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IMAGE LEFT

"World - Help us" reads a sign outside Saint Michael's Monastery in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Photo: LWF/A. Hillert




As a global family, we cannot forget the rest of the world.

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VOICES OF HOPE



“Before, women had to stay at home and did not join public meetings and ceremonies. They were not sharing their problems, and some became depressed. Now they socialize and express themselves.”

Léoncie Ntibatangira, Cendajuru, Burundi

Welcome

2022 will always be remembered as the year when COVID-19 released its grip on the world, only to be followed by a major military conflict in Europe with Russian aggression against Ukraine triggering mass displacement across the region.

All humanitarian, civil society and faith actors scrambled to respond and set up appropriate responses inside the country and across the continent, even as recovery from the COVID-19 years had not begun.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) responded too, both through World Service (WS) and our two newest emergency programs in Poland and Ukraine, and through our many member churches in the region. The response has been enormous; refugees and internally displaced people have received assistance, shelter and support in a situation which continues with no solution in sight.

At the same time, all the work in LWF World Service programs across the world's humanitarian disasters has continued unabated, but severely challenged. The gang warfare in Haiti has driven millions of people into acute food security, to say nothing of the worsening, disastrous security situation. The military conflict inside Myanmar has left already vulnerable populations with increased challenges to their survival and made humanitarian response increasingly difficult. The drought in East Africa and the Horn of Africa has driven large numbers of people from their homes in search of food and water. These are a few examples of the crises which the cameras have not followed. Yet the millions affected are individual people with hopes, dreams, and aspirations for life in dignity whose chances of reaching them seem to become more remote with every passing day.

The conflict in Ukraine has resulted in an enormous wave of compassion and support

for people on the move, which is heart-warming and gives us hope. At the same time, however, many funds originally meant for the Central African Republic, Venezuela or South Sudan have been diverted to Ukraine. The regions where humanitarian response funds were already scarce find themselves even further depleted. As a global family, we cannot forget the rest of the world.

As the number of severe humanitarian needs in the world grows, it is crucial for us to note that among the affected populations, some groups are more vulnerable than others. The impact of food insecurity, military conflict, natural disasters, or closed schools is often more severe on women and girls. The risk of sexual and gender-based violence has grown and we, as the LWF, work hard to prevent sexual exploitation through our programs. The LWF participates actively the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme for humanitarian organizations, which aims to prevent perpetrators from moving between organizations. In 2022, it was calculated that 230 such staff hires were prevented.

LWF World Service's work is carried out by over 7,821 staff. The cost of working under severe stress caused by the pandemic, violence, insufficient funding, and remote locations can be very high. Our commitment to continued and strengthened staff care remains important; their continued presence in vulnerable communities is vital to our work.

We thank you for your support of the work of LWF World Service. Without you, we could not continue to work *For Hope and a Future*.

Maria Immonen
LWF World Service Director

IMAGE LEFT

In Cendajuru, near the border with Tanzania, LWF Burundi trained women in advocacy and women's social and economic rights. They now work with the community and authorities to support families in everyday affairs.

Photo: LWF/L. Gillibert

About us

In 1952, LWF World Service was established as the humanitarian and development arm of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Seventy years on, our name and mandate remain the same. We have since grown to twenty-eight countries across five regions in the world.

IMAGE LEFT

U Taw Lone making fish amino acid fertilizer on his farm in Taung Chay Yin Village, Hlaing Bwe Township, Myanmar.

Photo: LWF/
Matchless Production



28 countries



3.5m Served



7,821 Global Staff



70 Years

In 2022, LWF World Service served 3,479,153 people in twenty-eight countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean. This work was supported by 7,821 staff, of whom 99.6 percent were local employees or incentive workers.

In response to the Ukraine war in February, we established an emergency operation in Poland and later Ukraine, both in close cooperation with member churches. The economic impact of the war continues to be felt across all programs today. In 2022, we completed the exit process in two of our country programs, Djibouti and Laos.

LWF World Service often begins new operations during an emergency phase at the request of a member church. We remain in that country for an average of twenty-three years, working closely with communities, member churches, governments, local authorities, and civil society organizations. Our localization framework guides us to empower communities to address the challenges that face them, link local voices to global advocacy initiatives, support local and national actors to strengthen their own capacity, build partnerships on mutual accountability, and strive to establish fully localized and independent organizations where possible.

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all people to live in just and peaceful societies and to be united in diversity. We want them to meet their basic needs and achieve their full potential in order to improve their quality of life, individually and collectively.

To do this, we value dignity and justice as universal rights inherent in each person, where they are able to meaningfully participate in programs that are transparent and accountable. We are driven by a deep sense of compassion for, and a commitment to, all people, and subscribe to the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence, with a particular focus on gender justice, climate justice, and a rights-based approach.

WHAT WE DO

Our focus is on refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees, host communities, and those at risk of suffering from disasters and living a life without dignity. We work with these communities, civil society, LWF member churches, governments, ecumenical and interfaith communities, related organizations, United Nations agencies, and global networks to ensure the voices of individuals and communities are heard at the highest level.

OUR STRATEGY

In an ever-changing context, our strategy allows us to adapt our responses, as we saw in 2022. Nevertheless, the strategy is still firmly centered on the programmatic areas of Protection and Social Cohesion, Quality Services, and Livelihoods. This report focuses on livelihoods, but also features activities from the other two programmatic areas. These three areas cut across the humanitarian, recovery, and development phases of our work at individual, community, and institutional levels. Our strategy also focuses on systems and practices by aligning support structures, mobilizing, and managing finances, nurturing strong relationships with all stakeholders, strengthening our approach to safety and security, and maintaining a high level of quality and accountability in all we do.

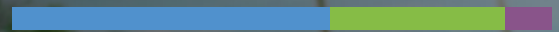


People we serve:

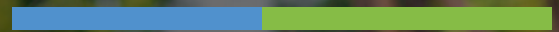
3,479,153



- Total Refugees: 1,375,214
- Total IDPs: 732,120
- Total Local/Host Community: 1,371,819



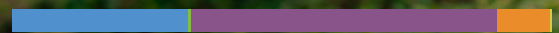
- Total Adults: 2,045,011
- Total Children (5-18 years): 1,128,584
- Total Infants (under 5 years): 305,558



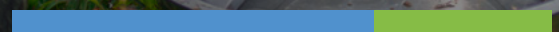
- Male: 1,609,486
- Female: 1,869,667

Our staff:

7,821



- National staff: 2,539
- International staff: 60
- Incentive staff: 4,411
- Volunteers: 786
- Staff at headquarters in Geneva: 25



- Male: 5,270
- Female: 2,551

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**VOICES
OF HOPE**

"Before, we were in the dark. We have found the light since you arrived."

**Hassan Abakar, chairman
of the land negotiation committee,
Danamadja returnee site, Goré, Chad.**

Photo: LWF/M. Renaux





Emergencies

LWF World Service's emergency response, through cooperation and coordination with local and international partners, reached over 400,000 people in need of humanitarian assistance.

IMAGE ABOVE

A volunteer gives food to a child from Ukraine at the Záhony border crossing in March 2022.
Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert

Globally, the primary focus in 2022 was on the Russia-Ukraine war and the subsequent influx of refugees. LWF World Service responded to the humanitarian crisis with a comprehensive joint Ukraine response, which involved engaging quickly through the establishment of new operations in Poland and Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine had an impact on the world well beyond the borders of Europe; many countries felt its effects. As a result, all LWF World Service country programs have been negatively affected as the cost of goods, fuel, and relief goods rose sharply.

Unfortunately, the war in Ukraine has drawn the world's eyes away from protracted crises and acute poverty in other countries where we operate. Yet, despite the challenging environment, LWF World Service continued to carry out the

commitment to respond to natural and human-made disasters. With a network of regional emergency hubs globally, LWF World Service has the capacity for early warning, and for rapid and timely humanitarian response. In addition, the hubs provide expertise and experience in strengthening humanitarian coordination, quality, and accountability.



Thanks to the local country programs, LWF member churches, implementing partners, or the direct intervention of the Global Humanitarian Team, LWF World Service responded to the following critical emergencies in 2022.

IMAGE RIGHT:

Refugees are enrolled for cash assistance at the LWF center in Wrocław.

Photo: LWF/ M. Sarychau



UKRAINE WAR

On 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine, causing death, destruction, and massive displacement. At the end of the year, there were at least 17.6 million people in need of humanitarian assistance inside and outside Ukraine as a result of the war.

LWF member churches provided support to the refugees from the first day of the war, welcoming people at the border, providing food and other relief goods, and organizing transport or shelter. To support their work, LWF World Service established two country programs in Poland and Ukraine respectively. In both countries, LWF works together with the local LWF member church: the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland, and the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine.

In Poland, the LWF started by providing multipurpose cash assistance in six community centers. Later, the program was adapted to serve long-term needs such as training, psychological support, and integration. In Ukraine, LWF World Service supported people in the Chernihiv region, focusing on renovating schools, houses, and electrical infrastructure. LWF World Service also provided technical equipment for heating points in Kharkiv.

Interventions Poland:



multipurpose cash assistance, vouchers (clothing, medicine), food and essential household items, psychological support, community work, Polish language lessons

Outreach:

148,700
individuals

Interventions Ukraine:



heating points, food distribution, renovation (schools, infrastructure)

Outreach:

7,200
individuals

IMAGE RIGHT:

A food stand at a local market in Chad. In many Central and East African countries, food prices have increased because of the war in Ukraine.

Photo: LWF/ M. Renaux



GLOBAL IMPACT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

The war in Ukraine has had an impact well beyond the European continent. The cost of goods and fuel has risen exponentially making it more expensive to deliver aid. In some regions, prices have doubled or even tripled. This particularly affects vulnerable people who were already suffering from the economic impact of the pandemic.

The rise in prices and additional taxes mean that country programs need more funding to support the same number of people. At the same time, donor attention has shifted to the war in Ukraine, drawing the world's eyes away from protracted crises elsewhere.

In spring 2022, all LWF World Service country programs reported a massive increase of cost. Some examples:

- **Burundi:** 30 percent increase in fuel costs
- **Cameroon:** 30 percent increase in the price of bread, seeds, and fertilizer
- **Central African Republic:** 81 percent increase in the cost of nutrition per child in the child feeding program, 70 percent increase in fuel costs
- **Chad:** 50 percent increase in fuel costs, 10-35 percent increase in the price of agricultural goods
- **Ethiopia:** 167 percent increase in the price of construction materials, 59 percent increase in the price of a food basket
- **Haiti:** 210-240 percent increase in fuel costs
- **Iraq:** 128 percent increase in fuel costs
- **Jerusalem and Jordan:** 20 percent increase in food prices
- **Kenya:** 50 percent increase in the price of cereal
- **Myanmar:** 300 percent increase in the cost of electricity, 100 percent increase in the price of a taxi ride, 50 percent increase in food prices
- **Nepal:** 50-60 percent increase in the price of vegetables, 33 percent increase of transportation costs and the price of cooking gas
- **South Sudan:** 50 percent increase in the price for fuel, cereals, and transportation
- **Uganda:** 90 percent increase in prices for food and fuel

IMAGE RIGHT:

LWF staff distribute food aid to Somali refugees in Dadaab refugee camp, Kenya.

Photo: LWF/ N. Tado.



DROUGHT AND HUNGER IN EAST AFRICA (ETHIOPIA, KENYA, SOMALIA)

Across East Africa, average temperatures have risen a full degree Celsius over the past fifty years, making the dry seasons hotter, killing millions of livestock, and destroying crops. When the rainy season starts, the dried-out soil is unable to absorb the water causing massive floods. Many countries are dealing with internal conflicts and political unrest.

In addition, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has disrupted the food supply globally and led to a rise in food and energy prices in the region. This has caused severe food insecurity and hunger – 22 million people in the Horn of Africa are at risk of starvation. The LWF is responding through its programs in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia with lifesaving assistance including food, multipurpose cash, livelihoods support, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and more.

Interventions Ethiopia:



livelihoods, multipurpose cash, WASH, protection (prevention of gender-based violence and of sexual exploitation and abuse, provision of child protection), community-based psychosocial support

Outreach:

85,420 individuals
44,320 female
41,100 male
17,084 households

Interventions Kenya:



food security and nutrition; livelihoods; WASH

Outreach:

77,723 individuals
37,445 female
40,278 male
includes 884 people with disabilities

Interventions Somalia:



food distribution

Outreach:

4,677 individuals
1,663 female
1,337 male

**VOICES
OF HOPE**

"LWF World Service contributes to the defense of the fundamental human rights of women and Indigenous communities, with a special focus on the protection of Mother Earth. The LWF cares for the creation which is threatened."

**Florinda Yax Tiu,
Organization JOTAY, Guatemala**

IMAGE RIGHT

House reconstruction after the 2021 earthquake in Southern Haiti.

Photo: LWF/ P. Raymond



COMPLEX CRISIS IN HAITI

Haiti is facing a complex humanitarian crisis due to the severe insecurity caused by political, social, and economic instability, rising food prices, and a cholera outbreak. 4.9 million people, nearly half the population, are currently acutely food insecure. Additionally, the country is prone to natural disaster. In August 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country killing 2,000 people and leaving more than 650,000 in need of assistance. The joint office of LWF, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), and Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) responded to

the disaster and continues to work with vulnerable communities.

Interventions:



WASH; livelihoods; cash distribution; shelter; mental health support; strengthening civil society, disaster risk reduction

Outreach:

23,228

individuals

1,300 households

IMAGE RIGHT

People displaced by drought at the Kaluheke camp in Cunene province, Angola.

Photo: LWF/ B. Fulayi

DROUGHT IN ANGOLA

In 2022, Angola faced the worst recorded drought in forty years, with the southern provinces of Huila, Cunene and Namibe, experiencing the fifth consecutive year of drought.

Approximately 1.58 million people were acutely food insecure and lacked clean drinking water.

More than 15,000 people (mostly women and youth) migrated to the Republic of Namibia; many more were displaced internally in search of livelihoods.

LWF Angola has been present in the county since 1986 and started responding to the effects of the drought in the southern provinces of Huila, Cunene, Cuando and Cubango in February 2022.



Interventions:



shelter and household items, food security, preparedness and prevention, WASH, livelihoods, gender, advocacy

Outreach:

3,216

individuals

536 households

IMAGE RIGHT

Ngueli Bridge camp, N'Djamena, Chad: Halimé Tchoumi, mother of ten, received money to start an income generating activity after her house was damaged in the floods in N'Djamena.

Photo: LWF/ M. Rénaux

FLOODS IN CHAD

Chad experienced unprecedented flooding in 2022 due to heavy rains that began at the end of July and continued until mid-September, displacing hundreds of thousands of people and causing significant damage to houses, infrastructure, and land.

The floods affected 620,000 people across sixteen of the country's twenty-three provinces, including the capital N'Djamena. One-quarter of the city was underwater.

The LWF's emergency response centered in N'Djamena and its surrounding areas, focusing on hygiene and sanitation.



Interventions:



child protection, water, sanitation and hygiene, food, relief goods (mosquito nets), cash distribution

Outreach:

18,710
individuals 9,283 female
 9,427 male

IMAGE RIGHT

Tara Singh Dholi, of Sayal Rural Municipality, Doti, Nepal, received an emergency shelter set, winterization kit and hygiene items. Mr. Dholi's house was destroyed by the November earthquake.

Photo: LWF/ C. Saud



NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale shook Doti district in Western Nepal in early November, followed by three magnitude 4 earthquakes and more than 200 aftershocks. Over 200 small aftershocks followed. Among the affected were Dalit and Haliya communities with whom LWF Nepal had already worked. LWF Nepal provided life-saving assistance.

Interventions:




emergency shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, winterization

Outreach:

2,576
individuals 1,320 female
 1,256 male
 895 households

VOICES OF HOPE

A close-up photograph of a woman drinking water from a clear plastic bottle. She is wearing an orange shawl and a green patterned sari. The background shows other people in a rural setting under a clear blue sky.

“We did not have food to eat, or drinking water for three days. It seems like disaster hits poor families like us the hardest. The food assistance saved our lives and the lives of our children.”

Rekha Chaudhary from Bhajani municipality in Western Nepal. The village experienced heavy rain and flooding in September. LWF Nepal provided food and drinking water to 500 families whose homes had been destroyed.

IMAGE RIGHT

A woman feeds her chickens in Cox's Bazaar refugee camp, Bangladesh.

Photo: LWF/ B. Khanal



ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH

Approximately one million Rohingya refugees live in the world's largest refugee camp, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. The LWF, in collaboration with local partner RDRS (Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service), has been supporting people in four of the refugee camps and in nearby host communities since January 2019 by

providing basic humanitarian and protection needs, increasing self-reliance, and building resilience in the refugees and nearby host communities.

Interventions:



livelihoods and food security, WASH, shelter, relief goods, education, reproductive health, disaster risk reduction, reforestation programs.; social cohesion and inclusion (gender and age), protection

Outreach:

27,870 individuals
1300 households
14,031 female
13,839 male

IMAGE RIGHT

Syrian children in the Aleppo region enjoy a day at the cinema organized by LWF's local partner Caritas Syria.

Photo: C. Syria / C. Al Rayyes



SYRIA CONFLICT

Syria continues to face a complex humanitarian crisis. More than ten years of ongoing hostilities have led to the highest number of internally displaced people in the world – 6.8 million people. In 2022, 14.6 million people in Syria needed humanitarian assistance. Economic indicators continue to deteriorate, essential services are collapsing, and an ongoing cholera outbreak and climate shocks worsened the crisis. The LWF continued to respond to the needs of affected populations in Aleppo through Caritas Syria.

Interventions:



WASH, education, protection and psychosocial support

Outreach:

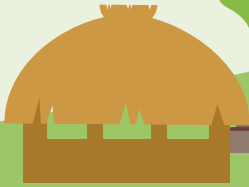
1,390 individuals
756 female
634 male

34,281

households have sufficient food all year round

1,706

households trained on climate change adaptation



13,550

individuals attended LWF training facilities

17,142

individuals reported increased income



3,294

Women organized in women's loans and savings groups



12,142

individuals use assets more productively

3,123

households use energy-saving stoves



875

communities informed/supported in accessing land and land titles, and 7,994 households



9,875

individuals with new income generating sources

Livelihoods

LWF World Service focuses on vulnerable households facing food insecurity, unstable income, and inaccessible assets.

In an age of abundance, poverty and unemployment continue to affect millions around the world.

LWF World Service helps individuals, households, and their communities access the know-how and the tools necessary to grow food, find employment, or start a micro-business. Empowering people to meet their needs and those of their families with dignity is central to the LWF World Service approach.

In 2022, some of the countries where LWF World Service operates ranked at the bottom of the Global Hunger index. Syria, South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chad, Uganda, and Haiti are among the fifteen hungriest countries world wide. LWF World Service is also active in other regions with high rates of hunger, unemployment, and poverty. These include southern Angola, northern Cameroon, the Gaza strip, east and north Kenya, the Central American highlands, and camps for displaced people in Myanmar.

Around the world, LWF World Service uses a wide range of approaches to the local challenges. Thus, we foster more productive, climate-smart agriculture. We help artisans connect with markets. We empower youth to get jobs through vocational and life skills training and job placement (including as part of LWF World Service staff). We fight land grabbing and secure access to land. We leverage women's entrepreneurial talent by facilitating their access to credit and business know-how.

The following pages show examples of how LWF World Service fights poverty and empowers thousands to face the future with confidence.

IRAQ: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

In Iraq, LWF World Service joined the PROSPECTS initiative, which brings together the International Labor Organization (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Children's Fund (UNICEF), as well as the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation. The program aims to provide work opportunities for women and men in refugee settlements or displacement camps, as well as their host communities who often have their own economic challenges in areas that have been transformed by large movements of people.

In the Dohuk and Ninewa regions of Iraq, men and women received business training and loans to start or develop their own enterprises.

One of the participants, 35-year-old Omer Abdullaziz Tater from Duhok city, holds a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering and now has applied for a loan to start his own architecture consultancy:



“The financial training has taught me to be more cautious with my expenditures. I have also been able to apply my learning experiences with my family”.

Since October 2021, more than 600 men and women have graduated from the program.

IMAGE RIGHT

A group of students graduating from the training in coordination with Thiqa bank in Duhok, Iraq.

Photo: LWF/
S. Shafeeq Salih





IMAGE ABOVE

Danamadja village near Goré, Chad. In this village, LWF World Service supports families by providing gardening equipment to grow their own food.

Photo: LWF/M. Renaux

CHAD: ACCESS TO LAND

Since 2021, the LWF program in Chad has been implementing a project that aims at promoting the rights of refugees, host communities, and women in southern and eastern Chad, helping them to claim their rights and improve their socioeconomic conditions.

In the village of Danamadja, nine women and six men are supported by the LWF in their market gardening activity on a plot of 4,500m² that they share. They each received EUR 80 (52,000 FCFA) to buy seeds and equipment such as a watering can, a wheelbarrow, or a shovel. Part of each harvest is consumed by the family of the market gardener while the surplus is sold on the market for a sum ranging from the equivalent of EUR 20 to EUR 30. The profits generated by this activity are of great help in financing children’s schooling.

PALESTINE: CAREERS FOR WOMEN

Economic independence is key to women’s empowerment. The LWF Gender Responsive and Inclusive Technical and Vocational Education and Training (GRIT) project in Palestine gives women the skills to open a business and market their produce.

Thirty-seven-year-old Dalal Zbeidat from Jericho, Palestine was born with dwarfism. Despite support from her family, the condition affected her self-confidence and her career opportunities. Dalal enrolled in a vocational training course offered by the YMCA, one of the GRIT project partners.

She studied office management, photography, and e-marketing, and found that she enjoyed it immensely. The course not only equipped her with new skills, but also helped her regain her self-confidence and feel more empowered.

Dalal now works as a library manager at Al-Istiklal University. She is even able to support her family financially. Dalal’s story is a powerful example of the impact that vocational training can have on the lives of women with disabilities in Palestine.



Through projects like GRIT, women are equipped with the skills and confidence they need to pursue their goals in addition to becoming financially independent.

IMAGE RIGHT

Dalal in a marketing course in Palestine.

Photo: Y. Abu Awad, YMCA



IMAGE RIGHT

Daw Thein Kywel (middle) and other group members are working at a home garden business in Taik Maw partner community, Sittwe Township, Rakhine State.

Photo: LWF/
Matchless Production



MYANMAR: WOMEN'S LOANS AND SAVINGS GROUPS

The LWF helped set up savings and loan groups in Rakhine state, Myanmar, by providing technical skills, knowledge, and group funds.

The communities in Ann Township of Rakhine State primarily earn a living with farm businesses, livestock, and bamboo handicrafts. There are many low-income families due to a lack of basic education and economic knowledge. Despite the economic challenges of the pandemic, almost fifty groups have formed a network to market their produce, the Roma Lonemay Women's Group.

“We are planning to open a traditional weaving clothes shop, and now the cashew nut products business is starting as a group-owned business. We also have a liquid soap shop running at Ann township,” Daw Thein Kywel, the group’s president, says.



“I believe that we will become a strong and reliable regional women's group very soon because we can use the knowledge and techniques gained from the LWF training. We already have strong participation and interest in Roma Lonemay from several women groups across the Ann township.”



OUR WORK IN MYANMAR



IMAGE RIGHT:

Members of the Guasaule community in the department of Choluteca, Honduras, pose with crops that they grow in community gardens using sustainable and environmentally friendly irrigation and fertilization practices.

Photo: LWF/ E. Assaf

HONDURAS: ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

El Guasaule is a resilient community committed to the environment and the prosperity of its people. Anchored in the depths of the Corpus mountains, in the department of Choluteca, the community is in Honduras' dry corridor.

The region is one of the most neglected and poorest areas of the country, where 65 percent of households live below the poverty line, and forty-eight percent live in extreme poverty.

More than half of the community's households depend on the cultivation of basic subsistence grains and the sale of labor and vegetables.

The LWF trained the community in the use of agricultural techniques adapted to climate change, and helped people organize themselves so they could increase food security in the community.

IMAGE RIGHT

Community members in Honduras buy grains at the cooperative shop.

Photo: LWF/ E. Assaf



“The idea is that the grains are produced, sold and bought by the same community and that all the production stays for local consumption. In this way we will ensure better access to basic grains such as corn and beans.”

*Mrs. Gloria Betancourt,
Treasurer of the community granary.*



IMAGE RIGHT

A woman marks on a map what part of Ukraine she comes from, as LWF refugee staff from multi-purpose cash assistance centres across Poland gather in Bytom, Poland for a training in 'community-based psychosocial support'.

Photo: LWF/A. Hillert



IMAGE RIGHT

Ukrainian refugees and staff at the LWF community centre in Bielsko-biala browse through a publication. The community centre in Bielsko-Biala is one of six to offer psychosocial support, practical trainings and a variety of other activities free of charge.

Photo: LWF/A. Hillert

POLAND: WORKING WITH REFUGEE STAFF

The majority of the 7,700 members of LWF World Service staff come from the communities we serve. Working with local staff roots the LWF in communities and helps to better tailor the program work to actual needs.

Ninety percent of the staff in LWF community centers in Poland are themselves refugees from Ukraine.



“It made more sense to recruit refugees since the work entails active engagement and information gathering with refugees from Ukraine.”

Says Allan Calma, LWF Global Humanitarian Coordinator, who led the establishment of the centers in Poland together with the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland, an LWF member church.

For those seeking assistance, it was a relief to be welcomed by people from their own country. “We could see the joy and relief from visitors to the center at being welcomed and attended to by fellow Ukrainians. More importantly, from experience in working in other refugee contexts, the LWF knows how critical it is for refugees to be able to engage in gainful employment and become self-sufficient,” Calma adds.



NEPAL: TECH SOLUTIONS AGAINST HUNGER

LWF Nepal has teamed up with GeiKrishi, a private company that provides technical support to farmers. A context-appropriate app provides remote online advice to farmers. The real-time advice is practical, such as helping the farmers choose the right time to plant or to harvest.

Quality agricultural extension services remain an unmet need. Crops are vulnerable to diseases and sometimes wither away. Pabitra Maya Neupane, a Bhutanese refugee farmer, explains that “as a refugee, here in Nepal, it is difficult to get timely service and support.” Her family revenue grew as a result of the app.



IMAGE LEFT:

Rukiya Ahmed and two other cooperative members of the group with the goats they received in Awbarre camp, Ethiopia.

Photo: LWF/S. Gebreyes

ETHIOPIA: A COOPERATIVE FOR REFUGEES

Somali refugees in Awbarre camp, Ethiopia, are dependent on humanitarian aid. They do not have the right to work or move outside the camp. The LWF started a livelihoods project to train people to set up a business and to inform them about their rights as refugees. When asked to choose a way to earn a living, the refugees asked for goats as many had experience in raising and selling them.

The women of the cooperative opened bank accounts and received an initial payment to purchase goats. If the project succeeds, it will be a way out of their dependency on humanitarian aid.



“With this business, we will receive a one-year certificate that recognizes our cooperative. This means that we will be able to walk freely outside of the camp, and if after that period we are still able to grow and sell goats, we will have an unlimited certificate. We pray to God to make our goats healthy, our cooperative strong, and our life free”.

Woman of the cooperative.

IMAGE RIGHT:

The women’s cooperative in Awbarre camp, proudly showing their bank documents.

Photo: LWF/M. Acar





IMAGE ABOVE

LWF project participant in Cankuzo province, Burundi.

Photo: LWF/L. Gillibert

BURUNDI: ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

In Burundi, women still face rights violations due to a patriarchal system where women are considered inferior and have less access to education, health, nutrition, and decision making. In addition, women cannot inherit or own land and resources.

In 2021, LWF Burundi started to empower and support women to claim their socio-economic rights through local, national, and international advocacy.

Partnering with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Center for Civil and Political Rights, the LWF has played a vital role in supporting the participation of thirteen civil society organizations in the Universal Periodic Review, accompanying them in capacity building, data collection, and drafting and submitting a joint, alternative report.

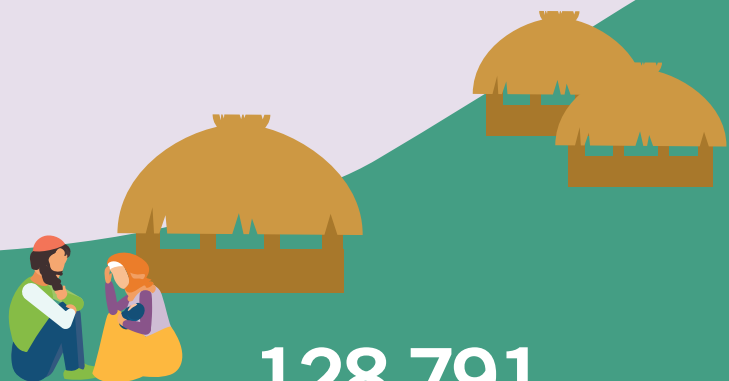
At the provincial level, round tables were organized in Cankuzo and Ruyigi so women could describe how they experience poverty and discrimination due to restricted access to, and control over, family resources.



As a result, the local authorities made commitments to help women have access to justice.

48,291

individuals referred to and receiving protection assistance



6,385

individuals accessed psychosocial support services



128,791

Individuals with awareness of their protection rights and needs

90

Participants including faith actors participated in the Welcoming the stranger Conference (page.28)



3,535

individuals trained in joint advocacy activities

Protection and social cohesion

LWF World Service aims to enable individuals and communities to live safe, dignified, and empowered lives, free from all forms of discrimination, abuse, and exploitation.

IMAGE RIGHT:

Rojina Bishwokarma, the first Dalit woman to be elected to the municipal government of Kamal Rural Municipality in Nepal.

Photo: LWF/S. Dawadi

We envision a world where everyone lives a safe, dignified, and empowered life, free from all forms of discrimination, abuse, and exploitation.

We support individuals and communities to claim their rights, and advocate for duty bearers to fulfil their responsibilities. We do this by adopting community-based approaches in the protection of children and vulnerable adults, preventing and responding to gender-based violence, and in fostering peaceful coexistence and social cohesion wherever we work. We also prioritize mental health and psychosocial support, recognizing that well-being goes beyond physical and biological needs.

ETHIOPIA: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Under its Rights-Based Approach (RBA) Local to Global initiative, LWF World Service supported refugees in Ethiopia’s Somali regional state to access justice through the launch of a mobile court service in three refugee camps in partnership with UNHCR and Ethiopian authorities.

Legal cases were also identified amongst refugees who will benefit from legal counselling. LWF World Service conducted training sessions for judicial personnel and other local authorities on child protection and gender-based violence.

Dialogues were held with local authorities on the status of refugee rights in the area with a focus on including refugees in the local district development plan. At the national and international levels, LWF World Service supported capacity building of civil society partners and engaged in joint advocacy on refugee rights.

NEPAL: FIRST DALIT WOMAN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Rojina Bishwokarma is the first Dalit woman to be elected to the municipal government of Kamal Rural Municipality, the Palika.



Rojina was very active in the Sungava Saving and Credit Cooperative set up by LWF and contributed to the enterprise and entrepreneurship development for many marginalized women.



“This all became possible because of the cooperative and my role on it. Many women who benefited from the cooperative voted for me,” Rojina Bishwokarma says.

Although Rojina only has primary school level education, she is active in the rights movements of the Dalit community in the village.

She especially advocates against gender-based and domestic violence and the exploitation of women in the community. “I myself am from a very poor family and I have also encountered exploitation and exclusion as a Dalit,” she says. “I have felt the pain very closely. I have full confidence and determination that I can carry on the responsibilities on my shoulders and advocate strongly for the rights of poor and oppressed women and particularly Dalit women in my communities.”



IMAGE ABOVE:

A symbolic ceremony to mark the handover of the land for lease.

Photo: LWF/ M. Chol

SOUTH SUDAN: LAND FOR RETURNEES

In August 2022, LWF South Sudan signed a memorandum of understanding with the Catholic Diocese of Torit to collaborate in protecting returnees; supporting host communities and returnees in rebuilding their lives and livelihoods; and strengthening social cohesion in the Eastern Equatoria region of South Sudan.

In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Torit signed a fifteen-year lease of its land in Magwi County for use by the LWF in serving the communities through humanitarian, development, and peace programs.

The LWF has started constructing offices and a vocational skills training center on the leased land. It has also facilitated and supported county authorities in finalizing a five-year development plan for Magwi County. This aligns with LWF World Service’s integrated humanitarian, development, and peace-building approach adopted in northern Uganda and South Sudan.

The ultimate objective is to facilitate a safe and sustainable return and re-establishment of refugees and their hosts, and to strengthen their resilience and social cohesion so that they are less vulnerable to future shocks.

IMAGE RIGHT

Jose Ismael Lopez and Jannier Eliezer Perez participate in a radio program on resilience and climate change as part of the training process on agroecological practices in Matagalpa.

Photo: ADDAC

NICARAGUA: PROTECTING YOUNG MIGRANTS

Irregular migration is common in the dry corridor of Central America. Climate change prompts young people in particular to leave their homes and look for a better life in the United States of America or Mexico as they can no longer live off their land. In Nicaragua, the LWF trains young people in agroecological practices and resilience strategies adapted to climate change. The program is meant to generate livelihoods and prevent irregular migration.

Twenty-year-old José Ismael López now is set on staying in his home community in El Horno, where he was born. “I would like to see the United States, but it is very dangerous, and I prefer to stay in the fields growing corn, tomatoes, beans, and tangerines, and saving seeds.”



“I like living in my community because I plant and earn money and if I get sick, I sell a quintal of beans and I’m cured. In the United States I couldn’t do that,” he says.

His biggest accomplishment was learning to make organic fertilizer for beans. After training with LWF Central America, he tried it on his crops and discovered that the yield of his harvest was much higher without buying chemical fertilizer.

IMAGE RIGHT

16 Days of Activism in South Sudan.

Photo: LWF/ M. Chol



**SOUTH SUDAN/ NEPAL:
16 DAYS AGAINST GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE**

The LWF country programs in many countries joined the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign in 2022. Under the 2022 theme “Unite and take responsibility to end violence against women and girls,” the team in South Sudan dedicated sixteen minutes every day for sixteen days to discuss and give messages that aim to end violence against women and girls. “A call has been made to all to take responsibility. My appeal is that men and boys are critically engaged in violence prevention,” says Collins Onyango, Program Coordinator .

In Nepal, communities in Morang district held events together with local police and governments who gave information about laws and mechanisms to protect women.



“It is necessary for women to unite in order to reduce violence against women. Not only by gathering the women of the villages on the day of violence, but by developing women’s empowerment programs and promoting women to leadership positions.”

Bhuma Parajuli, deputy mayor of Rangeli Municipality, Nepal.



IMAGE RIGHT

16 Days of Activism in Rangeli Municipality, Nepal.

Photo: LWF/ S. Dawadi





IMAGE ABOVE

A child at the Iboa Health Centre, Obongi district of northern Uganda, where LWF World Service, together with Medical Teams International, provides support to malnourished refugee children and mothers.

Photo: LWF/A. Hillert

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING

In 2022, LWF World Service achieved a milestone in its commitment to strengthen country program capacities in the prevention of, and response to, all forms of violence against children. This was due to the development and pilot-testing of two practical guidelines: Child Protection Guidelines and Toolkit and Child Safeguarding Guidelines and Toolkit.

These guidelines will be helpful to LWF country program staff as well as to the staff of local partners in programming to end violence against children. More than a hundred frontline staff from all over the world participated in a series of nine workshops to validate and become familiar with the guidelines and toolkits. Senior managers learned to use the platform to communicate LWF's zero-tolerance policy towards child violence, exploitation, and abuse.

The development of the guidelines and tools happened concurrently with the updating of the LWF staff Code of Conduct. These guidelines and tools – combined with the revised code of conduct and existing guidelines on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, and with gender response programming and disability inclusion – strengthen LWF World Service's place as an organization that prioritizes safeguarding and the rights and dignity of all people.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER, SHAPING THE FUTURE

On World Refugee Day, UNHCR announced that 100 million people had been forced to leave their homes – a new high since record-keeping began. Faced with this unprecedented crisis, the LWF together with interfaith partners Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) and HIAS, the Jewish humanitarian organization working with refugees and asylum seekers, organized an international conference for faith-based organizations which are working at the frontlines of the refugee response.

The concept of “welcoming the stranger” is a core pillar of many religions and inspires faith actors all over the world to help refugees. People of faith are often the first to respond when crises break out and remain long after the international organizations have moved on.

The “Welcoming the Stranger, Shaping the Future” conference held in Geneva on 20 and 21 June 2022, brought together some fifty faith actors from at least thirty-seven countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

The event strengthened partnerships between grassroots faith-based organizations and the international humanitarian community.

IMAGE RIGHT

Nyako NNom Paul, chief of the Sabongari community and president of the peace forum, in his office.

Photo: LWF/
P. Habonimana



**CAMEROON:
KEEPING THE PEACE**

Sabongari, a district of the city of Garoua Boulai, East Cameroon, is home to more than 10,000 people of various ethnic backgrounds and nationalities.

This diversity often creates conflicts over land and water, marriage, and witchcraft, and between farmers and herders.

The local chief was overwhelmed in resolving up to ten conflicts every day. State structures were weak and led to people taking justice into their own hands.

LWF assembled representatives of every group into a local peace forum, which since 2019 supported conflict resolution, and is approached often. The number of conflicts to resolve per day in the past five years decreased from ten to two.

“Today, about 98 percent of conflicts are resolved peacefully. There are fewer resentments in the community,” says Nyako NNom Paul, chief of the Sabongari community and president of the peace forum.



“It is my duty to invest myself in activities to promote, preserve, and consolidate social cohesion and peaceful coexistence within my community. To achieve this, we promote dialogue not only within our team but also in the community as a whole.”

Where we work

LWF main offices in our country programs and emergency operations

PRAGUE
Technical Knowledge
and Service Center

GENEVA
LWF headquarters

CZECH REPUBLIC
SWITZERLAND

REGIONAL PROGRAM CENTRAL AMERICA

Offices in San Salvador (main), Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Managua (Nicaragua), Guatemala City (Guatemala), Petén (joint program with JOTAY in Guatemala)

GUATEMALA

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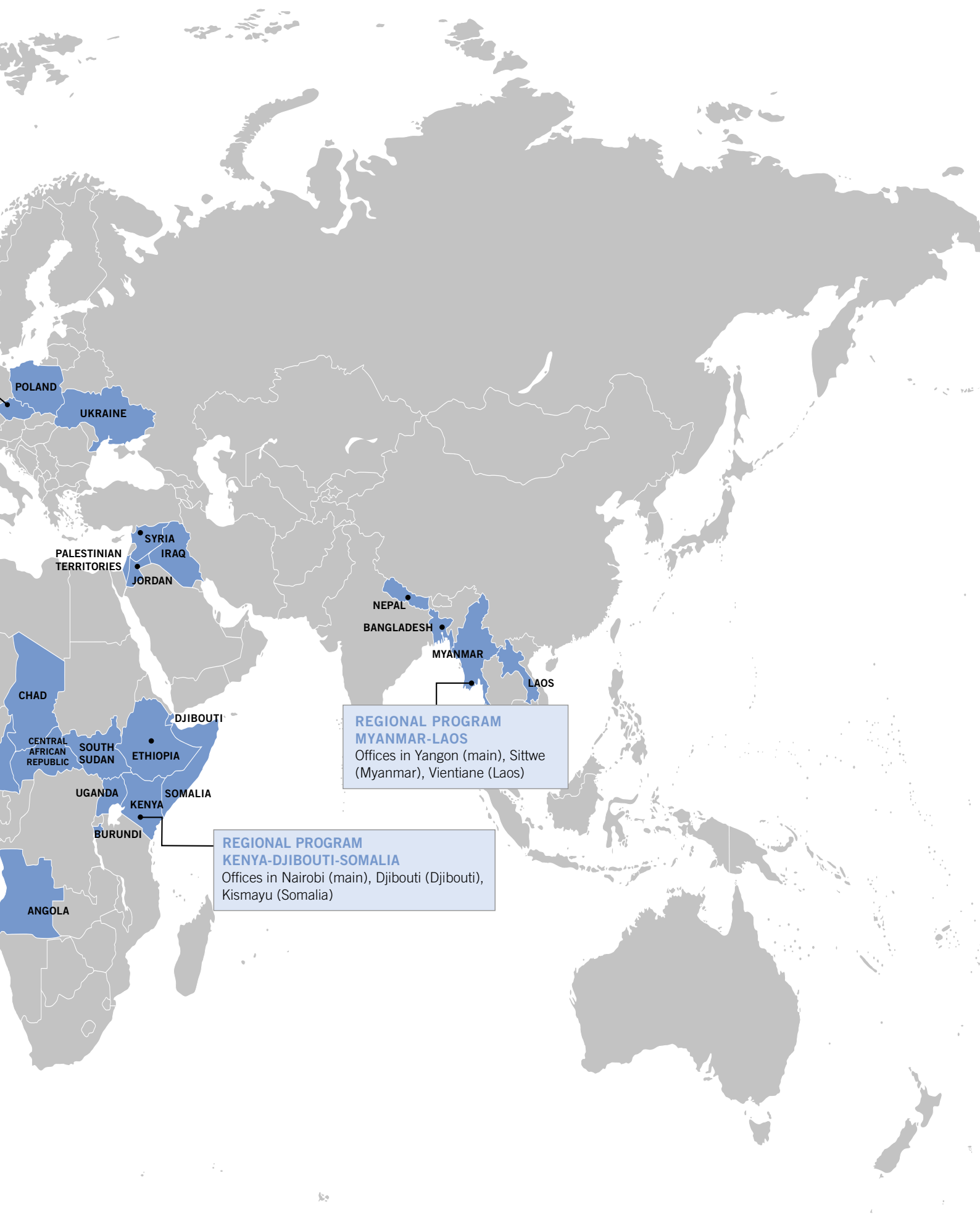
EL SALVADOR

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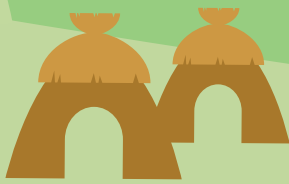
23,049
individuals received
food assistance



26,199
individuals received
essential household items



292,994
individuals gained access
to sufficient drinking water



5,338
children successfully
transitioned to the next
level of schooling

131
individuals receiving
shelter assistance



317,757
children in LWF schools
and temporary learning
spaces (Myanmar)

112,379
individuals applying new
personal hygiene methods



Quality Services

LWF World Service believes that equitable access to education, water, energy, and health care is a fundamental right. It must be claimed by women, men, girls, and boys to enjoy a better quality of life, exercise their human rights, and fulfill their potential.

IMAGE RIGHT

A solar-powered motorized water pump in Orinya village, Palorinya settlement. The LWF has established and manages 14 hybrid solar-powered water pumps and an additional 152 hand-pumped boreholes in Palorinya settlement for South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert



In response to the resignation of service providers, such as state actors and local authorities, in many countries, LWF World Service is significantly increasing its programming for access to quality services to fill the gaps and contribute to the development of the sector.

Access to Quality Services is one of LWF World Service’s programmatic areas, as defined in its 2019-2024 strategy, alongside Livelihoods, and Protection and Social Cohesion. This area covers many sectors, but for LWF World Service it is access to adequate quantities of good quality water; sanitation and hygiene; health and nutrition; education; energy; shelter and essential household items (non-food items). The need for services which are normally the responsibility of the state and local civil society is increasing in countries we serve because they are not prioritized or because of incapacity, particularly in acute emergencies, in contexts of severe and chronic poverty, or in situations of poor governance and chronic fragility.

Known for many years as an expert organization in food security and livelihoods in most of the countries where it works, the LWF World Service has seen its portfolio of Quality Services increase by 50-60 percent in countries such as the Central African Republic (CAR), Cameroon, South Sudan, and Chad, and substantially in other countries. This growth has been either intentional, based on strategic planning and programming, or situational, in response to needs such as the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters. LWF World Service’s expertise in these sectors has been strengthened, diversified, and recognized by partners over the years of this strategic cycle.



The aim of our work is to build partnerships to fill gaps, save lives, and, at the same time, strengthen local and national capacities to improve service delivery.



IMAGE ABOVE

LWF staff distribute food to people at Luglow camp who left their land because of the drought, Somalia.

Photo: LWF/G. Gudina

SOMALIA: FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The failure of four consecutive rainy seasons has resulted in drought and displacement of populations across Somalia. An estimated 7.8 million people needed humanitarian assistance in 2022: 1.8 million of them were children younger than five years of age.

The LWF Kenya Somalia program provided food aid in Luglow camp for internally displaced people (IDP), fifteen kilometers north of Kismayu town. The camp in Jubbaland state became a temporary home for 30,000 people who left their land searching for food and water. LWF World Service distributed monthly food rations of twenty-five kilograms each of rice, wheat flour, and sugar, three liters of vegetable oil, and one kilogram of dates, to five hundred households led by persons with specific needs. The food aid was provided for four months between September and December 2022.

The same households also received monthly food vouchers. Each voucher is worth USD 100 per month and allows families to make their own choices regarding the food they wish to eat.

The emergency food project was carried out by LWF World Service in close partnership with the Somalia Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and the Jubbaland Commission for Refugees and IDPs (JUCRI).



“It is disheartening to witness this mass displacement of women and children and the human suffering in a country whose people already bear scars from over three decades of protracted conflict. Thankfully, we were able to promptly intervene and reduce the burden for the 500 families in Luglow IDP camps.”

Abdikadir Hassan, Education & Liason Officer of LWF for the Kismayu area program.



IMAGE LEFT

Larisa with her daughter Judith, in the LWF health post.

Photo: LWF

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:
EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR
CHILDREN**

In the Central African Republic (CAR), the LWF has established forty-five health posts in Nana Mambéré province. Together with UNICEF, it is treating 2,500 malnourished children and infants every year. The children receive medical treatment, therapeutic food, vitamins, and medication. Their families are supported with cash grants and basic relief goods.

One of the parents seeking help was Larisa, 21, mother of four children. Her youngest, Judith, was severely malnourished when she first visited the LWF-supported hospital in Baoro. “When I arrived at the center, my daughter’s feet were swollen. She was too weak and didn’t eat anymore. In desperation, I decided to go to the hospital, because my child was dying,” the mother recalls.

The diagnosis was quick. Judith was taken into hospital care together with her mother, free of charge. The mother was also cared for while at the center. Soon, baby Judith’s health improved. The infant now is able to eat on her own, and in addition to the high-energy peanut paste for Judith, the family receives cash to buy food.



“LWF staff visit me every day and check if the child has received the treatment. They all know my name and even my child’s name: they are kind to us,” Larisa says.

IMAGE RIGHT

Mohamed (9) from Hagadera, Dadaab in Kenya was born without arms. His mother died in 2016 and a neighbor has become his guardian. He has found a way of writing using his feet. “Disability is not inability. He has a strong sense of self-belief. He can still achieve all his dreams and hopes,” says his class teacher, Mr. Abdirizak, at Bidii Primary School.

Photo: LWF/N. Tado



KENYA: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

LWF provides education in the Kenyan refugee camps Kakuma and Dadaab. About 100,000 children learn in schools run by the LWF.

Providing education to all children has been a key objective. LWF World Service ensures that children with disabilities have access to improved, equitable, and inclusive learning opportunities and that they benefit from increased child protection services. The LWF engages parents, guardians, school management, students, and other education partners in seeking solutions to the challenges these children face every day. In addition, the LWF is building awareness in the community about the rights and capabilities of children with special needs. LWF also trains teachers and supports the students with psychosocial counselling and cash grants.

The LWF submitted a human rights advocacy statement on education and minority rights during the 73rd Ordinary Session of the African

Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights held at Banjul in The Gambia in October 2022. The LWF African delegation called upon the governments in the region to enhance inclusion in education for refugees and the marginalized. Education staff from the LWF Dadaab program attended the conference.



“To achieve the Djibouti Declaration and global compact on refugees, the governments and partners need to collaborate further to address the inequalities that exist in the education of refugees.”

Excerpt from the LWF statement to the African Commission

IMAGE RIGHT

Children drink clean water in a school reconstructed by LWF.

Photo: LWF/ P. Raymond



HAITI: WATER AND SANITATION

In Haiti, LWF World Service works to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance for people in the Grand Sud and Grand’Anse regions, including a major emphasis on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). This is part of the ongoing response to the earthquake in 2020, and also a means to build resilience to future disasters. The LWF works in an integrated way with Norwegian Church Aid, which specializes in WASH.

The two organizations collaborate in a joint office which also includes Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, ensuring greater impact in a more cost-effective way. LWF’s WASH response includes rehabilitation of ten community water points and the water -supply infrastructure in six schools (in the Grand’Anse region: École nationale Bon Pasteur de Roseaux and École Chrétienne de Première Source in Roseaux and in the Sud region: École Nationale de Leger in Cavaillon, École Nationale de Dory in Maniche, and École nationale St-Anne in Camp-Perrin).

In addition, hygiene work has been further intensified as part of the COVID-19 response. 19,889 people (8,850 men, 11,039 women) have been supported in using good hygiene practices and protecting themselves against COVID-19. Hygiene work is done extensively in schools whose water systems are supported by WASH. Hygiene Promotion Units have been created in six communities and 1,500 hygiene kits distributed."

IMAGE RIGHT

LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt (left) and then LWF Uganda Country Representative Jesse Kamstra in Palorinya refugee settlement.

Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert

GENERAL SECRETARY VISITS UGANDA

In April 2022, LWF General Secretary Rev. Anne Burghardt visited the LWF country program in Uganda, and the field office in Palorinya refugee settlement in Obongi district. Home to 128,000 people, Palorinya is the second largest refugee settlement in Uganda, and was set up after hostilities flared up again in South Sudan in 2016.



LWF World Service in Palorinya provides water and sanitation, protection for women and children, psychosocial support, and livelihoods and social cohesion programs.





Augusta Victoria Hospital

A center of medical excellence

IMAGE ABOVE

The bell tower of the Ascension Church.

Photo: LWF/ A. Talaat

During 2022, the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) served 7,800 patients, of whom 6,232 patients were from the West Bank and 1,568 from Gaza (54 percent women and girls; 46 percent men and boys).

Among the highlights of 2022 were the appointment of the AVH CEO Dr. Fadi Atrash; the re-issuing of the Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCIA) for the third time in a row; the inauguration of the newly renovated pediatric department; and the expansion of palliative care services to provide home-based support to patients in their final phase of life.

The lack of timely and adequate payments by the Palestinian Authority for the patients referred

to the hospital continued to represent a major challenge. This was exacerbated by a delay in the transfer of European Union funds for 2021. Since September 2021, the AVH has stopped accepting new referrals, and during 2022, the hospital was at times forced to interrupt or delay patient treatment due to a lack of funds for medication.

The LWF and AVH launched a series of appeals to international donors and secured some funding earmarked for medication, but the situation remains challenging. In follow-up to the LWF Jerusalem Mid-Term Review, the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) self-assessment was completed at the end of 2022, and an improvement plan has been developed. A new human resources manual is being drafted, and a comprehensive complaints and feedback mechanism is being rolled out to staff.



IMAGE ABOVE

Dr. Fadi Atrash, CEO of Augusta Victoria Hospital, welcomes the American president Joe Biden, in the hospital's Festival Hall.

Photo: LWF/ A. Rinawi

AN IMPORTANT VISIT

The American president, Joe Biden, visited the Augusta Victoria Hospital in 2022 expressing his appreciation and support to the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN) and announcing a USD100 million donation to the network. President Biden further emphasized the importance of the fulfillment of equal access to healthcare for all Palestinians.

Dr. Fadi Atrash, CEO of Augusta Victoria Hospital, highlighted the vital role of the EJHN in providing comprehensive care to Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem, and referred to the importance of financial sustainability in order to be able to continue providing such services to all Palestinians, leaving no one behind.

PINK OCTOBER

In 2022, Augusta Victoria Hospital's Pink October campaign reached 2,365 women in thirty-one locations across the West Bank, including women from urban, rural, refugee, and Bedouin communities. The campaign's primary objective was to engage women who are difficult to reach and underserved in order to increase the rate of early detection of breast cancer, the number of mammograms conducted, and access to other diagnostic services. In cooperation with a number of local and international actors, the AVH was able to hold a number of events to raise awareness about the importance of self-checks and the early detection of breast cancer.

This year the AVH used brochures, radio spots, influencers, text messages, and social media to spread the message to different audiences.

IMAGE ABOVE RIGHT

Women from Gaza unite in a sport activity, creating a pink ribbon for Pink October on Gaza beach.

Photo: 4K Media Production

Eight hundred hope kits were distributed in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza to women who participated in events. Lastly, survivors of breast cancer were treated to a full day of wellness at the LWF Vocational Training Center in Jerusalem where their hair and make-up was done for them.



The AVH is proud of this successful campaign that embodies organizational values and commitment to serve communities with dignity by providing high quality healthcare services, raising awareness, and empowering women.



- Women 54%
- Men 46%
- West Bank 62%
- Gaza 20%
- Jerusalem 17%

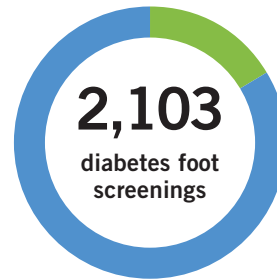
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Head of Palliative Care Unit, Dr. Wasim Alsharabati, accompanied by an AVH nurse, pays a visit to a critically-ill patient at their home as part of the compassionate care provided through the Home-based Palliative Care Program.

Photo: 4K Media Production



3,429
out of the 5,315 with diabetes



344
patients saved from amputation



2,834

Patients received palliative care



23

Patients benefited from the home based palliative care service



264

Patients benefited from medical supplies, disposable items, and other care-related supplies needed for home care.

AVH HOME-BASED PALLIATIVE CARE

The Augusta Victoria Hospital Home-based Palliative Care Program started in September 2022. This unique program is the first of its kind in West Bank and East Jerusalem. Patients at the end-of-life stage are discharged from the hospital to spend their final days among their loved ones. Therefore, this program provides the patients and their families with comprehensive medical, psychological, and spiritual support in the comfort of their own homes, relieving them from having to travel to the hospital, which can be both physically and emotionally exhausting.



The team offering the services is comprised of both female and male specialists in line with cultural norms and values, as well as reflecting the program's commitment to gender diversity.

The program provides a wide range of services, including relief of pain and other symptoms of incurable progressive illnesses in order to assure the highest possible quality of life and dignity for patients. Patients receive essential assistive material and equipment such as mattresses, wheelchairs, walkers, and oxygen generators.

Understanding that in this cultural religion is central to one's life, and in order to complement the medical support provided with further comfort and peace, the program offers psychological and spiritual support tailored to patients' religious beliefs and needs.

The Augusta Victoria Hospital Home-based Palliative Care Program is a groundbreaking initiative that provides patients and their families with compassionate and dignified care. Its comprehensive services aim to enhance the provision of palliative care in Palestine and serve as a model for other hospitals and countries to follow. This program is a testament to AVH's dedication to providing high-quality care to all patients that will continue to have a significant impact on the lives of critically ill patients and their families for years to come.

IMAGE RIGHT

A football match between the local school and refugee children.

Photo: LWF/P. Cheruiyot



Djibouti

LWF World Service worked in refugee camps in Djibouti from 2009-2022.

The LWF Djibouti program was part of the Kenya-Djibouti Country Program from 2009 until 2022 when it was closed. LWF World Service had been asked by UNHCR to provide primary education for refugees in Djibouti.

The mandate was later expanded to include community services, child protection, youth programs and livelihood activities with the refugees and members of the local community. LWF Djibouti's work started at the Ali Addeh refugee camp in 2009 and in the Holl Holl camp in June 2012.

In September 2016 at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants, the president of Djibouti pledged to introduce new refugee laws and provide education and health for all refugees in the country. Following this summit, the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) was developed and adopted by the government. Following the introduction of a new refugee law, LWF World Service handed over the education program to the Ministry of Education and Professional Training (Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Formation

Professionnelle – MENFOP) in 2018. The refugee law provides a framework for refugees and humanitarian workers and promotes the integration of refugees into national systems such as health, education, and the labor market.

In 2018 and 2019, LWF Djibouti collaborated closely with MENFOP in ensuring a successful transition. LWF Djibouti supported MENFOP by assisting in the development of a special needs education policy, supporting youth vocational training, and providing adult literacy classes. In the other sectors where the LWF continued to work in the refugee camps in Djibouti, the shift was to have community structures take care of many of the activities that the LWF country program had implemented in the past, and engage groups in livelihood activities for income generation.



After a successful integration of refugee children into the national education system, LWF World Service closed the program.

IMAGES RIGHT

Refugee children in Ali Addeh camp, Djibouti. LWF successfully advocated for their inclusion in the state education system.

Photos: LWF/
P. Cheruiyot



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TWELVE YEARS IN DJIBOUTI INCLUDE:



Education:

LWF World Service obtained a mandate from UNHCR to implement education for refugee children from preschool to secondary school, at a time when there was not a single school in the refugee camps. When LWF Djibouti handed the program over to MENFOP, there were more than 3,000 learners attending nine schools (one secondary school, two primary schools, and four preschools in Ali Addeh and one primary school and one preschool in Holl Holl).



Child protection:

LWF Djibouti placed 527 children (319 boys and 208 girls) into foster care until they became adults.



Community services:

LWF Djibouti offered community services to people living with disabilities and elderly people. It was quickly observed that this group was never represented in decision-making forums. The Country Program established community-based rehabilitation committees to take care of the unique needs of people with disabilities, and caregiver committees that represented elderly persons. The committees in Ali Addeh and Holl Holl became very effective and eventually were invited to attend sectoral meetings alongside



Livelihoods:

LWF Djibouti sponsored more than 350 young people to acquire training and certification in skills such as solar installation, motor vehicle repairs, tailoring, and dressmaking, hairdressing, building and construction, carpentry, welding, plumbing, computer hardware repair and maintenance, and driving.



Youth program:

LWF Djibouti's youth intervention was centered around psychosocial well-being and implemented through talents and skills identification, and development through sports and performing arts (such as singing, dancing, poetry, etc.).



LWF World Service used arts and sports not only as a way of keeping youth meaningfully engaged but also as social connectors to bring refugees and the local community together.

A hallmark activity was the annual Ali Sabieh's Got Talent show which gave young people from both the refugee community and the local community the opportunity to showcase their music talents. The activity was a success and the last edition of Ali Sabieh's Got Talent Show in 2020 attracted more than 200 entrants from Ali Addeh and Holl Holl.



The grand finale was televised live on Djibouti's national television station and streamed on YouTube and Facebook, reaching more than 500,000 Djiboutians in various parts of the world. The winner immediately received an offer to record a song with one of Djibouti's popular singers.

WE THANK OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS FOR BEING PART OF THE WORK IN DJIBOUTI:





Laos

The LWF served the people of Laos from 2012 to 2022.

IMAGE ABOVE

The Chankam family of the Khmu ethnic group. The LWF gave the family two pigs, which they used to start a small farm. The money from selling piglets was invested in goats and a cow. The family can now pay for education and health care.

Photo: LWF/T. Lohnes

During those ten years, the LWF worked in Luang Namtha Province, one of the poorest, most marginalized, and vulnerable parts of the country and one which is increasingly affected by climate change, natural disasters, and injustice.

The LWF facilitated a process of rights-based empowerment across its program, which strengthened community-based institutions to make decisions in a responsive and inclusive manner. Thus, the program helped community members and duty bearers to cooperate in the provision of essential services.

LWF Laos's integrated, rights-based empowerment process entailed training self-reliance groups such as village committees, women's groups, farmers' groups, and youth groups to undertake participatory self-

assessment, decide upon priorities, and design and implement village development plans. This included learning to undertake advocacy with donors and duty bearers, designing funding proposals, and effectively implementing them. Empowerment implies that the people can ultimately provide protection, ensure social inclusion, manage development processes, and have full knowledge of their responsibilities and rights. At the same time, they gain the skills to seek services and resources from duty bearers.

LWF Laos also assisted partner households, which were identified through a participatory well-being ranking that engaged people who are the most vulnerable in socio-economic terms.



After ten years, the LWF handed responsibilities over to the local communities.

IMAGE RIGHT

An LWF staff member discusses safe hygiene practices with a family in Viengphouka. The staff of the LWF Laos program was based in the communities they served.

Photo: LWF/ T. Lohnes



DEVELOPMENT AND CHALLENGING GENDER ROLES

Mr Siphon and Ms Vanly live with Siphon’s mother and their four children in Saloui village, Nalae District of Luang Namtha Province. The family makes a living from gardening and Siphon earns extra income as a village guard. Although Siphon is just twenty-four years old, he has taken on the responsibility as the head of the household as his father died young. The family struggles to eke out a living because the village is many hours away from the markets and connected by poor roads. This also means that it is hard to pay for education. In addition, prices have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When I was sick, I had no money to pay for medical treatment,” says Siphon. “Our village is far from the main road, and nobody has a car. There is a bus route, but it’s across the river and we don’t have a way to cross when the water is high.”

LWF Laos provided basic relief goods such as books, school uniforms, bath soap, and rice for the family of seven. The children sleep better and face less risk of diseases because of the mosquito nets they received.

The family started working together differently. Gender trainings encouraged men to assist with household chores that were traditionally done by women.



“What we are most proud of is that despite all the challenges, we are confident that all three of our younger children will continue their education and graduate from high school. That will help lead our family out of poverty.” Ms Vanly.



IMAGE RIGHT

Children attend a school supported by LWF in Vieng Phouka.

Photo: LWF/ T. Lohnes



IMAGE ABOVE

Mr Se and Ms Cher Saeng describe the safe water point in Perng Village, Nalae District, Luang Namtha Province in March 2022.

Photo: Mrs. Soukthalee, Nalae Women's Union

WATER AND SANITATION

Perng village, located in the remote hills of Nalae District, Luang Namtha Province of Laos, did not have access to clean water, and no sanitation system. Mostly women would spend between two and four hours per day walking back and forth from the river to fetch water. As there was little water available, it was used mostly for cooking and washing. “There was rarely enough water for the toilets so they would get fouled up and we would return to the old habit of doing our business outdoors,” recalls Se, deputy mayor of the village.

The village development committee identified access to safe water as a major need in the community, so they wrote a proposal to the government with the help of the LWF Laos country program. In response, the government, LWF World Service, and the local community collaborated in constructing a safe water point in the village. LWF World Service provided the funding and the community provided local materials and labor as an in-kind contribution.

Through participating in various trainings, the people of Perng learned the importance of hygiene and the proper use of toilets, but also how to claim their rights with local authorities. “This is a huge improvement for the community. Now there is even a sense of guilt when people don’t use their toilets,” Cher Saeng says.

Key achievements:



Over 19,600 people directly assisted or empowered in forty-six partner communities in Vieng Phouka and Nalae districts



>127 percent increase in annual household incomes in partner communities



>92 percent of people in partner villages actively participated in community development plan activities



Improved access to essential services including education, health and sanitation, water supply, and savings and credit schemes



>91 percent of households gained additional sustainable income sources



56 community-based forest management committees protect and conserve natural resources



46 community-based disaster risk management and early warning systems capacitated



>90 percent of children attended school (prior to the COVID-19 pandemic)



Significant change in cultural norms surrounding open defecation and hygiene

VOICES OF HOPE



"The context I worked in was challenging, but I found that the Ukrainian people have hope for their future, are resilient and determined, as they yearn for peace and stability."

**Bhoj Raj Khanal, LWF team leader in
Ukraine, August-November 2022**



20 Years LWF Colombia

In 2022, LWF World Service celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its work in Colombia. The program, which now covers both Colombia and Venezuela, began in the context of the civil war in Colombia.

IMAGE LEFT

A woman who receives LWF support for herself and her child in Cumaná, Estado de Sucre-Venezuela.

Photo: LWF / R. Hernandez



IMAGE RIGHT

Some of the communities LWF Colombia works with are only accessible by boat. LWF Colombia therefore has its own boat to visit them, the “Luterana”

Photo: LWF Colombia

IMAGE BELOW

The project “Aremos Paz” in Guaviare, Arauca.

Photo: LWF/ D. Bastidas



**TWENTY YEARS
N COLOMBIA**

LWF World Service has been working since 2002 with communities in some of the most fragile and marginalized parts of the country, including Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities.

This involves a “nexus” approach – humanitarian response alongside long-term development as well as promoting peace and social cohesion. We work closely with local faith-based actors, including LWF member churches. In Chocó and Arauca – regions affected by armed conflict, illegal exploitation of the natural resources, and lack of respect for the rights of local people – we work with communities in all aspects of their territory to improve their rights, livelihoods, cohesion, and survival.

As the Venezuela crisis has developed, LWF Colombia has responded to migrants in Colombia, especially women and children who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, offering protection, and helping them to know their rights, in order to make a new start. Based on the stability and experience of our Colombia program over the years, we have been working within Venezuela in what is now a binational Colombia-Venezuela program.

IMAGE RIGHT

School of governance in an Indigenous community in Embera, Chocó.

Photo: LWF/ D. Bastidas



“The field visits as part of the twentieth anniversary celebrations reminded us exactly why we work in Colombia, standing alongside the most vulnerable, supporting them in defending their rights and securing hope for the future.”

*Michael French,
Regional Program Coordinator*





10 years LWF Jordan

Service to Syrian refugees and their hosts.

IMAGE ABOVE

Some of the LWF team in Jordan, July 2022.

Photo: LWF/
D. Al-Hamad

The year 2022 marked the tenth anniversary for the LWF Jordan program. Shortly after the arrival of the first refugees from Syria in 2012, LWF World Service responded to a call from LWF's local member church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, to support the arriving Syrian refugees and host communities.

As the conflict became protracted, LWF Jordan evolved from emergency response to a program that transforms basic survival into a life of dignity, employing a holistic community-led, human rights-based approach.

Over the last decade, LWF Jordan has established three community centers in the north of Jordan – the “Aman” centers in Irbid and Zarqa, and the Peace Oasis in Za’atari camp.



“I have witnessed refugee children graduate from school and grow into adults. LWF has become a family to many of them. I have been invited to the weddings of Syrian children I used to play with when the Za’atari camp was first set up.”

Islam Shdefat, LWF Program Coordinator in Jordan

IMAGE ABOVE:

Training for the girl's soccer team at the LWF Peace Oasis in Za’atari refugee camp, Jordan.

Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert

The community centers cater to the protection and livelihood needs of men, women, girls, and boys through case management and counselling, recreational and educational activities, and income-generation and professional skills development opportunities – all in a safe and comfortable environment.

With support from major government donors and church partners, LWF Jordan has rehabilitated infrastructure and improved learning environments in more than 110 schools, reaching more than 65,000 students. In 2019, in response to the needs of the people living in Za’atari, LWF Jordan opened the first daycare center for children in the camp – the Smurf Center – which has so far hosted 2,606 Syrian refugee children aged three to five.

By December 2022, LWF Jordan had supported over 330,000 vulnerable individuals, with a strong focus on women, children, and youth. The LWF Jordan program currently employs fifteen full-time staff and twelve volunteers and works with a variety of civil society and local government partners.

Reflecting on the situation for the program after ten years of operation, Ameera Khamees, the LWF country director for Jordan/Syria stated:

“One of LWF Jordan’s strengths is that 100 percent of the staff and volunteers are Syrian and Jordanian. We all work together with the most affected communities and households to identify their needs and capabilities, and to drive change collectively and sustainably. Our aim is to continue to foster resilience and local coping mechanisms as long as there is a need, and to support individuals and communities to uphold their right to live safe and dignified lives.”



IMAGE RIGHT:

Fatima Al-Omari looks out over her garden in Al-Mazar. She recently received support from the LWF in setting up home-based farming. By providing tools and seeds, the project has helped 150 families grow food for themselves and, in some cases, also earn an income from selling their surplus at local markets.

Photo: LWF/A. Hillert



Safety and security

Humanitarian access to affected populations in times of crisis poses a number of safety and security challenges for LWF staff and partners.



IMAGE RIGHT

An LWF car stuck in the mud during a field visit in the Central African Republic.

Photo:
P.Beurenaut

In 2022, LWF World Service was able to stay and deliver through a continuous analysis and adaptation of LWF security protocols and programs.

As part of LWF's duty of care, staff received training in how to manage security risks in countries facing conflict and natural disasters or other security threats.

In 2022, a total of fourteen incidents were reported in seven different countries. The high number and severe nature of the incidents made it necessary to set up a second, additional crisis management team in Geneva.



INCIDENTS AT A GLANCE

In 2022, road accidents again headed the list of LWF incidents. Fortunately, none of the reported motorcycle and car accidents were fatal.

Access to remote areas or in countries with poor infrastructure, like in the Central African Republic, has been challenging for field staff.

IMAGE LEFT

Destroyed tanks have been set up as a memorial in front of the St Michael's monastery in Kyiv.

Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert



IMAGE RIGHT

Fire safety training in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Photo: LWF/ A. Basnet



- 36% road traffic accidents
- 21% theft
- 7% car jacking
- 7% burglary
- 7% cross fire
- 7% detention
- 7% threats against staff
- 7% other

SECURITY CHALLENGES IN 2022

Gaining access to do humanitarian work has become extremely difficult. Staff have been affected as a result of intense fighting and non-respect of humanitarian principles like neutrality, impartiality, and independence.

Gang violence in Haiti, political tensions in Chad, and ethnic fighting in Ethiopia, resulted in temporary relocation of LWF World Service staff to safer parts of the country, and to the evacuation of some international staff.



The escalating war in Ukraine showed that insecurity and conflict can happen anywhere at any time.

In 2022, a dedicated security team was formed when LWF World Service started working in Ukraine and Poland. They conducted two security assessments in Lviv and Kyiv to ensure LWF World Service could access areas and ensure that due care is taken for the safety of new staff based there and the many partners who were aiming to visit the country.

IMAGE RIGHT

A street in central Kyiv, after a rocket struck a building in October 2022.

Photo: LWF/ A. Hillert

Many of our staff and partners face security challenges in contexts of unrest, conflict, and natural disasters. To protect them, we are not listing all ongoing issues. We acknowledge that our field-based staff are exposed daily to safety and security threats and that they continue to show their strong commitment to supporting communities living under circumstances where there are nearby threats to their security and incidents are likely to happen.





IMAGE LEFT

A team building exercise during training in community-based psychosocial support for LWF staff in Bytom, Poland.

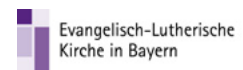
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Partners

The work of LWF World Service is only possible through the support of partners and donors. Committed to cooperation, transparency, and accountability, we aim to nurture those partnerships in the best interest of the people we serve.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

LWF World Service has long-standing, vital relationships with humanitarian and development agencies involved in humanitarian assistance and development. Related organizations provide a major share of program funding and collaborate closely in areas such as program planning and operations, strategy, policy development, joint advocacy, and staff secondment.



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

LWF World Service's long history and successful track record in aid and development work make us a major, trusted implementing partner of international organizations. These are often agencies belonging to the United Nations, or closely affiliated with it, as well as organizations representing the European Union in humanitarian affairs.



NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Governments influence global policy and advocacy efforts. Financial and technical support is also received from national governments, usually through our partnership with the humanitarian and development organizations of LWF member churches.



IMAGE BELOW

LWF Nepal Country Representative Dr. Bijaya Bajracharya (right) receives an appreciation letter from the leaders of the local government. The letter was issued by the local government in appreciation for the collaboration with the LWF and its local partner organization SNJD in Jhapa district.

Photo: LWF/Y. Gautam



ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS

As a founding member of ACT Alliance, LWF World Service continues to play an active role with other members on the ground, in country forums, with regional offices, and within the Geneva secretariat. We strive to respond to emergencies through ACT mechanisms in a coordinated, timely, and effective manner. In accord with the Memorandum of Understanding with Islamic Relief Worldwide (renewed in 2017), and the Joint Declaration of Intent with Caritas Internationalis (2016), we aim to strengthen our relationship with the Islamic community and Roman Catholic Church to create sustainable change in the lives of those who suffer from poverty, disaster, and marginalization.





IMAGE LEFT

LWF Global Humanitarian Coordinator Allan Calma, Bishop Marcin Hintz of the Pomeranian-Wielkopolska diocese of the ECACP, and LWF staff at the opening of the LWF multipurpose cash assistance center in Gdansk, Poland.

Photo: LWF/ K. Tylicki

NETWORKS

With its head office in Geneva, LWF World Service actively participates in, and contributes to, other international humanitarian networks and organizations, drawing on its operational presence and experience to influence global policy and advocacy efforts.



VOICES OF HOPE

"My spirit feels comfortable here. In this situation, only God can help us."

Nataliia and her son Artem (10) fled the war in Ukraine. Nataliia now works as staff in one of the LWF community centers.

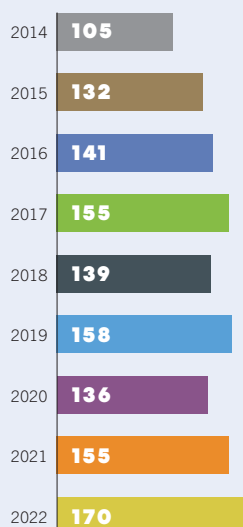
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2022 Financial Overview

Ensuring a sustainable future

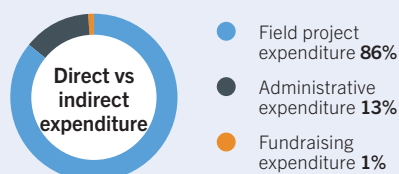
Income trend (in Million euros)



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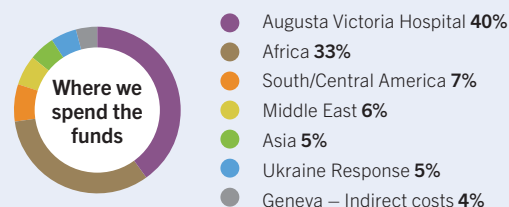
The LWF World Service financial statements consistently show that out of every euro spent, at least 86 cents go directly towards helping the most vulnerable people, the refugees, IDPs, returnees and communities at risk who are at the center of our strategy.

LWF World Service has a proven track record of using donations efficiently and effectively. We keep administrative costs low with a clear objective of putting more funds on direct program expenses.



We are pleased to report that our funding has remained strong and continues to grow at a controlled level. During the year, the funding grew by 10% from Euro 155 million to 2021 to Euro 170 million in 2022.

The funds came from the long-term supporters, the Related Agencies and the Lutheran member churches who have traditionally funded the diaconal work of the LWF. Other important funding sources were the United Nations and Government agencies who have consistently supported our humanitarian and development work over the years. Expenditures from received funds were in line with the 2019-2024 strategy. We thank you and we cherish all of our supporters.



Please note that the above figures are unaudited.

DISCLOSURE ON EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION

In order to provide additional disclosures required by the Swiss ZEW0 certification (standard 9 of Zentralstelle für Wohlfahrtsunternehmen), specific schedules have been added to the consolidated financial audit statements. The expenditure classification is based on the overall LWF financial statements for the year ended 31/12/2022 in euros:

Zewo Classification	Project related Expenditures	Fundraising related Expenditures	Administrative related Expenditures
Staff-related expenditures	49,595,034	1,738,972	15,333,834
Operating expenditures (other than payroll)	104,412,704	503,268	7,112,849
Contributions made to implementing partners	0	0	0
Depreciation of fixed assets	0	0	1,202,134
Total expenses	154,007,738	2,242,240	23,648,816
Share of each category in %	86%	1%	13%

Governance

The Committee for World Service

The Committee for World Service acts as the board for LWF World Service. It consists of LWF Council members, as well as representatives of related agencies in an advisory role (no voting right).



Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer (chairperson) is Bishop of Viborg of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (since 2014), and chairman of the National Council of Churches in Denmark. From 2005-2014, Stubkjaer served as general secretary of DanChurchAid, Denmark. Since 2010, he has been a Board member of the ACT Alliance, and Chair in ACT EU (APRODEV). Bishop Stubkjaer was elected into the LWF Council in 2017.



Rev Dr Karin Achtelstetter is executive director for Canadian Lutheran World Relief, a related agency of LWF World Service. Achtelstetter was ordained to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (Germany), and is a rostered minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Both churches are LWF member churches.



Ms. Jamieson Davies was the executive director of the Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), the overseas aid and resettlement agency of the Lutheran Church of Australia, from 2018-2022. Before, she was head of International Programs with Caritas Australia.



Rev Dr. Nestor Friedrich was president of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil. Rev Friedrich was elected to the LWF Council in 2017 and serves as LWF Vice-President for Latin America and the Caribbean.



Mr. Lennart Hernander is currently Director of Finance, Management and Operations Support at Act Church of Sweden, a related organization of LWF World Service and a LWF member church. Since 2009, he has been working in leadership positions with LWF World Service in Uganda, Kenya, Djibouti, Somalia, and Jerusalem.



Mr. Tomi Järvinen is the Executive Director of Finn Church Aid. FCA is the largest Finnish NGO providing emergency assistance and development assistance.



Bishop Dr h.c. Frank O. July has been bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wuerttemberg from 2005-2022. From 2010-2017, he was the LWF Vice-President for the Central Western European region. Bishop July was elected to the LWF Council in 2010. Since December 2018, he is chairperson of the German National Committee of the LWF.



Mr. Martin Kessler has been director of Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH), Germany, since 2011. DKH provides humanitarian aid worldwide and is part of the Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung, the Social Service Agency of the German Protestant Church. In the Committee, he also represents Bread for the World (Brot für die Welt).



Bishop em. Dr. Miloš Klátik was bishop of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic. Bishop Klátik was elected to the LWF Council in 2017.



Rev. Barbara Lund is Senior Director for Operations with the Service and Justice Home Area of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a member church of the LWF. She served with the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA as director for Asia and the Pacific.



Bishop Veikko Munyika served as Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) General Secretary, before joining LWF in Geneva as coordinator for the HIV and AIDS desk in 2007-2012. After, Bishop Munyika has been a bishop for the Western Diocese of ELCIN since 2013. Bishop Munyika was elected to the LWF Council in 2017 and retired in 2021.



Mr. Jonas Vejsager Nøddekær has been the International Director in DanChurchAid (DCA) since 2017. Mr. Nøddekær has extensive senior management experience from previous

LWF World Service Management Team



Ms Maria Immonen is the Director of LWF World Service. She is also co-chair of the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR).



Mr Chey Mattner is Head of Operations for LWF World Service.



Guillaume Rémy is the Global Finance Coordinator for LWF World Service

(cont) positions in DCA and is a board member of ACT EU, the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS).



Mr Lasse Schmidt-Klie works as teacher at the grammar school in Isernhagen, Germany. He belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hannover. Mr. Schmidt-Klie was elected to the LWF Council in 2017.



Ms. Desri Maria Sumbayak is an English lecturer at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Indonesia. She belongs to the Indonesian Christian Church (Huria Kristen Indonesia, HKI), working as an advisor for the women's fellowship at the church. Ms. Sumbayak was elected into the LWF Council in 2017.



Ms. Faith Mwikali Wambua is a graduate of Communication and Geography & Environmental studies pursuing a Masters in Environmental Planning and Management in Nairobi. She belongs to the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church. Ms. Wambua was elected to the LWF Council in 2017.



Dr Petra Feil is Head of Quality and Accountability for LWF World Service.



Mr Bobby Waddell is Global Funding Coordinator for LWF World Service.

BACK COVER IMAGE

The chief of Mbikou Miladah village, near Goré, Logone Oriental with one of his grandchildren. Since 2018, LWF Chad has been responding to issues related to the right to land, and the livelihoods of refugees and host communities.

Photo: LWF/ M. Rénaud



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Ways to give

Your support is key to our mission to empower people around the world. LWF World Service will use your contribution to support our projects.

Your donations help us protect the most vulnerable, provide emergency relief in times of crisis, build schools, train teachers, and provide quality education to children. They also help us build capacities for adults to improve their livelihoods and food security, ensure better access to drinking water in remote areas, and more.

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