

## IMPACT REPORT 2022















There is an African proverb that says: "When you pray, move your feet." For the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), this is very much our philosophy. We must combine prayer with action to accomplish our mission to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. We understand hunger as an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political, environmental and other social implications. As we go about this work, we know God is calling us to a deeper level of understanding and response to the "root causes" that keep people in cycles of hunger and poverty.

In the Matthew 25 Scripture we're reminded to look on those around us as Christ, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency is calling us to join the Matthew 25 movement through dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, building congregational vitality, and addressing climate change, militarism and gender justice. PHP and our partners impact each of these vital components.

In 2022, you helped PHP give **90 grants** totaling **nearly \$1.2 million**, impacting **22** countries, including the U.S. PHP also partnered with **12** presbytery Hunger Action Advocates (supporting 700 congregations), **100** Hunger Action Congregations and **291** Earth Care Congregations across the U.S.

Our work and the work of our partners is difficult to quantify within the span of a year; long-term sustainable development, community empowerment and policy change take many years. But this report offers a few examples of how your gifts contribute to a more just world and wellbeing for all God's people and Creation.

We are grateful for the scope of work the One Great Hour of Sharing ministries are able to accomplish together through your generous gifts.

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For more about our grant partners and resources, go to www.pcusa.org/hunger.

Thank you for your financial contributions, time, energy and prayers!

## **MORE AND BETTER FOOD**

We work so that people have sufficient money, seeds, land, water, equipment and training to feed themselves and their families. Better food also means everyone in the food production process is treated fairly.

- **Over 525,000 pounds** of seeds and seedlings were distributed for farming internationally.
- In Maine, over 55,000 pounds of produce was purchased from local farms.
- In Washington state, organizers won expanded free school meals for more than 92,000 children statewide.
- **Five seed banks** were set up to protect traditional seeds in Sri Lanka, and 498,157 pounds of cereals were distributed from cereal banks in Cameroon.
- **Over 875 chickens** were distributed in Guatemala and Colombia, and 40 goats were provided in Yemen.





## **SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE**

The solidarity work we do with vulnerable communities includes changing unfair structures and passing more just policies — around wages, labor, trade and job opportunities.

- **105 women became self-employed** due to the development of a bakery in a rural community in Malawi.
- In Alabama, the Maskoke people see the daily result of their language revitalization as hope for Maskoke children.
- In Maryland, organizers won **over \$120 million for affordable housing**, the highest annual commitment to date for the Montgomery County Housing Initiative Fund.
- In Sri Lanka, **152 people won their land back** and **315 internally displaced families were resettled**. In Uganda, 20 women **received titles for their land**.
- In California, the United to House LA citizen's ballot initiative passed and will raise over \$1 billion annually for homelessness prevention and affordable housing.

## A MORE LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT

Caring for Creation is a necessity to ending hunger and poverty, and the reverse is also true: Pollution, extraction and harm done to the environment significantly worsen social and economic conditions for people who are hungry.

- **75 potable water filters** were distributed in Guatemala and **40 water retention tanks** were provided to store water and irrigate family gardens in Bolivia.
- In the U.S., partners helped win a **national ban on the use of chlorpyrifos insecticide** on crops, protecting the lives of farmworkers, waterways and wildlife.
- Partners around the world planted more than **60,000 trees**.
- Proceeds of **fairly traded coffee and chocolate** purchased by congregations **contributed to a** \$5,500 grant for small farmers in South Sudan.
- A total of 872 Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods.

