

# IMPACT REPORT 2020



WorldShare

*Potter's House providing  
emergency relief during Covid-19*



God working through your generosity to transform lives

# A note from Alan Butler, WorldShare CEO



It gives me great pleasure to introduce this year's Impact Report for the work of WorldShare and our ministry partners. Most people need no reminders that 2020 was a year like no other, with the impact of Covid-19 on our supporters and donors, ministry partners and UK operations.

Our focus, prayer and passion continues to be partnering with local Christians and churches in some of the most difficult, least-resourced and least-reached parts of the world, to support their God-given vision to bring about social and spiritual transformation in their communities.

Though Covid-19 has posed its challenges for WorldShare and its supporters, the greater impact has been on the ministry partners we support, which you will see reflected in this year's figures. For example; the number of churches planted and new leaders trained has decreased, whereas more food parcels and medical care have been provided than previous years. Probably none of these changes are surprising in a pandemic, but we give thanks that the number of people who've heard the Gospel is only slightly less.

We trust you will find the stories of real lives transformed and hope restored in this Impact Report inspirational.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and for your financial support during 2020. This has been a challenging and uncertain year for WorldShare, but it has been exciting to see God at work in our needy world. Thank you for being part of this story.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Butler', with a flourish at the end.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."*

Luke 4:18

## Thank you!

*Here are just a few of the ways God worked through your support, and the hard work of our ministry partners, in 2020.*

Africa Inland Church **celebrated 70 years of serving on the ground in South Sudan**, bringing the good news of the Gospel and humanitarian support to a country torn apart by violence.

All our **ministry partners quickly stepped up as Covid-19 spread** across the world, providing meals, giving out emergency relief, and bringing their vital services online.

It was a **record-breaking year for Freedom Gifts**, with hundreds of supporters treating their loved ones to our charity gifts that ensure hope is brought to someone in need across the world.

It was a joy to begin a **new ChildAid partnership** with Christian Fellowship Ministries, who serve vulnerable people in Uganda and share the love of Jesus.

JKPS in India, and FEAL in Lebanon, were able to **respond rapidly to humanitarian disasters** which struck



*Delivering vital emergency supplies to remote fishing villages in Brazil*

their communities; Cyclone Amphan and the Beirut blast.

Through the generosity of ChildAid supporters, **192 children were sponsored**, giving children across the world the chance to thrive and reach their God-given potential.

The **thirst for the Gospel grew** across Turkey and West Asia with ministry partner and broadcaster Kanal Hayat, seeing a higher number of people asking for follow-up than ever before.

*"We can smile with our eyes, with our gestures we can hug, with our voice we can love. The mask and the distancing cannot stop us from loving."  
Monica, Evangelical Mission for Assistance to Fishermen*

Thank you for helping to make all this possible!

20 ministry partners

24 countries

200,000+ lives changed

34,262

children  
received an  
education

20

new churches  
were  
established

31,494  
nutritious  
meals were  
provided

1,905

young people  
attended  
Bible camps

157,434

people heard  
the Gospel

15,700

Covid-19 food  
parcels were  
delivered

75,745  
people accessed  
medical care

270

new leaders  
were trained

 Countries where our ministry partners are serving

# Transformed lives

Graduation day in Chisinau, the capital city of Moldova, was a proud moment for Sofia. Finally, it felt like she was on the way to pulling herself out of poverty, and fulfilling her dream of building a career and beginning a family.

**A dream which she is working hard to rebuild today with the support of ministry partner Beginning of Life, after years of abuse and rejection.**

After graduation Sofia started a job at a local theatre and met a young man who she began building a home with. It was here that the days began to darken.

Home was no longer a safe place, as Sofia's partner became violent, exploding in fits of anger. In the midst of this Sofia discovered she was pregnant. Instead of delight this news was met with rejection by all those around Sofia.

Her partner fled and her family, friends and doctor all cried out for an abortion, but Sofia knew she had to look after her child.

*"I wanted the best for my child so I decided to still fulfil my dream of being a mother."*



*Valentina and her Mum Sofia*

With great joy, nine months later, Sofia welcomed a little girl into the world – Valentina.

This joy was soon replaced with loneliness and despair, as Sofia had no one to turn to for the support that every new mother needs.

Complications with the birth meant Sofia had to rely on formula to feed Valentina which she simply could not afford on her monthly maternal allowance, let alone other basic supplies, such as nappies.

The hospital thankfully stepped in and provided nine months' worth of food for Valentina, but Sofia herself was left with almost nothing to eat. With no money left for rent, they were also on the edge of homelessness as they faced eviction.

## A glimmer of hope

As Sofia hit rock bottom, sinking into a deep despair, a glimmer of hope was shone into her situation by a friend introducing her to the Early Learning Centre (ELC) run by Beginning of Life.

Sofia and Valentina were welcomed with open arms by the ELC team, who support single mothers, just like Sofia, who have been abused and neglected, giving them the support they so desperately need and space to heal from trauma.

*"At ELC I was welcomed by an amazing family, special people that helped me integrate and I felt loved. We received great support in terms of material needs, such as monthly food packages, clothing and shoes for Valentina for the wintertime. But beyond all these important physical things, me and Valentina found a place where we could together grow in our relationship and shape our character in order to build a happy home."*

Six years have passed since the day Sofia and Valentina walked into the ELC and their lives have truly been transformed. Valentina has learned how to socialise with other children, they both spend quality time together, Sofia has been taught many valuable parenting skills and has almost saved enough for them to move into a home of their own.

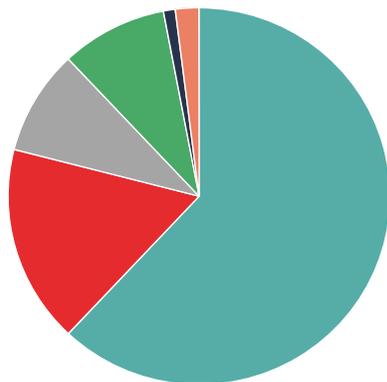
Through all of this Sofia and Valentina have come to know the love of Jesus and are trusting in God no matter the circumstances.

Over 2020, through the generosity of WorldShare supporters, Beginning of Life was able to continue providing vital support to 100 families in Moldova, bringing many of their services online, amidst restrictions, to ensure single mothers like Sofia did not go without support.

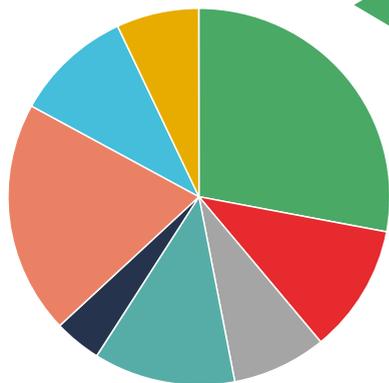
*"I would like to thank all the people involved in this amazing ELC project, that give us hope in darkest times, Beginning of Life and all the wonderful people with big hearts that support this project, thinking about people like me."*

## Your generosity

<b>Individual Donations</b>	£288,401	62%
<b>Trusts &amp; Foundations</b>	£80,830	17%
<b>Alliance Income</b>	£43,427	9%
<b>Gift Aid</b>	£39,451	9%
<b>Legacies</b>	£4,440	1%
<b>Other income</b>	£5,688	2%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£462,237</b>	



## Where it helped



<b>Education</b>	£126,427	28%
<b>Health</b>	£46,300	11%
<b>Community</b>	£32,895	8%
<b>Church Planting</b>	£52,602	12%
<b>Injustice</b>	£16,986	4%
<b>Emergency Relief</b>	£85,388	20%
<b>General Running Costs</b>	£44,930	10%
<b>Governance</b>	£28,762	7%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£434,290</b>	

Please note these numbers are provisional figures as at the end of April 2021 and are subject to audit.

## Restoring hope

*Two women from Feyrouz's church in Beirut, patiently and lovingly take care of her, as she struggles to walk or even do the simplest of tasks on her own.*

Feyrouz's world came crashing down last August as the city of Beirut was ripped apart by a blast which left 300,000 displaced, over 200 dead and 6,000 people injured. Feyrouz was one of these people. As she sat in her very small house, where she lived alone, the ceiling collapsed on top of her leaving her with a shattered hip and a house that was beyond repair.

All hope was not lost for Feyrouz though, thanks to the generosity of WorldShare supporters and ministry partner, the Free Evangelical Association of Lebanon (FEAL).

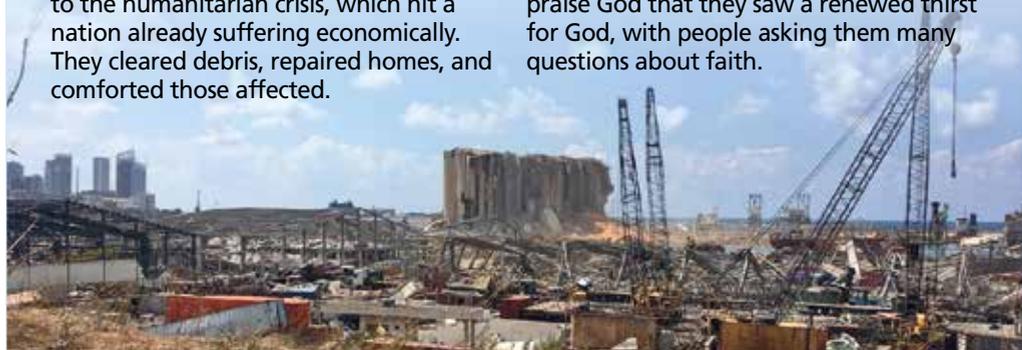
In the aftermath of the blast the FEAL team were some of the first to respond to the humanitarian crisis, which hit a nation already suffering economically. They cleared debris, repaired homes, and comforted those affected.

For Feyrouz this was a lifeline.

FEAL took her to the hospital where she remained for two weeks, and whilst there they packed up her belongings from the ruins of her house.

Months after the blast, FEAL continued to support Feyrouz, and so many others like her, providing daily care.

Through their 'Eyes of Beirut' campaign, launched not long after the blast, FEAL organised teams of church volunteers to care for those in the devastated areas. These volunteers daily shared the love of Jesus; providing relief packages, praying with people, giving financial support to the many left homeless and caring for the traumatised. Through all of this they praise God that they saw a renewed thirst for God, with people asking them many questions about faith.



*"We are so thankful for all the people that hear our stories and answer our prayers. I can't believe how many people from different countries care about us. God brings us together no matter where we live."*

*PiFò Haiti teacher*



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