



*Give your food to the  
hungry and care for the  
homeless. Then your light  
will shine in the dark ...*

Isaiah 58:10 (CEV)



**Australian  
Lutheran**  
World Service

# Annual Report 2021

*How you bring love to life*

# Your help in 2021 is a blessing ALWayS



Through ALWS, you sent more funds than ever before to help more than half a million people in need – 547,461 people directly, benefitting tens of thousands more.

Thank you! Photo: LWD



You welcomed 13,043 refugees and asylum seekers arriving at Kakuma and Kalobeyei Refugee Camps, and helped them feel safe and secure. Photo: LWF Kenya



After 3 years of your support, the Ministry of Education in the State of Jubaland in Somalia have now successfully taken over the running of the Accelerated Learning Program, providing education for 1,500 children!

Photo: LWF Kenya



Our Community Action team visited over 60 schools to engage, inform and inspire over 20,000 students.

Photo: St Martins Lutheran College



4,174 people took part in over 30 Walk My Way events around Australia – and raised enough to support 13,611 refugee children to go to school! Photo: ALWS / J Hoff





*Before, I felt like a burden to my family ... This work has made me 'an important person' in the family.*

Dhola, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

# Your *light* in the dark

Thank you! In 2021, our Lutheran community continued to carry light into some of the world's darkest places giving food to the hungry and caring for the homeless (Isaiah 58:10) as the effects of COVID-19 continued to impact on people's physical, social and mental wellbeing.

## Our 2021 Annual Report showcases the hope you gave to 547,461 people!

This included welcoming refugees in Kakuma and Cox's Bazaar, supporting disability inclusion in Somalia and Indonesia, training youth, women and small business groups in Cambodia, Nepal and South Sudan, supporting farmers in Myanmar, Burundi, and Papua New Guinea, and equipping health centres in South Sudan.

Through your generosity ALWS also delivered urgent support to families caught up in the earthquake and tropical storm in Haiti, conflict and food insecurity in Afghanistan and Ethiopia, and unprecedented floods in South Sudan.

Here in Australia your ALWS team reached over 20,000 students in 60 schools delivering awareness session in person and online. As you read this annual report, we hope that you will be inspired by the difference this awareness is making not just in the lives of these students but also in the lives of those they are touching inspired by your actions.

Your ALWS team leveraged the strength of our partners overseas finding ways whenever possible to augment your contributions through matching grant opportunities. Working in partnership with other church agencies in Australia, we were able to tap into further Australian Government grants for protracted emergencies.

In addition, we are pleased to report ALWS achieved successful reaccreditation with the Australian Government at full level. This will enable us to secure Government grants for humanitarian and development work for the next 5 years.

None of this could happen without your kindness, support from the Australian Government, our partners overseas, and the commitment and dedication of the staff, board and volunteers at ALWS.

**Thank you – and may your light keep shining.**



**Leah Odongo**

Acting Executive Director

Former Executive Director Jamie Davies resigned in February 2022. We thank her for her tireless service and commitment to the Board, staff, and those we serve.





# What *grows* when you water

Like all parents, Mrs Vorn Rem in Cambodia wants to do all she can to equip her children to build a safe and secure and happy life for themselves.

Yet, like many mums and dads you help through ALWS, she was so poor, she could barely feed her three children – let alone put them through school, or find medical care when they were sick.

Vorn grew vegetables on a plot of land just 20 metres x 25 metres, using ways that weren't well suited to the changing climate.

At best, she earned little more than \$2 a day.

When floods came, and insects attacked, she earned just about nothing.

**Your help through ALWS supported Mrs Vorn Rem to find a way out.**

She received three days of training in drip irrigation techniques, and other climate-friendly agricultural techniques.

The training was provided through our ALWS Cambodian partner, Life with Dignity, and included new integrated farming systems, agriculture kits, and material support like tools.

Mrs Vorn Rem then started growing diverse types of

vegetables – string beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, chilli and sweet corn. She has big plans:

*"I have saved money from vegetables and have bought a water pump.*

*"I have also bought more agricultural materials and seeds. I am going to scale up my farm to be as big as medium commercial vegetable farms.*

*"I will generate more income from my farming fields to commercial horticulture through applying new technology. I am confident to apply this because I have learnt from LWD and have used my new skills in practice".*

The work is still very hard, but you can see by Mrs Vorn Rem's produce and smile the success she is achieving.

**In fact, her family's income has DOUBLED!**

What's most important is the future Mrs Vorn Rem sees for her children:

*"I have spent my new income for food and for my children's education.*

*My family condition has increased through this support. I am free from debt, and have stable food all year round. I have saved for health treatment and my children's schooling in the future!"*

# How *you* help those in need

Your support through ALWS is focused directly on the world's most vulnerable people, who are also in danger of being forgotten.

Through this Annual Report, you'll see icons next to each report showing the type of work you support:



People who are forced to be *refugees*, or are displaced within their own country



People with *disabilities*



Those who are most marginalised or suffering most from *injustice*, including the poorest of the poor



*Women and girls* in all their diversity



People hurt by *disasters*

Led by the communities you help, and working together with local partners, your gifts support...

**Education** Pre-school, primary, those who have missed out or been left behind, children with extra needs

**Equipping** Agricultural and vocational training, savings and loans, micro-enterprise, livelihoods

**Empowerment** Knowledge, confidence, skills and support for equality in human rights

**Emergencies** Fast focused action to save lives and rebuild communities

... so the people we serve together experience:



## ✓ *awakened hope*

fostering hope for the future through empowerment and practical support

## ✓ *amplified voice*

listening to the voices of the most vulnerable, fostering opportunities for them to speak up, and adding our voice, so that they may be heard




## ✓ *abundant life*

equipping people with the resources they need to create a fulfilling life for themselves and their communities

Students enjoy their lunch porridge, which you help provide, at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya.



## Kakuma Refugee Camp

<i>What</i>	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Kenya-Somalia	
<i>Where</i>	Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyi Settlement, Kenya	
<i>Who</i>	21,131 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$350,000	

### Why our help is needed

Just under 200,000 refugees live in Kakuma. Through LWF Kenya-Somalia, you help provide primary education, early childhood development, child protection and sustainable livelihoods programs.

### Our action together in 2021

- 13,043 refugees and asylum seekers received at receptions centres
- 12,260 children provided with teaching and learning materials
- 9,450 individuals in the host community have increased access to clean water
- 2,593 youth empowered through different initiatives including talent search, sports and games
- 1,011 children from host community schools participated in targeted programs to protect them from abuse and exploitation
- 299 parents trained in a 3-day course on social and emotional learning, while 97 community leaders were sensitized on enrolling children with disabilities in school
- 13 community mobilizers trained in identification of children with disabilities and referral to services
- Capacity building of 110 teachers and 4 school counselors in inclusive education
- 3 peace committees established to strengthen the peaceful coexistence between refugee and host community
- 171 youth and women involved in income-generating activities.

### What we're learning




There is a need for further training to break down the prejudices and social beliefs preventing women and girls from participating in certain activities.

### Our impact

Providing education and activities for youth, and ensuring children and people with disabilities are included in these activities benefits entire communities and works to break cycles of intergenerational poverty.

Through ALWS, you ensure refugee host communities are not forgotten, like the Turkana community near Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. Photo: LWF Kenya

## Dadaab Refugee Camp

<i>What</i>	Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Kenya-Somalia	
<i>Where</i>	Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya	
<i>Who</i>	43,567 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$50,000	

### Why our help is needed

Dadaab refugee camp was created in 1991 as a result of the Somali civil war, and is currently home to more than 250,000 mostly Somali refugees.

### Our action together in 2021

- Provided quality education services to 41,617 learners in pre-primary and primary schools
- Supported the psychosocial wellbeing of 1,350 older persons and 600 Persons living with disabilities.

### What we're learning

Various advocacy strategies such as radio talk shows, public forums, visibility materials, and participation in marking international days are crucial in ensuring people with disabilities know about and use the services available to them.

### Our impact

Schooling for children is vital not only for their learning and future opportunities, but also for their psycho-social well-being which is enhanced through making friends and having a routine.



## South Sudan (Jonglei)

<i>What</i>	Community Empowerment for Resilience and Peaceful Co-existence	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF South Sudan	
<i>Where</i>	Jonglei State – Duk, Twic East and Bor South Counties	
<i>Who</i>	9,906 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$600,000	

### Why our help is needed

Jonglei is the least developed part of South Sudan and indeed of Africa, lacking basic infrastructure due to decades of civil war. The COVID-19 outbreak in South Sudan coupled with prolonged floods have added yet another major challenge to the already fragile socio-economic system in the county.

### Our action together in 2021

- 150 households adopted climate smart agriculture techniques on crop and vegetable farming
- 810 youth and women increased their income by 35% after training in fishing, poultry production and beekeeping
- 1,128 students supported in six Early Childhood Development Centres
- 6,751 students supported with books, pens, blackboards, maps and sporting materials
- 229 adolescent schoolgirls consistently attended classes due to menstrual health empowerment and support with sanitary items
- 9 project-funded schools created management boards
- Ten community-based protection and psychosocial support committees were formed and engaged 467 community members.




### What we're learning

With the ongoing changes in the climate and weather patterns, programs must be climate-sensitive and take a long-term approach to ensure resilience of communities through community-based adaptation action.

### Our impact

Overall school attendance has improved, including for girls. The community is taking initiatives to build resilience to the changing climate at the household level.

## South Sudan (Magwi)

<i>What</i>	Promoting Socio-Economic Integration of Returnees and Receiving Communities in Magwi County	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF South Sudan	
<i>Where</i>	Eastern Equatoria State – Magwi County	
<i>Who</i>	8,765 people	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$400,000	

### Why our help is needed

As the more than 2.25 million South Sudanese refugees begin to return home from refugee camps in neighbouring countries. Returnees have increased from 30,244 in 2020 to 66,065 in 2021.

### Our action together in 2021

- 1,807 primary school learners supported with teaching and learning supplies and dignity kits
- 10 untrained teachers taken through basic lesson preparation and delivery training
- 48 School Management Committees and members of Parent Teacher Associations trained
- Classrooms and offices in two primary schools rehabilitated
- 1,119 people reached with various peace building, land rights, protection, climate justice, and gender based violence initiatives aimed at promoting social cohesion between host community and returnees
- 2 boreholes drilled
- 4 boreholes repaired benefitting 945 households
- 2 health facilities renovated
- 120 farmers trained and supported to increase their livelihoods through income generating activities and village savings and loan associations.

### What we're learning

To be successful, humanitarian response and development support must go side by side with building peaceful coexistence.

### Our impact

As well as addressing immediate needs, the project helps address the systemic causes of conflict such as poverty, inequality and lack of functioning accountability systems.

*Don't forget those who are suffering,  
but imagine you are there with them. Hebrews 13:3*



*“I want us to be self-sufficient with food. If we can do this, I will have strength to work even harder, so my children can stay in school.”*

Sylvia, Burundi

Photo: ALWS / LWF Burundi



## Burundi

<i>What</i>	Community Integrated Development Project (CIDP)
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Burundi
<i>Where</i>	Cancuzo and Ruyigi Provinces
<i>Who</i>	16,506 individuals
<i>ALWS Action</i>	ALWS: \$95,467 DFAT: \$270,376 Total: \$365,843



- 7 Village Savings and Loan Associations established, trained and supported
- 7 roads rehabilitated through cash for work scheme with 154 participants
- 7 Community Environment Protection projects supported through cash for work scheme with 203 project participants
- 14 community awareness sessions on Child Protection and the prevention of Sexual and Gender Based violence with 320 participants
- 2 Women's Rights Day events
- 7 sessions on Disaster Risk Reduction for 94 community members and 46 government officials
- 7 COVID-19 awareness and prevention sessions.

### Why our help is needed

Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world, with more than 70 percent of the population living in poverty. Food security issues have become severe.

### Our action together in 2021

- 720 most vulnerable school children supported with school materials (notebooks, pens, math boxes)
- 25 Agricultural Groups established, supported through training and provided with agricultural equipment, motor pumps and watering cans
- 2 livestock rearing groups established and supported with livestock, medicines, technical support and training
- 9 sessions on the organisation and management of pre-cooperative groups

### What we're learning

Group work contributes to social cohesion. In addition, the use of local technical services during implementation of activities better prepares the community to take ownership.

### Our impact




Community members have begun to adopt improved agro-pastoral techniques and their living conditions are improving. Diverse crops are now seen in households and at the markets.

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





## Somalia

<i>What</i>	Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia) to Rebuild State's Education Sector	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Kenya-Somalia	
<i>Where</i>	Kismayu, Somalia	
<i>Who</i>	1,574 people	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	ALWS: \$100,423 DFAT: \$218,144 Total: \$318,567	

### Why our help is needed

This project year concluded three years of support to the Ministry of Education Jubaland, to run an Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) for children aged between 10 and 18 who have missed or never been to school.

### Our action together in 2021

- Accelerated Learning Program at two learning centres targeting 1,500 out-of-school children
- Monthly stipend for 2 staff and 11 teachers
- Two successful enrolment drives conducted. Many learners who had left school to support family decided to enrol again.
- 1,500 students provided with nutritional support -morning/evening fortified porridge
- 242,500 litres of water supplied to the centres
- Hygiene kits for 1,254 learners, including sanitary pads for 700 girls
- Gender and disability appropriate toilet facilities are improved in the learning centres
- The two ALP centres also benefited from teaching and learning materials.

### What we're learning

Due to food insecurity in the Internally Displaced Persons' Camps where the children live, providing porridge in the morning and evenings to school learners can increase school retention.



### Our impact

Schools are an excellent protection environment for children of communities affected by protracted conflict and other natural disasters. Now quality schooling is available, and the Ministry of Education has successfully and sustainably taken over the running of the ALP.

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



## Cambodia

<i>What</i>	Holistic Rural Development Program	
<i>Local Partner</i>	Life With Dignity	
<i>Where</i>	Pursat, Battambang, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Svay Rieng and Prey Veng Provinces	
<i>Who</i>	147,755 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$500,000	

### Why our help is needed

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

### Our action together in 2021

- 1,609 community members, 72 youth and 1,167 school children developed skills to be resilient to the impacts of disasters and climate change
- 142 people trained in disaster risk reduction
- 16 primary school disaster risk reduction plans developed
- 268 families provided with solar lanterns
- 9 schools supported with disaster mitigation equipment including water-tanks, gardens, and fans
- 88 community and school rainwater tanks installed
- 67 families provided with emergency kits
- 12 rural infrastructure projects built, including 7 pre-schools and 3 village roads
- 9 rural irrigation infrastructure projects built, including water storage and spillways
- 38 new Small Business Groups formed
- 32 small business groups trained in financial management and marketing
- 14 off-farm business groups received technical and material start up support.




### What we're learning

Enabling farmer-to-farmer cross learning has been found to enhance technical capacity appropriate to the local context. Coupled with appropriate support, farming behaviours have improved to include climate-resilient techniques and increased income.

### Our impact

As disadvantaged people in Cambodia see the power of local level community engagement to bring improvements to their living conditions, they are encouraged to increase the community-building activities they do together.

## Myanmar (Education)

<i>What</i>	Safe and Inclusive Education for Children in Rakhine State	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Myanmar	
<i>Where</i>	Rakhine State	
<i>Who</i>	16,316 people (14,141 children)	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	ALWS: \$160,000 DFAT: \$40,000 Total: \$200,000	

### Why our help is needed

Conflict, COVID and a military coup has disrupted education for children in Rakhine state, including from Rohingya communities.

### Our action together in 2021

- 14,141 children in 8 Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps have accessed education through 16 Temporary Learning Spaces
- During COVID-related lockdowns, teachers provided home-based learning to students
- 40 “Star Teachers” have been trained to train other teachers in disability awareness and inclusive education
- 93 teachers and Parent Teacher Association members have been trained in Gender Inclusion
- 5 Girls Clubs have been established
- Female-teacher peer network groups have been established.

### What we're learning

Too often, families expect girls to drop out of school once they reach puberty. Tragically, girls expect this too. This is reinforced by a lack of female teachers, leaders and lack of educated women in the community. By supporting more female teachers, this means more girls stay in school longer.


### Our impact

Through awareness-raising activities, school communities (including teachers and Parent Teacher Associations) understand how important it is for children with disability to be able to access and attend school. These community members are now actively working towards increasing attendance of children with disability.

*ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Myanmar through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and the Australian Humanitarian Program (AHP).*



## Myanmar (Human rights)

<i>What</i>	A Rights-Based Advocacy Approach for Advancing Land, Legal Identity and Women's Rights in Myanmar	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Myanmar	
<i>Where</i>	Rakhine, Chin & Kayin States	
<i>Who</i>	9,975 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	This project runs from 2020-2022. Total funding provided across the project period from ALWS - \$133,295 (NB none sent in 2021)	

### 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 the rights of women.

### Our action together in 2021

- 146 farmers received land registration certificates
- 65 women gained the skills to identify and raise issues of women's rights
- 159 community members and local government staff trained in identity documentation laws and rights
- 3 local community members were supported to advocate at the national level
- Contributed to the Universal Periodic Review process raising 11 human rights issues to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

### What we're learning

In 2021, LWF Myanmar developed a new, highly practical Gender Strategy and tools. It was developed bottom up by LWF staff with support from a technical expert. Because of this, there is a commitment to and clear vision of how to empower women as equal decision makers in their homes and communities.

### Our impact

When the project started, women were typically confined to the home with the male being perceived as responsible for the household's welfare. Now women are actively engaged in community groups and make up a sizeable minority of these self-help groups traditionally led by men.



*I learnt how to make bamboo stools to sell for income. My husband, who is also deaf, makes them too - but I'm even faster than him!*

Chhiring Dolma Gurung, Nepal



## Nepal

<i>What</i>	Local Initiatives for Community Empowerment and Development Project (LICED) and Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)	
<i>Local Partner</i>	LWF Nepal	
<i>Where</i>	Kailali, Jhapa, Morang, Lalitpur, Bardiya, Dolakha districts in Nepal	
<i>Who</i>	16,229 people in partnership with other agencies	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	ALWS: \$250,162 DFAT: \$562,869 Total: \$813,031	

- 61 new tube wells have been built, and 40 have been rehabilitated, providing 1,557 people with safe drinking water for their homes and schools
- 2 hospitals and 12 local health centres were provided with medical equipment (including PPE, masks, face shields, oxy-meter, oxygen cylinders and isolation beds)
- 31 communities have established emergency funds, grain banks or have purchased search and rescue equipment to be prepared for flood, landslide and earthquake disasters
- 21 survivors of gender-based violence have received counselling and legal support
- 388 elderly people and single women have been connected with government services and resources
- 246 people have received formal government recognition of their disability, which will entitle them to health, travel, education and income support.

### Why our help is needed

The families you work with are from communities with heightened levels of vulnerability due to poverty and marginalisation. These include Dalit communities, ethnic minority groups, Bhutanese refugee communities and people with disability.

### Our action together in 2021

- 592 people have earned on average 11,570 Rupees (AUD\$130) per month (increase of AUD\$10/month on baseline) for their families after having support in business development and use of new technology
- 217 farming families have been supported to access public land to farm on, growing vegetables and cereal crops for their families' consumption and additional income
- 1,287 farmers have learnt new, climate-smart farming techniques (eg use of mulch, organic pesticides, liquid manure, plastic tunnel usage) which has increased their crop production

### What we're learning



This year, LWF Nepal began working with a mobile App company to provide agricultural services (training, advice on when to plant and harvest, market prices and information) via mobile technology to farmers. This helps farmers increase their income, particularly when they can't travel to get these services due to accessibility, disability, cost or COVID-19 lockdowns.

### Our impact

Vulnerable families are now active members of community groups such as women's groups, cooperatives, Disabled People's Organisations. Through these groups they identify their own development priorities and are equipped to access resources and services from local government.

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

## Papua New Guinea

<i>What</i>	Church Partnership Program	
<i>Local Partner</i>	Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG (ELCPNG)	
<i>Where</i>	Country-wide	
<i>Who</i>	4,174 people	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	DFAT: \$938,164	

### Why our help is needed

PNG communities face daily challenges to lives and livelihoods, yet lack much needed access to essential services and support. Women, children and people with disabilities are particularly at risk.

### Our action together in 2021

- 1,673 people in 48 local government areas engaged in assessment of COVID-19 impacts leading to improved COVID-19 response planning
- 1,457 people engaged in World Disability Day events
- Design of waist-high vegetable gardens at the Morobe Disable Agency
- 468 people in 12 communities participated in meetings to identify marketable crops they can farm
- 23 people trained in bee farming and honey production to strengthen their livelihoods
- 31 men participated in awareness raising on gender equality
- 57 people trained as adult literacy teachers
- 53 people trained in administration skills
- 39 young people trained to advocate on environmental issues affecting their communities
- 50 people trained on climate disaster risks
- 28 people trained in disaster risk management
- 21 health service staff trained in financial management
- 225 district church personnel trained in good governance.

### What we're learning

Youth trained and supported in Lae are now leading advocacy efforts in their communities because they are confident and have more background knowledge.

### Our impact

Through the Church Partnership Program, the ELCPNG has increased community wellbeing by strengthening their health and education services, supporting women, children and people with disabilities, and assisting communities to reduce conflict and manage disaster risks.

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



## Indonesia (PK Hephata)

<i>What</i>	Rights based empowerment of people with disability through community-based rehabilitation	
<i>Local Partner</i>	Panti Karya Hephata, Huria Kristen Batak Protestan	
<i>Where</i>	6 districts in North Sumatra	
<i>Who</i>	3,833 people	
<i>ALWS Action</i>	\$62,000	

### Why our help is needed

Children and adults with disabilities face barriers to inclusion and to exercising their rights. This includes their rights to education, health and other services and having opportunities to develop their livelihoods.

### Our action together in 2021

- 312 people with disabilities supported to develop plans to live independently
- 95 children with disabilities supported to attend school
- 68 school teachers trained on child rights and child protection
- 468 people with disabilities trained to manage their sustainable livelihoods programs
- 31 people with disabilities supported to start their own small businesses
- 18 families of people with disabilities supported through a revolving fund to start small businesses
- 1,500 face masks made by people with disabilities distributed
- Food assistance provided for 384 people with disabilities affected by COVID-19 impacts
- Training and support provided to strengthen the management and governance of organisations of people with disabilities in 4 districts
- Awareness raising on rights of people with disabilities for 187 people, including 59 with disabilities.

### What we're learning

Using both a community-based rehabilitation approach and a rights-based approach helps empower people with disabilities to know their rights and access the services they are entitled to.

### Our impact

Support for people living with disabilities and for their families has fostered independent living and increased participation in their communities. Raising community and government awareness of the rights of people with disabilities has contributed to greater inclusion of people with disabilities in development processes.



## Indonesia (CDRM&CDS)

<i>What</i>	Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities
<i>Local Partner</i>	Centre for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies (CDRM&CDS)
<i>Where</i>	North & West Sumatra
<i>Who</i>	8,614 people in partnership with other agencies
<i>ALWS Action</i>	ALWS: \$175,458 DFAT: \$135,534 Total: \$310,992



- 198 community-based organisations trained to engage in village development activities
- Members of 142 community-based organisations, including 56 women's groups, trained and supported for sustainable livelihoods
- Strengthened management of 28 savings and credit groups
- Strengthened revolving fund systems of 64 farmer groups and 46 women's groups
- Strengthened food security for 123 poor families
- 5 organisations of people with disabilities supported to provide micro loans to people with disabilities and their families for livelihoods activities
- Strengthened capacity of Lutheran church agencies to implement community empowerment activities.

### Why our help is needed

North and West Sumatra Provinces are very exposed to the physical, economic, and social impacts of disasters, with risks being exacerbated by climate change. Many people have insecure livelihoods which make them less resilient when disaster strikes. Women and people with disabilities are particularly at risk.

### Our action together in 2021

- 2,466 people in 36 schools oriented and supported to be COVID-19 safe
- 375 poor families supported to set up family handwashing points
- 40 community health posts supported with personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 307 malnourished children provided with nutritious food
- 489 flood-affected people supported with emergency assistance
- 834 villagers in 21 villages engaged in reviews and redesigns of disaster risk reduction and COVID-19 response plans

### What we're learning

It has been important to treat the COVID-19 pandemic as a disaster because of its broad impact on communities, affecting livelihoods, health, education, and community cohesion. The program focus on reducing the risk of disasters and building community resilience has been very appropriate in this context.

### Our impact



Village communities have become more alert and aware of COVID-19 risk mitigation measures (handwashing, wearing masks, vaccination) helping to make their communities COVID-19 safe. Disaster risk reduction plans have informed village development priorities, while support for 142 community-based organisations has brought better access to food, income and government services.

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




Your help for Indonesia included handwashing stations to help prevent COVID-19. Sign reads: 'Let's wash our hands with soap and running water'. Photo: CDRM&CDS


## Afghanistan: Refugees & Displaced People

<b>Where</b>	Afghanistan : Bamyan, Kabul, Laghman, Nangarhar. Pakistan: Islamabad.
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	383,553 people have been displaced within Afghanistan and 10,861 individuals have been forced to flee to Pakistan, due to insecurity and violence, poverty, drought, and the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$100,000
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and fuel distribution</li> <li>• Cash for food</li> <li>• Cash for work</li> <li>• Healthcare support</li> <li>• Winterisation kits</li> <li>• The response is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	Community World Service Asia (via Act for Peace) 
<b>How many helped</b>	40,142 people in partnership with other agencies 


## Kenya: Drought

<b>Where</b>	Turkana and Garissa Counties
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	Over 6,000 household affected by severe food and water shortage due to drought resulting from the poor performance of the October-December 2020 short rains and the March-May 2021 long rains.
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$100,000
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food packages for 750 households</li> <li>• Support for 270 pregnant or breast-feeding mothers and mothers with young children</li> <li>• 890 water containers for households</li> <li>• 40 large water storage tanks</li> <li>• 360 kg chlorine and 6,400 aqua tabs for water treatment</li> <li>• 4 net houses for crops</li> <li>• 194 goats for households</li> <li>• 2 water pans de-silted to increase supplies of clean water</li> <li>• Community members sensitised on waste management</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	LWF South Sudan 
<b>How many helped</b>	61,824 people in partnership with other agencies

## South Sudan: Floods

<b>Where</b>	Jonglei - Duk and Twic East counties
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	48,000 people in this region are already experiencing severe acute food insecurity, which has been significantly worsened by consecutive years of floods (2020 and 2021).
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$100,000
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 households affected by flood displacement supported by cash for food</li> <li>• 40 households displaced by flood supported by cash for pit latrines and 40 dug pit latrines</li> <li>• 102 households displaced supported by cash for emergency shelter and constructed huts</li> <li>• 3,500 households will benefit with borehole repair</li> <li>• The response is continuing.</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	LWF South Sudan 
<b>How many helped</b>	28,085 people in partnership with other agencies

## Haiti: Earthquake & Tropical Storm

<b>Where</b>	Grand-Anse, Nippes and Sud Departments
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti on 14 August 2021, killing 2,207 people and injuring 12,268 people. This was followed by Tropical Storm Grace, resulting in flooding and landslides.
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$75,000
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 water networks rehabilitated, benefiting 5 schools and 16,320 people</li> <li>• Hygiene promotion activities for 20,963 people</li> <li>• 903 water filters and water buckets</li> <li>• Access to water restored for 600 households</li> <li>• Drinking water provided to 200 Households</li> <li>• 300 of the most affected households provided cash grants.</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	LWF Haiti 
<b>How many helped</b>	30,213 people in partnership with other agencies



## Ethiopia: Conflict & Food Insecurity

<b>Where</b>	Tigray, Amhara, Afar and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR)
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	Conflict and military action beginning in November 2020 resulted in food insecurity for 1.7 million people
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$100,000
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,167 households received cash grants</li> <li>• 23 tonnes food and 5,980 litres cooking oil</li> <li>• Cooking sessions for 1,864 women</li> <li>• 500 water sanitation &amp; hygiene kits</li> <li>• 500 Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Item kits</li> <li>• 7,700 face masks</li> <li>• 8 mass hygiene promotion sessions</li> <li>• 4 blocks of communal latrines</li> <li>• 4 blocks of communal bath shelters</li> <li>• 1 new borehole</li> <li>• 210 leaders trained on psychosocial support</li> <li>• 1 Child Friendly Space established and equipped</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	Lutheran World Federation Ethiopia; Ethiopia Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus Development and Social Services Commission.
<b>How many helped</b>	46,789 people in partnership with other agencies



## Myanmar: Displaced People

<b>Where</b>	Kayin State
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	Conflict in Myanmar has forced families to flee their homes and stay in surrounding jungle areas. They have limited access to food, shelter, hygiene items, and safe water.
<b>ALWS Action</b>	\$50,000 (including \$30,000 contribution from Transform Aid International Australia)
<b>Our action together included:</b>	A month's supply of rice, oil and salt has been provided to 450 families.
<b>How many helped</b>	3,107 people in partnership with other agencies



## Bangladesh: Refugees & Host Community

<b>Where</b>	Cox's Bazaar Refugee Camp and Host Community
<b>Why our help was needed</b>	Rohingya people have been forced to flee their homes in Myanmar from systematic discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence. 913,660 Rohingya refugees currently live in the Camp.
<b>ALWS Action</b>	ALWS: \$41,497 Matching grant donor: Diaconia Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren USD \$190,514
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11,800 saplings planted</li> <li>• 3,300 kitchen utensil sets</li> <li>• 8,517 mosquito nets</li> <li>• 2,527 supplementary food items for pregnant and lactating mothers</li> <li>• 36,608 metres of drainage lines cleared</li> <li>• Mosquito larva control spray applied to 8,808 meters of the cleared drainage lines</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS)
<b>How many helped</b>	26,086 people in partnership with other agencies

### Project 2: Australian Humanitarian Partnership Bangladesh Consortium Multi Year Rohingya Response

<b>ALWS Action</b>	DFAT \$229,837 in 2020 as part of the multi year response
<b>Our action together included:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47,570 saplings planted and nurtured</li> <li>• 521 refugee women and 94 families in host community provided cash-grants and livelihood materials to start income generating activities</li> <li>• 94 women provided with relevant soft-skills, vocational/business and leadership development training</li> </ul>
<b>Help delivered by</b>	Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service
<b>How many helped</b>	870 people



ALWS acknowledges the support of the Australian Government in Bangladesh through the Australian Humanitarian Program (AHP).

**Australian Aid**



# From Awareness to Action

Whether it was leading Chapel, teaching classroom lessons about injustice and poverty, or supporting a school to hold a *Walk My Way*, the ALWS Community Action team was out and about in person AND online in 2021...

**...reaching over 20,000 students in 60 schools!**

The team's experience is that after students learn more about issues like refugees, poverty, and social justice, they're fired up – and want to know how they can help.

Like Mack, from Living Waters in the Northern Territory. After hearing about the journey refugees make to find safety, Mack came up to the Community Action team with his wallet open – and gave all the money he had in there 'to help those people'.

*What's My Business*, where students start their own small business and donate the proceeds to help people through ALWS, continued in 2021. Tatachilla Lutheran College in South Australia expanded their Year 6 Business Enterprise unit to give students an authentic learning experience around the importance of small business for the communities where ALWS works.

**Teachers found having a reason for selling their products gave students an incentive to work as hard as possible.**

Students shared their learnings that, even though they are young, they can change the life of someone they don't even know.

While so many young people are wrestling with how they can make a difference in the world, we'll continue to share stories of people in developing communities, so students see the life-change they can make possible.

Activity	Number
Face to face presentations to schools	184
Zoom presentations to schools	33
Chapel presentations	13
Staff Professional Development presentations	11
Schools who took part in Walk My Way	24
Schools who took part in What's My Business	7
<b>Total number of schools impacted</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total number of students impacted</b>	<b>More than 20,000</b>



Mack gave all he had in his wallet after learning about refugees from the ALWS Community Action team. Photo: ALWS



# Kindness from Kingaroy – to Kakuma!



Emily, Giaan, Megan and Ruby are students at St John's Lutheran School, Kingaroy.

Throughout 2021, they and their classmates spent lunchtimes collecting and sorting drink containers from around the school.

The students recycle the containers through the *Containers for Change* program to support refugee children at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya to go to school.

The 20 children in the students' class, supported by their teacher Naomi, aimed to raise enough money to support 20 refugee children. At \$26 per child for a year's school, and 10 cents per container, that's 5,200 containers that needed collecting, cleaning and recycling.

When they achieved their target, one 9-year-old explained: "A little bit of effort on our part can change another child's whole future!"

## Very Valuable Volunteers

In 2021, volunteers donated 440.5 hours of their time which represents a saving of \$13,197 – which means more of your donation gets to those who need it. Thank you, Volunteers!

Where you live	What you gave in 2021 – thank you!
SA	\$2,043,880
NT	\$31,580
QLD	\$1,145,033
NSW	\$1,137,128
VIC	\$1,151,860
TAS	\$9,222
WA	\$134,546
ACT	\$170,245
NZ	\$1,993
Other*	\$179,853
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,005,340</b>

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

Give your food to  
the hungry and care  
for the homeless.  
Then your light will  
shine in the dark ...

Isaiah 58:10 (CEV)



## Hatching a plan to help

Daisy is in Grade 4 at a Lutheran school in South Australia.

She needed little eggging-on to hatch a plan for a rooster to boost the nest egg of a family in Cambodia:

"I raised \$30 selling eggs at Dad's office.

I used it to buy some chickens in Gifts of Grace, and also a School Kit for some kids that needed it.

It made me feel happy that I could help others in need – to help them live their lives a happy way!"



## Gorgeous gourds

David is a member at St John's Lutheran Church in Unley SA, and grew and sold pumpkins to raise more than \$650 to help others through ALWS...

... including farmers in South Sudan who receive pumpkin seeds after attending Farmer Field Schools you support through ALWS.

# ‘Are we there yet?’: Stepping out in Walk My Way



Clients, staff, and their families – and pets! – joined in the Barossa Walk My Way. Support worker Tamara (blue headband) said: “This is a wonderful chance for our clients to give back to the community and demonstrate that everybody has the ability to make a difference for the good of others.” Photo: ALWS / D Modra

A record number of our Lutheran family stepped out in 2021 so refugee children could step in to school.

4,174 people from around Australia took part in Walk My Way, a 26km walking challenge. Walkers asked friends and family to sponsor them – and raised enough to support 13,611 refugee children to go to school through ALWS.

Participants walk-ed, wheel-ed and woof-ed in over 30 events from the Barossa to Brisbane. Young and the not-so-young, people living with a disability, mums and dads, kids in prams – all united in changing the future for refugee children.

While 661 people Walk-ed Their Way through the largest Walk of 2021 in the Barossa in May, many schools, churches and groups who lived further afield organised their own Walks, right where they lived.

Like St Matthew’s Lutheran Church in the little town of Maclagan in Queensland. In September, they cheered on their 10 Sunday School children (plus a few ring-ins) as they walked 26 laps of the church and Sunday School building for their Walk My Way.

Member Margaret shared, ‘The congregation as well as various mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts, cousins and neighbours helped fill the donation box with a wonderful amount of \$1,394. The kids gave it their all with lots of sweat and ‘are we there yet?’ comments and were thoroughly busted when done, but they all felt strongly about helping the children in Africa 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, or volunteered as a Traffic Marshall/Breakfast Preparer/ countless other jobs ... thank you!



School leaders Ruby and Lana, from St Jakobi Lutheran Campus, decided to kick-start their school’s Walk My Way efforts by organising students to make and sell Scrunchies and Hacky-Sacks. More than 300 items were sold at weekly stalls, meaning the school was able to support 209 refugee children to go to school! Ruby shares: “We feel really grateful we will be helping children like us go to school.” Photo: The Leader newspaper, Barossa



ALWS thanks the  
LLL for their generous  
support of Walk My  
Way in 2021.





# Your kindness brings *Love* to life!

In 2021, ALWS was blessed and humbled to be entrusted with over \$9.0 million to bring love to life – more money to projects helping people than ever before! This exceeds the 2020 total of \$8.1 million.

Such a wonderful result is tribute to the generosity of the 8,000+ Australian supporters who donated to ALWS in 2021, despite the challenges of a second year of COVID-19.

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

ALWS was expecting a deficit year for 2021, but due to the wonderful result there was a surplus of revenue over expenditure for the year. ALWS are planning to expend this surplus in the 2022 year, and this will be reflected by a deficit result in 2022.

The 2021 funding result enabled ALWS to maintain our commitment to 13 core programs, plus help people hurt by seven different emergencies.

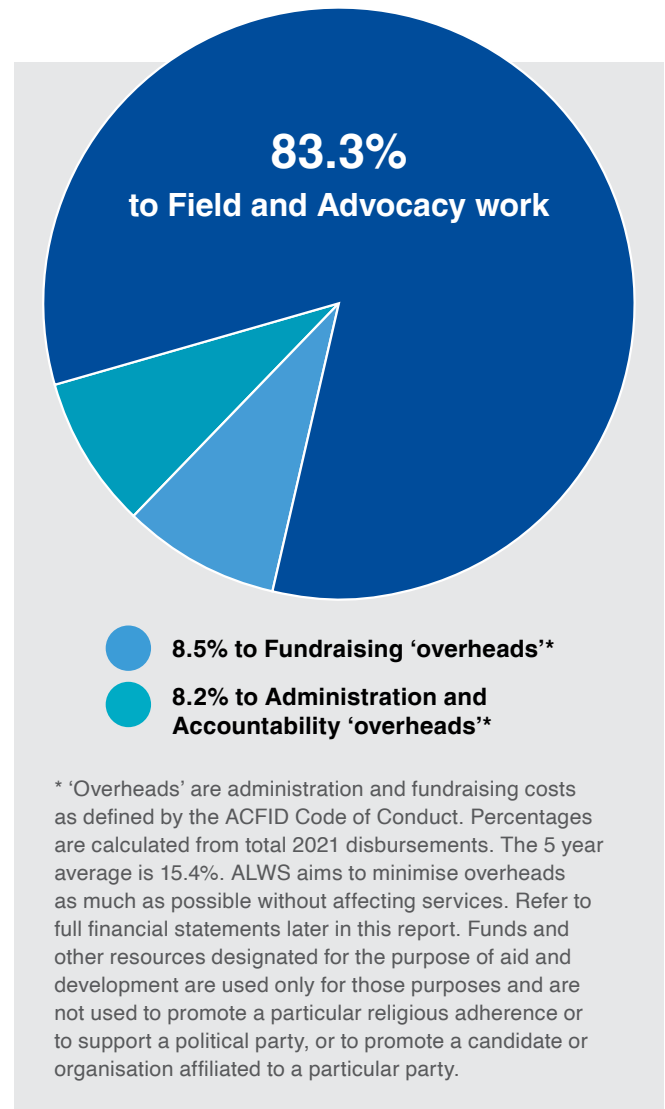
ALWS takes accountability very seriously, and therefore invests the appropriate amount of resources to ensure the funds entrusted to ALWS are used properly and effectively, as well as efficiently. This includes the costs of meeting global and national best-practice standards to ensure ongoing accreditation and continuous improvement as an aid and development agency.

**The good news is more than 83% of our expenditure in 2021 supported projects that help and educate people!**

Thanks to the commitment and professionalism of the ALWS team & partners, the achievement of reaching 547,461 people in 2021 with an 'overheads' investment (fundraising, administration and accountability costs as defined by ACFID) of just 16.7%!

The 5 year average for 'overheads' is only 15.4%. Full credit for this wonderful result must go to ALWS supporters who donate around \$8.40 for each \$1 invested in fundraising (in 2020 \$7.80 for each \$1 invested).

Supporter generosity, and careful long-term planning by the ALWS team, has ensured that ALWS is in a strong financial position and can continue to strengthen our services to people in need. They are also critical to ensure aid and development 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 with supporters and 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 as at 31 December 2021.

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

*Thank you!*

## Director's 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 2021 as follows:

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

Ms J Hoff (Chairperson)  
Mr P Renner (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr A Kotzur

Ms M Brookes  
Mr T Brennen  
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 2021 of \$651,561(2020 \$541,607).

### 4. CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of ALWS during 2021.

### 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)

  
Mr P Renner  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 18 March 2022

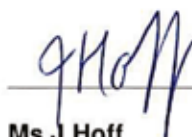

Place: 10 Somerset Drive, Albury NSW



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 7 to 19, 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 2021 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.

  
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**Ms J Hoff**  
(Chairperson)  
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**Mr P Renner**  
(Vice Chairperson)

Date: 18 March 2022

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](http://www.acfid.asn.au)*

## *Independent Audit Report*

### **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 2021, 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 2021 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.

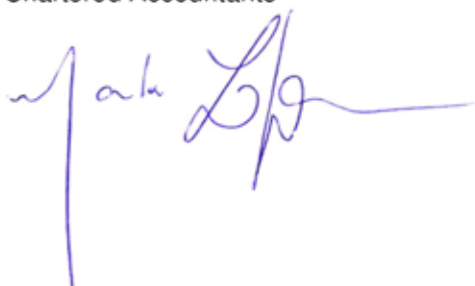
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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, 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations and gifts			
- Monetary		4,754,883	4,073,558
- Non-monetary		0	0
Bequests & Legacies		1,250,457	223,742
Grants			
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		2,844,203	3,189,743
- Other Australian		107,000	126,000
- Other Overseas		0	0
Investment Income		47,119	107,979
Commercial Activities Income		0	0
Other Income	8	53,449	444,682
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>9,057,111</b>	<b>8,165,704</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>			
International Programs			
- Funds to International programs	9	5,985,703	5,481,478
- Program support costs		617,220	548,988
Community Education		397,958	422,865
Fundraising costs			
- Public		696,274	525,404
- Government, multilateral & private		20,938	22,832
Accountability & Administration		687,457	619,483
Non-monetary Expenditure		0	0
<b>Total International Aid &amp; Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>8,405,550</b>	<b>7,621,050</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure		0	3,047
Commercial Activities Expenditure		0	0
Other Expenditure		0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>8,405,550</b>	<b>7,624,097</b>
<b>SURPLUS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>651,561</b>	<b>541,607</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>651,561</b>	<b>541,607</b>



# Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		8,651,473	7,905,512
Trade and Other Receivables	2	35,966	36,291
Inventories		0	0
Assets Held for Sale		0	0
Other Financial Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>8,687,439</u></b>	<b><u>7,941,803</u></b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	3	23,212	21,917
Investment Property		0	0
Intangibles	4	20,812	14,724
Other Non-Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>44,024</u></b>	<b><u>36,641</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>8,731,463</u></b>	<b><u>7,978,444</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	5	29,820	60,826
Borrowings		0	0
Current Tax Liabilities	6	79,330	38,389
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	515,615	427,088
Other		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>624,765</u></b>	<b><u>526,303</u></b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	7	41,521	38,525
Other		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>41,521</u></b>	<b><u>38,525</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>666,286</u></b>	<b><u>564,828</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>8,065,177</u></b>	<b><u>7,413,616</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
General Reserves		0	0
Restricted Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		<u>8,065,177</u>	<u>7,413,616</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b><u>8,065,177</u></b>	<b><u>7,413,616</u></b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

	Retained Earnings \$	TOTAL \$
Balance as at 31 December 2019	6,872,009	6,872,009
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	0
Items of other comprehensive income	0	0
Excess of revenue over expenses	541,607	541,607
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2020	<u>7,413,616</u>	<u>7,413,616</u>
Adjustments or changes in equity	0	0
Items of other comprehensive income	0	0
Excess of revenue over expenses	651,561	651,561
Other amounts transferred (to) from Reserves	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>8,065,177</u>	<u>8,065,177</u>



# Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Government grants and other income		9,324,505	8,044,135
Interest receipts		47,119	444,682
Operating Expenses		<u>(8,593,329)</u>	<u>(7,871,601)</u>
Net cash generated by operating activities	12	<u>778,295</u>	<u>617,216</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net proceeds from loans		0	0
Proceeds from sale of office equipment		0	0
Payments for office equipment		<u>(32,334)</u>	<u>(22,339)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities		<u>(32,334)</u>	<u>(22,339)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net increase in cash held		745,961	594,877
Cash at the beginning of the year		<u>7,905,512</u>	<u>7,310,635</u>
Cash at the end of the year	12	<u>8,651,473</u>	<u>7,905,512</u>

# Notes to and forming part of the 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) 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.

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#### (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.



**NOTE 1**  
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**(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. For the purposes of financial disclosure, long service leave entitlements are disclosed as 'current' for those employees with a service period that exceeds seven years.

The organisation's accounting policy with respect to employee entitlements 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 or the allocation between current and non-current long service leave entitlements. The impact of not complying with AASB 137 is non anticipated to be material.

**(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 \$232 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (\$395 for the 2020 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 and 2021, these amounts are significantly lower than 'pre-Covid' years.

**(h) Comparative information**

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

# Notes to and forming part of the financial statements

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>NOTE 2</b>		
<b>TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Prepayments	35,966	36,291
Debtors - Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>35,966</u></b>	<b><u>36,291</u></b>

## **NOTE 3** **PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

### **(a) Summary**

Office Equipment, at cost	82,244	68,291
Less Accumulated depreciation	<u>(59,032)</u>	<u>(46,374)</u>
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b><u>23,212</u></b>	<b><u>21,917</u></b>

### **(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	21,917	13,714
Plus Additions	13,953	15,162
Less Disposals	0	0
Less Movements in asset class	0	0
Less Depreciation	<u>(12,658)</u>	<u>(6,959)</u>
Carrying amount at end of year	<b><u>23,212</u></b>	<b><u>21,917</u></b>

## **NOTE 4** **INTANGIBLES**

Intangible assets	50,382	32,001
Less Accumulated amortisation	<u>(29,570)</u>	<u>(17,277)</u>
	<b><u>20,812</u></b>	<b><u>14,724</u></b>

## **NOTE 5** **TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Creditors	5,938	45,826
Funding held in advance	0	0
Accruals	<u>23,882</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<b><u>29,820</u></b>	<b><u>60,826</u></b>



	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>NOTE 6</b>		
<b>CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Tax Liabilities	<u>79,330</u>	<u>38,389</u>
	<b><u>79,330</u></b>	<b><u>38,389</u></b>
 <b>NOTE 7</b>		
<b>PROVISIONS</b>		
Long Service Leave	213,941	168,763
Annual Leave	<u>343,195</u>	<u>296,850</u>
	<b><u>557,136</u></b>	<b><u>465,613</u></b>
Comprised of:		
Current Liability	515,615	427,088
Non-Current Liability	<u>41,521</u>	<u>38,525</u>
	<b><u>557,136</u></b>	<b><u>465,613</u></b>
 <b>NOTE 8</b>		
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Jobkeeper wages subsidy (Covid-19 income)	0	333,000
Cashflow Boost subsidy (Covid-19 income)	0	100,000
Sundry income	<u>53,449</u>	<u>11,682</u>
	<b><u>53,449</u></b>	<b><u>444,682</u></b>

# Notes to and forming part of the financial statements

## NOTE 9

### DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS

Country	Project	ALWS	DFAT	Total
<b>Development Programs - ALWS &amp; DFAT (Australian NGO Cooperation Program)</b>				
Burundi	Community Integrated Development Project	95,467	270,376	365,843
Global	Capacity Building for Gender Context Analyses and Action	6,916	73,204	80,120
Indonesia	Disaster Risk Reduction Through Rights Based Empowerment of Communities	171,572	135,534	307,106
Myanmar	Safe and Inclusive Education for Children in Rakhine State	160,000	40,000	200,000
Nepal	Promotion of Women's Empowerment and Rights Targeting Rural Women (POWER)	11,000	16,500	27,500
Nepal	Local Initiative for Community Empowerment and Development (LICED)	230,892	546,369	777,261
Somalia	Support for Ministry of Education of Jubaland (Somalia) to Rebuild the State's Education Sector	100,423	218,144	318,567
<b>Total ALWS &amp; ANCP</b>		<b>776,269</b>	<b>1,300,127</b>	<b>2,076,397</b>

<b>Development Programs &amp; Capacity Building - ALWS</b>				
Burundi	RBA Local to Global Project (Women's Rights)' - A Rights-based and Advocacy Approach to Women's rights, women's economic empowerment and protection from SGBV	7,500		7,500
Cambodia	Holistic Rural Development Program (HRDP-I)	500,000		500,000
Global	Partner Capacity Building	132,065		132,065
Indonesia	Support for Food Security in Response to COVID	3,886		3,886
Indonesia - Hephata	Rights based empowerment of people with disability through community based rehabilitation	62,000		62,000
Kenya	Kakuma Refugee Assistance Project	350,000		350,000
Kenya	Dadaab Refugee Assistance Project	50,000		50,000
Kenya	Education and Protection for Refugee Children in Djibouti	14,020		14,020
Nepal	Support for Food Security in Response to COVID	8,270		8,270
South Sudan	Community Empowerment for Resilience and Peaceful Co-existence in Twic East, Duk and Bor South Counties, Jonglei State	600,000		600,000
South Sudan	Socio-economic Integration of Returning Refugees and Receiving Communities	400,000		400,000
<b>Total ALWS</b>		<b>2,127,741</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,127,741</b>

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**NOTE 9**
**DISBURSEMENTS TO OVERSEAS PROJECTS**

Country	Project	ALWS	DFAT	Total
<b>Development Programs - ALWS Channelled Funds</b>				
India	Grihini Community College	106,857		106,857

<b>Development Programs - ALWS &amp; DFAT (Church Partnership Program)</b>				
Papua New Guinea	Church Partnership Program		938,164	938,164

<b>Emergency &amp; Refugee Response</b>				
Afghanistan	AFG 211 - Emergency response for crisis and conflict affected Afghan communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan	100,000		100,000
Cambodia	Good Practice in Emergencies Training	6,306		6,306
Ethiopia	ACT Alliance Appeal ETH201: Response to People affected by the Conflict in Tigray and Southern Ethiopia.	100,000		100,000
Haiti	ACT Alliance Appeal HTI 211: Response to communities affected by the Earthquake.	75,000		75,000
Kenya	Kenya Drought Appeal KEN221	100,000		100,000
LWF RDRS Bangladesh Emergency Program (LREP)	Building Resilience of Rohingya Refugees and Host Communities Emergency Response, Conserving Environment and Peaceful Coexistence in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh	41,497		41,497
Myanmar	Act Alliance Appeal MMR221	50,000		50,000
South Sudan	Act Alliance Appeal SSD 211: South Sudan Response to Complex Humanitarian Crisis	100,000		100,000
<b>Total ALWS</b>		572,803	0.00	572,803

<b>Global Program Management</b>				
ACT Alliance	Membership	9,752		9,752
ACT Alliance	Voluntary Contribution	7,500		7,500
LWF	DWS Coordination	61,200		61,200
LWF	DWS Program Support - General	15,300		15,300
LWF	DWS Program Support - Gender	7,650		7,650
LWF	DWS Program Support - Child Safe	7,650		7,650
LWF	DWS Audit Unit	15,300		15,300
LWF	DWS Accountability	15,300		15,300
LWF	PMER Enhancement	15,300		15,300
LWF	DWS Newdea Subscription	417		417
	Banking Fees & Fx Loss/Gain	8,372		8,372
<b>Total ALWS</b>		163,741	0.00	163,741
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,747,412</b>	<b>2,238,291</b>	<b>5,985,703</b>



## *Notes to and forming part of the financial statements*

### **NOTE 10**

#### **RELATED PARTY INFORMATION**

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

ALWS serves as the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia. The LCA endorses and indemnifies the activity of ALWS and has authorised the ALWS Executive 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:

Ms J Hoff	Mr T Brennen
Mr P Renner	Rev Simon Cooper
Mr A Kotzur	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 \$3,357,078 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020 \$3,153,912).

##### **(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 \$342,252 in support of its programs during the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020 \$38,336).

## NOTE 11 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Interest Rate Risk

	Floating Interest Rate	Fixed Interest Rate 1 Year or Less	1 to 2 Years	Maturing 2 to 5 Years	Non Interest Bearing	Total Book Value	Net Market Value
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Cash on hand					10	10	10
Cash at bank	8,651,463					8,651,463	8,651,463
Bank term deposits						0	0
Receivables					35,966	35,966	35,966
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<u>8,651,463</u>				<u>35,976</u>	<u>8,687,439</u>	<u>8,687,439</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>							
Trade and other payables					109,150	109,150	109,150
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>					<u>109,150</u>	<u>109,150</u>	<u>109,150</u>
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	<u>8,651,463</u>				<u>(73,174)</u>	<u>8,578,289</u>	<u>8,578,289</u>

Weighted average interest rate for financial assets approx. 0.05%

## NOTE 12 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

### (a) Reconciliation of cash

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

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	8,651,473	7,905,512
Term Deposits	0	0
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<u>8,651,473</u>	<u>7,905,512</u>

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

Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenditure	651,561	541,607
<b>Non-cash flows in operating surplus:</b>		
Depreciation	24,951	11,935
Change in Provision for Doubtful Debts	0	(20,000)
Bad Debt Write-Offs	0	22,262
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
Movement in trade and other receivables	325	(18,053)
Movement in other assets	0	0
Movement in trade and other payables	9,935	275
Change to Provisions for Long Service and Annual Leave	<u>91,523</u>	<u>79,190</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>778,295</u>	<u>617,216</u>

## *Notes to and forming part of the financial statements*

### **NOTE 13**

#### **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.



# 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 Cambodia, Kenya and Mozambique. Jodie joined the Board in 2019.

**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 chair of two residential body corporate organisations. He has been a member of Ringwood Lutheran Church for the past 39 years, and is the chair 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. Peter joined the Board in 2017.

**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. Morgan 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.

**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 (resigned Jan 2022)**

Simon Cooper was introduced to the developing world while growing up, living 5 years in PNG and 2 years in Tanzania with his family. During his 22 years as a Lutheran Pastor, he has spent 13 years working in Lutheran schools, where he has been a passionate advocate for serving people in need through ALWS. Simon has visited ALWS projects in Burundi, Kenya, and Mozambique, 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.



The ALWS Board met on 19-20 March, 26 May, 16 June, 10-11 September, 2 December, and 15 December in 2021.

The Finance Audit and Risk Committee (FAR) met on 3 March, 13 May, 1 June, 27 July, 24 August, and 30 November in 2021. The FAR Committee members are Peter Renner (Chair), Jodie Hoff, Michael Stolz, and Ron Asquith (Director at ATS Accountants).

The Program Advisory Committee (PAC) met on 11 June, 9 September, and 12 November. The PAC members are Thomas Brennan (Chair), Anthony Sell (Director Design and Learning at Seed Initiatives) and Geoff Robinson (Expert Disaster Risk Resilience, Senior Program Manager, Act for Peace).

# 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 2021, ALWS went through the 5-yearly reaccreditation process and received full accreditation for a further 5 years. In 2021, ALWS received support through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) for the programs in Burundi, Indonesia, Myanmar, 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.



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

LWF World Service is the humanitarian and development arm of the Lutheran World Federation, and the main implementer of overseas aid and development for ALWS. It has a global program embracing developing countries in Africa, Central America, South-East Asia and the Middle East. It is certified by the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and operates as one of the largest implementing partners for the UN's refugee agency in nine countries.



### Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance)

ACT Alliance is a network of 137 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 chair of the ACT Alliance Safeguarding Community of Practice.



### 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.



### Church Agency Network (CAN)

The CAN is a group of 12 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.



### Emergency Action Alliance (EAA)

ALWS is proud to be a founding member of the EAA. The EAA is made up of 15 Australian-based member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialise in different areas of disaster response. By combining the expertise of the 15 members, the EAA can focus the desire of Australian donors to help into a targeted response to an international emergency.



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

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



## Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

ALWS is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. ACFID is the umbrella organisation for Australian overseas aid and development agencies. Its Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. ALWS is committed to full adherence to the Code. Acting Executive Director Leah Odongo is a member of the Code of Conduct committee, and ALWS staff are also members of various other ACFID communities of practice 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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**ALWS has a Complaints Policy which can be found at [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au)**

**To lodge a complaint regarding ALWS, contact the Complaints Manager at**

**[complaints@alws.org.au](mailto:complaints@alws.org.au) or 02 6021 5329, or if the complaint is regarding the Executive Director contact Board Chair Ms Jodie Hoff [chair@alws.org.au](mailto:chair@alws.org.au) or 07 5540 8888.**

Photo: LWF Nepal

*"I am very happy with this machine as I do not have to wake up early to peel the maize manually. It has reduced my workload significantly."*

Sita Kumar Pariyar, Nepal

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# Vision, Mission, Passion

## Our Mandate

We love because God first loved us. 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." (Matthew 25:35-36,40).

## Our Vision

ALWS envisages a world where love comes to life (see 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 (see Galatians 2:10 and Leviticus 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, conflict, poverty or oppression. We add our voice to the voices of those unheard and excluded, together crying out for justice so that we can all live in just and sustainable communities.

## Our Approach

Considering the alarming rise in inequality in our world, we focus on supporting those who are on the move and affected by disaster in the Asia-Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa. Within these groups, we intentionally seek out those most at risk of abuse, exclusion and inequality and those who experience disadvantage due to gender or disability. We deliberately invest in partnerships and collaborations that seek to reach those who are most marginalised. We work to inspire and equip people to support work which is rights-based, sustainable, and integrated.

## 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



### Resource...

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

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