never done alone.

**In 2017, your generosity meant ALWS was able to send more money to support development than any other time in our 65 year history!**

None of this could happen without the kindness of our supporters in Australia and New Zealand, the steadfast commitment from the Australian Government and the

Lutheran Laypeople's League, and the dedicated staff at ALWS and in the field. Thank you!

In February 2018, I leave ALWS to take up a position at Lutheran World Federation Department for World Service in Geneva. Like refugee Gabriel, I will be shifting my family to another country. I pray that in my new role I can follow Gabriel's example of courage, kindness and sacrifice.

**Please remember Gabriel and the many people like him. Continue to support this work. Help us to strengthen their voices and give them the opportunities they so desperately deserve.**

**Chey Mattner**

Executive Director, ALWS

**Chey Mattner, Executive Director of ALWS from 2013 to 2018, steps up to a new role at Lutheran World Federation as worldwide Head of Operations.**



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## When water means life

**When children only have dirty water to drink, they can die.**

When girls must walk hours every day to collect water for their family, they can miss out on school and be in danger from attack.

**When families have no water for their vegetable gardens or crops, the whole family suffers.**

That's why the Turkana people at Nakururum and Lokwamur in Kenya are so blessed by the clean water supplies you have helped provide through ALWS.

While you provided the concrete and design and training ...  
... the community provided rocks, gravel, sand and labour.



Photo: ALWS / H Wikstrom

The result is 20 cubic metre ferro-cement tanks like the one whose foundation you see above, and the finished product (pictured left).

**Now, more than 2,000 people and 7,000 livestock have clean water!**

Because the community were involved right from the start, and had hands-on (literally!) involvement, they feel ownership of the new asset – which helps ensure it will be looked after properly. This is reinforced by training local community members in maintenance and forming into Water Committees.

The impact of this work is seen in healthy children, girls able to attend school, women with time to start businesses, crops flourishing, and livestock numbers increasing.

**When water comes to life, so do people!**

**Through ALWS in 2017 you brought life-giving water to the Turkana people in Kenya, as they hosted refugees at Kakuma Camp.** Photo: ALWS / H Wikstrom





## SOUTH SUDAN

**WHAT**  
Resilience Building Project

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

**WHERE**  
Uror, Twic East and Duk Counties  
of Jonglei State

**WHO** 12,484 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$600,000



Photo: LWF

# Building schools ... and strength

## Why our help is needed

In 2017, South Sudan entered its fourth year of civil war. More than two million people have been internally displaced, and another two million people have sought refuge in surrounding countries.

The UN described South Sudan as one of the world's most dangerous places for aid workers. The local LWF teams displayed a lot of courage and committed to staying with the people



Photo: LWF

## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

Chol is 27 years old, and one of 400 people trained and equipped by our partner LWF to build a fishing business. Before this support, Chol had to work for someone else and rent nets. Now:

***"I fish on my own using my own net. I can catch on average 100 fish a day... one fish costs 100 SSP... making 10,000 SSP (\$100 AUS) a day. Good business... better than a civil servant isn't it?"***

When asked how the training and support has changed his life, Chol replies:

***"I feel empowered after the support and the training we received on fish production, preservation and marketing."***

## Our action together

**Despite the challenges, working through LWF, you supported life-changing action:**

- 400 households trained in crop farming
- 2,400 households received vegetable seeds
- 400 people trained in fishing businesses
- formed and trained 15 Income Generation Activities (IGA) groups of women and youth
- 10 IGA groups provided with start-up capital
- 398 vulnerable women received a chicken farm
- 94 school management and support groups trained
- 8,146 students received school supplies
- classrooms constructed within an existing school
- an old school building renovated and equipped
- 450 school girls provided with dignity kits

## What we learned

- aim to deliver goods before rainy season makes roads impassable
- cohering IGA groups takes time as they establish their bylaws and leadership structure
- more children enroll for school when communities advocate together for better education
- school attendance increases with proper classrooms and improved teaching resources
- more schools need to be renovated to improve the safe learning environment for children

## Our impact

Building classrooms and providing teaching materials has helped retain teachers plus reduced the drop-out rate of students by 30%.





## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

Josephine managed to leave South Sudan just before the war broke out. She arrived at Kakuma pregnant, with two other children and her only possessions a bag of clothes. She says of Kakuma,

***“In South Sudan, you would hear gunshots and you would worry all the time. The good thing about Kakuma is that children can go to school, and that the security is good. I feel safe in the camp.”***

Your support led to Josephine being encouraged to study at the LWF Vocational Training Centre as a dressmaker.

Photo: ALWS / H Wikstrom

# Welcoming the stranger

## Why our help is needed

According to the UNHCR, more than 65 million people are now living displaced from their homes – the most since World War 2. More than 25 million of these people are refugees to other countries.

## Our action together

**Kakuma Refugee Camp** in Kenya was built as a temporary camp, but is now home to more than 185,000 people (UNHCR – March 2018). **Your support includes:**

- 21,866 new arrivals welcomed at the Reception Centre
- 13,695 children enrolled in 13 Early Childhood centres
- 235 children with disabilities supported at ECD centre
- 7 classrooms constructed
- 351 parents trained to support their children with disabilities
- tanks and boreholes improve water system
- 300 local motorcycle riders trained as ‘taxis’

At **Dadaab Refugee Camp** near the Kenyan border with Somalia, **your help included:**

- helping 700 students improve language skills to increase their learning
- 47 cooks trained and certified for the School Meals Feeding Program
- 250 older persons supported with mats, mosquito nets and counselling
- 400 people with disabilities supported to enhance their comfort and dignity
- 100 people with disabilities received assistive and mobility devices
- 30 rehabilitation staff trained

## Welcoming ‘strangers’ in Australia

In 2017 ALWS granted loans to help two of our new neighbours settling in Australia, including to help a South Sudanese father reunite with his young children from Africa.

## KENYA

### WHAT

Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project  
Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
Kenya-Djibouti Program

### WHERE

Kakuma: Turkana West Sub County  
Dadaab: Garissa County

### WHO

Kakuma: 58,795 people  
Dadaab: 25,151 people

### ALWS ACTION

Kakuma: \$222,600  
Dadaab: \$52,500

## What we learned

Results in tailoring training can be improved by offering sewing machines as an incentive to the 20 learners with top results in their exam.

## Our impact

At Dadaab, the community now see education as a basic right, and as a protection tool that can restore hope and dignity to refugees. This increased access to quality basic education.

Improved education methods saw an 11% improvement in national examination results from 2016.





## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

When 14-year-old Amina arrived in Djibouti with her mother and seven siblings, all they had was water and biscuits. Her father died in Ethiopia from malaria before they fled under threat from tribal wars. Amina says:

*"I started going to school immediately when I came to the camp. It is my first time to attend school. I thank God for this opportunity."*

Photo: ALWS / H Wikstrom

## DJIBOUTI

### WHAT

Djibouti Refugee Assistance Project - ECHO Matching Grant

### LOCAL PARTNER

Lutheran World Service (LWF)  
Kenya-Djibouti Program

### WHERE

Ali Addeh Refugee Camp

### WHO

Before the school: 2,397 students enrolled  
After construction: 3,264 students enrolled

### ALWS ACTION \$42,000

Plus 2016 Allocation of \$41,228 sent in 2017



**BEFORE:**  
October 2016  
Photo: ALWS



**AFTER:**  
April 2017  
Photo: ALWS

## Miracle in the desert

### Why our help is needed

Ali Addeh Refugee Camp is not far from Djibouti's border with Somalia. The ever-increasing influx of refugees put the schooling of children at risk.

### Our action together

The ALWS family donated enough money to match a 10:1 grant from the European Commission to support our partner LWF to build a new school, including:

- 10 classrooms
- 17 latrines
- 500 desks

**An extra 867 children can now access education – a gift no one can ever take away!**



### Our impact

Since first entering Djibouti in 2009, LWF has advocated to the Government of Djibouti to take responsibility for the education of refugee children. The construction and quality of the new school in Ali Addeh may be among the factors that have now convinced the Ministry of Education to take full responsibility for education of refugee children in the camps, and to offer certification.

### What we learned

Our experience with schools in refugee camps continues to reinforce that education is an effective way of helping children recover from the psycho-social distress of being forced to be a refugee.



# Walk My Way – walking the talk!



ALWS is committed to ‘welcoming the stranger’ – caring for refugees as they find safety in the camps we support, and increasing support for new neighbours arriving in Australia.

**Walk My Way** was created to raise awareness **and** money to support refugee children to go to school. We invited people to walk in the steps of Lutheran Pioneer women in the 1840s from Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills to Beaumont – 26 kilometres.

More than 270 walkers braved the wet and cold after a hearty German breakfast donated by local businesses and prepared by St Michael’s Lutheran congregation in Hahndorf. Their courage and determination raised enough money to support 4,806 children to go to school. (A further 6,267 children were supported by the ALWS family!)

At the same time the needs of refugees were raised on radio, with politicians and to an intrigued broader community. A second **Walk My Way** is planned for the Palm Sunday weekend in 2019.

## What we learned

... that walking 26 kilometres makes people hungry! We ran out of sausages at Stirling, but made up for it with chocolate at Eagle on the Hill, and with soup and bread at Beaumont prepared by volunteers from St John’s Lutheran Church in Unley!

**“I carried six litres of water on my back as a way of understanding what many women and girls have to do on a daily basis, as they are usually the ones who collect the water”.**

– Sue Tuffin, Teacher



## Stepping out in solidarity

While Aussies did the Hahndorf **Walk My Way**, refugees at Kakuma and Dadaab in Kenya, and at Ali Addeh in Djibouti, did their own **Walk My Way** to encourage us!

*Photo: LWF Kenya-Djibouti*



Photo: ALWS / D Modra



## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

"When the tsunami came in 2010 there was no sign. We felt a small earthquake, I heard a big roar from the sea, and suddenly the water came rushing into the house.

Next morning we saw that everything was gone – all our clothes, the children's books, the pots, pans, stove, our rice and oil – it was all washed out to the sea.

I was so thankful that CDRM&CDS had helped us think about a safe place to go if a tsunami came to our village.

**If we didn't understand about disaster risk reduction there would have been many victims in our village, but we had no victims! It was lifesaving!"**

# From disaster to development

## Why our help is needed

**When you talk to the communities the ALWS family supports in countries like Indonesia, people soon tell you that the climate appears to be changing, and that this is having a negative impact on their lives.**

Rains don't come, or come too late, or come too heavily. Crops are wiped out, or have poor yield, putting the lives of subsistence farmers at risk. Flooding is also an increasing danger. People with disabilities face even greater risk.

## Our action together

The CDRM&CDS project empowers communities to manage and alleviate the impact of disasters:

- train in disaster-preparedness
- run emergency response simulations in schools and communities

You also support training community members to adapt their farming, water and sanitation practices in response to the changing climate.

**The ALWS family also supports people living with a disability:**

- 'school packs' to 37 children
- provide 50 people with start-up funds for chicken-raising, shops, pig-breeding and tailoring
- provide family latrines and water purification systems
- vocational trainings in sewing and electronics

A long-term initiative is supporting community organisations to participate in development of village plans and promote human rights to government.

## What we learned

The external mid-term evaluation reports conducted in 2017 will influence the design and implementation of the project for 2018–2020.

## 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	16,514 people 82,571 people (flow-on benefits)
ALWS ACTION	\$510,260.44 (ALWS: \$53,948.45; LLL \$125,000; DFAT: \$331,311.99)



# Wheelbarrow to wheelchair

## Why our help is needed

Supporting the rights of people with disabilities in the projects you support is a core focus for ALWS. Our experience shows that in times of disaster, as well as in everyday life, the special needs of people with disabilities may be overlooked.

## Our action together

At Hephata, people with disabilities are supported to make the most of their skills and talents to build independence. In 2017, the Hephata project supported 1,756 people, including 263 people with disability, in:

- Early detection of disability
- Training in sewing, candles, concrete, chicken raising and pig-breeding
- Therapy training to family and volunteers to support people with disability
- Disability-inclusive development for community organisations

People were also supported to access assistive devices including wheelchairs and hearing devices, therapy and surgery, along with local disability services, social protection, health insurance and employment.

## Our impact

In 2017, the project worked closely with government to facilitate training, meetings and advocate for the rights of people with disability. A significant impact is four out of seven working areas now have district government budget allocated towards disability support and inclusion.

## What we learned

An evaluation of the project will take place in 2018, to guide future activities.

**"I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame."**

– Job 29:15

## INDONESIA

### WHAT

Strengthening Pantia Karya Hephata's Services for People with Disabilities Through Community Based Rehabilitation Program

### LOCAL PARTNER

Pantia Karya Hephata - Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP)

### WHERE

7 districts of North Sumatra Province

### WHO

7,370 people  
39,845 people (flow-on benefits)

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000



## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

Bakti is in Year 3, and used to have to come to school pushed in a wheelbarrow by his mum. Now, Bakti has a wheelchair, and says:

***"With the wheelchair I can go into the classroom without my mama having to lift me. I am happy because I feel more comfortable, I can write more easily and I can drive by myself!!"***

***One day I would like to be a teacher and come back to this village to teach. To the people in Australia I say a big thank you that now I can get to school and go out to play with my friends."***



## NEPAL

**WHAT**  
Nepal Development  
Program

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

**WHERE**  
Dailekh, Doti, Kailali,  
Lalitpur, Morang and  
Jhapa Districts

**WHO**  
7,013 families

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$566,227  
(DFAT: \$434,263;  
ALWS: \$131,964)



### IMPACT - CASE STUDY

Sushmita is deaf and communicates by simple, informal sign language, writing things down and using text message.

Sushmita was trained in tailoring through a LWF supported women's group. She now uses fabric woven by women from another village, and makes pencil cases and sells them to schools and in markets. **Sushmita says she feels more connected to her community, and respected.**

## Action, advocacy and accountability

### Why our help is needed

Nepal is in the bottom 50 least developed countries on the UN Human Development Index. Your help through ALWS is targeted at the poorest and most marginalized groups, who are also in greatest danger at time of disaster. These groups include Dalit, Indigenous, landless and ethnic minorities.

### Our action together

- 942 people and 9 schools trained in disaster early warning systems, grain banks, emergency funds and trained disaster management teams.
- 1,631 families supported to start kitchen gardens
- 4 market centres established to ensure better prices for farmers produce
- 385 entrepreneurs supported
- 641 farmers have greater access to land, water and forests
- 734 farmers trained to use insect nets, plastic tunnels, micro-irrigation
- 193 Human Rights Defenders mobilised to advocate on human rights
- 27 Disabled People's Organisations strengthened

### Our impact

- 31 communities have greater disaster resilience
- 1,615 families increased income through livestock rearing, vegetable-growing, farming, cash crop production, selling spices, snacks shop, tailoring
- 2,024 families have improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene
- 71 community groups accessed funds and services from government for community development
- 1,042 people with disability have accessed identity cards and citizenship certificates which allows them to access government services eligible to them

### What we learned

Each success marginalised groups have in securing their rights, is another step towards governments being held accountable for their human rights record, and thus builds momentum for lasting change.

**94 people with disabilities received assistive devices such as white canes, commodes, tricycles**





## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

As 5 year-old Phea enjoys clean water from a Community Pond supported by ALWS, Village Committee member, Khoun says,

*"It touches my heart to have this pond here. Before we used the water from the well but it was not enough. Now our community has enough water to use for everything, including personal hygiene".*

The pond provides water to more than 200 households.

Photo: ALWS

# Empowered to power forward

## Why our help is needed

People in rural communities are missing out on the benefits of development happening in urban Cambodia, and continue to suffer the impact of poverty.

## Our action together

Through our ALWS partner LWD, you supported:

- Community and government leaders trained in good governance and advocacy
- 576 farmers trained in vegetable and chicken farming techniques
- 1,481 families received training on nutrition
- 847 families grow veggies to improve children's diets
- 1,207 families increased their small businesses profitability
- 35 Agricultural Cooperatives developed strong businesses
- 3,876 families now use drip irrigation and compost
- 4,166 families benefited from roads, preschools and various water infrastructures

## What we learned

A mid-term review in 2017 found:

"...through the Village Partnership Approach, there has been an emphasis by communities on the provision of reliable water supply.

This demonstrates that there is an increasing awareness of how best to deal with the problem of lack of water which is a major burden for farmers, particularly when facing drought.

**The Village Partnership Approach sees the community taking the lead themselves via the Village Development Committee and has led to good cooperation within the community."**

Learnings from the review indicates that there is movement of people out of the villages and in the future, there needs to be education around safe and unsafe migration and trafficking issues.

## Our impact

By working in local partnerships, LWD is achieving:

- enhanced local good governance
- improved livelihoods
- increased community resilience in disaster-prone areas

## CAMBODIA

### WHAT

Empowerment through Self Reliance Program

### LOCAL PARTNER

Life With Dignity (LWD)

### WHERE

Aoral, Phnom Srouch, Thpong and Phnom Krovanh Districts and Battambang and Kampong Chhnang Provinces

### WHO

60,187 people  
184,781 people (flow-on benefits)

### ALWS ACTION

\$1,069,998  
(DFAT: \$761,277.87;  
ALWS: \$283,720.19; plus ALWS \$25,000 for Fundraising Feasibility)





# Partners in PNG

## Why our help is needed

People in remote communities in PNG may miss out on the benefits of development.

## Our action together

Your ALWS help is delivered through the PNG Church Partnership Program (Phase 3) focused on:

- building inclusive partnerships, with churches, government and civil society
- building resilient, prosperous communities.

## Our impact

Short-term achievements towards the longer-term impact include:

- Gender-sensitive pastoral counselling skills certificate training course in partnership with the Pacific Theological College for 32 ELCPNG pastors and lay persons
- a Child Rights awareness campaign devised and run by ELCPNG Youth Division for 7 Lae City Schools, enabling them to develop skills in the design and management of community activities
- Improved health standards through the construction of an incinerator to dispose of medical waste and the re-organisation of the pharmacy at Braun Hospital
- Participation of 30 elementary school teachers in a bilingual bridging training course to enable children to learn in Tok Pisin and English

## What we learned

Capacity is being strengthened through partnership. ELCPNG has continued to:

- improve its provision of education and health services
- work towards overcoming barriers to peace and prosperity in communities
- engage in disaster risk reduction activities
- work towards the achievement of gender equality
- support the empowerment of people with disability.

### IMPACT - CASE STUDY

John (in the yellow shirt) attended a week-long community based rehabilitation training.

John now participates in community activities, and is a member of a self-help group. Previously, John was unable to get to church due to a large drain in the road.

**Since the training, the community have built a bridge over the drain so people with disabilities can go to church.**

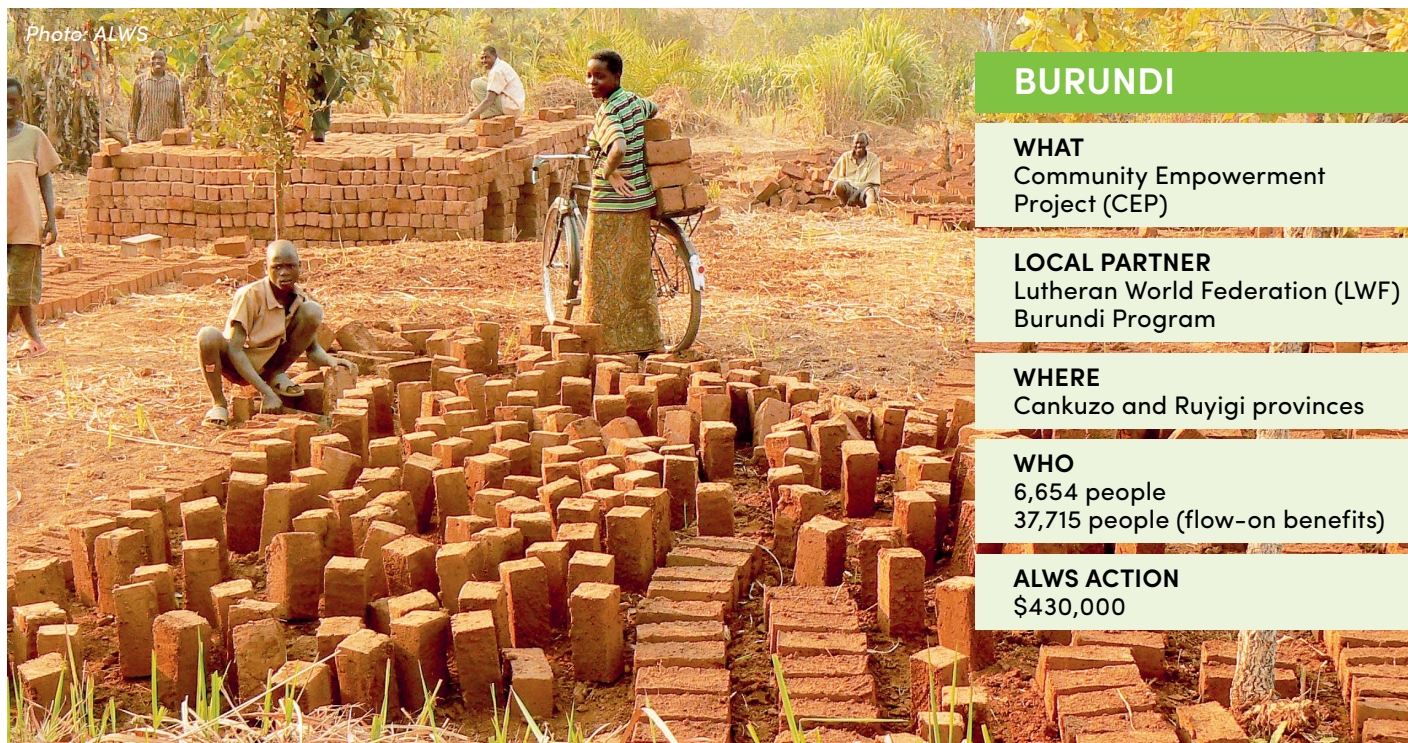
Photo: ELCPNG

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WHAT	Church Partnership Program
LOCAL PARTNER	Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG (ELCPNG)
WHERE	Country-wide
ALWS ACTION	\$592,647 (DFAT: \$542,178; ALWS: \$50,469)



Photo: ALWS



## BURUNDI

**WHAT**  
Community Empowerment  
Project (CEP)

**LOCAL PARTNER**  
Lutheran World Federation (LWF)  
Burundi Program

**WHERE**  
Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces

**WHO**  
6,654 people  
37,715 people (flow-on benefits)

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$430,000

# Brick by brick in Burundi

## Why our help is needed

Burundi is one of the bottom five least-developed countries in the entire world. Ongoing conflict deepens the impact of entrenched poverty.

## Our action together

The Community Empowerment Project aims to improve people's livelihoods, increase leaders' accountability, and encourage community members' participation in governance.

Your support has meant community members received training in:

- Community Empowerment
- Leaders' Empowerment
- Skills trainings
- Child-safeguarding and protection
- Governance and non-violence.

The project also built four community centres to hold literacy classes and community meetings, and supported 50 families to construct new homes.

## Our impact

During this project period, school enrolment increased from 49% to 95%. In graduated villages, 91% of people now consume two or more meals per day.

The average number of meals consumed daily increased from 1.9 meals in 2015 to 2.5 meals in 2017.

## What we learned

An evaluation of progress towards achieving 6-year strategic goals was undertaken in 2017, and identified strong progress on:

- Inclusion of the community in project design
- Community graduation process
- Building of empowerment and resilience among the community

## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

**Venantie is a president of Twiyungunganye association supported by CEP project since 2015. This association is making bricks at Musha Colline. Venantie stated:**

"In the past, families used trees to support the walls of houses they built through project support. After we received training in environment protection, we noted that using trees this way contributes to environmental deterioration.

Our group decided to start a brick-making business. This business is beneficial to our association and families. We have decided to extend our business to livestock for the purpose of manure production.

**In families, incomes from the bricks-making association pay school fees and materials. Sickesses decreased because we have improved food.**

In our group, we managed to get decent homes. We have a project to plant more trees in our fields."





When famine is declared, children are already in extreme danger of malnutrition and disease.  
Photo: ALWS

## EMERGENCY ACTION

Through ALWS, you support long-term rights-based community empowerment development. Our experience shows this is the most effective way to bring lasting change. However, when an emergency happens – through natural disaster, conflict, or an outbreak of disease – ALWS also supports the delivery of emergency aid.

**WHAT HAPPENED**  
Protracted conflict in South Sudan

**WHO AFFECTED**  
207,000 people

**WHERE YOU HELPED**  
Maban and Panrieng Refugee camps in Upper Nile & Unity states, South Sudan

**WHO YOU HELPED**  
10,064 people

**ALWS ACTION**  
EUR 53,000  
(over 2 years, 2017 & 2018) or approximately AUD \$80,000 total

MATCHING GRANT INCREASES OUR IMPACT TO  
**EUR 623,000**  
or approximately **AUD \$1,004,000**

## South Sudan

### Why our help is needed

Children and young people make up the majority of refugees. Often they display high levels of psychological distress. In refugee camps, facilities may not exist to provide adequate education. In Maban camp, 36% of students have missed significant schooling due to war and conflict.

### Our action together

ALWS worked with LWF to access a matching grant from the European Commission (ECHO). This grant is now supporting education including:

- 8,000 children supported with learning materials and school supplies
- 50 children with special needs received special assistance
- 332 teachers trained
- 378 teachers trained in Code of Conduct and Child Protection
- 44 School Management Committees formed



# South Sudan

## Why our help is needed

**Famine was declared in conflict affected areas like Unity state. The UN defines famine when three conditions happen at the same time:**

- at least 20% of the population face extreme food shortage
- 30% of people experience acute malnutrition
- 2 people per 10,000 die every day

## Our action together

**Through your support, ALWS has contributed by providing:**

- 1,600 pupils with dry rations at school for 142 school days
- Meals at schools implemented in all seven schools in the county
- 140 teachers provided with conditional cash transfers to access food
- cash grants for families to buy food locally



Photo: ALWS

**WHAT HAPPENED**  
Drought and famine

**WHO AFFECTED**  
Approximately 100,000 people

**WHERE YOU HELPED**  
Unity State

**WHO YOU HELPED**  
8,564 people

**ALWS ACTION**  
\$50,000

**WHAT HAPPENED**  
Humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict

**WHO AFFECTED** 3 million people

**WHERE YOU HELPED** South, East and Central Darfur

**WHO YOU HELPED** 428,540 (reported October 2017)

**ALWS ACTION** \$100,000

# Darfur, Sudan

## Why our help is needed

**Ongoing conflict in Darfur, in the western region of Sudan, has displaced tens of thousands of people into refugee camps. Diminishing rainfall has built pressure on water supplies.**

## Our action together

**As part of a joint Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance and Caritas Appeal, the ALWS family helped provide life-protecting support including:**

- Clean and safe drinking water to 180,051 people
- Hygiene promotion activities to stop the spread of diarrhea-related diseases
- HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns reaching 1,200 people
- 29 women trained in a Mother Support Group
- 493 women supported during delivery in pregnancy clinics
- 90 households given milking goats to meet their dietary needs
- 30,000 goats, sheep and cattle vaccinated
- Establishment of a seed bank and 650 families provided with seeds to plant crops
- 37 women saving groups established
- 6,408 students received educational support
- 200 benches and 200 desks provided to eight schools
- 10 schools with 6,408 students provided with educational materials



**Children washing clothes at a hand pump, provided by you, through ACT Alliance/Caritas. Photo: LWF**





# Burundi

## Why our help is needed

Burundi is one of the least-developed countries in the world. When conflict broke out in recent years, already vulnerable people faced even greater danger.

## Our action together

Your emergency response through the ACT Alliance included:

- Providing 1,200 young people and 200 families with cash transfers
- 65% of people used money for food
- Other purposes included rent, school fees, or to start a business

This action was part of a coordinated response which included food security and nutrition, peace-building, non-food items, water, sanitation and hygiene, and gender-based violence.

The emergency response also built social cohesion between young people through dialogue sessions, sports events and cultural events.

## What we learned

In situations like these, cash transfers can be the most effective way of reaching people and meeting their priority needs.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Political instability disrupted people's livelihoods, income generation and access to food and social services

**WHO AFFECTED** 1.1 million people

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Bujumbura Marie province

**WHO YOU HELPED** 2,300 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$100,000

# Somalia

### WHAT HAPPENED

The successive failure of rains in Somalia over the past two seasons and the effects of 2015 El Nino and La Nina led to intense drought resulting in a significant reduction in food and water in most parts of Somalia

### WHO AFFECTED

Women and Children particularly in the North East and North West Somalia

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Kismayo

### WHO YOU HELPED

6,435 persons, including 6,400 students and teachers

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000

**150 children entered school after being successfully withdrawn from child labour.**

## Why our help is needed

Somalia is challenged by internal conflict, lack of social structures, and ongoing drought. Schools have been left decimated by years of conflicts and attack.

## Our action together

**Working with the Somalia Ministry of Education, LWF recruited and trained 35 teachers to work in five public schools.**

Students also receive a meal of rice and beans, and have access to clean drinking water. This improves health, and encourages parents to send their children to school.

When children are in school, they are protected from child labour, abuse and the effects of drought. The project is also targeting child mothers with life skills and livelihood initiatives.

## Our impact

Since LWF started providing meals and water, attendance in the classroom has **increased from 5,508 to 6,400 students over a period of three months.**



## WHAT HAPPENED

Flooding

## WHO AFFECTED

1.7 million people (65,000 homes destroyed, 460 people displaced)

## WHERE YOU HELPED

Southern Terai regions  
(35 of Nepal's 75 districts)

## WHO YOU HELPED

400 families

## ALWS ACTION

\$100,000

Photo: P Maharjan

## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

When floods came, everything Marang owned was swept away down the river. Marang and her family were homeless. Initially they lived with 500 villagers in the local primary school.

**With your support, Marang's family received a relief package.**



Photo: LWF

A meal at mid-morning for those attending the morning shift makes the children happy and helps them concentrate as they learn. Education offers hope for a better future.

# Nepal

## Why our help is needed

During 2017, the heaviest monsoonal rainfall in 60 years caused massive flooding throughout Nepal, Bangladesh and India.

## Our action together

The ALWS family helped deliver relief packages, including food, utensils, blankets, WASH kits, shelter items. In the longer term LWF Nepal will be supporting:

- 300 families to fix and rebuild their homes
- 400 families with safe access to water and sanitation
- 300 families access support to restart income generating activities
- 200 families improve their preparedness for future flooding and other natural disasters.

This emergency preparedness is included in LWF's long-term development work through the Nepal Development Program in other parts of the country.

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**In some cases LWF reached villages before government and military.**

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#### WHAT HAPPENED

People in South Sudan fled into Uganda due to civil insecurity

#### WHO AFFECTED

More than 1.5 million people

#### WHERE YOU HELPED

Adjumani, Moyo, Lamwo and Kamwenge refugee camps

#### WHO YOU HELPED

People crossing the border seeking safety

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000



Photo: LWF / C Kastner

## Uganda

### Why our help is needed

14,358 refugees from South Sudan fled into northern Uganda between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May in 2017. 86% of refugees were reported to be women and children.

### Our action together

ALWS and LWF partnered with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide:

- Hygiene awareness campaigns to prevent the spread of disease
- Vegetable seeds to 30 farmers groups
- Safe water in four refugee settlements

This action was part of an integrated plan that also aimed to:

- Provide soap, blankets, clothes and kitchen kits
- Construct communal shelters and latrines
- Provide social protection systems for people traumatised by the crisis
- Training in conflict management and psychosocial support

## Myanmar

### Why our help is needed

As thousands of people fled their homes due to conflict, they required the essentials to survive and stay safe. While access was difficult for many agencies, our ALWS partner LWF has worked in Myanmar since 2010, and won enough trust from Myanmar officials to gain access to camps for internally displaced people.

### Our action together

With your support, LWF worked through local partners to provide:

- 1,000 households with shelters
- 2,000 households with hygiene kits and core kits
- 2,000 households with food baskets
- 4,020 people involved in protection activities
- Cash grants for 1,500 households
- 2,000 children with educational support
- 2,000 households with agriculture support (seeds, fertiliser, training workshops)

#### WHAT HAPPENED

Violence in Rakhine State forced people to flee

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Sittwe, Rathedaung, Ponnakyun, Kyauttaw and Mrauk-U, Rakhine State

**WHO YOU HELPED** Families and individuals at risk from conflict

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,533



# Iraq

## Why our help is needed

To support internally displaced people, by easing their suffering and building resilience.

## Our action together

You supported LWF in providing:

- 4,087 people with water and sanitation
- A community awareness campaign to 6,006 students
- 2,825 people with essential relief items
- 427 women with protection and psychosocial support through Women Friendly Spaces.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Conflict and widespread insecurity in Iraq forced people to flee their homes

### WHERE YOU HELPED

Dawdia camp Bardarash District

### WHO YOU HELPED

People displaced by conflict, but remaining within Iraq

**ALWS ACTION** \$12,102

# Syria

## Why our help is needed

Ongoing violence in many parts of Syria has led to large scale displacement. There has been ongoing conflict for the past seven years. **One in every 15 people in Jordan is a refugee.** Nearly half of those affected by the crisis are children and adolescents who are deprived of basic needs such as protection and education.

### WHAT HAPPENED

Conflict forced people to flee from their homes and seek protection in Jordan

**WHO AFFECTED** 5.5 million people

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Azraq and Za'atari Refugee Camps

**WHO YOU HELPED** 17,589 people

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000

## Our action together

LWF in Jordan reached 852 affected people and provided protection and livelihood-related assistance. In partnership with the ACT Alliance, you helped:

- 650 students supported so they could return to school
- 1,620 students provided with school supplies
- 8,100 food kits to vulnerable families in Aleppo
- 202 people provided with vocation and life-skills training
- 132 people employed to provide waste management services
- 532 people completed health-awareness training

# Kenya

## Why our help is needed

A severe lack of rainfall led to a widespread shortage of food and water.

## Our action together

Together with LWF and ACT Alliance, you helped provide:

- Safe drinking water
- Repair and rehabilitation of water sources and storage facilities
- Food
- Livestock recovery support

**WHAT HAPPENED** Drought and famine

**WHO AFFECTED** 2.7 million people

**WHERE YOU HELPED** Garissa and Turkana

**WHO YOU HELPED** Families hurt by drought

**ALWS ACTION** \$50,000



A Syrian girl proudly displays a beaded item she is creating as a participant in one of LWF's vocational training workshops. Photo: LWF / M Wallerstedt



## IMPACT - CASE STUDY

When Parashu became blind at age 2, his family were bonded labourers and unable to afford early surgical intervention. Parashu says he felt like a burden, was lonely, and walked around with his head looking down at the ground. When LWF established a candle-making workshop, Parashu became the chairperson.

*"I am thankful to LWF that I can be a worker, a leader and feel that I am worthy."*

Photo: ALWS



## Protecting the vulnerable

ALWS is taking the lead across the LWF partnership in supporting projects to 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.

### Building Child Safe Organisations

In 2017, ALWS' Child Safeguarding work focused on strengthening the capacity of the ACT Alliance and its members to understand and implement Child Safeguarding policies and practices. This has been achieved through:

- 14 ACT Alliance Secretariat staff receiving training on Child Safeguarding and how to support members develop and implement policies.
- six introductory webinars on Child Safeguarding conducted (in three different languages) for ACT members, with 76 participants across the webinars
- representatives from 14 ACT Country Forums (in Asia/Pacific and Middle East/North Africa regions) educated on delivering training on Child Safeguarding to their own organisations and other member agencies. Participants made plans to improve their organisation's Child Safeguarding and to provide echo training to other members of their ACT Alliance Country Forum.

An ACT Alliance Child Safeguarding Community of Practice is being established and led by ALWS.

**Funding DFAT: \$50,759 ALWS: \$16,939**

### Disability Inclusion

In 2017, you supported a disability inclusive pilot project in Kailali, in tandem with LWF Nepal. For people with a disability, the additional support, education and advocacy has a significant impact on their lives. This included:

- 72 people establishing an income generating activity (such as tailoring, snack shops, cycle repair, plumbing, masonry, beauty technician).
- 1,472 people having increased access to government resources and services
- 38 people provided with assistive devices (white cane, tricycle and wheelchair).

Seven staff members from three LWF World Service Country Programs (Myanmar, India and Bangladesh) visited this Disability Mainstreaming Pilot Project.

The visiting LWF World Service staff observed the successes of the project and learnt from project staff and beneficiaries the strategies which have proven successful. Action plans were developed by the visiting staff to improve disability-inclusion within their own projects.

**Funding DFAT: \$43,030 ALWS: \$19,324**



# Awareness to Action

There is no more powerful connection than can be made with people than speaking to you, face to face. Sharing stories and seeing photos of what you are doing through ALWS. So often, your joy radiates back in your faces, through your smiles and oftentimes, your tears.

In 2017, the ALWS Community Education team joyfully met with people across the country in 215 presentations to Lutheran schools, churches and groups.

Beyond this were 75 Awareness Days across our schools, a homeschool group and a state-run primary school. With the theme, “Walk My Way”, students and teachers were invited to ‘walk in someone else’s shoes’, as they learnt about why people in developing countries walk... for food, water, healthcare, education, safety. Students also gained some insight into the lives of people with disabilities and their ‘walk’ in life.

Repeatedly, the feedback from teachers and students was joyful.

Stephanie commented after an Awareness Day,

*“If we ‘Walk My Way’ we will truly respect and understand what people go through and the challenges they face... I want to contribute more to making a difference and help ALWS.”*

**“The world is becoming a smaller place and children need to understand that we are all responsible for each other. The Awareness Day explored the concept of child’s rights and helped the students to show empathy towards the plight of refugees.**

– Teacher at  
Waikerie Lutheran School

FACE TO FACE	VIC/NSW ACT/TAS	SA/NT WA	QLD	GENERAL	TOTAL
Awareness Days	17	31	17		65
Junior Awareness Days	1	9			10
	18	40	17		75
School Chapel visits	3	10	10	4	27
School visits	40	33	23	4	100
Church visits	18	18	30	22	88
	61	61	63	30	215



Susan Hawke cuts the ribbon to open Walk My Way at Bethania Lutheran Primary School. Photo: ALWS



# JOY to the world – thank you!

People give support in all kinds of ways to help others through ALWS. While the pumps and dams and schools and businesses are easy to see, what is even more obvious is the joy this support can bring to people – not just those helped, but those doing the helping. Truly, this is JOY to the world!



## Reformation Celebration and Refugee Children

When St Peters Lutheran Church in Indooroopilly in Queensland wanted to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Reformation, they decided to hold a festival. Over 3 days, 600 people gathered and enjoyed a concert of Reformation music involving 2 choirs, a professional orchestra and soloists, featuring Bach's Cantata 80 "Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott", ecumenical lectures and much more. **The joy grew when proceeds of the ticket sales were donated to the education of refugee children in Kakuma.**

## From Darwin to Davenport

In 2017, you baked, walked, danced, created, gathered, and gave generously... and as a result, bought joy... for justice. Thank you!

WHERE YOU LIVE	WHAT YOU GAVE
QUEENSLAND	\$878,111
NEW SOUTH WALES	\$607,889
ACT	\$99,260
VICTORIA	\$1,312,698
TASMANIA	\$7,678
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	\$2,261,068
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	\$115,417
NORTHERN TERRITORY	\$41,461
NEW ZEALAND	\$3,516
OTHER *	\$434,161
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,761,260</b>

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

## Little Fletch's Big Idea

"Recently my son Fletcher's Year 1/2 class at school took on a project to raise money to help people through ALWS.

Fletch got a bee in his bonnet and decided small projects weren't enough, so he got talking with my

wife and Grandpa to see how he could raise more money. The idea? Fox farm-made pencil holders.

Together, the three of them cut up small dead trees into ringlets, then drilled holes and sanded and varnished them to make what you can see in the photo.

**They charge \$5 a holder, and have raised \$1000!**

Fletcher is only 7 years old, yet has taken this on with very little prompting from his parents. I am a very proud Dad, and rejoice in how I see God working through my young son."

**- Marc**





## Sunshine smiles!

Sunshine Christian School in the west of Melbourne is blessed to serve 95 children, where 81% of children have a language background other than English.

The students are drawn together by their Lutheran school motto 'Living as children of the light', and striving to be a community 'loving God, loving others, loving learning'.

'Loving others' is what the school did in raising \$280 to help people through ALWS.

The Student Council organised a gold coin Dress-up Day based on what occupation each child wanted to do. Staff organised a Walk-a-thon where the school sponsored students 10 cents for each lap they did.

**You can be sure there will be smiles and joy way beyond Sunshine because of these 'children of the light'!**

Photo: Sunshine Christian School



## Volunteers

In 2017, ALWS volunteers donated 1,185 hours of service, serving with a smile to help bring love to life. **Thank you for everything you do to help others through ALWS!**



Photo: ALWS

## Colour Day

**"Stand out to make a difference"** – students at Immanuel Primary School hosted a Colour Day to raise money for the Village Partnership they support in Cambodia.

## Busking, boards and broadcasting

Grade 6 students at Redeemer Lutheran College in Queensland decided they wanted to raise the money for a Village Partnership in Cambodia.

They busked, wore sandwich boards, visited classrooms, broadcast on the local Christian radio station, challenged staff.

**They inspired their school and community to action, and their passion brought tears of joy to their teachers and parents ... which will become smiles of joy for the families they now support in Cambodia.**



Photo: Amanda Hall

**"Dear ALWS,  
Yet another donation from the sale of M.T drink containers (\$30). My dad, many years ago, said on occasion, "That small fish are sweetest." Even the small donations all add up, God blesses all."**

- Glen and Norma



## 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 2017 as follows:

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

Rev P Hage (Chairperson)  
Dr J Murray (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr I Rentsch

Mr P Renner  
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 an excess of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2017 of \$1,563,214.

### 4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2017.

### 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.

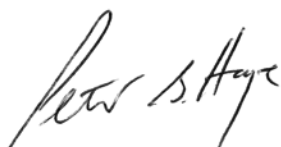
### 6. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

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.

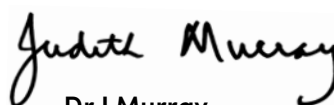
### 7. DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

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)



**Dr J Murray**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 16 April 2018

Place: 175 Archer St, North Adelaide, South Australia

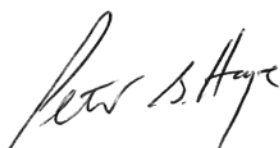


## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

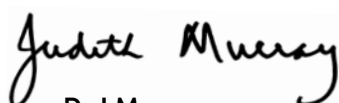
The Directors of Australian Lutheran World Service declare that the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 26 to 37, are in accordance with the ACFID Code of Conduct and:
  - i. comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
  - ii. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2017 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)



Dr J Murray  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 16 April 2018

Place: 175 Archer St,  
North Adelaide,  
South Australia

*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 website available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)*

## Financial Report Summary

**In 2017, your kindness through ALWS, has enabled our continued work to support overseas projects and community education.** Due to the generosity of the ALWS family, and support from the Lutheran Laypeople's League and the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$8.6 million was received by ALWS in the 2017 year. **Thank you for your wonderful support!** This allowed us to meet our budgeted expenses comfortably.

This funding allowed us to maintain our commitments to our seven core programs during 2017, plus disburse funds to several emergency appeals. Thank you!

There was a significant surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2017. The main reasons for this were as follows. The unexpected receipt of funds from a charitable Trust which closed down. These funds are earmarked to a specific project and will be disbursed over several years. Also, a funding payment method was adjusted during the 2017/18 year, which meant a timing difference for the receipt of one of our grants. Another factor was an unusually high level of bequests received in 2017. Taking all these reasons into account, ALWS remains financially sound.

While we endeavour to keep operating costs as low and efficient as possible, the reality is the costs of compliance and operating an aid agency today are increasing. Despite this, our overheads (fundraising and administration costs as defined by ACFID) have remained relatively low, with 15.41% overheads in 2017, and a 5 year average of 12.59%.

**This means over 84% of the money we received in 2017 went towards work supporting projects that help and educate people.** At ALWS, we continually strive to find the right balance between keeping the overhead rate as efficient as possible, while maintaining effectiveness, meeting more compliance requirements and investing for the long-term strength and sustainability of the organisation. This is essential to make sure we can have the greatest impact on the communities we seek to serve.

Looking forward to 2018, we are seeking ways to build an even stronger organisation. Part of this will be looking at ways to diversify our income where possible. We will also look at ways to use our international partners and networks to leverage additional support, increasing the impact of each dollar. **We are very grateful and give thanks for the continued kindness and generosity of the ALWS supporter family, who are critical to this work.**

ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2017. 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 2018 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 2017

## 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 2017, 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 31 December 2017 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 my 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 my report. We are independent of the registered entity 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 my 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 the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act and are 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 responsible entities of the registered entity are 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, the ACFID Code of Conduct and the needs of the Board. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine 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 responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 responsible entities either intend to liquidate the registered entity 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 2017

## 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 responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of responsible entities' 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 the registered entity'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 the registered entity 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, 18th day of April 2018

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	NOTE	2017	2016
		\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		4,768,505	3,859,437
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		992,755	451,424
Grants			
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		2,672,945	2,101,183
- Other Australian		113,500	105,000
- Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		100,724	103,785
Commercial Activities Income		0	0
Other Income		34,504	23,200
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>8,682,933</b>	<b>6,644,029</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	8	5,134,909	5,415,668
- Program support costs		442,067	378,668
Community Education		427,909	344,932
Fundraising costs			
- Public		461,174	320,357
- Government, multilateral & private		7,179	5,949
Accountability & Administration		629,032	563,675
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>7,102,270</b>	<b>7,029,249</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		17,449	6,488
Commercial Activities Expenditure		0	0
Other Expenditure		0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>7,119,719</b>	<b>7,035,737</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,563,214</b>	<b>(391,708)</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>1,563,214</b>	<b>(391,708)</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTE	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		6,967,000	5,838,731
Trade and Other Receivables	2	601,498	27,758
Inventories		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>7,568,498</b>	<b>5,866,489</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	15,938	11,567
Investment Property		0	0
Intangibles		0	0
Other Non-Current Assets	4	18,840	26,699
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>34,778</b>	<b>38,266</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>7,603,276</b>	<b>5,904,755</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	22,433	20,841
Borrowings		0	0
Current Tax Liabilities	6	78,004	28,747
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	321,248	262,933
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>421,685</b>	<b>312,521</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	39,227	13,084
Other		0	0
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>39,227</b>	<b>13,084</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>460,912</b>	<b>325,605</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>7,142,364</b>	<b>5,579,150</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
General Reserves		0	0
Restricted Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		7,142,364	5,579,150
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>7,142,364</b>	<b>5,579,150</b>

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	RETAINED EARNINGS	TOTAL
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of period	5,579,150	<b>5,579,150</b>
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	<b>0</b>
Items of other comprehensive income	0	<b>0</b>
Excess / (Shortfall) of revenue over expenses	1,563,214	<b>1,563,214</b>
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	<b>0</b>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>7,142,364</b>	<b>7,142,364</b>

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	NOTE	2017	2016
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Government grants and other income		8,578,996	6,540,244
Interest receipts		100,724	103,785
Operating Expenses		(6,391,920)	(7,023,035)
Net cash general from (used in) operating activities	11	2,287,800	(379,006)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		(12,052)	(1,999)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(12,052)	(1,999)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		1,128,269	(397,824)
Cash at the beginning of the year		5,838,731	6,236,555
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	11	<b>6,967,000</b>	<b>5,838,731</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. The financial report has also been prepared in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

### **(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 \$6,379 for the year ended 31 December 2017 (\$6,165 for the 2016 year). 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.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2 TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Prepayments	19,038	11,282
Debtors - Other	582,460	16,476
	<b>601,498</b>	<b>27,758</b>
<b>NOTE 3 PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>(a) Summary</b>		
Office Equipment, at cost	102,637	90,585
Less Accumulated depreciation	(86,699)	(79,018)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>15,938</b>	<b>11,567</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	11,567	14,218
Plus Additions	12,052	1,999
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Depreciation	(7,681)	(4,650)
Carrying amount at end of year	15,938	11,567
<b>NOTE 4 OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Gross loan amounts outstanding	34,993	36,147
Less provision for doubtful debts	(16,153)	(9,448)
	<b>18,840</b>	<b>26,699</b>
<b>NOTE 5 TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Creditors	22,433	20,841
Funding held in advance	0	0
Accruals	0	0
	<b>22,433</b>	<b>20,841</b>
<b>NOTE 6 CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Tax Liabilities	78,004	28,747
	<b>78,004</b>	<b>28,747</b>
<b>NOTE 7 PROVISIONS</b>		
Long Service Leave	129,531	91,923
Annual Leave	230,944	184,094
	<b>360,475</b>	<b>276,017</b>
Current portion	321,248	262,933
Non-Current portion	39,227	13,084
	<b>360,475</b>	<b>276,017</b>



**NOTE 8 DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS**

COUNTRY	PROJECT	ALWS	DFAT	TOTAL
<b>DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</b>				
<b>Burundi</b>	Community Empowerment Program	430,000		430,000
<b>Cambodia</b>	Integrated Rural Development & Empowerment Project	308,720	761,278	1,069,998
<b>Disability Inclusive Development</b>	Program Training	19,324	43,030	62,354
<b>Child Protection</b>	Child Protection	16,939	50,759	67,698
<b>Djibouti</b>	Djibouti Refugee Camp	83,228		83,228
<b>India</b>	Grihini Project	50,108		50,108
<b>Indonesia</b>	CDRM & CDS Program	178,948	331,312	510,260
<b>Indonesia</b>	Hephata Program	50,000		50,000
<b>Kenya</b>	Kakuma Refugee Camp	222,600		222,600
<b>Kenya</b>	Dadaab Refugee Camp	52,500		52,500
<b>Liberia</b>	LDS Vehicle Support	10,000		10,000
<b>Myanmar</b>	Resource Mobilisation Coordinator	32,654		32,654
<b>Regional</b>	AZEECON Project	40,000		40,000
<b>Nepal</b>	Nepal Development Program	131,964	434,263	566,227
<b>PNG - CPP</b>	Church Partnership Program	50,469	542,178	592,647
<b>South Sudan</b>	Resilience Building Project	600,000		600,000
<b>EMERGENCY &amp; REFUGEE RESPONSE</b>				
<b>Iraq/Mosul</b>	Iraq Appeal – IRQ161	12,102		12,102
<b>Nepal</b>	Nepal Floods – NPL171	100,000		100,000
<b>Sudan</b>	Darfur Emergency – SDN161	100,000		100,000
<b>Myanmar</b>	Myanmar, Rakhine Crisis – MMR171	50,533		50,533
<b>Syria/Jordan</b>	Regional Response – SYR161	50,000		50,000
<b>Burundi</b>	Conflict Appeal – BRD171	100,000		100,000
<b>HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT</b>				
<b>Kenya</b>	Drought – KEN171	50,000		50,000
<b>South Sudan</b>	Unity State Drought – SSD171	50,000		50,000
<b>Somalia</b>	Drought – SOM171	50,000		50,000
<b>Uganda</b>	South Sudanese Influx – UGA171	50,000		50,000
<b>GLOBAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT</b>				
	DWS Coordination	21,000		21,000
	DWS Program Support / Communications / Accountability	17,825		17,825
	DWS Audit Unit	15,000		15,000
	DWS Resource Mobilisation	15,000		15,000
	DWS PMER	13,175		13,175
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,972,089</b>	<b>2,162,820</b>	<b>5,134,909</b>

## NOTE 9 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 Director and Deputy Executive Director 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  
 Dr J Murray  
 Mr I Rentsch  
 Mr P Renner  
 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 \$3,911,906 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2017.

## NOTE 10 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	6,966,900					6,966,900	6,966,900
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					601,498	601,498	601,498
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,966,900</b>				<b>601,598</b>	<b>7,568,498</b>	<b>7,568,498</b>

### FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables					100,437	100,437	100,437
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>					<b>100,437</b>	<b>100,437</b>	<b>100,437</b>

<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,966,900</b>				<b>501,161</b>	<b>7,468,061</b>	<b>7,468,061</b>
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Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 2.25%



## **NOTE 9 RELATED PARTY INFORMATION (continued)**

### **(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 \$612,635 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2017.

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

During the year ended 31 December 2017, a family member of an employee of ALWS was engaged to provide multimedia design services on a contractual basis. The services were to produce a video clip for educational material consistent with core activities 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.

## **NOTE 11 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:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	6,967,000	5,838,731
Term Deposits	0	0
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>6,967,000</b>	<b>5,838,731</b>

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

Surplus (Deficit) Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	1,563,214	(391,708)
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#### **NON-CASH FLOWS IN OPERATING SURPLUS:**

Change to Provisions for Long Service Leave and Annual Leave	84,458	60,221
Depreciation	7,681	4,650
Change to Provision for Doubtful Debts	6,704	1,232

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

Movement in non-current assets (Resettlement Loans)	1,155	(2,585)
Movement in trade and other receivables	573,740	8,409
Movement in trade and other payables	50,848	(59,225)

<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2,287,800</b>	<b>(379,006)</b>
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# ALWS Board of Directors

## Rev Peter Hage, BTh GradDipMin – Chair

Peter is Parish Pastor at St Johns Lutheran Church in Perth, Western Australia. He has previously served in parishes in Queensland and South Australia. He also served as Missionary/Pastor and Seminary Lecturer in PNG for 10 years. He currently serves as Council member for LCA Internal Mission, and has visited ALWS projects in PNG, Cambodia, Nepal, Burundi and South Sudan.

## Mr Ian Rentsch, BA, Dip Ed, B Soc Admin, MBA, MA (Theology) – NSW/ACT Director

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 now an ordained pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Belconnen, ACT. 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. After almost two decades of serving on the ALWS Board, John retired in March 2017.

## Mr Peter Renner – VIC/TAS Director (incoming March 2017)

Peter is a retired bank executive with a 39-year career, with the last 15 years in Human Resources. Peter is currently the chairman of two residential body corporate organisations. He has been a member of Ringwood Lutheran Church for the past 39 years, and is the chairman of the parish, congregation and retirement village. Peter also serves on LCA Victorian District subcommittee and Good News Lutheran College. Peter is married to Robyn and has two adult children.

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

Judith is an endorsed Counselling Psychologist and works as an Associate Professor of Counselling and Counselling Psychology at The University of Queensland. She is Program Director of both the Master of Counselling and Master of Psychology Programs. She is also a registered teacher and registered nurse having worked as a secondary Maths/History teacher and later a haematology and oncology nurse. She has visited the ALWS project in Kenya.

## Ms Morgan Brookes, BA BEd Middle/Secondary (Honours) – SA/NT Director

Morgan is a Secondary Science teacher at Concordia College Lutheran School in Adelaide. She has been the leader of a school educational service trip to the Kalahari Desert, South Africa, for several years. In 2013 she visited ALWS' project in Indonesia and has served on the Board since 2010.



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*The ALWS Board met in March and September 2017. The Administrative Committee convened in January, February, July, August, and December 2017.*

*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 Acting Executive Director Leah Odongo at [leaho@alws.org.au](mailto:leaho@alws.org.au) or 02 6021 5329, or if the complaint is against the Acting 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 Director 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**, CPA, BA Comm – Director, ATS Accountants

### Human Resources:

**Mr Don Elder**, BBus(HRM/IR)PNSW – 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&African Studies – International Programs Director, Caritas Australia

**Dr Julianne Stewart**, PhD – Programs Director, Anglican Board of Mission (on the Board Advisory Group until September 2017)

**Geoff Robinson**, BAppSc, Expert Disaster Risk Resilience, Senior Program Manager, Act For Peace



# 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 Director Chey Mattner are members of the LCA International Mission's Board.



## Australian Government

### 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. Australia 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 the Australian Government's support for these programs.



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

LWF World Service is the main implementer of overseas aid for ALWS. It has a global program embracing developing countries in Africa, Central America, South-East Asia and the Middle East. It is certified by the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and is the world's fifth largest partner to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Executive Director 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 the ACT Alliance and its Pacific Australian and New Zealand Forum. ALWS is the chair of the ACT Alliance Child Safeguarding Community Practice.



### 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 Director Chey Mattner is a member of the Act for Peace Commission and chair of its Policy Sub Committee.



### Church Agencies Network (CAN)

The 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 Director Chey Mattner and Program Director Leah Odongo.



### Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

The ACNC is the independent national regulator of all Australian charities. The ACNC has been set up to maintain, protect and enhance public trust and confidence in the sector through increased accountability and transparency. ALWS is registered with ACNC and adheres to all requirements of an Australian not-for-profit organisation.



### 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 and development 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:

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# 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

ALWS envisages a world where love comes to life (cf 1 John 4: 9-12). A world where all people live in just societies, where we are all empowered to achieve our full potential, uphold our rights and the rights of others for a life with peace and dignity; and where we are all inspired to remember, welcome and support those who suffer from poverty and injustice. (cf Gal 2:10 & Lev 25:35)

## Our Mission

ALWS reaches out in love, for justice. We bring together people willing to work in service to help end suffering. As partners, we work openly and accountably, supporting programs which welcome, respect and bring hope through care to those fleeing from, or hurt by, disaster, poverty and oppression. We add our voice to those of the unheard and the excluded, together crying out for justice so that we can all live in 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.