WITH NEARLY 75 YEARS of demonstrated expertise helping to transform some of the hardest-to-reach places in the developing world, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an innovative, trusted international nongovernmental organization (INGO) committed to those otherwise cut off from basic human services and opportunities.

LWR helps communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and responds to emergencies with a long-term view. Regardless of whether these challenges are chronic or acute, LWR invests in communities to enable those living in extreme poverty to build the resilience they need to thrive.

Our international team of experts develops the most effective tools to help people achieve self-sufficiency. Our long history of partnership with local communities, businesses and governments enables in-country professionals to lift up local knowledge and leverage relationships that drive results.

LWR by the Numbers is a collection of organizational data that provides a snapshot of our work worldwide in 2016.††

The data are organized into several groups:

- People who directly participated in LWR programs
- People who indirectly benefited from LWR programs
- The number of LWR projects and project participants, according to LWR’s programmatic international strategic objectives† and separated by LWR’s three key regions of work: Africa, Asia and Latin America
- The number of local partners by region
- The amount of LWR funds spent on international programs according to region and strategic objective

LWR by the Numbers provides information about the scale and breakdown of our work. To dig deeper into ways that our work has changed the lives of project participants, we are using project and program evaluation tools that can confirm positive impact from our programs, and can also verify that the impact is indeed lasting over time. Better data collection, information management and regular strategic analysis allow LWR to learn, plan, grow and improve our accountability to project participants and our wider public of stakeholders. Learn more about our robust evaluation tools at lwr.org.

†† Data contained in this report are from LWR’s fiscal year 2016, which runs October 2015 through September 2016, and refer to LWR’s work in the 32 countries where LWR supports projects or Material Resource distributions.
1. **LWR Projects Active in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016**

   - **Total Projects:** 118
   - **Active Projects in Africa:** 37
   - **Active Projects in Asia:** 27
   - **Active Projects in Latin America:** 28
   - **Material Resources Distributions:** 4
   - **Emergency Appeals with LWR Contributions:**

2. **LWR Projects According to International Objective**

3. **Total Number of People Served by LWR Projects in FY 2016**

   - **3,467,823 Individuals served directly and indirectly:**
     - **Project Participants:** 1,110,566
     - **People Indirectly Served:** 2,357,257

   - **Projects Engaged in:**
     - Agriculture: 62
     - Climate Change: 29
     - Emergency Response and Material Resources: 54
     - Health and Livelihoods: 1
     - Agriculture in Africa: 24
     - Climate Change in Africa: 23
     - Emergency Response and Material Resources in Africa: 22
     - Health and Livelihoods in Africa: 1
     - Agriculture in Asia & Middle East: 15
     - Climate Change in Asia & Middle East: 17
     - Emergency Response and Material Resources in Asia & Middle East: 16
     - Health and Livelihoods in Asia & Middle East: 1
     - Agriculture in Latin America: 23
     - Climate Change in Latin America: 9
     - Emergency Response and Material Resources in Latin America: 8
     - Health and Livelihoods in Latin America: 1
     - Projects Worldwide: 6

   - **Projects Active in:**
     - Africa: 41
     - Asia & Middle East: 31
     - Latin America: 28

   - **LWR Projects Engaged in:**
     - Agriculture: 18 total projects
     - Climate Change: 9
     - Emergency Response and Material Resources: 2
     - Health and Livelihoods: 2

See Endnotes on Page 4 for explanations of notes.
4. Partners Implementing LWR Projects in FY2016

- 96 Total Partners
- 28 Partners in Africa
- 21 Partners in Asia
- 32 Partners in Latin America
- 15 Material Resource Distribution Partners

5. Farmers Engaged in Activities to Improve Agriculture in FY2016

- 228,690 Total Farmers
- 116,401 Farmers in Africa
- 39,053 Farmers in Asia
- 73,236 Farmers in Latin America

6. Program Expenses in FY2016

- Total Expenses: $40,943,034
  - Expenses in Africa: $13,653,791
  - Expenses in Asia: $8,922,982
  - Expenses in Latin America: $9,732,779
  - Other Worldwide: $2,874,327
  - Cross-Cutting Program Management: $5,759,155

7. International Program Expenses by Objective

- Money Spent on Agricultural Projects: $12,710,658
  - Africa: $3,154,692
  - Asia & Middle East: $1,249,465
  - Latin America: $6,307,145
  - US, Worldwide & Cross-Cutting: $1,999,356

- Money Spent on Emergency Response and Material Resources: $24,235,607
  - Africa: $9,917,831
  - Asia & Middle East: $7,076,244
  - Latin America: $2,398,086
  - US, Worldwide & Cross-Cutting: $4,843,446

- Money Spent on Climate Change Projects: $2,480,247
  - Africa: $503,393
  - Asia & Middle East: $597,273
  - Latin America: $1,027,548
  - US, Worldwide & Cross-Cutting: $352,033

- Money Spent on Health and Livelihoods Projects: $90,393
  - Africa: $77,875
  - Asia & Middle East: $- (not applicable)
  - Latin America: $- (not applicable)
  - US, Worldwide & Cross-Cutting: $12,518

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LWR’s International Objectives:

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AGRICULTURE: Improve small-scale producer livelihoods by scaling up agricultural value chains and food security initiatives.

EMERGENCIES AND MATERIAL RESOURCES: Reduce the impact of emergencies by pre-positioning and mobilizing human, monetary, and material resources.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Build the capacity of communities to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

HEALTH AND LIVELIHOODS: Expand LWR’s integrated health and livelihoods approach to reduce the socioeconomic impacts of diseases of poverty. This objective was part of a previous strategy and is being phased out. Consequently, it is a single project and has a low level of expenditure, which reflects that the objective work is drawing to a close.

CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT: LWR has an additional objective, Constituent Engagement, focused on engaging US Lutherans and key stakeholders in LWR’s mission. This objective’s programmatic data is not represented in this document. For more information on how this objective affects LWR’s financials or how to get involved, visit lwr.org.

1-1: The term projects is meant to encompass both development and emergency response projects, Material Resource (or Quilts and Kits) distributions, and emergency appeals that were designed and implemented by other organizations without LWR’s programmatic input, but to which LWR provided some financial support. FY2016 = Oct. 1, 2015 - Sept. 30, 2016. Includes all projects active during the period regardless of the duration of activity during that period. Projects could be active from one day to one year within the fiscal year.

1-2: Material Resource distributions worldwide, including countries where LWR does not have an office or support development projects. This includes LWR’s Quilt & Kit Ministry (Note: all Material Resource Distributions in FY16 were Quilts and Kits).

1-3: “Emergency appeals” refers to situations in which LWR contributes funding to emergency responses, but does not implement any of the funded emergency response activities. Examples include responses through the global alliance Action by Churches Together (ACT). Data about emergency responses undertaken directly by LWR are included in the regional project data figures above.

2-1: Many projects include activities in multiple sectors; therefore, the total number of projects according to sector is greater than the total number of projects overall. “Engaged” means that the project had at least one component related to that sector.

2-2: Examples of agriculture projects include, but are not limited to, technical assistance for farmers, access to farm inputs and credit, and crop diversification.

2-3: Examples of climate change projects include, but are not limited to, disaster risk reduction and coastal resilience, watershed management, and helping rural communities adapt to changing weather patterns.

2-4: Examples of emergency relief projects include, but are not limited to, Quilt and Kit distributions, cash-for-work, food distributions, and direct cash transfers.

2-5: Examples of health and livelihoods projects include, but are not limited to, malaria awareness and prevention education projects funded through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, and community-managed health care funds.

3-1: Total number of people served by LWR projects means the number of people participating in the project for the whole duration of the project (often several years) or at any point in the project. The vast majority of LWR’s project participants work with us from the start of the project, and support to the same target group of people will continue holistically through the end of the project.

3-2: Project participants benefit directly from project activities whereas people indirectly served are not involved directly in project activities but can still receive secondary benefits from those activities. LWR partners and local staff determine this count on a per-project basis to reflect each project’s specific nature and context. For example, some agriculture projects may be working directly with one farmer per family, and would count that farmer as a project participant, with his/her family indirectly served. The nature of another type of agriculture project may be to provide support to a family farm, where most or all members of the family would be project participants, while neighbors or extended family who learn from them, could be counted as indirectly served.

3-3: ACT is an alliance of 140 churches and related organizations that work together in humanitarian assistance, advocacy and development. In almost any emergency, one or more ACT members are already working in the community and are able to begin an immediate response. ACT coordinates fundraising for the response through Emergency Appeals to its member agencies, allowing alliance members to support disaster response through ACT partners.

4-1: LWR defines “partners” as local organizations involved in implementing LWR program activities.

4-2: Includes LWR partners in countries where LWR does not have an active presence and partners in countries where LWR has an active presence but only assisted with Material Resource distributions, not full projects.

5-1: “Farmers” refers to any project participants who engaged in an LWR supported project with an agricultural component. This includes people who work in a range of activities involved with agriculture, including but not limited to, production, processing, or marketing.

6-1: Program Expenses, by region, include costs incurred directly by LWR in the community and partners in countries where LWR has an active presence but only assisted with Material Resource distributions, not full projects.

6-2: Includes costs of emergency responses in regions not covered by LWR regional offices and other worldwide program support not specific to a particular country.

6-3: Includes program expenses for international program management and other cross-cutting program activities not linked to one region, such as gender integration, emergency response support, and monitoring, evaluation and learning.

7-1: International Program Expenses by Objective includes direct costs by sector and region, plus related proportional cross-cutting program and management costs, for international programming.

7-2: Total spent on emergencies and material resources includes $13,312,479 cash value equivalent of donated material resources shipped.