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**LWF World Service
2024 Annual Report**



As violence escalates in Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), refugees continue to arrive in Burundi. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is responding with relief distributions for both refugees and host communities at transit sites in Cibitoke and Bubanza provinces, as well as the Rutana relocation site. Photo: LWF/ Diogene Rukundo

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Cover photo:

Jaisira from Chaukune (Karnali) in her poultry farm, which a local LWF partner organisation helped her build.

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Welcome

Our annual report for 2024 marks the end of our six-year global strategy 2019-2024. Over these years, we have supported over 16 million people in need, enabling them to live with dignity and make their own choices. Refugees, internally displaced people, and host communities have been at the heart of our work across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Europe. Despite the world facing escalating conflicts, wars with diminishing respect for International Humanitarian Law, and the severe impacts of the climate crisis, World Service has steadfastly upheld the rights of over 2.5 million poor, marginalized, and vulnerable communities.

This annual report highlights our dedicated efforts towards women and girls. We have worked alongside them and their communities to create opportunities, support movements for change, and improve their lives through economic opportunities and education. Our initiatives have promoted sustainable solutions and combated climate change, providing both income and climate-smart adaptation.

During this strategic period, the proportion of humanitarian response in our work has grown compared to development work, reflecting the increased needs and the rise in global conflicts. Inspired by our new strategy 2025–2031, we continue to respond in some of the most complex environments by collaborating with member churches, local partners, communities, and our committed staff: ***For Hope and a Future.***



Maria Immonen speaking at the annual Days of Meeting, to review and strategize for the work ahead_Photo: LWF / Albin Hillert

Notably, more than half of our staff are refugees and over 99% are based in the countries where we operate. Local expertise is the foundation of our responses.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Maria Immonen

LWF World Service Director

International Women's Day celebration in the LWF Burundi Country Program. Photo: LWF/ Léa Gillibert



About Us

LWF World Service is the humanitarian and development arm of the Lutheran World Federation.

In 1952, LWF World Service was established as the humanitarian aid and development arm of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Over the past 72 years, our mandate has evolved but our commitment remains unchanged. In 2024, we continued our mission, working in 26 countries worldwide.

As we conclude our strategic period (2019-2024), we formulated a new strategy 2025-2031 with the same motto of **For Hope and a Future**.

Our new strategy 2025 - 2031 reaffirms our commitment to advancing human rights worldwide. We put people in the centre, affirming the rights and dignity of each person, and we continue to work on individual, community and institutional levels. We address major challenges through protection and social cohesion, quality services and resilient livelihoods, reinforcing the emphasis on climate-related work in the domain of livelihoods.

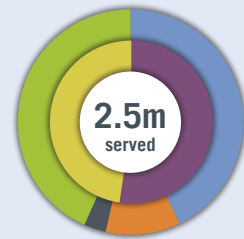


The 2025-2031 [World Service Global Strategy](#) is available online.

Our commitment to justice, the humanitarian principles and human rights remains unwavering. As we look ahead, we will continue to stand with those in need, advocating for a world where every person can live in safety and dignity with hope and a future.

People Served in 2024

2,500,651



Group

- Refugees: 1,071,133 (43%)
- Internally Displaced Persons: 268,053 (11%)
- Returnees: 79,069 (3%)
- Local/Host Community: 1,082,396 (43%)

Sex

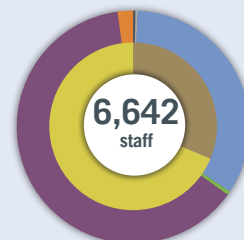
- Women and girls (all ages): 1,308,208 (52%)
- Men and boys (all ages): 1,192,443 (48%)

Persons with specific needs

- Children (5-18 years): 1,004,168 (40%)
- Infants (under 5 years): 302,366 (12%)
- People with Disability: 77,944 (3%)

Total staff:

6,642



Global staff:

- i) Geneva based staff: 23 (0.3%)
- ii) Staff based outside of Geneva: 19 (0.3%)
- National staff: 2,241 (34%)
- International staff: 35 (0.5%)
- Incentive staff: 4,182 (63%)
- Volunteers: 142 (2.1%)

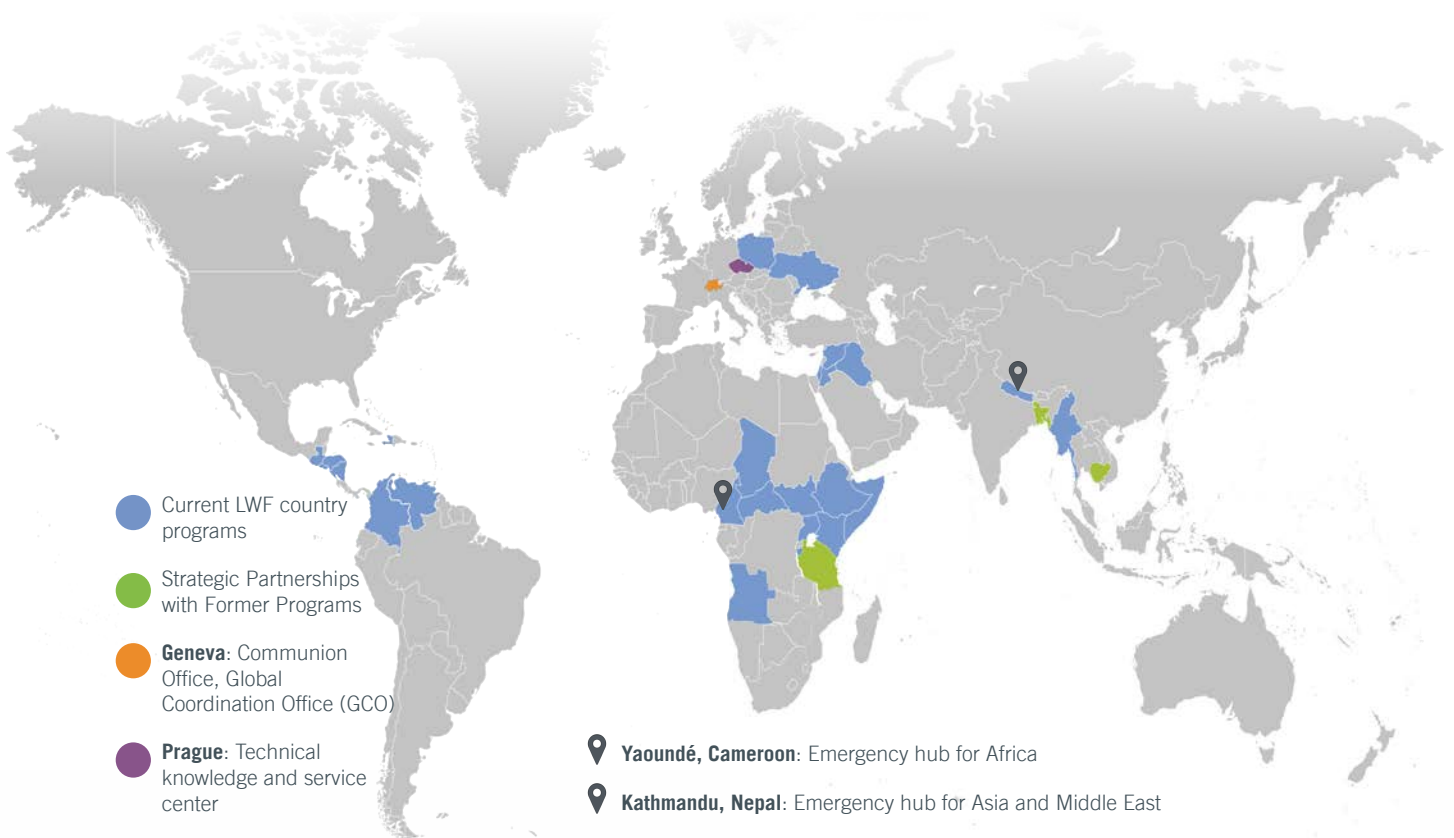
Sex

- Female staff: 2,080 (31%)
- Male staff: 4,562 (69%)

Where We Work

Operating in 26 countries across five regions— Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East—our work is coordinated from Geneva, Switzerland, and other locations where global and regional staff are based. Our approach blends local rootedness with global action.

In 2024, we engaged in strategic partnership consultations with three former LWF programs, namely RDRS Bangladesh, Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS) Tanzania, and Lutheran Hope Cambodia Organization (LHCO). Such partnerships enable us to respond to emergencies with agility and a long-term locally-led commitment, as witnessed among others in Cox’ Bazaar. We also engaged with many of our 150 LWF member churches across 99 countries, through our Churches and Emergency program and our ‘local to global to local’ (L2G2L) approach, recognizing their local rootedness and vital role as potential first responders and long-term actors for social cohesion and durable solutions.



Current LWF Country Programs

Africa

- Angola
- Burundi
- Cameroon & Central African Republic
- Chad
- Ethiopia
- Kenya & Somalia
- South Sudan
- Uganda

Asia

- Myanmar
- Nepal

Europe

- Poland
- Prague
- Ukraine

Middle East

- Iraq
- Jerusalem
- Jordan & Syria

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Central America (Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador)
- Colombia & Venezuela
- Haiti

Strategic Partnerships with Former Programs

- RDRS Bangladesh
- Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS) Tanzania
- Lutheran Hope Cambodia Organization (LHCO)

Photo: LWF/ M. Renaux

During the field visit to Logone-et-Chari, Cameroon where “Gender Transformative Climate Adaptation” is implemented by LWF in the Lake Chad Basin, covering regions in both Cameroon and Chad.



Empowering Women

Protecting the most vulnerable is a key component of any humanitarian or development intervention. LWF's humanitarian efforts globally prioritize supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. LWF works actively to prevent such violence and address underlying power imbalances.

LWF World Service ensures survivors have access to psychological first aid, ongoing counseling, safe spaces, legal aid, medical referrals, and livelihood support. Survivors are encouraged to join peer support networks. LWF World Service collaborates with the United Nations, government agencies, local authorities, local NGOs, refugee-led and women-led organisations, as well as the private sector, to ensure impact and sustainability.

Nepal : 40 Years of Standing with Marginalized Women

In 2024, LWF Nepal celebrated its 40th anniversary together with representatives of communities and groups positively impacted by its initiatives — including former bonded labourers, marginalised caste groups, refugees, and women. Among many impactful initiatives, a program that empowers women in Karnali, one of the least developed regions in Nepal, supports families facing challenges of labor migration, HIV, the negative impact of climate change, and limited job opportunities. Men are often forced to seek exploitative work abroad, leaving behind vulnerable women, children, and communities, such as those in Chaukune, an area deeply affected by poverty and stigma. Women, many of whom are widows, often raise their children alone and face difficulties in securing adequate income for self-sustenance and keeping their children in school. In this initiative, LWF Nepal trained 500 women, of whom 30 with disabilities, in poultry farming. **Three quarters of the participants have managed to transform their lives, with 2,300 family members enjoying increased incomes from increased eggs and chicken production.** Marginalized families have become stronger, more active, more vocal, and more resilient.



A woman in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, receives winter supplies from LWF World Service to help endure the cold. Photo_ LWF D. Lamsal

Uganda : Empowering Women and Building Safer Communities

LWF's country program in Uganda illustrates our comprehensive approach to creating safer communities and supporting survivors of violence in rebuilding their lives. LWF Uganda puts much work into prevention by addressing root causes like gender inequality, discrimination, and power imbalances. The team supports community-driven initiatives and conducts activities such as awareness campaigns and leadership training for women and girls. LWF Uganda also engages men as role models and work with cultural and religious leaders to challenge harmful social norms. One of the key factors of success is the passion and commitment of our staff in this work.

Advancing women's rights: A lifelong commitment

Miriam Magdalen Alum, LWF Uganda Gender and Protection Advisor, has dedicated her life to gender justice, inspired by her mother's resilience. Growing up, she witnessed the struggles of women in a male-dominated society, which led her to study gender and development and pursue a career advocating for women's rights.

Through her work, she engages men, religious leaders, and communities to challenge harmful traditions and promote equality. She calls for stronger action to uphold women's rights, stressing that true equality requires commitment, policies, and political will.

“**Gender equality is not a privilege; it is a fundamental right. Women's empowerment is key to lasting peace, stability, and development for all.**”



Miriam Magdalen Alum, Gender and Protection Advisor, LWF Uganda

Celebrating Achievements

2024 marked the conclusion of our 2019–2024 strategic period. We celebrate some remarkable achievements of our Country Programs and emergency operations. These stories inspire hope and confirm that building a better future for and with the people we serve is possible, despite the many challenges we face.

Burundi

1,000 youths empowered through sustainable livelihoods and community resilience

In the vulnerable provinces of Cankuzo and Ruyigi, the Youth Rights and Resilience Promotion Project is tackling youth unemployment and low agricultural productivity to break cycles of poverty. By training farmers in modern techniques, the initiative boosts agricultural yields and improves food security. The community solidarity chain, Gushamura-Kwokora (Community Solidarity Chain), reinforces economic resilience by distributing goats to vulnerable families, who then pass on offspring to others, fostering long-term community growth. Beyond economic benefits, this initiative strengthens social ties and dignity, creating a foundation for lasting prosperity.



Gushamura-Kwokora members receiving goats in Kabuyenge, Ruyigi-Province, Burundi. Photo: LWF/D.Rukundo

Iraq

146 civil society members and 84 women advocates empowered to drive positive impact

LWF Iraq focuses on addressing the socioeconomic impacts of conflict through livelihoods, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), protection, and social cohesion programs. From 2019 to 2024, LWF worked with 15 local partners to strengthen community resilience and expand humanitarian efforts. A total of 18 local actors and 146 civil society members advocated for the rights of marginalized communities. Of the trained advocates, 59% improved their skills in leading advocacy initiatives. Additionally, 911 community members participated in awareness sessions on rights violations, gender norms, and combating discrimination.

Women played a crucial role in these efforts, and 60

youth from local communities received leadership training to drive change. As one advocate remarked, **“In recent years, there have been positive changes—women are more empowered, and their voices are heard more clearly.** However, the population is highly diverse, and factors such as geographical location, family, and community play a significant role. In some rural areas, people remain very conservative, adhering to traditions and cultural values that have been preserved for centuries”.



Girls participated in the sport league initiative to empower girls and young women. Photo: LWF Iraq

Jordan

12,740 people supported through integrated protection and livelihood Initiatives

From 2022 to 2024, LWF Jordan implemented four projects, reaching 12,740 people, including 8,531 women, to enhance economic resilience. These initiatives reached a significant number of refugees and vulnerable communities in both rural and urban areas, fostering self-reliance and income opportunities.

LWF Jordan partnered with five duty bearers and 15 local organizations to strengthen the collective capacity for economic resilience and protection programming. These partnerships improved project design, implementation, and monitoring.

LWF implemented 25 initiatives, such as job fairs, bazaars, and business projects, to reduce tensions between displaced populations and host communities. Five eco-friendly, climate-resilient practices were also integrated to promote sustainable livelihoods.

“Through LWF’s training programs, I’ve gained the

knowledge and confidence to rebuild my life, start from scratch, care for livestock, and turn challenges into opportunities. The program helped me generate income and restored my hope for a better future. I dream of returning to Syria and using these skills to establish a sustainable business for my family,” said Ramziyeh Hassan Al-Absi.



Ramziyeh, a 50-year-old Syrian refugee in Irbid, holds a newborn goat. Through the livestock project, she is rebuilding her life and securing a stable income. Photo: LWF Jordan

Cameroon and Central African Republic

Empowering people through livelihoods, social protection, and essential services

As we review the 2019–2024 Strategy, efforts in Cameroon and the Central African Republic show strong progress in improving livelihoods and access to essential services. Livelihood programs supported 2,600 households—benefiting 7,440 people—and enabled 32 refugees to obtain work permits. Vocational training, small livestock support, and agricultural initiatives helped 80% of households increase their yields.

Social protection promoted inclusion, with women making up 40% of community groups and 400 religious leaders engaged in peacebuilding. Local mediation resolved 85% of conflicts. Access to safe drinking water increased for over 68,000 people, and hygiene awareness campaigns reached 21,000 individuals. State involvement and the training of teachers and parents’ associations contributed to the enrolment of 71% of children in schools. Additionally, 5,100 improved stoves were distributed.



Peace Committee Meeting, Logone-Birni Center, Far North Region, Cameroon. Photo: LWF/Marie Reneaux

Venezuela

Over 30,000 marginalized people assisted in Venezuela

In 2024, LWF reached over 30,000 people in several Venezuelan states, focusing on the remote Delta Amacuro communities of the Warao people. As the first International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO) to work there with World Food Programme (WFP) support, LWF navigated up to 12-hour boat journeys to reach these marginalized areas.

LWF provided food assistance in 100 schools, ensuring over 20,000 children received daily meals. Efforts included installing early warning systems, restoring safe spaces, and implementing disaster risk reduction measures, with emergency brigades trained to respond to climate-related threats.

Additionally, LWF integrated protection and livelihood initiatives, offering psychosocial support, legal aid, awareness sessions, and economic opportunities to build resilience in these vulnerable communities.



Children participate in an LWF-led workshop focused on protection. Photo/LWF Venezuela

Kenya

Advancing access, inclusion, and quality education for all

In 2024, the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) saw 92% participation, marking progress in access and special needs support. A total of 97,461 learners enrolled, including 3,501 children with disabilities, supported by 1,330 teachers across 58 schools.

Beyond academics, KPSEA contributed to a safe learning environment, fostering social-emotional well-being and interaction among students. These benefits enhance children’s resilience and future opportunities. However, challenges like flooding and high student-to-teacher ratios require targeted interventions for long-term sustainability.

Humanitarian Responses

Sudanese Refugee Crisis

In April 2023, violent clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces triggered a severe humanitarian crisis. By the end of 2024, more than 11.5 million people had been displaced—nearly 8.5 million internally within Sudan and around 3 million seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

LWF World Service has been actively addressing the needs of populations who have fled the conflict and are currently displaced in the neighbouring countries of **Chad**, **Ethiopia**, **Uganda** and **South Sudan**. Across these country programs, LWF has reached a total of 234,375 individuals.

Chad - The humanitarian crisis in eastern Chad, driven by displacement from Sudan's violence, worsened throughout 2024. The influx strained resources, worsening socio-economic hardships and social tensions. LWF and its partners supported 84,239 individuals in improving food security and accessing WASH services, amid climate-related challenges such as droughts and floods.

South Sudan - Since April 2023, LWF South Sudan has provided lifesaving aid to refugees and returnees fleeing Sudan, focusing on shelter, education, hygiene, cash assistance, food security, and protection. LWF's work included building shelters, distributing relief goods, school supplies, and hygiene kits, and setting up sanitation. Psychosocial support reached 14,000 children, and awareness campaigns on rights and protection impacted 36,000 people, including community leaders and officials.



A refugee child in Arkoum refugee camp, Chad. Photo: LWF/C. Kästner-Meyer

Despite the efforts made by humanitarian actors, the response remains largely insufficient. The financing obtained in mid-2024 represented only 26% of the needs expressed, leaving a deficit of 74%. This inadequacy limits the scale and quality of shelter, water, sanitation, health care and food assistance interventions.

Ms. Karima Souleymane, 36, fled violence in Amdan, Sudan, with her seven children after losing her husband in the war. Now leading her family in Chad's Arkoum refugee camp, she says, **'The water and shelter we received helped us meet basic needs—washing, cooking, and safe accommodation. It has given us more dignity.'**

Bab Aljinan Alsair, 28, a Sudanese refugee and single mother of six, was separated from her husband when she fled the conflict. Now in a transit center in Renk, South Sudan, she hopes to reunite with her family once peace returns. She shares, **"Thanks to psychosocial and cash support, I am able to adequately care for my twins and their four siblings."**



Bab Aljinan Alsair 28, a Sudanese refugee and single mother of six with her twin children. Photo: LWF South Sudan

Ethiopia - The LWF Ethiopia country program has provided life-saving humanitarian assistance to Sudanese, South Sudanese and Eritrean refugees hosted in Kumer refugee site, Amhara region. A priority was placed on providing water, sanitation, and hygiene, with special attention to the differing needs of men, women, boys, and girls.

LWF World Service built toilets and bath shelters for 3,000 refugees, installed 24 handwashing stations, and implemented hygiene campaigns with 14,834 participants to prevent disease outbreaks.



WASH



Protection



Ethiopia Kumer Sudan response. Photo: LWF Ethiopia

Uganda - Following the escalation of conflict in Sudan, LWF Uganda has been supporting the reception of refugees arriving since 2023. At the reception centres, LWF provides essential services, including hot meals, WASH and protection services, and the distribution of core relief items and cash assistance.

Over 30,000 individuals received support to help them settle into the Kiryandongo refugee settlement, including relief goods. Many vulnerable individuals and households were also supported through targeted protection services. These include case management, child protection, mental health and psychosocial support, and business grants for sustainable livelihoods.



Emergency relief



WASH



Child-friendly space



Psychosocial support



Protection



Livelihoods



Sustainable energy



Environmental conservation



Distributing relief items to a newly arrived Sudanese refugee in Kiryandongo refugee settlement. Photo: LWF/Stella Namatovu

“All these countries are already dealing with internal conflicts and large numbers of refugees and internally displaced people.

Humanitarian aid is urgently needed to provide water, food and shelter to those who have lost everything.”


Allan Calma
LWF Global Humanitarian Coordinator

Adré border crossing between Chad and Sudan_a lifeline for refugees and aid. LWF supports water and sanitation in nearby Arkoum camp. Photo: LWF/ C. Kästner-Meyer

Crises in the Middle East and Europe

Gaza - In 2024, the ongoing conflict in Gaza resulted in extensive displacement and critical shortages of essential resources, killing tens of thousands of people and placing the civilian population at severe risk. Prolonged restrictions on humanitarian access further exacerbated the crisis, delaying aid deliveries and disrupting vital healthcare services. Despite these challenges, LWF World Service managed to deliver critical medical supplies to Gaza, providing immediate relief to affected communities.

Following the ceasefire in Gaza on 19 January 2025, LWF resumed aid deliveries on a larger scale. Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem remains prepared to treat patients and deploy medical teams.

 **Medical assistance**



LWF aid truck delivers medicine to Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza following the January 2025 ceasefire Photo: LWF Jerusalem program



The team discusses the distribution of solar systems to schools and households in Aleppo. Photo: LWF/ Ali Alsamrah





Ukraine - In 2024, ongoing conflict devastated Kharkiv and Kharkiv Oblast, displacing thousands and destroying essential infrastructure. Power outages left many without heating and water, worsening already dire conditions. Safety, healthcare, and protection remained critical concerns, demanding sustained international support.

LWF Ukraine responded with life-saving humanitarian assistance and development activities to affected vulnerable populations in Kharkiv and Kharkiv Oblast, focusing on shelter, non-food items, education, psychosocial support, and livelihoods. As the crisis persists, LWF continues its response into 2025, strengthening resilience and support for those affected by the ongoing war.

Syria - At the time of the Syrian government's fall in December 2024, the country was in a deep humanitarian crisis. Around 16.7 million people need aid, with over 7 million internally displaced.

LWF and local partners provided life-saving surgeries for ten people and medical care for 150 in Aleppo. A new dialysis project supports twelve kidney patients. Aid included hygiene kits for 7,000 people and solar lighting for 1,000 families. LWF rehabilitated 24 earthquake-damaged schools in Aleppo and trained 44 staff in our local partner organizations in psychological and protection support.

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Shelter
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Non-food items
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Education
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Psychosocial support
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WASH
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Food security

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Emergency relief
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Medical assistance
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WASH
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Psychosocial support
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Shelter
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Women empowerment



The LWF delegation visits an underground metro school in Kharkiv, where children learn safely amid ongoing attacks. Photo: LWF/ Anatoly Nazarenko

Latin America and the Caribbean

Haiti - In 2024, Haiti faced one of the most complex humanitarian crises in the region, characterized by escalating violence, economic collapse, and deteriorating governance. Haiti remains one of the most vulnerable countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. The economy continued its decline, with rising poverty and devastating agricultural losses, with nearly half of the population requiring humanitarian assistance.

The Joint Office of LWF and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) responded to these challenges through targeted humanitarian interventions, focusing on food security, protection, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), livelihoods, and emergency response. Together with strong local partners, the Joint Office implemented a multifaceted humanitarian response, combining emergency relief with resilience-building programs.



WASH



Psychosocial support



Cash assistance



Protection

Safety & Security

The increasing violations of International Humanitarian Law by state and non-state actors led to UN Security Council Resolution 2730, which aims to protect all humanitarian personnel. Despite this action, in 2024, attacks on aid workers reached unprecedented levels, with 381 fatalities, 113 kidnappings, and 212 injuries.

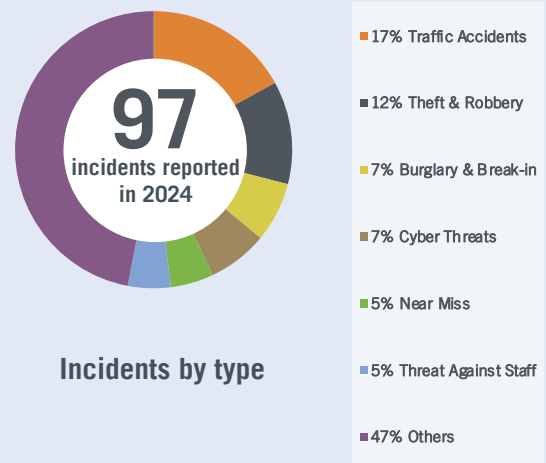
In 2024, LWF recorded its highest number of incidents — 97 in total. Most were traffic accidents, burglary, theft, threats against staff, and arrest and detention cases. The most affected countries were Uganda, Kenya, Myanmar, South Sudan, Chad, Ethiopia, and Jordan. One-third occurred on the road, while another third took place at LWF project sites.



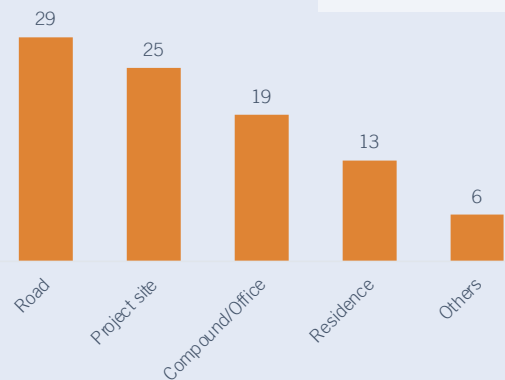
Fire safety training Dadaab refugee camp, Kenya. Photo: LWF Kenya

Efforts to improve security risk management

- The LWF Safety and Security Policy was updated for better alignment with the Staff Code of Conduct.
- The LWF Global Safety and Security team provided onsite and remote support, security briefings, and developed practical tools.
- As part of cybersecurity awareness raising, an IT Disaster Recovery Plan was developed, and a crisis simulation was conducted for Geneva-based and Global IT staff in October 2024.



Incidents by type



Where incidents occur

Financial Overview

Ensuring a sustainable future

The LWF World Service financial statements consistently show that out of every euro spent, at least 89 cents go directly towards helping the most vulnerable people — the refugees, IDPs, returnees, and communities at risk who are at the center of our strategy.

LWF World Service has a proven track record of using donations efficiently and effectively. We keep administrative costs low, with a clear objective of allocating more funds to direct program expenses.

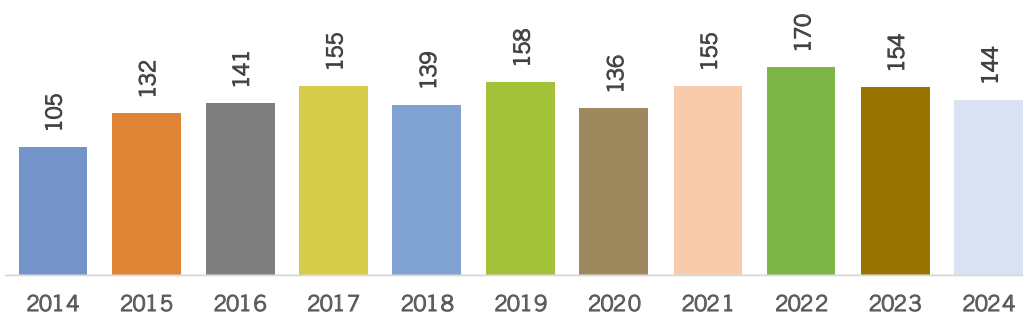
We are pleased to report that our funding remained strong in 2024, despite a decrease of 7% compared with 2023, from EUR 154

million in 2023 to EUR 144 million in 2024.

The funds came from our long-term supporters, the Related Agencies, and the Lutheran member churches who have traditionally funded the diaconal work of the LWF. Other important funding sources included United Nations and government agencies, who have consistently supported our humanitarian and development work over the years.

Expenditures from received funds were in line with the 2019–2024 strategy. We thank and deeply value all of our supporters.

Income trend (in million Euro)



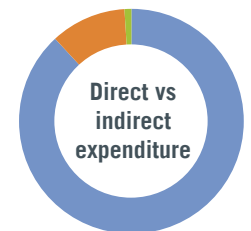
Disclosure on expenditure classification

Schedule of expenditures allocated in accordance with ZEW0 classification (Standard 9) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

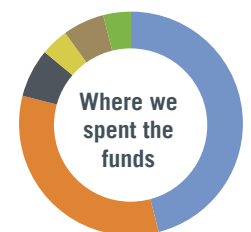
(EUR)

ZEW0 Classification	Project related Expenditures	Fundraising related Expenditures	Administrative related Expenditures
Staff-related expenditures	43,295,346	1,447,713	14,163,219
Operating expenditures (other than payroll)	80,362,722	735,252	10,265,550
Contributions made to implementing partners	0	0	0
Depreciation of fixed assets	0	0	1,155,761
Total expenses	123,658,067	2,182,965	25,584,530
Share of each category in %	81.7%	1.4%	16.9%

Note: These expenditures, presented in accordance with ZEW0 classification, are based on the unaudited financial statements of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).



- Field project expenditure **89%**
- Administrative expenditure **10%**
- Fundraising expenditure **1%**



- Middle East **46%**
- Africa **33%**
- South/Central America **7%**
- Ukraine Response **4%**
- Asia **6%**
- Global Coordination Office **4%**



Full financial statements can be accessed through the LWF website: www.lutheranworld.org

Governance

The Committee for World Service

The Committee for World Service, which acts as the Board for LWF World Service and includes LWF Council members as well as non-voting representatives of related agencies in an advisory role, met twice in 2024 to provide governance oversight over the operations of LWF World Service.

Rev. Barbara Lund (Chair)
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America

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Emanueli is a member of the GUMAKUBIKORWA cooperative in Kabuyenge. As a participant to the CIDP project, he attended trainings on modern agricultural techniques and received agricultural inputs and tools. Photo: LWF Burundi / L. Gillibert

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Our Partners

The work of LWF World Service is only possible through the support of partners and donors. Committed to cooperation, transparency, and accountability, we aim to nurture those partnerships in the best interest of the people we serve.

Related Organizations



Networks



Ecumenical And Interfaith Partners



International Organizations



INGO Partners



National Governments





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Your donation
in good hands.

A woman holds a flower she received during a breast cancer awareness campaign. The Pink Bus, the first mobile unit of the LWF Augusta Victoria Hospital community outreach program, travelled across the West Bank and East Jerusalem to promote early diagnosis and raise awareness. Photo: LWF/ Abdalla Elayyan

Your Support Matters More Than Ever

In this critical time of funding uncertainty, we urge you to take action:

- **Advocate** within your home countries to maintain or increase humanitarian and development funding.
- **Contribute** by making a donation or organizing fundraising efforts to support our vital work.

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings hope and tangible change to the world's most vulnerable people.

Together, a better world is possible. For hope and a future.

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