



IRISH METHODIST
WORLD DEVELOPMENT
& RELIEF

2023/24



WHY

WORLD
DEVELOPMENT
& RELIEF





Photo:
Children at FAID,
Lebanon, enjoy
community and fun
as well as receiving
an education and
developing life skills.

Front cover:
Since joining Kopila-
Nepal's self-help group,
Chalbi's life has changed
for the better. Now, she
can support her family,
has grown in confidence
and is able to help others.

**“Thank you for helping us,
for believing in us.”**

We are thankful for having you with us.”

Gladys Shawish, *Director of Father Andeweg Institute for the Deaf (FAID), Lebanon*

Gladys’ words summarise what World Development & Relief (WDR) is all about – standing alongside local people, whose communities are suffering great poverty, and helping them to stand on their own two feet and improve their circumstances.

Many thanks for how you already support the vital work of Irish Methodist World Development & Relief. This year we thought it may be helpful to explain the bigger picture of the WHAT, WHY and HOW of WDR.

What are some fundamental facts regarding WDR?

- ✓ We respond to material poverty because God calls us to do so
- ✓ We bring supporters, partners and beneficiaries together to tackle global poverty

- ✓ We have over 50 years of experience
- ✓ We work through relational partnerships with indigenous organisations
- ✓ We are relatively small but hugely effective
- ✓ We are motivated by a heart for people, not projects

Our annual church service and this booklet are designed to help you, as a valued supporter, better understand the heart and mission of World Development & Relief. We hope it will inspire you to continue to walk with us, as, together, we pursue our mission and God’s heart for His people.

We encourage you to **choose WDR as your charity** and support the vital work through regular giving. WDR staff are happy to answer any queries.



Rev Paul Maxwell
WDR Convener



Tim Dunwoody
Team Leader



Laura Kerr
Communications and Fundraising

WHY DOES WDR EXIST

THIS IS A GOOD QUESTION TO WHICH THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE ANSWERS.

 **Photo:** People, just like us, earn a living by scavenging on Mooiplaas rubbish dump in South Africa. No one should have to live in this way.





1

THERE IS HUGE NEED IN THE WORLD

Statistics can provide a helpful overview. 42% of those in sub-Saharan Africa live below the poverty line. Globally, 734 million live in extreme poverty, including 1 in 5 children. 2.2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water. Nearly 1 billion people currently go hungry every day, and billions cannot eat healthily or nutritiously. Millions are discriminated against because of their gender, age, disability, or economic status. The world is not equal.

2

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE ARE CALLED TO ACT

Many of us believe that we should be building a better world for everyone. Methodists, specifically, have a heritage of gritty social action including opposing slavery, establishing trade unions to protect workers' rights, and providing healthcare and schooling for the materially poor. Methodists believe in the balance of personal and social holiness; summed up in **Jesus saying, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"** Christians have a clear directive to help people free themselves from poverty.

3

WE CAN HAVE AN IMPACT

Statistics can also be overwhelming. Problems can seem too big to solve. This isn't true. When you come together with thousands of other WDR supporters, lives are changed. WDR's partners are effective. When you do this, children receive an education, farmers increase their harvests, villages are reached by water pipes and the sick receive healthcare. WDR works.

CAN YOU PLAY A PART

“ YOU CAN BE, NOT JUST THE HOPE, BUT THE ACTUAL CHANGE. ”

WDR partners, such as Kopila-Nepal, serve the most marginalised. 25% of Nepalis live in extreme poverty but there is a particular bias against women and children, engrained within society. Kopila Executive Director, Bina Silwal, puts it simply, saying that in Nepali culture, “*Women are second-class citizens*”. This gender-based discrimination is compounded by caste-based discrimination. The

caste system categorises people by their birth or occupation. Kopila, a WDR partner for almost 20 years, work with single mothers and widows from the lower caste and Dalit communities who are being crippled economically, socially and politically.



Just 45% of women are literate compared to 72% of men, with girls commonly dropping out of school due to the burden of household chores. 36% of women and girls have never attended school with 41% being married before their 18th birthday. 1 in 4 women have



25%

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based violence, advocate at a government level and help the local healthcare system provide for those with mental health issues. In schools, children write and perform dramas to educate adults in the villages; dramas deploring social evils such as alcoholism and violence. Slowly but surely, Kopila is tackling these societal blocks put in the way of women and girls.

As one member of Kopila's Bhagawatituri women's group (pictured) shared, "*Our hope is for a society without violence where all people are equal. Where all women can live happy and safe lives*".

There is huge global need. **By choosing WDR as your charity**, you can be part of stories of transformation through all our partners. Together, we can see more marginalised people lift themselves out of poverty across the globe.

experienced gender-based violence and two thirds of them have not sought help. Human trafficking into India is also a massive problem. Where is the hope?

You can be, not just the hope, but the actual change by standing with and

supporting Kopila. Their main activities focus upon women's Self-Help Groups in rural areas which provide peer support, training, economic empowerment and a growing confidence in themselves. Kopila also run four Safe Homes for victims of domestic and gender-

WHAT DOES WDR SUPPORT



1

LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Development is any activity that builds long-term sustainable change.
Development is WDR's priority.

Photo:

Climate change is making farming and water management difficult for rural Hondurans. CASM (Mennonite Social Action Commission), helps families improve their community and household water systems and develop sustainable livelihoods. This includes improving the soil with microorganisms (pictured). Mark Perez, a beneficiary says, *"I have acquired more knowledge about the behaviour of the climate in our region. Not only my family will benefit, but the community in general."*





2

SERVICE PROVISION

A 'service' is a community need e.g. electricity, healthcare, education. Some WDR partners provide services where the state cannot fully deliver.

Photo: Wenchi Methodist Hospital, Ghana, offers healthcare to over 180,000 people and is continually expanding their range of expertise.

3

CAPACITY BUILDING

Building the capacity of an organisation makes it stronger, more sustainable and effective. WDR sometimes gives capacity building grants to partners, e.g. staff training, recruitment in key areas and strategic reviews.

4

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Disasters require immediate emergency relief that keeps people alive. It is not a long-term plan. WDR is able to respond to some emergencies, either directly or in collaboration with other agencies.

Photo: After the Turkish/Syrian earthquake (pictured), survivors needed water, food, clothing, shelter and medical care. Disasters include earthquakes, tsunamis, conflict and epidemics.

Photo credit: Karam Al-Masri/DEC





HOW DOES WDR CHOOSE ITS PARTNERS



**THIS IS THE MOST
COMMON QUESTION
WE GET ASKED.**

8 years ago, the WDR committee acknowledged that deeply engrained problems required long-term solutions, not short-term interventions. That means staying with the same partners for an extended period. With many years' experience with diverse organisations, WDR was able to select the exceptional ones as long-term partners in a variety of locations and covering a variety of themes. WDR and its supporters cannot solve every problem in the world, but we can have a significant localised impact if we focus in this way.

Photo:

Partners are not only people of great ability and experience, but people of great compassion and sense of responsibility. Angie Pape (Open Schools Worldwide, Africa) is passionate about children and education.

Our criteria for partners are:

- ✓ Shared values
- ✓ Exemplary leadership exhibiting integrity, vision and commitment
- ✓ Expertise and a track record of effectiveness
- ✓ Commitment to relational partnership
- ✓ Indigenous

Having these enduring relationships, gives you, the supporter, a chance to get to know the people you support and understand their stories and those of their communities.

The limiting factor on the number of WDR partners and the amount of work we can support, is WDR income.

WDR also co-funds two partners via sister development agencies, Christian Aid Ireland and All We Can. Working with others gives us the opportunity to impact more people in more places.

MEET YOUR PARTNERS

WE CURRENTLY WORK
WITH 13 INDIGENOUS
PARTNERS IN 10
COUNTRIES. THEY
COVER A RANGE OF
THEMES.

DABANE TRUST WATER WORKSHOPS

Zimbabwe

Focus: Water and
sanitation, food security
2023-24 Grant: £30,000

KING GEORGE VI CENTRE

Zimbabwe

Focus: Rehabilitation and
life skills for students with
disabilities
2023-24 Grant: £10,000

13
PARTNERS
10
COUNTRIES



PHAKAMISA

South Africa

Focus: Education and economic empowerment
2023-24 Grant: £20,000

CHURCH LAND PROGRAMME

South Africa

Focus: Land and housing rights
2023-24 Grant: £30,000
Capacity building: £6,250

WENCHI METHODIST HOSPITAL

Ghana

Focus: Healthcare

METHODIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF SERVICES

Ghana

Focus: Food security, water access and education
2023-24 Grant: £20,000

OPEN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE

Zambia & Ghana

Focus: Literacy and numeracy
2023-24 Grant: £20,000
Capacity building: £13,500

EAST JERUSALEM YMCA REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Palestine

Focus: Vocational training, counselling and advocacy
2023-24 Grant: £20,000
Capacity building: £11,400

FATHER ANDEWEG INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

Lebanon

Focus: Education, rights and life skills
2023-24 Grant: £20,000
Capacity building: £2,000

KOPILA-NEPAL

Nepal

Focus: Women's rights, mental health support and empowerment
2023-24 Grant: £30,000
Capacity building: £10,000

DANCHURCHAI (with All We Can)

Bangladesh

Focus: Long-term development with Rohingya refugees
2023-24 Grant: £10,000

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Philippines

Focus: Fighting online sexual exploitation of children
2023-24 Grant: £8,000

MENNONITE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION (with Christian Aid Ireland)

Honduras

Focus: Climate change, farming and advocacy
2023-24 Grant: £20,000
Plus £40,000 undesignated funds to Christian Aid Ireland.

Photo:

Ntombi boards at KGVI, Zimbabwe, where she learns life skills such as cooking.

HOW ARE WDR AND ITS PARTNERS ACCOUNTABLE



WDR is a global network of people, each playing their part to fight poverty. This network includes YOU, our supporters. This also includes churches, volunteers, our partners and their beneficiaries, two part-time staff and the WDR committee. Trust and accountability underpin everything WDR does. As we manage donations from our supporters, we want to ensure that they know their hard-earned money is being used as they intended. Working in relational partnership with our global partners, we create space for open and honest dialogue, reporting and evaluation.

Photo: Stephen Hussey is the Director of Dabane Trust; an expert organisation in water management in rural Zimbabwe.

HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN PARTNERSHIPS?

Good communication is key to any successful partnership. We are in regular communication with our partners through email, WhatsApp and Zoom calls. WDR staff also visit partners to deepen relationships and see the work we are funding first-hand. Media volunteers are a key part of these visits as we gather video, photos, and stories to share with supporters at home.



Photo: Volunteer videographer Pete Laverty films an interview for our 2023/24 church service material.

HOW DO YOU MONITOR THE WORK?

WDR is dedicated to ensuring that donations are utilised effectively.

- ▶ We work in three-year cycles with partners.
- ▶ They submit two written reports every year, detailing use of funds, progress and challenges.
- ▶ Our committee meets three times a year to discuss partner reports, agree grant allocations, discuss our educational and fundraising activities, and identify new opportunities.
- ▶ WDR reports to The Methodist Church in Ireland's Connexional Team and Governance Board.
- ▶ We work hard to ensure that your giving has maximum impact, and that WDR remains professional, effective and trustworthy.

When we all work together, we can see real and lasting transformation in the world.

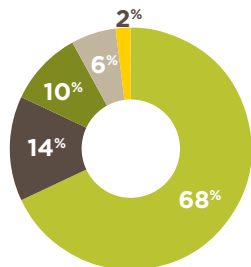
FINANCE

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING WDR AS YOUR CHARITY



Income for 2022 was £379,400 (€430,100).

Legacy funds were also available.



2023 EXPENDITURE

● Long-term development & service provision:	£312,500 (€358,000)
● Emergencies*:	£63,300 (€72,500)
● Capacity-building of partners:	£44,430 (€51,000)
● Fundraising and education:	£26,700 (€30,500)
● Governance:	£10,300 (€12,000)

*Includes final Ukrainian Appeal allocations

1% APPEAL

The Methodist Church in Ireland directs members to give 1% of their income, post-tax, to WDR. On average, this would mean just £20 or €25 per month. If we all did this, it would provide over £/€3 million each year. Partners could do ten times more. Please join with others in giving a regular gift. The need is great.

Photo: Beadwork at Church Land Programme.



92%

OF INCOME
DIRECTLY SUPPORTS
PARTNERS' WORK

Complete all boxes marked *

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:			

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.

Name of account to be debited: *	Acc no: *
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BOOST YOUR DONATION BY 25P FOR EVERY £1 AT NO COST TO YOURSELF *giftaid it*

For Gift Aid and Standing Orders, all the below details MUST be completed:

Title:	Name(s):
Signature(s):	Date:
Address:	Postcode:
Telephone:	Email:


Please tick this box if you would like to receive our bimonthly newsletter via email

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:
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 **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
Registered Charity No: 108435

HOW TO GIVE (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

MONTHLY DONATION: **STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

Complete all boxes
marked *

To:	* Your bank name:	Branch 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
The sum of:	* Amount in figures	* Amount in words	
Commencing:	*	Frequency: Monthly	Date of final payment: *
Church:			

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.

Name of account to be debited: *

Acc no: * Sort code: * IBAN: *

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):

Address: Eircode:

I WISH TAX TO BE RECLAIMED ON MY REGULAR GIVING OF € _____ PER MONTH (STANDING ORDER)

Signature(s): Date:



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IBAN: IE98 AIBK 9300 0802 5360 19

Charity reference number: CHY253




Photo:
Palestine, the home of
East Jerusalem YMCA.

HOLY GOD

*We thank you for Jesus who showed us
that a life well-lived
Moves us beyond ourselves.
We thank you for Your words of challenge,
Calling us into the joys and struggles of
others,
Those around us and around the world,
Reminding us that there is no small deed
Or insignificant action when it comes to
loving others.*

*We thank You for our Faith's wild claim:
It is in giving that we receive,
It is in the willingness to die to sin and
greed
That we are born to eternal life.*

*We thank you for the initiatives and
programmes
Of World Development & Relief
That hold us to our timeless and Divine
covenant,
To care for the least, the last and the lost.*

*Remind us that each effort,
Done in love, to the glory of your Kingdom,
Bringing hope and healing to your world,
Is sacred, never wasted,
But a contribution to building
Your kingdom, on earth,
As it is in heaven.*

Amen.

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