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## A SAFE, JUST AND DIGNIFIED FUTURE FOR ALL

Act for Peace is committed to working with passionate people, like you, across the globe to achieve safety, justice and dignity in communities threatened by conflict and natural disaster.

By supporting Act for Peace, you're helping to empower local people, who are representatives of their communities, to design and implement the programs that are most likely to lead to lasting positive change.

We work for all people and do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, colour, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.

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## OUR VISION

A peaceful world where all people share a safe, just and dignified life.

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## OUR PURPOSE

We empower passionate people to work together to achieve safety, justice and dignity in communities threatened by conflict and disaster.



Our local partner, the Vanuatu Council of Churches (VCC), was on the ground to provide people in some of the worst hit areas with life-saving assistance immediately following the devastating Cyclone Pam. Thanks to you, Act for Peace has been working in partnership with VCC to create safer, more resilient communities in the face of increasing natural disasters.

Cover: A young Somali woman holds life-saving food, provided with your support. Your gifts helped to put emergency food (including rice, beans and porridge) into the hands of families trapped in some of the most drought-stricken areas.



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## FROM THE CEO

*"NGOs have always been a driving force for greater global cooperation by mobilising people together in the pursuit of social justice."*

**Janet Cousens, Chief Executive Officer**

In August 2017, the world watched on in horror as the humanitarian crisis caused by escalating violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State forced more than 600,000 Rohingya people across the border into Bangladesh.

I travelled to the camps to meet with our partner Christian Aid, to see what Act for Peace supporters could do to help Rohingya families. Conditions in the camp are dire. People are living in an environment vulnerable to severe adverse weather, and it is a daily struggle for them to get by. In the face of such trauma I still met people with the vision and conviction to offer a future to their children and to think about what rebuilding their lives may look like.

The sheer scale of the crisis required the mobilisation of the international and Bangladeshi community – everyone from government, civil society, local volunteers, and international NGOs. The response reflects the increasingly complex humanitarian environment, and the need to work collaboratively with a range of actors and stakeholders in order to be effective.

Coupled with our commitment to learn, be flexible and adapt in the face of a rapidly changing world, Act for Peace continued to be guided by a firm belief in community-led response and the leadership of local representatives across our program and advocacy work. We are proud to have worked alongside local partners; supporting their vision and assisting them to build capacity, and design and implement programs most likely to lead to inclusive, enduring positive change.

Globally, we witnessed a deepening of social divides and a growing sense that people are becoming more insular, more defensive, more us-versus-them. In addition, we've seen some of our partners endure increased scrutiny as the role of civil society is threatened within their own nations. NGOs have always been a driving force for greater global cooperation by mobilising people together in the pursuit of social justice.

With this in mind, more than ever we put our efforts into initiatives that brought passionate people in Australia together, providing information and opportunities for our supporters to engage with us in our work - and opening people's hearts and minds to the experiences of vulnerable people around the world.

We piloted a new program aimed at empowering Australian school students to make a difference in the world; linked people to a global network of human rights defenders speaking out against injustice; and continued to work with thousands of Australian Churches from over 15 different denominations to meet urgent need and to create change that lasts.

Amidst what may at times feel like an overwhelming picture of human suffering, a global network of individuals, churches and organisations are working together to bring safety, justice and dignity to communities around the world.

Our partners working hard in Bangladesh - and those based across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and the Pacific - are committed, skilled and unwavering in their pursuit of justice. Thank you for joining with us as we work in solidarity with them.

Janet Cousens  
Chief Executive Officer



A son carries his father toward a medical bay at the Palong Khali border. In August 2017, brutal violence in Myanmar forced more than half a million Rohingya people across the border into Bangladesh, triggering a humanitarian crisis.



# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*"With you behind us, we will continue to express our commitment to Christ in the ways we strengthen our commitment to partners and programs."*

**John Gilmore, Chairman**



The world is changing. Our climate is changing rapidly. There are more displaced people seeking protection than at any another other time in recorded history. Economies are volatile. Political agendas changeable. Tasked to pursue peace in this challenging context, in 2018 we continued our focus on providing protection to those fleeing persecution or armed conflict, strengthening community resilience to natural disasters, and responding to those devastated in emergency situations. We thank supporters for partnering with us in this important work.

This year, Act for Peace transitioned into an incorporated entity, a decision that was well-prepared, timely, and very much anticipated. While Act for Peace's governance structure has changed, who we are and the way we work remains the same. We are still the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches (NCCA) and our vision, purpose and work on the ground are unchanged. I want to add my appreciation of the efforts that the NCCA Board and both NCCA and Act for Peace staff made in order for this to happen.

I am proud of the role Act for Peace played in supporting the review commissioned by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) into the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. We were appalled at the allegations of sexual misconduct by some humanitarian workers that were reported in March. The review is a crucial moment to learn from the past, drive up standards across the sector, and ensure every ACFID member is meeting its duty of care to the world's most vulnerable people.

Act for Peace has a zero tolerance approach to all forms of abuse of power, including sexual abuse and harassment, child abuse, discrimination, and fraud. We have strong mechanisms in place, and will continue to take every step possible to maintain the safety of our staff, partners, communities and other stakeholders as our highest priority.

In this last year, Act for Peace maintained a stable financial position in a challenging fundraising environment. I wish to thank my fellow Board members, the executive management team and all of the staff for their continued commitment to working effectively and transparently, ensuring that we deliver all that we can for the vulnerable communities around the world we are here to serve, and keeping us worthy of the trust placed in us by you, our dedicated supporters.

With you behind us, we will continue to express our commitment to Christ in the ways we strengthen our commitment to partners and programs, being adaptable and resilient in a changing environment and sharing with you how together we are achieving safety, justice and dignity for communities at risk globally.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Gilmore".

The Reverend John Gilmore  
Chair of the Act for Peace Board



Zaka District, Zimbabwe: a conservation farmer holds an ear of corn during harvest season. Conservation Farming techniques means small-holder farmers are able to grow enough food, even when the rains fail.

Tracey robinson/Act for Peace

## AT A GLANCE



our **65,954**  
individual  
supporters



every **\$1 SPENT** on  
fundraising returned  
**\$3.5** for programs



gave over **92,400**  
gifts totalling  
**\$7.65 MILLION**

# THANK YOU!

## FEEDBACK

Act for Peace is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. We are committed to providing high-quality humanitarian, development and advocacy programmes and to work in an open and accountable way. Act for Peace takes its duty of care seriously and aims at all times to provide the safest possible environment for children. If for any reason you would like to lodge a complaint about our work, you may do so by contacting the Director responsible for human resources, via [complaints@ncca.org.au](mailto:complaints@ncca.org.au) or +61 2 8259 0800. Please see our complaints policy on the Act for Peace website for more information.

For supporter enquiries please call 1800 025 101.



## HOW WE WORK

### ADVOCACY

We're committed to amplifying the voices of the most vulnerable, empowering them to claim their own rights and hold their own governments to account. We also mobilise passionate Australians, like you, to demand change. When we come together to speak with one voice, it sends a clear message that people in power can't ignore.

### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

We respond fast to emergencies around the world – local or global, large or small – to reach people with life-saving assistance when they are at their most vulnerable. We also work with local people on how to identify risks and prepare for the next disaster, which saves lives when an emergency hits.


### WORKING WITH PARTNERS

We believe local people are best placed to respond to and solve problems in their own communities. By partnering with local organisations, we aim to build on and strengthen local knowledge, people and resources, to help find solutions to complex problems and create solutions that work.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Lasting change takes time. We're committed to long-term development projects that help communities to tackle their own problems – whether that's through livelihoods and vocational training, health and hygiene programs or psychosocial and educational support.



A photograph of a woman with short dark hair, smiling and looking towards the left. She is holding a young child with curly hair, who is also looking left. They are standing in front of a white van. The background shows a blurred urban setting with buildings.

Soraya talks to Fred, an ambulance driver with Act for Peace's local partner in Ethiopia, outside her home on the outskirts of Addis Ababa. A refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, your gifts meant Soraya received counselling and life-saving medical care after fleeing her home to escape brutal violence.

# FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD

This year, your gifts helped to fund 41 programs across 21 countries, ensuring safety, justice and dignity for more than 290,000 people in vulnerable communities around the world. Thank you!

## HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

**East Africa:** emergency food supplies, clean water and nutritional feeding for children in communities in South Sudan and Somalia affected by drought.

**Jordan:** urgently needed support for Syrian refugees including food distribution, healthcare, education, livelihood training and counselling.

**Gaza:** medical and psychological care for people in the wake of outbreaks of violence.

**Iraq:** humanitarian support to internally displaced Iraqis including food, shelter and blankets.

**Tonga:** emergency shelter, water and power for people impacted by Cyclone Gita.

**Bangladesh:** life-saving assistance including shelter, medical care and water for Rohingya families who fled violence.

## MIDDLE EAST

**Afghanistan and Pakistan:** giving girls a brighter future through improved access to quality education. Maternal and child healthcare for rural families in Pakistan.

**Gaza:** healthcare for vulnerable women and children and vocational training for young people.

**West Bank:** nonviolent protective presence to vulnerable communities living under occupation.

**Palestine:** livelihood support for women.

## AFRICA

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** advocacy and peace-building initiatives supporting free and fair elections.

**Zimbabwe:** helping farmers grow enough food despite the ongoing drought. Peace-building initiatives to prevent violence.

**Ethiopia:** emergency healthcare for critically ill or injured refugees, as well as counselling and vocational training.



## ASIA

**Thailand:** shelter support and livelihoods training for Burmese refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border, and support to empower people to return safely to Myanmar.

**India:** healthcare, livelihoods and empowerment programs for Sri Lankan refugees, and support for people planning to return to Sri Lanka.

**Sri Lanka:** livelihoods and support with services to help newly returned refugees reintegrate.

**Myanmar:** capacity building and training for communities to help prevent human rights abuses.

**Indonesia:** disaster preparedness and risk reduction activities to help communities stay safe during disasters.

**Philippines:** assisting vulnerable communities to learn how to plan for and respond to disasters. Action and advocacy promoting a culture of justice and peace for disadvantaged communities.

## PACIFIC

Preparing disaster-prone communities in Tonga and Vanuatu to stay safe during an emergency, as well as programs to help people adapt and be resilient to climate change. Increasing protection for children through community based programming.

## AUSTRALIA

Advocacy and campaigning for refugee and asylum seeker rights, as well as support for refugees recently arrived in Australia.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



The number and severity of natural disasters taking place each year is skyrocketing. At the same time, conflict and persecution have forced millions of people from their homes.

Now more than ever, your support is crucial in delivering life-saving emergency assistance – like food, shelter, water and medical care – to people who desperately need it.

As a member of the ACT Alliance, we have partners on the ground in over 100 countries, enabling us to respond rapidly to emergencies wherever they occur.

Through long-standing partnerships and disaster preparedness programs in a number of countries, we honoured our commitment to support locally-led responses and strengthen local leadership in crises, especially in the Pacific.







A doctor treats patients during a free health-screening day in an Indian village south of Chennai. Both Sri Lankan refugees and community members from the village were given a general check up by staff from Act for Peace's local partner.

# FLEEING HORROR, FINDING HOPE



Jamila and her husband escaped Myanmar with their children. They travelled for days through the jungle with little food or water. Her son, brother and nephew were killed by the Myanmar Army.

Though safe in Jamtoli camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, like so many other Rohingya people, Jamila and her family are doing their best to survive in difficult conditions.

With your support, they now have a tent to live in, clothes, cooking utensils and other survival basics. Jamila received counselling to help her heal from the trauma she faced. Jamila says the counselling has been a great benefit.

Jamila also has access to the Community Kitchens. As well a place to cook, the kitchens give women a safe space to meet and share their stories, which helps with their psychological well-being. Jamila says when she is in the Community Kitchen with her friends, her depression is lifted.

Jamila smiles outside her shelter in Jamtoli refugee camp in Cox's Bazaar. She lives here now with her husband and children after they escaped brutal violence in Myanmar at the hands of the Burmese Army.





## HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE HELPING

Layla draws with her friends at a Child-Friendly Space in Jamtoli refugee camp. These spaces give Rohingya children, many who have witnessed unimaginable horrors, the opportunity to learn and play in a safe environment.

### HEALTH CLINICS

Seven major health facilities in the camp provided more than 1,500 people a day access to vital medical care.

### CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES

Children traumatised by violence had a safe place to play indoor games, draw, tell stories, learn, and do other recreational activities to help them heal and develop.

### COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Kitchens provided Rohingya women with a place to cook, socialise, and tell their stories. After everything they've been through, these safe spaces supported women's emotional and mental well-being.

### SHELTER

Shelter kits containing bamboo, plastic tarps, rope, wire-ties and sandbags were distributed to families, many who arrived in the camps with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Toilets, clean water and secure bathing spaces for women were built to ensure the health, safety and dignity of Rohingya families in the camp.



GAZA EMERGENCY

# MEDICAL CARE FOR GAZA'S WOUNDED

Palestinian paramedics evacuate an injured protestor near the border fence with Israel. Violence erupted after several thousand Gazans gathered for protests along the border.

Protests that began on March 30 by those living in the Gaza strip were met with live ammunition from the Israeli military. More than 60 people died, and another 2,800 were injured, leading to a medical emergency in Gaza.

Access to medical care was already a challenge because of a blockade that has been in place since 2007, and the violence left hospitals and medical clinics in Gaza overwhelmed.

You helped to provide desperately needed medical and psychosocial care for families living in Gaza in the wake of the crisis.



Asem, 4, receives treatment at a health clinic run by Act for Peace's local partner in Gaza. He was diagnosed with anaemia and malnutrition, common among Gaza's children as a result of the blockade.

Through Act for Peace's local partner in Gaza, the Near East Council of Churches, you helped to deliver essential healthcare services including psychosocial support for vulnerable families, in particular women and children, through three locally-run healthcare clinics, as well as provided vocational training courses to help young people earn a living.



# BEYOND SURVIVAL: FINDING A LIVELIHOOD IN JORDAN

Karen McGrath/Act for Peace



Farah stands with the cheese she made in her apartment in an urban refugee camp on the outskirts of Amman, Jordan. A refugee from Syria, Farah now has her own cheese making business, thanks to your gifts.

Farah fled her home in Syria with her four children to escape the war, leaving everything behind. They spent years living in makeshift camps, surviving on rations.

Most refugees in Jordan aren't able to work. Without any way to earn an income, Farah was struggling to make ends meet and provide for her daughters.

Thanks to your gifts, and Act for Peace's local partner in Jordan, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, Farah received the support and training she needed to start her own cheese making business. Now, with the extra income she earns from selling cheese, she can send her children to school and afford other essential basics for her family.

Even with her meagre income, life in Jordan is hard and expensive. Your support enabled Farah and her family to be provided with vital food rations, ensuring they always had enough eat.

**"When we receive those food packages, it's a delightful moment! I can't even describe how happy we feel. I thank the Australian people so much."**

As well as supporting them with food, you helped to provide Syrian refugees in Jordan with healthcare services, counselling for people traumatised by war, education workshops for children and livelihoods training.

## YOUR IMPACT ON THE GROUND



**LIVELIHOODS AND SMALL  
BUSINESS TRAINING FOR  
WOMEN**



**FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR  
FAMILIES IN URGENT NEED**



**EDUCATION WORKSHOPS FOR  
CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS**



**FREE MEDICAL DAYS FOR  
PEOPLE IN NEED OF CARE**

A photograph of a woman with short dark hair, wearing a bright yellow-green vest, looking towards the camera. A young child with curly hair is partially visible to her right. In the background, there is a red gas cylinder with some text on it.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

# BEING PREPARED SAVES LIVES

Sherly is a Sunday School teacher in the Hot Wata community on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu. Through Act for Peace's local partner, Sherly and her community received disaster preparedness training, so they know how to stay safe when disaster strikes.

Sharni Boyall/Act for Peace

We can't stop natural disasters, but we can reduce their impact. As well as responding quickly to emergencies, your support trained local people and communities on how to better prepare and plan for disasters, meaning fewer lives lost and a faster recovery for those affected.

Recovery is a slow process. You also worked with communities to rebuild their homes, communities and livelihoods in the weeks and months following disaster, until they were able to get back on their feet.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Every dollar invested into preparing before a disaster means seven dollars saved in disaster recovery.

Source: The United Nations Development Program.

## COORDINATED DISASTER RESPONSE

In 2017, Act for Peace continued to work through the CAN DO partnership, a consortium of eight agencies working together to help strengthen humanitarian response to disasters in the Pacific, and globally.

Act for Peace is proud to be involved in a partnership that supports locally-led responses to humanitarian emergencies and helps to shift more resources, skills, and funds into the hands of local humanitarian leaders.



VANUATU

# PUTTING WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE OF DISASTER RESPONSE



Vanuatu Council of Churches/Act for Peace

May said her life changed after being appointed Community Disaster and Climate Change Committee chairwoman in the Wujunmel community. "It's such a positive thing to be part of a program that recognizes the role that women play and gives us a voice in important decisions that can save lives."

**In Vanuatu, your support helped women and girls to protect themselves and their communities from climate-related disasters.**

May is a mother of five who has seen a cyclone tear through her village in Vanuatu almost every year of her life. She's watched these and other disasters worsen with climate change each year, wreaking more damage on homes, crops and lives.

Vanuatu is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world and a country where women are usually shut out of decision-making. You helped to change that by supporting women to take a lead role in disaster planning within their communities.

May was one of the first females to be trained as a Church Champion by Act for Peace's local partner the Vanuatu Council of Churches. May is now teaching others in her community how to stay safe and resilient when a disaster such as a cyclone, earthquake or tsunami strikes.

**"Now I can raise awareness, especially with my pre-school students and their parents on what to do, before, during and after a disaster."**

Thanks to your support, women are now recognised as playing an important role in disaster preparedness, taking on new leadership roles to help keep their communities safe.



# CYCLONE GITA

## Finding shelter during the storm.

For more than nine years, you've supported Act for Peace's local partner in Tonga to empower local communities to manage their own disaster preparedness, including training local emergency committee members and running disaster simulation drills, so everyone knows what to do before, during and after a cyclone, and how to safely evacuate.

When Tropical Cyclone Gita swept through Tonga in February 2018, disaster preparedness training saved lives. Our partner was also on the ground to deliver immediate, life-saving assistance, like clean water and tarpaulins, where it was needed most.

In the village of Fatai, Siokapesi said she couldn't imagine how her and her children would have been able to cope without your support:

**"After the cyclone, my children and I were able to drink thanks to the 20 litre bottle you gave us and now we still use it to fetch drinking water."**



Yvette Craft/Act for Peace

Just days after the cyclone, our local partner was able to reach some of the most vulnerable families with urgently needed drinking water, and deliver tarpaulins and ropes to people whose homes were damaged in the storm.

## YOU SUPPORTED FAMILIES DEVASTATED BY CYCLONE GITA

### EMERGENCY SHELTER

100 families received tarpaulins and ropes, so people who'd lost their homes could shelter themselves and their children from the wind and rain.

### EMERGENCY WATER

You helped to deliver thousands of litres of bottled water to the most vulnerable and set up temporary water tanks in communities whose supply had been wiped out.

### EMERGENCY POWER

Five generators were provided to communities who had lost power in the storm, so they could operate their water tank pumps and run other life-saving equipment.



As part of the Disaster Risk Reduction project – every household prepares a 72-hour bag, ready to grab in case of an emergency. This typically includes passports, drinking water, clothing, food, blankets, candles, a lighter, a radio, and a torch with extra batteries.



Ketoni, a school teacher, is one of thousands of Tongans who lost their home in the cyclone. Recovery is a slow process, but by providing water, shelter and other support, your gifts are helping people like Ketoni to rebuild after the storm.



Yvette Craft/Act for Peace

## PUTTING PLANNING INTO ACTION

"My name is Silia and as part of the Village Emergency Management Committee in my community, I help to train my fellow villagers on how to best prepare their households in case of disaster. We were able to put this into practice in February with Cyclone Gita.

When the first cyclone warning was issued, I went house to house with my team, checking that everyone was prepared. We designated the community centre as the evacuation point and arranged early evacuation for the elderly, people with a disability, pregnant women and also children.



Silia is the assistant secretary of the Village Emergency Management Committee in her community.

Tropical Cyclone Gita hit that night. Everyone was safe either in the community centre or in their homes. Once Gita had passed and it was safe to venture out, my team and I conducted an initial damage assessment and got to work helping people clear the roads."

**"As a result of our training and preparedness, there were neither deaths nor injuries in my village. This is a huge success!"**



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Lasting change takes time. By supporting sustainable development projects, you stood in solidarity with passionate people across the globe as they worked to bring positive, inclusive change to their own communities.

You enabled refugees in Ethiopia to access livelihood programs, helped girls in war-torn Afghanistan to go to school and provided tools and training to returned refugees in Sri Lanka so they can start their own business and begin to rebuild their lives.

Most of all, you equipped people with the knowledge, skills and tools they needed to take control of their own lives.



## HEALTHCARE

More than 151,400 people across India, Gaza, Ethiopia and Pakistan were able to access urgently needed medical care.



## LIVELIHOODS

Over 8,000 people in vulnerable communities, including in Zimbabwe, Gaza and Ethiopia, are equipped with the skills they need to earn a livelihood.



## EDUCATION

More than 14,000 children and youth now have the chance to achieve a better life through improved access to education.



A student stands outside her school in a village in Sindh province, Pakistan. Only 15 per cent of girls in rural Pakistan finish primary school. Your gifts supported Act for Peace's local partner to train female teachers, fund teaching materials and raise awareness with parents about the importance of girls' education, giving more children the chance of a quality education.

# THE LONG JOURNEY HOME



In a world where 24 people are forced to flee their home every minute, you supported an innovative new program called *I'm Prepared*, helping women refugees and their families to prepare to return home after years of hardship.

Most refugees long to go home, but have real concerns about what the future holds once there. With your help, we collaborated with local partners across India and Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar to find long-term and sustainable solutions to the global refugee crisis.

By empowering women refugees and their families with the knowledge they need to make better informed decisions about whether or not to return home - and, if so, how best to prepare - you're creating the conditions needed for families to return home.

Through livelihoods training - in areas such as agriculture, fish breeding, small-scale manufacturing and business skills - you also equipped women with the practical skills they need to ensure they can earn a living when they return to their home countries. Women are supported to work together and help each other to build a new life for themselves and their families.

This means economic independence for themselves and their family, and an opportunity to help rebuild the local economy in their community after years of civil war and conflict.



A Karenni woman sits in her kitchen in Mae La refugee camp. Confined to camps, it's difficult for Karenni refugees to work and earn an income. Enhanced knowledge and skills training gave women and their families the chance to begin hopeful new lives.



You helped to shift the traditional perceptions of women and supported them to become equal decision-makers within their family, as well as amplifying the collective voices of women refugees.

By working directly with refugee communities – equipping women with the knowledge and skills they need to build a better future for themselves and their families – you’re helping to tackle the global refugee crisis from the ground up.

With your help, our local partner in India, the Organization for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), supported refugees like Amirtha to overcome the barriers they face to going home, including providing support to obtain civil documents such as passports and birth certificates.



Richard Waingwright/Act for Peace

Amirtha holds her identity card outside an OfERR office in Tamil Nadu, India. With your help, Act for Peace's local partner helped families like Amirtha's to overcome the barriers they face to going home, including providing support to obtain civil documents such as passports and birth certificates.

## HOW YOUR GIFTS HELPED



'Go and See' visits and Skype calls to Myanmar for refugees in Thailand, as well as to Sri Lanka for refugees in India, ensured women in the camps were able to make better informed decisions about whether to stay or return home.



Practical skills training equipped women with the knowledge and skills they need to develop successful livelihoods once they have returned home.



Leaders in the refugee and returnee community have increased knowledge and understanding of women's equality and refugee and returnee women are better able to advocate for their own rights.

# COUNTING HER CHICKENS IN ZIMBABWE

Putting food on the table for her four children was hard enough before Saliwe's husband died. They live in a rural part of Zimbabwe, where the worst drought in 35 years is crippling people's crops and livelihoods.

After Saliwe lost her husband, surviving became even harder. With barely any income and no support, she struggled to feed her children and keep them in school.

Act for Peace's local partner in Zimbabwe, Christian Care, saw the dire situation that Saliwe was in. She was invited to join the chicken farming program. Saliwe was given chicks, feed and building materials. She learnt how to build a chicken coop, raise healthy chickens and run her own business.

Saliwe began making an income from selling her eggs and extra chickens. Soon, she had enough to buy more chicks, as well as turkeys, which fetch a higher price. Using her business training, she found more business supplying the boarding school down the road.

Today, Saliwe is a thriving poultry farmer. Because of the support she's received, Saliwe can now afford to feed her children and give them the education they need to build a better life.

Saliwe believes this support saved her life:

**"I can't thank you enough for funding this program. Without this knowledge, I don't know how I would have survived and I don't know what would have happened to my children."**

It has made a life-changing difference for Saliwe. But it doesn't stop there. Now Saliwe is also helping to improve the lives of other children and families – by bringing an affordable source of protein to her community.

Thanks to support she's received through the program, Saliwe has lifted her own family out of poverty and helped others around her to survive. She now has hope for the future – and the confidence that comes from knowing she can survive the worst. She says:

**"I am now respected. People see me for my true worth as I have made something out of my life despite being a widow and being left with very little."**



Saliwe stands in a nutritional garden, which is providing her Masvingo community with a valuable source of income. This is just one of twenty gardens across the region that this program has helped.

Raising chickens and selling the eggs has made a life-changing difference for Saliwe.



Tracey Robinson/Act for Peace

## YOUR IMPACT ON THE GROUND



Farmers learned innovative techniques, ensuring they can grow enough food, even when the rains fail.



Community gardens established, to give families have an extra source of fresh, nutritious food.



Drought-resistant seeds helped farmers to better cope with climate change.



Vulnerable families trained in animal husbandry and given baby chicks and goats to raise, providing people with a source of income and food.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING GIRLS

Nine-year-old Alina loves going to school. She leaps out of bed at six every morning so she can do her household chores before class starts. She studies very hard so she can one day achieve her dream.

*"When I grow up, I want to be a teacher so I can help my students become better people and raise the dignity of our country, like our teacher does for us," said Alina.*

Alina is one of the few girls in her entire region who have the chance to go to school.

In her village in rural Pakistan, many families can't afford the cost of schooling or don't see the value of education. On top of this, many teachers are poorly trained and use corporal punishment, which limits learning and makes children too frightened to attend class.

Through Act for Peace's local partner, Community World Service Asia, you helped to train female teachers, fund teaching materials and raise awareness with parents about the importance of girls' education

Alina's mother Salma is a strong, intelligent woman. She never got the chance to go to school and is grateful to people in Australia supporting the girls' education program, which is

giving her children the chance build a brighter future for themselves.

*"It is very important to me that all my daughters receive education. I want to thank people in Australia for supporting our small community and helping our children with opportunities that weren't available to us," says Salma.*

Your gifts helped children like Alina to receive the gift of education. This sets off a wave of positive change and gives children like Alina the chance to learn and rewrite their own futures - and help them shape a more peaceful and prosperous nation.

*"Schooling helps to develop our knowledge, which will benefit our country. We have to study to make our country a better and happy place to live," says Alina.*


Community World Service/Act for Peace

Sami is the Head Master at a local Government Girls Primary School in Umerkot. Your gifts helped to support Sami's professional development, enabling her to deliver quality education to the girls in her rural village.

*"Some parents do not send their children or daughters to school due to the old traditions and barriers existing in the society. I want to tell these parents that education is important for everyone."*







Alina does her homework after school in her home in a rural area of Sindh Province, Pakistan. It is thanks to your gifts that Alina, and other girls in her village, now have the chance to go to school.

# OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE IS OUR POWER TO DRIVE REAL CHANGE.



Advocacy is essential to achieving sustainable, transformative change for communities threatened by conflict and disaster. To sustain the positive impact of our programs, we must also work together to persuade those in power to change the policies and practices that perpetuate injustice.

You stood alongside those experiencing oppression, helped to lobby governments and decision makers to live up to their responsibility to protect the world's most vulnerable people – especially refugees – and empowered local people to claim their right to be heard.

An activist in the Philippines takes to the streets during a One Billion Rising rally, a global movement to rise against women's oppression and exploitation. Act for Peace's local partner, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, supports women to become leaders and work for justice in their communities.



# CLAIMING THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE IN MYANMAR

Plagued for decades by an oppressive military regime, the people of Myanmar have long been denied their basic rights. Though the military rule has ended, human rights abuses are still committed every day. You fought for justice in Myanmar and empowered people to realise their rights through a grassroots program run by Act for Peace's local partner, the Myanmar Council of Churches.

Community organisers worked with people on issues ranging from human trafficking and the use of child soldiers, to torture and forced labour. By equipping people with the knowledge, skills and confidence they needed to speak out against abuse, you helped to inspire the community to advocate for change and build a safer future for themselves and their families.



In Pha-An: a Community Organiser (right) and a volunteer Community Organiser (left) talk to Act for Peace about their work.

## UPHOLDING THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES

The Asia Pacific region is home to one of the largest numbers of forcibly displaced people in the world. You supported Act for Peace, in collaboration with Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network – a growing network of more than 350 civil society organisations and individuals advocating for the rights of refugees in the region – to undertake level advocacy to ensure that global mechanisms protect the dignity and rights of refugees amid a volatile political climate.

With your help, the voices of people with lived refugee experience and other civil society experts in our region were heard in high-level global dialogues about refugee protection, including those on the Global Compact on Refugees, ensuring the rights of refugees were put at the forefront of decision-making.

A supporter stands in solidarity with refugees at an Act for Peace event in Sydney.





"Taking the Ration Challenge helped put me in the shoes of a refugee. I know I'll never fully experience all that they go through, but this small act helped me to understand just a part of the struggle."

Jean, Fort St High



Joel Pratley/Act for Peace

# STUDENTS TAKE A STAND FOR REFUGEES



This year, Act for Peace launched the Ration Challenge schools program. More than 1,850 students from 116 schools across Australia took the Ration Challenge and learnt about refugee issues in the classroom.

The educational resources, combined with the transformative experience of the challenge, offered young people a way to learn about global issues, further develop empathy for others, and empowered them to make a difference in the world.

Together, these young, compassionate global citizens raised more than \$378,480 to support refugees and other vulnerable communities around the world.



Joel Pratley/Act for Peace

"I could never have predicted just how eye-opening the experience would be for me. Although it was a challenging week, I came to understand first-hand the realities and struggles of life as a refugee."

Niamh, Oakhill College

# CHANGING LIVES. CHANGING ATTITUDES.

Manal, 6, stands with a ration pack near Talbiah refugee camp on the outskirts of Amman, Jordan. Thanks to funds raised through the Ration Challenge, Syrian children like Manal received the food, medical care and education they urgently needed.

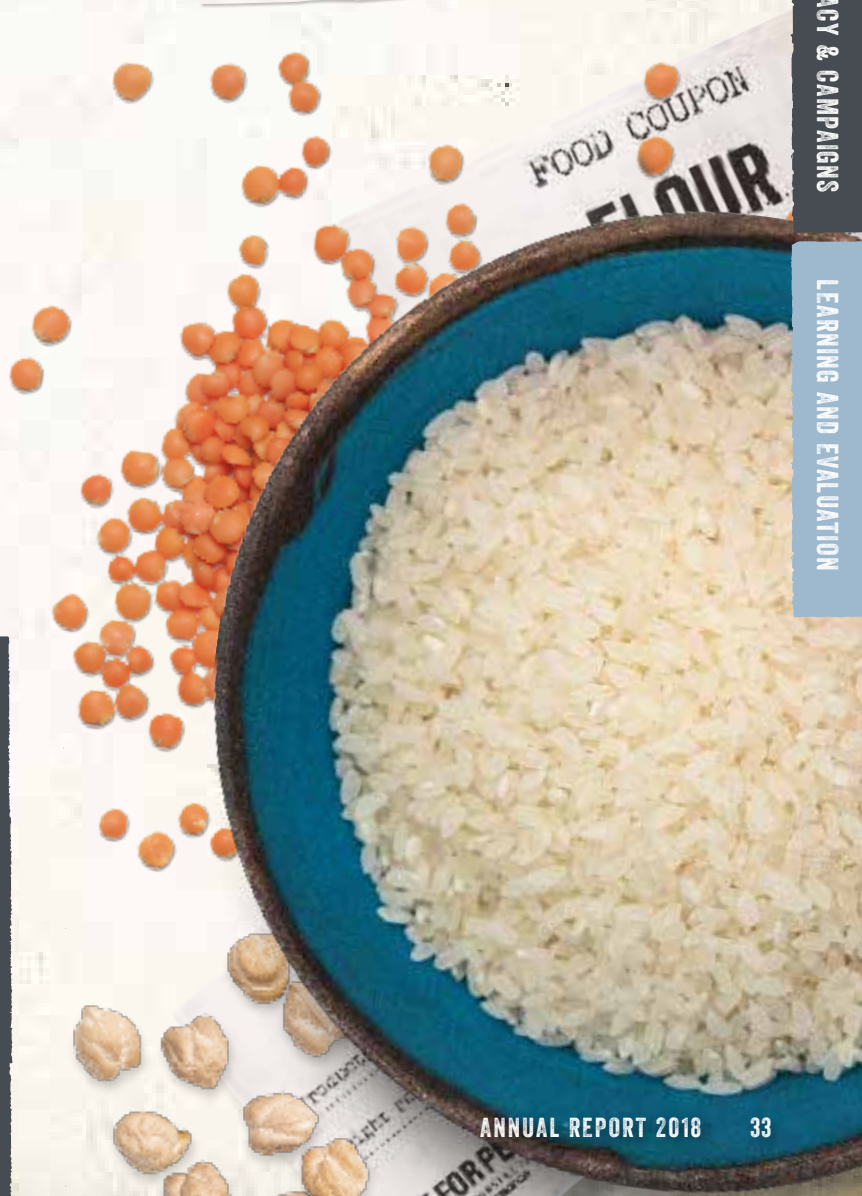
## THE RATION CHALLENGE...

is held each year during Refugee Week in June and asks participants to step into the shoes of a refugee by eating the same rations that a Syrian refugee in Jordan receives – just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chick peas, beans, fish and oil.

Participants raise money to support refugees with urgently needed food, medicine and education – and by sharing their experience with those around them, help to open people's hearts and minds to what refugees are going through.

## A GROWING MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE

Since the Ration Challenge started four years ago, more than 35,000 of you have come together to take the challenge and raised more than \$8 million to provide food, medicine and education for refugees and other vulnerable communities.







Ben Littlejohn/Act for Peace

Ecumenical Accompaniers at the pre-deployment training held near Melbourne.

"The hardest part of the training was the role play; supporting the community through violent confrontations, caring for traumatised children and witnessing a tear gas attack. These scenarios were emotionally challenging, but after I felt surer than ever that this is something I need to be a part of," says Joana.

# PREPARING TO BEAR WITNESS

Joana\* is determined to help families living under occupation in the West Bank. She shares why she joined our Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), and the difference she hopes to make.

"Once I became aware of the situation in Palestine, and the human rights violations and injustices that were happening, I couldn't turn a blind eye. I applied for this program because I believe as human beings, we all have an obligation to care for each other. I wanted to do something to care for those who are living under a heartbreaking and unjust occupation.

When people feel abandoned, exhausted, hurt and scared, they can lose hope. As Ecumenical Accompaniers, we can help restore hope and build peace by showing those who are suffering under the occupation that they are not forgotten.

Our presence also helps to protect local communities from persecution in many situations, diffusing tension and forestalling violence.

My partner, friends, family, colleagues and church community have all been incredibly supportive of my decision. I've realised just how kind people are and how much they are willing to give to help others. I think being an Accompanier will be an incredible learning experience and unbelievably humbling."

*\*Name has been changed to protect identity*



# ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAM IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Every day, persecution and human rights abuses destroy people's lives and fuel conflict in the Holy Land. By taking part in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), dedicated volunteers spend three months being a protective presence for families living under occupation. Their life-changing work includes monitoring checkpoints, accompanying children to and from school, reporting any violence or harassment and supporting acts of nonviolent resistance alongside Palestinians and Israeli.



"The settlers take a big part of the land and water. We feel scared and afraid in our land."  
Yasser, 70, South Hebron Hills.

## HOW ACCOMPANIMENT WORKS:

### PROTECTIVE PRESENCE

Our presence makes the costs of human rights abuses more apparent to the perpetrators, persuades them to act differently, and deters attacks on civilians.

### PRINCIPLED IMPARTIALITY

We are not pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli and we do not take sides in the conflict. We are pro-human rights and international humanitarian law.

### STANDING WITH LOCAL PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS

We help focus global attention on the activities of Palestinian and Israeli peace groups, thereby increasing their credibility and capacity to work for reform.

### ADVOCACY

Our presence is a tool for increasing international action for change. Increased awareness puts pressure on the perpetrators of human rights abuses and helps protect civilians from these abuses.

### MONITORING OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

When presence cannot completely halt human rights violations, we are there to monitor and report these abuses.

### NONVIOLENCE

We seek to bring change through the engagement of peaceful strategies and nonviolent action. We believe nonviolence is the only way to a true and lasting solution to conflict. We support all people working non-violently for peace in Palestine and Israel.

# WORKING WITH PARTNERS

We believe local people are best placed to identify solutions to the problems faced by their communities and how these can best be delivered. That's why we partner with local organisations; to build and promote local leadership and ultimately achieve a more effective humanitarian response.

Our partnership model is not only a way of working but is fundamental to our values and identity. We always strive to build a genuine two-way relationship with local organisations, and deliver programs with greater sustainability, local ownership and cultural sensitivity.

Janet Cousens (right), Chief Executive Officer of Act for Peace, and Shahirah Majumdar from Christian Aid (left), talk with Jamila in Jamtoli Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazaar. The sheer scale of the Rohingya crisis required collaboration and partnership in order to be effective.





# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Responding to Jesus' call to love his neighbour, Belay is devoted to supporting those seeking refuge in Ethiopia to rebuild their shattered lives.

Belay is the Program Head of Act for Peace's local partner in Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC). We talked to Belay about DICAC's life-changing work and the difference your gifts are making to the lives of refugees.

"There are currently more than 30 refugee camps in Ethiopia. Most people come because of a crisis in their country of origin, such as civil war, and they leave to find security and safety.

We work with refugees who have serious health conditions that cannot be treated in the camps, or who have been referred to the city on humanitarian grounds. These are the most vulnerable people and many are in dire need of medical assistance and counselling.

Refugees are people like you and me. They deserve access to basic rights and basic necessities and it's our responsibility to help address their needs for food, healthcare, and education.

That's why our church is working together with our international partners, like Act for Peace, and local agencies to provide people with the support they need. Life in Addis Abba is very hard for refugee. They receive a small monthly stipend, but this small amount only just covers things like rent, food, and transport.

Many have also experienced trauma and this adds to their daily struggle. Thankfully, with your generous gifts, we are able to provide people with the support they need to get by.

What I enjoy most about the work I do is seeing the change in the life of an individual. I've been at DICAC for over ten years, and still makes me very happy just see people's lives changed.

My message to people in Australia is that your contribution to supporting our work here is making a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable refugees. We greatly appreciate it and thank you for your commitment to supporting refugees here in Ethiopia.

I hope you will continue to show your commitment and stand alongside us. Thank you."



Yasmiin, a refugee from Somalia, shares a moment with her grandmother in their small apartment on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Yasmiin requires dialysis three times per week. Through DICAC, your gifts mean Yasmiin is able to get to and from the hospital to receive this life-saving treatment.

## IN FOR THE LONG HAUL

The EOC-DICAC, established in 1972, is the oldest faith-based aid organisation in Ethiopia. EOC-DICAC works with refugees in camps and in urban areas to support survivors of sexual and gender based violence, people with disabilities and families at-risk of trafficking.

**Through your gifts you have partnered with EOC-DICAC to support this life-changing work for more than 32 years.**



# OUR SUPPORTERS

We wouldn't exist without you, our supporters. Everything we do is made possible because of your commitment to building a better world.

You donated online, mailed in checks, volunteered your time, and even gave up birthdays to support our partners on the ground.

Whichever way you chose to contribute, by working together you formed a powerful network of passionate people creating real change around the world.



**67,752**

supporters, churches  
and schools



**\$7.65 MILLION**

raised for communities  
around the world



**92,400**

generous gifts



Young Act for Peace supporters hold their Christmas Bowl at a service at Wesley Hill Uniting Church. This was one of many events held around the country last Christmas to help raise funds for people in urgent need.

**YOUR ACTION, YOUR IMPACT:**

**GIFTS IN WILL**

# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY



Howard and Tricia Graham believe we all have a responsibility to help others. They are happy knowing that their legacy will help to continue this vital work into the future and make a real difference to people's lives.

So much of the vital work we've done over years has only been possible because of the humanity, passion and generosity of all those who leave us a gift in their will. We talked to Howard and Tricia Graham, long-term supporters of Act for Peace, about why they made the commitment to leave a lasting legacy.

"Around 15 years ago, Tricia and I agreed that it was important to include a small number of charities in our Will. Our children were becoming well-established and we were keen to share our good fortune in life, particularly with those caught in areas of conflict or oppression.

**We believe that we all have a responsibility to help others. It takes many of us working together to make an impact, but it can be done.**

We've seen a lot of positive changes take place in our lifetime, but need still exists, especially for people who have been forced to flee their homes, due to armed conflict or the effects of climate change.

We've had the privilege of visiting some of the projects of Act for Peace, meeting community members who have had their lives transformed after learning new skills through the programs. This experience is heart-warming and most affirming.

Act for Peace works through its overseas ecumenical partners, which means that the programs we support are being delivered by local people who better understand the situation and know what help is needed.

There is also an emphasis on giving a "hand-up", rather than a "hand-out", which is very positive and allows people to retain their dignity and develop their own future.

This way of working really appeals to us, along with the fact that Act for Peace can quickly respond virtually anywhere, through the World Council of Churches' global agency, the ACT Alliance.

Tricia and I are happy to think that our gift will help Act for Peace in a small way, to continue its vital work into the future. We also hope it encourages bold moves to widen support and inspire others to meet the call of Jesus to help others in need."

## MATCHED-GIVING

This year, thanks to the tremendous contribution of our supporters, we launched our first ever Gift Match Day.

The compassion and generosity of our eleven Gift Matchers inspired Australians to fundraise on behalf of some of the world's most vulnerable people, and gave their friends and family a powerful incentive to give.

**Thank you!**

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARTNERS

- All Africa Conference of Churches
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
- Community World Service Asia
- Christian World Service Indonesia
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission
- Further Arts/Pasifika
- Lutheran Community Care
- Myanmar Council of Churches
- Middle East Council of Churches - Department of Services for Palestinian Refugees
- Middle East Council of Churches - Department of Services for Palestinian Refugees – International Christian Committee
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- National Council of Churches Sri Lanka
- Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation India/Ceylon
- The Border Consortium
- Tongan National Council of Churches
- Vanuatu Christian Council
- World Council of Churches
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches

# LEARNING FROM OUR WORK



Regularly undertaking program evaluations to assess their effectiveness is one of the ways we strive to increase our impact in achieving safety, justice and dignity in communities threatened by conflict and disaster.

We continuously endeavour to learn from what we do, operate in a way that is sustainable and transparent and apply best practice across all areas of our work.



## THIS YEAR ACT FOR PEACE EVALUATED SIX PROGRAMS IN FIVE COUNTRIES:

1. NECC, Primary Health Care and Vocational Training Program in Gaza
2. NCCP, Not Without My Sisters and Brothers
3. NCCP, Strengthening the Capacities of Churches and Communities in Building Disaster and Climate Change Resilient Communities
4. TBC, Camp Management and Preparedness
5. VCC, Community based protection training and resource development project
6. CWSI, Safe Schools Safe Communities

Hana, 4, gets a check-up from a travelling midwife with Act for Peace's local partner in Gaza. It was during a home visit like this one that Hana was first diagnosed with anaemia. With your support, Hana received the milk and iron supplements she needed to get better.



## THAILAND

# CAMP MANAGEMENT & PREPAREDNESS

The Thailand Camp Management & Preparedness program, run by Act for Peace's local partner the Thai Border Consortium, works to promote self-reliance among Karenni refugees living in camps on the Thai-Burma border, and supports them to make more informed decisions about whether or not to return home after decades of exile.

An external evaluation revealed that the program is well-managed and efficient, is appropriate to needs of the camp population and empowers the refugees. With support, refugees were able to explore return options and to gather first-hand information about the situation on the other side of the border. The program has also led to positive improvements in the camps, including regular training and capacity building workshops for residents and improved complaint mechanisms so people can access justice and express concerns about issues affecting them.



Mee Kaing was on the Community Management Targeting (CMT) team, a group of refugees who help to manage day to day life in the camp.

## PHILIPPINES

# NOT WITHOUT MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The Not Without My Brothers and Sisters Project, run by Act for Peace's long standing partner the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP), works with interfaith communities to help disadvantaged people to access their human rights and addresses a range of injustices, including human trafficking, martial law, HIV/AIDS, and abuse of indigenous people's rights.

The evaluation showed that those involved in the program consider the NCCP to play a critical role in promoting justice for their communities. In line with objectives, the program is improving the lives of the most vulnerable groups, including indigenous people, Muslim people, youth and people affected by poverty. Act for Peace will continue to work with NCCP to strengthen disability inclusion and monitoring of outcomes, as recommended in the evaluation report.

# STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2018

## REVENUE

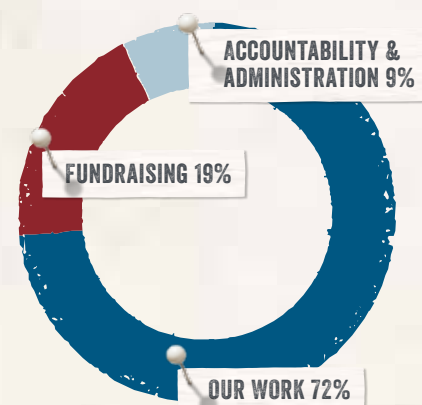
	Note	12 months to 30 Jun 2018 \$	12 months to 30 Jun 2017 \$
Donations and gifts			
Monetary		7,556,737	7,913,119
Non-monetary		29,769	0
Bequests and Legacies		190,762	276,317
Grants			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		2,162,554	1,818,631
Other Australian		1,035,155	901,058
Other overseas		666,577	884,712
Investment Income		182,033	161,041
Commercial Activities Income		0	0
Other Income		316,046	317,072
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>12,139,633</b>	<b>12,271,950</b>

## EXPENDITURE

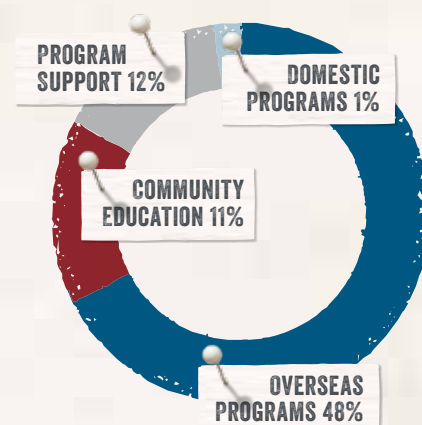
### International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure

International programs			
Funds to international programs	9	6,010,045	5,325,530
Program support costs		1,525,339	1,209,054
		7,535,384	6,534,584
Community education		1,421,455	1,083,285
Fundraising costs			
Public		2,345,073	2,161,348
Government, multilateral and private		66,913	58,159
		2,411,986	2,219,507
Accountability and Administration		1,090,901	1,099,067
Non-Monetary Expenditure		29,769	0
<b>Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure</b>		<b>12,489,495</b>	<b>10,936,443</b>
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		0	0
Domestic Projects Expenditure		173,584	216,524
Commercial Activities Expenditure		0	0
Other Expenditure		0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>12,663,079</b>	<b>11,152,967</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(523,446)</b>	<b>1,118,983</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>(523,446)</b>	<b>1,118,983</b>

## TOTAL EXPENDITURE



## EXPENDITURE ON PROGRAMS



During the financial year, Act for Peace had no transactions in the Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs category.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and forming parts of the accounts.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30 2018

## ASSETS

		30 June 2018	30 Jun 2017
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		88,089	14,350
Trade and other receivables	2	353,591	758,073
Inventories		0	0
Assets held for sale		0	0
Other financial assets	3	7,119,816	6,929,036
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>7,561,496</b>	<b>7,701,459</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables		0	0
Other financial assets		0	0
Property, plant and equipment	4	3,276,300	2,295,448
Investment property		0	0
Intangibles		0	0
Other non-current assets		0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<b>3,276,300</b>	<b>2,295,448</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>10,837,796</b>	<b>9,996,907</b>

## LIABILITIES

<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	5	1,505,722	737,765
Borrowings		0	0
Current tax liabilities		0	0
Other financial liabilities		0	0
Provisions	6	368,625	262,709
Other		59,875	121,728
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,934,222</b>	<b>1,122,202</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings		0	0
Other Financial Liabilities		0	0
Provisions	6	105,139	74,625
Other		0	0
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>		<b>105,139</b>	<b>74,625</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,039,361</b>	<b>1,196,827</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>8,798,435</b>	<b>8,800,080</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	7	5,783,351	5,324,852
Retained Earnings	8	3,015,084	3,475,228
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>8,798,435</b>	<b>8,800,080</b>

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2018

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Others	Total
Balance at 30 June 2016	2,412,499	5,479,696	0	7,743,395
Adjustments or changes in equity due to	0	0	0	0
Items of other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Excess(Shortfall) of Revenue over expenses	1,118,983	0	0	1,118,983
Managed Funds	(63,212)	0	0	(63,212)
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	6,958	(148,800)	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2017	3,475,228	5,330,896	0	8,800,080
Adjustments or changes in equity due to	0	0	0	0
Items of other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Excess(Shortfall) of Revenue over expenses	(523,446)	0	0	(523,446)
Managed Funds	61,853	0	0	61,853
Property Valuation	0	459,948	0	459,948
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	1,449	(1,449)	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2018	3,015,084	5,783,351	0	8,798,435



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

## AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Financial Reporting Framework

This financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared for use by the

Council's Executive and member churches. The Executive has determined that the Act for Peace Ltd is not a reporting entity and hence this report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards relevant to not-for-profit entities.

The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the NCCA Constitution. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis (except as provided for in the statement below on income) in accordance with historical cost convention. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

#### 1. Recognition of Income

The timing of the recognition of donations, grants, fundraising, legacies and bequests depends on when control of these monies is obtained, usually receipt of the monies.

#### 2. Investment Income

Investment interest is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when received.

#### 3. Donations and Fundraising

In common with many charitable organisations, it is not practicable for the Act for Peace Ltd to establish accounting controls over all sources of donations and fundraising income prior to it being recorded in the accounting records.

#### 4. Value of Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not included in revenue or expenses because of the practical difficulties involved. In relation to volunteers used directly for the support of international projects, this amounted to \$29,769 in 2018 (2017 \$nil).

#### 5. Accounts Payable

Accruals and other creditors are recognised when the company becomes obligated to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services. Accruals have also been made in the accounts in the case of unspent budgeted project funds.

#### 6. Acquisition of Assets

Assets acquired are recorded at the cost of acquisition, being the purchase consideration determined as at the date of acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

#### 7. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

#### 8. Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amounts of goods and services tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of the statement of financial position.

#### 9. Recoverable Amount of Non-current Assets

Non-current assets are written down to recoverable amount where the carrying value of any non-current asset exceeds the recoverable amount.

#### 10. Revaluation of Non-current Assets

Equity in property is measured on the fair value basis. Fair value basis is determined on the basis of an independent valuation prepared by external valuation experts based on capitalisation of net income.

#### 11. Managed Funds

Funds channelled through Act for Peace Ltd on behalf of other Australian individuals or entities are classified as Managed Funds. These funds are earmarked for specific purposes.

#### 12. Financial Year

The Financial Year for the Act for Peace Ltd starts 1<sup>st</sup> July and ends 30<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 13. Comparative Amounts

Some comparative information has been re-classified to ensure comparability with the current reporting period.

#### 14. Entity Structure

A new entity Act for Peace Ltd being a company limited by guarantee was established on the 23 June 2017. During the year Act for Peace transitioned to this new structure, with the operations of the organisation continuing and remaining unchanged. The financial statements reflect the full year results of Act for Peace pre and post incorporation.

	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>2. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Advances	13,263	9,269
GST Paid	86,750	56,151
Prepayments	53,169	0
Trade receivables	200,409	692,653
	<b>353,591</b>	<b>758,073</b>
<b>3. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Investments with NCCA Ltd - Project Funds	3,592,112	3,308,13
Investments with NCCA Ltd - Refugee Reserves	2,789,271	2,902,322
Investments with NCCA Ltd - Property Reserves	738,433	718,581
	<b>7,119,816</b>	<b>6,929,036</b>
<b>4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Level 7 Kent St (Sydney)	1,405,396	945,448
Level 4 Causeway House (Melbourne)	1,350,000	1,350,000
Computer & Office Furnitures	520,904	0
	<b>2,295,448</b>	<b>2,295,448</b>
<b>5. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade Creditors	206,919	369,597
Accruals on Project Funds	115,630	363,991
Income in Advance	1,120,036	0
Payroll Liabilities	63,137	0
GST Collected	0	4,177
	<b>1,505,722</b>	<b>737,765</b>

	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
<b>6. EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	368,625	262,709
	<b>368,625</b>	<b>262,709</b>
Provision for Long Service Leave	105,139	74,625
	<b>105,139</b>	<b>74,625</b>
<b>7. RESERVES</b>		
Refugee Reserves	2,289,523	2,310,823
Property Reserves	738,432	718,581
Level 7 Kent St (Sydney)	1,405,396	945,448
Level 4 Causeway House (Melbourne)	1,350,000	1,350,000
	<b>5,783,351</b>	<b>5,324,852</b>
<b>8. RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
Retained Earnings - Bequests	1,180,661	989,90
Retained Earnings	1,834,423	2,485,328
	<b>3,015,084</b>	<b>3,475,228</b>
<b>9. PROGRAMS</b>		
Africa	437,613	511,543
Asia	2,834,377	2,028,922
Pacific	860,969	1,118,315
Middle East	443,617	332,622
Global Programs	0	149,336
Managed Funds - Overseas	260,430	226,150
Emergencies	1,173,039	958,643
	<b>6,010,045</b>	<b>5,325,530</b>

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

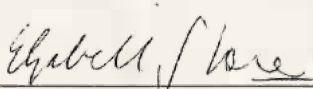
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, the Directors of Act for Peace Ltd declare that:

- The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 2 to 7 are in accordance with the Act for Peace Ltd constitution, ACFID Code of Conduct and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act); and
  - Comply with relevant Australian Accounting standards to the extent in note 1; and
  - Give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company;
- In the Commission's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that Act for Peace will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors and is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

For and on behalf of the Board

  
JOHN GILMORE (Chairman, Board of Directors)

  
ELIZABETH STONE (Director)

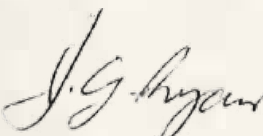
Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

## AUDITOR'S DECLARATION

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Act For Peace Limited under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the ACNC Act in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

  
THOMAS DAVIS & CO.

  
J.G. RYAN  
PARTNER

Sydney  
26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

# AUDITOR'S REPORT 2018



THOMAS DAVIS & CO  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
ESTABLISHED 1894

## OPINION

We have audited the financial report of Act for Peace Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30

June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Act for Peace Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian

Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including;

(a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June, 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## EMPHASIS OF MATTER- BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTION AND USE

We draw attention to Note 1(3) to the financial report which describes the revenue recognition policy of Act for Peace Limited including the limitations that exist in relation to recording of cash receipts from Donations and Fundraising. Revenue from this source represents a significant proportion of revenue of Act for Peace Limited. Our opinion is unmodified in respect of this matter.

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the company's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

THOMAS DAVIS & CO.

J.G. RYAN

PARTNER

Sydney  
26th September, 2018

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- The Reverend John Gilmore, Chair, Churches of Christ, BTheol, MTheol, DipMin
- Elizabeth Stone, Policy Sub-Committee, Catholic Church, BA, MIntS, AGIA
- Alison Preston, Anglican Church of Australia
- Heather Saville, Religious Society of Friends, BA
- Greg Thompson, Anglican Church of Australia, B.Econ., B.Div., B Ed. Studies, TSTC

## MEMBER CHURCHES

Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. Member churches include:

- Anglican Church of Australia
- Antiochian Orthodox Church
- Armenian Apostolic Church
- Assyrian Church of the East
- Chinese Methodist Church in Australia
- Churches of Christ in Australia
- Congregational Federation of Australia
- Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Sydney and affiliated Regions
- Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Melbourne and affiliated Regions
- Greek Orthodox Church
- Indian Orthodox Church
- Lutheran Church of Australia
- Mar Thoma Church
- Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- Roman Catholic Church
- Romanian Orthodox Church Romanian Patriarchate Australian Churches
- The Salvation Army
- Syrian Orthodox Church
- Uniting Church in Australia

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- Anglican Board of Mission (Australia)
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- Global Mission Partners (Australia),
- Uniting World (Australia)
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