

**Explore your local impact
in Saskatchewan.**



2020/2021
Annual Impact Report
SASKATCHEWAN

During this difficult year, as we faced nearly unprecedented challenges, you chose to give to those in need. Your generosity had an impact in countries across the globe and here at home.

With this report we want to invite you to reflect and celebrate.

Explore your local impact in Saskatchewan.

The stories you're holding in your hands were made possible by your compassion.

You learned from and advocated with Indigenous neighbours. You helped provide a warm welcome to refugees making Canada their new home. You helped work toward restorative justice and peace in our communities.

**This is work that you made possible.
Thank you.**

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THANK YOU FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We've entered the second century of MCC's ministry during a global pandemic. While we have faced many challenges, we are grateful for the many people who have helped us endure.

This year dedicated frontline workers navigated changing public health orders. MCC Thrift Shop volunteers and staff continued to serve their communities and the larger mission of MCC with grace and care. Our material resource volunteers found careful ways to continue to make comforters and pack kits in support of our global relief efforts.

Constituent churches, supporters, MCC staff and partners creatively and patiently learned new ways of connecting, communicating and learning together through a variety of technological platforms. Our steadfast and generous donors have carried us through countless difficult days in the face of many unknowns, allowing us to continue to respond locally and globally to human need, in the name of Christ.

This has been an incredible year of generosity and anxiety, of beauty and loss, of creativity and commitment. I invite you to explore and be encouraged by these stories of adaptation, resilience, generosity, and hope. Thank you for your part in sharing God's love and compassion for all.




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“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

—PSALM 46:1 NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV)

ABOUT MCC SASKATCHEWAN

MCC Saskatchewan is committed to sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. Our work here in Saskatchewan includes: a network of local Thrift Shops; resettlement of refugees; relationship building between Indigenous and settler groups; community-based programming for Newcomer and Indigenous youth; supports for restorative justice, trauma healing and peacebuilding initiatives; and partnerships with churches and community groups to make blankets and pack material aid kits such as relief kits and hygiene kits.

There is never a shortage of ways to be involved, serving in the name of Christ!



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MCC SASKATCHEWAN WORKS IN TREATED TERRITORIES

The provincial office of Mennonite Central Committee is located on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional land of diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

As a Christian organization committed to the ministry of reconciliation, we acknowledge the harms committed to the Indigenous peoples of this land by those who have settled here. We wish for ourselves, our Indigenous neighbours and future generations to live in peace, justice and sufficiency. We express our resolve to work together to help bring about these conditions by addressing the issues that history has left to us.

This acknowledgment reaffirms our treaty relationship with each other.

We are all Treaty people.



We asked and you responded

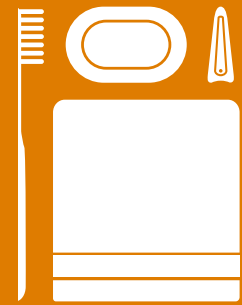
On May 5th, 2020 MCC Saskatchewan put out a call on behalf of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) for masks to Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan. By Friday May 15th we had received approximately 1200 masks!

The masks were distributed throughout the province both to communities in northwest and southern Saskatchewan. We are so grateful to have a community of people who are committed to relief, development and peace.

Randy Klassen, MCC Saskatchewan Indigenous Neighbours Coordinator poses with masks received for Indigenous Communities. (MCC photo/ Krista Nelson)



Because of your love, over **1200** masks were donated to local communities across Saskatchewan



GROW HOPE SASKATCHEWAN

The third year of Grow Hope Saskatchewan started with some uncertainty. However, thanks to your support 174 acres were sponsored and the total revenue generated through donations and grain was \$127,260. If it is matched by the full 4:1 contribution from the Government of Canada, this works out to about \$636,000.

God continues to bless our collective effort in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Saskatoon Catholic Diocese and Development and Peace Caritas Canada.

BUCKETS OF THANKS

This was a year we couldn't have imagined, yet we remained thankful. Our fourth annual Buckets of Thanks event last Thanksgiving was an incredible time of gratitude and responding to the needs of people around the world. In celebration of MCC's 100th year of service, we set out to pack 2020 kits.

We adapted the event to accommodate smaller groups and several church small groups packed kits, while some gave funds to purchase kit items. 710 relief kits and 1000 hygiene kits were packed. Thank you!

RELIEF SALE AND AUCTION

The annual Relief Sale and Auction at Prairieland Park was cancelled due to COVID-19. Instead, a few alternative fundraising activities were created. Some generous donors sent in cheques to replace the funds they would normally spend at the sale. Others participated in a plant sale, and in MCC's first-ever donut day. That event alone raised over \$11,000! Other donors gave through Go100 campaign, MCC's first online quilt sale and My Coins Count.

Nearly \$42,000 was raised, about 40% of what the event normally raises. Thank you for your support during a time of uncertainty.

2020 –CELEBRATING MCC'S CENTENNIAL WITH GENEROSITY

We entered 2020 full of anticipation and plans to celebrate MCC's beginnings and 100 years of service in new ways. We launched the celebration with the Great Winter Warm-up, collecting a record number of comforters in this province and throughout the country. Then, COVID-19 hit. Events were cancelled or modified, budgets were revised, and we scrambled to imagine and create new ways to raise funds. Remarkably, donors chose to celebrate the Centennial by giving generously. Donors engaged in new ways and responded enthusiastically to appeals. The Our Faith Our Future campaign generated \$430,000 and it turned into the strongest year for donations on record for MCC in this province and across the country.

We were left with a humbling and powerful reminder that the work of MCC in Saskatchewan is a collective expression of over 1400 donors, and over 45 regularly donating churches committed to sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and commitment of our donors. Praise be to God.

"I pray that MCC will continue to help us be the hands and feet of Christ, across the street and around the world"

Kirsten
MCC Saskatchewan Donor

Supporting refugee families

Our Migration & Resettlement program facilitates sponsorship groups bringing refugee families to Canada. Due to travel restrictions, our focus this year was on providing COVID-specific support to families in the province. Through the Emergency Community Support Fund administered by United Way, we innovated responded to COVID realities with a project that supplied refugee families with laptop computers.

As a result these families were able to continue working and learning online throughout the pandemic.

Adhel, Atong and Angeer Rou, Ethiopian refugee sisters, sponsored by Grace Mennonite Church in Regina. (MCC photo/ Catherine Ahok)



Thanks to your generosity, 25 Saskatoon youth in Indigenous and Newcomer communities participated in skills-building activities.

PEACE CONFERENCE

Upwards of 100 people attended the 2nd annual Peace Conference entitled “DISPLACED: Upheaval, Hospitality, and Justice in the Search for Home”.

We explored the realities of refugees, internally displaced persons, and Indigenous peoples around the world and locally. Experts and everyday people shared about how to respond with radical hospitality, so that everyone can find a place to call home. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making this event a truly meaningful experience.

TRAINING ACTIVE BYSTANDERS

The Training Active Bystanders (TAB) workshop looks at what inhibits us from getting involved when we witness harm, what helps us get involved, and how we can increase our moral courage to stop harmful actions. In Saskatchewan we began to offer TAB workshops in the fall of 2020.

Through Training Active Bystanders, we hope to offer our communities tools to repair harm and heal relationships with one another.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Our Community Development program partners with Meadowgreen House for All Nations (HFAN), with help from Servant Partners. We provide youth skills-building programs in Saskatoon’s Meadowgreen area.

This year, 25 youth participated in the online programming, with the cooking club being the most popular.

Youth reported that the program mitigated the isolation and mental health effects of the pandemic.

2020/2021 LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Your giving allows us to walk alongside people to build healthy communities, families and relationships right here in Saskatchewan. Our local programs include Indigenous Neighbours, Community Development, Education & Advocacy, Peacebuilding and Migration & Resettlement. This work is made possible by the continued support of our constituency and community partners.

The pandemic presented challenges that transformed our programming. We adopted creative and innovative approaches to executing MCC’s mission while maintaining a flexible outlook.

In fact, thanks to digital technology, we offered as many presentations and workshops as in previous years. Attendance was just as strong as before, as constituents engaged through webinars, online workshops and through our podcast entitled Reconcile: Everyday Conversations.

“I’m so grateful for your love and support. Thank you for the laptop, it made it easier to learn at home. I passed all my classes with good grades. Thank you for your prayers.”

Adhel Rou,
Regina

Volunteers, the foundation of MCC Thrift

John Kurylyk is a prime example of passion and hard work. John has been volunteering at the Warman MCC Thrift shop over 37 years and celebrated his 90th birthday this year. As John will gladly tell you “I don’t like to just sit around and do nothing because that would be boring.” John volunteers at the shop 4 days a week and is always willing to give as many hours as he’s allowed.

Thank you to all past and present volunteers. MCC Thrift exists because of you.

John Kurylyk, volunteer at the Warman MCC Thrift Shop since 1984 (MCC photo/ Mel Harms)



Your continued support for MCC Thrift throughout this period of uncertainty truly is a gift to the world.

Material Gifts of Hope Donated By You

1,875

Comforters

1,620

Hygiene kits

820

Infant Care kits

660

Relief kits

160

School kits

20

Sewing kits

MCC THRIFT SHOPS

This was a challenging year for Thrift. After the abrupt end to the sales year in March 2020 as shops closed due to COVID-19, our shops reopened in May and June 2020. Dedicated staff and volunteers continued to serve in restrictive conditions and stressful situations.

The year saw a number of staff changes. Marianne Patzer retired after 27 years serving and leading at the MCC Community Gift & Thrift in Lanigan and the shop welcomed Heidi Martens as the Manager. At the Swift Current MCC Gift & Thrift, Nettie Ward went on leave, and Keefe Spence stepped in to lead the shop. After 20 years of serving at Village Green MCC Furniture in Saskatoon, Derek Johnson moved on to new opportunities, and Kalon Beaudry became the new Manager in January 2021. Two Chairs of our Thrift Shop Boards stepped down. Thank you Sue Wiens in Lanigan and Susan Wiebe in Swift Current for your faithful service. While the year was a challenge financially, our foundation has proven to be resilient and strong, and with the continued support of our volunteers, and customers, the shops are well positioned to grow. Praise be to God!

“Thrift shops are a huge blessing to customers, our local communities and program partners all over the world”

**Marianne Patzer,
Retired Manager, MCC Gift & Thrift Lanigan**

Because of your love and prayers, youth experience God's love for Saskatchewan.



Connecting with youth and young adults

For the past eight years, we have partnered with SOAR Saskatchewan to give young people the opportunity to gain insight into the root causes of poverty, marginalization, and insecure housing. This year the program was mostly virtual. It included youth and family teams from MB churches in Hepburn, Forest Grove, Lanigan, Pleasant Hill and Bridgeway. We were also blessed to have a team of students from Horizon College and teams from Panama and Colombia.



“Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on MCC workers for the projects they are planning for the next 100 years. In Jesus’ name, Amen”

Throughout the pandemic MCC Saskatchewan adapted its educational programming to continue a valued partnership with Rosthern Junior College’s (RJC) grade 10 class. Students participated in You Got Booked, a life-sized board game exploring the racial inequities within the Canadian criminal justice system, a guided visit to Wanuskewin, and a Living Library that provided conversations with “living books” representing first-person perspectives on various learnings they took in with MCC during their year.

Lil *Last name redacted*
MCC Saskatchewan Donor

Financial highlights

MCC shares God’s love for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for relief development and peace. Just as our program activities follow this mission statement, so do our finances. Together with your support, MCC Saskatchewan raised \$3.9 million dollars in donations, grants and earned income this fiscal year. This includes \$473,611 in contributions from our eight community Thrift shops.

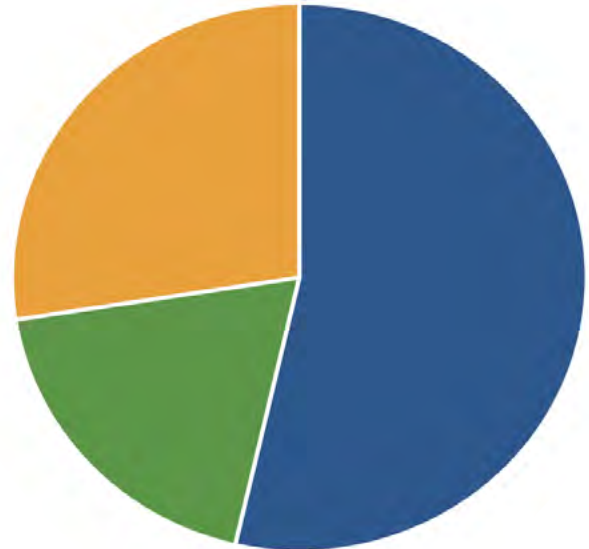
We used \$1.6 million to fund programs and core mission services here in our province and sent \$1.8 million to MCC Canada to fund international programming. Your generous giving enables us to respond to basic human needs through agriculture, education, food, health, relief, peacebuilding and water projects.

We are humbled everyday by the hundreds of supporters that breathe life into MCC with each gift, each action and each relationship.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3,374,998

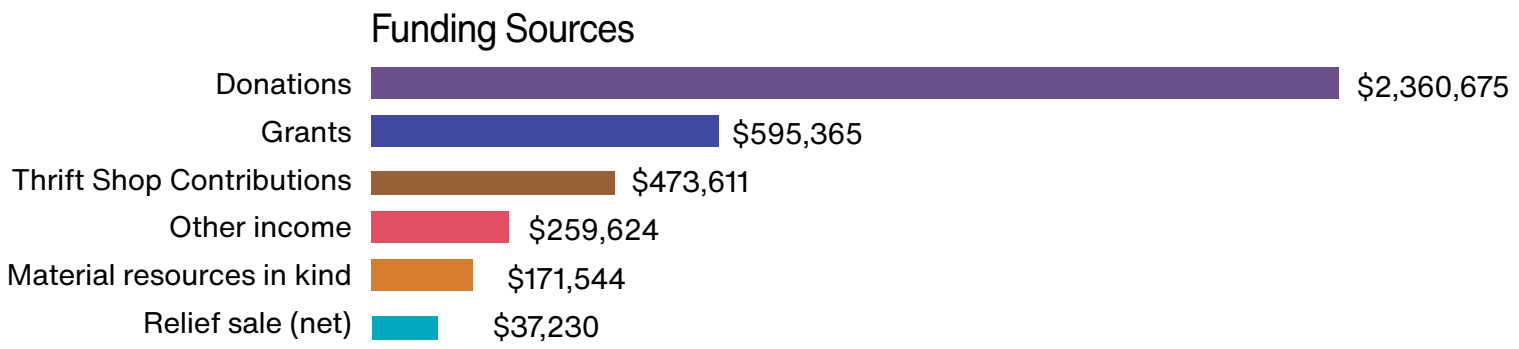
Core mission support (fundraising & admin)
\$926,779
27%

Saskatchewan programs
\$639,600
19%



International program
\$1,808,421
54%


TOTAL REVENUE:



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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.



Jessica Ana Maya Cabrera, pictured saying goodbye to her host grandmother, Dolores Pablo Mendoza, came from Mexico to serve in Guatemala through the Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN), a joint program of MCC and Mennonite World Conference. During her year of service, Cabrera found faith and dwelling in God's word provided a compass and guide. Every day she remembered the invitation of Matthew 22 to love God with all her heart, soul and mind and to love neighbours as herself. (MCC photo/Jardely Martínez)

In 2020, MCC celebrated the centennial of its ministry. As we enter a 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-2021

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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 a very present help in trouble.”*

— PSALM 46:1 (NRSV)

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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



Josephine Mwikali Mutinda shows off her maize harvest in a granary at her home in Kathonzweni, Kenya. (MCC photo/Mwangi Kirubi)

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.

Sukhi Murmu, from Palashdanga village in West Bengal, India, holds a sheaf of rice. (MCC photo/Pabitra Paramanya)



Partner profile

MCC partners with 14 other agencies to fight global hunger through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. MCC has 42 projects in 19 countries funded through its account at the Foodgrains Bank. This year, more than \$11 million went to MCC food and agricultural projects through that account.

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

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.”

Your donations helped thousands recover from the explosion in Beirut.

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

ALICE JOUBANIAN
Lebanon



Kate Mayhew, MCC representative for Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, walks through the Beirut neighbourhood of Gemmayze following the massive explosion in the city’s port in August 2020. (MCC photo/Garry Mayhew)

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)



Donor profile

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.”

Relief program highlights:

161,046

people received emergency food assistance

65,005

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

1,231

households received home repairs or reconstruction

1,194

people received financial support or rent assistance



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.

Your support enabled Sarothi to keep attending school

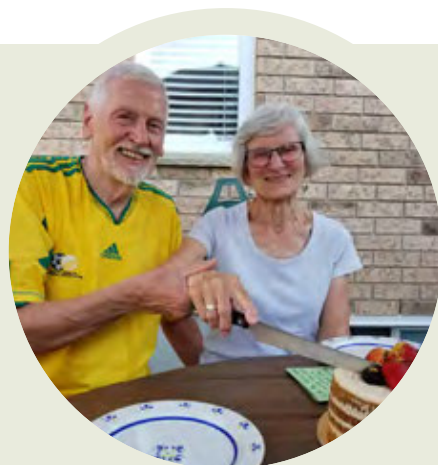
“MCC’s partners provide quality access to education for children who wouldn’t have that opportunity due to violence, poverty, gender, ethnicity or disability.”

LYNN LONGENECKER
MCC education coordinator



Sarothi Pahan studies with a notebook that she received along with an MCC school kit. (MCC photo/James Kisku)

Ron Mathies and his wife Gudrun Mathies pack MCC school kits with their grandchildren every year on Christmas Eve. (Photo courtesy of Ron Mathies)



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



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

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 WorkuAbebe Chinois, who lives in the same community as Ayalew.

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

WORKUABEBE CHINIS
Ethiopia



Ayalew Misgan drinks from the water pump that was built to bring clean water to his village in western Amhara, Ethiopia. (MCC photo/Daniel Stoltzfus)

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)



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:

18,638

people now have access to an improved water source

9,660

people received access to a new or improved latrine or sanitation facility

294

drinking water systems constructed or repaired

92

water harvesting structures for irrigation constructed or repaired

Your gifts have kept Floride safe from disease.

“This type of basic infrastructure for safe handwashing and waste disposal is essential for preventing the spread of new infectious diseases.”

PAUL SHETLER FAST
MCC global health coordinator



Floride Murhimanya M'nkware (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)

For most of her life, the only option Floride Murhimanya M'nkware 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.”

Paul Shetler Fast, MCC's global health coordinator, stands near a lava field after the May 2021 volcanic eruption of Mount Nyiragongo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (MCC photo/Mulanda Jimmy Juma)



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



Woroud Al-dibs, left, who attends music classes with an MCC partner in Palestine and Israel, plays a traditional instrument called the oud with Viviane Eyer who was visiting with an MCC learning tour to Palestine and Israel. (MCC photo/Naomi Enns)

Anna Vogt carries a sign that reads, “The moment has come to reconcile ourselves. Yes to peace, to forgiveness, to life,” during a peace march in Bogotá, Colombia, in 2016. (MCC photo/ Amy Eanes)



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:

15,441

people trained in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation

162

Peace Clubs active this year

36

Peace Clubs and restorative justice units operating in prisons in Zambia

85%

of participants in a youth peacebuilding program in Cambodia say they’ve changed their behaviour toward “the other”

Shadi Alkhannous 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.

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SHADI ALKHANNOUS
Former refugee from Syria



Shadi Alkhannous runs the take-out and delivery counter at the Alnoor Halal Food Market in St. Catharines, Ont., serving meals like shish tawook, chicken shawarma and beef kabab. He and his family have been living in Canada since they were resettled here in 2016. (Photo courtesy of Shadi Alkannous)

Terry Schulz and his wife, Sandi Schulz, have supported a number of refugees for resettlement. (Photo courtesy of Terry Schulz)



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.

MATERIAL RESOURCES



Abdel* lives in Homs, Syria, with his family in a temporary shelter. He's holding items from an MCC relief kit and enjoying the warmth of a comforter handmade by MCC volunteers. (Photo courtesy of FMEEC/Abuna Sergios)



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

"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

Material resources shipped last year:



550,440
Canned meat (lbs)



51,549
School kits



77,240
Hygiene kits



45,787
Comforters



21,792
Relief kits



5,812
Infant care kits



1,600
Sewing kits

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.*



MCC THRIFT

Ruth Jantz (left), shop manager of the Sargent MCC Thrift Shop in Winnipeg, Man., and shop assistant Essence Matthews say adapting to public health orders now feels somewhat normal. (MCC photo/ Allison Zacharias)

"[The volunteers are] so dedicated, even though it took a while for it to sink in that we can't do things as we normally would [due to COVID-19]."

RUTH JANTZ, manager of Sargent MCC Thrift Shop

Your dedication kept thrift shops open for our communities.

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."



MCC THRIFT
Where every purchase is a gift to the world

\$12,387,000

Donated by MCC Thrift shops in Canada and the U.S. to support the work of MCC in the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING

GSL

YOUNG ADULTS VOLUNTEERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Dr. Ela Castro, a 2019–2020 YAMEN participant, used her training as a doctor to serve at Casa del Migrante (Migrant House) in Guatemala City, Guatemala, offering medical care to migrants and refugees. (MCC photo/Lizette Miranda)



You are helping young adults experience service and growth

“YAMEN is a great place for people to confirm their gift and their call.”

DR. ELA CASTRO, a 2019/2020 YAMEN participant

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 in Guatemala.

“YAMEN is a great place for people to confirm their gift and their call, and for me it was proof that I can do something different than other doctors are called to do,” 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.”



SOOP



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



COVID-19 RESPONSE



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.

A staff member* from MCC partner Popular Aid for Relief and Development (PARC) prepares to distribute MCC blankets and relief items in Tyre, Lebanon, in March 2020. She wears a mask and gloves to protect herself and recipients. (MCC photo/Evangeline Hammond)

* Name not used for security reasons.



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)

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

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

Africa
138 MCC workers
\$15.6 million

Multi-Region
\$7.4 million

Asia
128 MCC workers
\$6.1 million

47
countries

385
partners

508
projects

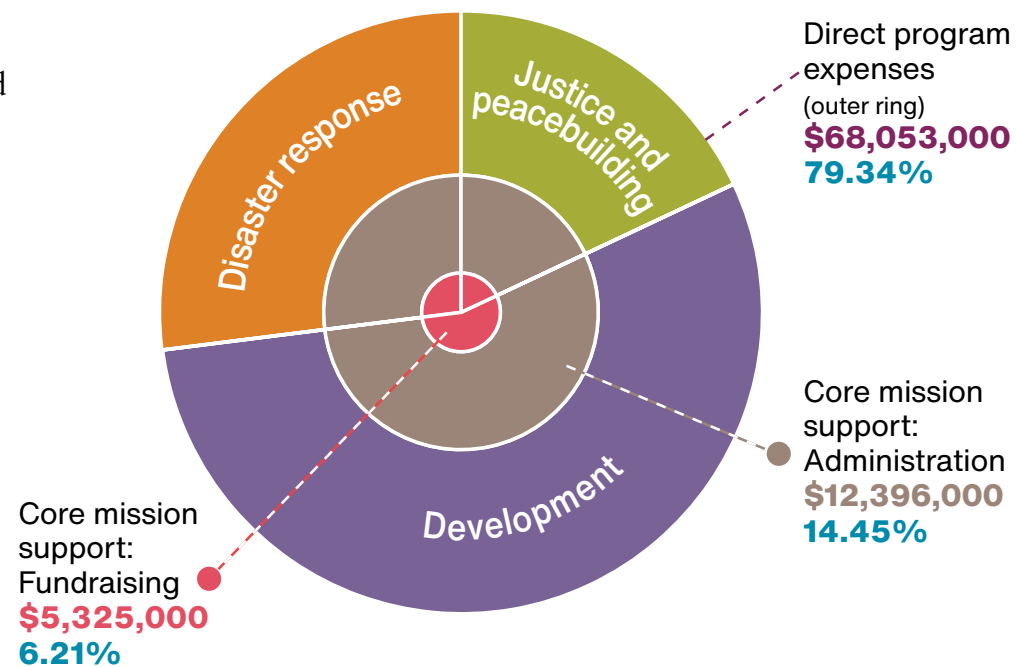
968
workers

31 participants in Global Service Learning programs: SALT, IVEP, YAMEN, Summerbridge, Seed and SOOP. Participant numbers last year were greatly reduced because of the pandemic.

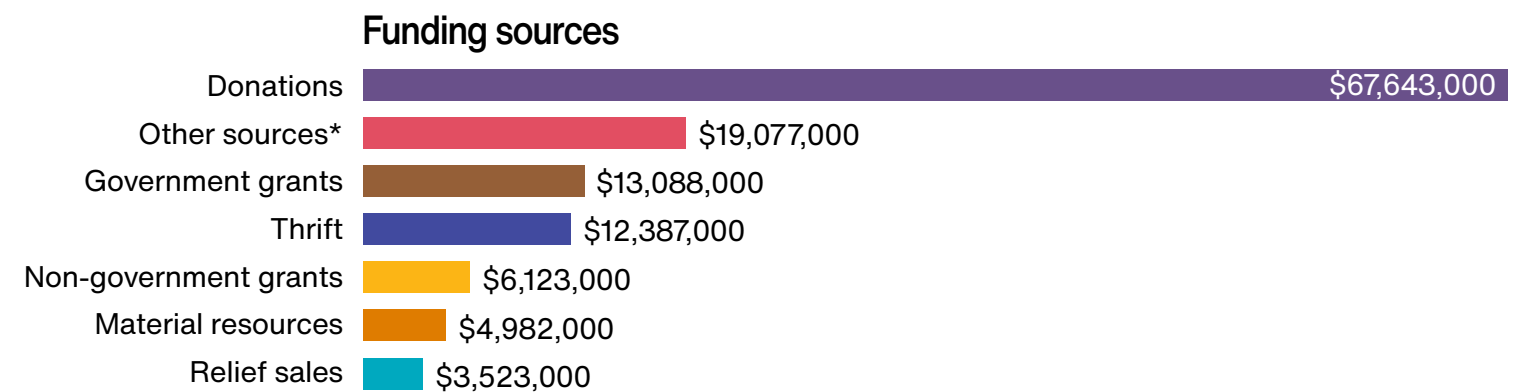
FINANCES

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.

TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$85,774,000



TOTAL REVENUE:
\$126,823,000



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