

IMPACT

OUR WORK HAS REAL IMPACT

on real people with real needs. These three impact stories show how your support has helped to make a difference.

Hakanipnile

Hakanipnile began visiting this South African man when he fell sick. She helped him to get an HIV test and start on antiretrovirals, and she delivered monthly food parcels to enable the medications to work. When he developed TB, she went to the clinic to pick up his medications. She completed the paperwork for his senior's pension. He is now in stable health, looks after himself, and is grateful for the support he received.



Favorite & Zanela

Favorite and Zanela started supporting these orphans in South Africa when their parents died of AIDS in 2015. They organized child grants, gave food parcels and vegetables from their gardens, and provided guidance and support. Money earned from cutting wood allowed a few to go to school. The oldest boy was awarded a full university scholarship. When he graduates, he will be able to support his siblings financially, and give them a better life. They are all thankful for the support received.



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So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

GALATIANS 6:10

Chairman

Scripture speaks of the groaning of the earth (Romans 8), and 2022, with its earthquakes, floods, typhoons, unrest, and conflict, was clear evidence of this.

A generation largely shielded from war and conflict now watches with disbelief as Russia wages war on Ukraine, and the world realigns itself and directs incredible time and resources at the conflict. CRWRF started 2022 by assisting and supporting many here in Canada (the BC floods), and ended the year providing support and supplies in Hungary and Ukraine – very substantial “book ends.” The year 2022 highlighted how CRWRF is a key instrument/agent for the membership of the Canadian Reformed Churches, and in particular for the deaconries of each church. With the contacts, partners, and experience developed over the years, CRWRF continues to be effective in acting on and addressing the heartfelt concerns of our membership, and we do so humbly and thankfully. We should not be surprised by the “groaning,” calamities, and conflicts – but rather we should react and provide support maturely and quietly, as the Spirit supports and intercedes for us. Remember that we are your organization; as such, we are equipped and ready to be instruments in joyfully sharing the generous gifts that are entrusted to each one of us. The Treasurer will report the financial activities (we are very thankful for the increased and faithful support), and the Secretary will cover the many regions of the world where we have provided support. It continues to be our hope, mission, and goal to be the “go-to” relief and aid organization in the Reformed community, and to continue to be a trusted partner to serve and act as agent on your behalf.

A sincere thank you to all Board members, staff, CRWRF reps, members, partners in the fields, and supporters for all that you have done and given in the year of our Lord, 2022.

May God’s blessings be upon you all.

— KARL J. VELDKAMP

Secretary

One of the highlights of our work is receiving updates from our partners on the ground.

From our partners doing Relief & Rehabilitation work, we typically receive an update with photos shortly after the aid has been distributed. Our partners in Community & Child Development send narrative and financial reports twice a year. These reports highlight the challenges and achievements of the reporting period and often include testimonies of individuals who have benefited from the project.

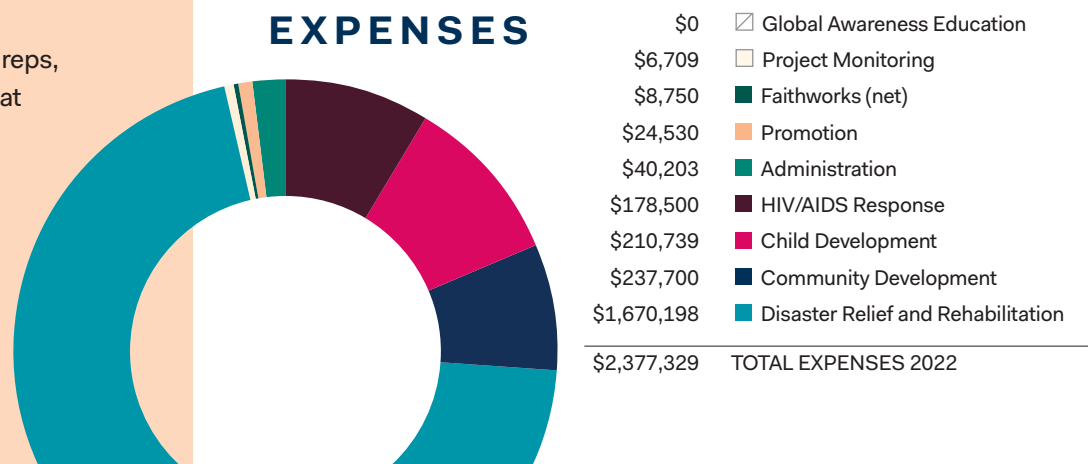
From time to time, the Board meets our partners in person. In 2022, we were able to meet with representatives from Senegal and Timor. These in-person meetings add another level of familiarity, clarity, and encouragement for our work.

Best of all, of course, is when we have the opportunity to do site visits. We are thankful that two such visits could be conducted last year. Special thanks to Konnie Peet, who visited our partners in South Africa on our behalf.

You will find summaries of all these activities on the map provided. In addition, please enjoy three impact stories of individuals with whom we connected during the site visits that were conducted in South Africa (in 2022) and Kenya (in 2023). We are thankful that, by God’s grace, the long-term investment into these development projects is proving fruitful. May we continue to be faithful and wise in our work, and may the Lord continue to bless it and cause it to bear fruit.

— MARISE VELDMAN

EXPENSES



Treasurer

Whenever CRWRF provides aid, we always look to work through Christian motivated partners.

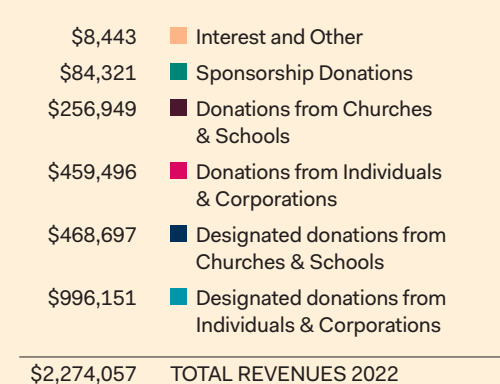
In 2022 this took on a new dimension when we worked with four Canadian Reformed Church deaconries in British Columbia to help them receive aid from their brothers and sisters across Canada in response to the terrible flooding they experienced in late 2021. The outpouring of support received resulted in just over \$1M of aid being distributed to the deaconries of these households of faith (Galatians 6:10) in 2022.

Though this \$1M “anomaly” makes 2022 a standout year for high revenues and expenses, it was otherwise a banner year for revenues received and aid provided. We were able to deploy these gifts to increase our Community Development assistance significantly in Kenya, and to respond with substantial Relief & Rehabilitation aid to alleviate suffering resulting from other natural or man-made crises that arose in West Timor, Afghanistan, Central/East Africa, and Ukraine.

Though we live in a world that experiences much turmoil, we nevertheless take comfort that nothing takes God by surprise. We can’t control this turmoil, but we can choose to respond in a God-honouring manner to these events and situations. The strong support that CRWRF gratefully continues to receive allows the Board to pursue new opportunities to show Christian love and compassion to our neighbours around the world. To God be the glory.

— MIKE DE BOERSAP

REVENUES



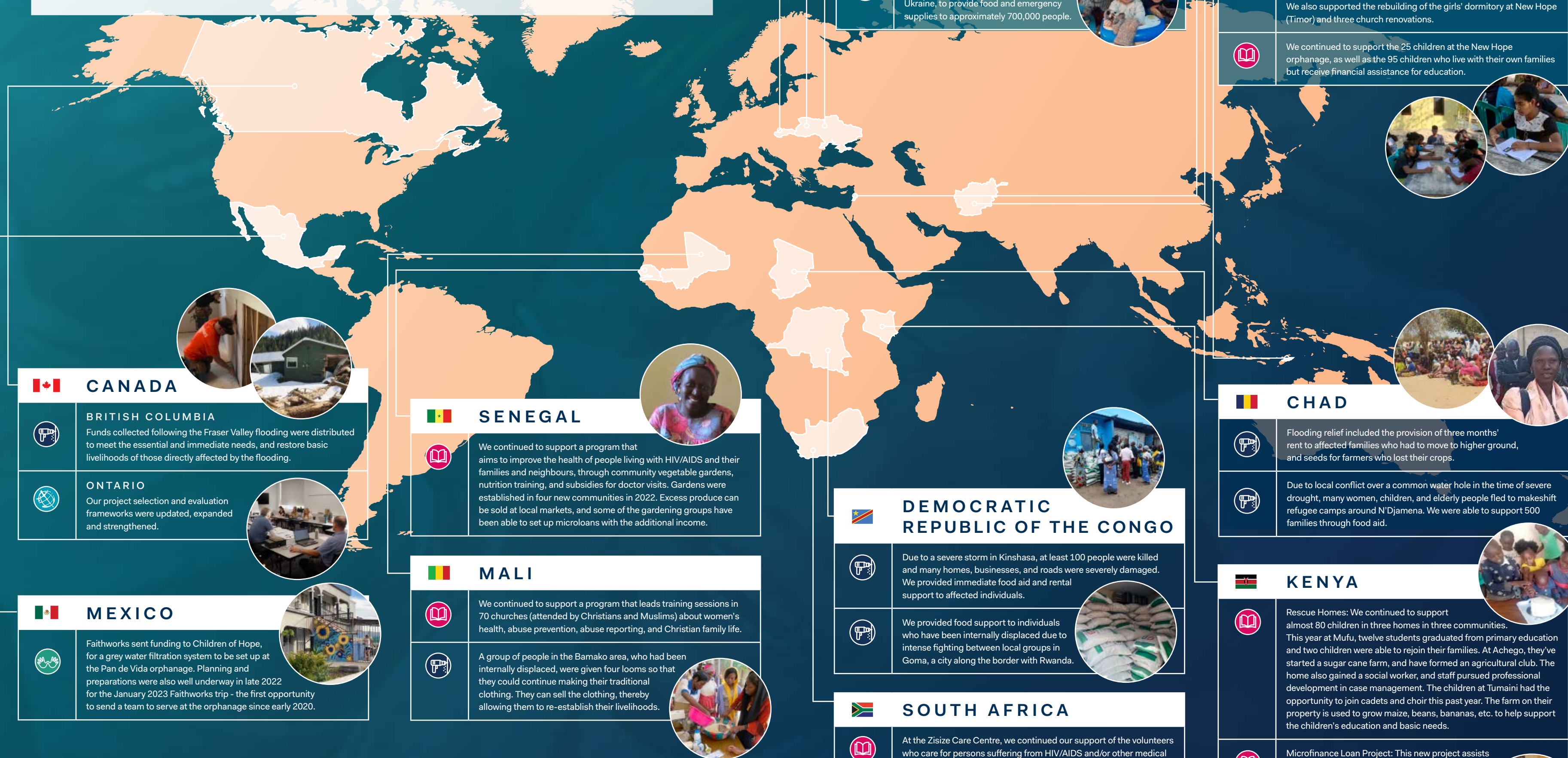
IMPACT Rose

Rose, the house mother at Achego Children’s Home in Kenya, is one of the success stories of AICCAD. Rose first came to Achego in 1979 as a four-year-old orphan, and she remained until she completed secondary school. She married shortly after this and was blessed with six children, of which three survived. Sadly, Rose became a widow in 2001, at the age of 26. It was in that year that she came back to Achego as a cook. Over the years AICCAD provided her with training in catering, housekeeping, first aid, and case management. In recognition of her hard work and valuable contribution, Rose was promoted to house mother in 2021. In addition to her position at Achego, Rose was part of the TAMU CCCD program where she joined both a women’s self-help group and a farmers’ group.

Recently, she also benefited from group savings and loans available through the SACCO microloan initiative; combined with the agricultural training she received, this enabled her to start growing bananas and maize, and raising chickens.

Where in the World

CRWRF ACTIVITIES DURING 2022



CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Funds collected following the Fraser Valley flooding were distributed to meet the essential and immediate needs, and restore basic livelihoods of those directly affected by the flooding.

ONTARIO
Our project selection and evaluation frameworks were updated, expanded and strengthened.

MEXICO

Faithworks sent funding to Children of Hope, for a grey water filtration system to be set up at the Pan de Vida orphanage. Planning and preparations were also well underway in late 2022 for the January 2023 Faithworks trip - the first opportunity to send a team to serve at the orphanage since early 2020.

SENEGAL

We continued to support a program that aims to improve the health of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and neighbours, through community vegetable gardens, nutrition training, and subsidies for doctor visits. Gardens were established in four new communities in 2022. Excess produce can be sold at local markets, and some of the gardening groups have been able to set up microloans with the additional income.

MALI

We continued to support a program that leads training sessions in 70 churches (attended by Christians and Muslims) about women's health, abuse prevention, abuse reporting, and Christian family life.

A group of people in the Bamako area, who had been internally displaced, were given four looms so that they could continue making their traditional clothing. They can sell the clothing, thereby allowing them to re-establish their livelihoods.

UKRAINE & HUNGARY

Karl Veldkamp, our board chair, travelled with his wife to do site visits with our partners at RPCCEE. These brothers and sisters are involved in providing relief aid to those affected by the war.

We supported local churches of the RPCCEE that have been providing relief to those fleeing the war, assisting with shelter, food, travel expenses, medicine, and rent fees. The churches have also been helping those inside Ukraine who were unable to flee the war. This relief aid ranged from one-time support to regular monthly support for food, firewood, wood briquettes, electric generators, and more.

UKRAINE

We contributed to a large project involving 40 local partners throughout Ukraine, to provide food and emergency supplies to approximately 700,000 people.

LEBANON

We continue to support those who are still displaced due to the crisis in Syria, through the Milk, Diapers and Feminine Pads subsidy program.

AFGHANISTAN

Following the takeover by the Taliban, we contributed towards a project that provided immediate food assistance and blankets for 500 families in the Takhar province in Afghanistan.

INDONESIA (TIMOR)

Following the initial immediate relief support of food, hygiene packages, etc. after Cyclone Seroja, 90 families have received help with rebuilding their homes, some of which were heavily damaged. We also supported the rebuilding of the girls' dormitory at New Hope (Timor) and three church renovations.

We continued to support the 25 children at the New Hope orphanage, as well as the 95 children who live with their own families but receive financial assistance for education.

CHAD

Flooding relief included the provision of three months' rent to affected families who had to move to higher ground, and seeds for farmers who lost their crops.

Due to local conflict over a common water hole in the time of severe drought, many women, children, and elderly people fled to makeshift refugee camps around N'Djamena. We were able to support 500 families through food aid.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Due to a severe storm in Kinshasa, at least 100 people were killed and many homes, businesses, and roads were severely damaged. We provided immediate food aid and rental support to affected individuals.

We provided food support to individuals who have been internally displaced due to intense fighting between local groups in Goma, a city along the border with Rwanda.

SOUTH AFRICA

At the Zisize Care Centre, we continued our support of the volunteers who care for persons suffering from HIV/AIDS and/or other medical conditions. The Parcels of Hope program provides food for those who are struggling to provide for themselves, an increasingly essential program as drought conditions and food scarcity have been on the rise in the area.

At the Khothatsong Centre, nine children are cared for at two foster homes. These children were abandoned or orphaned due to their caregivers' struggles with HIV/AIDS. In addition, nurses provide regular support to those with long-term medical conditions and/or HIV/AIDS.

Konnie Peet, our former board chair, travelled within South Africa to do site visits with both of our South African partners.

KENYA

Rescue Homes: We continued to support almost 80 children in three homes in three communities. This year at Mufu, twelve students graduated from primary education and two children were able to rejoin their families. At Achego, they've started a sugar cane farm, and have formed an agricultural club. The home also gained a social worker, and staff pursued professional development in case management. The children at Tumaini had the opportunity to join cadets and choir this past year. The farm on their property is used to grow maize, beans, bananas, etc. to help support the children's education and basic needs.

Microfinance Loan Project: This new project assists 40 individuals who were previously in the Tamu community development project. Participants contribute regularly, and over time the amount that individuals can borrow (and repay) will become much larger.

Self-Help Groups in Busia: participants in 86 groups learn about business and banking. They have also created positive parenting groups and 8 children's clubs where children can learn about health and careers, and do crafts.

Education Bursary Fund (EBF): Local committees leverage the EBF money to get government and private bursaries and scholarships so that all needy and deserving children from the three rescue centres can go to secondary school.

Map Legend

	Relief and Rehabilitation	Providing assistance, especially in the form of food, clothing, shelter, or money to those in special need or difficulty
	Child and Community Development	Supporting individuals and communities with the goal of increasing their capacity, resiliency, health, and flourishing.
	Faithworks	A sub-committee that sends service and learning teams across the globe to various partners to help with needs such as construction and repair
	Board Activities	Our volunteer board has been busy! We are thankful that we could even do a few site visits this year.

