

# CLWR Fact Sheet 2011



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Since 1979, CLWR has sponsored refugees as an official Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) with the Government of Canada. Over the past three years, 209 refugees have been resettled by CLWR into Canada. CLWR's Toronto and Vancouver offices handle the refugee program.

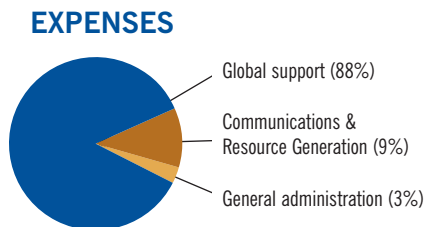
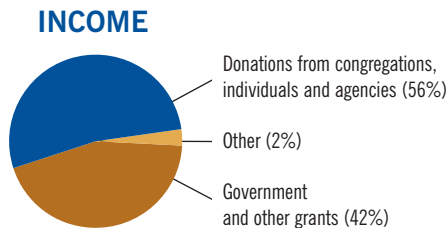
## ALTERNATIVE TRADE

CLWR promotes alternative trade to its constituency by encouraging support for Ten Thousand Villages. This organization assists many of the same artisans that were supported by CLWR's Four Corners while it was in operation. Ten Thousand Villages operates retail outlets in seven provinces and an online store.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by God's love for humanity, CLWR challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty.

As a specialized agency of the Lutheran community in Canada, CLWR offers Canadians opportunities to serve the needs of others.



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## BACKGROUND

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is one of Canada's most experienced relief and development agencies. Formed in 1946 as a response to the humanitarian crisis in postwar Europe, the current scope of CLWR's work has grown to include community development, refugee resettlement, emergency relief and donated commodities shipments.

CLWR is headquartered in Winnipeg, Canada, with refugee offices in Vancouver and Toronto. An office in Santa Cruz, Bolivia helps facilitate long-term development projects in the Andean region.

CLWR is a registered charitable organization in Canada with an appointed board of directors. Funding and support come from members and congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Lutheran Church–Canada and other caring individuals.

We are committed to programming excellence while maintaining minimal operating costs so that donor dollars are directed primarily to those in need. The financial support from CLWR donors is vital to the agency's ability to carry out its work of improving lives. Call us today to discover other ways you can help us accomplish even more.



## WHERE WE WORK

Development work is focused in Zambia, Mozambique, India, Bolivia, Peru, and the Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Vocational Training Program in East Jerusalem. A small-scale irrigation program is operated in Ethiopia through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, of which CLWR is a founding member. Relief commodities are shipped to where most needed and to where we can most effectively transport, this primarily being in Africa. Recent shipments have been directed to Malawi, Haiti, Mauritania, Zambia and Tanzania. Refugees come from Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

## PARTNERSHIPS

CLWR works closely with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and receives partial funding from this federal department.

CLWR is a member of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and ACT Alliance. The agency is an active member in the Canadian Council of Christian Charities and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

CLWR partners with other Canadian church-based agencies working to end hunger and respond to global emergencies through Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Canadian Churches in Action.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development is usually done in partnership with the LWF, supported by funding from CIDA and donations from individuals. CLWR works with other local partners in Bolivia and Peru as well as in Ethiopia. In all project countries, goals include food security, economic development, environmental protection, gender equality, organizational strengthening and HIV and AIDS prevention. CLWR recognizes the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals in planning community development.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF

Through the international aid networks of the LWF and ACT International, CLWR responds to natural and human disasters. CLWR empowers caring Canadians to make a difference in times of crisis.

## DONATED COMMODITIES—WE CARE KITS AND QUILTS

Through the We Care program, thousands of donated quilts and kits are delivered annually to impoverished communities worldwide. We Care kits are assembled by individuals and groups who are interested in supporting this part of CLWR's work. Kits contain clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, sewing goods and more. An easy-to-follow instruction guide is available for packing We Care kits.

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

CLWR offers volunteer opportunities in developing nations across Latin America, Africa and Asia. The duration of these placements range from six months to two years and are organized in cooperation with partner organizations in the country of destination. Often the partner is the LWF. The variety of work is broad and is based on the skills of the volunteers and the needs of the host organization.