



The Lutheran World Federation

For a just, peaceful and reconciled world

The LWF was established in 1947 as a federation of Lutheran churches. One of its first important efforts was responding to human suffering in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Today, the LWF is a communion of 148 churches in 99 countries

- 55 in Asia
- 31 in Africa
- 41 in Europe
- 19 in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 2 in North America



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In 2017, LWF served 3 million people. LWF expects to serve 3.5 million people in 2018.

Staff

- 75 staff in the Communion Office in Geneva
- 59 international staff in country programs
- 7,815 staff in country programs (including national staff and incentive workers)

General Secretary: Rev. Dr Martin Junge (Chile/Switzerland)

President: Archbishop Dr Panti Filibus Musa (Nigeria)

Program areas include

- Emergency response
- Livelihoods
- Education
- Gender justice
- Youth participation
- Human rights advocacy
- Capacity building for peace
- Faith-sensitive psychosocial support
- Climate justice
- Intercultural theology and theological formation
- Church cooperation and communion building
- Ecumenical dialogue and cooperation
- Interfaith dialogue and cooperation
- Capacity building for diakonia
- Leadership and good governance

Country programs

- Angola
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Jerusalem
- Jordan
- Kenya – Djibouti – Somalia
- Mauretania
- Myanmar – Laos
- Nepal
- South Sudan
- Uganda

Emergency hubs

- Kathmandu (Asia)
- Nairobi (Africa)
- San Salvador (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Strategic Priorities

- A communion strengthened in worship and ongoing theological discernment, ecumenical dialogue, and interfaith collaboration
- Member churches growing in capacity for holistic mission and deepening relationships with each other
- Effective and empowering diakonia addressing human suffering, injustice, and emergencies.

Cross-cutting priorities

- Gender justice
- Youth participation
- Theological reflection and formation
- Climate justice
- Role of churches in human rights, reconciliation and development

Core Values

- Dignity and justice
- Compassion and commitment
- Respect for diversity
- Inclusion and participation
- Transparency and accountability

Partners

- UNHCR and other UN organizations
- ACT Alliance
- European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
- Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid
- Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, US Department of State
- Islamic Relief Worldwide
- Caritas Internationalis

Related Organizations

LWF has long-standing, vital relationships with agencies of LWF member churches

engaged in humanitarian assistance and development.

These bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships are lived out at the global, national, and regional levels. We collaborate closely on program planning and operations, joint advocacy, and share staff. In all our partnerships, we aim to develop mutually beneficial cooperation that prioritizes the needs of those we serve. These related organizations provide a major share of our program funding.

- Australian Lutheran World Service
- Bread for the World
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Christian Aid
- Church of Sweden
- Czech Diakonia
- DanChurchAid
- Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
- FinnChurchAid
- Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission
- Hungarian Interchurch Aid
- Icelandic Church Aid
- Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation
- Norwegian Church Aid
- Lutheran World Relief

Accountability Standards

We are direct signatories of:

- Core Humanitarian Standard
- The Code of Conduct for International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief
- The Sphere Standards

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