Canadian Lutheran World Relief

2019-20 GRATITUDE REPORT

Thank you!

Your support of Canadian Lutheran World Relief is a way to put your values into action. **Your support brings peace, justice, dignity and equality to women,** children and men around the world. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our community. I welcome and encourage you to contact me anytime if you have questions about how your gifts are making a difference, or about the many ways you can support our work, including making a gift in your Will. I love connecting with our donors and volunteers and **I would be delighted to hear from you.**

With gratitude,

Carla Blakley

Carla Blakley, Director of Community and Donor Relations

Our Mission

Inspired by God's love for the world, we challenge and respond to the injustice that causes human suffering and poverty. We are committed to working alongside our partners to build resilience through a continual shared learning approach. As an international relief and development agency of Lutheran communities, we provide opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs.

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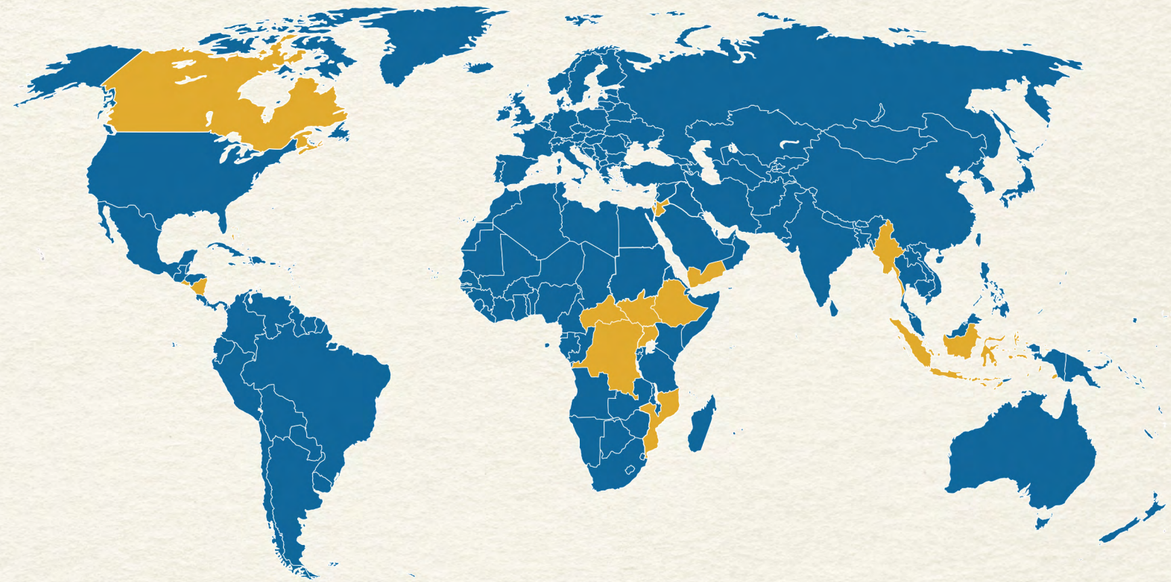


In times of crisis, your gifts are at work!

It has been a difficult year for many of us — but **you have inspired us deeply**. As Canada is facing its battle with COVID-19, you have not forgotten those around the world who are in need of nutritious food, clean water and their basic rights. **Thank you for your incredible generosity — it has been life-saving this year.**

Your impact is being felt in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Of course, your gifts also provide critical help and support here in Canada as we welcome refugee families into our congregations and our communities.

Just for you, we have created a very special map, sharing stories, voices and the impact of your giving. Your kind and generous gifts are in action providing love and care to women, men and children around the world. Thank you for giving your time, talent and treasure. **Your trust and confidence in our work inspire us, every single day.**

Yours, in service and gratitude,

Karin Achtelstetter

Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director

INSPIRE

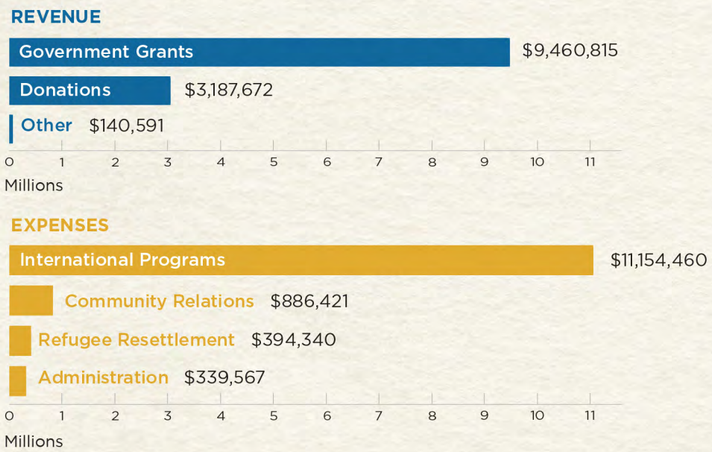
Our work is inspired and shaped by our faith in God's love for the world. That's why we're committed to justice, peace, dignity and equality for all humanity — because **we believe every person bears the image of God and should be empowered to achieve their universal rights**.

We're also **inspired by your dedication**, and the dedication of our thousands of supporters across the country. Canadian Lutheran World Relief is deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition. As a specialized agency of the Lutheran community in Canada, we offer opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs.

Our work is only possible because of the hundreds of communities across Canada who are deeply invested in our work. From donations and fundraisers, to refugee sponsorship, to being part of our We Care program — you make this work possible.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Thank you for your caring and compassionate support.
Here's how we raise and spend our funds:



For every $1.00 raised, approximately:

$0.87 goes toward international programs
$0.07 goes toward community relations
$0.03 goes toward refugee resettlement
$0.03 goes toward administration

* Complete 2020 audited financial statements are available at clwr.org as of October 2020.

RESPOND

Together with your support and partners around the world, we respond to disasters, conflict and poverty. In every area we work, our response is guided by the voices of the people we serve.

Your support helps us respond through:

- Emergency food and nutrition
- Clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Emergency shelter
- Psychosocial support
- Refugee resettlement in Canada
- Education
- Protection for victims of gender-based violence
- Specialized health services for women and girls
- Agricultural support
- Small business loans and financial support

CHALLENGE

We're working for a **healthy, sustainable world where everyone lives in peace, with hope, justice, dignity and equality**. We're committed to challenging root causes so that no one is hungry, no one has to flee their home, and no one is discriminated against or denied their rights. We place special emphasis on those who are often marginalized — including women and girls.

We're challenging the root causes of poverty and injustice through:

- Food security to build resilience and prevent conflict over scarce resources
- Helping people develop their literacy skills
- Relationship building between refugees and host communities
- Vocational training and livelihoods support
- Challenging power imbalances, especially against women and girls
- Helping communities adapt to climate change
- Building resilience to reduce the impact of disaster and drought
- Advocating for equitable policies and practices in Canada and worldwide

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CANADA

Last November, Abdulnaser Alkhatib and his young family were joyfully reunited with his mother and siblings in Regina — thanks to the Regina Lutheran Refugee Committee, as well as the kindness and compassion of the late Jeremy Campbell and his family.

Thanks to your support, hundreds of families like Abdulnaser's are settling into their new lives in Canada.

CANADA

Confirmation students from Faith Lutheran, Epiphany Lutheran and St. Marks Lutheran Churches in Winnipeg helped put together hundreds of learning and living kits that were given through *Gifts from the Heart*.

"I've never had this experience before, but I think it's so important to help out communities in need," said Claire Morton, 13. "We're a little more fortunate than others, so there's no better way than to give back."

WEST BANK

Rana Jihad Qoud works at an insurance company after graduating from the LWF vocational training centre in Ramallah, where she trained to be a business secretary.

"When I applied for the job, I even competed with some people with university degrees, but because the company knew me from my time here as an apprentice, I got the job," Rana said.

JORDAN

Thanks to your support, thousands of students in Jordan are going to school in safe, supportive environments that allow their knowledge and creativity to thrive.

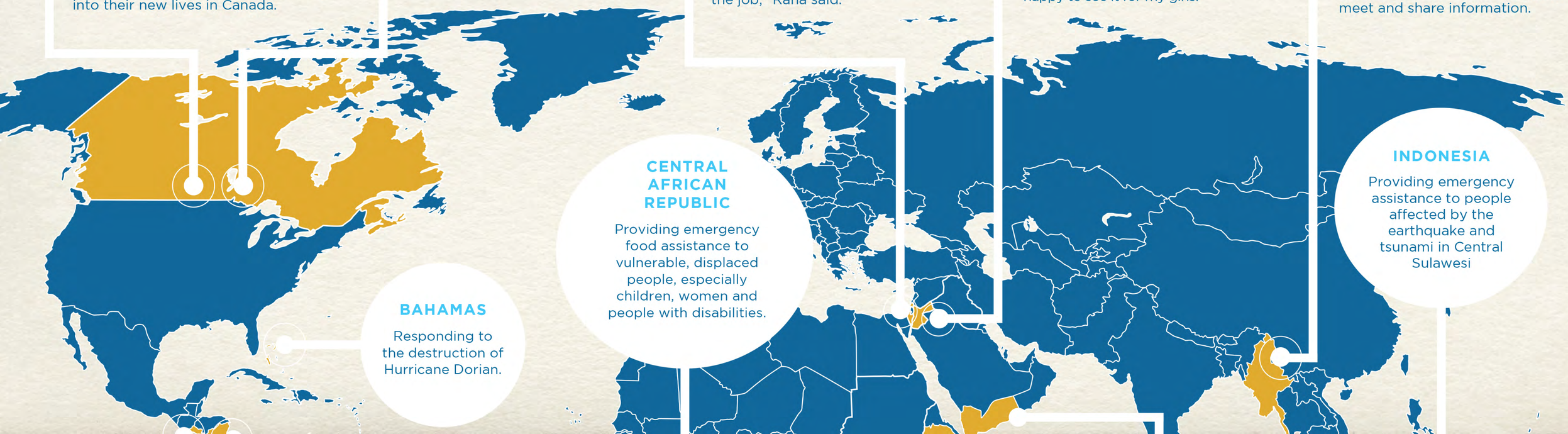
Esra'a, the mother of two girls, has seen a big difference in her daughters' creativity and self-esteem.

"These days, my girls come home to show me the paintings they have drawn, or the letters they cut out from papers and scissors," says Esra'a. "For me, this is an opportunity I never had as a child, and I'm so happy to see it for my girls."

MYANMAR

In Myanmar, your suport is providing literacy, skills and leadership training to women and girls.

Safe spaces — like this one we built in Ah Nuak Ywe, a settlement for displaced people — provide a supportive environment for women's development groups to meet and share information.



BAHAMAS

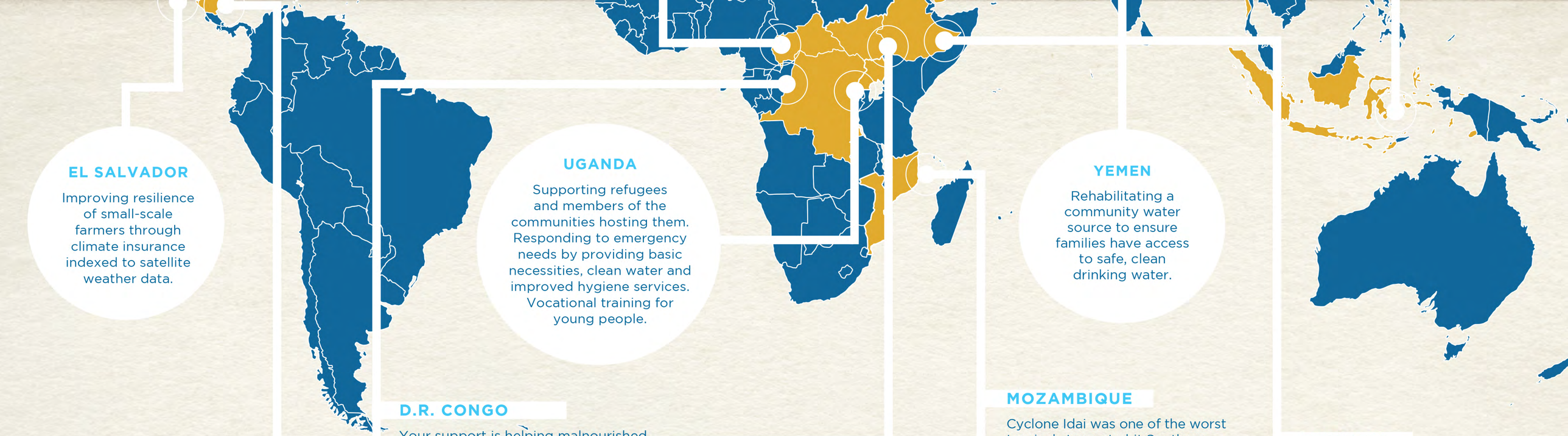
Responding to the destruction of Hurricane Dorian.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Providing emergency food assistance to vulnerable, displaced people, especially children, women and people with disabilities.

INDONESIA

Providing emergency assistance to people affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi



EL SALVADOR

Improving resilience of small-scale farmers through climate insurance indexed to satellite weather data.

UGANDA

Supporting refugees and members of the communities hosting them. Responding to emergency needs by providing basic necessities, clean water and improved hygiene services. Vocational training for young people.

YEMEN

Rehabilitating a community water source to ensure families have access to safe, clean drinking water.

NICARAGUA

In Chinandega, you're helping provide quality education for children in low-income families. Many students in the area go without the supports they need to learn and participate in class.

One student who received school supplies was so excited that he counted every page in his new notebook and proclaimed "I'm going to share this with my brother so he can be happy too."

D.R. CONGO

Your support is helping malnourished children get the food and treatment they need to survive. Mothers forced to flee within their own country face many challenges that prevent them from getting enough food to feed their families. With support from mobile treatment units, their babies are getting specialized treatment and mothers are learning new strategies for preparing nutritious food.

SOUTH SUDAN

In South Sudan, your support is providing life-saving food to families who have been forced to flee their homes.

Before getting food assistance, Mario said her family would sometimes go nights without food. But since receiving food aid, Mario says her husband and other relatives are happier and they are able to eat at least twice a day.

MOZAMBIQUE

Cyclone Idai was one of the worst tropical storms to hit Southern Africa, leaving millions of people desperate for help. With their home and belongings swept away, the Mauguese family was one of many who had to start from scratch.

Thanks to your support, the Maugese family, and hundreds of families like theirs, were able to get what they needed to begin rebuilding their homes and communities.

ETHIOPIA

Shamsi Adem Hassen left everything behind when conflict in Ethiopia forced her and her family to flee their home.

"I was so happy for being chosen among so many vulnerable people and to have received these items that made my family's living condition better," Shamsi said.

Your support is giving thousands of displaced people, like Shamsi and her family, the necessities they need to survive.