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**WORLD DEVELOPMENT  
& RELIEF**

# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

ANNUAL REPORT **2022/23**



A woman wearing a blue jacket, purple pants, and a headwrap is operating a manual water pump. She is pulling a long metal handle. Water is flowing from a pipe into a concrete basin. The background shows a rural landscape with trees and a fence.

OVER **400,000,**  
PEOPLE IMPACTED



**Rev Paul Maxwell**  
WDR Convener

# **“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS” WE, THE CHURCH, MUST WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR INDIGENOUS PARTNERS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY PERSON’S GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL IS FULFILLED.**

Thank you for your generous support over the past year. Because of you, people have been helped in their struggles with ongoing poverty, war, Covid and natural disasters. In the Methodist Church in Ireland, we are committed to living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world.

In this report, you will read stories of how your partners are transforming their communities through innovative and expert work. Stories of children receiving an education in Lebanon, farmers learning new ways to manage scarce water in response to climate change in Zimbabwe, women claiming

their rights in Nepal and many more. And these stories are shared through good friends like Joseph, Stephen, Bina and others.

In the Book of Esther, we learn of a woman who helped her fellow man and woman who were under threat. She first recognised her own privilege, made a conscious decision and then acted. This year, we are asking you to do similar. I would encourage you, if you have not already done so, to move from the giving of a one-off donation to the setting up of a regular gift through a standing order. The need has, perhaps, never been greater. Are you willing to walk in solidarity “for such a time as this”?

**Left:**  
Your support has seen rural Zimbabwean communities access clean water.

# HEAR FROM YOUR PARTNERS

WDR is built upon relational partnerships. Increased supporter giving has enabled us to increase the budgeted annual grants to partners, plus award additional sums for capacity building. Pages 5- 12 offer information about their work.



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PARTNERS

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COUNTRIES

## DABANE TRUST WATER WORKSHOPS

Zimbabwe



**CONTACT:**  
Stephen Hussey

**Focus:** Water and food security  
**Grant:** £30,000 (€35,400)  
**Capacity building:** £10,000 (€11,800)

Dabane is dedicated to establishing water and food secure communities within arid and semi-arid areas. Families in the Gwanda District (south-west Zimbabwe) now have clean water near their homes. Khululiwe Sibanda (left) has been able to establish a tree nursery near her home. She is now able to sell trees to generate income and support her family.

## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Global

IJM Philippines seeks to increase victim rescues, perpetrator accountability and justice system strengthening, especially in the post-COVID environment where demand for online sexual exploitation of children has skyrocketed. The team help vulnerable children escape exploitation. After five years of abuse, Cassie\* was rescued thanks to IJM working with local authorities and U.S. Homeland Security.

\*Pseudonym



**Focus:** Protecting people in poverty from violence

**Grant:** £8,000 supporting work in the Philippines

**CONTACT:**  
Hannah Elliott



## KOPILA-NEPAL

Nepal



**CONTACT:**  
Bina Silwal



**Focus:** Psychosocial support and economic empowerment

**Grant:** £30,000 (€35,400)

**Capacity building:** £10,000 (€11,800)

*"I'm Chalbi, a 55-year-old single, uneducated woman. Single women are looked down upon. Two years ago, Kopila encouraged me to join a self-help group of women who were single, widowed or with a disability. I got training in vegetable farming, cattle rearing and human rights. The community that once humiliated me, now asks me to solve community problems and I am financially independent. Now, I am proud."*

## WENCHI METHODIST HOSPITAL

Ghana

WDR is now in its fourth year of supporting Dr. Emmanuel Agyeman's training as an orthopaedic surgeon. Emmanuel will soon return from Uganda in order to work in Wenchi. This dovetails with WDR's contribution to two orthopaedic operating theatres in previous years. Before this, local people suffering bone breaks often died or were left with deformities if not treated quickly and appropriately. The next large hospital is far on a poor road.

**Focus:**  
Healthcare

**Grant:**  
£7,500  
(€8,850)



**CONTACT:**  
Alex Kwaku Kyei



## FATHER ANDEWEG INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (FAID)

Lebanon



**CONTACT:**  
Gladys Shawish

**Focus:** Life skills, education & rights  
**Grant:** £20,000 (€23,600)  
**Capacity building:** £2,000 (€2,350)

As well as the school in Beirut, FAID run an outreach programme, offering hearing tests and support for the deaf community. Clara, a Lebanese child with a hearing-impairment, visited the programme with her parents. It was invaluable as, for the first-time, Clara's parents were taught how to support their daughter. They have since attended FAID's parent-awareness programme.

## PHAKAMISA

South Africa

**Focus:** Education & economic empowerment  
**Grant:** £20,000 (€23,600)  
**Capacity building:** £4,500 (€5,300)  
**Emergency:** £2,500 (€3,000)

*"I thank Phakamisa for not giving up on me and for allowing me the opportunity to learn and become a teacher... thank you for challenging us to become better people in our community, thank you Phakamisa!"*

These were the words of Bongwiwe Mdunge as she graduated, having completed Phakamisa's accredited Edu-care course. Bongwiwe is now employed part-time at a local school and has helped a friend enrol for the course too.



**CONTACT:**  
Zethu Kuzwayo



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CONTACT:  
Angie Pape**



**MDRS  
CONTACTS:  
Enoch Osafu  
and Joseph Donkoh**



# OPEN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE

## Africa

**Focus:**

Literacy and Numeracy

**Grant:**

£20,000 (€23,600)

**Capacity building:**

£13,500 (€15,900)

# METHODIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF SERVICES

## Ghana

**Focus:**

Water, food security,  
livelihoods and education

**Grant:**

£20,000 (€23,600)

**Capacity building:**

£1,500 (€1,800)

A dream for WDR is that partners might communicate with each other for moral support, learning and even working together. This partner-to-partner approach has happened quite naturally between Open Schools Worldwide (OSWW), based at the southern tip of Africa in South Africa, and Methodist Development and Relief Services (MDRS) way up in West Africa. Having heard of OSWW's literacy and numeracy programme through a WDR Zoom meeting, MDRS made contact with OSWW through WDR. Gladys Donkoh (pictured with Angie and Joseph), a recently retired teacher, has now been trained as OSWW's representative in Ghana. MDRS is providing local knowledge and some funding and WDR is also providing funding to OSWW for this new work in Ghana.

Over three years, 50 local volunteer teachers will be trained to deliver OSWW's literacy, numeracy and life skills programme. This helps children return to and complete their primary schooling. Volunteers are also educated in the social and psychological difficulties that young people may need to overcome in order to achieve educational goals. 500 children will be taught across four locations. Just 80% of children are enrolled in primary schools in Ghana. This leaves 1 million children between the ages of six and fourteen recorded as 'out of school'. Instead of the long-term benefits of education, children may seek work which is often underpaid or under abusive labour conditions. This 'choice' can be due to poverty, lack of parental control or care or a lack of value in education.

This OSWW-MDRS-WDR initiative is tied together nicely in the person of Joseph Donkoh, one of WDR's main contacts at MDRS, who just happens to be Gladys' husband. This all goes to show that WDR's belief in relational partnership is well-founded.



## EAST JERUSALEM YMCA

Palestine



**CONTACT:**  
Rami Khader

**Focus:** Psychological and physical disability  
**Grant:** £20,000 (€23,600)  
**Capacity building:** £11,400 (€13,452)

Knowing our rights can protect us, especially when we face abuse, discrimination or isolation. Sandy (pictured at podium) and Rami both contributed to a conference around a recent study entitled, “The experience of women with disabilities in accessing social services in Hebron Governorate”. This is just one example of WDR partner’s commitment to advocacy with one of the most marginalised of groups; those with disability.

In April 2022, deadly floods hit KwaZulu Natal. At least 435 people were killed. The floods particularly hit those in shack settlements and rural areas. Some people were rescued as the rivers burst their banks but many lives were lost, including at least two babies. Several thousand homes were destroyed; part of the \$1.57 billion damage to property. Critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication and electrical systems, were also impacted by the flooding

and this greatly hampered relief efforts. It was one of the worst natural disasters in South Africa of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the deadliest storm since 1987.

This is another example of how climate change is impacting the world’s most vulnerable. CLP provided clothes and food and took part in a prayer vigil at Enkanini settlement. After the waters subsided, they returned to address land and housing with more urgency.

## CHURCH LAND PROGRAMME

South Africa

**Focus:**  
Land and housing rights  
**Grant:**  
£30,000 (€35,400)  
**Capacity building:**  
£6,250 (€7,400)  
**Emergency:**  
£4,000 (€4,700)



**CLP CONTACT:**  
David Ntseng

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GovernmentZA

# SISTER AGENCIES

WDR works closely with two sister agencies, **All We Can** and **Christian Aid Ireland**, to co-fund partners.



With  
**ALL WE CAN**

**Undesignated:** £10,000 (€11,800)

**Co-funding:** MeDRA, Zimbabwe

**Focus:** Food security

**Focus:** £20,000 (€23,600)

Wife and mum of three, Shenitha (pictured), needed extra income to pay school fees and buy school books for her children. She set up a savings club in her village. MeDRA provided Shenitha with training on how to run a successful savings club. Shenitha says, *“The group was the helping hand I needed. If people are united, they can achieve a lot. A community can achieve what an individual could not.”*



With  
**CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND**

**Undesignated:** £40,000 (€47,200)

**Co-funding:** Corambiente, Colombia

**Focus:** Food security

**Focus:** £20,000 (€23,600)

Corambiente recognise the vital role women play in agriculture in the rural Colombian communities where they work. They provide practical training programmes to improve food security and create opportunities for socioeconomic empowerment. The women pictured took their produce to the local farmers market to promote their agroecological foods at fair prices.

# A YEAR OF EMERGENCIES



## 100% OF EMERGENCY DONATIONS GO TO PARTNERS ACTIVE ON THE GROUND

The 12 months prior to the writing of this report have seen great physical suffering for millions of people. The United Nations estimate that more than 274 million people worldwide currently require aid. WDR primarily invests in long-term development programmes but does respond to emergencies and holds emergency appeals when appropriate. The following have been supported:

### **Earthquake in Haiti:**

£40,425 (€47,700)

→ Methodist Church Haiti

### **Covid:**

£12,500 (€14,750)

→ Tahan Methodist Hospital, Myanmar and MeDRA, Zimbabwe

### **Tsunami in the Pacific:**

£3,500 (€4,150)

→ Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

### **Flooding in South Africa:**

£10,500 (€12,400)

→ Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Phakamisa and Church Land Programme

In March 2022, a WDR Emergency Appeal was launched for the crisis within **Ukraine** and subsequent refugee situation in neighbouring countries.

Over £313,000 (€369,300) was raised. These funds supported

the United Methodist Churches in the region that were responding through the provision of shelter, clothing, food, medical care and advice and support in building a new life, if only temporary. Transport of vital goods into Ukraine and refugees out of the country were also funded. WDR partner, International Justice Mission was supported in its anti-trafficking initiatives amongst vulnerable refugee women and children.

WDR encourages donors not to support an emergency appeal at the expense of their support for WDR partners' long-term work. Rather, we hope you can do both. This additional giving during emergencies is vital for people's survival. Thank you.



A close-up photograph of a young boy with dark hair and eyes, wearing a light blue hoodie. He is smiling and giving two thumbs up. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of a bright, indoor environment.

**WE'RE  
DOING  
NEW  
THINGS...**

World Development & Relief has been encouraged to see an increase in supporter giving in recent years. This means that WDR and partners can grow their work and impact.

## INCREASED GIVING

Increased giving has allowed WDR to help our partners connect with and learn from each other.

Open Schools Worldwide and MDRS are working together to bring education to at-risk children in Ghana (see page 9).

Rami at East Jerusalem YMCA and Gladys at Father Andeweg Insitute for the Deaf are having conversations about vocational training. EJ-YMCA have a well-developed vocational training programme, something that FAID would like to develop in their context.



**“AS WHOLEHEARTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, LET US SHARE GOD’S LAVISH LOVE AND GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OUR WORLD DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF PARTNERS. MONTHLY GIVING ALLOWS WDR TO BUDGET AND PLAN WITH PARTNERS AND ENSURES WE CAN CONTINUE TO WALK ALONGSIDE THEM, EVEN IN THE MOST CHALLENGING OF TIMES.”**

Rev David Nixon,  
*President of the Methodist Church in Ireland*

## BUILDING CAPACITY

For the first time, WDR has been able to allocate capacity building grants to help partners become stronger and more effective. Such grants are supporting learning between partners, partner staff training, key salaried positions, systems audits and accreditation of courses being delivered.

## STAFF CHANGES

It has been possible to make modest increases to the working hours of staff members Tim Dunwoody and Laura Kerr. This will allow WDR to monitor its growing work, further develop its communications and help the Methodist Church in Ireland strengthen its engagement in meaningful advocacy work.



Currently around

**170  
PEOPLE**

give a monthly gift to WDR.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

97%

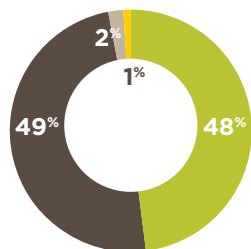
OF INCOME  
DIRECTLY SUPPORTS  
PARTNERS' WORK.



**Income for 2021 was £439,00 (€518,000).**

The Ukrainian Appeal raised a further £313,000 (€369,300) in early 2022.

Legacy funds were also available.



## EXPENDITURE

**Long-term development:**

£368,700 (€435,100)

**Emergencies:**

£379,925 (€448,300)

**Fundraising and education:**

£20,000 (€23,600)

**Governance:**

£5,000 (€5,900)

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

**Leaving a gift to WDR in your will enables our partners to continue the fight against poverty and injustice and changes people's lives.** For more information, contact the office.

### REMEMBER

Claiming Gift Aid (UK) or reclaiming tax (ROI) on any donation boosts your giving by up to 25% with no extra cost to yourself.



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# HOW TO GIVE (UK)

## MONTHLY DONATION: **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

|                    |  |                                  |                          |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| To:                | * Your bank name:                                      | Branch Address:                  | * Your bank address:     |
| Please pay:        | Bank: AIB Bank   | Branch: University Road, Belfast | SC: 93-80-92             |
| For the credit of: | Beneficiary: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund |                                  | Acc no: 51930030         |
| The sum of:        | * Amount in figures                                    | * Amount in words                |                          |
| Commencing:        | *  | Frequency: Monthly               | Date of final payment: * |
| Church:            |  |                                  |                          |

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Name of account to be debited: \*  Acc no: \*

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I want to gift aid my donation of £  and any donations I have made in the past four years.

**Name of Charity: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund (of the Methodist Church in Ireland)**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature(s):  Date:

 **WHEN COMPLETED, RETURN TO:** World Development & Relief, Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast, BT9 5BY. For Standing orders, a copy will be kept and the original forwarded to your bank.  
**Queries:** +4428 90767969 or worlddevelopment@irishmethodist.org

### **BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:**

Swift/BIC: FTBKGB2B  
IBAN: GB71 FTBK 9380 9251 9300 30  
Charity No: 108435

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## MONTHLY DONATION: **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

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marked \*

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| To:                | * Your bank name:                                      | Branch<br>Address:                | * Your bank address:     |
| Please pay:        | Bank: AIB Bank   | IBAN: IE98 AIBK 9300 0802 5360 19 | SC: 93-00-08             |
| For the credit of: | Beneficiary: Methodist World Development & Relief Fund |                                   | Acc no: 02536019         |
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| Commencing:        | *  | Frequency: Monthly                | Date of final payment: * |
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Please tick this box if you would like to receive our bimonthly newsletter via email.      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you pay income tax in the Republic of Ireland and donate more than €250 in a tax year to the Methodist Church in Ireland and its departments, then the Methodist Church in Ireland (Methodist World Development & Relief Fund) could claim tax relief on your donation and boost the value of your gift without it costing you a cent.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Loving Creator,

We thank you for life's journey,  
For all we get to experience, to enjoy,  
For every occasion for learning, which is every occasion.  
We thank you that we get to share the journey with friends, loved ones,  
perceived enemies and strangers.  
We thank you for your call, your invitation,  
To reach out a loving hand to those in need,  
To journey alongside and to find, in your grace,  
That it is more blessed to give than receive,  
And to see in our giving, our own poverty,  
And to receive in turn, the gifts of others.

We thank you Loving Redeemer,  
For our World Development partners who so clearly display  
Your grace and power,  
Whose work humbles and challenges us,  
Whose goodness reminds us that You are building your Kingdom.

Loving Sustainer, may you always find in us,  
A Church willing to serve, to give, to bless,  
As we have been blessed,  
And may the Life you bestow upon the poorest of the world,  
Rest too upon us.

Amen.

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