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Facts and Figures 2018

With Passion for the Church and for the World

Established in 1947, the LWF is a global communion of 148 member churches with over 75 million members in 99 countries. We share a common Lutheran heritage, shaped by diverse contexts in which we experience and witness to God's liberating grace.

One of LWF's first important efforts was responding to human suffering in the aftermath of the Second World War.

In 2018, the LWF served 3 million people.



Liberated by God's grace, a communion in Christ living and working together for a just, peaceful, and reconciled world

LWF vision

THE
LUTHERAN
WORLD
FEDERATION

A Communion
of Churches

Staff

- 73 staff in the Communion Office in Geneva
- 60 international staff in country programs
- 8,000 staff in country programs

General Secretary: Rev. Dr Martin Junge
(Chile/Switzerland)

President: Archbishop Dr Musa Pantti
Filibus (Nigeria)

Program areas include

- Emergency response
- Livelihoods
- Education
- Gender justice
- Youth participation
- Human rights advocacy
- Capacity building for peace
- Faith-sensitive psychosocial support
- Climate justice
- Intercultural theology and theological education and formation
- Church cooperation and communion building
- Ecumenical dialogue and cooperation
- Interfaith dialogue and cooperation
- Capacity building for diakonia
- Leadership and good governance

Country programs

- Angola
- Burundi
- Cameroon (Emergency operation)
- Central African Republic (Emergency operation)
- Central America
- Chad
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- Iraq
- Jerusalem
- Jordan
- Kenya – Djibouti – Somalia

- Laos
- Mauritania
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- South Sudan
- Uganda

Regional Emergency Response hubs

- Amman (Middle East)
- Kathmandu (Asia)
- Nairobi (Africa)
- San Salvador (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Strategic priorities

- Supporting churches' presence and vibrant witness in the world.
- Promoting human dignity, justice, and peace.

Shared themes

- Interfaith & Peace
- Gender
- Climate
- Human Rights

Values

- Dignity and justice
- Compassion and commitment
- Respect for diversity
- Inclusion and participation
- Transparency and accountability

Partners

- UNHCR and other UN organizations
- ACT Alliance
- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)
- Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development
- Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, US Department of State
- Islamic Relief Worldwide
- Caritas Internationalis

Related organizations

LWF has long-standing, vital relationships with agencies of LWF member churches engaged in humanitarian assistance and development.

These bi-lateral and multi-lateral partnerships are lived out at the global, national, and regional levels. We collaborate closely on program planning and operations, joint advocacy, and share staff. In all our partnerships, we aim to develop mutually beneficial cooperation that prioritizes the needs of those we serve. These related organizations provide a major share of our program funding.

- Australian Lutheran World Service
- Bread for the World (Germany)
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Christian Aid (United Kingdom)
- Church of Sweden
- Czech Diakonia
- DanChurchAid (Denmark)
- Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (Germany)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (United States)
- FinnChurchAid (Finland)
- Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission
- Hungarian Interchurch Aid
- Icelandic Church Aid
- Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (The Netherlands)
- Norwegian Church Aid
- Lutheran World Relief (United States)

Accountability standards

We are direct signatories of:

- Core Humanitarian Standard
- The Code of Conduct for International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief
- The Sphere Standards

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