



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

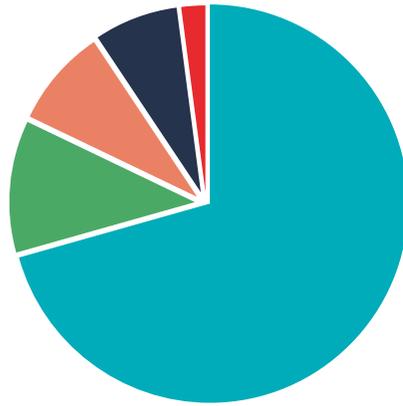
Due to the dedication and commitment of **WORLDSHARE SUPPORTERS**, throughout 2017 we were able to continue **PARTNERING WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS** in some of the least-reached and least-resourced parts of the world. By supporting their God-given vision, we have helped them to share the Gospel, **RESTORE HOPE AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**.



WORLDSHARE'S IMPACT IN THE NEEDIEST PLACES

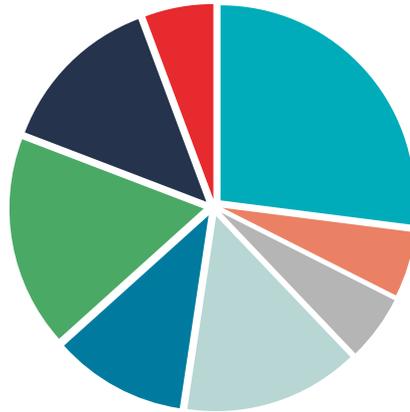
Your Gifts...

■ Donations	339,846	71%
■ Alliance Partners	55,103	12%
■ Gift Aid	41,005	9%
■ Gifts in Kind	35,100	6%
■ Legacies	10,055	2%
Total Income	£481,109	



How we spent it...

■ Education	129,916	27%
■ Health	26,010	5%
■ Community	26,117	5%
■ Christian Witness	69,893	15%
■ Injustice	52,879	11%
■ Emergency Relief	83,804	17%
■ General running costs	64,984	14%
■ Governance	27,428	6%
Total Expenditure	£481,031	



These numbers are provisional figures as at the end of April 2018 and are subject to audit.

Alan Butler, Chief Executive...

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this first illustrated Annual Report of the work of WorldShare and our ministry partners over 2017.

Our prayer and passion is to partner with local Christians and churches in 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 of their communities.

This holistic and transformational work takes many forms, colours and styles but as with WorldShare's founders 74 years ago; sharing the gospel and telling people about the good news of Jesus lies at the heart of what we do.

We trust you find the impact figures on page 4-5 helpful, as well as the stories of real lives transformed, and hope restored.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support over this last year. We look forward to carrying on partnering with you in the coming years, as we journey together under God.

Alan



Impact...

41,496
people heard
the Gospel

7,829
new
Christians

25,142
children
educated

4,196
microfinance
loans

305
new churches /
house groups

35,797
people received
medical care

6,175
children
attended bible
school

1,301
new leaders
trained

294
children
sponsored

53,790
refugees
served

 Areas supported
by WorldShare

Stories from 2017...

Joseph's Refugee Story...

Joseph and his family had to flee their home in South Sudan when violence escalated. WorldShare's ministry partner Africa Inland Church supported them when they arrived in Juba through distribution of food, sharing the gospel and prayer.

Joseph is 58 years old and used to live in Yei River State in South Sudan with his wife and their nine children. When the conflict in the area worsened, Joseph and his family were trapped indoors for eight days with no food or water. Most of their neighbours were tortured and murdered, but God protected them and they managed to flee.

It took the family six days to make it from Yei River State to Juba, the capital city of South Sudan. Most of their journey was by foot and they faced several ambushes on their journey, but God was with them.



At the end of their trek, they managed to board a timber lorry travelling to Juba.

On arrival, they managed to find an empty house they could rent. Joseph and his family were one of the very few that reached Juba; many lost their lives on the way, but this family made it. They arrived hungry, exhausted and with nothing.

“It has been so difficult to cater for my family, but I was able to receive some support from Africa Inland Church during the recent distribution.”

Joseph wasn't a Christian, but he has seen the hands of God in his family. “Through all the hardship God helps me day by day.”



Miri's story

- from Islam to Christianity...

Miri lives in Vloçisht, a very deprived, poverty-stricken village in rural Albania. WorldShare's ministry partner Medical Ambassadors Foundation, have planted a church in the village which is continuing to transform lives.

Miri turned away from the church for a while, and when he returned he said that believing in Jesus transformed his life. “Believing in Jesus most likely saved my life, because if I hadn't trusted in Him, I would have probably joined ISIS.”

Miri's parents are faithful to their Islamic heritage and their family tradition takes them to one of the Islamic holy sites once a year. Miri recently told his parents that he couldn't go with them because he believed in the true God, who couldn't be confined to a holy site. “God is everywhere” he said. Although his parents accepted Miri's decision, his father was adamant that they are Islamic and need to continue believing what they always have.

A little after, Miri's mother fell ill with acute abdominal pains. Miri offered to pray for her and when he did, her pain



stopped immediately. He also prayed for his father when he was hospitalised by a stroke. When his father returned home, he told friends that the only reason he survived and was improving was because of Jesus.

Miri's faith is growing stronger as he sees more of what God can do, and his faith is spreading among his family. Miri is a great example of why the ministry in Albania is so important in sharing God's love to those who are lost.





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