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“[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what  
does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love  
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—Micah 6:8

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Dear friend,

During my time as presiding bishop, I have been honored to meet with the people and communities accompanied by ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response and have seen firsthand the impact of your gifts. Your generosity addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty and accompanies people through disaster. Thank you for your steadfast support of these ministries.

As we witness the ongoing impact from changes in foreign aid and migration policy in the United States, I recognize that, as church, we are called to accompany our most vulnerable neighbors. Through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, we are taking action to do just that.

In this issue of “LifeLines,” you will read about how we’re responding to the growing needs of people impacted by hunger, poverty, migration and conflict. We are committed to serving others and addressing injustice through our faithful ministry around the world. Support for this work is more important than ever, and our longstanding relationships with communities give us the ability to address the urgent needs of our siblings in Christ.

These stories will take you from Cairo, Egypt, where you are supporting refugees, to New Jersey, where your generosity is expanding ministries that feed low-income migrant families. You’ll read about our church’s presence in the Middle East amid conflict, and about sustainable livelihoods in Colombia. Through every story, you’ll witness the Holy Spirit at work through accompaniment.

Throughout 2024, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger, highlighting stories from decades of ministry that you have made possible and looking ahead to the future of ELCA World Hunger.

**Over this landmark year, you raised over \$37 million for ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.** Your generosity ensures that these ministries can continue walking alongside communities in the United States and around the world for the next 50 years and beyond.

Because our ministry is rooted in Christ’s love, we recognize that all people deserve dignity and justice. Through your generosity, you boldly witness to the radical inclusivity of this love that calls us into action. Thank you.

In Christ’s service,

Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
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# Gracing a community with compassion in New Jersey

**S**t. Stephan's Grace Community Lutheran Church is located in a diverse community in Newark, N.J., with many of the congregants coming from low-income immigrant families. The residents were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and food insecurity, already high, has increased.

Elza and her family migrated from Ecuador to Newark with very few belongings. One day, she attended a community meeting at St. Stephan's Grace and found signs of hope. She learned about a food-sharing program at the church receiving support from your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. It has a community pantry and refrigerator, a garden and a daily breakfast for local day laborers. The garden yields basil, spring onions, tomatoes, green squash, eggplant, figs and collard greens.

As Elza and her husband looked for jobs, they picked up groceries from St. Stephan's Grace each week to feed their family. They also received clothing and used appliances, such as a microwave and an air conditioning unit, from the church programs as they set up their new home.

Addressing food insecurity is just one of the many ways St. Stephan's Grace serves its community. In an area populated primarily by immigrants, advocacy is a key element of the church's ministry. A program at the church offers training in community organizing,



migrant and domestic workers' rights, and justice work. It even hosted a panel with New Jersey's governor to celebrate a raise in the state's minimum wage.

Already a community hub, St. Stephan's Grace is growing its ministries to better serve neighbors such as Elza, thanks to your generosity to ELCA World Hunger. "As a church, we would not be able to make it without our partners," said the Rev. Moacir Weirich, pastor of St. Stephan's Grace. "We would be very limited in terms of resources, both financial and human resources."

St. Stephan's Grace is also a place for celebration. Not long after learning about the church, Elza explained to Pastor Weirich that one of her daughters was turning 16 soon and asked if she could use one of the rooms in the church to host a birthday party. Pastor Weirich said yes,



Your generosity is providing care for our closest neighbors. By supporting programs here at home, such as feeding ministries, you help to meet immediate needs for the most vulnerable and to strengthen communities for years to come.





**“As a church, we would not be able to make it without our partners.”**

REV. MOACIR WEIRICH

and family members came together at the church on a Saturday evening. Pastor Weirich shared a blessing, and the group joyfully indulged in a birthday cake.

Elza’s involvement with St. Stephan’s Grace started with a bag of groceries. Now her family is very active in the

church. They attend services every Sunday, and two of the children are on the church council. In a time of great need for her family, Elza found more than just food assistance — she found a welcoming community, a place of belonging and a way to give back.





# Empowering refugees in Cairo

When war broke out in Sudan, 17-year-old Ala and 15-year-old Ali fled to another part of the country at their mother's encouragement while she stayed home. They hoped to return soon, but as the war escalated, the brothers remained separated from their mother and were forced to flee even further. Traveling with a Sudanese father and his three sons, the boys arrived safely in Egypt.

Initially the father took in Ala and Ali. New to the country himself, he struggled to cover his and his children's basic needs, let alone Ali and Ala's living expenses. The brothers heard about St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) and its work equipping refugees with the resources they need to resettle. StARS, which is supported by your generosity to ELCA World Hunger, has a specific program to support unaccompanied children such as Ali and Ala.

Through initial screenings, Ala and Ali were assigned a case worker who helped them navigate the resources available to them. Due to their ages, the case was considered urgent, and Ala and Ali received emergency food boxes, financial assistance, clothing, blankets, counseling and close follow-up as they established themselves in a new community.

The boys continued to receive food assistance and financial support beyond those initial emergency food boxes. This enabled them to alleviate some of the financial stress of the home they shared with their caregiver and his three sons, contributing to rent payments and sharing their meals. Ali and Ala were eager to return to school, which they did. They also had the opportunity to attend group therapy and process their trauma with peers who had similar experiences. They made new friends and participated in trainings, which strengthened their ability to acclimate to their new country and culture effectively.



Ali has experience repairing electronics, a skill he learned in Sudan. He looks forward to turning 18, which will allow him to enroll in a livelihood program, enhance his skills and open his own business in Cairo. The brothers hope to reconnect with their mother soon, but for now they are focusing on their education and on integrating into the community.

Your generosity transforms the lives of young refugees such as Ala and Ali, providing them with the tools they need to rebuild their lives and pursue their dreams. With your support, the brothers have gained confidence, forged connections and acquired vital skills for a successful future. Together we can continue to empower young refugees to find their place in the world and thrive in their new communities.



Around the world, millions of people have been driven from their homes by hunger, poverty, conflict and human trafficking. Thanks to your generosity, ELCA World Hunger assists people as they find new homes and rebuild their lives.



# Sewing hope in Colombia

LIVELIHOOD



**M**artha, a 70-year-old grandmother in Boyacá, Colombia, learned to sew when she was very young, accompanying her mother on various housekeeping jobs. Eventually she began sewing and designing clothing of her own. As a teenager, she provided for her family by traveling on foot to a nearby town to sell her clothing, and she continued to make and sell clothing as a young mother. Like many in Boyacá, Martha and her family lacked access to education, drinking water and hygiene facilities. They lived with food insecurity and limited employment opportunities.

Martha took pride in her skills as a seamstress and designer and her ability to contribute to supporting her family. Still it was tough. The need to stay home and care for her three small children became more demanding, and her clothing work, once a passion, became a means of survival as her already difficult economic reality worsened. Decades passed. “My life had gone by without me realizing it,” Martha observes.

Then a neighbor introduced her to a Lutheran church with educational and training opportunities that interested her. This Lutheran church is part of a strong network of Lutheran congregations in Colombia (IELCO) with significant outreach programs, all supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Through these various, long-standing programs, children learn to support their own educations, strengthen their food security through training and community gardening, and develop professional skills that lead to employment or entrepreneurial endeavors.

A group of young leaders raised in these Lutheran churches recognized this good, impactful work and were inspired to create a new project of their own — also made possible in part by your generosity to ELCA World Hunger. These passionate leaders, deeply affected by the impact of climate change in their region, wanted to do more to educate fellow Lutherans in their communities about the problem.

People in this region of Colombia have been particularly vulnerable to the changing climate and its effect on inequality, poverty and food security. This new program — the one that caught Martha’s attention — aims to identify the existing gifts and interests of participants, enhancing their livelihoods while promoting care for creation.

As a woman selling her designs, Martha hadn’t thought much about the big swings in weather, from intense heat to heavy rainfall, over the years. She had considered the weather on any given day to be a matter of luck, and she needed to travel on foot to sell her work regardless.

Now Martha was eager to connect her skills and passion for design to what she had learned through participating in the program. She began recycling materials such as old magazines and single-use plastics to develop new products, such as jewelry and home decor items, that she sells at a local market.

She feels confident that she is caring for creation, and she has renewed her passion for design work, all while creating a new income stream for her family, including the children and grandchildren who live with her. “It is never too late to connect with creation,” she reflects.

Martha has taken another step and begun teaching others in her program how to make similar products. The women now feel more connected to God’s creation and each other and are living fulfilled lives. As a donor to ELCA World Hunger, you are empowering these women, regardless of their age or place in society, to weave God’s love into a future filled with hope.



You support programs, including education and vocational training, that help people facing hunger, homelessness and other challenges to access jobs, increase their earning potential and break the cycle of poverty for good.

## Your gifts at work: 2024

**Ohio** | With support from ELCA World Hunger, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington and New Lebanon Lutheran Church in Junction City are collaborating with local partners to serve meals and provide vital resources to seniors, people living in addiction rehabilitation residences and families in rural Appalachian communities.



**Bosnia and Herzegovina** | Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response has distributed supplies to migrants traveling through southeastern Europe and ensured that they reach refugee service centers safely.



**Tanzania** | After joining a community microfinance group, Bishara was able to open a juice and ice cream business. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger empower women such as Bishara to generate their own incomes and support their families.



**Indonesia** | After fire ravaged a marketplace in North Sumatra, Indonesia, leaving many families without their main source of income, Lutheran Disaster Response helped business owners restock their shelves and rebuild their livelihoods.

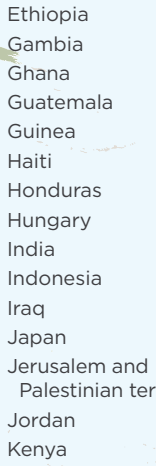




## ELCA World Hunger

62 countries | 40 states and territories

### INTERNATIONAL



Angola	Kyrgyzstan
Argentina	Lebanon
Bangladesh	Liberia
Bolivia	Madagascar
Brazil	Malawi
Burkina Faso	Malaysia
Burundi	Mexico
Cambodia	Mozambique
Cameroon	Myanmar
Central African Republic	Namibia
Chile	Nepal
Colombia	Nicaragua
Czech Republic	Nigeria
Egypt	Papua New Guinea
El Salvador	Peru
Ethiopia	Romania
Gambia	Russia
Ghana	Rwanda
Guatemala	Senegal
Guinea	Serbia
Haiti	Sierra Leone
Honduras	Slovakia
Hungary	Somalia
India	South Africa
Indonesia	South Sudan
Iraq	Tanzania
Japan	Thailand
Jerusalem and Palestinian territories	Uganda
Jordan	Venezuela
Kenya	Vietnam
	Zimbabwe

### UNITED STATES AND CARIBBEAN



Alabama	Montana
Alaska	Nebraska
Arizona	New Jersey
Arkansas	New Mexico
California	New York
Colorado	North Carolina
District of Columbia	North Dakota
Florida	Ohio
Georgia	Oklahoma
Illinois	Oregon
Iowa	Pennsylvania
Kansas	Puerto Rico
Kentucky	South Carolina
Louisiana	South Dakota
Maine	Tennessee
Maryland	Texas
Massachusetts	Utah
Michigan	Virginia
Minnesota	Washington
Missouri	Wisconsin

## Lutheran Disaster Response

53 countries | 36 states and territories

### INTERNATIONAL

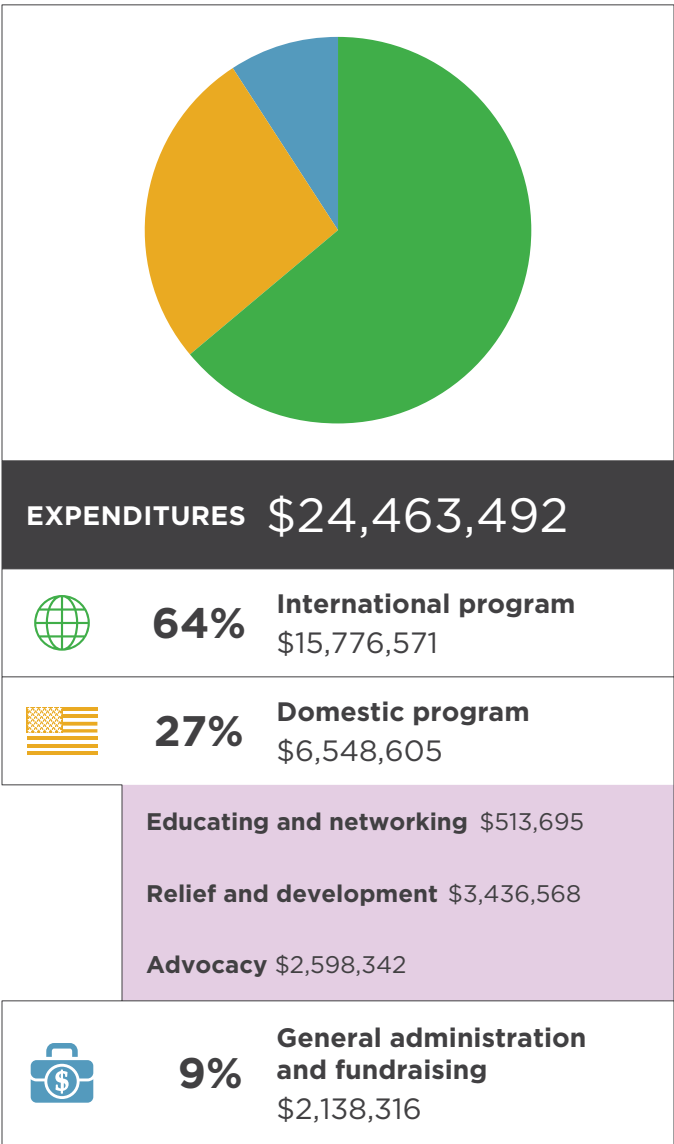
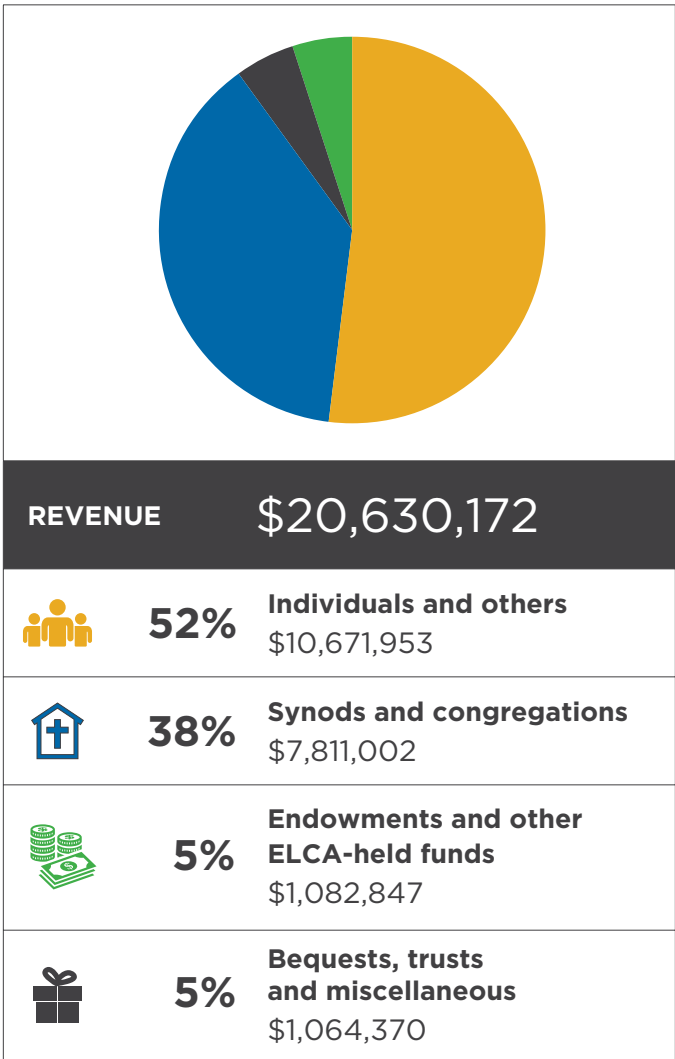
Argentina	Lebanon
<i>Flood</i>	<i>Conflict, support for refugees</i>
Bangladesh	Liberia
<i>Flood, disaster risk reduction</i>	<i>Conflict, gender justice, gas explosion</i>
Belarus	Madagascar
<i>Conflict, care for migrants</i>	<i>Gender justice</i>
Brazil	Malawi
<i>Flood</i>	<i>Drought</i>
Burkina Faso	Malaysia
<i>Food emergency</i>	<i>Care for migrants</i>
Cameroon	Mali
<i>Conflict, flood, disaster risk reduction</i>	<i>Conflict</i>
Central African Republic	Mexico
Republic	<i>Conflict, cyclone/flood, AMMPARO</i>
<i>Conflict, disaster risk reduction, health</i>	Moldova
Chad	<i>Conflict, support for refugees</i>
<i>Support for refugees, disaster risk reduction</i>	Mozambique
Chile	<i>Drought</i>
<i>Fire, AMMPARO</i>	Namibia
Colombia	<i>Drought, health</i>
<i>Conflict, AMMPARO</i>	Nepal
Czech Republic	<i>Earthquake, flood, disaster risk reduction</i>
<i>Flood</i>	Nigeria
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Conflict</i>
<i>Conflict</i>	Peru
Egypt	<i>AMMPARO</i>
<i>Conflict, support for refugees</i>	Philippines
El Salvador	<i>Earthquake</i>
<i>Conflict, flood, care for migrants</i>	Poland
Ethiopia	<i>Conflict, flood</i>
<i>Conflict, drought, flood</i>	Romania
Germany	<i>Conflict</i>
<i>AMMPARO</i>	Serbia
Ghana	<i>AMMPARO</i>
<i>Health</i>	Sierra Leone
Haiti	<i>Flood</i>
<i>Conflict, earthquake</i>	Slovakia
Honduras	<i>Conflict, support for refugees</i>
<i>Conflict, AMMPARO</i>	South Sudan
Hungary	<i>Conflict, health</i>
<i>Conflict, support for refugees</i>	Syria
India	<i>Earthquake</i>
<i>Conflict, disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, flood</i>	Tanzania
Indonesia	<i>Disaster risk reduction, flood</i>
<i>Earthquake, fire</i>	Thailand
Iraq	<i>Flood, human trafficking</i>
<i>Conflict</i>	Timor Leste
Jerusalem and Palestinian territories	<i>Drought</i>
<i>Conflict</i>	Ukraine
Kenya	<i>Conflict, safe education access</i>
<i>Conflict, drought, flood</i>	Venezuela
	<i>Conflict, care for migrants</i>
	Zimbabwe
	<i>Peacebuilding</i>

### UNITED STATES AND CARIBBEAN

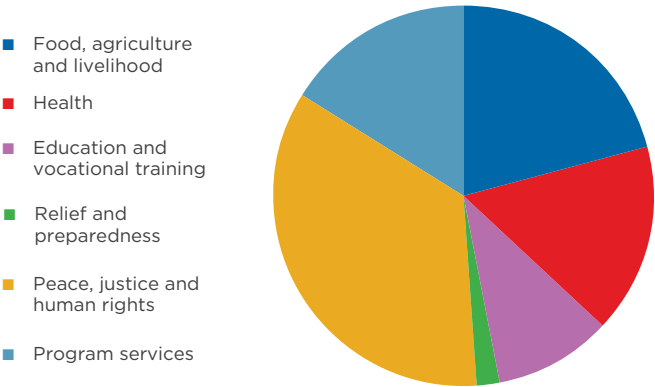
Alabama	North Carolina
<i>Disaster preparedness, tornadoes</i>	<i>Disaster preparedness, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms</i>
Alaska	North Dakota
<i>Landslide</i>	<i>Disaster preparedness</i>
Arizona	Ohio
<i>Extreme heat, clean water</i>	<i>Tornadoes</i>
Arkansas	Oklahoma
<i>Tornadoes</i>	<i>Emotional and spiritual care, flooding</i>
Bahamas	Oregon
<i>Disaster preparedness</i>	<i>Disaster preparedness, climate resilience, wildfires</i>
California	Pennsylvania
<i>Wildfires, AMMPARO, capacity building, conflict</i>	<i>Flooding, hurricane</i>
Colorado	Puerto Rico
<i>Wildfires</i>	<i>AMMPARO, disaster preparedness, hurricanes, tropical storms</i>
Delaware	South Carolina
<i>Flooding</i>	<i>Disaster preparedness, hurricanes</i>
District of Columbia	South Dakota
<i>Care for migrants, advocacy</i>	<i>Extreme cold and homelessness, flooding, disaster preparedness</i>
Florida	Tennessee
<i>Disaster preparedness, hurricanes, emotional and spiritual care</i>	<i>Disaster preparedness, hurricane, flooding</i>
Georgia	Texas
<i>Disaster preparedness, hurricanes, school shooting, tornadoes</i>	<i>AMMPARO, disaster preparedness</i>
Hawaii	Vermont
<i>Wildfires, emotional and spiritual care</i>	<i>Flooding</i>
Illinois	Virginia
<i>AMMPARO, flooding, opioid epidemic</i>	<i>Hurricane</i>
Indiana	Washington
<i>Disaster preparedness, flooding, tornadoes</i>	<i>Winter storm, care for migrants</i>
Louisiana	West Virginia
<i>Disaster preparedness, hurricanes</i>	<i>Severe storm</i>
Maryland	
<i>AMMPARO, flooding, severe storms</i>	
Michigan	
<i>AMMPARO, conflict</i>	
Minnesota	
<i>AMMPARO, care for migrants</i>	
Mississippi	
<i>Disaster preparedness, clean water, tornadoes</i>	
New Jersey	
<i>Hurricane</i>	
New York	
<i>AMMPARO, conflict, lead contamination</i>	

ELCA World Hunger

2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



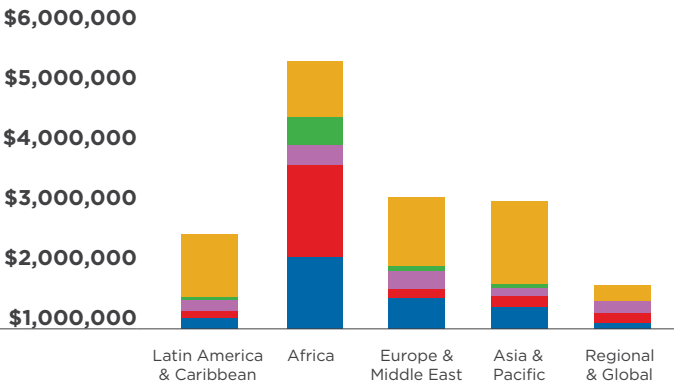
ELCA WORLD HUNGER  
International projects by sector



Note: Expenditures that exceed income are made possible by generosity in previous years.

Unaudited financial highlights for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2025.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER  
Expenditures by region



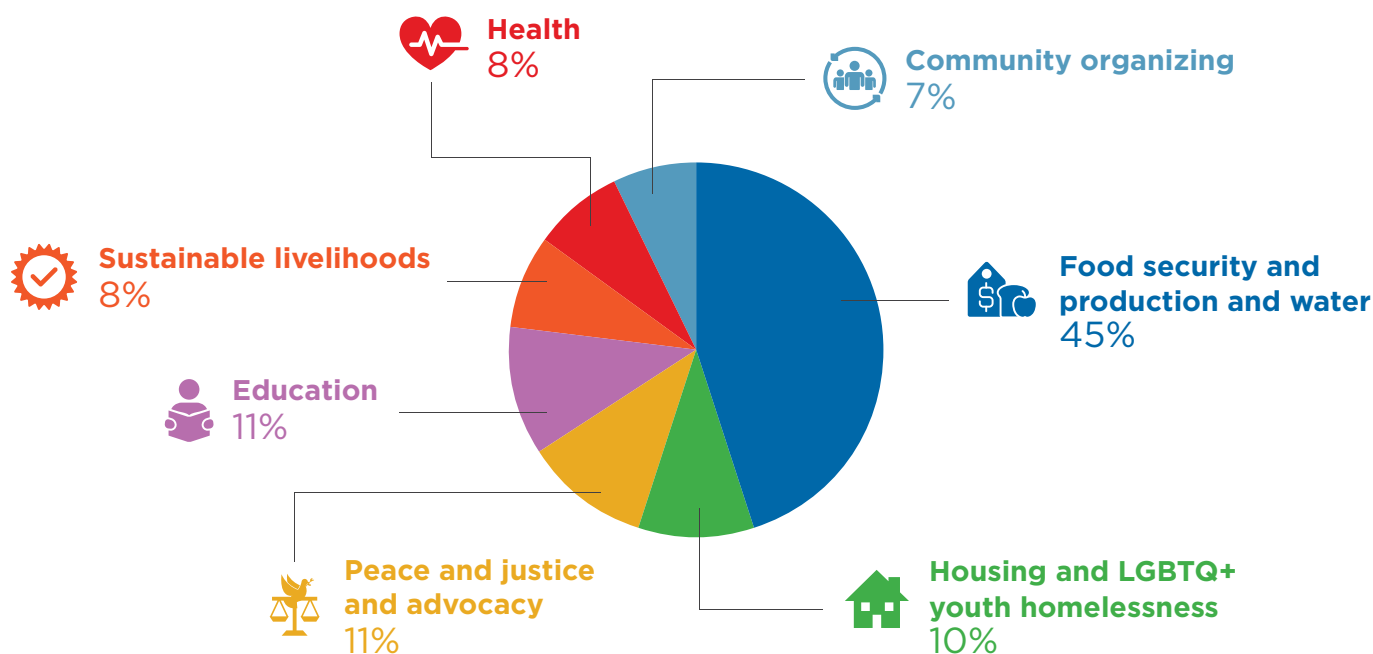


ELCA World Hunger advocates with and on behalf of those who are hungry, working to change systems that perpetuate poverty. As congressional budget talks target programs used in marginalized communities, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and Medicaid, Lutheran advocates have been engaged through ELCA Witness in Society as well as locally driven efforts. Visits to Capitol Hill are urgent and do matter, as experienced in March 2025 when ELCA staff met with elected officials in Washington, D.C., to discuss ELCA schools, education policy and student needs — including public-private school partnerships and the vitality of school lunch programs for low-income students.

**Your support for ELCA World Hunger helps create a just world where all are fed.**



**ELCA WORLD HUNGER**  
Domestic projects by sector



Single projects may be represented on this chart more than once because domestic partners of ELCA World Hunger work across sectors.



## FINANCIALS









Nilda and her daughter live in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. After Hurricane Fiona struck in 2022, their roof was damaged and leaked every time it rained. Thanks to your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, Nilda's roof was replaced in 2024. When told the good news, she cried tears of joy and said, "Oh God, thank you! Thank you, God!" Nilda's roof is just one of many being replaced in Puerto Rico by Techos Pa' Mi Gente through Lutheran Disaster Response.








Techos Pa' Mi Gente


















# 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE		\$17,494,828
BY SOURCE		
	58%	<b>Individuals and others</b> \$10,210,967
	35%	<b>Synods and congregations</b> \$6,232,369
	6%	<b>Bequests, trusts and miscellaneous</b> \$980,752
	1%	<b>Endowments and other ELCA-held funds</b> \$70,740
BY DESIGNATION		
	57%	<b>General undesignated support</b> \$9,895,587
	43%	<b>Specific designated support</b> \$7,599,241

EXPENDITURES		\$19,095,324
BY TYPE		
	58%	<b>International</b> \$11,157,125
	36%	<b>United States</b> \$6,850,110
	6%	<b>Fundraising and administration</b> \$1,088,089
BY FUND		
	57%	<b>Specific designated support</b> \$10,921,894
	43%	<b>General undesignated support</b> \$8,173,430

Note: Expenditures exceed income primarily due to disasters for which there is a multi-year response.

Unaudited financial highlights for the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2025.

HIGHLIGHTED EXPENDITURES		
UNITED STATES		
	49%	<b>Hurricanes</b>
	11%	<b>Tornadoes</b>
	9%	<b>Flooding</b>
	9%	<b>Wildfires</b>
	7%	<b>Clean-water access, severe storms and other disasters</b>
	5%	<b>Disaster preparedness and capacity building</b>
	3%	<b>AMMPARO, care for migrants</b>
	7%	<b>Operations</b>
INTERNATIONAL		
	27%	<b>Europe</b> (Russia-Ukraine war, access to safe education, AMMPARO, flood)
	25%	<b>Africa</b> (Flood, drought, health, support for refugees, disaster risk reduction, food emergency)
	16%	<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b> (Conflict, health, fire, flood, AMMPARO, disaster risk reduction, cyclone)
	13%	<b>Middle East and North Africa</b> (Conflict in the Holy Land, earthquake, support for refugees)
	9%	<b>Asia</b> (Flood, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, conflict, earthquake, fire)
	7%	<b>Global grants</b> (Disaster risk reduction, gender justice, global response coordination, care for migrants)
	3%	<b>Operations</b>

Percentages are approximate.

## Beacons of hope

Sameer Qumsiyeh

Since the Oct. 7, 2023, attacks by Hamas and Israel's subsequent invasion of Gaza, the hardships faced by Palestinians in the West Bank, who are already living under Israeli occupation, have only intensified. Travel is even more restricted, and over 90 new checkpoints have been established in the Bethlehem area alone. The tourist economy, on which many Palestinians rely, has become almost nonexistent. Some families now must choose between putting food on their table or paying for their children's school tuition. But thanks to your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, some families don't have to make that choice anymore.

Lutheran Disaster Response has ensured that schools run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) can stay open. Your generosity has made this critical funding possible, covering the cost of textbooks, after-school programs and, most important,

tuition for more than 580 students. Schools offer students stability amid the violent upheaval in their communities. Though parents still face great anxiety about the future, they no longer need to worry about whether their child will be able to attend school.

The schools, serving kindergarteners to high school students, also offer critical care for students' emotional and physical well-being. School social workers consistently support students by providing counseling, helping them process emotions and looking for signs of hope.

Karimeh (name changed) is a young social worker, someone with whom students can talk and process their experiences. When she counsels students, she relives her own traumatic episodes, such as Israeli forces coming into her home and arresting her father-in-law.



Lutheran Disaster Response shares hope, healing and renewal with people in the United States and around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. Your gifts support disaster survivors as they work to rebuild.





Karimeh remains steadfast in her work out of love and respect for her community, knowing that she makes a difference and provides a pillar of support for the students. She sees hope, even when her students can't. She helps them find that hope.

The school social workers used to work 20-30 cases per week, but now they work as many as 60. The trauma the students are facing is abundant and the workers are overwhelmed, but they carry on because they see how necessary their work is.

The ELCJHL schools, attended by students of different religious backgrounds, serve as a beacon of hope in their communities. In addition to keeping up with regular classes, students as young as kindergarten learn peace mediation skills. They are given space to express themselves through art, music and traditional dance. When there is so much anxiety and difficulty in the rest of their lives, school provides a place of safety for youth in the West Bank.

**Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response help ELCJHL schools to remain open and continue offering high-quality education and care to students. Amid uncertainty in the Middle East, Lutheran Disaster Response maintains support for communities affected by conflict, emphasizing dignity, justice and lasting peace.**

Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem is one of the largest hospitals in the area and the only one that provides cancer treatment for Palestinian patients. Since Oct. 7, 2023, many patients from Gaza have been unable to return home, but Lutheran Disaster Response has supported them with housing and supplies, so they were able to stay near the hospital and continue their treatments.

Augusta Victoria is also transporting medical supplies into Gaza, providing lifesaving care through a partnership with al-Ahli Arab Hospital, one of the few hospitals still operating in Gaza. Despite having been damaged by multiple bombings, al-Ahli continues to provide care as much as possible. The medical supplies from Augusta Victoria are critical to that goal, especially as funding from other organizations diminishes. The need for health care in Gaza is extensive and increasingly complicated. Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response can ensure that people get the health services they need.



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