

### 3. Engage Presbyterians – locally & globally

Through Reflection Action Trips, issues tables, webinars, and conference events like Presbyterians for Earth Care and Big Tent, thousands of Presbyterians strengthen the work of our partners and help tell their stories in the church, to Congress, and to others who help change happen. In 2015:

- 10,000+ emails were sent by Presbyterians and others to Congress on 15 bills that impacted hunger and poverty. One of the results: earned income and child tax credits were made permanent, helping prevent 16 million people from falling deeper into poverty.
- 1.4 million viewers in 28 cities saw the movie, *Food Chains*; a number of showings were organized by Presbyterians for their communities.
- In 27 presbyteries who have a Hunger Action Advocate:
  - More than 700 congregations raised nearly \$2.5 million through CentsAbility for local, national & international hunger work.
  - Nearly 1,200 congregations worked with food banks or soup kitchens, serving more than 1 million people.
- 364 people registered to learn more about hunger issues through a variety of PHP webinars
- More than 7,800 Presbyterians volunteered time to advocate for worker justice and programs that benefit children living in poverty.



190 congregations were certified as EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS. Welcome to 30 new ones!

Presbyterian purchasing power made a difference for farmers in Central America, Hmong refugees in the U.S., women in Nicaragua, and other fair trade artisans around the world.

- ✓ 183,640 Eco-palm fronds in 985 congregations
- ✓ 76,567 pounds of fair trade coffee (& a lot of chocolate)
- ✓ \$30,000+ in Global Marketplace sales at the Presbyterian Women Gathering
- ✓ 11,347 sweat-free t-shirts



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## Presbyterian Hunger Program—2015 Impact Report

In 2015, your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and the Presbyterian Hunger Program made a difference in lives around the world. Working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, **together we:**

### 1. Root our work in communities through partner grants

Over 120 partners received \$1.2 million in grants. Half of the grant partner work was in the U.S. Internationally more than 1,044 communities were served, impacting more than 52,608 people directly & 113,782 indirectly.

#### Developing Leaders and Building Capacities

More than 5,413 people participated in trainings in agroecology, nutrition, water and seed management, beekeeping, and small business skills. Nearly half were women leaders.

#### Sustainable Livelihoods

Food production increased in over 1,000 communities, raising income and improving food security for over 100,000 people.



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Grant partners in 28 countries planted/distributed/installed:

- ✓ 11,787,300 native seeds
- ✓ more than 300 animals
- ✓ 127,000 trees
- ✓ 50 fuel-efficient stoves
- ✓ 20 solar dryers
- ✓ 14 wells/water systems
- ✓ 10 treadle pumps
- ✓ 119 toilets & latrines (built/repaired)
- ✓ 560 micro-credit loans to women

## Defending Human/Resource Rights

<i>Land</i>	40,546+ acres of land was reclaimed in Sri Lanka, Honduras, Paraguay, Bolivia and Cameroon  162,000 Burundians granted Tanzanian citizenship can remain on their land.
<i>Extractives</i>	More than 64 events brought together 3,000+ people in 49 communities to monitor companies and government regulations in the oil, gas and mining sector to ensure social justice for impacted communities.
<i>Climate Change</i>	21,000+ people organized in preparation for the Paris Climate Change Talks which resulted in 10+ policy documents & fact sheets that are useful to the public, negotiators, and media to analyze the links between food, land rights and access, water and climate change.
<i>Trade</i>	Thousands participated in events related to the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement. Hundreds of Presbyterians contacted Congress and editors to oppose Fast Track.
<i>Human Rights</i>	Partners in 4 countries report that their governments have enacted more stringent laws limiting the ability of non-governmental organizations and media to do their work. A research report was published in Chaco (Paraguay) to document the experience of 19 human rights defenders.

## Fair Wages and Worker Justice (in the U.S.)

- Over \$671,500 in stolen wages was returned to 200 workers.
- Advocacy with Walmart is resulting in over \$1 billion in increased annual wages for 500,000 workers.
- More than \$4 million was paid in Fair Food Premiums to 30,000 farmworkers.
- Minimum wage in Los Angeles was raised to \$15 by 2020.
- Regions Bank removed predatory payday loan product, notorious for including triple digit interest rates.
- Madison, Wisconsin, created a cooperative sweat-free purchasing contract. Austin, San Francisco and Los Angeles have joined.

## "Closing the GAP" on Hunger and Poverty (in the U.S.)

### GROW. SERVE. EAT.

- Over 244,110 pounds of food was grown in community or church gardens and eaten by 524 families. Over 220 churches have gardens.
- Families in Maine and Kentucky purchased \$146,998 of food from local farmers, helping local farmers and improving healthy food access for low-income communities.
- SNAP (food stamp) assistance sites were opened in 122 communities and in 58 congregations, including 11 Presbyterian.
- Over 200 congregations participated in gleaning projects, recovering more than 7 million pounds of food for low-income families.
- More than 8,000 Presbyterian congregations participated in a local hunger ministry.

### 2. Change laws and practices so communities can flourish

- In Peru, a Specialized Environmental Health Program for persons affected by environmental contamination was ratified, and monitoring of implementation has begun. This impacts thousands of children and families and sets a precedent for mining areas throughout Peru.
- Land mapping is effectively engaging communities in the Chaco region and helping to secure their land rights; this helps set a precedent for other land struggles.
- An essential aspect of advocacy work is the capacity to build convergence, common vision and shared strategies. This work is strong in 4 countries—from coal mining in the Philippines to environmental health in Peru and agroecology in Central America.

"...The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it."

—Psalm 65:9