

2020 Annual Report



See your love come to life!
Thank you!



**Don't forget
those who are
suffering,
but imagine
you are there
with them.**

Hebrews 13:3b:



You are there with them ...



... together in 2020, through ALWS, we directly helped 216,527 people, with a further 75,455 people supported

... when COVID-19 changed **Walk My Way** to **Walk your Way**, 2,838 people helped 6,390 refugee children step in to school



... supported 147,362 people 'on the move' as refugees or displaced - in Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Myanmar and Bangladesh

... 3,700 students in 33 Lutheran schools in Australia were inspired by 137 ALWS Community Education sessions



... 11% more **Gifts of Grace** were given in 2020 than ever before in ALWS history – with Super Pig especially popular!



Photo: LWF Burundi

“ You have wiped shame out of our faces.

Nowadays, we are clean, and wear clean clothes, and mingle with people unlike before. We are empowered to give our children a decent home, 3 meals a day, and education. ”

**Kangeyo Languiole,
Burundi**

A year like no other

So often we hear 2020 described as ‘a year like no other.’ Indeed it was!

While it would have been easy to just focus on our own struggles in Australia, through ALWS people like you supported our partners to achieve amazing things for those we serve.

Your impact started with life-changing support for ongoing development work. However, you also responded to unexpected crises, including:

- joining our LWF partners worldwide as they provided COVID-19 protection to 454,000 people.
- working with partners LWF and RDRS to care for 70,970 Rohingya people who fled Myanmar as refugees to Bangladesh.
- helping victims of locust plagues in South Sudan, floods in Nepal, a volcanic eruption in Indonesia.

I give thanks to God that through ALWS we could come together and help make sure these victims weren't forgotten, and received support to rebuild their lives.

In fact, in 2020 ALWS was able to send more money to projects helping people than ever before in our 70 year history! Thank you!

I saw the impact of this hard work, creativity and kindness when I visited a camp for internally displaced people in Rakhine State in Myanmar pre-COVID. Here, the head of a Parent-Teacher Association told me:

‘In my home, we had no access to education. Here at the camp, our children go to school. I am pleased with what we accomplish together!’

Not only were the 2,500 children you help now safer, and learning for the future, but the adults radiated confidence, hope and pride.

This is typical of what we achieved together in 2020, especially for people ‘on the move’. It is a tribute to the extraordinary kindness, compassion and generosity of

our supporters, and the incredible bravery, dedication and professionalism of our front-line partners.

ALWS acknowledges Australian Government support of \$3,189,743 which enabled us to reach more people, and increase your impact on people's lives.

I must also thank the staff of ALWS for their dedication and commitment through such a challenging year, when so much had to be changed in response to COVID-19. Their hard work meant ALWS was able to achieve an ‘overheads’ rate of just 15.3%! (*‘Overheads’ are all fundraising and administration costs as defined by the ACFID - Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.*)

2020 also saw us give thanks for 70 years of your service to the world through ALWS, from humble beginnings at Bonegilla Migrant Centre outside Albury to now reaching hundreds of thousands of people in places like South Sudan, Nepal and Burundi.

This proud history is the foundation we build on with new strategic directions to achieve ‘awakened hope, amplified voice and abundant life’ for those burdened by poverty and injustice. As we do, we are guided by these words from Hebrews 13:3b:

Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine you are there with them.



Thank you for your steadfast support in 2020 ... and for continuing to strive to bring love to life for a more just and fair world!

Jamieson Davies
Jamieson Davies
Executive Director

Kakuma Refugee Camp



WHAT	2020 Refugee Support Project in Kakuma
LOCAL PARTNER	LWF Kenya-Djibouti-Somalia
WHERE	Kakuma Refugee Camp, and Kalobeyei integrated settlement, Kenya
WHO	27,883 people
ALWS ACTION	\$224,500

Why our help is needed

Kakuma Refugee Camp hosts nearly 200,000 refugees, who have fled conflict and food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, and other countries. People need safe quality education, and support to improve their psychosocial wellbeing.

Our action together

- 4,151 refugees and asylum seekers supported in both Kakuma reception and Nadapal transit centre
- 1,333 persons with specific needs received medical care, counselling, and psycho social support
- Daily living materials for 59 children with intellectual disabilities
- 240 workbooks and writing materials and 105 designs (previously known as syllabus) to support 164 learners with disabilities
- 37 wooden sets of tables and chairs for 148 learners
- 118 teachers trained in competency-based curriculum
- ‘Kakuma Got Talent’ Season 7 conducted virtually with participation of 597 children and youth
- Peace committee training for 60 participants
- Water pipeline extension of 0.36km, a 10m³ plastic water tank and stand for drip irrigation
- 140 community members trained at Agis and Highland villages to eradicate open defecation
- Training on Fashion and Design for 40 tailors from Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement.

What we learned

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected project implementation as many of the activities are trainings and school for children. We learned to adapt to Government restrictions and to provide services in other ways, such as providing access to educational radio lessons for children while schools were closed.

Our impact

During COVID, the project ensured continuity of education through radio broadcasted lessons for children in the camp. Clean water was provided for livestock and agricultural use, so that people could grow and produce their own food.

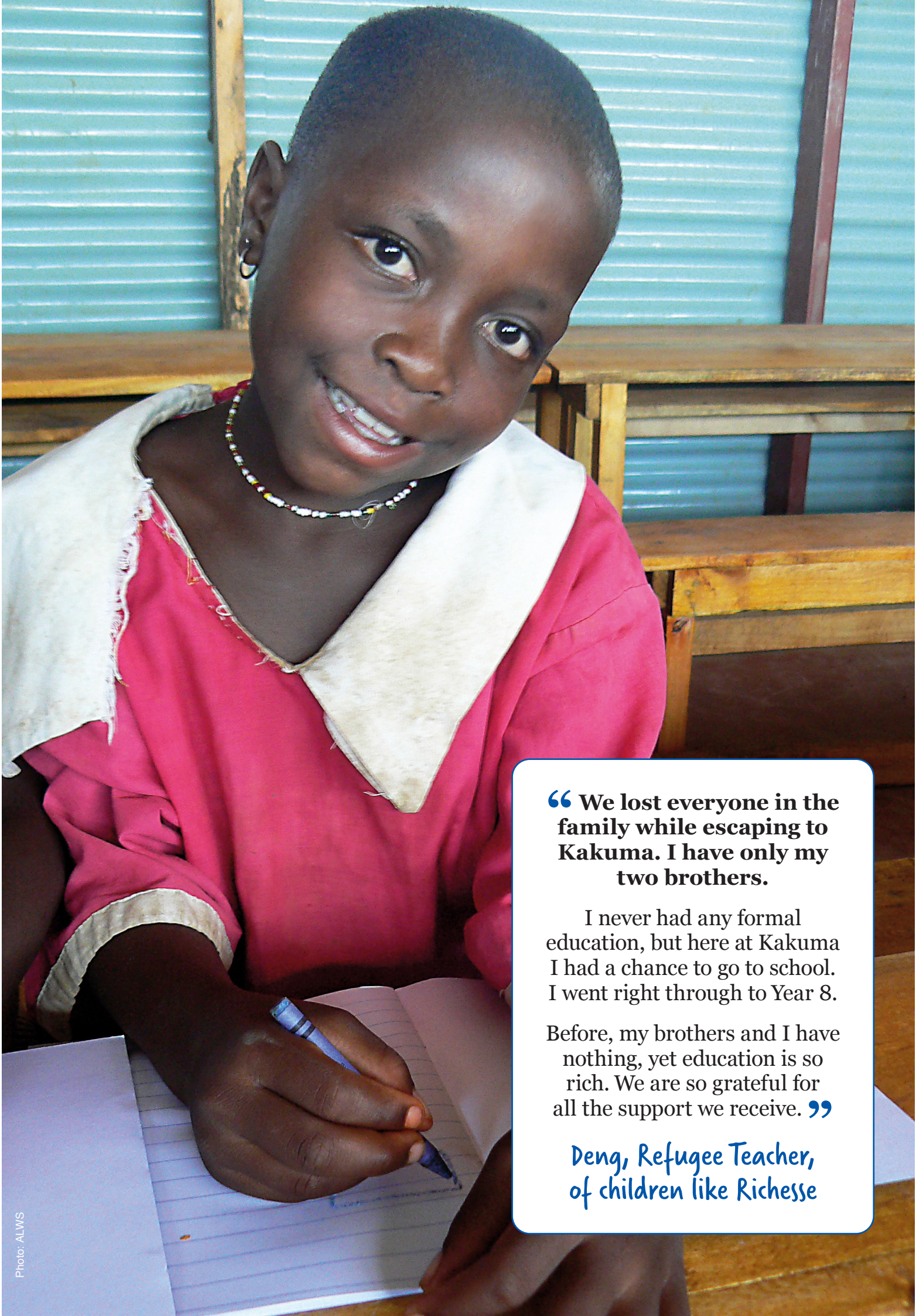


Photo: ALWS

“ We lost everyone in the family while escaping to Kakuma. I have only my two brothers.

I never had any formal education, but here at Kakuma I had a chance to go to school. I went right through to Year 8.

Before, my brothers and I have nothing, yet education is so rich. We are so grateful for all the support we receive. ”

Deng, Refugee Teacher, of children like Richesse

Dadaab Refugee Camp



WHAT	Support and Protection for Refugees in Kenya
LOCAL PARTNER	LWF Kenya
WHERE	Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya
WHO	897 direct beneficiaries, 4,485 indirect beneficiaries
ALWS ACTION	\$50,000

Why our help is needed

Dadaab Refugee Camp caters to 218,873 people who have fled civil war, drought and famine. 13,532 people have special needs.

Our action together

- 80 people supported in vocational training skills – tailoring and dress making, ICT, and dyeing skills
- 123 continuing and graduate tailors, make 300,000 reusable masks for PPE
- 697 people with disabilities reached in the camps
- 120 older people reached with essential services and psycho-social services, to develop resilience and coping mechanisms
- Training for 30 caregivers on care of older persons
- Training for 100 community staff in accessing resources to assist people with disabilities
- 50 assistive and mobility aid devices (elbow/axillary crutches, walking sticks, white canes) distributed to 50 clients
- Rehabilitation services to 647 people with disabilities.

What we learned

As part of the infection, prevention and control measures for COVID-19, LWF adopted new approaches like digital learning platforms. This enabled virtual meetings and trainings, Radio lessons for students, and psychosocial support/physiotherapy/Occupational therapy sessions using Telehealth, amongst other tools. We learned that a successful transition to virtual programs is reliant on everyone having access to the right technology and internet connectivity.

Our impact

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the program pivoted to meet changed and critical needs. 123 tailors trained through the LWF Vocational Centre, along with 127 labourers from the refugee and host communities produced 300,000 re-usable face masks. This helped prevent COVID-19 transmission, and the wages paid supported families, and contributed to the local economy.

Somalia



WHAT Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia) to Rebuild the State's Education Sector

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Kenya-Djibouti-Somalia

WHERE Jubaland

WHO 1,584 people

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$72,125, DFAT \$191,567

Why our help is needed

This project supports Ministry of Education Jubaland to help children aged 10 - 18 who have never been to school, because of conflict, displacement, discrimination and poverty.

Our action together

- 14 Accelerated Learning Program teachers teach students at the two learning centres
- 1,500 children out of school in Kismayu enrolled into the Accelerated Learning Program
- 1,500 learners provided with safe drinking water
- 500 hygiene kits for adolescent girl learners
- 4 school enrolment drives to inform and encourage participation of parents, guardians, children and community members
- School uniforms provided to 750 learners
- Teaching and learning materials for 1,500 learners
- Construction of 4 classrooms
- 1,500 students provided with nutritional support through the school feeding program for 5 months
- 50 desks for the increased number of learners
- Ministry of Education staff supported with training and capacity building on educational quality and standards monitoring

What we learned

The team in Somalia learned there are ways to reach a large number of learners, and to implement a school shift system in order to leave no child behind, and best utilising the scarce resources.

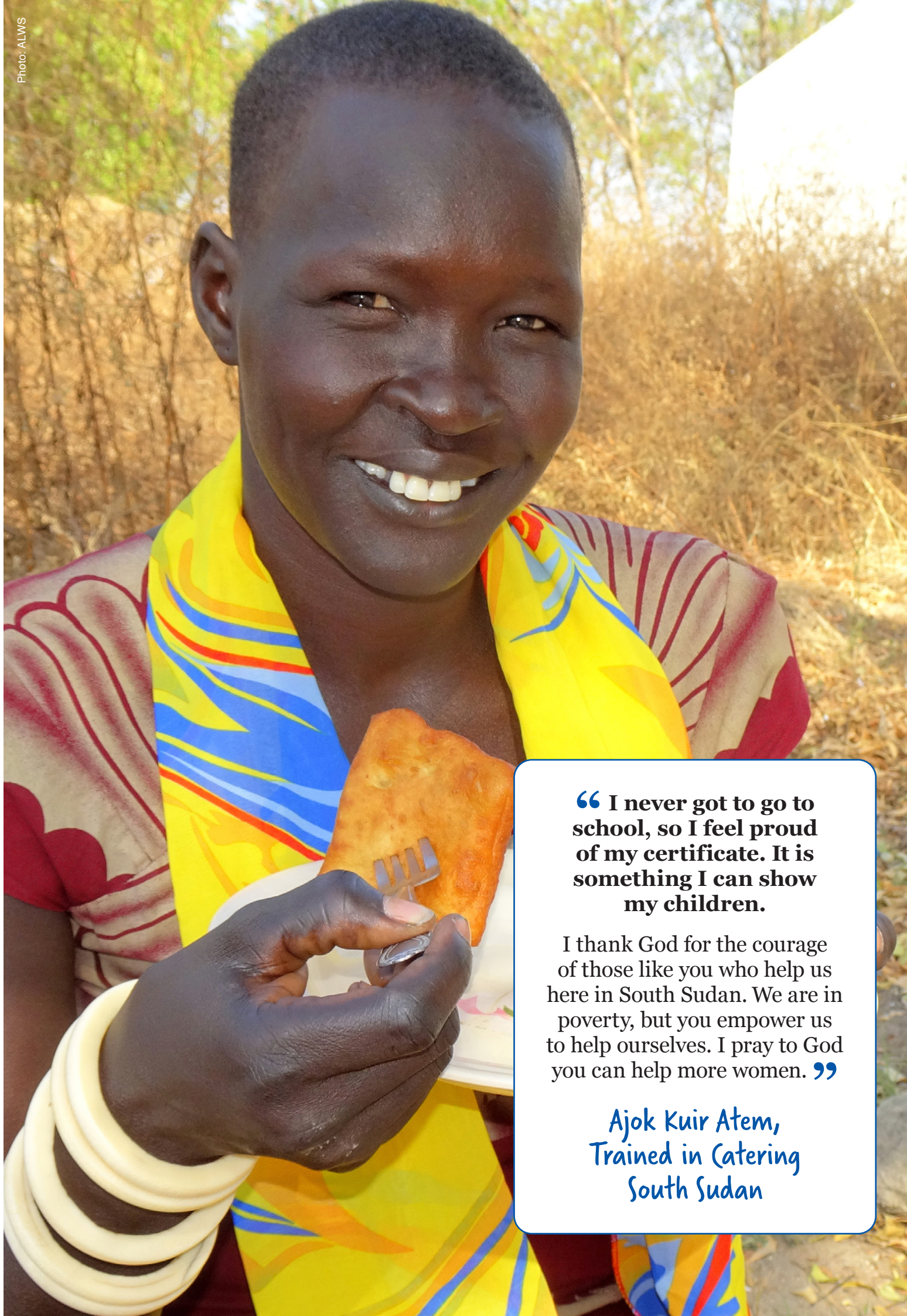
Our impact

The project provided quality education to 1,582 children who are at risk of being recruited into child labour, child marriage or simply not receiving the education they deserve. The project also supported the Ministry of Education to gradually take over the running of the school, ensuring the sustainability of ALWS' project funding.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Somalia through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Photo: ALWS



“ I never got to go to school, so I feel proud of my certificate. It is something I can show my children.

I thank God for the courage of those like you who help us here in South Sudan. We are in poverty, but you empower us to help ourselves. I pray to God you can help more women. ”

**Ajok Kuir Atem,
Trained in Catering
South Sudan**

South Sudan



WHAT Strengthening Integrated Livelihoods Strategies and Peaceful Co-existence Capacities for Conflict Affected Returnees, Internally Displaced Persons, Host Communities and at-risk Communities

LOCAL PARTNER LWF South Sudan

WHERE Jonglei State – Duk, Twic East and Jalle Counties

WHO 14,989 people

ALWS ACTION \$600,000

Why our help is needed

Years of war and ongoing insecurity, coupled with natural disasters like floods and locusts, and COVID-19, continue to hurt people.

Our action together

- 325 farmers engaged in Farmer Field Schools
- 80 farmers grew crops and vegetables
- 850 households received goats
- 100 members of Village Savings Associations started saving, and set up small businesses
- 990 students (160 new in 2020) enrolled in Early Childhood Development Centres
- 6,120 students (949 new) enrolled in 8 primary schools received learning and teaching supplies
- 144 students (7 new) enrolled in one secondary school received learning and teaching supplies
- 725 adolescent girls supported to ensure regular attendance in primary and secondary school
- Two community peace dialogues with 132 participants were organized in Duk County
- Established 3 school peace clubs with 45 members
- 80 community leaders, including 40 chiefs, 12 Church leaders, 10 police officers, 8 teachers, 5 women community leaders were trained in community-based protection and psychosocial support.

What we learned

The project took advantage of the extra water from the floods in May and June to initiate additional activities.

- Fishing kits for 550 flood-affected households
- Providing vegetable seeds for 300 households to use the extra water stored in ponds to grow vegetables in the dry season.

Our impact

Food production, income generating activities, education and peacebuilding initiatives in Jonglei State, strengthened the resilience of communities affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

Burundi



WHAT

Community Empowerment Program

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Burundi

WHERE Cancuzo and Ruyigi Provinces

WHO 11,214 individuals

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$322,296, DFAT \$161,871

Why our help is needed

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 185 out of 189 in the 2019 Human Development Index. According to the 2018 World Food Security Report, Burundi is ninth most food insecure country in the world.

Our action together

- 746 Community Empowerment sessions
- School materials for 720 children
- 80 households supported to acquire decent shelter
- 7 community centres refurbished
- 6 bridges refurbished
- Support to establish 7 new Accumulative Savings and Credit Associations (ASCA)
- Support kits provided for the new ASCA
- Support of agro-pastoral groups
- Agricultural input support
- Construction of a storage shed and a block of 2 latrines.

What we learned

Results are sustained beyond the life of the project when stakeholders in the community get involved and take ownership. Group work helps to strengthen communities so they can pool their resources. This collaboration also helps strengthen social cohesion and reduce inequalities.

Our impact

Families are now meeting their basic needs without having to travel to Tanzania to provide very low-waged labour. Project participants were supported to grow seasonal and market gardening plants to fight against famine following the closure of borders and the resulting disruption to imports.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Burundi through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Photo: ALWS

“At Tubemaso, I have found a family in my friends. We meet for association activities, but most important is the feeling of acceptance and belonging. Before I joined, I felt like an outsider. I was lonely most of the time. But now my friends watch over me and care about my welfare.”

Nzeyimana Antoinette

Tubemaso means ‘Let’s be watchful’ - the self-help group has 329 members and works together to grow food.

Djibouti



WHAT Education and Protection for Refugee Children in Djibouti

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Kenya-Djibouti

WHERE Ali Addeh and Hol Hol Refugee Camps, Djibouti City

WHO 18,389 people

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$80,000

Why our help is needed

Refugees from Somalia, Yemen and Ethiopia who have fled conflict need protection, psychosocial support and access to education.

Our action together

- Supplies providing for the production of 3,000 facemasks by the Women Leaders Committee Members to prevent transmission of COVID-19
- Frontline workers provided with COVID-19 PPE - masks and hand sanitiser
- Child and Youth Friendly Space facilities and activities used by about 300 children each day
- Management committee trained to safely and inclusively manage a new Child and Youth Friendly Space
- Safe water to Child and Youth Friendly Space
- Educational support for 20 urban refugee children
- 2 community-based refugee staff trained to provide basic physiotherapy
- Handwashing facilities installed in community offices and facilities
- Community leadership training for 134 refugee
- Training for United Nations Refugee agency and Djibouti Government Departments in refugee child protection, special needs education, and programming for the elderly and people with disabilities.

What we learned

The relationships and trust built with the local refugee community, strengthened by years of support, enabled rapid and effective remote based support during the pandemic. This included ensuring the protection and continuation of services for refugees with a disability, unaccompanied and separated children, elderly persons, and female-headed households during periods of pandemic lockdown.

Our impact

Enabling local community structures to take immediate action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 likely saving many lives and prevented the further spread of the pandemic in the refugee camps.

Myanmar – Education



WHAT Education for Change:
Education Assistance to Children in Rakhine State

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Myanmar

WHERE Rakhine State

WHO 23,154 children

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$103,825, DFAT \$142,286
Plus matching grant from EU, and consortium
activities with Save the Children and Plan

Why our help is needed

Conflict and poverty mean children in Rakhine State struggle to access quality education.

Our action together

- 8,917 Student Kits distributed (exercise books, pencils, eraser, pencil case, crayons, backpack, mini solar lamp, umbrella and raincoat)
- 155 teachers provided with incentive salaries
- 12 Government schools had latrine blocks and pathways constructed
- Furniture including desks, benches, handwashing basins provided to 22 Government schools and 22 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS)
- 4 Temporary Learning Spaces reconstructed
- 22 Temporary Learning Spaces and 3 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) repaired including latrine and fence construction
- 22 water purifiers for TLS
- Teaching kits to 22 Government Schools, 48 TLS and 20 CFS
- First Aid kits distributed to 22 Government schools
- Sports equipment supplied to Child Clubs in 48 TLS and 8 Government Schools
- 174 teachers trained in student-centred curriculum
- 96 teachers were trained in new Grade 3 curriculum
- 90 teachers trained in mathematics curriculum.

What we learned

With schools closing due to COVID-19 lockdowns, providing home learning kits was essential to ensure students did not fall behind.

Our impact

There have been ongoing improvements in the quality of teaching, the government support for education activities and the skills of Parent Teacher Associations. This is seen in higher pass rates and increased student participation and learning.

Photo: Shin Thandar



“ Showkat has never been able to speak, and has trouble with her physical mobility. Her hands and legs are not strong like other children the same age. Her sister must help her. But when Showkat saw her playmates going to school, she asked me to send her to school too. I would love to, but we are struggling a lot. We face so many challenges. ”

Arefa, mum of Showkat (on left) living in Displaced Persons Camp Rakhine State, Myanmar

Myanmar – Human rights



WHAT A Rights-Based Advocacy
Approach for Advancing Land, Legal Identity and
Women's Rights in Myanmar

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Myanmar

WHERE Rakhine, Chin and Kayin States

WHO 9,975 people

ALWS ACTION \$43,295

Why our help is needed

Vulnerable communities in rural areas of Myanmar face challenges in accessing basic human rights, including their right to claim and access their land, their right to a legal identity and rights of women to live with gender equality.

Our action together

- 99 families completed the process of registering their land, aimed at preventing them from being unjustly evicted from their land and also provides access to agricultural credit services
- 351 families gained birth registration certificates for their children
- 251 people gained their National ID Card, enabling them to vote in elections
- 20 female leaders from a range of faith back-grounds received training on women's rights
- Train 37 staff on civic responsibility and identifying disinformation
- 17 Community Consultations with 383 people and a consultation with 29 Civil Society Organisations were facilitated to inform LWF's contribution to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
- Contributed to a UPR report raising 11 human rights issues which was submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council, and discussed with various diplomatic missions.

What we learned

The impact of COVID-19 on the ability of field-staff to travel to communities meant that new ways of working were developed and used, such as having local leaders take a stronger role in coordinating with local government, and running online advocacy and training events which had reached more people than planned.

Our impact

International advocacy for improved human rights in Myanmar was strengthened by the LWF team's work at community level. When local level action is linked to national and international efforts to promote human rights, then our combined advocacy leads to lasting change.

Nepal – LICED

WHAT Local Initiatives for Community Empowerment and Development Project (LICED)

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Nepal

WHERE Morang, Lalitpur, Kailali, Dhanusa, Bardiya Districts

WHO 9,926 individuals

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$406,000, DFAT \$185,094

Why our help is needed

Marginalised groups such as Indigenous, Dalit, refugee communities, women, people with disabilities are among Nepal's most vulnerable – especially during COVID-19.

Our action together

- 4,224 families supported through COVID-19
- 11 quarantine centres were supported with equipment for returning workers
- 1,046 farmers supported to begin commercial farming of vegetable, turmeric, chilli and mushroom farming
- 1,380 farmers received agricultural training
- 328 entrepreneurs supported to establish enterprises and are now self-employed
- 1,791 people increased their knowledge on WASH and personal hygiene
- 248 families benefited from water sources such as wells and pumps being repaired
- 33 teachers from 22 public schools participated in a disability-inclusion education training program
- 5 disability-friendly public toilets constructed
- 48 households have installed a bio-gas plant
- 101 human rights defenders trained
- 189 people from 7 communities trained on Community Based Disaster Risk Management skills

What we learned

By communicating and collaborating with local government, the amount and quality of support these local authorities provide to the community has improved. For example, provision of water pumps, funding for community development activities, and vaccinations for livestock.

Our impact

1,800 families now have access to resources such as land, water and financial services, and improved farming techniques. Increasing numbers of families are now able to grow or purchase sufficient food all year round and have a healthier, more varied diet.

Photo: ALWS



“ You can recognise a person with a disability by the pain in our hearts. Before, we were living like street dogs. The community neglected me. But my husband is gone, and it is up to me to educate and feed my children, so I must work. I have joined the co-op, and now I am more confident. I know I have rights. ”

**Saru, and her daughter
Nepal**

Nepal – POWER

WHAT Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)

LOCAL PARTNER LWF Nepal, working in consortium with Caritas, Adventist Development and Relief Agency and International Nepal Fellowship

WHERE Jhapa, Kailali and Dailekh districts

WHO 10,412 people

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$16,155, DFAT \$36,345

Why our help is needed

Women lack access to public services and resources, and are excluded from leadership roles. Women lack equality in their homes, and are at risk of gender-based violence.

Our action together

- through advocacy to local government, \$400,000 of government funds granted to women-focused community work
- 88 Women Human Rights Defenders working with communities to reduce gender-based violence, and advocate for issues such as having women-friendly COVID-19 quarantine facilities
- 29 women supported by Women Human Rights Defenders to take their cases of gender-based violence to local police and courts
- 20 institutions including Cooperatives and Community Based Organisations have learnt how to use Gender Analysis techniques.

What we learned

An evaluation conducted late in 2020 found the project had been particularly effective in creating change in how governments budget and support women in the community. The evaluation recommended in the next phase of the project, a greater focus on including men and boys in activities would better help reduce gender based violence within families.

Our impact

The evaluation found the project has resulted in an increased sense of self-esteem among women, increased awareness on gender-based violence among women and adolescents, increased access to services and resources, and reached those most in need.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Nepal through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Cambodia



WHAT

Livelihood Enhancement Action Programme

LOCAL PARTNER Life With Dignity

WHERE

Pursat, Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu and Svay Rieng Provinces

WHO 34,804 people

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$245,428, DFAT \$789,120

Why our help is needed

Rural communities need support to develop sustainable livelihoods resilient to climate change and natural disasters.

Our action together

- 37 small business groups formed and 24 trained on finance, sales and marketing
- 466 people trained in financial management
- 3 market-places constructed
- 1,400 community members, 567 youth and 834 school children developed skills to be resilient to the impacts of disasters and climate change
- 1,254 families affected by disasters supported with emergency kits and financial support
- 561 farmers trained in climate-resilient techniques for vegetable and chicken production
- 451 farmers provided with material support including chickens, and netting
- 37 rainwater tanks installed
- 7 preschools constructed
- 3 village roads built to improve access
- 17 irrigation systems constructed
- 349 households provided with solar lanterns.

What we learned

Supporting farmers in the diversification of market linkages and building confidence through good agriculture practice methods have resulted in increased yield and sustainable livelihood prospects.

Our impact

Through local level community engagement at scale, you have helped empower large sections of poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in rural Cambodia to improve their social and economic livelihoods.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Cambodia through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Photo: LWD

“ For 11 years I used to make charcoal, but I still didn’t make enough to look after my family. My children didn’t go to school. Then I was shown how to grow climate change resilient vegetables like pumpkin, eggplant and cucumbers, using drip irrigation. With the new income I can support my children to go to school. I hope my children will become teachers. ”

**Nhem Ra with sister-in-law
Cambodia**

Papua New Guinea



WHAT

Church Partnership Program

LOCAL PARTNER

Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG (ELCPNG)

WHERE Country-wide

WHO 3,574 direct beneficiaries

ALWS ACTION DFAT \$627,392

Why our help is needed

In PNG, the presence of ELCPNG education, health, community services and disaster relief responses is a beacon of hope for many communities lacking essential services. Your help through ALWS supports the ELCPNG to more effectively deliver these services.

Our action together

- 1,692 people reached through COVID-19 Disability outreach
- 4 radio transmitters installed in remote locations to assist with COVID-19 messaging
- 600 community members joined World Disability Day celebrations in Lae
- 86 people trained as adult literacy trainers
- 144 youth trained in life skills
- 33 church leaders trained in counselling
- 37 circuit leaders trained in Theology of Gender Equality and Gender Based Violence.

What we learned

Not wavering during times of turmoil, the ELCPNG has been able to act together with the Government of Papua New Guinea. This was displayed during the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. When some agencies had to close some offices, ELCPNG leadership activated its Church Disaster Relief Management process and developed a Relief Response Plan to accompany the Government of Papua New Guinea in responding to COVID-19.

Our impact

The Church Partnership Program is supporting the ELCPNG to effectively deliver essential health, education, community services and disaster relief responses to PNG communities.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the PNGAusPartnership.



PNGAus Partnership



“ Disability should not deter me from working productively. Though I cannot hear nor speak, I actively participate in meetings. My new skills in tailoring have changed my dignity. No more do people feel ‘pity’ on me, as they used to. Now they admire my tailoring skill. ”

Yaniba, Indonesia, trained as a tailor, and made COVID-19 masks

Indonesia – PK Hephata

WHAT Rights based empowerment of people with disabilities through community-based rehabilitation

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

WHERE 6 districts in North Sumatra Province

WHO 5,910 people

ALWS ACTION \$48,944

Why our help is needed

People with disability and their families continue to experience stigmatism and exclusion and do not exercise their education, health, social and civil rights.

Our action together

- Provide 687 people with disability with 1,000 face masks and access another 2,000 face masks from local government
- Orient 316 people with disability on COVID-19 prevention measures
- Provide 90 people with disability with food (rice, cooking oil and eggs) as part of the COVID-19 response and enable another 450 people with disability to be supported by local government
- Train 75 families of people with disability on rights of people with disability

- Train 85 schoolteachers on the rights of people with disability and pay school fees for 74 children with disability
- Assistive devices to 96 people with disability
- Help 65 people with disability register with Indonesian Government Health Insurance scheme
- Train 40 people with disability on saving and credit management and book-keeping
- Provide 26 people with disability with seed fund to start their livelihood programs – operating a kiosk, rearing livestock and growing vegetables
- Train 39 representatives of Disabled People’s Organisations on rights of people with disability
- 88 people from village governments, private and state companies, trained on disability rights.

What we learned

Establishing and maintaining close relationships between PK Hephata, government, other service providers and donors is very important, because it enables people with disability and their families to run their daily lives with dignity, and take measures against the spread of COVID-19 and its impact to keep themselves safe.

Our impact

Project stakeholders (government, community-based organisations, churches, private and state companies) have become more aware and accepting of people with disability and their families through the project interventions. This awareness and acceptance have contributed to people with disability and their families being able to live their lives with dignity and hope.

Indonesia – CDRM&CDS

WHAT Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities

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

WHERE North & West Sumatra Provinces

WHO 11,386 people

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$43,317, DFAT \$366,548

Why our help is needed

Communities in Mentawai and Nias Islands, and upland North Sumatra are extremely vulnerable to natural disaster. They have limited government services and community structures for disaster risk reduction.

Our action together

- 2,372 people benefit from 8 village projects on disaster risk reduction and village development
- 773 teachers and students (38 schools) trained in child protection and COVID-19 prevention
- 38 school initiatives provide 1,863 people with WASH materials for COVID-19 protection
- Train 435 people on disability inclusion in disaster risk reduction
- Support 145 people from poor families to implement climate change initiatives
- Train 366 Disaster Risk Reduction group members from 21 villages on COVID-19 prevention measures
- 105 poor families have better access to nutritious food through small vegetable gardens
- Train 33 teachers on disability-inclusive education
- 7 children with disability receive School Packs (uniform, bag, shoes, book, pen & pencil)
- Implement 5 school initiatives to create disability-friendly school premises
- Train 6 Disabled People Organizations on organization management and leadership
- 87 families to construct latrines for their households
- Provide 1,096 people from 274 households with WASH items to help prevent COVID-19
- Provide 40 village-based community health posts with essential equipment and PPE
- 283 households register as members of the Indonesian Government Health Insurance scheme
- Support 7 people with disability and their families to develop their livelihood programs
- 67 people with disability join a credit union.



What we learned

An independent review of the ALWS-CDRM&CDS partnership conducted in 2020 highlighted the value of practising accompaniment in a long-term partnership. Accompaniment has enabled respectful mutuality and solidarity, constancy and stability, two-way learning support rather than direction, and the provision of technical capacity building while maintaining adherence to accountability standards. Proactive communication was important in CDRM&CDS’ response to COVID-19.

Our impact

Local Lutheran churches’ diaconal departments have increased their capacity to implement rights-based livelihoods and disaster risk reduction activities within the communities they serve. The enhanced livelihood skills, membership of savings and credit organisations, and diversification of livelihoods, strengthened communities’ resilience, sense of solidarity and safety, which helped mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Indonesia through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Worldwide: COVID-19 pandemic *



WHERE LWF response in 18 country programs

ALWS ACTION \$25,000*

TOTAL LWF ACTION AUD \$605,000

Why our help was needed

LWF frontline workers required PPE to protect them from COVID-19 so they could continue life-transforming work, and ensure no spread of COVID-19 to those we serve.

Our action together

As a worldwide LWF partnership through COVID-19:

- 454,000 people supported with direct action
- 5,600 frontline LWF staff receive PPE, protection kits and psychological support, so aid and development work can continue
- Protection and Hygiene Kits to 260,000 people in 16 country programs
- Food Kits and Seeds to 10,044 people
- Water, sanitation and hygiene services
- 5,246 students, and learners with special needs, receive radio and video lessons
- COVID-19 Awareness Campaigns reach 520,000 people in 14 country programs
- 4,055 LWF staff and community leaders trained in COVID-19 prevention.

Our impact together

- Rapid provision of protection kits
- Strengthened coordination with authorities, other humanitarian partners, churches, partner organizations and humanitarian country teams
- Reinforced community engagement by working with youth, community and religious leaders to create behavioural change
- New program approaches using digital platforms and mass media

What we learned

The LWF COVID-19 Response Fund:

- enabled programs to respond to the new challenges
- opportunity to set-up small but efficient projects quickly, providing continuity of operations
- flexibility enabled a tailored response to local needs, within clear parameters

* NB: This action is additional to funds in existing ALWS-supported projects being pivoted to COVID-19 prevention activities



Photo: LWF Nepal

“ I kept hearing the radio message for the frequent handwashing for COVID-19. But we had no soaps in our house due to the lockdown. So, I was happy to see the 4 pieces of soap in the relief package. I heard this was managed by the Lutheran, which has been supporting our income generation. I would like to thank them for this support to me. ”

Ambika, Nepal

SPECIAL PROJECT: Capacity Building for Gender Context Analysis



WHERE Burundi, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kenya, Somalia, Myanmar and South Sudan

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$14,198, DFAT \$35,222

Why our help is needed

Our ALWS partners in Burundi, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Myanmar seek increased understanding of gender context analyses so they can create a better outcome for women and girls, as well as men and boys.

Our action together

- Internal assessments to gauge levels of current gender equality understanding, mainstreaming in programming and priority gaps or needs
- Engage in capacity building training that increases their understanding of gender context analysis
- Conduct gender context analyses which pilot new or improved tools
- Action plan for further gender context analysis and gender mainstreaming
- Incorporate gender sensitivity in planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning systems
- Implement gender-specific activities
- ALWS shares gender context analysis reports with Lutheran World Federation and discusses further actions for creating standardised tools.

What we're learning

We seek ways to ensure that we don't exacerbate existing gender inequalities, but work with rights-holders to ensure our projects encourage the best in people. We aim to target our approaches in the most effective way to reach the most vulnerable women, children and men.

EMERGENCY ACTION

WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED MOST



Nepal: Floods

WHERE Kailali District

WHO AFFECTED 34,587 people

HELP DELIVERED BY LWF Nepal with Digo Bikash Samaj

ALWS ACTION \$50,000

HOW MANY HELPED 2,380 people

Why our help was needed

Monsoon rains in June 2020 caused flash flooding and landslides in many parts of Nepal. Homes were flooded and families displaced, taking shelter in schools, community buildings and on road embankments.

- Our action together**
- 240 families farms were re-established
 - 30 families were supported to start up a small business
 - 3 Community Based Disaster Management Committees were supported to be better prepared for future flooding
 - 90 households had washing facilities constructed
 - 3 village water infrastructures were repaired
 - 1,253 women reached with the messages on acts, laws and referral on actions against Gender-Based Violence.

Indonesia: Volcanic Eruption

WHERE Mt Sinabung, Tanah Karo Regency, North Sumatra

WHO AFFECTED 20,000 people

HELP DELIVERED BY CDRM&CDS with the Disaster Management Commission of Gereja Batak Karo Protestan/GBKP Church

ALWS ACTION \$5,000

HOW MANY HELPED 2,065 people

Why our help was needed

On 10 August 2020, the Mt Sinabung volcanic eruption destroyed crops, causing harvest failure resulting in the need for basic food items, such as rice, by affected communities.

- Our action together**
- Distributed 3,000 face masks to protect people from falling ash and smoke
 - Distributed 2,800 kilos of rice.

Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine you are there with them.

Hebrews 13:3b:

Bangladesh: Refugees

WHERE Cox's Bazaar

WHO AFFECTED 1.3 million refugees and hosts

HELP DELIVERED BY LWF and Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service

ALWS ACTION ALWS \$56,562
Diaconia Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren USD \$178,075

HOW MANY HELPED 70,970 people (direct and indirect)

Why our help was needed

Rohingya women, girls, boys and men have been forced to flee their homes in Myanmar from systematic discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence. Cox's Bazaar is now the largest refugee camp in the world.

- Our action together**
- Learning materials for 800 children to enable continued studies during the COVID-19 crisis
 - Water, sanitation and hygiene training and hygiene kits for 1,000 refugees
 - 6 km of drains repaired and cleaned
 - 8,381 trees planted in the refugee camp and nearby host community
 - Livelihood and income support to refugees to undertake a wide range of activities including camp maintenance, planting and maintain tree saplings
 - Menstrual and Reproductive health training and Dignity Kits for 80 adolescent refugee girls.



South Sudan: Locusts

WHERE Magwi County, Eastern Equatoria State

WHO AFFECTED 350,000 people

HELP DELIVERED BY ACT Alliance through LWF South Sudan

ALWS ACTION \$20,000

HOW MANY HELPED 28,085 people

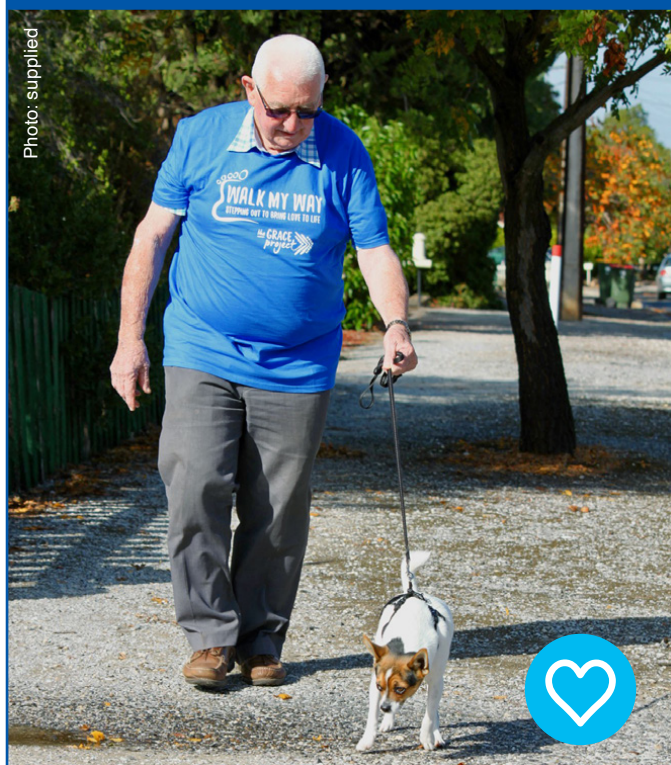
Why our help was needed

People in this region are already experiencing severe acute food insecurity due to poor rain, floods, conflict, and the effects of border restriction brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The desert locust crisis poses additional potential threat to the food security.

- Our action together**
- Food assistance through cash vouchers
 - Farmers adversely affected by locusts supported with tools and seeds
 - Tree seedlings given to farmers to help in reforestation
 - Groups of youth trained and supported to start tree nurseries
 - Support for farmers and small traders through training on management of small businesses and start-up capital to initiate their own income generating activities
 - Traders trained in Village Savings and Lending Groups
 - Support local authorities in Locust Response.

WALK MY WAY

STEPPING OUT TO BRING LOVE TO LIFE



When COVID-19 cancelled the Barossa Valley **Walk My Way**, Valley local Oscar took his two-legged best friend, 84 year old Colin Krause, out walking four kilometres each morning until they completed the 26 kilometres Walk.

WHERE YOU LIVE	WHAT YOU GAVE IN 2020
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	\$1,615,463
NORTHERN TERRITORY	\$27,264
QUEENSLAND	\$801,860
NEW SOUTH WALES	\$659,597
VICTORIA	\$902,315
TASMANIA	\$8,535
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	\$107,296
ACT	\$113,945
NEW ZEALAND	\$18,279
OTHER*	\$42,746
THANK YOU!	TOTAL \$4,297,300

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

What a walk!

When COVID-19 forced the cancellation of Walk My Way in 2020, there was disappointment across the country.

From people joining the first official Walk for Melbourne ... the community of Barossa Valley in South Australia ... the Gold Coast ... and north-east Victoria where the plan was to commemorate ALWS 70th birthday by walking from Victory College in Wodonga to Bonegilla Migrant Centre, where ALWS had its beginnings.

Most important of all was concern for the refugee children whose education is the aim of **Walk My Way**.

What to do?

Walk My Way became **Walk your Way**.

Instead of hundreds of people walking together as a group, ALWS invited Walkers to do their own walk, at their own time, in their own place, following whatever COVID restrictions applied at the time.

What happened?

ALWS was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and creativity that came to life. Across the country, people found ways to walk for the children. Across golf courses. In stages, day by day, respecting 5 kilometre COVID travel limits. With four-legged friends. On two-wheeled machines. In groups in Lutheran schools.

In total, 2,838 people found a way to walk for the children ...

... and supported 6,390 refugee children to go to school!

(Each \$26 raised supports a refugee child in school for one year, providing school-books, desks, training of teachers - even school lunches!)

To everyone who walked, or supported a Walker, thank you for finding a way!



Terrific Toddler

It took 18 months old Hazel 4 months to complete her **Walk your Way** – but, supported by mum Liana, she raised enough money to support 168 refugee children to go to school!



“I’m just a teenager...”

Students from Concordia College in Adelaide found new ways to help refugee children go to school. Year 11 students Shae, Asha, Emma and Eva made beaded bracelets to sell ... while Year 5s completed 260 kilometres as a group by walking around the oval at lunchtime. **The school now supports 143 refugee children to go to school.** Emma summed up their effort:

“I’m just a teenager from Adelaide, and I may not be able to eradicate the violence or erase the trauma of these people, but I can help give them an education and that’s a very powerful thing.”



Invaluable Volunteers

In 2020, volunteers donated 552 hours of time at ALWS, saving us \$14,557 in costs – which means more of your donation gets to those who need it. Thank you, Volunteers!

Volunteers Wilma and John didn’t let a global pandemic get in the way of helping out!

Paying it forward

While health issues now hamper Pastor Rob Voigt’s mobility, he was asked by a class at Immanuel Lutheran Primary School why he did **Walk My Way** last year (which he did on a treadmill!).

“I know how important education is. Without it, my life would be completely different. I had somebody pay my entire way through Concordia College - and I still don’t know who!

Walk My Way is a loving caring action that really resonates with me. It means I can help give an education to someone who has no hope. Education will give them a chance in life.

One of the students at Immanuel said I was “paying it forward”. But really, it’s about being so grateful to God for how my life turned out, I’m just wanting to bless others in the way I have been.”



Birthday blessings

When Nita Jansen celebrated her 100th birthday, instead of gifts for herself, Nita asked people to give gifts to help children at Kakuma Refugee Camp to go to school. **The \$1095 donated supports 42 children for a year.** Nita shared:

“I have always loved children. They bring goodness into our lives. That’s why I wanted to help the children in the refugee camp. I’ve been a big supporter of ALWS, especially at Christmas time, with *Gifts of Grace*. It is dear to my heart to help people in need.”

Share a shed

Birdwood Men’s Shed gave a \$163 *Gifts of Grace* shed in Nepal: “We are a mainly Lutheran group of men who meet monthly in members’ sheds, with the host sharing his life story. Members hope the shed we give will provide shelter, an area to share experiences, and a place of solace for the users.”



Cards of kindness

“My Goddaughter Eliza attends a Lutheran College in Victoria. She was in Year 9 this year which involves a Rite Journey. I was thrilled to be her Mentor, even though I live in Sydney. We had to decide on a project to work on. We chose one that involves her talent at card making. Because of COVID, my involvement was through weekly FaceTime calls. **Eliza ended up making 4 packs of 5 cards. We sold those for \$10 each and decided to donate the \$40 to ALWS.**”

– Naomi



Lock-down call-up

During 2020, ALWS made 500+ phone-calls to supporters living in COVID-19 lockdown zones across Australia. It was a simple way to let people know they had not been forgotten during the tough time, and that their kindness to others through ALWS was appreciated

Christmas trees GROW children!

St John’s Unley had a Christmas Tree Festival planned for December 2020. COVID restrictions in SA in November forced them to cancel. Instead, they joined a community market to sell the plants, produce, food and craft already made.

Unley’s help grew as they raised \$1666.79 for the ALWS Grace Project – to support 64 refugee children at school for a year!

School’s in – even when it’s out!

How do you inspire a class of Grade 4 students in a Lutheran school to reach out to help people in need – when COVID-19 restrictions mean you can’t talk to them face-to-face?

Or when children and young people have to do their learning from home?

This is the challenge the ALWS Community Education team faced in 2020. In a ‘normal’ year, they travel far and wide to engage students of all ages in interactive sessions that enlighten, inspire and encourage action.

Whether the topic is the impact of dirty water on the lives of poor communities in Indonesia ... the life of a refugee child who is at risk of missing out on school ... the effect of the changing climate ... ALWS seeks to show students the opportunities they have to make a difference for others, and how this kind of action is a powerful way Christians can bring love to life.

But, when COVID cancelled travel plans, ALWS had to find new ways to reach students.

Step 1 was to create 14 x 90 minute curriculum-linked sessions which could be delivered face-to-face or via Zoom. Facts. Stories. Videos. Games. All presented in electronic format, or easily printable, or simply mailed direct, to make it easy for teachers.

Step 2 was to create new COVID-relevant resources teachers could use on their own. How do children in a poor village properly wash their hands when there is not enough water, let alone soap and sanitiser? How do you encourage social distancing in remote communities, or to people who cannot read? Linked to these educational materials were devotions designed to encourage students in tough times.

Step 3 involved learning how to deliver presentations direct to classes via Zoom!



Students from Living Faith Lutheran Primary School organised a fun **Walk your Way** to help refugee children in East Africa go to school. Photo: Living Faith

The result of all this work was that the ALWS Community Action team:

- delivered 50 Zoom sessions
- presented 87 classes face-to-face
- reaching 3,700 students in 33 schools
- presented Chapel to 5,200 students
- supported 10 schools to join in **Walk your Way**

It was pleasing to see the growing popularity of the ALWS program **What’s my business?** Students develop a business proposal ... pitch it to a Shark Tank ... then, if approved, receive a loan to build their business ... then, on a Market Day sell the products they have created ... and then use the profits to help people through ALWS!

Businesses set up include: hair-braiding, car-washing, scrunchies, cupcakes, bookmarks and lemonade – even painted rocks!

ALWS thanks the staff of Lutheran schools for their passion and commitment in working alongside ALWS to inspire young people to take action to care for others ... and we thank the young people for inspiring us with their ideas, energy and enthusiasm!



Our brother, Christian

On a deeply sad note, our Queensland rep Christian Stern was unable to provide his usual energetic and passionate work in school and churches in 2020, as he underwent treatment for cancer.

Christian’s deep faith, and his commitment to the poor, made him an inspirational speaker, popular and welcomed right across Queensland.

(Our Lord took Christian home on 22 February 2021 – we give thanks for his inspiring example of service to others.)

Bonegilla...

... to Burundi

About Bonegilla Migrant Camp

- The name comes from the Aboriginal word for 'deep water hole'
- It operated from 1947–1971
- The camp welcomed 309,000 displaced persons and war refugees
- People at Bonegilla were from 50 countries, mostly non-English speaking
- There were 24 accommodation blocks, each with a kitchen, mess hut, shower and toilet
- Men and women were in separate quarters
- There were 800 buildings with a capacity of 7,700 beds by 1950.



In 2020, we celebrated together 70 years of your service to people in need through ALWS. ALWS had its beginnings at the Bonegilla Migrant Centre, near Wodonga in Victoria, when Lutheran Pastor Bruno Muetzelfeldt began ministering to newly arrived migrants from war-ravaged Europe.

Bonegilla operated from 1947 to 1971, accommodating more than 300,000 displaced persons and war refugees. And in the same way our Lutheran family walked alongside people at Bonegilla those 70 years ago, today you continue to 'welcome the stranger' in refugee camps, and walk side by side with people in need through ALWS. Thank you!

'I was six when I arrived at Bonegilla with my parents on 22 December 1948. My dad was Estonian and mum Latvian. We had left a cold European winter and were about to experience our first hot summer Christmas. My mum arrived wearing a fur coat! We came on the ship Protea with 700 passengers. We then travelled by train to Bonegilla. Our new home! Unlined Nissan huts. I remember the steps going up into the huts. They were very cold and very hot! I am truly thankful for our life in Australia. And it all began in Bonegilla and the kindnesses of so many, including Lutheran churches and ALWS.'

– Margrit Friebe (nee Schmidt)

'Dad shared how he felt sad for the people arriving by train, often at night, at a little siding in the middle of nowhere and then being bussed to the camp. They would look so lost, with their suitcases and children clutching their hands. It would move him to tears. He said, "All I want to do is to do good for these people, for they will be the next generation to build our country". The people were always so grateful. This was a new opportunity after the harrowing times of the war.'

– Elizabeth Stolz, daughter of Pastor Norman Sander

'The buildings were actual Nissan huts – curved corrugated-iron buildings, with no inner wall linings. I can remember Mum looking hot and fanning herself. She told me years later how much she hated the heat initially. Men often sat in groups. Probably smoking, playing cards and talking.'

– Ivar Schmidt

'I was only 14 months old when we arrived from Italy, so my memories are my mum's. When they first arrived, the hut they were placed in had wet mud floors and there was dried vomit still on the cot. Not such a welcoming start! On their wedding anniversary, Mum smuggled in a small gas burner to cook a special meal in their hut. She placed each part of the meal under the quilt covers to stay warm until all parts of the meal could be eaten together! So many at Bonegilla were carrying scars from World War II. It is the grandchildren who have really reaped the benefits of their decision to come to Australia and from their hard work.'

– Barbara Mann

"The people we serve do not live in the spotlight."

Their plight often goes unnoticed. Finding the means to respond is hard. These are the unseen poor, living in the world's hardest conditions.

Fortunately for them, ALWS does take notice.

You turn every stone to ensure that suffering stops. Unlike others who follow where the media is, ALWS has stood by Burundi through thick and thin. Australian support has helped us enable thousands to put their trauma behind them and stand on their own two feet.

In Burundi and beyond, our humanitarian workers benefit from ALWS training and their detailed monitoring. They help us improve each year. I am particularly grateful for ALWS training in dealing with people with disabilities.



70 years later, the world IS a better place thanks to ALWS and the generosity of the people of Australia. I mean this from my heart."

Pablo Lo Moro,
LWF Regional
Program
Co-ordinator,
Burundi

“Before I was just using the spear to catch the fish, but now the net makes it easier.

I have more time, and I get more fish! I feel the hunger is now much less.

I am thanking the generous people who helped provide the net and say, ‘May God bless you’, when I am sitting with my family with full stomachs!”

Deng, South Sudan



Your kindness brings love to life!

In 2020, ALWS was blessed and humbled to be entrusted with more than \$8.1 million to bring love to life – with more money going to projects than ever before!

Such a wonderful result is a tribute to the generosity of the 6,000+ Australian supporters who donated in 2020, despite the challenges of COVID-19 and local natural disasters.

This kindness was matched with a strong ongoing commitment from the Lutheran Laypeople’s League and the Australian Government’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The 2020 funding result enabled ALWS to maintain our commitment to nine core programs, plus help people hurt by five different emergencies.

While there was a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020, this is due to a timing difference in transferring funds to overseas programs.

ALWS takes accountability very seriously, and therefore invests the appropriate amount of resources to ensure the funds entrusted to ALWS are used properly and effectively, as well as efficiently. This includes meeting the ever-increasing costs of compliance to ensure ongoing accreditation as an aid agency.

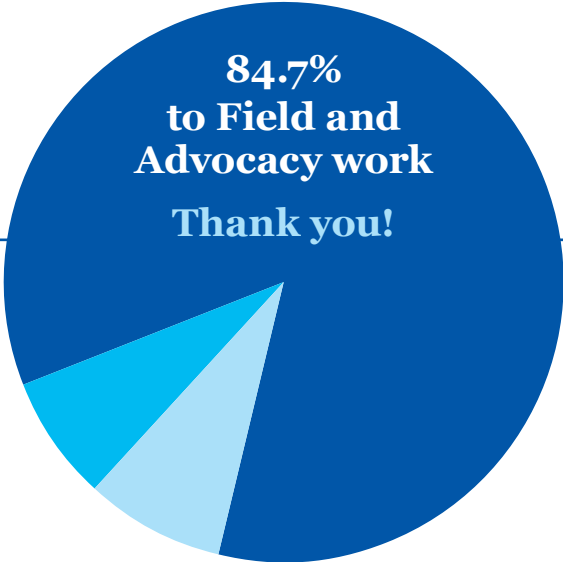
The good news is more than 84% of ALWS expenditure in 2020 supported projects that help and educate people!

Thanks to the commitment and professionalism of the ALWS team and our partners, and despite the challenges of COVID-19, we reached nearly 300,000 people in 2020 with an ‘overheads’ investment of just 15.3%. (‘Overheads’ are fundraising, accountability and administration costs as defined by ACFID.)!

The 5 year average for ‘overheads’ is only 14.6%.

Full credit for this wonderful result must go to ALWS supporters who donate around \$8 for each \$1 invested in fundraising.

Supporter generosity, and careful long-term planning by the ALWS team, has ensured a strong store of ‘reserves’. These reserves, carefully invested, support ALWS to strengthen our service to people in need. They are also critical to ensure aid and development



7.2% to Fundraising ‘overheads’ *
8.1% to Administration and Accountability ‘overheads’ *

* ‘Overheads’ are administration and fundraising costs as defined by the ACFID Code of Conduct. Percentages are calculated from total 2020 disbursements. The 5 year average is 14.6%. ALWS aims to minimise overheads as much as possible without affecting services. Refer to full financial statements later in this report. Funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development are used only for those purposes and are not used to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a political party, or to promote a candidate or organisation affiliated to a particular party.

programs can continue even if unexpected ‘shocks’ (bushfires, natural disasters, COVID-19) impact planned budget income.

No matter what challenges our Australian community faces, ALWS will continue to amplify the voices of those we serve to supporters and the Australian Government.

We will be innovative and flexible in our communication of those needs, and seek opportunities – such as matching grants – to grow the power of our supporters’ kindness. As always, we seek to work in productive partnerships that leverage our networks and international partners.

In summary, ALWS maintains a sound financial position at 31 December 2020.

ALWS has the capacity to meet all of its obligations as and when they fall due, and retains sufficient money in reserve to meet all its legal obligations.

Thank you!

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 2020 as follows:

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

Ms J Hoff (Chairperson)	Ms M Brookes
Mr P Renner (Vice Chairperson)	Rev Simon Cooper
Mr T Brennen	Mr A Kotzur
Mr M Stolz	

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

3. OPERATING RESULTS

There was a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2020 of \$541,607.

4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2020.

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:


Ms J Hoff
(Chairperson)

Date: 19 March 2021

Place: 10 Somerset Drive, Albury NSW


Mr P Renner
(Vice Chairperson)

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 30 to 45, 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 2020 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.


Ms J Hoff
(Chairperson)


Mr P Renner
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 19 March 2021

Place: 10 Somerset Drive, Albury NSW

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

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 2020, 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 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of 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 our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling 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 Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors 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 Directors' 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 Directors 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 Directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

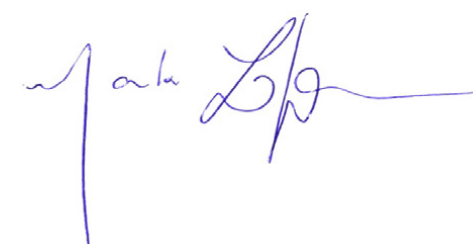
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that 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, 26th day of March 2021

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
REVENUE			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		4,073,558	3,855,768
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		223,742	384,815
Grants			
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		3,189,743	2,692,246
- Other Australian		126,000	127,000
- Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		107,979	143,589
Commercial Activities Income		0	0
Other Income	9	444,682	39,682
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
TOTAL REVENUE		8,165,704	7,243,100
EXPENDITURE			
International Aid & Development Programs Expenditure			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	10	5,481,478	5,170,673
- Program support costs		548,988	542,763
Community Education		422,865	488,067
Fundraising costs			
- Public		525,404	548,771
- Government, multilateral & private		22,832	9,697
Accountability & Administration		619,483	623,955
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
Total International Aid & Development Programs Expenditure		7,621,050	7,383,926
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		3,047	21,233
Commercial Activities Expenditure		0	0
Other Expenditure		0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		7,624,097	7,405,159
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE		541,607	(162,059)
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (DEFICIT)		541,607	(162,059)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		7,905,512	7,310,635
Trade and Other Receivables	2	36,291	18,238
Inventories		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		7,941,803	7,328,873
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	21,917	13,714
Investment Property		0	0
Intangibles	4	14,724	12,522
Other Non-Current Assets	5	0	2,263
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		36,641	28,499
TOTAL ASSETS		7,978,444	7,357,372
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	6	60,826	59,232
Borrowings		0	0
Current Tax Liabilities	7	38,389	39,708
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	8	427,088	348,207
Other		0	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		526,303	447,147
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	8	38,525	38,216
Other		0	0
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		38,525	38,216
TOTAL LIABILITIES		564,828	485,363
NET ASSETS		7,413,616	6,872,009
EQUITY			
General Reserves		0	0
Restricted Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		7,413,616	6,872,009
TOTAL EQUITY		7,413,616	6,872,009

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Retained Earnings \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at beginning of period	6,872,009	6,872,009
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	0
Items of other comprehensive income	0	0
Excess / (Shortfall) of revenue over expenses	541,607	541,607
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	0
Balance at end of period	7,413,616	7,413,616

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Government grants and other income		8,044,135	7,551,704
Interest receipts		444,682	39,682
Operating Expenses		(7,871,601)	(7,606,355)
Net cash generated by (used in) operating activities	13	617,216	(14,969)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net proceeds from loans		0	701
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		(22,339)	(15,081)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(22,339)	(14,380)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		594,877	(29,349)
Cash at the beginning of the year		7,310,635	7,339,984
Cash at the end of the year	13	7,905,512	7,310,635

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. In the opinion of the Directors, it is unlikely there are users of this financial report who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ACFID Code of Conduct. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

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 the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities preparing special purpose financial statements under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Section 60.30 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of the entity.

(b) New accounting standards adopted

The agency has applied AASB 2019-4 for the first time during the year ended 31 December 2020. The new standard amends AASB 1054 and applies to not-for-profit private sector entities preparing special purpose financial statements.

The new standard requires the agency to:

- disclose the basis on which the decision to prepare special purpose financial statements was made;
- where the entity has interests in other entities as subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures under AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*, disclose certain information regarding accounting for those arrangements;
- for each material accounting policy applied and disclosed, disclose the extent of non-compliance with recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards, or otherwise disclose that such an assessment has not been made; and
- disclose whether or not the financial statements overall comply with all recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards, or otherwise disclose that such an assessment has not been made.

The agency has no interests in other entities to which the requirements of AASB 10 or AASB 128 would apply.

These special purpose financial statements do not comply with all the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards. The material accounting policies adopted in the special purpose financial statements are disclosed in Note 1. Where relevant, material departures from the recognition and measurement requirements of Australian Accounting Standards are identified under relevant sections of Note 1.

NOTE 1
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(c) Plant and equipment

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.

(d) Intangibles

Intangibles are recognised where spending on digital and electronic assets carry some value for future periods. These assets are amortised on a straight line basis using appropriate rates as determined by management.

(e) Employee entitlements

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from employment obligations as at balance date. The entity provides fully for annual leave entitlement payable to employees and for long service leave entitlements for employees that have reached five completed years of service.

This policy does not comply with AASB 137 to the extent that the provision for employee leave entitlements has not been adjusted to account for the effect of the time value of money.

(f) Income policy

Grants and donations received are recognised as revenue upon receipt.

Grant funding may be subject to specific performance obligations. This policy does not comply with AASB 15 and AASB 1058 to the extent that grant contracts have not been assessed for performance obligations which may necessitate recognition of a contract liability under AASB 15 or other obligation under AASB 1058.

(g) 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 \$395 for the year ended 31 December 2020 (\$15,326 for the 2019 year). This amount is considered recognised development expenditure for the purpose of assessing entitlement for government funding. Due to Covid19 restrictions and event cancellations during 2020, this amount is significantly lower in the 2020 year.

(h) Comparative information

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

NOTE 2
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Prepayments	36,291	17,474
Debtors - Other	<u>0</u>	<u>764</u>
	<u>36,291</u>	<u>18,238</u>

NOTE 3
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

(a) Summary

Office Equipment, at cost	68,291	53,129
Less Accumulated depreciation	<u>(46,374)</u>	<u>(39,415)</u>
Total Office Equipment	<u>21,917</u>	<u>13,714</u>

(b) Reconciliation of movements

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	13,714	18,631
Plus Additions	15,162	10,871
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Movements in asset class	0	0
Less Depreciation	<u>(6,959)</u>	<u>(15,788)</u>
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>21,917</u>	<u>13,714</u>

NOTE 4
INTANGIBLES

Intangible assets	32,001	24,824
Less Accumulated amortisation	<u>(17,277)</u>	<u>(12,302)</u>
	<u>14,724</u>	<u>12,522</u>

NOTE 5
OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS

Gross loan amounts outstanding	0	22,263
Less provision for doubtful debts	<u>0</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,263</u>

**NOTE 6
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES**

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Creditors	45,826	34,232
Funding held in advance	0	10,000
Accruals	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>60,826</u>	<u>59,232</u>

**NOTE 7
CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES**

Current Tax Liabilities	<u>38,389</u>	<u>39,708</u>
	<u>38,389</u>	<u>39,708</u>

**NOTE 8
PROVISIONS**

Long Service Leave	168,763	131,731
Annual Leave	<u>296,850</u>	<u>254,692</u>
	<u>465,613</u>	<u>386,423</u>

Comprised of:

Current Liability	427,088	348,207
Non-Current Liability	<u>38,525</u>	<u>38,216</u>
	<u>465,613</u>	<u>386,423</u>

**NOTE 9
OTHER INCOME**

Jobkeeper wages subsidy (Covid-19 income)	333,000	0
Cashflow Boost subsidy (Covid-19 income)	100,000	0
Sundry income	<u>11,682</u>	<u>39,682</u>
	<u>444,682</u>	<u>39,682</u>

**NOTE 10
DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS**

Country	Project	ALWS	DFAT	Total
Development Programs				
Bangladesh	Australian Humanitarian Partnership Bangladesh Consortium Multi Year Rohingya Response		229,837	229,837
Burundi	Community Empowerment Project/Community Integrated Development Project	322,296	161,871	484,167
Cambodia	Livelihood Enhancement Actions Programme (LEAP)	245,428	789,120	1,034,548
Global	Partner Capacity Building	26,759		26,759
Global	Capacity Building for Gender Context Analyses and Action	14,198	35,222	49,420
Global	LWF PSEAH	30,000		30,000
India	Grihini Community College	87,301		87,301
Indonesia	Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities	43,317	366,548	409,865
Indonesia - Hephata	Rights based empowerment of people with disability through community based rehabilitation	48,944		48,944
Kenya	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project	224,500		224,500
Kenya	Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project	50,000		50,000
Kenya	Education and Protection for Refugee Children in Djibouti	80,000		80,000
Kenya	Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia to Rebuild the State's Education Sector)	72,125	191,567	263,692
Myanmar	A Rights-Based Advocacy Approach for Advancing Land, Legal Identity and Women's Rights in Myanmar	43,295		43,295
Myanmar	CANDO AHP Myanmar Emergency Response	53,825	142,286	196,111
Myanmar	Education Assistance to Children in Rakhine: Education for Change	50,000		50,000
Nepal	Nepal Development Program	406,000	185,094	591,094
Nepal	Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)	16,155	36,345	52,500
Papua New Guinea	Church Partnership Program		627,392	627,392
South Sudan	Strengthening Integrated Livelihoods Strategies and Peaceful Co-Existence Capacities for Conflict Affected Returnees, Internally Displace Persons (IDP), Host Communities and At Risk Communities in Jonglei State	600,000		600,000

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NOTE 10
DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS

Country	Project	ALWS	DFAT	Total
Emergency & Refugee Response				
Bangladesh	LWF RDRS Emergency Program	56,562		56,562
Global	ACT Alliance Global Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic	7,000		7,000
Global	LWF/DWS Emergency COVID-19 Response	25,000		25,000
East Africa	ACT Alliance Desert Locust Response	20,000		20,000
Indonesia	Mt Sinabung Eruption Response	5,000		5,000
Nepal	Nepal Kailali Flood Recovery Project	50,000		50,000
Regional	Good Practice in Emergencies Training	7,267		7,267
Global Program Management				
	ACT Alliance Membership	11,336		11,336
	DWS Coordination	42,840		42,840
	DWS Program Support - General	15,300		15,300
	DWS Program Support - PSEAH	7,650		7,650
	DWS Program Support - Child Safe	7,650		7,650
	DWS Audit Unit	15,300		15,300
	DWS Accountability	15,300		15,300
	PMER Enhancement	15,300		15,300
	DWS Newdea Subscription	548		548
	Total	2,716,196	2,765,282	5,481,478

NOTE 11
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	Mr T Brennen
Rev I Rentsch	Rev Simon Cooper
Ms J Hoff	Mr A Kotzur
Mr P Renner	Mr M Stolz
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 \$3,153,912 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2020.

(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 \$38,336 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2020.

(e) Contracting of associate

During the year ended 31 December 2020, there was no contracting of associates in relation to employees of ALWS or family members of employees of ALWS.

**NOTE 12
FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Interest Rate Risk

	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Rate 1 Year or Less	Maturing 1 to 2 Years	2 to 5 Years	Non Interest Bearing	Total Book Value	Net Market Value
Financial Assets							
Cash on hand					100	100	100
Cash at bank	7,905,412					7,905,412	7,905,412
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					36,291	36,291	36,291
Total Financial Assets	<u>7,905,412</u>				<u>36,391</u>	<u>7,941,803</u>	<u>7,941,803</u>
Financial Liabilities							
Trade and other payables					99,215	99,215	99,215
Total Financial Liabilities					<u>99,215</u>	<u>99,215</u>	<u>99,215</u>
Net Financial Assets	<u>7,905,412</u>				<u>(62,824)</u>	<u>7,842,588</u>	<u>7,842,588</u>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 1.75%

**NOTE 14
EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE**

The Directors continue to consider the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial position of ALWS and its operational performance. The potential financial impact of the pandemic may include disruption to funding arrangements and capacity to provide funding to overseas projects, donations and constituent support. Cessation of government support in the form of Job Keeper and Cash Flow boost subsidies is also a significant factor.

At the time of completing these financial statements, the Directors are not aware of any event or factor that warrants a subsequent event disclosure or that materially alters the financial position of the agency.

**NOTE 13
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:

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	7,905,512	7,310,635
Term Deposits	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	<u>7,905,512</u>	<u>7,310,635</u>

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

Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenditure	541,607	(162,059)
Non-cash flows in operating surplus:		
Depreciation	11,935	27,386
Change in Provision for Doubtful Debts	(20,000)	3,847
Bad Debt Write-Offs	22,262	16,318
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Movement in trade and other receivables	(18,053)	1,713
Movement in other assets	0	417
Movement in trade and other payables	275	25,845
Change to Provisions for Long Service and Annual Leave	<u>79,190</u>	<u>71,564</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>(617,216)</u>	<u>(14,969)</u>

ALWS Board of Directors

Ms Jodie Hoff, B Teach (P-10), BEd, GradDipEd (Theology), MEd Leadership – Chair

Jodie is the Principal of LORDS (Lutheran Ormeau Rivers District School) in Pimpama, Queensland. She has a passion for service-learning and embedding it into school culture (in curriculum through building partnerships locally and globally). Jodie has worked regionally and nationally to develop resources to support schools with their service-learning journey for Lutheran Education Australia. She has had the opportunity to see ALWS’ work first-hand in Kenya, Cambodia and Mozambique.

Mr Peter Renner – Vice Chair

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 for audit, risk and finance, and on the Good News Lutheran College Council. He has visited ALWS’ work in Indonesia.

Ms Morgan Brookes, BA BEd Middle/Secondary (Honours) – Board member

Morgan is a Secondary Science teacher at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker. 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.

Mr Thomas Brennan, MEd, GradCertEdLead, BMus(Hons), BEd(Sec), BA, MACEL – Board member

Thomas is the Principal of Lakeside College in Pakenham, Victoria. He previously worked as the Acting Director for the African Hope Learning Centre, an NGO providing education in Cairo, and as a Lecturer in Education and Theology at the Petrescue Bible Institute, also in Cairo. Thomas also serves as a Church Council Member and worship leader at Pakenham Lutheran Church. He joined the ALWS Board in 2020.

The ALWS Board met in March, June, October and December 2020.

The Administrative Committee convened in April, May, August and November 2020.

ALWS has a Complaints Policy which can be found at www.alws.org.au To lodge a complaint regarding ALWS, contact the Complaints Manager at complaints@alws.org.au or 02 6021 5329, or if the complaint is against the Executive Director contact Board Chair Ms Jodie Hoff chair@alws.org.au or 07 5540 8888.

Mr Andrew Kotzur, BBus (Admin), MAICD – Board member

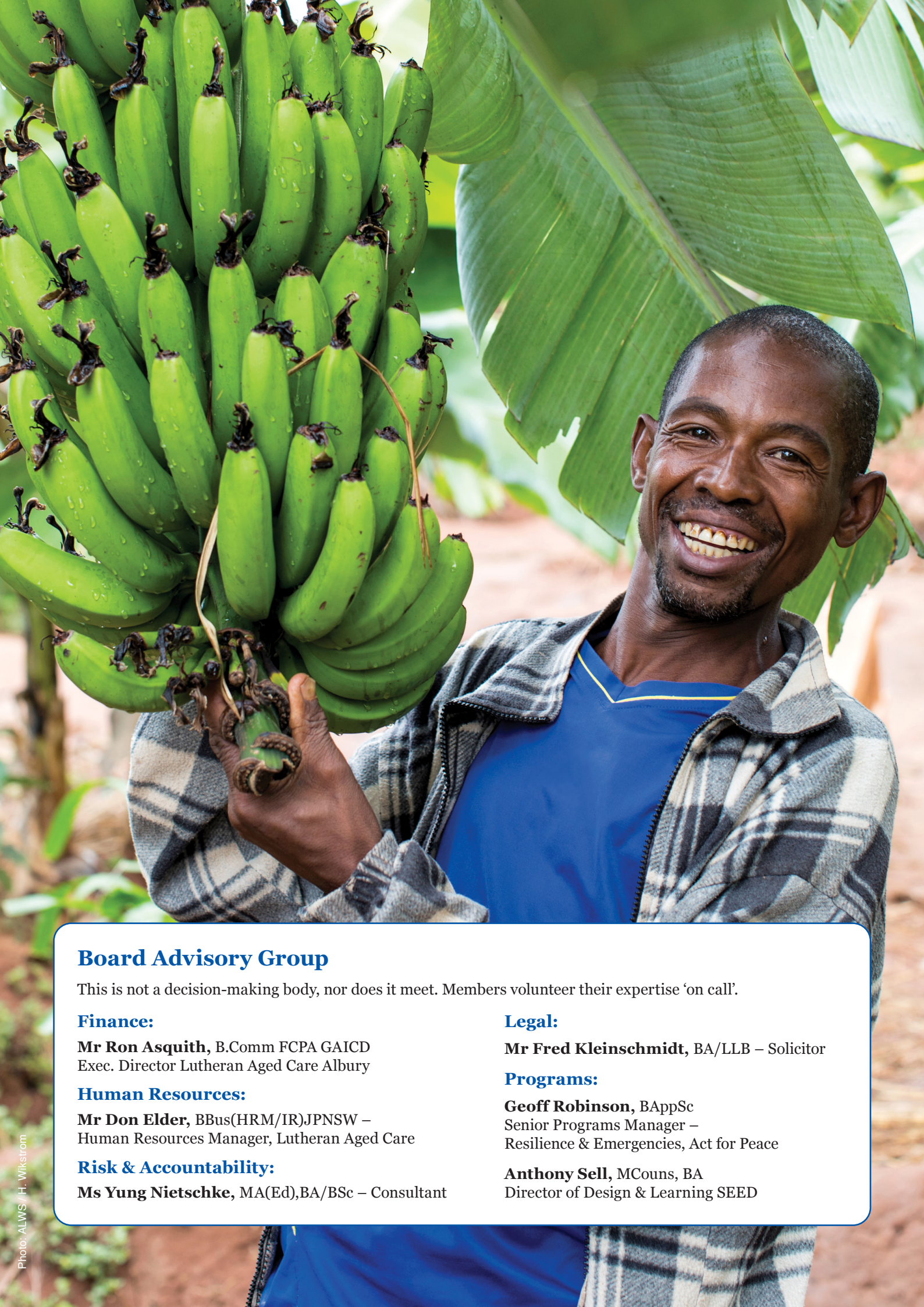
Andrew is the Managing Director of a family-owned engineering and manufacturing company. In his role, he works closely with farmers and businesses in the grains industry across Australia. Andrew is a member of Zion Lutheran Congregation at Walla where he currently serves as Chairperson. He has served on the Board of Management of St Paul’s College Walla Walla, where he was chairperson for a number of years, and is also chairperson of the Walla Walla Refugee Resettlement Committee – a community-based group providing resettlement and work opportunities in the Walla Walla area. Andrew joined the ALWS Board in 2020.

Rev Simon Cooper, BTh, Grad Dip Min – Board member

Simon was introduced to the developing world while growing up, living 5 years in PNG and 2 years in Tanzania with his family. During his 21 years as a Lutheran Pastor, he has spent 12 years working in Lutheran schools, where he has been a passionate advocate for serving people in need through ALWS. Simon currently serves as School Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Noosaville. Simon has visited ALWS projects in Burundi, Kenya, Mozambique and South Africa, and joined the Board in 2020.

Mr Michael Stolz, EMBA (Complex Program Management), BEng (Aeronautical), GAICD – Board member

Michael is a Key Accounts Director in the Asia Pacific Region for Cubic Transportation Systems. He commenced his career as an engineer in the Royal Australian Air Force, before moving into project and program management, management consulting, and business development. Michael’s strength is building partnerships, and leading organisations through significant change. Michael has 12 years experience as a Non-Executive Director, providing governance at The Port of Townsville, The Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District, and The Lutheran Church of Australia. He joined the ALWS Board in 2020.



Board Advisory Group

This is not a decision-making body, nor does it meet. Members volunteer their expertise ‘on call’.

Finance:

Mr Ron Asquith, B.Comm FCPA GAICD
Exec. Director Lutheran Aged Care Albury

Human Resources:

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

Risk & Accountability:

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

Legal:

Mr Fred Kleinschmidt, BA/LLB – Solicitor

Programs:

Geoff Robinson, BAppSc
Senior Programs Manager –
Resilience & Emergencies, Act for Peace

Anthony Sell, MCouns, BA
Director of Design & Learning SEED

“... when you
welcome one of
these children
because of me,
you welcome me.”

Jesus

Thank you!



Positive Partnerships

Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA)

The LCA seeks to bring love to life, and has tasked ALWS to implement this as the church's Overseas Aid and Development Agency.



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

ALWS is accredited by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing Australia's aid program. To maintain accreditation, ALWS' systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the Australian Government. In 2020, ALWS received support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) for the programs in Burundi, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal and Somalia, along with a regional project in Gender. Through the PNGAusPartnership, the Australian Government also supported the Church Partnership Program in PNG. Through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership and the CAN DO Consortium, the Australian Government also supported our work in Bangladesh and Myanmar. ALWS gratefully acknowledges DFAT's support for these programs.



THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

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 seventh largest partner to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). ALWS Executive Director Jamie Davies 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 135 churches and affiliated organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. ACT Alliance works in over 120 countries in its work for a just world. ALWS is a member of the ACT Alliance and its Pacific Australia and New Zealand Forum. ALWS is the co-chair of the ACT Alliance Child Safeguarding Community Practice.



Finance with a mission

Lutheran Laypeople's League (LLL)

The LLL provides generous support for ALWS' work, in the areas of: community education (What's My Business? program), community action (Walk My Way) and administration (including interest on funds held in perpetuity). ALWS gratefully acknowledges LLL's generous support.



National Council of Churches Australia (NCCA) – Act for Peace

The NCCA has its own overseas aid agency, Act for Peace, now separately incorporated. ALWS Executive Director Jamie Davies is a member of the Act for Peace Board.



church agencies network

Church Agency 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. Through the CAN DO Consortium, ALWS contributes to enhanced coordination and impact in disaster response and risk reduction in over 200 countries and territories worldwide.



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.



ACFID MEMBER

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. Programs Manager Leah Odongo is a member of the Code of Conduct committee, and ALWS staff are also members of various other ACFID committees and steering groups.

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

Most poverty in the world is a result of systemic greed; that is, human practices designed to increase the profit and power of some over others. Through trusted partners in Asia/Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa, we inspire and equip people, working together to address the underlying attitudinal and structural factors that deprive people of their dignity and rights. We approach everything we do in an accountable, transparent, and reflective way.

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Our Goals



Help ...

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



Inspire ...

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



Improve ...

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



Strengthen ...

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



Partner ...

to leverage wider change and **increase our impact**.



Resource ...

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



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