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2022-2023



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CARITAS CANADA



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Our mission

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, is a democratic solidarity movement guided by the social teaching of the Church.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality, working with partners in the Global South and mobilizing Canadians for justice and dignity. We support women and social movements as agents of sustainable change.

Our vision

Our human family lives on a healthy planet in dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.

Our values

Our values are at the heart of who we are and what we do. We courageously live and promote these values in every aspect of our work:

- Dignity
- The preferential option for the poor
- Solidarity
- Participation
- Integrity

Our approach to building a world of justice

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”

— *Laudato Si'*, 139

Internationally and in Canada, our main approaches are: partnership, women at the heart of change, awareness-raising and mobilization and advocacy.

To learn more about our values, visit our website:
devp.org/en/mission.

A word from our president and executive director

The year 2022-2023 was synonymous with change, but also with a steady increase in conflicts and extreme climatic events affecting populations on every continent. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported that 110 million people were forcibly displaced in 2023, a number that had more than doubled over a decade! Against this backdrop, our organization's mission remains as relevant as ever.

This global situation only reinforces our commitment and determination, as an active member of the Caritas Internationalis confederation for over 25 years, to tackle the causes of poverty while responding to the emergencies affecting the most impoverished families on our planet.

In May 2023, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada sent four representatives to the **Caritas Internationalis General Assembly** in Rome. Over 350 delegates and observers from 160 countries spent a week discussing global issues. The meeting ended with the election of a new president and secretary general. During his audience with the assembly, Pope Francis reaffirmed that Caritas acts in the name of the Catholic Church to offer the love of Christ to those most in need. His affirmation encourages us to keep up our advocacy campaigns.

In the autumn of 2022, we continued our **People and Planet First** campaign, calling on the federal government to hold Canadian mining companies socially responsible for their actions overseas. We delivered to Parliament a petition for this bearing 43,000 Canadians' signatures, 28,375 of which had been collected by our members, who also met 50 Members of Parliament during the campaign.

As a follow-up to the Orientation Assembly held in June 2022, at which the major strategic directions for the next five years were chosen, we worked throughout the year to produce our **2023-2028 strategic plan**, which is available at devp.org/strategy.

After extensive consultation, the National Council also adopted new bylaws. This led to our first national **Annual General Meeting** being held online in February 2023. This historic event brought together 178 diocesan members.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to our network of members, donors and the bishops of Canada. Their ongoing commitment, availability, active participation and support enable Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to fulfill its mission.



Brenda Arakaza
Brenda Arakaza
President



Carl Hétu
Carl Hétu
Executive Director

National Council (2022-2023)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Brenda Arakaza
(Francophone youth representative)
Vice-president: Tashia Toupin (West)
Treasurer: Danny Gillis (Atlantic)
Secretary: Frank Fohr (Ontario)
Member: Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault
(Bishop, Quebec)

MEMBERS

Don Devine (Atlantic)
Gabrielle Dupuis (Ontario)
Simone Fournier (Quebec)
Most Rev. Jon Hansen (Bishop, West)
Most Rev. Peter Hundt (Bishop, Atlantic)
Reanne Laurie (Anglophone youth representative)
Teresa McKerral (West)
Jason Noble (Quebec)
Boris Polanski (Quebec)
Most Rev. Pierre-Olivier Tremblay
(Bishop, Ontario)

Members of the current national council are listed at devp.org/governance.

Our impact



\$12.8 million
invested in overseas projects

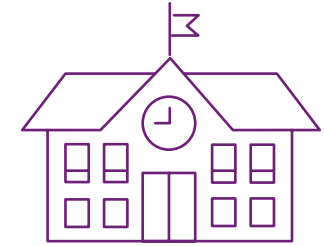
This “upside-down” map overturns the traditional view that places the North “above” the South, not only in cartographic representations, but also in the global geopolitical and economic order.



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



3,628 participants
in nearly
100 courses
and workshops



190 schools
in the D&P Schools Program
and/or THINKfast events



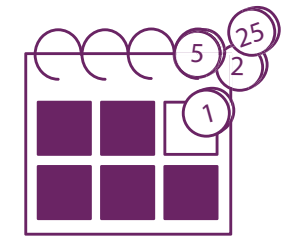
**More than
4.3 million people**
reached through overseas
projects and programs



73
community development and
humanitarian aid projects in
34 countries



81,736 donations
received



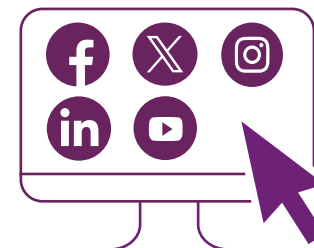
4,801 monthly donors
including **314** new people



A growing movement, with
12,744 members
in over
60 dioceses across Canada



13,628 participants
in **264 regional events**
across Canada



31,472 people
following us on social networks



374,000 page views
on our website

Where we work

From September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023

Region	Amount	Funding sources
Africa	\$4,636,173	☒ ☉ ✖
Asie	\$1,632,002	☉ ✖
Eastern Europe	\$247,425	
Latin America	\$2,742,565	☙ ✖
Middle East	\$3,538,964	☙ ✖

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

- ☉ Long-term development projects (Global Affairs Canada, GAC)
- ✖ Humanitarian aid projects (GAC)
- ☒ 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 du Québec*, including its *Nouveau Québec sans frontières* (NQSF) program
- ☉ Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- ☙ Franciscans of Canada



Our work focuses on:

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

*Programming on hold



Financial statements

Statement of revenues and expenses (from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023)

INCOME	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
Share Lent Campaign	5,182,092	5,590,894
Fundraising activities	3,540,420	2,862,227
Estates	2,016,761	2,187,094
Other sources of revenues	-	159,081
Contributions – Restricted		
Emergency relief – Public donations	2,571,425	2,078,717
Bilateral programs – International Humanitarian Assistance, Global Affairs Canada (IHA GAC)	7,770,978	10,423,428
Government of Québec – International programs	34,648	784,260
<i>Nouveau Québec sans frontières</i> program	262,903	356,494
TOTAL REVENUES	21,379,227	24,442,195

EXPENSES	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
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International programs expenses	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
Development programs	2,927,974	5,113,537
Development programs – Operational costs	1,198,737	972,825
Emergency relief programs	2,107,153	1,796,161
Bilateral programs – International Humanitarian Assistance, Global Affairs Canada (IHA GAC)	7,754,022	10,127,267
Other government programs	482,067	1,186,582
Membership	296,531	234,654
	14,766,484	19,431,026

Programs in Canada expenses	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
Public engagement	1,619,598	1,469,455
Communications and campaigns	697,282	766,101
Philanthropic development	657,543	410,602
	2,974,423	2,646,158

Governance and General Operations expenses	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
National council and executive committee meetings	167,812	122,498
General management	724,094	730,664
Finances and administration	919,771	840,792
Structural expenses – Fixed costs	792,544	797,165
	2,604,221	2,491,119

TOTAL EXPENSES	20,345,128	24,568,303
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Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses before other items	1,034,099	(126,108)
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Other items	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
Interest income	871,849	1,807,229
Gain on disposal of investments	442,909	4,561,737
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments	330,245	1,490,959
	1,645,003	(1,126,087)

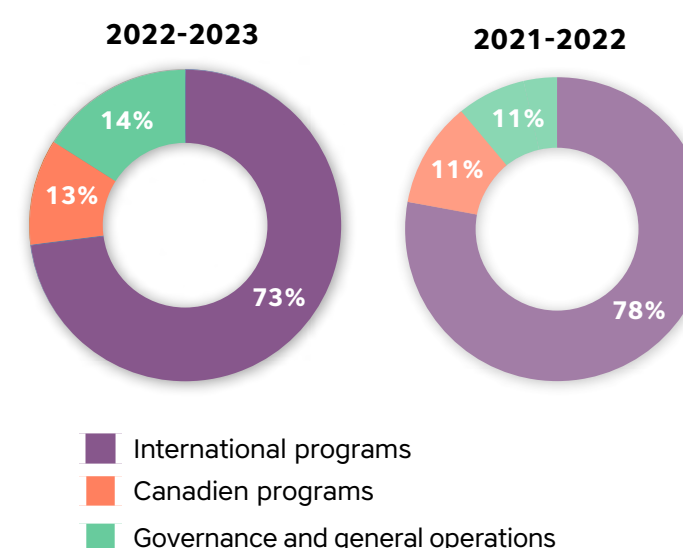
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses	2,679,102	- 1,252,195
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Balance sheet

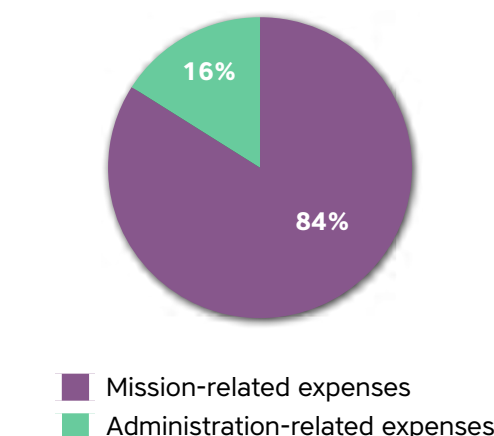
As at August 31, 2023

	2022-2023 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)
ASSETS		
Current assets	27,057,385	24,862,705
Long-term assets	11,469,144	11,028,956
	38,526,529	35,891,661
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	2,409,961	701,996
Long-term liabilities	6,918,550	8,766,779
	9,328,511	9,468,775
Net liabilities	29,198,018	26,422,886
TOTAL (liabilities and net assets)	38,526,529	35,891,661

Breakdown of expenses



Overview of expense allocations (2022-2023)



- Data reported here are from the audited financial statements for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 prepared by MNP.
- 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.
- Please note that we have revised the layout of our financial statements to improve clarity and transparency.

Charitable registration number: 1 1882 9902 RR0001



DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

“ The democratic process calls for pursuing the path of inclusive, peaceful, constructive, and respectful dialogue among all the components of civil society in every city and nation.”

— Pope Francis, address to diplomats, February 8, 2021

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Women’s voices for change in the DRC

In May 2023, we signed a partnership agreement with the Government of Canada for the Electoral Education and Inclusive Governance Program in the DRC (EEGIR). The six-year program will be implemented throughout the country in collaboration with the **National Episcopal Commission of Congo (CENCO)** through the Women’s Dynamics for Peace initiative of the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace (CEJP) and its 29 Women’s Dynamics nuclei at the diocesan level.

EEGIR aims for the greater inclusion of women and marginalized groups in the political life of the DRC through civic and electoral education campaigns; by reducing the educational, cultural and economic obstacles facing women; by mobilizing women in the 2023 and 2028 elections; and by monitoring inclusive governance. Among others, the program will reach 10 million women directly.

Indonesia

Young people at the service of sustainable development

Our partner **PAYOPAYO**¹ works in villages to promote community participation in natural resource management and environmental conservation. It encourages and supports villagers and small-scale farmers in organizing and developing sustainable livelihoods to reduce their dependence on external resources. Citizen participation is essential, as the population works with the village authorities in seeking funding from various levels of government.

PAYOPAYO also aims to achieve a shared learning system and restore the spirit of collective work among villagers. This means that everyone works together, identifying common problems, looking for solutions and working collectively to implement them.



10 million women will be reached



This year, PAYOPAYO launched a new “Learning Farms” or “Field Schools” project. By the end of the project in 2025, our partner expects that 250 young women and men will be able to act as community organizers and will have launched at least 20 collective actions for the sustainable development of their respective villages. This will entail the adoption of a new sustainable form of agriculture and/or alternative energy and the creation of at least 10 sustainable rural social enterprises belonging to these villages.

¹ The word *payopayo* means “scarecrow” in the Mandarin language. The figure of the scarecrow is a symbol of friendship with farming communities, as it protects the crops.



250 young people trained as community organizers

Canada

Conclusion of our People and Planet First campaign

On April 24, 2023, we marked the 10th anniversary of the Rana Plaza disaster, which had claimed the lives of over 1,000 fast-fashion industry workers in Bangladesh, by co-organizing a public event with many organizations with whom we campaign for strong corporate due diligence legislation in Canada.

The next day, our executive director joined a civil society delegation to Parliament Hill that met MPs and presented them a petition signed by over 43,000 Canadians. Over half of those (28,375, to be precise) had been collected by Development and Peace — Caritas Canada members during the **People and Planet First** campaign!

The petition called on the Government of Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation for Canadian companies operating abroad, which would prevent, address and remedy human rights violations and ecological damage along the supply chain. Such a law could prevent abuses and other disasters like Rana Plaza.





ÉCOLOGICAL JUSTICE

“Some effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible, at least for several hundred years. We are now unable to halt the enormous damage we have caused. We barely have time to prevent even more tragic damage.”

— Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, 15 and 16

Nigeria

Mobilizing communities to protect Mother Earth

Our partner **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** works on issues of climate justice, oil pollution and food sovereignty. This year, we supported the launch of *Healing Our Land: Challenging Extractivism and Land Grabbing*. This project seeks to protect and better defend the rights of farmers in the communities of Goi and Ibeno, in southern Nigeria, whose lands are threatened by the oil industry.

With the strengthening of the knowledge and capacities of communities in the target region, over 3,000 people will be able to report on and mobilize against the hidden impacts of extractive activities on their livelihoods. The project will amplify communities’ voices and put them in direct contact with policymakers.



50 community representatives involved in community-based environmental monitoring

By August 2023, HOMEF had met 50 representatives of the Eteo and Okoro-Utip communities to discuss the recent impacts of oil spills that have deprived communities of their farmlands and waterways. They also discussed implementing a community-based environmental pollution monitoring project, participatory community research and direct advocacy actions.



Paraguay

Agroecology in the fight against climate change

Our partner, the **Pastoral Social Diocesana de Coronel Oviedo (PSCO)**, has set up a project to promote and strengthen the agroecological and environmental system with peasant families in its diocese. The project promotes collaboration between different districts for the defence of public policy and targets some 3,000 people from 460 families across six districts in the region.

It also helps farming families improve their production practices with alternative systems like agroforestry, fish farming and organic agriculture. These new practices enable families to feed themselves with their produce, and to conserve their environment. This ensures food security, economic viability and community resilience in the face of climate change and land grabbing.



Women’s, youth and adult groups run courses and workshops on various subjects, including advocacy and gender issues, to ensure equal participation in the project, livestock production, post-harvest management and new farming techniques. Families develop fair trade projects and improve their incomes by organizing small food fairs and setting up businesses.



460 families involved in the project

Canada

From Colombia to Canada, we Stand for the Land



The star of our Share Lent campaign poster, Raquel Soto, an activist filmmaker working for our partner **Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA)** in Colombia, was with us from March 17 to 30, 2023. Being the first solidarity visitor in five years, Raquel was eagerly welcomed by members at several events between Montreal and

Moncton. Just 24 hours after landing, she addressed 300 people at a concert in aid of our organization at La Nativité Church in La Prairie, Quebec.

Raquel also showcased her creativity at the International Rendezvous seminar series at the Université de Montréal. At an event entitled *Documentary Creation as a Tool for the Defence of Life and Territory in Colombia*, she exhibited her intimate documentary, *To Return to Myself*. To conclude the Montreal leg of her tour, Raquel was one of the panelists at the event *Du Sud EAU Nord: Les communautés locales au cœur de la défense de la vie et du territoire*, organized as part of World Water Day.



Raquel’s activities in Quebec were funded by the *Ministère des Relations Internationales et de la Francophonie*.



JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

“The growing presence of women in social, economic and political life at local, national, and international levels is a beneficial process.”

— Pope Francis, June 9, 2017

Bolivia

Women and men together against gender-based violence

Our partner, the **Centro de educación y de promoción de la salud integral (CEPROSI)**, Center for Education and Promotion of Integral Health, plays a key role in the fight against gender-based violence (GBV). In the cities of La Paz and El Alto, immigrant women from rural areas find themselves with few opportunities for economic, technical, cultural, psychosocial and emotional development. They are therefore more likely to become victims of physical and sexual violence.

CEPROSI has set up the *Women and Men Fighting Together* project against GBV. As members of 24 *Sembrando Semillas* (Sowing Seeds) centres, 600 women raise awareness of and combat various forms of GBV. Concrete activities that strengthen women’s individual and collective capacities make them more economically, emotionally and relationally autonomous. Under a Department of Justice mandate from the Court of La Paz, the project works with men indicted for assault to transform their notions of domineering masculinity and promote alternative models; to raise their awareness; to educate them; to extricate them from circles of violence; and to turn them into agents of anti-GBV change.

Haiti

Women: indispensable allies in the fight against violence

In Haiti, almost a third of women have been victims of some form of gender-based violence (GBV). On the country’s southeastern coast, our partner **Fanm Deside**³, is tackling this issue head-on. Fanm Deside provides medical, psychosocial and legal assistance to women victims of GBV. They also train rural women in the detection and prevention of such violence, raise public awareness and promotes positive male roles for husbands and fathers to reduce domestic violence. A temporary shelter for women in crises is also available.



Because of her commitment, Sandra, a widowed single mother, was chosen as a community health worker for a new “instant glasses” campaign under the theme, “Women sowing life with a vision for the future.”

“CEPROSI’s activities helped me break out of my isolation and set up a family garden to improve my children’s diet. My daughters also have to help maintain the garden, so it’s a way of teaching them where their food comes from and the importance of working to achieve better living conditions.”

Several events have been organized over the past year to raise awareness and prevent GBV. Notably, on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Fanm Deside organized training activities with rural women in the Belle Anse region, where GBV is on the rise.

On Father’s Day, 40 men took part in an event that promoted positive male role models and aimed to encourage a greater paternal presence in children’s lives.



³ Fanm Deside means “determined women” in Creole.

Canada

The CWL: together for a fairer world



We are proud of our 50-year relationship with the **Catholic Women’s League of Canada (CWL)**. Social justice has long been one of our common pillars, alongside faith and support for impoverished communities.

As part of the long-standing and successful *1% Program*, CWL members are invited to set aside one per cent of their discretionary spending to donate to our organization. These funds are used for projects that improve the lives of women and children. Last year, \$29,485 was raised by over 70,000 women.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the CWL’s support has allowed 200 women to take part in a functional literacy program with Caritas Kilwa Kasenga. This enabled them to develop income-generating activities in the fields of agroforestry, pastry-making and others.

CWL contributions also support a project that has restored 200 hectares of forest land to communities in the Sahel region, by reclaiming arid agricultural and pastoral land in Niger, securing dunes in northern Mali and rehabilitating and reforesting village forests in Burkina Faso. This has made a major contribution to improving the food and financial security of women market gardeners and their families while strengthening environmental resilience.

We are very grateful for the CWL’s commitment and continued support!

THE 1% PROGRAM



PEACE AND RÉCONCILIATION

“Setting out on a journey of peace is a challenge made all the more complex because the interests at stake in relationships between people, communities and nations, are numerous and conflicting. We must first appeal to people’s moral conscience and to personal and political will. Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities.”

— Pope Francis, January 1, 2020

Cambodia

Recognition of ancestral lands as a symbol of peace

Cambodia’s estimated 400,000 Indigenous people represent 2 to 3 per cent of the population. Recognition of Indigenous peoples, their rights and their land is a long and arduous process. The mechanism for obtaining indigenous communal land titling (ICLT) is extremely complex, involving 29 different steps with three different ministries. Our partner **Indigenous Community Support Organization (ICSO)** has set up the Indigenous Land Rights Project to support 12,906 Indigenous people, including 6,529 women, from 22 target communities. ICSO uses the ICLT process to mobilize the community. This is how people learn to work and find solutions together, because each of the 29 steps represents a small victory, and obtaining land titles is a big reward.

In 2023, one community in Pa Tang obtained ICLTs equivalent to 623.91 hectares of land. These include residential, agricultural, spiritual and funeral forest lands. These lands are secured through the ICLT registration procedure and benefit 87 households, or 396 people, including 194 women, from the Charai indigenous group, guaranteeing the further development of the community’s socio-economic and cultural rights.



396 Charai people to benefit from 623 hectares of ancestral land

Middle East

Youth mobilized for peacebuilding

In Yemen, Syria and Lebanon, our partners support local mechanisms for conflict prevention and peacebuilding, advocate for the rule of law and against impunity, and promote democratic and civic participation.

This year, engaging some 300 young activists in the Middle East, over half of whom were women, we supported more than 35 training and organizational coaching programs for their associations, as well as ten national conferences and eight local and national advocacy campaigns. In Beirut, five advanced-level participants of our programs also received academic and action-research training. These young people will become influential peacebuilders in their country and the region.

Our partners worked hard to highlight the role of young women peacemakers and community leaders. Women actively contributed to local dialogue for peace and discussed issues such as security and social justice with authorities, militiamen and religious leaders in their municipalities.

Young people were also involved in activities focussed on disarmament in Yemen; on intercommunity dialogue and inclusive citizenship in Syria; and on combatting corruption among elected officials and disabled people’s rights in Lebanon.



300 young people participated in over 35 training programs.

Canada

Praying for peace in Sudan

In April 2023, conflict broke out in Sudan, leaving around 850 people dead and 1.4 million displaced. In response to Pope Francis’s appeal, we organized a virtual rosary for peace. Over 170 people across the country joined us in a message of unity and solidarity.

During the virtual rosary, our humanitarian aid project manager for the region gave an explanation and overview of the situation as reported by our partners. She also mapped the loss of human life and population displacement and summarized the effects of destabilization on agriculture, healthcare and humanitarian aid.

The rosary was recorded and sent to our Sudanese partners as a sign of Canadian solidarity. Volunteers recited five decades of the rosary in French, English, Arabic and Spanish. For each decade, a prayer intention was formulated in line with the concerns of the Sudanese population affected by the conflict.



HUMANITARIAN AID

International solidarity in response to emergencies

Pakistan

The year 2022 was synonymous with disaster for Pakistan. Between June and August, torrential rains and flooding caused an unprecedented national disaster. At the height of the floods, a third of the country was under water, 33 million people were directly affected and almost 8 million were displaced.

We answered the call of our partner **Caritas Pakistan**, and thanks to the generosity of our members, the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, we contributed \$221,902 to their major reconstruction project.

This amount supported the needs of 9,828 households by providing food, water, hygiene and sanitation services and housing assistance. In addition, 3,727 people from these households received medical and psychological support in eight medical camps, and 3,745 children were able to continue their education in temporary learning centres.

Syria and Türkiye

In February 2023, two earthquakes struck southeast Türkiye and northwest Syria, killing around 47,000 people and leaving a million homeless. In response to this emergency, we quickly launched an appeal for solidarity. The generosity of our donors enabled us to raise \$1 million.

In **Türkiye**, we have been supporting the efforts of displaced people and tenants awaiting rehousing since March 2023. They are organizing to gain access to social housing cooperatives and to take part in housing and reconstruction solutions that are up to standard, sustainable and environmentally friendly.



2,694 households supported



9,828 households supported



3,745 children received educational support



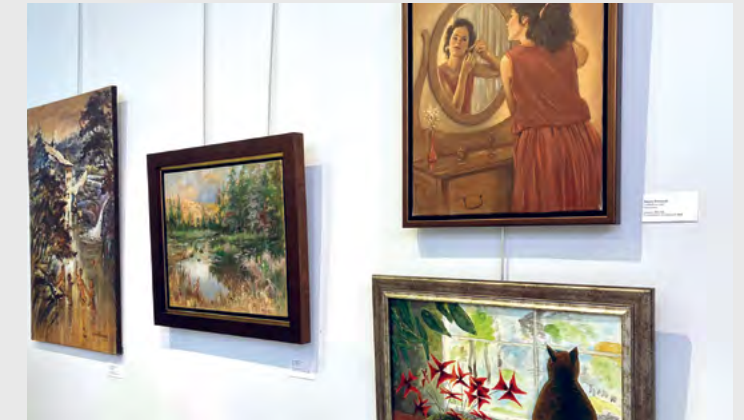
In Syria since April 2023, we have been contributing to a large-scale **Caritas Syria** project supported by various Caritas Internationalis agencies. It aims to provide long-term support for 2,695 earthquake-affected households, comprising around 11,375 people. The project consolidates housing, provides health and education services and disburses small multi-purpose funds to help survivors meet their basic needs and live in dignity.



\$1 million raised

Canada

“Faire œuvre belle”:
a show of solidarity by painters



In the summer of 2023, the La Mosaïque exhibition space at the La Pocatière library in Quebec hosted a cultural solidarity event in aid of the victims of the earthquakes that struck Türkiye and Syria in February 2023.

The La Clarté-Dieu gallery collective and our team from the diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière organized the “Faire œuvre belle” exhibition, featuring paintings donated by artists whose works open windows on the world to help us glimpse the future and nurture hope.

The exhibition, presided over by Bishop Pierre Goudreault of the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, raised \$3,000 to help Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partners meet the needs of our sisters and brothers in Türkiye and Syria.



Local Development and Peace — Caritas Canada council member Annette Dubé with president, Catherine Beaudoin, and priest-artist Roger Chabot, animator of La Clarté-Dieu.

“Artists speak loudly to the heart of humanity. They offer this possibility of touching individual and collective sensibilities, of arousing dreams and hopes.”

— Roger Chabot, priest-artist and animator of La Clarté-Dieu.



PHILANTHROPIC DEVELOPMENT



\$1,622,450
in monthly
donations from
4,801 donors



37
bequests worth
\$2,016,761



\$9,915,453
in the *Solidarity Fund*
thanks to a new donation
of **\$200,000**



Thank you
to all our donors,
who are the
cornerstone
of our efforts!

Donations in action!

Over the past year, we received \$51,769 in gifts of securities. This strategic choice by donors enables them to mitigate the tax impact of investments like stocks, bonds, term investments and mutual funds that have appreciated since their acquisition.

Whether from an individual or a management company, a gift of securities allows donors to contribute more while preserving liquidity. In addition to gaining full exemption from capital gains tax, donors get a receipt for their income taxes. This tax advantage is an excellent way for people to increase the impact of their support for the mission of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Thanks to our securities donors for their generosity!

For more information, visit devp.org/securities.

Meeting major challenges with the *Solidarity Fund*

Our *Solidarity Fund* is the ideal means of providing long-term support to the causes we champion.

Donations to it are invested in perpetuity in accordance with the social teachings of the Catholic Church. A portion of the interest generated by these investments is used for the organization's mission and enables us to better plan our many overseas programs. These investments are overseen by our Finance Committee. The *Solidarity Fund* currently holds \$9,915,453.

By contributing to it, donors enable us to take on major long-term challenges that promote alternatives to unjust social, political, economic, and environmental structures, while benefiting from a tax advantage.

Share Year-Round program: together for a common goal

We welcome the 177 people who became **Share Year-Round** monthly donors during Share Lent 2023. Benefiting from a matching fund set up by generous donors and religious communities, their annual contribution of \$71,000 has been doubled to \$142,000.

We would also like to thank the 4,801 **Share Year-Round** monthly donors who contributed \$1,622,450 this year. Their commitment inspires us and gives us wings. Together, we fight for global social justice, unite our voices for peace and work for the dignity of every individual in solidarity with our partners.

Share Year-Round donors make a significant difference throughout the year. Their support not only drives our mission, it encourages us to continue our efforts to make the world a better place. They provide financial stability to our support for partners working in communities and strengthen our ability to respond rapidly to emergency relief.

Share Year-Round donors become lifetime members of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. They can take part in awareness-raising activities and vote at our assemblies.

To find out more, visit devp.org/shareyearround.



Our online and international reach

This year, we asserted our presence in the traditional media and on the web, where we made significant gains in visibility. Whether on social networks, thanks to the original content we published, or in the print media, thanks to interviews and position statements on current events, we did not go unnoticed.

We appeared in the media to talk about our organization's trajectory and to contribute to various topics. Various Canadian and American media outlets called our executive director or programs officers on 11 occasions to talk about issues ranging from Canada's international humanitarian aid budget to the consequences of Meta's news blackout.



Around the world

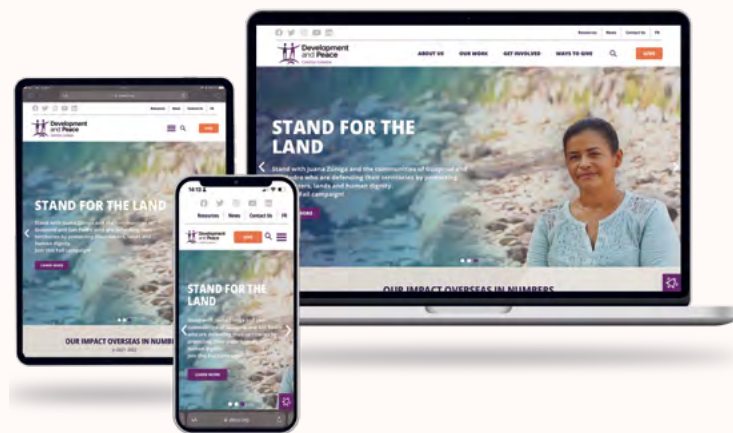
Internationally, we took part in major events such as **World Youth Day** in Lisbon and the **Caritas Internationalis General Assembly** in Rome. One of our interns, Yusra Shafi, also represented us on a KAIROS Canada youth delegation to **COP27** in Egypt.



On the Web

Our website remains an excellent showcase for our work in Canada and around the world. In all, **58 articles and 35 press releases** were published, and our **webpages were viewed 374,000 times** during the year.

Contact with the community is important to us, as evidenced by the 19 newsletters and special communications sent out to our list of **32,395 people**.



Our social media

Socia media in ENGLISH

Our followers' engagement rates have risen on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter). Our handles are @DevPeace in English and @DevPaix in French.

<p>250 publications 8,005 subscribers 47,818 impressions</p>		<p>+ 42,9% engagement rate</p>
<p>171 publications and 78 stories 1,206 subscribers 4,068 impressions</p>		<p>+ 5,9% engagement rate</p>
<p>3,609 subscribers</p>		<p>+ 3,6% engagement rate</p>
<p>110 publications 2,953 subscribers 2,189 page views</p>		
<p>1,250 subscribers 52,400 views 308,235 impressions</p>		

@DevPeace

Social media in FRENCH

<p>245 publications 9,061 subscribers 47,884 impressions</p>		<p>+ 56,8% engagement rate</p>
<p>167 publications and 59 stories 694 publications 1,974 impressions</p>		<p>+ 7,8% engagement rate</p>
<p>1,917 subscribers</p>		<p>+ 4,7% engagement rate</p>
<p>110 publications 2,953 publications 2,189 page views</p>		
<p>3,350 publications 20,200 views 139,404 impressions</p>		

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