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MCC

2020/2021
Annual Impact Report
CANADA
Last year was a hard year. For all of us. Through it all, you made a choice to help others. We couldn’t be more grateful.

Looking back over the last year, we want to invite you to take some time to stop and see the difference you’ve made. Take a moment to reflect.

Explore your global impact.

The stories you see in this report wouldn’t have been possible without your generous support. Your gifts make a real impact around the world every day.

You brought relief to people who were hurting. You provided food and water to people who needed it. You gave the gift of education and a brighter future. You helped build peace for a better world. In the midst of a global pandemic, you responded.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.
A THANK YOU FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back at 2020, some of you may remember it as the year of MCC’s 100th anniversary. But I expect many more will remember it as the year of COVID-19.

In March 2020 we prayerfully decided to lower our projected income and reduce our spending plan. Unable to gather for in-person centennial events, we turned our attention to what MCC does best—relief, development and peace in the name of Christ, with a focus on responding to COVID-vulnerable communities.

The pandemic enveloped us all in a global unknown, even as it exposed painful inequities. You could have turned inward, tending to your personal struggles. Instead, you turned toward your global neighbours and shared of your finances generously.

Your gifts allowed us to continue our relief, development and peace work in the name of Christ. Even relief sales and MCC Thrift shops, facing strict constraints and closures, contributed significantly through creative ventures previously never considered or attempted!

We had imagined 2020 was going to be memorable for our community. But instead of reflecting back on centennial festivities, I expect to recall how we responded—together—to a world in need, refusing to be overcome by fear and loss.

Thank you for participating in ministry with MCC over this past year. Thank you for sharing God’s love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. And thanks be to God.

RICK COBER BAUMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCC CANADA

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“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
—PSALM 46:1 (NRSV)
You can’t help but smile when you see Josephine Mwikali Mutinda smile. And for her to be smiling after harvest season in rural Kenya is not something to take for granted. Climate change is negatively impacting farmers like Josephine, drastically affecting the rainy seasons that are vital to growing healthy crops.

Add to that a global pandemic that disrupted trade and economic stability in the area and many farmers have nothing to smile about.

But Josephine had some help this year—from you. Through MCC’s account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your donations equipped an MCC partner in Kenya to help Josephine diversify her farm and adapt to some of the environmental challenges she is facing.

She planted a wider variety of crops to increase her chances of good yields. This year, in addition to her successful maize harvest, she also brought in a bountiful mango crop. She also started raising chickens and rabbits, so she’s less reliant on her crops and can supplement her income in the event of a poor harvest.

On average, it costs $2.92 to provide farmers like Josephine with the seeds they need to plant crops for the year. Because of you, she, and hundreds of farmers like her, got the support they needed to provide for themselves this year while setting up for a more successful crop next year.

Because of your gifts, Josephine can grow enough food to support herself all year.

“Diversifying farms with livestock production lessens farmers’ dependence on a single crop or harvest and gives them access to different markets.”

MICHAEL ADEOLA
MCC food security and livelihoods coordinator

Food program highlights:

- **61,791** people attended training in improved agriculture and animal production methods
- **28,468** people received agricultural supplies including seeds and tools
- **26%** average increase in yearly income for a group of farmers in Nepal after learning new techniques
- **86.8%** of participants eat two or more meals a day (up from 40 per cent) thanks to an agriculture project in Ethiopia
Your donations helped thousands recover from the explosion in Beirut.

“We are now able to cook and make meals for our children.”

ALICE JOUBANIAN
Lebanon

The explosion came with almost no warning. The devastating blast wave in Beirut, Lebanon, ripped a huge portion of the city to shreds. Hundreds of people were killed and thousands more were injured. Nearly 300,000 people had nowhere to go—their homes reduced to rubble and shattered glass.

The city’s food supply was greatly diminished, and hospitals were overflowing with wounded, as a city already brought to the brink by the global pandemic desperately called for help.

A call you answered. You, and thousands of compassionate Canadians, came together to reach across the world and care for a hurt and grieving city. You contributed to MCC’s $2.3 million emergency response in Beirut.

Your incredible generosity helped provide monthly food support to 1,300 families, give hygiene vouchers to 750 families, fix 75 homes and businesses and provide trauma care to 270 children and adults.

“Though the emergency stage has passed, many of those needs remain the same and are now worsened by the severe economic crisis Lebanon is witnessing,” says Tala Itani, peacebuilding advisor for MCC Lebanon. “We thank everyone who contributed to the emergency response.”

Mark Siemens’ family wanted their gifts to have real impact. They heard about Share Your Table, MCC’s monthly giving program, and thought it was a perfect fit. He says, “the combination of cooking as a family, trying new foods from around the world and reading about the lives of people throughout the world made this program both impactful and fun.”

Donor profile

Mark Siemens (second from right) and his family on a camping trip to Banff National Park in Alberta. The Siemens family left to right: Mattea, Julie, Alexi, Katrina, Mark and Annika. (Photo courtesy of Mark Siemens)

Relief program highlights:

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<td>people received locally purchased emergency relief items, including clothing, kitchen items and bedding</td>
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<td>1,231</td>
<td>households received home repairs or reconstruction</td>
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<td>1,194</td>
<td>people received financial support or rent assistance</td>
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Sarothi Pahan wanted to be a teacher. But after finishing her primary school education, that dream seemed impossible. Sarothi has polio. Even though Bangladesh was declared polio-free in 2014, many remote areas, like Sarothi’s home of Vutahara, struggled to access vaccines.

That infection caused a serious physical disability in Sarothi’s legs, greatly limiting how far she’s able to walk. And because there are no high schools near Vutahara, her dream of teaching others was being pulled out of her reach.

Now, thanks to your generosity, Sarothi’s dream is on track to become a reality. An MCC partner in the area connected her to a group home for children with disabilities in a nearby city. The cost to support one student here for a year is $112—beyond the financial capacity of her family. But because of you, Sarothi’s room and board, food and education costs are fully covered, allowing her to pursue her education at a nearby high school.

You’ve given Sarothi the ability to make her own choices about her future. She’s now in Grade 10 and is one the top students in her class. Her dream of sharing a love of education with others is becoming more her reality every day because of you.

**Volunteer profile**

Ron Mathies and his wife, Gudrun Mathies, both worked in education and administration for their whole careers. Every Christmas Eve, they put together MCC school kits with their grandkids (in person or over a video call) while they share family stories. He says, “we wanted to build the habit that when we share gifts with family, we’re also remembering to share gifts with others.”

**Education program highlights:**

- **13,816** children and youth participated in K–12 education supported by MCC
- **2,238** children received scholarships or tuition support
- **87%** of children in an after-school tutoring program in Guatemala passed all their courses—a 71 per cent increase from the beginning of the project
- **88%** of students who received tuition support at a school in Syria finished with average grades above 75 per cent
When Ayalew Misgan was very young, there was no clean water at home. He lives in western Amhara, Ethiopia, where for much of his life, the water nearby wasn’t safe to drink. The only water sources were shallow open-pit wells or small ponds that the local wildlife also drank from.

As a result, women had to walk hours in either direction to collect water that was only sometimes safer to drink. These long walks could be dangerous and exhausting. Often, young girls missed time at school to assist their mothers in water-gathering.

But your caring support has drawn clean, safe water up from the ground for Ayalew and his whole village. Your support allowed an MCC partner to dig wells deep enough to reach safe, clean water. For the cost of $5,200, one of these pumps provides an easy-to-access supply of drinking water free from disease or bacteria.

“Our life in the past had made us vulnerable to many problems. Now, we are able to fetch and use safe water here from our village, near our homes. From this time onwards, we have no worry of [getting sick],” says Worku Abebe Chinas, who lives in the same community as Ayalew.

Because of your support, Ayalew can drink clean water every day

“Now we are able to fetch and use safe water here from our village, near our homes.”

WORKUABEBE CHINAS
Ethiopia

Partner profile
Shanti Nepal is an MCC partner, founded in 2003. They’re committed to demonstrating the loving actions of God and all creation through their efforts to ensure everyone has access to food and water. They were a major part of MCC’s emergency response following the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

Water program highlights:

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<td>people now have access to an improved water source</td>
<td>people received access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility</td>
<td>drinking water systems constructed or repaired</td>
<td>water harvesting structures for irrigation constructed or repaired</td>
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Durga Bahadur Sunchiuri (left), MCC Nepal program coordinator, and PR Sharma, Shanti Nepal’s program director, check on a recently built water tap in Dhola, Nepal. (MCC photo/Avash Karki)
For most of her life, the only option Floride Murhimanya M’nkwalé had to relieve herself was to use a hole in the ground. Her village, known as Mosho II, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) didn’t have running water or bathroom facilities.

As she got older, it was a greater challenge for her to use these safely—two planks of wood don’t make a very stable platform. Digging a hole more than a few metres deep is challenging, but a shallow pit will attract disease-spreading insects and fill up in a matter of months. It’s an unhealthy and dangerous cycle.

But your compassion broke that cycle. Thanks to you, an MCC partner in DR Congo has installed brand new latrines in Mosho II, including one at Floride’s home. It costs $252 to build a latrine like this. Now there’s no smell, no risk of waste infecting water supplies and no danger of her falling and hurting herself. Floride also received a rain barrel in her home to collect rainwater that she can use for cooking and washing dishes or hands.

“We are old now,” says Floride, 66. “We don’t have strength to dig the toilet over and over again. But the water is helping us, especially when it rains. We are sure we’ll have water all the time.”

“Your gifts have kept Floride safe from disease.”

Paul Shetler Fast
MCC global health coordinator

Florida Murhimanya M’nkwalé (left) and her husband Jacques Safari Lukwebo stand beside their new latrine in the village of Mosho II in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

Staff profile
Paul Shetler Fast is MCC’s global health coordinator. “Health is deeply personal for all of us,” he says. “Even when I’m working with people across vastly different cultures, we can still connect on something shared but also personal. Celebrating with a mother whose child has recovered after serious illness is both as universal and personal as it gets.”

Health program highlights:

- 37,450 people received direct clinical care
- 118,933 people received hygiene items, including menstrual supplies
- 88% of participants in one mental health project in Palestine and Israel experienced significant reductions in stress and other symptoms
- 20x more people washed their hands at community gathering sites in Zimbabwe’s Mwenezi district following a health-messaging project
Everyone needs a home. Somewhere to feel safe and secure where their basic needs are met. Somewhere to come and go freely where they can imagine a future. But that is not the reality for Palestinians—or even for some Israelis.

MCC Canada’s A Cry for Home campaign has been educating and advocating for action to end the illegal occupation of Palestine and create safe, just and peaceful communities for all Palestinians and Israelis.

Your faithful support has empowered MCC to raise the voices of our partners in Palestine and Israel to the highest levels of government in Canada.

Our advocates have been meeting with members of Parliament and citizens across Canada, carrying the stories of the people on the ground. You’ve enabled us to meet with government officials, rally Anabaptist and other faith groups together and equip all Canadians with tools to let their voices be heard to say we need a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Your donations have lifted the needs of the people in Palestine and Israel to the halls of Parliament.

“...The advocacy offices have been meeting with partners on the ground—they’re hearing from people directly engaged in this work. These monthly exchanges give partners hope.”

JOAN ALTY
MCC representative for Jordan, Palestine and Israel

Staff profile
Anna Vogt started with MCC’s Seed program in Colombia and now serves as director of the new Peace & Justice Office in Ottawa. “A wise mentor once told me that advocacy means listening boldly,” she says. “You can’t advocate with someone if you’re not listening to them. I feel honoured to listen to the stories of our partners and boldly raise their voices up to a bigger platform.”

Peace & justice program highlights:

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<td>15,441</td>
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<td>162</td>
<td>Peace Clubs active this year</td>
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<td>36</td>
<td>Peace Clubs and restorative justice units operating in prisons in Zambia</td>
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<td>85%</td>
<td>of participants in a youth peacebuilding program in Cambodia say they’ve changed their behaviour toward “the other”</td>
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Shadi Alkhanous knows what it’s like to land at an airport in Canada without knowing a single person. That’s why he joins refugee sponsor groups as often as he can to greet newcomers who are walking out of the airport into Canada. He knows firsthand the comfort of hearing a familiar language.

Shadi arrived in Canada from Syria in October 2016. Along with his wife Sultana and his children Ghazal and Hussein, they escaped a dangerous conflict zone and made a new home in St. Catharines, Ont.

Shadi quickly found a job at a grocery store called Alnoor Halal Food Market. Last year, he opened a take-out and delivery counter in the store, offering meals like beef kabab and chicken shawarma. Even during the pandemic, when the food counter can be open safely, lines at the take-out window are a common sight.

And he wouldn’t be here without you. It’s your support that has enabled MCC Canada to resettle more than 13,000 refugees in Canada over the last 42 years.

Now that he’s in Canada, Shadi and his wife have helped other newcomers find sponsors for family members still living as refugees. Shadi says it very simply—he likes to help people however he can.

“When people call me, I’m happy to do what I can for them,” he says. “I do the same as people did for me when I came new.”

“Your donations gave Shadi an opportunity for a new life in Canada.”

Volunteer profile

Terry Schulz is a refugee resettlement sponsor from Abbotsford, B.C. “We do it because we’re grateful,” he says. “We’ve never had to worry about food or safety in our life, so we decided we’d try to help people who don’t have all that. And God’s really put people in our life that have made it possible.”

Migration program highlights:

- 80 refugees came to Canada through MCC’s sponsorship program from:
  - Eritrea: 12
  - Iraq: 12
  - Syria: 32
  - Palestine: 9
  - Other countries: DR Congo, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Iran, Sudan – 15

The global pandemic greatly reduced the number of people who could resettle in Canada this year. MCC included a number of safety measures and protocols for those who were able to enter the country to ensure their health.
Abdel* and his family have had a very challenging few years. They’ve been forced to abandon two homes because of the constant threat of violence in Syria. They’re living in Homs, Syria, now—Abdel, his parents and his five siblings—in a house that desperately needs repairs to withstand the rainy winter months.

But your caring support offered warmth to Abdel on the coldest of nights. He and his family received an MCC relief kit and comforters that were packed and sewn by MCC volunteers. These supplies provided his family with important basic necessities and the knowledge that people across the world were thinking of them.

*[Name changed for security reasons.]*

This year saw a major disruption to MCC Thrift shops across the country. But the staff and volunteers who operate our shops worked tirelessly to ensure shoppers got as close to a regular experience as they could.

Ruth Jantz, manager of the Sargent MCC Thrift Shop, says the flexibility of volunteers made a challenging situation much more manageable. “They’ve been great at adapting to the changes in their schedules, filling the gaps and figuring out a new routine,” says Ruth. “They’re eager to continue as much as they can.”

And for volunteers like Pearl Plohman, her time at a thrift shop was also a way for her to connect. “MCC has been a lifeline for me [during the pandemic],” she says. “God made us to be sociable creatures, so you do need contact with people.”

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“Here the light of Christ shines through MCC. [The kits] we received today will paint a smile on my wife and children’s faces.”

LAITH BAJAJI, an Iraqi refugee in Jordan

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RUTH JANTZ, manager of Sargent MCC Thrift Shop
Dr. Ela Castro always knew she wanted to spend her life serving those in need. By all outward appearances, this is what she was doing. She’d studied for years to earn her medical degree. She was working at a health-care clinic. She was helping people—but something was missing.

It wasn’t until she took a step of faith that she truly felt like she’d found her purpose. Through her church, Ela decided to try a one-year term of service with Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN) and was placed at a ministry serving migrants and refugees in Guatemala.

“YAMEN is a great place for people to confirm their gift and their call,” she says. She also says her time with YAMEN played a pivotal role in her faith formation and in planning what is next for her life.

“It was my Gethsemane,” says Ela. “It was an opportunity for me to experience my faith by myself without the support of my mom and dad and closer family.”

Give a gift today
Help families in poverty survive the effects of COVID-19

Even as the impact of the pandemic recedes in Canada, in many countries the hope of widespread vaccinations could still be two or three years away. This leaves people incredibly vulnerable to the health and economic effects of the pandemic.

Join us with a gift to help respond to the overwhelming need for health care and relief. Your generous donation will provide life-saving support for families living in poverty.

mcccanada.ca/covid-19-donation
In the early months of 2020, it became clear the COVID-19 disease was going to be a global threat. Adapting our programs around the world to ensure everyone stayed safe was a top priority. Working with our partners across the globe, we adapted and shaped projects to meet the constantly changing situation. As universal as the threat of the coronavirus was, each project required a unique approach. Here are just a few of the ways we responded.

**Kenya**

Anna Mwatha (right) and Joel Esapaya (left) support families and pregnant mothers in Mathare, a neighbourhood of Nairobi, Kenya. Our partner shifted how they provide health care and support for pregnant mothers to one-on-one sessions, mostly by phone. And they maintained a network of handwashing stations in the area.

(MCC photo/Scott Stoner-Eby)

**Afghanistan**

In Afghanistan, we shifted some funds to buy personal protective equipment for project staff so they could keep meeting safely to provide mental health care and share COVID-19 prevention information with their clients. The name of MCC’s partner in this work and the names of the people pictured are not provided for security reasons.

(MCC photo)

**Nepal**

Public health inspector Ram Udgar Yadav (right) takes Pramod Kumar Yadav’s (left) temperature in front of a health facility in Nepal. We shifted our program here to a more direct care approach, providing items such as hospital beds and thermometers to under-equipped hospitals in the area. At the time the photo was taken in May 2020, the government of Nepal did not require face masks to be worn outdoors.

(BICWS photo/Sanjog Luitel)

**El Salvador**

When tropical storm Amanda devastated communities in rural El Salvador, we quickly launched an emergency response that included food and personal protective equipment. These women in Cuisnahuat, El Salvador, were some of the 300 households who received a one-month supply of food.

(MCC photo/Kathy Figueroa)

**India**

In India, our local partner introduced social distancing and other safety protocols to distributions of food, water and hygiene kits like this one to make sure no one was exposed to any extra risk.

(ISARA photo/Jajati Pandit)
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, 2021. More detailed financial and program reporting, as well as complete audited financial statements are available at mcccanada.ca/annual-report.

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

**MCC around the world**

- **Canada**
  - 444 MCC workers*
  - $9.5 million
  - *Includes MCC Thrift

- **United States**
  - 156 MCC workers
  - $8.4 million

- **Latin America & the Caribbean**
  - 67 MCC workers
  - $5.9 million

- **Africa**
  - 138 MCC workers
  - $15.6 million

- **Asia**
  - 128 MCC workers
  - $6.1 million

- **Europe & the Middle East**
  - 35 MCC workers
  - $15.2 million

- **Multi-Region**
  - $7.4 million

**Participants in Global Service Learning programs:**

- SALT, IVEP, YAMEN, Summerbridge, Seed and SOOP.
- Participant numbers last year were greatly reduced because of the pandemic.

**Funding sources**

- **Total Revenue:** $126,823,000
  - Donations: $67,643,000
  - Other sources*: $19,077,000
  - Government grants: $13,088,000
  - Thrift: $12,367,000
  - Non-government grants: $6,123,000
  - Material resources: $4,982,000
  - Relief sales: $3,523,000

**Total Expenses:**

- $85,774,000
  - Core mission support: Administration $12,396,000 (14.45%)
  - Core mission support: Fundraising $5,325,000 (6.21%)
  - Justice and peacebuilding
  - Disaster response
  - Development

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- Fundraising: $5,325,000
- Administration: $12,396,000

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**Direct program expenses (outer ring):**

- $68,053,000 (79.34%)