

**Explore your local impact
in Manitoba.**



2021/2022
Annual Impact Report

MANITOBA

It has been a difficult year for many of us, at home and around the world. But that didn't stop you from choosing compassion. It didn't stop you from choosing kindness and generosity. We want you to be able to take some time to celebrate. To pause and reflect on the work that you've made possible.

Explore your local impact in Manitoba.

By choosing generosity you have chosen to provide welcome to refugees looking for safety. You have chosen to work toward restorative justice and healing in our communities. You have chosen to listen to, and amplify the voices of Indigenous neighbours.

You made the choice to work for a better world.

Thank you.

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THANK YOU FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During a turbulent year, we came together as people of God to share Christ's love and compassion with local and global neighbours. As supporters, you responded quickly to the overwhelming needs of Ethiopians, Haitians, Ukrainians and many others in crisis, recognizing these global citizens as your sisters and brothers in Christ.

And while we grappled with locals concerns from drought to flooding, reconciliation with Indigenous neighbours, polarizing health and political issues, and clergy sexual abuse, seeds of hope were planted by church leaders, community members and partners working towards Manitoban communities in right relationship with God, one another and creation. This vision for healthy communities took various forms throughout the year, like pursuing open and respectful dialogues at Germinating Conversations gatherings and book studies, participating in abuse response and prevention workshops, and learning from Indigenous neighbours in congregational spaces and at events.

Thrift shops across the province welcomed back a fuller complement of volunteers to meet community needs as inflation rose and, together, we found opportunities to celebrate the growth of MCC Thrift over 50 years, beginning with the first humble shop in Altona! We are grateful to be walking this journey alongside you — supporters, volunteers, church communities, thrifters, fundraisers, and kit and comforter makers.

Thank you for welcoming the stranger with compassion and in partnership with MCC!



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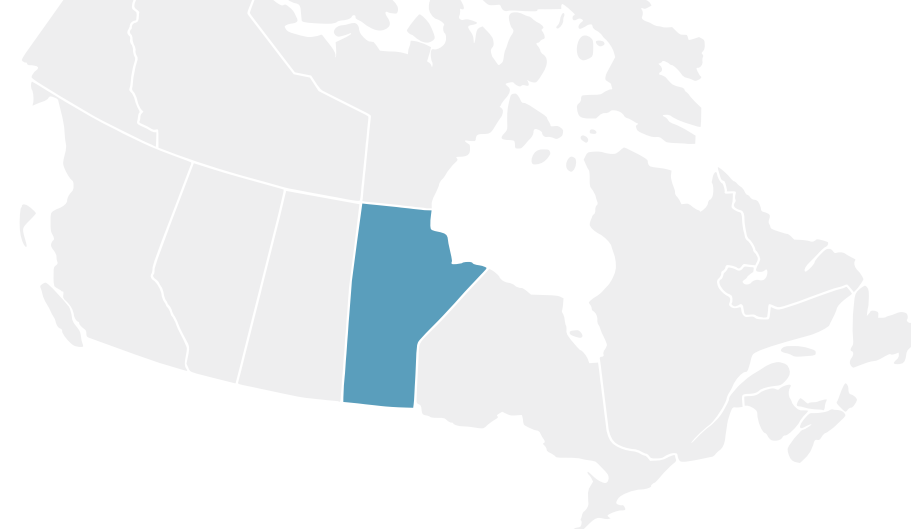
“You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.”

— EPHESIANS 2:19 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

ABOUT MCC MANITOBA

Our local work in Manitoba encompasses a network of local thrift shops; refugee resettlement; bridge building between Indigenous and settler groups; responding to concerns of domestic abuse; engaging people of all ages in peacebuilding and advocacy; equipping vulnerable youth and young adults with employable skills; blanket making and kit packing; and engaging with donors to gather support for the local and international work of MCC.

All of what we do is made possible because of local partnerships with churches, individuals, community groups, volunteers and donors. There is never a shortage of ways to get involved with MCC in Manitoba, serving in the name of Christ!



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MCC MANITOBA WORKS IN TREATED TERRITORIES

MCC Manitoba is committed to building right relationships with one another, God and creation.

MCC's work and relationships extend into all five numbered treaties that cover the province. We acknowledge the harms that have been committed to the Indigenous peoples of this land by those of us who have settled here, and we strive toward reconciliation in our words and deeds.

MCC Manitoba seeks to prioritize equity, justice and Indigenous self determination according to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Your dedication keeps thrift shops open for our communities.

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 “[The shop] is a place where we can foster the community towards doing a good project instead of just going to work.”

SHELLY BURROWS,
 MANAGER OF
 BRANDON MCC THRIFT SHOP



Elsa Dick (front, second from left) and the pricing group volunteers at Brandon MCC Thrift Shop in 1988. (Photo courtesy of Brandon MCC Thrift Shop)

Since receiving MCC’s help as a refugee of the Second World War, Elsa Dick has spent much of her adult life giving back as a devoted volunteer at the Brandon MCC Thrift Shop.

Elsa and her brother Harry were orphaned in Germany as young children. As refugees they were constantly on the move. But, throughout those unstable years Elsa remembers receiving shelter, meals and Christmas parcels — from MCC.

In August of 1948, Elsa and Harry arrived in Canada by boat and, after two days of train travel, were reunited with their grandparents and extended family in Windsor, Ont.

Three decades later, Elsa began volunteering at the Brandon MCC Thrift Shop as a young mother. While her own children spent the days in school, she gave back to MCC in appreciation for the support she received as a child. Elsa continued volunteering into 2021 to reach 45 years of service.

The shop’s manager, Shelly Burrows, says Elsa was a reference point for new volunteers, fostering a sense of community and a deep appreciation for the work of MCC Thrift. “The common goal here, as Elsa will tell you, is to make sure that MCC can continue its good work around the world and here in Manitoba.”



Storefront of the Altona MCC Thrift Shop in 1975, then known as the Altona Community Self Help Center.

50 years of MCC Thrift

On March 17, the Altona MCC Thrift Shop celebrated its 50th anniversary as MCC’s inaugural secondhand shop. “It’s really a time of celebration, thanksgiving and reflecting on God’s faithfulness to us,” said David Rempel, the Altona shop manager.

Local thrift highlights:

- 16** MCC Thrift shops served their communities and supported the work of MCC
- 1,700+** volunteers donated their time and talents in MCC Thrift shops
- 302,000+** volunteer hours donated in MCC Thrift shops throughout the province
- \$2.6 M** contributed to MCC’s local and global relief, development and peace work

MATERIAL RESOURCES



Elfrieda Tiessen with a trunk full of comforters to be delivered to the Plum Coulee MCC Warehouse. (Photo courtesy of Elfrieda Tiessen)



Your support is a tangible sign of hope in times of crisis.

“I enjoy sewing and then the need is so great that it just gives me such a thrill to be able to do something for someone.”

ELFRIEDA TIESSEN, COMFORTER MAKING VOLUNTEER



COMMUNITY GIVING



Grades 6 and 7 students from Jesse Hofer's social studies class in the Grow Hope canola field at Silverwinds Hutterite Colony. (MCC photo/Emily Ann Doerksen)

“Working with their hands to help other people, that was meaningful to them... and they were proud of what they did.”

JESSE HOFER, TEACHER AT SILVERWINDS SCHOOL

Your support as a community partner multiplies MCC's impact!

Material Resources highlights:



450
Dignity kits



829
School kits



100
Hygiene kits



9,697
Comforters



315
Relief kits



1,858
Volunteer hours

For Judy Hildebrand, and approximately 25 other Crystal City area residents, assembling brightly coloured comforters for MCC adds cheer to a long winter.

The Crystal City Ladies Aid began making comforters for MCC more than 50 years ago. Today, the organizing group works together with neighbours, Holdeman women and a community quilting group to continue a long-standing tradition.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Elfrieda Tiessen helped mobilize the group to continue sewing and tying comforters from home. She filled her trunk with the brightly coloured blankets and delivered them to neighbours, who would tie the backing, fibre fill and tops together with cotton or yarn.

“There must be something about tying those comforters that people really get into because we [sewists] just can't keep up,” says Judy with a laugh.

Over the past winter, the group pooled their efforts, while sewing and tying from home, to donate more than 180 comforters to MCC.

At Silverwinds Hutterite Colony near Sperling, philanthropy is an action verb. It's apparent in generous acts of hospitality, teaching methods and a sunny canola field at the entrance to the community.

Silverwinds Colony partners with MCC as a farmer for Grow Hope. The project invites Manitobans to sponsor farmland, like Silverwinds' canola field, with the crop proceeds supporting food projects around the world.

Last spring, Jesse Hofer challenged his social studies class to channel their learnings about food security and philanthropy into a fundraising project. After considering a handful of charitable options, the Silverwinds School class chose to partner with the community's farmers to cover the cost of eight Grow Hope acres.

They learned about MCC's food security work from Haiti to Tanzania and got to work in the community's woodworking shop to raise the funds from pallet sales. It was a new undertaking for the class, who had never built pallets or run a fundraiser before. “It... felt like we were not just giving money, we were contributing,” says Aliyah Hofer (12).

414

Grow Hope acres sponsored in 2021

3,585

people made a donation through MCC Manitoba last year

4,201

personal connections were made between MCC staff and donors in Manitoba

Bridging divides

During a polarizing era, Marta Bunnett Wiebe is promoting a peacebuilding approach to difficult conversations.

She is the Peace and Advocacy program coordinator for MCC Manitoba and editor of the 2021 publication *Germinating Conversations*, a book that emerged from a ten-year old initiative of the same name.

As a collaborative project of A Rocha Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Canadian Mennonite University and MCC Manitoba, it features diverse perspectives from rural and urban Manitobans on topics of food, faith, farming and the land.

“I hope that the book will encourage people to take up difficult conversations within their own communities and churches, and explore those conversations together,” says Marta.



MCC photo/Josu Figueroa



Photo courtesy of Duncan McNairny

Because of your gifts, our local communities are finding healing.

Program highlights:

220

people participated in peacebuilding events and workshops related to healthy dialogue

135

refugees sponsored with support from 33 community and church sponsor groups

1

guide for responding to congregational sexual harassment and abuse published

35

youth and young adults gained employable skills at Sam's Place

1

book, *Germinating Conversations*, published in partnership with more than 250 copies sold

13

local partners received support financial or collaborative from the Indigenous Neighbours program

170

people participated in trainings, workshops and consultations with the Abuse Response & Prevention program

12,000*

training hours logged by Sam's Place program participants

* Estimate

HONOURING TREATIES + RELATIONSHIPS

2021 marked the 150th anniversary of Treaties 1 and 2 in Manitoba and, in September, the annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration commemorated the milestone with a welcoming ceremony.

The ceremony was organized by Indigenous elders and took place at the Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest in Winnipeg. Incorporating pipe and water ceremonies, a sacred fire, treaty teachings and a giveaway ceremony, the event centred Indigenous voices and underscored treaty-making as a sacred and renewable relationship.

“For me, it was one of the most inspiring moments in 2021. Witnessing committed folks who are willing to go the extra mile for justice, reconciliation and the treaty commitments was so encouraging,” says Kerry Saner-Harvey, program coordinator of MCC’s local Indigenous Neighbours program.

MCC Manitoba has been an organizing contributor to the We Are All Treaty People Celebration since its establishment in 2017.

“The spirit of the treaty is about our relationship to the Creator, to the land and [us] as people. The intent is to maintain [the spirit of the treaty] as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the water flows.”

**HARRY BONE,
ANISHINAABE ELDER**

Your support is a sign of hope in times of crisis.



Photos courtesy of Linda Enns

SALT in the family

Linda Enns embarked on an MCC Serving and Learning Together (SALT) journey from southern Manitoba to rural Bolivia as one of the program's first participants 40 years ago.

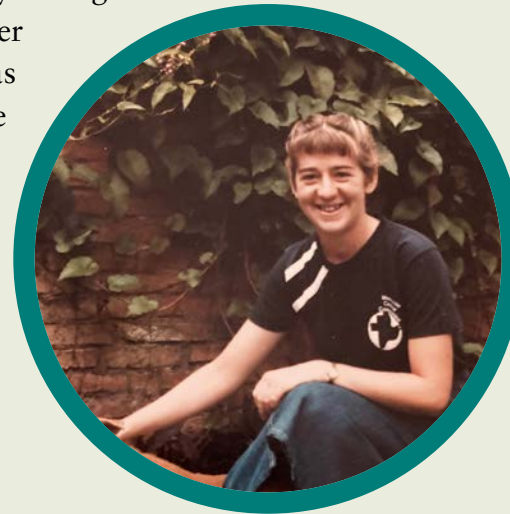
Last summer, she watched her daughter Sarah Janzen follow in her footsteps as Sarah left for a SALT placement in the Middle East.

"I am extremely grateful for Sarah's opportunity to learn, grow and serve. It has been exciting to... watch her fall in love with people who are resilient in spite of overwhelming adversity," says Linda.

Sarah's choice to pursue SALT was especially meaningful to her family. Her SALT term meant that her family's MCC service spanned three generations. Sarah was born while Linda and her father Gordon Janzen were on a service term with MCC in the Middle East.

"In so many ways, it feels like cross-cultural service is a natural part of my family experience. So, it was definitely a factor in why I chose to do SALT! I didn't explicitly say it was a question of when, not if, I did SALT but since the program has an age limit, I did know that if I wanted to do it, this was my chance," says Sarah.

Read about Sarah's SALT experience on pg. 20.



"Living in another context, I gained new insights and perspectives on poverty, power and privilege. I learned that vulnerable and marginalized peoples are given special attention in the heart of God."

LINDA ENNS,
MANITOBA'S FIRST
INTERNATIONAL SALT
PARTICIPANT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

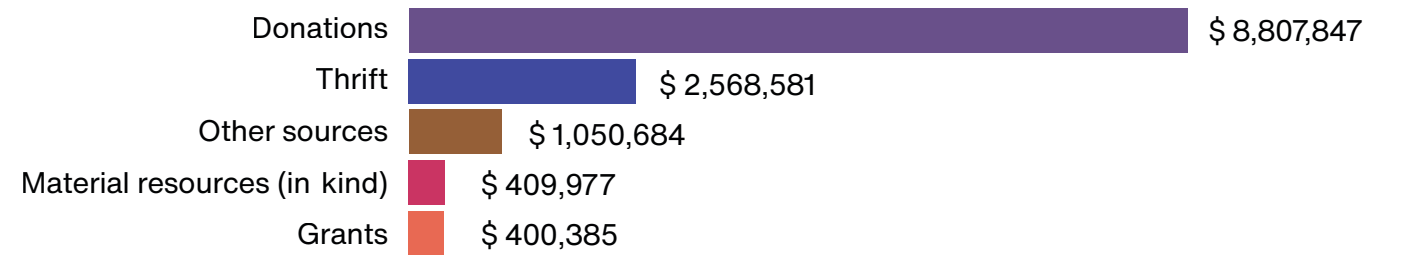
Our 2021-2022 fiscal year numbers reflect the kindness of compassionate donors, the support of grant programs and the generous contribution of MCC Thrift shops.

For complete audited financial statements, please visit mccmb.ca/AnnualReport.

TOTAL REVENUE:

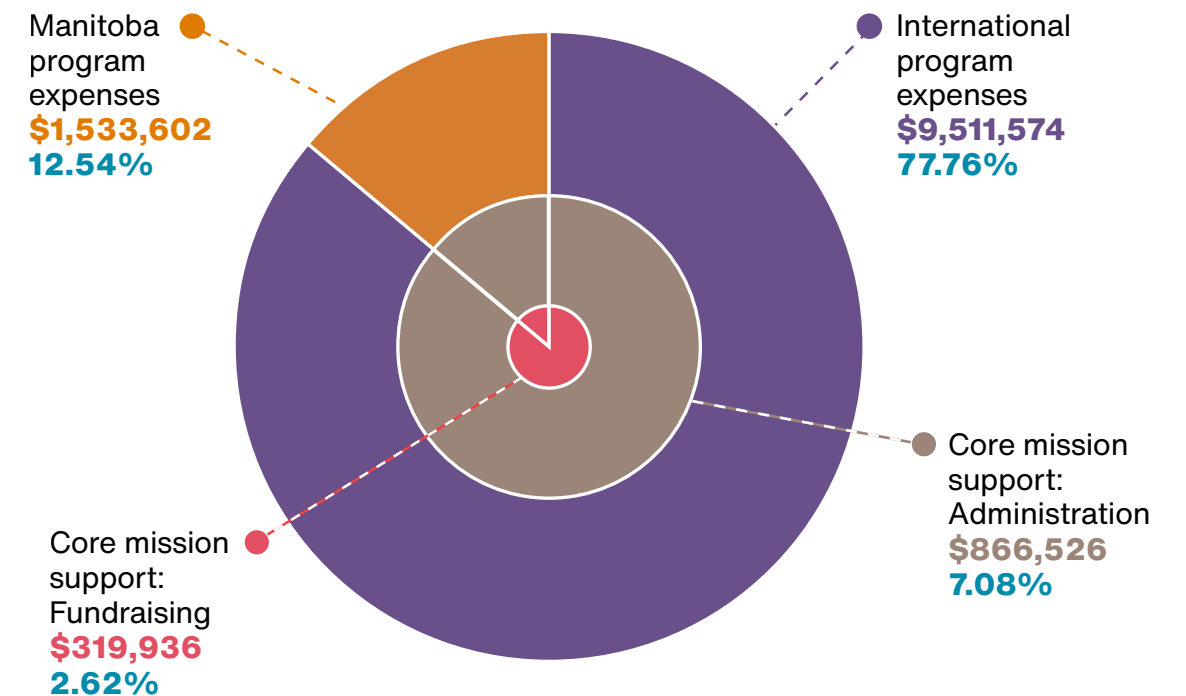
\$13,237,474

Funding Sources



TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$12,231,638



Explore your global impact.



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CANADA

We just want to say thank you. Last year, in times of conflict and unrest, you made the choice to reach out and help your global neighbours.

We invite you to take a moment and reflect on the difference you've made. Take a look back at the stories made possible with your support.

Explore your global impact.

You brought relief to people facing war and disaster. You gave the gift of clean water to create healthier communities. You provided education and training to help people improve their own futures. You helped build peace.

We couldn't be more grateful.



Nicolás Yucra Gómez is part of MCC partner PRODII's technical team. He is using soil conservation and irrigation techniques promoted by PRODII on his land in Kisi Kisi, Bolivia, where he produces staple crops and experiments with new crops and growing techniques. As climate change is affecting farming around the world, PRODII is helping local farmers find new and renewed ways to cultivate the land. (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)

MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation. In our second century of service, we reaffirm our Christ-led commitment to serve and learn from vulnerable people around the world.

The MCC Canada and MCC U.S. boards identified these four strategic directions to guide our work from 2021–2025:

1. Increasing the capacity of our partners to help uprooted and vulnerable people
2. Improving communication with churches and constituents
3. Increasing peacebuilding and justice work
4. Caring for God's creation and supporting communities harmed by climate change.

To read an online version of this report visit mcccanada.ca/annual-impact-report-2022

A **THANK YOU** FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Brutal wars, unrelenting COVID-19, and the worst global hunger crisis in decades.

One could easily draw parallels to three of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse riding together across the globe.

But, for MCC, these crises don't signal the end. In fact, we choose to embrace this moment as yet another opportunity to share God's love with others. As we continue to abide in Christ, we choose hope over despair. We choose action over alarm. It is much like our response has been for more than a century. We work with local partners to find the best ways to respond to basic human needs in the name of Christ:

- provide food baskets and shelter for families fleeing violence — from Ukraine to Syria to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- advocate for just and equitable global access to COVID-19 vaccines;
- help increase food security when food is hard to access.

More than any year in recent memory, the challenges we have faced as a global community have been immense, multiple and overlapping. Of course, we all grow weary at times. And yet, a deep hope springs from a shared, communal response to loss and suffering. The Jesus message is not only to individuals, but to communities who live his love into a hurting world.

You have lived that love again this year through MCC, and we are deeply grateful.


RICK COBER BAUMAN
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC CANADA



“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

- JOHN 15:5 (NRSV)

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Without the food baskets Farah* and her siblings receive through an MCC partner in Syria, they wouldn't have enough food to survive.

The price of fuel and the fluctuating global economy are causing food prices in Syria to climb even more dangerously out of reach for so many.

Farah's parents had to flee Al Raqqa because of the dangers of the ongoing conflict in Syria. Her father tries to bring in money for the family by collecting cardboard boxes and selling them to a factory for recycling. Her mother is trying to raise and care for all her siblings and some of their cousins who live with them. She tends a small garden to grow a few vegetables for the family to eat. But what she can produce is far from enough food for so many hungry stomachs.

If not for your generous gifts, Farah* and her family would have almost no chance.

But with your support, and funding through MCC's account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, an MCC partner in Syria distributes monthly food baskets to thousands of families like Farah's every month. A basket for one family costs \$65 per month. Your support helps families like Farah's every day.

*Names have been changed or omitted for security purposes.

Because of your generosity, Farah* and her family have food to eat.

“Knowing that a food parcel is always delivered makes such a difference in our lives.”

A RECIPIENT OF FOOD IN SYRIA



Farah* and her siblings receive food through an MCC partner working in Syria. (MCC photo)



Vivian Warkentin has been donating through MCC's Share Your Table program since March 2020. (Photo courtesy of Vivian Warkentin)

Donor profile

When Vivian Warkentin heard about Share Your Table, MCC's monthly giving program, she knew right away it sounded like how she wanted to help. "It really appealed to me as a way to give immediate, sustained help when people are most in need of emergency care. I am most fortunate in living in a place where food is something that is readily available ... that should be everyone's reality!"

Food program highlights:

43,253

people trained in improved agriculture and animal production methods

32,820

people received agricultural supplies, including seeds and tools

96.5%

of women who participated in a food security project in Nepal now have functional kitchen gardens

74%

average increase in income for participants in a Palestine rabbit raising project



Your gifts fed vulnerable Haitians after a devastating earthquake.

“Thank you for not leaving us alone. We’ve felt very alone these last days... hoping someone would not forget us.”

A WOMAN WHO RECEIVED EMERGENCY FOOD IN HAITI



Pierre Hérorol stands in front of his badly damaged home that he shares with five other people. He received emergency food and supplies distributed by an MCC partner in Saint-Jean-du-Sud, Haiti, after the August 2021 earthquake. (MCC photo/Paul Shetler Fast)

The sun was barely in the sky when Pierre Hérorol felt the earth shake beneath his feet. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake devastated much of southern Haiti and was the deadliest disaster on the planet in 2021. Thousands were killed, injured or left without safe shelter. They lost their means to earn money to buy food or medicine. But thanks to you, Pierre’s story didn’t end there.

Your support meant MCC partners in Haiti could distribute canned turkey meat and relief kits to Pierre and other vulnerable people, pregnant women, people with disabilities or those whose homes had been destroyed. One can of turkey costs around \$6.50 and contains about half the minimum daily calorie requirement for someone in an emergency situation. With damaged roads and widespread flooding, that turkey was the only substantial food many survivors could find for days.

At a time when every moment mattered, you ensured that MCC responded quickly with life-saving relief.

MCC staff Anna Prokash made this pot of borscht while on kitchen duty at a refugee shelter set up by a local Evangelical Baptist church in western Ukraine with support from MCC. The flowers she holds were a handmade gift from her youngest daughter. (Photo courtesy of Anna Prokash)



Staff profile

Anna Proshak is a staff member of MCC in Ukraine. Before the fighting escalated, she helped support people displaced by conflict. But in February, she and her family were also displaced. Within days, she’d found safety and began to help others by providing shelter and meals. “Now I can invite them to the table to sit...and to eat this warm meal,” she says.

Relief program highlights:

169,603
people received emergency food assistance globally

117,200
people received locally purchased relief items, including clothing, kitchen items and bedding

1,255
households received home repairs or reconstruction

2,555
people received financial support or rent assistance

*Numbers on this page reflect the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 and only include the first month of the Ukraine response.



Tchana Atiaribou has a lot of factors working against her dream of being a teacher. Burkina Faso has some of the lowest rates of female students on the planet. She was only in Grade 1 when her mother died. And she lives far from her school with no way to easily and safely travel the long distance to get there.

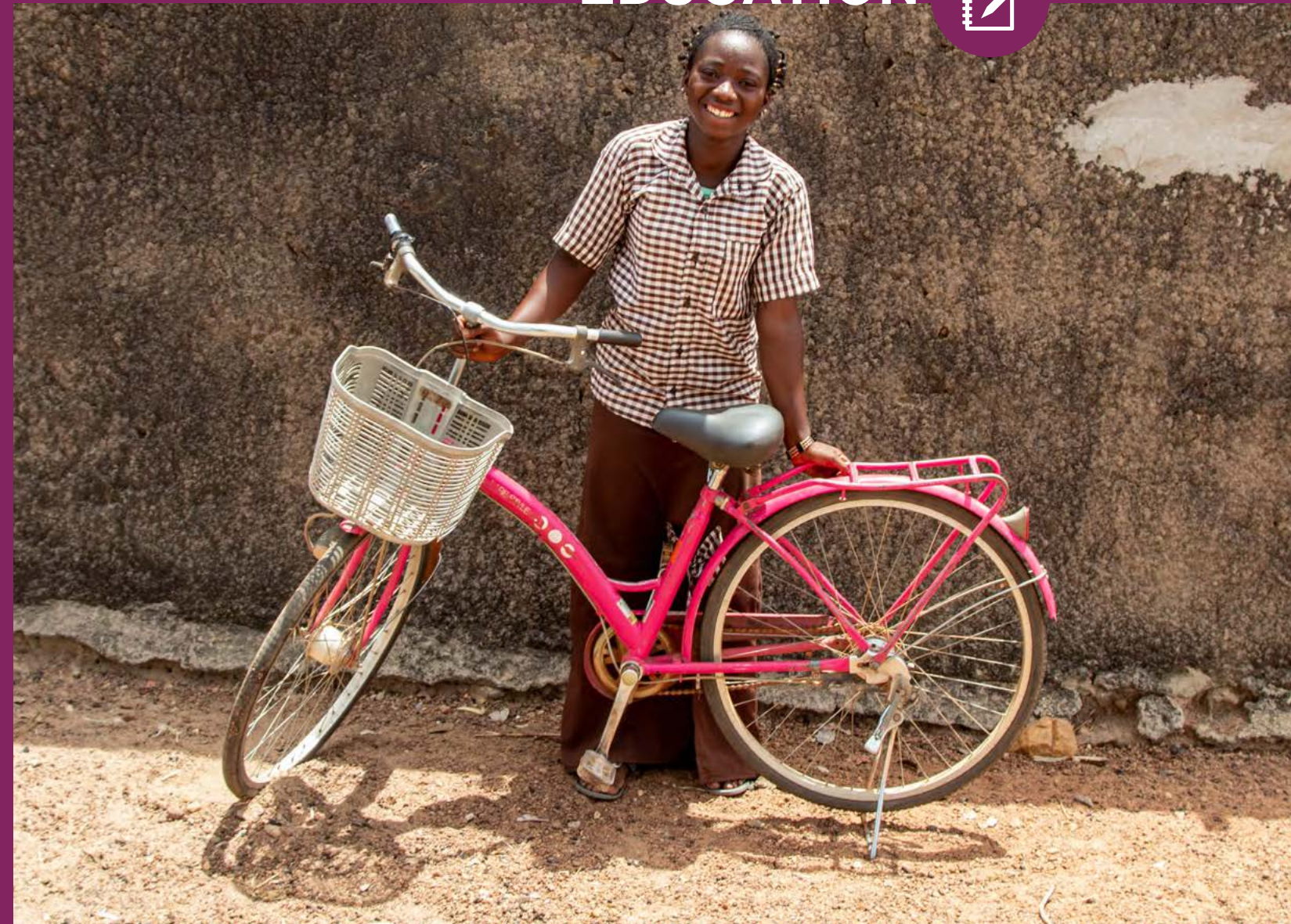
But your kindness is helping her overcome those challenges. **Thanks to your support, an MCC partner in Burkina Faso provides Tchana and many other students like her the resources they need to access a good education.** Your donations fund enrollment in school or work apprenticeships, medical checkups, food, hygiene items and counselling. And thanks to the bikes they loan, Tchana doesn't have to walk the total 30 km route every day.

Tchana says she wants to be a teacher, a reality that would be impossible without the help she's receiving because of you. One bike costs \$112 and that investment will carry many students to and from school.

Thanks to your kindness, Tchana and her classmates can access the education they deserve.

“Because my school is paid for, I have school supplies and a school outfit. I have fewer problems, my teacher encourages me often, she is a second mother to me.”

ROUAMBA NOELIE,
A STUDENT SUPPORTED BY
SONG KIBSÉ IN BURKINA FASO



Tchana Atiaribou arrives home on the bicycle provided by MCC partner Song Kibsé, which she uses to travel the long distance to and from school in south-central Burkina Faso. (MCC photo/John Clarke)



Through MCC partner P4T, children and youth have a safe place to go each day, where they are experiencing non-violent, kind caregivers. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

Partner profile

Daniel Amenya came to Uganda as a Congolese refugee. Much of his childhood was spent trying to figure out how to survive on his own and get an education. He eventually started P4T (Planning for Tomorrow), an MCC partner in Uganda that supports education and child development. “Doing something to serve those who seem to be helpless makes me satisfied with my life.”

Education program highlights:

15,754

children and youth participated in K-12 education supported by MCC

28,981

children and youth received education supplies, including MCC school kits and locally purchased items

97%

of vulnerable children advanced to their next grade in a South Sudan school support project

87%

of children in an after-school learning program in Guatemala passed all their courses — up from 51% at the beginning of the project



Farming in Potosí, Bolivia, at 12,000 ft of elevation, isn't easy. But it at least used to be consistent. Farmers there knew when to expect rain and when it would be dry. Now, due to the disruptions of climate change, the once consistent precipitation has become unreliable. Where light rain once fell daily, farmers experience weeks of drought interrupted by the kind of driving rain that can scatter seedlings.

The thousands who make their homes high in the mountains rely on their crops to survive. But this way of life is in danger as they can no longer rely on the weather. Thanks to your donations, they now have the necessary tools to adapt.

MCC partner PRODII is working in places like Potosí to find creative and effective solutions to collect and maintain their water supply in the challenging mountain environments. Using a system of reservoirs and water collection, farmers in Potosí are ensuring their water supply remains more constant.

Because of your generosity, the farmers of Potosí are equipped to adapt to their changing climate.

Because of you, Teofilo's crops can survive even when no rain falls.

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“This used to be only rocks, but with the knowledge I've acquired, I've turned it into a garden. Before this, nothing grew, but we've turned rocky land into cultivable land.”

TEOFILO COLQUE, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN POTOSÍ, BOLIVIA



Teofilo Colque is a leader in the community of Chucarasi, Bolivia. Together with the rest of the community, he has been able to diversify crops through irrigation and soil conservation techniques promoted by MCC partner PRODII. (MCC photo/Annalee Giesbrecht)



Sheilagh Henry is continuing her legacy of generosity with a gift in her will to MCC. (Photo courtesy of Sheilagh Henry)

Donor profile

Sheilagh Henry has been giving to MCC faithfully for more than 23 years; that's how she felt she could really make a difference. Sheilagh recently decided to include a legacy gift for MCC in her will so that work can continue after she's gone. "I don't have children or a spouse to leave money to. But it just seemed that I could do a lot more good by giving a legacy gift."

Water program highlights:

68,680

people now have access to an improved water source

21,081

people now have access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility

743

water harvest structures for irrigation constructed or repaired

83

drinking water systems built and repaired

In Nepal’s Dhading District, many villages have very limited access to safe water and clean bathroom facilities. Every year more than 800,000 people, including children, die from diarrhea caused by dirty water or unsafe hygiene practices. Nirmala did what she could to keep her family safe, but she was limited without additional resources and education.

But now, your support has given her the tools and training she needs. **Providing water to a home like Nirmala’s costs around \$390.** Your gifts helped MCC’s local partner build essential infrastructure like handwashing stations, latrines and taps for clean drinking water. They also provide training for people like Nirmala so they can keep their families healthy. The checklist she now has on her wall reminds her how to purify water correctly and has other tips like handwashing techniques.

Since the project began, the rates of diarrhea in the area for children under five have decreased by 50%. That amazing result is because of your support.

“The partner’s local knowledge, combined with strong technical capacity for infrastructure construction, has led to a very effective project and significantly healthier communities,” says Luke Jantzi, MCC representative for Nepal.

Your donations are keeping Nirmala’s family healthy.

“The impact of this project on the lives of children and their families is incredible to witness. Simple interventions like access to clean water, handwashing facilities and latrines can have enormous impacts.”

PAUL FAST,
MCC HEALTH COORDINATOR



Nirmala Tamang, a participant in an MCC project in Nepal, stands beside a Clean and Healthy Village checklist hanging outside her home. (MCC photo/Luke Jantzi)



“I walk an hour each way to school and knowing that there is water here, a place to change and clean toilets is a relief.”
—Ruth Kakimwa (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

Participant profile

Ruth Kakimwa, 19, is a student in Kasese, Uganda, who is part of the health club at her school, supported by MCC’s partner YAPI-SRD. “To me, I have also seen the stigma against girls and menstruation go down. If I need a pad, I know we have them at the school, and I know I can make my own too.”

Health program highlights:

41,979
people received direct clinical care

143,844
people received hygiene items, including menstrual supplies

51%
fewer incidents of fever and diarrhea in children under five as a result of a project in Kenya

90%
of all new mothers in a region in Haiti are screened for pre- and postnatal mental health needs and referred as appropriate



Your donations are working to give everyone access to vaccines.

“Making sure people have access to vaccines everywhere, no matter their citizenship, is exactly the kind of thing we want to lend our experience and voice to support.”

ANNA VOGT
CO-DIRECTOR OF MCC CANADA'S
PEACE & JUSTICE OFFICE



Margaret Amuai leads a women’s health group in Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya. She received training from CPN, one of MCC’s health partners that will be able to distribute vaccines as they are available. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

When the first vaccines were announced during the COVID-19 pandemic, it quickly became clear that the wealthiest countries were the ones with priority access to the life-saving technology. But because of your generosity, MCC has been a powerful leader in advocating for Canada’s government to pursue global vaccine equity.

MCC’s Peace & Justice office recognized that globally we have enough vaccines and vaccine manufacturing capacity to ensure that everyone can be vaccinated. What was missing was coordinated global political will. While some countries, including Canada, have committed to dose sharing and increasing global health funding, there is still no resourced global vaccination plan.

The Peace & Justice Office has also lent its advocacy expertise to Love My Neighbour, a multi-faith organization dedicated to ensuring everyone has access to vaccines, regardless of wealth.

Your support means moving everyday Canadians and our government’s highest powers to recognize how vital it is to ensure that vaccines are available to everyone everywhere.



Staff profile

Kaylee Perez is a migration and resettlement associate for MCC. She regularly meets with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada staff and speaks for sponsorship agreement holders like MCC. Kaylee is passionate about leading communities to be involved in this important ministry. “This program facilitates a powerful and transformational government and civil society partnership,” says Kaylee.

“I love this work because it presents an opportunity to build bridges of understanding with the goal of strengthening systems and structures that support refugees.” (MCC photo/Brenda Burkholder)

Peace & justice program highlights:

29,365

people trained in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation

1,538

peace clubs were active last year

16,237

people participated in peace clubs or other peace education

140

people attended the online roundtable event on research findings around MCC’s historical entanglements with National Socialism. mcccanada.ca/NSresponse

When Reanna Teske started chatting online with Khalil al Hamadi, she had no idea how they would change each other's lives.

Khalil was living with his wife, Nadeen al Zoubi, and their children in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan. They'd fled their home in Syria during the war. Some 80,000 refugees call Zaatari home today, despite the incredibly tough conditions. Emergency food, water and medical care barely sustain the people who live there.

But Reanna happened to see Khalil talking about his experience on Facebook and struck up a conversation. They chatted every day for nearly two years and forged a friendship that led Reanna to form a group to sponsor the family for resettlement in Canada.

Because of your gifts, MCC could provide Reanna and her group the support they needed to navigate the logistics of the sponsorship process. But perhaps more importantly, it meant that Khalil and his family landed in a new country with a loving community already waiting for them.

To this day, Reanna, Khalil and their families remain close. "I think that's been one of the biggest surprises, these fast friendships and these really close friendships that have become like family," says Reanna.

Because you gave to MCC, Khalil and his family have safety and security.

"Thank you to MCC for giving my whole life hope again. And then to give me and my kids and my family and Nadeen a new life in Canada."

KHALIL AL HAMADI



Khalil al Hamadi, Nadeen al Zoubi and their children fled their home in Syria and were living in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan before they were sponsored to come to Canada through MCC's refugee sponsorship program. (Photo courtesy of Khalil al Hamadi)



Karen Perez plays at the park with Ramadan*, one of the children of an Ethiopian family that she helped sponsor to move to Oakville, Ont. (Photo/Charlotte Ducsharm)

*Names have been changed or omitted for security purposes.

Volunteer profile

When Karen Perez heard about an opportunity to sponsor Ramadan's* family to resettle in Canada from Ethiopia, she jumped at the chance. "I really wanted something that my kids could be part of. We didn't know anyone and had no idea what this involved, but we are so grateful we said yes!" Her family has since gone on to sponsor the rest of Ramadan's* family who has been separated for five years.

Migration program highlights:

279

refugees came to Canada last year through MCC's sponsorship program from:

- Eritrea **43**
- Iraq **18**
- Ethiopia **17**
- Pakistan **15**

Other countries include Afghanistan, DR Congo, Myanmar (Burma), Somalia, South Sudan and more.

GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING

GSL

YOUNG ADULTS VOLUNTEERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Sarah Janzen, from Winnipeg, Man., spent her SALT term as an emergency response assistant based in Beirut, Lebanon. (MCC photo)



You are providing young adults opportunities for growth and service.

“I hope that the variety of work and experiences from this year will continue to remind me that my actions make a difference.”

SARAH JANZEN, 2021/2022 SALT PARTICIPANT

Sarah Janzen knew that spending a year in a new country and context would be full of the unexpected. But, with MCC’s Serving and Learning Together program (SALT), she was able to practice adapting to the situation when she went from her home in Winnipeg, Man., to Beirut, Lebanon — a city in the middle of multiple crises.

“This year has often required changing my expectations: about the availability of resources, the electricity schedule, government involvement and what I’ll do or learn or experience,” she says. “I’m also learning that no matter how much you change your expectations, there is always a place for hope.”

The SALT program celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. Since 1981, more than 1,300 SALTers have served in 58 countries. They have walked alongside local communities, and have learned about themselves and the world around them.

After SALT, Sarah wants to continue working in the non-profit world. “I hope that the variety of work and experiences from this year will continue to remind me that my actions make a difference and that I can tackle whatever comes my way.”



CHAD

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

With a gift in your will, you can provide a brighter future for people around the world—people like **Hawa Boub**, who dreams of having clean water for her entire community.

To learn more, visit: mcccanada.ca/legacy-giving



A GRASSROOTS LEGACY

In 1972, in Altona, Man., Susan Giesbrecht, Linie Friesen, Selma Loewen and Sara Stoesz opened up the very first MCC Thrift shop. None of them thought the shop would even last the year. “It grew much beyond what I, or any of the four of us, thought it would grow into,” says Giesbrecht, now 93 years old.

Before the shop opened, MCC used to ship secondhand clothes all over the world. Eventually, leadership determined the money spent on shipping would be better spent buying supplies locally. That’s when the enterprising women came up with the idea to turn used clothing into money.

HELPING PEOPLE

From the humble, grassroots beginnings, MCC Thrift has grown into a thriving network of 86 shops across Canada and the U.S. Since 1972, these shops have donated more than \$305 million to the work of MCC.

Proceeds from the shops support MCC projects internationally and here at home. When you purchase dishes at your local MCC Thrift shop, you also help provide emergency food for people fleeing conflict in places like Ukraine. When you donate books to an MCC Thrift shop, you’re helping to provide reading material to students in places like Rwanda. And when you pick up gently used furniture, you’re helping provide support to newcomers in Canada. Each time you shop, donate or volunteer with MCC Thrift, you help make the world a better place.



1972-2022

Celebrating 50 years of supporting MCC’s work in relief, development and peace.

HELPING THE PLANET

Shopping at MCC Thrift also helps the planet by keeping gently used items out of landfills and reducing the amount of materials used to create new things. As much as possible, MCC Thrift shops work to resell, recycle or upcycle items to reduce waste. In 2020, 1,908 people took the Thrift First pledge and committed to try and shop for secondhand clothes before buying any new items. If each person who signed up bought even three items secondhand instead of new, that would have kept more than 5,700 pieces of clothing out of the landfill!

Together with our volunteers, communities and customers, we are working to create a more sustainable future.

“Thrift volunteers and staff are making significant contributions in their communities and in the lives of people around the world. This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate and thank them for all that they do.”

SCOTT D. CAMPBELL, MCC CANADA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



Linie Friesen, Selma Loewen, Susan Giesbrecht and Sara Stoesz founded the first MCC Thrift shop in Altona, Man., in 1972. (MCC photo)



Alecia Weber sorts footwear in the warehouse at Thrift on Kent in Kitchener, Ont. (MCC photo/Ken Ogasawara)



John Funk removes copper from electronics donated to the Kildonan MCC Thrift Shop in Winnipeg, Man. (MCC photo/Matthew Sawatzky)



Mary Thiessen at the MCC Sales Store in Clearbrook, B.C. in November 1975. (MCC photo)

MATERIAL RESOURCES



Clara Rodríguez holds two cans of MCC canned meat that she received through an MCC relief distribution in Cuba. (BIC Church of Cuba photo/ Ramon Guisa)



Your support brings relief in times of crisis.

“We give thanks to God... that this blessing [of boxes of canned meat] could arrive in our hands to bless so many families.”

PASTOR JESUS GABRIEL ACOSTA, CUBA



UKRAINE CRISIS — FIRST RESPONSE

A woman and her grandson at a child-care centre in Ukraine which was turned into a shelter by MCC partner KECB when the conflict escalated in February. The shelter also provides food and other resources like medical care and hygiene products. (Photo courtesy of KECB)



“We are preparing food every day — you have given to our hands something that we can provide to other people.”

PAVEL*, DIRECTOR OF KECB

In the midst of war, your support provided emergency food and shelter to people in need.

Material resources shipped last year:



491,940

Canned meat (lbs)



91,218

School kits



41,700

Hygiene kits



38,148

Comforters



22,496

Relief kits



4,721

Infant care kits



1,860

Sewing kits



5,371

Dignity kits

The situation in Cuba was incredibly dire when a shipment of MCC relief kits and canned food arrived. The ongoing pandemic and U.S. trade embargo created a period of immense scarcity. Store shelves were sitting empty in much of the country and people were unable to get the resources they needed.

“People had told me they haven’t had an egg or any kind of meat for six months,” says Bonnie Klassen, MCC area director for South America, Mexico and Cuba. “They were out of toothpaste, so they were brushing their teeth with soap.”

But your caring support meant that people like Clara Rodríguez got the food and hygiene items they desperately needed. Nearly 20,000 kg of supplies including relief kits, hygiene kits and canned chicken — collected and packed by MCC volunteers — were distributed by MCC partners in Cuba.



Nurses Olena*, Tetiana and Tetiana help at the medical station set up by MCC partner St. Clement Centre. The centre has expanded its services to provide emergency humanitarian assistance, including food, hygiene supplies and medical treatment. A doctor, pharmacist and nurses work as part of the team. (Photo courtesy of St. Clement Centre)



Svetlykh*, 70 years old, lives alone on a small pension in a village* in the Nikopol district. MCC’s partner, New Life Charitable Fund, has a team of 30 volunteers and about seven staff who distribute food packages to Svetlykh and others. New Life is helping internally displaced and transient people who plan to travel further and seek safety in western Ukraine. (Photo courtesy of New Life)



Staff and volunteers of MCC partner Charitable Foundation Uman Help Center prepare food for vulnerable and internally displaced people. Uman provides MCC hygiene kits and relief kits as well as food and housing assistance to vulnerable residents in the Uman Cherkasy region. They also provide humanitarian supplies and ready-to-eat meals to people evacuated from other locations. (Photo courtesy of Uman)

*The names of people pictured and some locations have been shortened or omitted for security. Reporting on this page only reflects MCC’s response until the end of March 2022.

MCC around the world

Canada
459 MCC workers*
\$10.3 million
*includes MCC Thrift staff

United States
185 MCC workers
\$8.1 million

Latin America & the Caribbean
84 MCC workers
\$6.9 million

Europe & the Middle East
49 MCC workers
\$15.2 million

Africa
131 MCC workers
\$17.1 million

Multi-Region
\$9.6 million

Asia
126 MCC workers
\$7 million

Dollar figures on map represent direct program expenses without fundraising and administration costs.

45 countries

381 partners

496 projects

1,034 workers

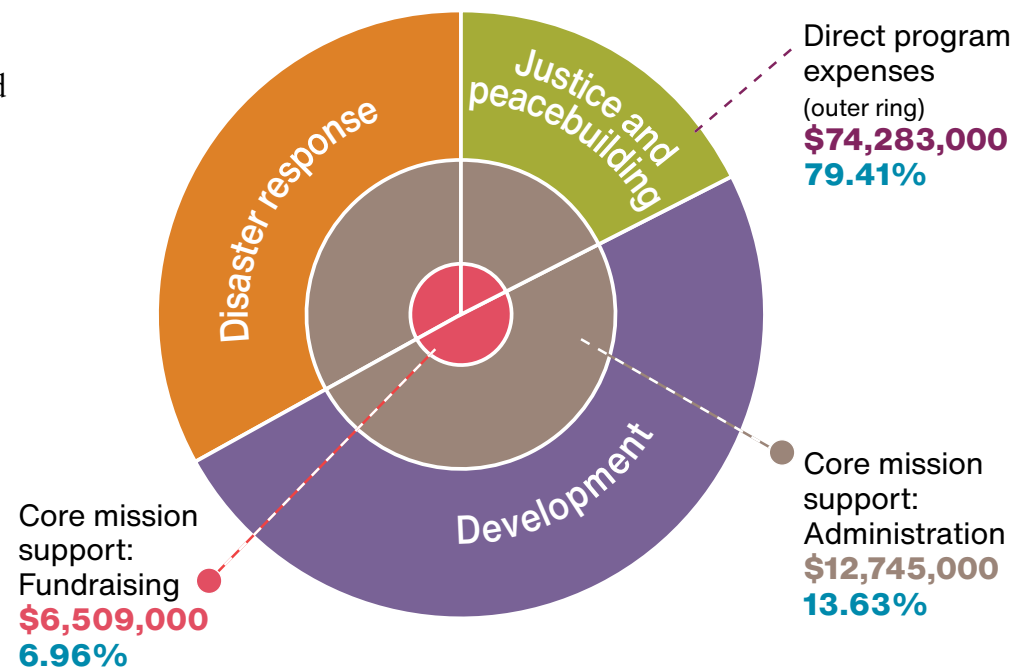
83 participants in Global Service Learning programs as of July 31, 2021:

YAMEN	20
IVEP	15
SALT	17
Seed	14
SOOP	10
Summerbridge	7

FINANCES

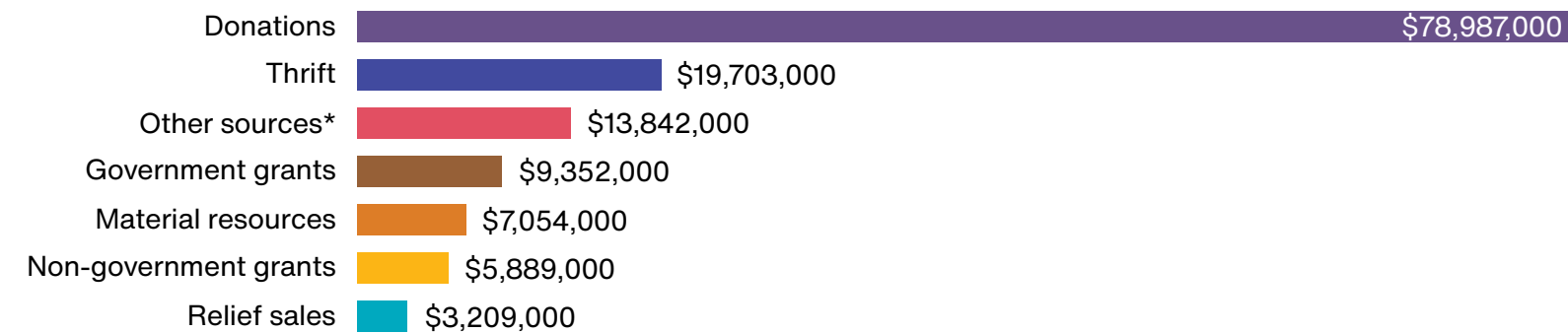
The financial information on these pages presents the combined operations in Canadian dollars of the MCCs in Canada and the U.S. for the year ended March 31, 2022. More detailed financial and program reporting, as well as complete audited financial statements are available at mcccanada.ca/annual-report.

TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$93,537,000



TOTAL REVENUE:
\$138,036,000

Funding sources



*For a detailed list of funding sources see the electronic annual impact report appendix online at mcccanada.ca/annual-report.