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2021-2022



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA



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Our mission

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is a democratic movement for international solidarity that supports partners in the Global South in the pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures.

We sensitize Canadians to the root causes of the impoverishment of peoples and mobilize them to act for change.

In the struggle for human dignity, we associate with social change groups in the North and South.

We support women in their search for social and economic justice.

As the official development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is inspired by the values of the Gospel, particularly the preferential option for the poor.

Our approach to building a just world

Overseas, in addition to responding to humanitarian emergencies, we support local partner organizations that work on four key areas: *democracy and citizen participation; ecological justice; justice for women; and peace and reconciliation.*

In Canada, we work to help people in parishes, schools and communities understand the causes of poverty and injustice; to mobilize a movement for international solidarity; and to advocate for fair and just policies.

A word from our president and executive director

The year 2021-2022 saw a gradual return to normality in most of our activities. We more than doubled the financial resources allocated to our international development programs, going from 69 projects in 29 countries to 80 projects in 43 countries.

Our annual Share Lent 2022 fundraising campaign ran in most dioceses across the country, following the two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 that had greatly affected our operations.

Our advocacy campaign was also successful. A petition with over 27,000 signatures was submitted to the House of Commons of the Parliament of Canada. We called on the government to pass legislation to regulate Canadian corporations that operate abroad and violate the environmental rules and human rights of local communities. In addition, 43 Members of Parliament were met with.

But the past year was also blighted by a dramatic increase in armed conflicts and sudden and devastating climate crises.

Russia's outrageous invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, shocked the whole world and directly affected the entire Ukrainian population.

While Pakistan was experiencing its largest and deadliest floods ever, several African countries, including Somalia, were facing historic droughts that left millions without food and water.

Thank you for your great generosity which has enabled us to quickly respond to these and other crises to help affected families regain some dignity.

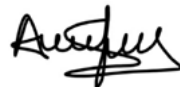
We also held our Orientation Assembly in June 2022, bringing together over 120 members from across the country.

At the meeting, members discussed issues of diversity and reconciliation and chose *Create Hope* as the theme for the next five years.

Indeed, in this world riven with uncertainty, where the love of God is relegated to the background, we need to rediscover the compassion of Christ that is needed for reaching out to others through listening, dialogue and encounter.

These are values that are dear to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. We put them into practice with our partners worldwide to better accompany peoples in their quests for justice, peace and dignity. Thank you for helping to *Create Hope*, which is needed to build lasting human fraternity.




Brenda Arakaza
President




Carl Héту
Executive Director

Our National Council (2021-2022)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Brenda Arakaza
(Francophone youth representative)

Vice-president: Christopher Duncanson Hales (Ontario)

Treasurer: Tim Turner (Atlantic)

Secretary: Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault (Bishop, Quebec)

Member: Simone Fournier
(Quebec)

MEMBERS

Most Rev. Peter Hundt
(Bishop, Atlantic)

Most Rev. Guy Desrochers
(Bishop, Ontario)

Most Rev. Jon Hansen
(Bishop, West)

Danny Gillis (Atlantic Canada)

Boris Polanski (Quebec)

Jason Noble (Quebec, member at large)

Frank Fohr (Ontario)

Nancy Stuart (West)

Tashia Toupin (West)

Reanne Laurie (Anglophone youth representative)

Members of the current national council are listed at devp.org/en/our-team/#NationalCouncil.

Our impact



\$17.1 million

invested in overseas projects

This “upside-down” map disrupts conventional ideas that place the North “above” the South not only in cartographic representation but also in the global geopolitical and economic order.



62 local partnerships

in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East



Over 8.5 million people

reached through overseas projects and programs



80

community development and humanitarian aid projects in **43 countries**



A movement including

11,495 members

and growing in over

60 dioceses across Canada



2,292 participants

in 84 fall and Lenten campaign training sessions



100+ schools

participated in the D&P Schools Program

THINKfast

300+ students

participated in the online national *THINKfast* event



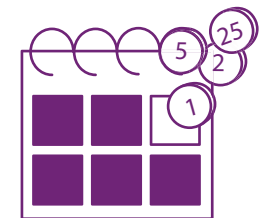
303,797 people

visited our website



80,511 donations

received

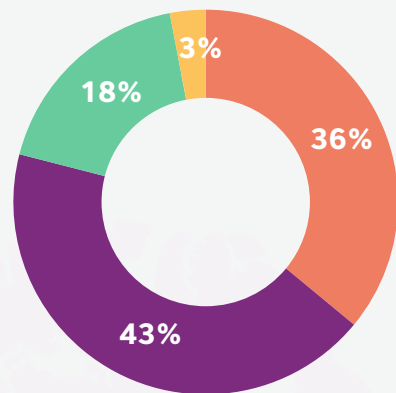


4,418

monthly donors, including **241 new** ones

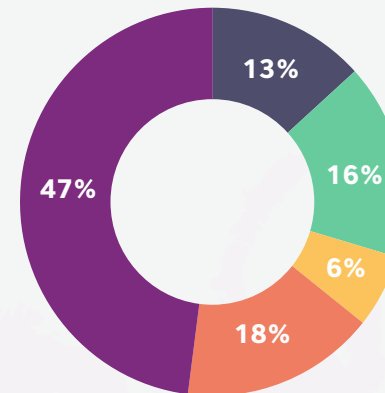
Where we work

September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022



Community development programs by thematic area

- Democracy and citizen participation
- Ecological justice
- Justice for women
- Peace and reconciliation



Humanitarian aid projects by region

- Africa
- Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East

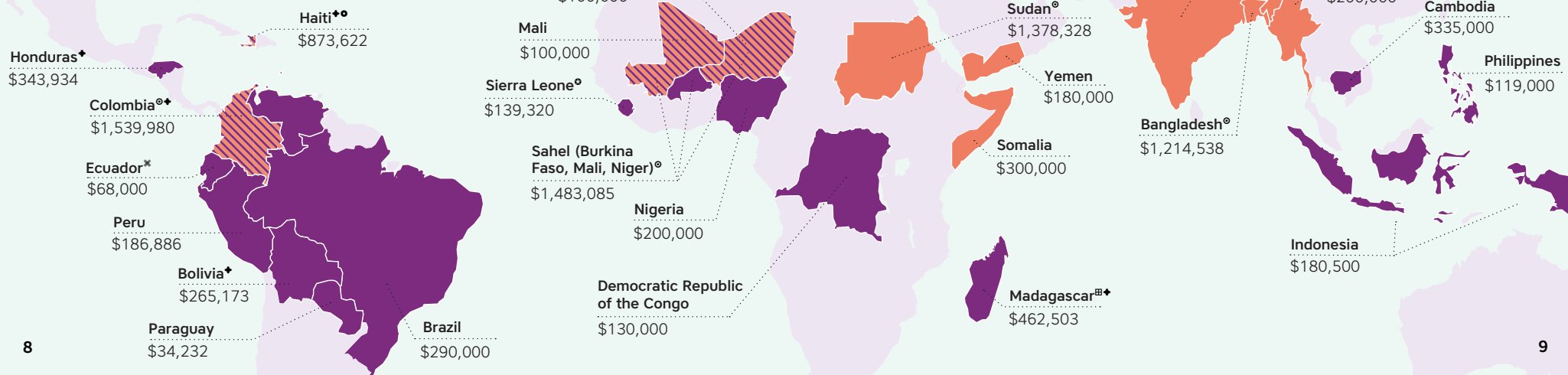
These symbols identify projects that include funding from the following organizations:

- Global Affairs Canada
- Quebec's ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs
- Quebec's ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie, including its Nouveau Québec sans frontières (NQSF) program
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Louise Grenier Foundation
- Roncalli International Foundation
- Diocese of Hamilton
- ShareLife Toronto
- Franciscans of Canada

- Development program
- Humanitarian aid program
- Development and humanitarian aid program

Effectively responding to certain issues or emergencies can sometimes require operating across national borders. In the past year, we had multi-country humanitarian and development projects in:

- Latin America and the Caribbean: \$142,000
- Middle East and North Africa: \$120,000



Financial statements

Statement of revenues and expenses (September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022)

REVENUES	2021-2022 (\$)	2020-2021 (\$)
Share Lent campaign	5,590,894	6,586,750
Bilateral programs	10,606,037	3,076,606
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation	32,160	42,966
Other fundraising activities	4,937,523	4,757,948
Other revenue sources	673,136	2,187,541
Humanitarian aid programs	2,436,914	2,013,891
Government of Quebec	490,104	965,993
Québec sans frontières program	356,569	147,442
Investment income	-	1,319,950
TOTAL REVENUES	25,123,337	21,099,087

EXPENSES	2021-2022 (\$)	2020-2021 (\$)
International programs		
Community development programs	5,139,261	2,197,435
Humanitarian aid programs	2,523,664	1,828,504
Bilateral and other programs	10,132,110	2,953,368
Programs with Government of Quebec funding	661,003	981,278
Programs with special temporary funding	-	50,000
Operational costs	668,241	523,277
Other	10,000	55,000
	19,134,279	8,588,862

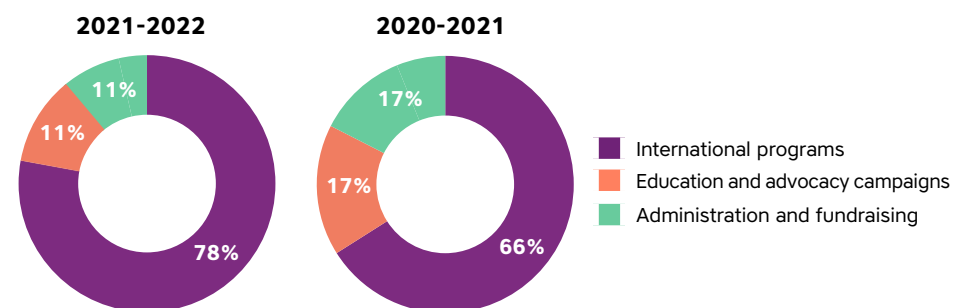
Education and advocacy campaigns

Education and social justice programs	1,490,959	1,302,316
Communications and campaigns	842,498	631,690
Philanthropic development	346,059	210,404
Québec sans frontières program	-	798
	2,679,516	2,145,208
Governance and operations	1,882,325	1,478,184
Fixed costs and new initiatives	872,183	797,648
Investment losses	1,807,229	-
	4,561,737	2,275,832
Adjustment related to market value of investments		-1,064,172
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,375,532	11,945,730
Excess (deficit)	-1,252,195	9,153,357

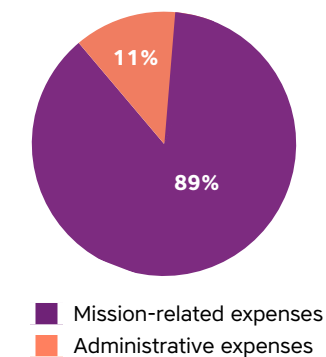
Balance sheet

	2021-2022 (\$)	2020-2021 (\$)
ASSETS		
Current assets	26,249,781	27,035,679
Long-term assets	9,641,880	9,886,562
	35,891,661	36,922,241
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	701,996	9,187,774
Long-term liabilities	8,766,779	0
	9,468,775	9,187,774
Net liabilities	26,422,886	27,734,467
TOTAL (liabilities and net assets)	35,891,661	36,922,241

Breakdown of expenses



Overview of expense allocations (2021-2022)



- Data reported here are from the audited financial statements prepared by BDO for 2020-2021 and by MNP for 2021-2022.
- Development and Peace — Caritas Canada uses the deferred revenue accounting method, where revenues expended in each fiscal period are reported and unexpended revenues are carried forward to future years.
- Charitable registration number: 1 1882 9902 RR0001

Democracy and citizen participation



“Democracy and modernization everywhere must be more than fine words; they must be embodied in concrete service to people: a ‘good politics’, born of listening to people and responding to their legitimate needs, constant engagement with civil society and nongovernmental and humanitarian organizations, and particular concern for workers, young people and the more vulnerable sectors of society.”

— Pope Francis, September 13, 2022

PERU

Founded in 1974 by liberation theologian Fr. Gustavo Gutiérrez, the **Bartolomé de las Casas Institute** works with parishes, lay leaders, journalists and youths in impoverished parts of Lima. Our support allowed the Institute’s Hugo Echegaray leadership school to train young Peruvians to confront their country’s challenges, which include inequity, corruption, political instability and climate change.

Following proven see-judge-act methodology, trainees learn to apply the lens of the preferential option for the poor to information, analysis and advocacy.

Citizenship training topics have included elections, corruption, the Amazon, women, mining, immigration, human rights, press freedom and responsible journalism. Despite pandemic-related setbacks, the school has trained 544 young leaders.

Notably, trainees also informed deliberations at the June 2022 Ecclesial Assembly for Latin America and the Caribbean that was part of Pope Francis’s impetus for synodality.

544
young leaders
trained



ECUADOR

Inflation, economic mismanagement and the COVID-19 pandemic have increased poverty in Ecuador, leaving half the Indigenous children under five in some regions malnourished. The **Centro de Desarrollo, Difusión e Investigación Social** (CEDIS), is responding with a project focused on food sovereignty and citizen empowerment.

Building on past work also supported by us, CEDIS is reaching 3,470 people (including 1,400 children) in Chimborazo Province, where Ecuador’s largest Indigenous population lives. The project supports communal organic gardens and rabbit and guinea pig rearing cooperatives; and provides nutritional education, school meals and follow-up for malnourished children.

A citizens’ observatory is also being created to enable communities to hold authorities to account. To this end, CEDIS is conducting workshops on women’s and children’s rights; facilitating participatory community planning; training women for leadership; and helping communities monitor public programs. CEDIS is also producing pamphlets and videos to inform people about the project and the issues it addresses.



CANADA

Our partners in the Global South often report that powerful resource companies, many of which are Canadian, violate human and environmental rights in their regions. That is why our **People and Planet First** campaign engaged Canadian citizens in holding Canada to a higher standard. It pushed for the enactment of rigorous due diligence (mHREDD) legislation to compel Canadian corporations to report on, prevent and redress abuses across their global operations and supply chains.

We collaborated with the Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability, and our members collected 27,000+ signatures on a petition for mHREDD laws and met 43 Members of Parliament (MPs). Their campaigning persuaded several MPs to present the petition in the House of Commons. With the tabling of two promising private members’ bills (Bills C-262 and C-263), hope for our objective remains alive.



Climate and ecological justice

"What kind of world do we want for ourselves and for those who will come after us? To help answer that question, I have spoken of an 'ecological conversion' which demands a change of mentality and a commitment to work for the resilience of people and the ecosystems in which they live."

— Pope Francis, July 13, 2022

COLOMBIA AND HONDURAS

A \$675,000 project funded by the New Quebec Without Borders Program of Quebec's Ministry of International Relations and the Francophonie is supporting peasant and rural communities in two countries in understanding, asserting and defending their ecological and territorial rights.

Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación – Radio Progreso (ERIC-RP), known for its fearless reporting on the misdeeds of powerful individuals and corporations in rural Honduras, is providing rights training to youth leaders and supporting a network of community journalists. These activities will benefit about 430 people directly and reach some 500,000 others through community radio.

In Colombia, the **Asociación Campesina de Antioquia** is training 1,400 youths to make participatory documentary films that articulate their communities' concerns and aspirations with respect to peace, gender relations and the environment. The project's inaugural bulletin was published in July 2022.

430
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ERIC-RP

1,400
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by the ACA

MADAGASCAR

To help communities cope with climate change, we supported a project run by the **Commission Pastorale Sociale du Diocèse de Tsiroanomandidy**. The three-year project, funded by the Quebec International Development Program, reached 10,000 people in 10 communities.

Among the 6,461 people trained in environmental protection were 3,455 students from 14 schools, who planted 7,321 of the 54,934 trees planted under the project. Members of 2,150 households, including 1,434 women, were organized into solidarity groups. Under self-initiated action plans, these groups established community granaries and solidarity funds. This has assured 1,548 households of access to rice for 10 months a year, tiding them well over the fallow period that can exceed six months.

Encouragingly, 26 women involved in the project joined the formerly exclusively male 715-member local recognition committee that plays a key role in formalizing land ownership.



CANADA

In the Global South, mining companies pose as purveyors of progress and prosperity. In Canada, where the industry raises most of its capital, it promotes itself as indispensable for a green transition, especially during the annual Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference.

To counter this narrative by highlighting the socioecological harm that mining often causes, we organized the **#DisruptPDAC** demonstration with like-minded organizations including KAIROS, the Student Christian Movement and MiningWatch. On June 13, 2022, 100+ people protested outside the conference venue in Toronto. They informed PDAC delegates and passersby about issues like greenwashing; free, prior and informed consent; and Indigenous land rights that our Peruvian partner, the **Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social**, also broached in an open letter to the PDAC.



Justice for women

"If we want a better world, a world that will be a peaceful home and not a war field, may we take to heart the dignity of each woman.... Women are givers and mediators of peace and should be fully included in decision-making processes. Because when women can share their gifts, the world finds itself more united, more peaceful. Hence, every step forward for women is a step forward for humanity as a whole."

— Pope Francis, January 1, 2020



215

women trained
in civic
participation

CAMBODIA

Forced by pandemic shutdowns to return home from Thailand, 120,000 Cambodian migrant workers found themselves impoverished and lacking social support, with women becoming especially vulnerable to exploitation. Their welfare was the focus of a yearlong project that **Banteay Srei*** ran with our support.

Civic participation training equipped 255 people (215 women) to regularly meet government officials and report

community issues like poor roads, malnutrition, gang activity, etc. Ten youth clubs with 313 members were trained in migrants' rights, gender-inclusive leadership, administration and networking. To improve their incomes, 209 people (178 women) joined women-led community groups focused on agriculture, live-stock rearing, credit and savings. Marketing support helped further boost their earnings.

Exemplars of the project's successes include Ti Mao, 23 (left), who went from poorly paid, dangerous illegal construction work to owning a tailoring business and Rem Kim Yan, 16 (right), who overcame timidity to become a confident youth leader.



*The organization's strongly evocative name, which means "Citadel of Women" in Khmer, comes from a famed 10th-century temple that is said to be the only one in Angkor to have been built by women.

SAHEL

With over \$13 million in funding from Global Affairs Canada, we are supporting an ambitious project with the **Union pour un Avenir Écologique et Solidaire** and three Afrique Verte organizations (**AMASSA**, **APROSSA** and **AcSSA**). In Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, where political instability, conflict, climate change and governance issues aggravate poverty and food insecurity, the SANC2S project promotes the food sovereignty of vulnerable peasants and fisherfolk, especially women and youths. Over five years, the project will reach 147,000 people.



Thus far, the project has trained 232 farmers in sustainable, climate-resistant farming techniques; 1,192 people in making and using organic compost and fertilisers (216 tonnes produced in Niger); and 161 people (86% women) in organic pest control.



The project also helped 514 women from 22 peasant organizations participate in agricultural fairs and exhibitions. This enhanced their economic security by diversifying their markets, product lines, techniques and connections.

CANADA

Last year, we reinvigorated our longstanding relationship with the **Catholic Women's League of Canada** (CWL). The CWL's president-elect recently noted that its work "dovetails nicely" with ours. Its 70,000+ members are called to "witness to the love of God through ministry and service" and to contribute to "social justice, peace and harmony." The popular **1% Program** is a means of pursuing these objectives.

The program encourages women to set one per cent of their discretionary spending aside for donation to Development and Peace — Caritas

Canada. CWL coproduced a special brochure with us to promote the latest iteration of the program. The funds raised will support women-focused education, empowerment, agriculture and livelihood support projects in various parts of the world including the Sahel and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Peace and reconciliation



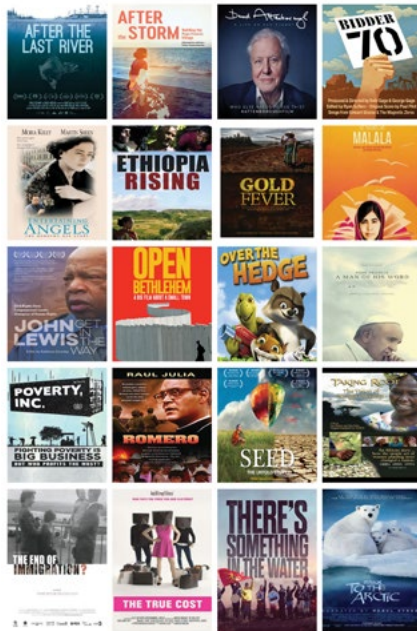
“Building peace... means undertaking and sustaining processes of development to eliminate poverty, to defeat hunger, to guarantee health and care, to safeguard the common home, to promote fundamental rights and to overcome discrimination determined by human mobility. Only then will peace become a synonym for dignity for every one of our brothers and sisters.”

— Pope Francis, December 2, 2022

CANADA

Pope Francis once said, “The viewing of a cinematographic work can open different chinks of light in the human soul.” Opening the human soul to the human condition is an objective of the **Reel Justice Film Festival**. From a handful of viewers in a church basement, the festival, which we co-organize with the Diocese of Hamilton’s Bishop Farrell Library, has grown into a national phenomenon whose screenings and panel discussions now often attract over 100 viewers.

The six documentaries shown last year dealt with ecological, social and economic justice themes that are in keeping with Pope Paul VI’s conception of development as “the new name for peace,” which inspired the establishment Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.



PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

In the Palestinian Territories, women and children are the first victims of the ongoing conflict between Hamas and the Israeli army. Particularly in the Gaza Strip, they have nowhere to run or hide because they are forced to stay put despite multiple heavy bombardments. Traumatized children and mothers live in fear daily, and unemployment levels are the highest in the region. That is why we supported our long-time partner **Trócaire** in conducting four separate activities among women’s groups.

Twenty women chosen to lead the project were trained in protection mechanisms, critical thinking, planning and advocacy. Handicraft monetization training was offered to 35 women, who also visited a local woman-headed woodworking business for inspiration.

In a women’s hall renovated for the project, 30 women received training in stress management, financial planning, yoga, sports and trauma-sensitive parenting. To remove the

cultural and cost barriers to women getting adequate physical exercise, the project organized free women-led, women-only sessions at a gym. The sessions, offered six days a week, have attracted 70 women who are helping generate interest in sport and exercise among other women and girls in the community.

Thirty children (20 girls) were trained for a *dabkeh* folk dance performance that incorporates representations of the Palestinian people’s history, rights and aspirations.

A short film about the project garnered over 217,000 views on social media.

20
women trained
as project
leaders

30
children trained
for a folk dance
performance



Humanitarian aid



"No one 'rebuilds' by himself or herself; nobody can start over alone. We have to find a friendly and fraternal hand, capable of helping to raise not just a city, but also our horizon and our hope.... The path to a full recovery may still be long, but it can always be undertaken if it counts on the spirit of people capable of mobilizing in order to help one another."

— Pope Francis, November 25, 2019

YEMEN

Floods, droughts and a civil war that began in 2014 have created what UNICEF deems "one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world" in Yemen. In the Aden Governorate, our partner **Generations without Qat*** (GWQ) helped 5,096 displaced persons access an often overlooked essential of health and dignity: clean toilets. Through a six-month project, GWQ built 53 new latrines equipped with sanitation kits; desilted, refurbished

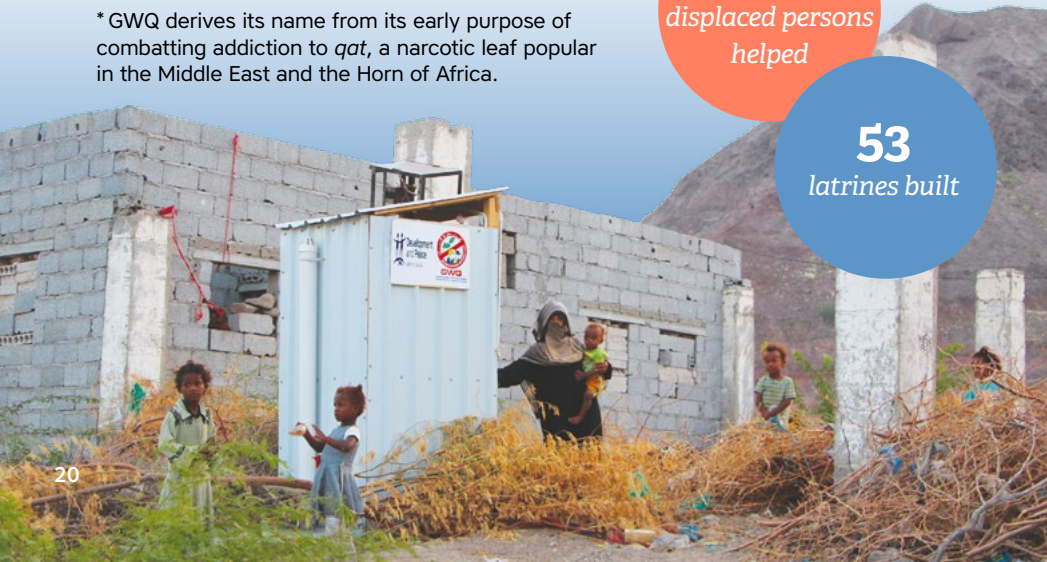
and/or covered 25 old latrines; installed solar panels and solar lights in 92 latrines; and disseminated hygiene and health information through signboards and posters.

The resultant improvements in sanitation, health and privacy have been especially appreciated by women and children.

*GWQ derives its name from its early purpose of combatting addiction to *qat*, a narcotic leaf popular in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa.

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UKRAINE

By the fall of 2022, we had received over \$1.8 million in donations for Ukraine. Quebec's Ministry of International Relations and the Francophonie contributed an additional \$200,000. This allowed us to support the relief efforts of our partners, **Caritas Ukraine**, **Caritas SPES**, **Caritas Slovakia** and **Caritas Czech Republic**.

At 73 centres and 198 shelters, these partners mobilized hundreds of personnel and thousands of volunteers to serve Ukrainians affected or displaced by the war. With support from the entire Caritas network, they provided food and supplies to nearly 3.8 million people; shelter to over 638,000 people; health and psychosocial services to over 194,000 people; protection services to over 388,000 people; water, sanitation and hygiene services to over 1.5 million people; and cash grants to over 107,000 people. Educational supports and counselling were also offered to nearly 9,000 displaced Ukrainian children.



3.8
million
people fed

CANADA

The war in Ukraine unleashed a surge of solidarity among our supporters. While individuals were unstinting in their support, church and school groups across Canada also came together to raise funds in creative ways. A women's group in Leamington, Ont., raised over \$100,000 for us by selling gourmet sandwiches and made-in-Ukraine jewellery!



\$3,000
raised by
two Ontario
schools

Even more inspiring and heartening were the efforts of children. At the **Father Robinson School** in Saskatoon, Sask., Grade 8 students raised \$900 by making and selling bracelets and another \$1,100 from selling popcorn and long johns! Grade 7 and 8 students at the **Our Lady of Victory School** in Fort Erie, Ont., collected \$1,000 by organizing a *THINKfast*-style day of fasting, contemplation and prayer.

Philanthropic development



“Everything we possess is a gift from God.... His spirit, the source of generosity, will always urge us to give to those in need, to fight poverty with what He gives us. For the Lord gives us in abundance so that we in turn can give ourselves.”

— Pope Francis, February 24, 2023



\$1,889,032.95
in monthly donations
from 4,418 donors



37 bequests
worth over
\$2.22 million



New \$100,000 donation took
Solidarity Fund past
\$9.6 million

Sowing hope with the *Share Year-Round* program

Over the year, **4,418 monthly donors** gave **\$1,889,032** through our *Share Year-Round* program. Their sustained generosity enables us to support our partners' projects with reliable stability.

Backed by some generous donors and religious communities, we introduced a fund-matching scheme during the 2022 Share Lent campaign, under which new monthly donors had their annual donations matched dollar for dollar. This attracted **229 new *Share Year-Round* donors** who gave **\$95,000**.

Share Year-Round donors automatically become members of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, a movement for a just society in which everyone can live with dignity. They can also participate in our various diocesan, regional and national bodies. We thank them for their precious participation and invite others to join the *Share Year-Round* program (devp.org/en/become-a-monthly-donor).



Building the future with *planned giving*

In 2021-2022, **we received 37 bequests** worth a total of over **\$2,229,000** from visionaries whose commitment to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's mission endured beyond their lives.

Such planned giving is a great way to leave a lasting impression, rethink the world and change lives. We are deeply grateful to our legacy benefactors and their families and invite others to consider including us in their wills and life insurance policies. More information on options is available at devp.org/planned-giving.



Fostering sustainability with the *Solidarity Fund*

Established in 2017 to mark our golden jubilee, the *Solidarity Fund* is managed by our finance committee. It allows people to make donations that ensure the long-term sustainability of our organization. The guaranteed income from the interest that the corpus fund generates allows us to sustain our mission through the ongoing funding of projects that transform lives.

The *Solidarity Fund* is now at **\$9,604,390**. We thank our donors for trusting us with this endowment.



♥
**Thank
you**

to our members
for their untiring
commitment.



Montreal member Roger Bélisle at the Climate March on September 24, 2021.



Sisters Muriel Buckley (left) and Roma De Robertis (right) visited Wayne Long, MP for Saint John—Rothesay, New Brunswick. (Photo: David Hickey).



Over 120 members from across Canada attended the Orientation Assembly that was held in Halifax from June 16-19, 2022.

We at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thank all our members, donors, religious communities and supporters from the bottom of our hearts!

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Global Affairs Canada; Quebec's *ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs* and *ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie*; the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation; the Louise Grenier Foundation; the Roncalli International Foundation; the Diocese of Hamilton; ShareLife Toronto; and the Franciscans of Canada in accomplishing our mission.



To learn more about our programs and partners, visit devp.org or write to info@devp.org.

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