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**Names throughout this report have been changed for safety reasons.*



FRONT COVER: This year the number of people displaced by conflict exceeded 100 million for the first time due to the war in Ukraine. We responded to this crisis by providing support to families forced to flee their home, like Antonia* and Galyna*, pictured here at a community shelter set up by our partner on the Ukrainian-Hungarian border.

In Jantoli Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazaar, our local partner, Christian Aid, supported both the refugee and host community to access more job opportunities. This work was possible through the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership.

At the heart of our work is a powerful conviction: to create a just and peaceful society, we have to work together. It's not only the right thing to do, it's the only thing that will work.

Founded by the Australian churches in 1948, Act for Peace is a diverse collection of people, united by the belief that all people are created equal, and we should love our neighbours as ourselves.

Yet, right now, we live in a world of 'us' and 'them'. It means that every day, more of us are forced from our homes by conflict and disaster.

Together, we're working to reduce displacement and create safety, dignity and belonging for uprooted people.

We're doing this by backing displaced people through local partnerships and initiatives, building unity, and transforming the system.

OUR VISION

A world where everyone belongs.

OUR PURPOSE

To create, together, a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.



Our local partner helped Daniyel's* family get citizenship documents so they could safely return to their home in Sri Lanka. Now, his children can attend school and his daughter can access the medical care she needs.

"Because of that help, me, my wife and our four children are well settled. My eldest daughter is doing well and her dream is to become a doctor. The life we got and the people who helped from Australia – we are very grateful to all of them."

– Daniyel*

OUR BELIEFS



WORKING TOGETHER:

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

(ROMANS 12:4-5, NIV)

We respect the God-given dignity of all people, celebrate diversity, understand that we are part of a larger whole. We believe we must treat each other with grace and share what we have, because a unified society is essential for sustainable peace.



PEACE WITH JUSTICE:

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.” (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR)

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (EPHESIANS 4:1-3, NIV)

Our Christian model of peace is of people enjoying right relationships with God, each other, and our planet. We are called to live in peace with people of all traditions, sharing the gift of peace with those who are distressed, breaking down barriers that create fear, oppression and division – bringing renewal by fostering justice, equity and love for all.



THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE AND PLANET:

“Anyone who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit.” (PROVERBS 27:18A, NRSV)

We believe that peace on earth requires peace with the earth – we are committed to nurturing our earth just as it nurtures us. We recognise the grave threats faced by our planet, and the consequences for all people, and commit to act with respect and care as we adopt regenerative lifestyles and work to achieve ecological justice.

OUR VALUES

HUMILITY

We recognise that it's not all about us. We see others as equal to ourselves, value what we each bring to the table, seek first to listen, and learn, and to understand the limits of our own experience and perspectives.

COURAGE

We will be brave in the face of challenges, dare to be different when necessary, and use our voice to speak truth to power (for change in the world). We persist when the going gets tough.

CREATIVITY

We seek different perspectives and original thinking, model alternative policy and solutions, develop innovative programs, and share our learning to ensure we continue to provide value to our stakeholders in an environment that is constantly changing.

INTEGRITY

We live out our beliefs and values, are accountable, steward our resources mindfully and aim for high quality practice in all we do.

“Our beliefs are foundational to our identity. They articulate our understanding of peace, and our role in creating the world we want to see. Together, with others, we believe in a world where all are created equal and should be treated this way, and to achieve this belief we must work together, seek justice, and care for our planet.”

Janet Cousens, CEO, Act for Peace



With your support, our local partner in Kenya, RefugePoint, delivered life-saving food assistance to ensure refugees living in urban areas could live in safety, with dignity, while displaced.

FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

We are proud to present the 2021-22 Annual Report for Act for Peace after a momentous year for our work.

Momentous not just for the achievements we've made together, but because the world reached a staggering new milestone. In May 2022, the number of people displaced by violence and conflict around the globe exceeded 100 million, and it was predicted this number will double in 10 years. In addition the number of people displaced by climate related disasters is predicted to surpass 200 million by 2050.

The ongoing impacts of climate-disasters, COVID-19, ongoing conflict, and the recent war in Ukraine are being felt on a global scale. These events exacerbate existing inequalities among communities already impacted by forced displacement, and along with the looming global food crisis, threaten the hard-won gains of previous years.

This scenario is distressing and confirms the vital nature of our work. In 2022 Act for Peace revised our Strategic Framework confirming our refreshed purpose is to create, together, a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

We revisited our core beliefs and the values which underpin our work which led us to re-confirm our commitment to backing the leadership of displaced people and building partnerships that mobilise the knowledge, determination, and skills of people who are affected by forced displacement related to conflict or disaster, towards the development of solutions.

Whilst we will be there in the face of disaster, we are more committed than ever to addressing the root causes of displacement, and to achieving sustainable outcomes for people experiencing displacement. Given the complexity of forced displacement and the protracted nature of many displacement scenarios, including for refugees who have fled conflict in African nations, Myanmar and Afghanistan, and for communities such as those in Zimbabwe and Tonga affected by protracted or recurring disasters related to climate change, sustainable change requires long-term engagement.

Working together is one of our beliefs, and we acknowledge the impact we have achieved is only possible through our collaboration with others. Act for Peace continues to work bilaterally with partners through joint program design, mutual learning and the sharing of technical skills and resources, through consortia in Australia and overseas that allow us to leverage our resources to influence change at a greater scale, with our dedicated churches and supporters who continue to influence our strategy and contribute through prayer, campaigning and funding, and with governments and multilateral agencies who contribute funds and engage in dialogue around policy and systems change to strengthen regional and global outcomes for uprooted people.



Janet Cousens, CEO



Ginie Udy, Chair

Most importantly, with our partners we work with individuals, families and communities directly affected by forced displacement to incorporate their voice and leadership in joint programs and advocacy initiatives. They continue to be our inspiration, and the achievements we share with you in this report confirm for us that collectively we are making a positive difference in the lives of many.

We give thanks for each person and entity that we work with. We also acknowledge our skilled and dedicated staff, volunteers and Board who continue to remain focused and passionate for our cause.

Like many charities, in FY22 Act for Peace experienced changes in the nature of the income we secured as well as increasing operating costs. The Act for Peace Board took a very considered decision to invest in future years in identifying and building new revenue streams to ensure sustainable resourcing both for our partners and to ensure we are able to contribute to their work for decades to come.

Our commitment to sustainable change also led the Board to appoint a new Director, Oliver Slewa. In addition to contributing legal expertise, Oliver brings lived experience of forced displacement.

Despite the challenges ahead of us, we are committed to playing our part in working together with others to create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

We thank you for joining with us.

Ginie Udy

Ginie Udy (Chair)

Janet Cousens

Janet Cousens (CEO)

ACT FOR PEACE FY2021-22 SNAPSHOT

Together, we're creating a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have safe place to belong.



We backed
19
partners



in **19** countries
across Asia,
Africa, Pacific and
the Middle East



to deliver
34
projects



directly helping more than
226,853
people affected by
displacement.

**TOTAL INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FUNDING:
\$7,950,899**

**TOTAL DIRECT
PROJECT
PARTICIPANTS: 226,853**

BREAKDOWN OF DIRECT PROJECT PARTICIPANTS*:

**33,950
GIRLS**

**23,146
BOYS**

**71,376
WOMEN**

**27,987
MEN**

**OF THESE,
3,642
ARE PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY**

**Excluding emergency response projects where information was not available.*

PARTNERS WE COLLABORATED WITH ACCORDING TO OUR GOALS:

GOAL 1: SAFETY IN EXILE

- Christian Aid Bangladesh
- Church World Service Indonesia
- Community World Service Asia
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (Jordan)
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees Near East Council of Churches Gaza
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission
- Hungarian Inter-church Aid
- RefugePoint
- Tonga National Council of Churches
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches
- Organisation for Eelam Refugees' Rehabilitation, India
- Vanuatu Christian Council

GOAL 2: A PLACE TO BELONG

- Organisation for Eelam Refugees' Rehabilitation, India
- Organisation for Elangai Refugees' Rehabilitation, Ceylon
- The Border Consortium
- Myanmar Council of Churches
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines

GOAL 3: REDUCED DISPLACEMENT

- National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- Tonga National Council of Churches
- Vanuatu Christian Council
- Christian Care Zimbabwe
- Community World Service Asia
- Church World Service Indonesia
- World Council of Churches
- National Council of Churches in Australia

WHERE WE WORKED

UKRAINE:

Providing immediate life-saving support and restoration of basic services for people affected by the war within Ukraine and for refugees in Hungary.

AFGHANISTAN:

Providing urgent food, shelter, health supplies and cash assistance for families displaced by the ongoing crisis. Giving girls a brighter future through improved access to quality education.

PAKISTAN:

Preventative and curative healthcare for rural families, especially mothers and children. Improving access to quality education.

ASIA:

Advocating for refugee rights.

MYANMAR:

Capacity building and training for communities to help prevent human rights abuses.

THE PHILIPPINES:

Disaster risk reduction and preparedness. Action and advocacy to support communities, including indigenous people, to access their human rights.

INDIA:

Awareness on health and healthcare for Sri Lankan refugees. Documentation, livelihoods and empowerment programs for refugees preparing to return, and those undecided.

THAILAND:

Meaningful participation and leadership of refugees encamped in the Thai Myanmar border.

PACIFIC:

Support to the Pacific Church Partnership Advisory Network (PCPAN).

GAZA:

Healthcare for women and children and vocational training for young people. Providing psychosocial support to trauma impacted children.

WEST BANK:

Non-violent protective presence to vulnerable communities living under occupation.

VANUATU:

Support for communities to prepare, respond and recover from the impacts of natural disasters.

JORDAN:

Providing urgently needed support for Syrian refugees including food rations, healthcare, education, livelihoods and counselling. Pilot graduation approach program for 50 families in Gaza camp, Jerash with market-led livelihoods, protection, and household mentoring.

SRI LANKA:

Linkages with government, livelihoods and support services to help newly returned refugees reintegrate.

BANGLADESH:

Providing life-saving assistance including access to sanitation facilities, COVID-19 preventative hygiene kits, and medical care to Rohingya refugees.

TONGA:

Improving safety and inclusion for people with disability in Disaster Risk Management. Emergency response to support communities affected by the Hunga tsunami and volcano eruption.

ETHIOPIA:

Emergency healthcare for critically ill or injured refugees, as well as counselling and vocational training.

INDONESIA:

Disaster preparedness and risk reduction activities to help communities stay safe during, and recover from, disasters. Supporting local communities, including marginalised people, through the health, psychosocial and economic impacts of the pandemic.

ZIMBABWE:

Supporting farmers to be more resilient to climate change through conservation farming and diversified livelihood activities. Responding to food insecurity with urgently needed food and strengthened protection mechanisms.

KENYA:

Helping urban refugees in Nairobi with food.

This year, you backed 19 local partners in 19 countries to deliver 34 projects, improving the lives of more than 226,000 people. Together, we are helping to create a world where everyone belongs. Thank you.

AUSTRALIA:

Advocacy and campaigning for refugee rights. Collaborating with Australian Church Agencies to help more communities to be better prepared for disasters and to increase the impact of emergency response work.

SAFETY IN EXILE

GOAL 1: PEOPLE LIVE IN SAFETY, WITH DIGNITY, WHILE DISPLACED.

In 2021, the number of displaced people reached almost 90 million globally. The recent Ukraine crisis, combined with ongoing conflict in Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Ethiopia, pushed this figure to over 100 million by May 2022.

Consequently, this year saw a massive scale up in our emergency response efforts to help our local partners deliver urgent support to families uprooted by emerging humanitarian crises in Ukraine, Afghanistan and Tonga. Additionally, we continued to support ongoing projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Jordan, Bangladesh, India, Vanuatu and Indonesia, helping uprooted communities to live in safety, with dignity, while displaced.

COMING TOGETHER FOR UKRAINE

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 resulted in the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II. More than 13 million Ukrainians have fled their homes, including more than 6.6 million refugees across Europe and 8 million people displaced within Ukraine.

In August, Act for Peace partnered with other leading international aid charities, the ABC, and the Federal Government to launch the historic Emergency Action Alliance (EAA), in a combined effort to support Ukrainian families.

Uniting 14 Australian-based member charities, the EAA created a single way for Australians to donate to the relief effort and has so far raised \$28 million.

This amount included \$1 million raised by Act for Peace staff and supporters to send to our ACT Alliance partner, Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA), to provide emergency access to basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other services in Ukraine and in Hungary.

OUR ACT ALLIANCE PARTNER IN HUNGARY HELPED:

- ✓ 108,003 people gain emergency access to basic humanitarian aid, protection activities, and other services
- ✓ Purchase and transport 689 metric tons of food, essential non-food items and medical equipment to support people impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.
- ✓ Provide cash transfers and flexible grants to give shelters and other small organisations the control and flexibility to buy what they need.



First shipment of relief supplies arrive from our ACT Alliance partner, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, to help families uprooted by the conflict in Ukraine.

“The difficulty for people is to accept aid. We’re talking about an extremely proud society. And our main task is to provide help in the most dignified way possible.”

- HIA's Response Director, Giuliano Stochino
While the conflict continues, leaving millions without access to basic lifelines, we'd like to shine a light on our dedicated partner staff, keeping thousands of Ukrainians safe in exile.

Daryna* plays with her mother at an aid station at the Ukrainian-Hungarian border where our local partner, HIA, is assisting Ukrainian refugees.



THIS GOAL AIMS TO ENSURE DISPLACED PEOPLE:

- Access critical physical and emotional support.
- Have control over their lives, leading activities that ensure their safety, dignity, and rights.
- Advocate for change and help fix systems that cause violence, exclusion, or abuse.



Displaced Afghan families seek refuge inside a park after fleeing northern provinces due to clashes between Taliban and Afghan security, on August 10, 2021.

Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

SUPPORTING AFGHANS UPROOTED FROM THEIR HOMES

Afghanistan is in the grip of a chronic humanitarian crisis, caused by prolonged, violent conflict and exacerbated by poverty, drought, and COVID-19. Since the Taliban takeover in August 2021, conflict has escalated, forcing almost 390,000 people to leave their homes in September alone, to seek refuge in safer areas of Afghanistan or neighbouring Pakistan and Iran.

In August, Act for Peace supporters responded with great generosity and raised \$436,000 to help our local partner, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), provide emergency aid and assistance to the most crisis-affected Afghan families.

This includes support for newly arrived families in Pakistan who struggled to get help. CWSA identified 253 of the most vulnerable Afghani refugee households and supported them with emergency cash payments – giving priority to

women, children and people with disability. Families have been able to buy essentials like food and prioritise the health and educational needs of their children.

Together, we will continue to support CWSA as they ensure uprooted Afghans live in safety, with dignity, while displaced.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN AFGHANISTAN HELPED:

- ✓ 525 households in Nangarhar province and 710 households in Laghman province with emergency cash payments, essential medicine, and shelters for winter.
- ✓ More than 5,000 people with access to medicine for illnesses like malaria, diarrhoea, and COVID-19 symptoms.

HELPING OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER

It's hard to forget the satellite images that flashed across our news in January 2022 when the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted in Tonga.

One of the most powerful eruptions recorded in the modern era, it was the communities of Tonga - at least 84,000 affected people - who bore the brunt of its impact.

During this time, the Act for Peace community raised over \$94,000 to help our partner in Tonga, the Tongan National Council of Churches (TNCC), to assist communities living with the physical devastation, food insecurity, and trauma caused by this disaster.

The emergency response led by our partner, with the support of USAID, provided critical physical and emotional assistance to 18 communities in Tonga, while leaving them with increased resilience and capacity to reduce their vulnerability to future disasters.

“I want to thank Australia for their support during the eruption and during the tsunami.... we owe the world who immediately responded to the new disaster that our people faced at the



Reverend Ikani Tolu, General Secretary, Tongan National Council of Churches.

beginning of the year, with the many prayers, we survived, and on behalf of our people, I say thank you. Malo 'aupito.”

- Reverend Ikani Tolu, General Secretary, Tongan National Council of Churches

While climate-driven displacement remains an ongoing challenge in the Pacific, we'll continue to work together with our partners to ensure local communities have a safe place to belong for years to come.



Satellite image of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano eruption in January 2022.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN TONGA HELPED:

- ✓ Provide counselling services to people in 5 of the worst-affected areas, to process the trauma of the disaster.
- ✓ Deliver Emergency cash handouts to people with disabilities, giving them the autonomy to buy the supplies they needed.
- ✓ Deliver agricultural support to farmers' whose crops were damaged, including distributing tools for clean-up and gardening, constructing greenhouses and re-establishing crops.

A PLACE TO BELONG

GOAL 2: UPROOTED PEOPLE FIND A PERMANENT PLACE TO BELONG.

For most people forced to flee their home due to conflict and disaster, the preferred solution is to return home. However, due to the protracted nature of many conflicts and disaster scenarios this is not possible in the short term and many people remain displaced for decades.

This year we continued to support our dedicated partners helping to build safe and permanent futures for displaced communities. These partners are leading initiatives to ensure the meaningful participation of refugees in their own decisions, strengthening individual self-esteem and preparing them for a future where they experience safety and dignity.

PROMOTING REFUGEE LEADERSHIP AND SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN THAI-BURMA CAMPS

Since Myanmar's military coup on 1 Feb 2020, over 12,000 civilians have been jailed and over 4,000 murdered in a brutal military crackdown. The violence has caused widespread displacement, and for the 81,270 refugees already living in camps on the Thai-Burma border, it means returning home is not an immediate option.

Acknowledging the protracted nature of this refugee situation, our partner, The Border Consortium (TBC), is determined to ensure these refugees – typically denied access to their rights – are still afforded every opportunity to assume leadership roles and meaningfully engage in decisions affecting their lives.

This year, TBC continued to support refugee-led camp committees – a vital system of refugee self-governance that TBC and Act for Peace helped set up. The committees enable refugees to decide their own affairs, determine how best to respond to their own needs, and provide leadership and support to their communities.



Karen McGrath / Act for Peace

Our partner is supporting refugee families living in Thai-Burma camps to gain a sense of leadership and sovereignty over decisions that affect their lives, while they await a more permanent solution.

When the COVID-19 camp lockdowns occurred, and aid workers couldn't travel, this system proved invaluable as refugees took the lead in combatting COVID-19 and managing tight aid supplies.

“The ANCP Project with Act for Peace empowers refugees from Burma, living in close settings in Thailand, by supporting community-led leadership and enabling refugees to build skills and make informed choices for a future beyond the camps.”
– Timothy Moore, Thailand Programme Director, The Border Consortium

While we hope for, and continue to pursue durable solutions for these communities, we thank our partners, supporters, and the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), for supporting refugee leadership and sovereignty over decisions that affect their lives.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN THAILAND HELPED:

- ✓ 9,894 refugees with camp services.
- ✓ 90 women refugees enter leadership roles in the camps.

THIS GOAL AIMS TO ENSURE:

- Uprooted people lead initiatives that help build a safe, permanent future.
- Countries fairly share responsibility for supporting survivors of displacement.

Lesansa* returned to Vavuniya in Sri Lanka in March 2018 and settled back on her parents' land. Our local partner in India helped her obtain the correct documentation and apply for her citizenship so she could find a permanent place to belong.



PREPARING SRI LANKAN REFUGEES TO RETURN HOME

Forced to flee their homeland during the Sri Lankan civil war in 1983, around 55,000 Sri Lankan refugees now live in 107 refugee camps in the state of Tamil Nadu in India.

While the war ended over 13 years ago, for many of these families, concerns of safety, lack of documentation, where they will live and how they will earn a living in Sri Lanka have been barriers to returning home.

The increasing economic and political instability in Sri Lanka since the beginning of this year has only added further doubt for refugees ready to return home.

To overcome these issues, Act for Peace's local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR) in India, continue to help refugees prepare to return home and to get the documents they need to prove their identity, reclaim their land, and access essential government services like hospitals and schools.

On returning to Sri Lanka, OfERR continue to assist returnees with accessing their land and providing

building materials for temporary shelters. They're also helping with securing livelihoods in agriculture, fishing and animal husbandry as well as helping returnees access government services such as health and education.

With the backing of our supporters, and the help of the Australian Government through the Department of Home Affairs, we will continue to support our partner to help Sri Lankan refugees return home and find a safe and permanent place to belong.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN SRI LANKA AND INDIA HELPED:

- ✓ 4,212 refugees become fully prepared to return home.
- ✓ 9,432 prospective refugee returnees obtain their necessary civil legal documents.
- ✓ 470 program participants receive certified livelihood training.

REDUCED DISPLACEMENT

GOAL 3: REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR HOMES.

We believe people should not be forced to leave their homes in the first place, so an essential part of our work is to understand the intersecting factors driving displacement and take action to reduce the pressures that compel people to leave their homes.

This year we continued to back our local partners who are supporting communities to adapt to increasingly inhospitable environments and escalating disasters.

INNOVATING TO ADAPT TO DROUGHT IN ZIMBABWE

In recent years, Zimbabwe has experienced a rapidly changing climate, including an increase in severe droughts. The ways communities once made a living off conventional farming is no longer sustainable.

Act for Peace has been working with our local partner in Zimbabwe, Christian Care, for more than 13 years to help them adapt to a changing climate. This year, Christian Care continued to help farmers diversify the way they earn an income and be better placed to meet the climate challenges that lay ahead.



Farmers from Masvingo region, Zimbabwe, attend a small livestock training session ran by our partner.

Joe Rotheray / Christian Care



Tracy Robinson / Act for Peace

Thanks to our local partner in Zimbabwe, Saliwe* has become a thriving poultry farmer, and can afford to feed her children and give them a better life.

Engaging with the latest climate science, Christian Care is equipping farmers with new livelihood skills, equipment, and expert training in areas such as Conservation Farming, small livestock farming, and beekeeping.

“I can’t thank you enough for funding this program. Without this knowledge, I do not know what would have happened to my children. 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*

We give thanks to our supporters for backing communities in Zimbabwe on the frontline of the climate crisis. With your help and the support of the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), this work is possible.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN ZIMBABWE HELPED:

- ✓ 1279 women participate in trainings and activities that built their capacity to improve household food insecurity and income.
- ✓ 720 first year farmers become trained in conservation farming.
- ✓ reduce post harvest losses by 20%.



Women in Anugrah, Indonesia, learn to make cookies they can sell at the market.

OUR GOALS
OUR CHANGE STRATEGIES
Geoff Robinson / Act for Peace

BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN INDONESIA

For communities in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, the place they and their ancestors have always called home is under threat.

Living in a disaster & climate ‘hot spot’ means they are increasingly vulnerable to climate-driven weather events and other natural disasters like the earthquake and tsunami in 2018 which uprooted around 248,000 people from their homes. Across Indonesia in 2021 alone, another 750,000 locals were displaced by climate-related disasters.

Fortunately, with the help of our local partner, CWS Indonesia, and the support of the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), communities in the Sigi district are being trained in climate-adaptive skills so they can continue working and living locally. This year, farmers are learnt new techniques, such as terracing, organic fertiliser and pest management, drip irrigation and planting climate-adaptive seeds, so they can continue to plant and harvest crops amid changing climate conditions. Women in the community were also empowered to help contribute to their household income. Through alternative livelihood and micro-enterprise business development training, they learnt to make, market and sell products like cookies, tempeh,, and coconut oil. Financial literacy training also supported them to better manage their household income and save money.

“I aspire to share my spirit and to motivate other women in Bulubete Village also, to think creatively and innovatively in the midst of existing conditions, so they can help their husband or themselves to meet their family’s daily needs.” – Faizah

We’d like to acknowledge the incredible leadership that local communities, like those in Central Sulawesi, are taking to adapt to new and sustainable ways of living. However, reducing climate-fuelled displacement requires our leaders and governments to also step up and do their part.

OUR LOCAL PARTNER IN INDONESIA HELPED:

- ✓ 680 households, including 111 people with disability to build resilience to the impacts of disasters and climate change.

THIS GOAL AIMS TO ENSURE:

- Communities lead initiatives to reduce the impact of disasters and other displacement drivers.
- Governments and the public take strong action to reduce conflict and climate-driven displacement.

BACKING DISPLACED PEOPLE

CHANGE STRATEGY 1: WORK IN SOLIDARITY WITH LOCAL PARTNERS

We believe that the agency and contribution of uprooted people must be central in all efforts to address the injustice of forced displacement. More importantly, we recognise that for people who are forcibly displaced, being able to regain some measure of control over their lives is essential both for the restoration of their dignity, and as a matter of justice.

Accordingly, this year we continued to prioritise relationships based on mutuality, increasing resourcing for initiatives led by people experiencing displacement that specifically increase their ability to influence change at the local, regional, or global level.

“We know our partners have great capacity and our job is to facilitate and to step back where necessary, and that culture is very strong at Act for Peace.”

– Brian Barbour, Senior Refugee Protection Advisor, Act for Peace

A NEW PILOT TO HELP BACK SYRIAN REFUGEES OUT OF POVERTY

While the Syrian conflict no longer makes the front pages, millions of families remain displaced by this devastating humanitarian crisis. Today, over 670,000 Syrian refugees live in Jordan, mostly in urban areas where they are vulnerable to poverty, lack of services and social protection.

Just before COVID-19 closed borders, over 180,000 Syrian refugees returned from Jordan to Syria in a six month period despite Syria still being a highly unsafe warzone. Refugees told Act for Peace that people were making this heartbreaking decision due to the hardship of life in Jordan and the difficulty of making ends meet.

Given the protracted nature of this refugee crisis, compounded by the pandemic, and rising living

THIS CHANGE STRATEGY INVOLVES:

- Building partnerships that mobilise the knowledge, determination, and skills of displaced people to create change.
- Resourcing locally led initiatives that reduce displacement and create safety, dignity and belonging for uprooted people.

costs, we’ve been collaborating with our local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), to help devise a response.

Beginning in 2020, Act for Peace worked with DSPR to conduct several assessments with key stakeholders - government, private, and the Syrian and Palestinian refugee communities - and identified that a lack of livelihoods was a key factor underpinning the extreme poverty and protection risks experienced by refugees in Jordan.

Our recommendation solution – the “Forsa” project (meaning ‘Opportunity’) – kicked off in June 2022. This pilot project utilises the ‘Graduation out of Poverty Approach’, an evidence-based model pioneered in local communities in Bangladesh and increasingly utilised for displacement contexts.

The two-year pilot will support 50 families living in refugee camps in Jordan, including both Syrian and Palestinian refugees. The goal is to help these households out of poverty by removing barriers to services like education and healthcare, and providing livelihood support, through an intensive, personalised program.

The pilot is significant for a number of reasons. It’s the first time this approach has been trialled in the Palestinian camps where DSPR work in

Jordan, into which Syrian refugees moved when fleeing the conflict in their own country. These neighbourhoods are among the most marginalised and under-served areas across Jordan.

“There’s an exciting opportunity to take a model that was set up for non-displaced communities and trial it in displaced communities in Jordan and see how it fares there. Then hopefully we can build up a technical expertise that can be shared and applied with our other partners in other parts of the world.”

– Sharon Edington, International Program Manager, Act for Peace

Moreover, being implemented by a refugee-led organisation, including personnel with lived experience of displacement, it positions Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugee “host community members” as the main actors in their own protection interventions. This represents an exciting and vital piece of Act for Peace’s ongoing commitment to back displaced people.

We have stood with refugees during the emergency stage of the Syrian crisis, and together, we will continue to back displaced people in Jordan to find durable solutions.



Bibi*, Uri* and Aya* journey to school. Their family is entirely reliant on aid from organisations like our partner, DSPR. As well as launching a new pilot to find durable solutions for refugees living in Jordan, DSPR also provided food ration packs and emergency hygiene kits to some of the most vulnerable refugee families.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

By working in solidarity with local partners, we helped resource locally led initiatives to reduce displacement and create safety, dignity and belonging for uprooted people.

- Christian Aid Bangladesh
- Christian Care Zimbabwe
- Church World Service Indonesia
- Community World Service Asia
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (Jordan)
- Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees Near East Council of Churches Gaza
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission
- Hungarian Inter-church Aid (HIA)
- National Council of Churches in Australia
- Myanmar Council of Churches
- National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- Organisation for Elangai Refugees’ Rehabilitation, Ceylon
- Organisation for Eelam Refugees’ Rehabilitation, India
- RefugePoint
- The Border Consortium
- Tonga National Council of Churches
- Vanuatu Christian Council
- World Council of Churches
- Zimbabwe Council of Churches

BUILDING UNITY

CHANGE STRATEGY 2: REDUCE DIVISION AND CREATE A MORE COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY.

Right now, we're living in a world of 'us' versus 'them'. This deepening division of society enables decreases in international aid budgets, inadequate sharing of responsibility for the refugee crisis, climate inaction, and in many cases, is fuelling the conflict itself.

But we believe the tide can change. This year, we continued to create and contribute to opportunities for multiple actors in society to come together to share what they have with a common focus on ending displacement.

THIS CHANGE STRATEGY INVOLVES:

- Tackling the underlying drivers of inequality and displacement by reducing polarisation and building empathy in society.
- Creating opportunities for people to positively influence those around them, so they act and vote in support of displaced people.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH COALITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Collaborating and working together with others is core to our DNA at Act for Peace.

This year we again worked collaboratively as a member of local, regional, and global networks and alliances, faith based and other, to leverage our resources and influence change at a greater scale than we could alone.

These include:

- ACT Alliance
- Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (APNOR)
- Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN)
- The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Church Agency Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO)
- Emergency Action Alliance (EAA)
- Micah Australia

WORKING WITH COALITIONS TO MAXIMISE OUR IMPACT IN FY2021-22:

- Members of the Emergency Action Alliance collectively raised more than \$28 million to support the people of Ukraine.
- We entered a new partnership with ACT Alliance partner, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, collaborating to provide safety in exile to people displaced by the conflict in the Ukraine.
- Off the back of joint-lobbying work, including the Christians United for Afghanistan campaign, Micah celebrated the government's commitment to accept an additional 16,500 Afghan refugees in the 2022-23 Federal Budget.

BUILDING EMPATHY THROUGH THE RATION CHALLENGE

In 2022, more than 2,500 passionate people signed up to take the Ration Challenge. Across the country, people from all walks of life came together in a time of global turmoil and showed that we all have the power to do something.

The funds raised will help bring emergency food, healthcare and life-saving support to Syrian refugees and people who have fled their homes in Ukraine, as well as supporting other communities forced from their homes around the world.

But the Ration Challenge is not just about eating the rations of a refugee for one week and raising vital funds. By putting themselves in the shoes of a refugee for a week, the Ration Challenge gives participants an experience that profoundly increases empathy and compassion for people forced to live on rations every day.

Empathising with someone else, and having compassion for their situation, is an essential foundation for turning "charity begins at home" into "in this together", "us vs. them" into "no one left behind". When enough of us feel strongly, we not only do more to help as individuals, we also give our governments a strong mandate for action. All this is necessary to create a more equal world and save lives.

Time and again we hear from participants that the experience has a profound emotional impact, encouraging them to become more confident and vocal about creating change - this year was no exception.

"I have always been deeply passionate about the rights of people — especially refugees — but this challenge allowed me to become more confident and vocal about creating change. The challenge may be over, but my journey for change isn't. I thank the Ration Challenge for further inspiring me and encouraging me to move forward with this in the future!" - Jessica

We'd like to thank all our 2022 Ration Challenge participants for supporting those impacted by displacement and helping to build a more compassionate society.

Students from Oakhill College took part in the 2022 Ration Challenge to eat rations, raise money and build unity to help tackle the displacement crisis.



Zebadee Parkes / Act for Peace

This year's Ration Challenge raised nearly **\$1,000,000** – enough to feed 3,194 refugees for a year.



Act for Peace

Jessica has been a passionate supporter of the Ration Challenge since 2019.



ACT Alliance / Act for Peace

In June, our CEO Janet Cousens attended the first in-person ACT Alliance Board meeting since the pandemic hit. The Board celebrated the mobilisation of around US\$2 billion per year in response to humanitarian disasters and development challenges, the steps taken towards achieving climate justice through joint representation at the COPs, and the progress made in influencing systems that should provide protection for refugees through the ACT Alliance's new relationship with the UN.

TRANSFORMING THE SYSTEM

CHANGE STRATEGY 3: ADVOCATE FOR A RADICALLY DIFFERENT RESPONSE TO THE DISPLACEMENT CRISIS.

Today, more people are forcibly displaced than at any other time in history and the pressures on the systems, structures and arrangements developed to prevent, respond to, and find solutions for displaced people are immense.

This year, we worked collaboratively with our partners and coalitions to influence governments and global organisations to strengthen the protection of people affected by displacement.

AN IMPORTANT SHIFT IN LANGUAGE FOR THE UNHCR – THE UN’S REFUGEE AGENCY

Words carry power, particularly those which impact people who have been historically underrepresented and marginalised in society. For this reason, we felt strongly that the terms used by UNHCR to describe refugees and stateless people – ‘Persons-of-Concern’ to UNHCR and ‘Persons-of-Concern-led Organizations’ – were problematic as they signified that people affected by displacement were only significant if ‘of concern’ to UNCHR, as opposed to being ‘people’ with dignity and rights, who were owed protection under international law.

In an attempt to develop more inclusive language and practice, in June we produced a joint submission to UNHCR, alongside our likeminded partners the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees, the Global Refugee-Led Network, Global Independent Refugee Women Leaders and R-SEAT.

In the paper, we proposed that UNHCR and other stakeholders use alternate terms like ‘Affected Community-Based Organisations’, ‘Affected Community-Led Organisations’ or ‘organisations and initiatives led by affected communities’, and that they launch further consultations to develop more inclusive terminology.

THIS CHANGE STRATEGY INVOLVES:

- Learning from displaced people, forming broad networks, and standing together for collective influence.
- Influencing regional, national, and global authorities to share responsibility, resources, and power equitably, and act on climate and conflicts.

In a huge and immediate win for Act for Peace’s joint advocacy efforts, the United Nation’s High Commissioner for Refugees not only agreed to immediately removed all references to “POC-led organization” in a major international UNHCR meeting, but also agreed that the “POC” language will be phased out and no longer used in any context.

Although it will take time, this is an incredible achievement of our joint-advocacy and something we, as a community who backs displaced people, can celebrate.

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE CONTRIBUTION REFUGEES MAKE TO PROTECTION

A key challenge – in an age of constant news flashes and charity marketing – is the frequent painting of refugees as ‘passive victims’ in need of ‘our aid’. In truth, refugees make an enormous contribution in supporting each other and protecting family and community members from violence and abuse in camps and urban settlements around the world.

Too often, the result is projects designed by NGOs ‘for’ refugees, not ‘with’ or ‘by’ refugees. These projects invariably fail to recognise and build on what refugees are already doing to



Act for Peace staff attended a climate rally in Sydney on March 25, 2022 and called for more government action to help communities at risk of climate-displacement.

protect themselves, and fail to mobilise the incredible capacity and potential refugees have.

To reverse this trend, and ensure refugee efforts are visible, recognised and supported, this year Act for Peace partnered with UNSW’s Kaldor Centre and the Asia-Pacific Network on Refugees to launch action-research projects in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Bangladesh to document the contribution refugees make and build an evidence-base case calling on the UN, NGOs and government donors to invest in refugees and provide stronger backing for refugee-led organisations.

Organisations like OfERR, a refugee-run organisation helping refugees prepare to return home (see p.19) and the refugee-led ‘camp committees’ on the Thai-Burma border (see p.18) who, with your support, are now highly organised and able to govern their own affairs in the camps, including launching large-scale COVID response programs when the camps were locked down and left behind in 2020.

Looking ahead, we’ll continue to champion this cause, to make sure the Australian government and the international community prioritises support for refugee-led organisations.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Change is made up of many actions, big and small. This year, our supporters provided endless motivation and inspiration to continue our work together.

Whether you chose to walk across Australia, or took action by fundraising, giving, or campaigning with us, you helped to create a more just and peaceful world. Our work together would not be possible without you.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with refugees and other displaced people around the world.

Together, we're creating a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.



26,794

supporters, churches, organisations, and schools took action through Act for Peace this year



\$6,670,129

given in donations and bequests for communities around the world



47,670

generous gifts



Zebedee Parkes / Act for Peace

Act for Peace staff called up our Ration Challenge participants on World Refugee Day in June 2022 to thank them for their support.

Christmas Bowl 2021 at Thornleigh Uniting Church, Sydney.



Ben Littlejohn / Act for Peace

More than **1,100** congregations, spanning **15** denominations across Australia came together once again to share God's love through the Christmas Bowl.

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL

In December 2021, thousands of Australian Christians joined together in practical action, and shared Christmas with refugees in Ethiopia – and communities around the world forced from their homes by conflict and disaster.

The situation in Ethiopia continues to be challenging, complex and unstable. We have had frequent reports of outbreaks of violence and conflict since war erupted in November 2020. Before these developments, there were already more than 800,000 people who had been forced to flee their own countries and seek refuge in Ethiopia. But with more refugees and fewer resources available, it has become even harder to get supplies and hygiene items to those who need it most.

Thanks to the generosity of the Christmas Bowl community, our local partner, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), can now provide refugee families with food, shelter and lifesaving support, including emergency medical care and vocational training.

Thank you to all those who took part in the Christmas Bowl in 2021. With your committed support, the inspirational dedication of our local partners and the resilience of displaced people, we will help refugees to create a brighter future for themselves and create a world, together, where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

Act for Peace receives vital financial support from a range of institutional donors, helping us to work together to reduce displacement and create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

Each year the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides registered agencies, including Act for Peace, with a 'matched grant' under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). This grant leverages the gifts provided by our generous supporters and represents strong linkages between the Australian government, our supporters, and the work of our partners overseas.

Through this grant, and our supporters' gifts, in FY2021-22, we were able to strengthen outcomes for communities in Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Gaza, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vanuatu.

Once again, in FY2021-22 Act for Peace hosted the secretariat of the Vanuatu Church Partnerships Program, a collaboration of Australian church-based agencies and Vanuatu churches working together to strengthen the capacity of the church in Vanuatu to respond to humanitarian and development needs.

We acknowledge financial contributions from the Charitable Foundation, Transform Aid International and Australian Lutheran World Services. The Australian Department of Home Affairs continued to fund our program with partner OfERR, supporting return and reintegration initiatives for Tamil refugees considering or preparing to return to Sri Lanka after the war.

Through our collaboration with CAN DO we accessed funds from the Australian Humanitarian Partnership to strengthen our support for communities affected by disaster this year. We also acknowledge the support of USAID in our work with the Tonga National Council of Churches as we continue to work together to increase the inclusion of people with disabilities in planning and responding to natural disasters and build the resilience of communities in Tonga.

With the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, this year our local partner, Christian Aid, provided life-saving assistance to Rohingya refugees in Jamtoli camp, Bangladesh.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australian NGO Cooperation Program
- Department of Home Affairs
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australian Humanitarian Partnership via CANDO
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Australian Humanitarian Partnership via EAA
- NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade via Tearfund NZ
- USAID - Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance
- The Charitable Foundation
- Transform Aid International
- Australian Lutheran World Services

OUR INTERNAL COMMITMENTS

Act for Peace has been working with communities affected by conflict, disaster, and displacement for over 70 years. We remain committed to our own journey of transformation as we listen, learn, and provide our own vital contribution to a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster, find a place to belong.

IN THE PERIOD OF OUR FY22-26 STRATEGY, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

WALKING OUR TALK:

Living-out our commitments, beliefs, and values in the way we work to achieve change with others.

We are specifically committed to changing our way of working to ensure we play our part in backing displaced people, building unity, and transforming systems. We will:

RESEARCH, LEARN AND INNOVATE:

Ensuring our knowledge, research and services are evidence-based, informed by people experiencing displacement, and provide real value to displaced people, local partners, and others. Ensuring we continue to look outside of the box, to think in new ways and to develop solutions that can be built to scale.

MOBILISE PEOPLE:

Having highly motivated, skilled, and experienced staff that are agile, innovative, and well-networked, and ensuring they have the support required for collaborative action for greater impact.

TRANSFORMATIVE RESOURCING:

Securing resources that contribute to sustainable outcomes for Act for Peace and our partners.

DEVELOPING EXPERTISE:

Specialising in services that add value in displacement situations.



In Zimbabwe, our local partner led initiatives to help communities identify new income generation opportunities and adopt new farming technologies, working to reduce climate-driven displacement.

LEARNING FROM OUR WORK

We regularly monitor and evaluate our projects to measure progress, track efficacy, be transparent and demonstrate results. This allows us to be accountable to our supporters, partners, and the communities we serve, as well as ensure our work is making a positive impact on the lives of those affected by displacement.

In addition to ongoing monitoring, six of the projects we collaborated on and helped resource this year were evaluated by external assessors:

THIS YEAR'S EVALUATIONS

- **Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees Near East Council of Churches Gaza:** Promoting the Physical and Psychosocial Wellbeing, Resilience, and Livelihoods of Vulnerable Communities in the Gaza Strip
- **Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission:** Urban Refugee Holistic Program through anti-GBV Support, Health Care and Livelihoods Program
- **Organisation for Eelam Refugees' Rehabilitation, Ceylon:** Sri Lankan Refugee Return and Reintegration Programme: Phase III
- **Zimbabwe Council of Churches:** Churches Nation Building and Protection Program
- **The Border Consortium:** Camp Management and Preparedness Programme in the Karenni Camps on the Thailand-Myanmar Border
- **National Council of Churches in the Philippines:** Capacitating Churches and Building Disaster and Climate Change Resilient Communities

See all of our program evaluations at actforpeace.org.au/evaluations

"EOC-DICAC brought me back through counselling, through showing me that I'm a human, even though my country didn't see me as a human."

– Mariam*



Ben Littlejohn / Act for Peace

PROJECT EVALUATION

HELPING WOMEN REFUGEES HEAL THROUGH LIVELIHOOD, MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Our local partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church's Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), has provided assistance to urban refugees and in refugee camps in Ethiopia since 1972.

Over 850,000 refugees live in camps around Ethiopia's borders, with the most vulnerable being transferred to the capital city, Addis Ababa. These include people who are chronically ill, with emergency illnesses, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence and people with disability.

While being resettled in the city means closer access to services, the urban space is a challenging environment for these individuals, compounded by rising costs of living, and limited access to livelihood opportunities.

To help increase livelihood opportunities and enhance the physical and psychosocial wellbeing of the more vulnerable refugees in Addis Ababa, Act for Peace helps resource EOC-DICAC's Sexual and Gender Based Violence and Livelihoods Program.

The holistic package of support offers a range of services refugees can choose from. It includes livelihood support such as vocational training and business 'start up kits', as well as services to enhance physical and psychosocial wellbeing, such as transport to counselling, hygiene kits,

awareness raising (on topics such as gender-based violence, child protection and HIV), safe house and rental assistance.

For women like Mariam*, who fled from the Congo into Ethiopia after her village was attacked, being able to access this package of services, and receive counselling support, means she can start processing her psychological trauma and start feeling hope for the future again.

EOC-DICAC's project with Act for Peace is gratefully funded by our supporters with the help of the Australian Government, through the Australian NGO Cooperation Partnership.

Hermela, one of the passionate members of staff at EOC-DICAC, emphasises the significant impact counselling services can have on an individual's self-esteem.

"Through this counselling service you see a great change happening in people's lives. I remember one woman at risk coming to me for counselling, and the facial expression I saw in her from when she came into my office to when she left, was completely different. She said she was starting to see hope."

Thanks to Hermela and the rest of her team at EOC-DICAC, survivors of gender-based violence and refugees at risk of gender-based violence, as well as people with disability, are being supported to live in safety, with dignity in Addis Ababa, while displaced from their homes.

See full evaluation report at actforpeace.org.au/evaluations

RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEARNINGS FROM AN INDEPENDENT PROJECT EVALUATION:

- **Offer trainings in more skill areas:** Act for Peace is working with our partner to conduct extensive research and assessments into market-based livelihood opportunities for refugees in Ethiopia, with the aim of expanding the trainings available in the project.
- **Address barriers to learning, including accessibility for people with disabilities:** Our partner has recruited new training providers with more diverse language skills, and have included a transport allowance so people with disability can better access services.
- **Respond to inflation and provide support for house rent:** Unit costs have been revised to take account of inflation, and rent support included for refugees discharged from the safe house, as well as cash assistance for refugees with the strongest business plans.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In FY 2022 Act for Peace continued to view the stewardship of our finances as a core resource in the achievement of our purpose. During the year we were able to increase the value of funds provided to our partners compared to FY 2021 despite a net loss; in a year of variable revenue generated from fundraising this result was achieved through use of surplus funds raised in FY 2021, an increase in funds raised for emergencies, an increase in funds from institutional grants and careful management of organisational expenditure. During FY 2022 the ongoing trend of an increasing amount of funds raised being earmarked for specific projects and programs was confirmed; whilst positive for specific projects this trend presents pressure on our capacity to allocate funds as required across our program portfolio and for operational costs. In response our Board made the very strategic decision to continue to fund partners while increasing investment in new revenue streams, the result of this investment being expected in future years.

We remain very grateful for the continued engagement of our supporters and institutional donors who partner with us to ensure that the ever-increasing number of people affected by forced displacement have a safe place to belong.

INCOME:

Overall total public fundraising income was down 12 per cent. Whilst \$1.71 million unbudgeted income was secured for emergency responses in Afghanistan, Tonga and the Ukraine, other public income was below budget, with the most notable reduction being for our Annual Ration Challenge. Our analysis concludes that the reduction in public income relating to the Ration Challenge which is run in Australia and the UK is the result of the negative economic impact of COVID 19 on peer-to-peer fundraising and the declining lifecycle of this product. FY 2023 budget expectations were altered accordingly.

Act for Peace is a recipient of the annual Australian NGO Co-operation Program grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and a new grant for work with Pacific Partners which in FY 2022 represented an increase of funding from DFAT by 8 per cent to \$2.26 million. This increase reflected an additional grant from DFAT in FY 2022. Our grant



Sonia Mar, Head of Finance

from the Australian Department of Home Affairs enables our refugee return and reintegration work with partner OfERR in India and Ceylon and represents \$1.27 million funding for the year. Our grants from Australian and overseas institutional donors including USAID increased in total by 28% to \$3.81 million, including emergency response grants.

An investment loss of \$0.67 million was recorded in FY 2022 due to the downturn of the equity markets.

Act for Peace recognised a gain in other comprehensive income from revaluation of property conducted according to our property revaluation cycle.

EXPENSES:

Increased grant income enabled us to increase the funding for overseas projects and programs by 40% compared to FY 2021 to \$7.95 million, or an increase of \$1.85 million compared to the FY 2022 budget.

Program support costs increased by 34% to \$1.42 million reflecting the operationalisation of increasing funding to partners projects and programs.

Act for Peace managed the internal costs tightly to work within the planned budget despite the decrease in revenue and providing more support to our partners by increasing funding to overseas projects and programs.

Sonia Mar

Sonia Mar (Head of Finance)

PROJECT FUNDING BY CONTINENT:

MIDDLE EAST

Country	Partners	Projects	Development & Humanitarian Assistance (\$)
Jordan	2	5	492,014
Palestine	1	1	460,591

ASIA

Country	Partners	Projects	Development & Humanitarian Assistance (\$)
Afghanistan	1	2	659,856
Pakistan	1	2	405,000
India	1	1	690,257
Sri Lanka	2	1	740,697
Indonesia	1	2	497,962
Myanmar	1	1	9,618
Philippines	1	2	175,878
Thailand	1	1	250,893
Bangladesh	1	1	435,634
Asia Regional	1	1	16,631

PACIFIC

Country	Partners	Projects	Development & Humanitarian Assistance (\$)
Tonga	1	3	835,358
Vanuatu	1	5	542,196
Pacific Regional	1	1	79,932

AFRICA

Country	Partners	Projects	Development & Humanitarian Assistance (\$)
Ethiopia	2	2	191,846
Kenya	1	1	130,136
Zimbabwe	2	2	471,307

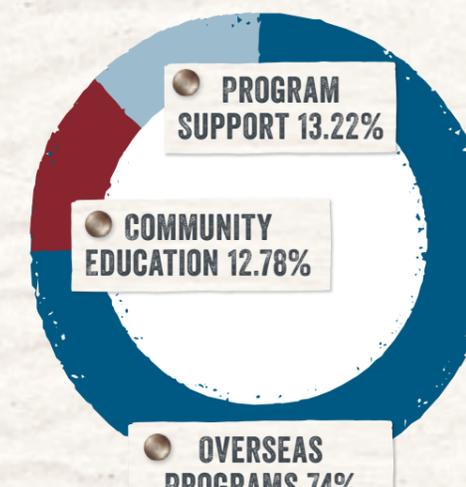
EUROPE

Country	Partners	Projects	Development & Humanitarian Assistance (\$)
Ukraine	1	1	865,093

TOTAL EXPENDITURE



EXPENDITURE ON PROGRAMS



DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, the Directors report on the accounts and operations of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The names of Directors in office during the period and at the date of this report are:

- Virginia Udy
- Leigh Ellen Cleave
- John Charles Gilmore (resigned on October 28 2021)
- Alison Preston
- Elizabeth Mary Stone
- Marcus Richard Manfred Sandmann
- Jamieson Davies
- Paul Jeffrey Nichols
- Oliver Slewa

Act for Peace Limited is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia Ltd. The principal activity of the company during the period was community fundraising, advocacy and fundraising from government/other institutions, & distribution and implementation of funding overseas. There has been no significant change in the nature of this activity during the period and this activity will continue in future financial years.

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the financial period.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS -

VIRGINIA UDY

Chair of the Board BEd, MA (Hons), MBA, GAICD
Director in the children/family services & community sectors

LEIGH ELLEN CLEAVE

Director (Deputy Chair of the Board)
BMus, Grad Dip Teaching, MBA, CFRE, FFIA
Fundraising and Marketing Consultant

JOHN CHARLES GILMORE

Director BTheol, MTheol, DipMin
Executive Officer, Australian Churches of Christ Global
Mission Partners

ALISON PRESTON

Director BA Journalism
International Development Professional

ELIZABETH MARY STONE

Director BA, Mints, AGIA
General Secretary, National Council Churches of Australia Ltd

MARCUS RICHARD MANFRED SANDMANN

Director B Bus, MAICD
Head of Marketing, Communications and Fundraising, Wires Inc.

JAMIESON DAVIES

Director BA, MA
Executive Director, Australian Lutheran World Service

PAUL JEFFREY NICHOLS

Director (Treasurer) BA, BSW, MBA
International Development Consultant

OLIVER SLEWA

Director LLB
Solicitor/Migration Agent, Legal Aid Commission of NSW
Ambassador, Refugee Council of Australia

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS -

Virginia Udy	6/7	Alison Preston	7/7	Marcus R M Sandmann	5/7
Leigh Ellen Cleave	7/7	Oliver Slewa	3/4	Jamieson Davies	5/7
John Charles Gilmore	2/4	Elizabeth Mary Stone	6/7	Paul Jeffrey Nichols	7/7

The entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a not-for-profit, community-based, voluntary public company limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2022 the collective liability of members was \$10 (2021: \$10).

Dated this 11th day of October 2022

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	Notes	12 months to 30 Jun 2022	12 months to 30 Jun 2021
Donations and gifts			
Monetary		6,248,317	7,101,972
Non-monetary		-	-
Bequests and Legacies		451,576	583,469
Grants			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		2,262,832	2,096,643
Other Australian		3,172,978	2,361,763
Other Overseas		634,633	614,900
Commercial Activities Income		-	-
Other Income		347,917	1,939,148
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		-	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		13,118,252	14,697,895

EXPENDITURE

International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure

International programs			
Funds to International Programs	11	7,950,899	5,685,341
Program Support Costs		1,420,080	1,062,902
		9,370,979	6,748,243
Community Education		1,373,414	1,528,199
Fundraising Costs			
Public		1,773,805	1,978,020
Government, multilateral And private		59,553	44,704
		1,833,357	2,022,724
Accountability and Administration		1,646,874	1,333,730
Non-Monetary Expenditure		-	-
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		14,224,623	11,632,896
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure		-	-
Domestic Projects Expenditure		-	-
Commercial Activities Expenditure		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		14,224,623	11,632,896
Investment Income (Loss)		(671,649)	907,632
EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE		(1,778,021)	3,972,632
Other Comprehensive Income			
Property Valuation		983,944	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		983,944	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		(794,077)	3,972,632

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

The statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and forming part of the accounts.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS	Notes	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2021
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash equivalents	2	2,832,486	1,296,062
Trade and other Receivables	3	1,215,932	1,833,337
Other Financial Assets - (Payable to)Receivable from NCCA	4	4,463	25,290
Total Current Assets		4,052,881	3,154,689
Non Current Assets			
Other Financial Assets	5	7,758,713	8,460,278
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	4,101,006	3,291,936
Total Non Current Assets		11,859,720	11,752,213
TOTAL ASSETS		15,912,601	14,906,902
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	7	1,606,354	270,011
Contract Liabilities	8	1,770,683	1,537,131
Provisions	9	619,215	468,097
Total Current Liabilities		3,996,252	2,275,239
Non Current Liabilities			
Provisions	9	249,571	170,809
Total Non Current Liabilities		249,571	170,809
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,245,824	2,446,048
NET ASSETS		11,666,777	12,460,854
EQUITY			
Reserves	10	10,630,172	10,638,967
Retained Earnings		1,036,605	1,821,887
TOTAL EQUITY		11,666,777	12,460,854

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and forming part of the accounts.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Others	Total
Balance at 30 June 2020	899,853	7,588,370	-	8,488,222
Adjustments or changes in equity due to Items of other comprehensive income				
Excess(Shortfall) of Revenue over expenses	3,972,632	-	-	3,972,632
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	(3,050,598)	3,050,598	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,821,887	10,638,967	-	12,460,854
Adjustments or changes in equity due to Items of other comprehensive income				
Excess(Shortfall) of Revenue over expenses	(1,778,021)	-	-	(1,778,021)
Asset Revaluation	-	983,944	-	983,944
Amount transferred to (from) reserves	992,739	(992,739)	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,036,605	10,630,172	-	11,666,777

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and forming part of the accounts.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

	12 months to 30 Jun 2022	12 months to 30 Jun 2021
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from customers	13,701,477	13,892,609
Cash paid to supplier and employees	(12,826,780)	(11,665,733)
Net cash from operating activities	874,697	2,226,876
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(39,837)	25,021
Decrease (Increase) in investments / investment income	701,564	(2,979,090)
Net cash from investing activities	661,727	(2,954,069)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash from financing activities	-	-
Net increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,536,424	(727,193)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,296,062	2,023,256
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,832,486	1,296,062

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and forming part of the accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), the ACFID Code of Conduct and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and associated regulations and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au.

The financial statements, except for cash flow information have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 11th October 2022.

(a) Revenue recognition

The company recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services. For each contract, the company: identifies the contract; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Grants and donations

Contributed assets

If the company receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives, these assets would be recognised in accordance with the recognition requirement of other applicable standards (AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138).

On initial recognition of an asset, the company recognises related amounts (being contribution from owners, lease liabilities, financial instruments, revenue or contract liabilities arising from a contract with a customer).

The company recognises the income immediately in profit and loss the difference between the initial carrying amount and the asset and the related amount.

Operating grants and donations

When the company receives operating grant revenue or donations, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficient specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15. When both these conditions are satisfied the company identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant, recognises a contract liability for these obligations and recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations the company either recognises the asset received in accordance with the requirements of other applicable accounting standards, recognises related amounts or recognises income immediately in profit and loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the company recognises income in profit and loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of taxes paid. Revenue is recognised for these items as follows:

Investment income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend and distribution income is recognised when the right to receive the distribution has been established. Investment income or loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Other income

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis. Fair value is determined on the basis of an independent valuation prepared by external valuers on a periodic basis based on capitalisation of net income.

Plant and equipment

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

Depreciation on assets is calculated to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives.

Residual values and useful lives of the assets are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if its carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(c) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been made as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Value of Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not brought to account in revenue or expenses because of the practical difficulties involved in recording and valuing those services.

In relation to volunteers used directly for the support of international projects, this amounted to \$0 in 2022 (2021: \$0).

(e) Leases

Leases are recognised under Accounting Standard AASB 16: Leases. Applicable leases whether finance or operating in nature are to be recognised on the statement of financial position as liabilities with corresponding right-of-use assets. These leases are measured at their net present values and include future lease payments under an option where that option is reasonably expected to be taken up. The leases are amortised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. For operating leases that do not need to meet the requirements under this standard being leases that are less than 12 months or of minor values, and where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, these are recognised as expenses over the term of the lease.

(f) Financial instruments

Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Typically, such financial assets will be either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short-term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

The company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the company's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

(g) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash flows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of a class of asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(i) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees up to the end of the reporting date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within 12 months have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements.

(j) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables and other debtors are recognised at fair value less provision for impairment. Trade receivables are due for settlement based on normal terms of credit from the date of invoice.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the total of estimated future cash flows. The amount of the provision is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(l) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(n) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation of the current financial year.

(o) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and internally within the company.

The judgements and assumptions include assessing the recoverable amount of assets, useful lives of those assets, performance obligations of contracts and employee provision estimates.

(p) New and Amended Accounting Policies

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework)

The company has adopted the revised Conceptual Framework from 1 July 2021. The Conceptual Framework contains new definition and recognition criteria as well as new guidance on measurement that affects several Accounting Standards, but it has not had a material impact on the company's financial statements.

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The company has adopted AASB 1060 from 1 July 2021. The standard provides a new Tier 2 reporting framework with simplified disclosures that are based on the requirements of IFRS.

NOTES	30 Jun 2022	30 June 2021		
2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Cash on hand	3,763	3,763		
Cash in bank	2,752,891	1,216,467		
Term Deposits	75,832	75,832		
	<u>2,832,486</u>	<u>1,296,062</u>		
3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES				
Other Debtors	90,023	59,875		
GST Paid	27,992	40,168		
Prepayments	430,734	44,789		
Trade receivables	667,183	1,688,505		
	<u>1,215,932</u>	<u>1,833,337</u>		
4 OTHER ASSETS				
Receivable from NCCA Ltd	4,463	25,290		
	<u>4,463</u>	<u>25,290</u>		
5 OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Investments with Australian Ethical	4,571,252	4,925,103		
Investments with JBWere	3,187,461	3,535,175		
	<u>7,758,713</u>	<u>8,460,278</u>		
6 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Level 7 Kent St (Sydney) *	2,299,739	1,405,396		
Level 6 West Tower(Melbourne)	1,400,000	1,310,399		
Bldg Improv, Computer & Office Furnitures Cost	1,629,466	1,602,120		
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,228,198)	(1,025,979)		
*The company owns 51.1% of the property.	401,268	576,141		
	<u>4,101,006</u>	<u>3,291,936</u>		
	Level 7 Kent St (Sydney)	Level 6 West Tower (Melbourne)	Bldg Improv, Computer & Office Furnitures	Total
Opening Balance, Jul 1 2021	1,405,396	1,310,399	576,141	3,291,936
Additions	-	-	39,837	39,837
Revaluation	894,343	89,601	-	983,944
Depreciation	-	-	(214,710)	(214,710)
Closing Balance, Jun 30 2022	2,299,739	1,400,000	401,268	4,101,006
7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES				
Trade Creditors	1,068,921	157,046		
Accruals on Project Funds	482,032	66,307		
Payroll Liabilities	54,987	46,365		
GST Collected	415	293		
	<u>1,606,354</u>	<u>270,011</u>		
8 CONTRACT LIABILITIES				
Institutional Income in Advance	1,770,683	1,537,131		
9 EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS				
Provision for Annual Leave	619,215	468,097		
	<u>619,215</u>	<u>468,097</u>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	249,571	170,809		
	<u>249,571</u>	<u>170,809</u>		
10 RESERVES				
Refugee Reserves	1,901,467	1,901,467		
Property Reserves	1,890,377	1,890,377		
Bequests Reserves	2,300,933	1,849,357		
Program Reserves	837,656	2,281,971		
Level 7 Kent St (Sydney)	2,299,739	1,405,396		
Level 6 West Tower(Melbourne)	1,400,000	1,310,399		
	<u>10,630,172</u>	<u>10,638,967</u>		

The above funds form part of total retained earnings which are designated to specific reserves.

NOTES	30 Jun 2022	30 June 2021
11 FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS BY REGION		
Africa	739,223	568,861
Asia	3,346,636	2,513,864
Pacific	989,989	1,132,953
Middle East	810,027	432,082
Managed Funds - Overseas	-	87,686
Emergencies**	2,065,024	949,895
**Emergency response funds include multiple regions.	<u>7,950,899</u>	<u>5,685,341</u>
12 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION		
Any person or persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or non-executive) of that entity, is considered key management personnel (KMP).		
The total of remuneration paid to KMP of the company during the year is as follows.	<u>1,101,088</u>	<u>668,592</u>
13 REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS		
During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by BDO Audit Pty Ltd, the auditor of the company:		
Audit services - BDO Audit Pty Ltd	13,300	13,000
Audit of the financial statements		
14 CONTINGENCIES		
The company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2021.		
15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
Grant from Global Mission Partners whose Executive Officer (John Gilmore) was the Chairman of the Board of AfP Ltd up to 28 Oct 2021	4,268	15,000
Grant from Australian Lutheran World Service - a Director of AfP Ltd (Jamieson Davies) was the Executive Director of Australian Lutheran World Service up to 1 Feb 2022	104,127	5,000
Grant to NCCA Ltd for Pacific Church Partnership Advisory Network (PCPAN) Support	318,835	-
Membership fee paid to Refugee Council of Australia whose Ambassador (Oliver Slewa) is a Director of AfP Ltd	1,227	-
Business Service Fees charge to NCCA Ltd	25,000	30,568
Office Rental paid to NCCA Ltd	30,297	30,297
The value of related party transactions in the year amounted to.	<u>483,755</u>	<u>80,865</u>
16 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE		
No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.		
17 FUNDRAISING APPEALS		
Below is additional information furnished under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Office Charities Fundraising Authority Conditions;		
Application of funds for charitable purpose		
During the year the company used the net surplus of funds for supporting emergency response, sustainable development and advocacy programs in over 16 countries to increase safety, justice and dignity for conflict and disaster affected communities, and supporting the operations of the company.		
18 REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS		
Act for Peace Ltd is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is: Level 7 379 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000		
19 TRADERS		
The company had not used traders during financial years ending 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2021.		

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

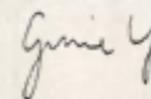
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, the Directors of Act for Peace Ltd declare that:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and associated regulations, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

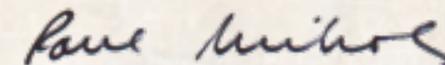
We also report that:

- the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial results of fundraising appeals for the year ended 30 June 2022 as required by the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991;
- the accounting and associated records of Act for Peace Ltd have been kept in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations for the year ended 30 June 2022;
- money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year have been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulation; and
- 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



VIRGINIA UDY (Chair, Board of Directors)



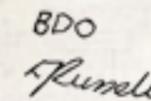
PAUL NICHOLS (Treasurer)

Dated this 11th day of October, 2022.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY LEAH RUSSELL TO THE DIRECTORS OF ACT FOR PEACE LTD

As lead auditor of Act for Peace Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Leah Russell
Director
BDO Audit Pty Ltd
Sydney
11 October 2022

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

OPINION

We have audited the financial report of Act for Peace Ltd (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Act for Peace Ltd, is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i. Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of 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 registered entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (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.

OTHER INFORMATION

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the registered entity's annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

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 the 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

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Leah Russell

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Director

Sydney, 11 October 2022



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Act for Peace is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The code is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. It aims to improve international development outcomes and increase stakeholder trust by improving the transparency and accountability of signatory organisations. Act for Peace is committed to full adherence to this Code. The ACFID Code of Conduct offers a mechanism to address concerns relating to signatories' conduct. Complaints against a signatory agency may be initiated by any member of the public and lodged with the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee.

More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from Act for Peace and from ACFID at: Website: www.acfid.asn.au/content/complaints Email: acfid@acfid.asn.au Ph: +61 2 6285 1816

Australian Aid

Act for Peace gratefully acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Act for Peace gratefully acknowledges funding from the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs for our Sri Lanka project.





This year, our local partner in Kenya supported some of the most vulnerable urban refugees living in Nairobi with regular food packages, enabling them to feed their families and live with dignity while displaced.

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