



**Cultivating
Communities
That Thrive**



World Accord

2016 Annual Report

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

David Barth, Executive Director



Our Mission is to Cultivate Communities That Thrive

We Value:

- partnership
- empowerment
- justice
- sustainability
- integrity
- interdependence

To say this has been a tumultuous year would be an understatement, but the challenging nature of existence on our world is the primary reason that World Accord exists. It is not that we as an organization thrive on the challenges presented but that our concern for the well-being of our fellow humans drives us to to abolish poverty and alleviate suffering. This year just seemed to demand that we rise to the occasion in a way we haven't faced since Hurricane Mitch hit Honduras in 1998.

First came the devastating earthquakes that hit Nepal in April and May. Our donors as always came forward with support that was quickly transferred to Women for Peace and Democracy Nepal (WPD). In addition to our own supporters helping here, Hope International another Canadian NGO and long time collaborator with World Accord came forward with support for WPD. Later still Human Concern International, another friend of World Accord and Hope collaborated with us to support a three year program to rebuild lives and livelihoods in Nepal. In a show of global unity this program represents two Christian-based organizations and one Muslim-based organization supporting the relief and development efforts of WPD a primarily Hindu and Buddhist organization. What awesome things we can achieve when we as humans recognize the unity in our diversity.

Next we learned of financial challenges with our largest single supporter the World Hunger Fund of the Community of Christ. Their difficulties would be shared with us and we came to learn that this year we would face a 33% cut in the size of the grant they usually made to World Accord for our projects. This would increase the following year to a 50% decrease. World Accord was blessed later in the year by several Canadian congregations which came together in collaboration with the Canada East Mission to help fund the programming shortfall and thankfully, no cuts were passed on to our partners.

In the fall a photograph of the body of a small boy washed up on the shore touched the hearts of people around the world and Canadians rallied to see how we could help with the burgeoning refugee crisis. Shortly after that, a liberal government came into power with a majority government for the first time in more than a decade. This came with the promise to welcome 25,000 refugees into Canada and Canadians clamored to raise funds to support refugee families. Like many charities in Canada, World Accord felt the impact of the outpouring of support to this very worthy cause. Our donations were understandably way down at a time when our board had approved an investment in fundraising efforts.

With the combination of the additional spending and the decrease in funds for World Accord we had the biggest loss on our books in our 35 year history - but no need to panic. This simply means that we spent more in fiscal 2016 than we had taken in. We had been building our general operating funds for a decade taking in more than we spent most years. This loss simply brought our operating funds down to a much lower but still safely conservative level. It did have us looking hard at how we move forward. We just have to increase our fundraising efforts and cut our costs. There is much to look forward to in the next year with a small but dedicated staff, excellent field partners and now a new federal government that promises to once again support Canada's role is helping developing nations.

Thank you for your continued support as we seek to serve those with much less though no less deserving.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

We have a vision of world accord - the flourishing of well-being for all:

- where basic human needs are met,
- where every person has the opportunity to fulfill their potential,
- where diverse people live peacefully in global community,
- where care of earth and love of neighbour shape our life together.

World Accord's programming continued our work with local, long-term partners in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nepal and Haiti. They carried out a variety of program activities that involved:

- **Sustainable Agriculture and Food Production:** We contribute to food security by supporting projects that provide crucial training and support to implement sustainable local food production methods.
- **Capacity-building and Skills Training:** We support formal and informal skills training in agriculture, trades and literacy training for children and adults, as these skills are a determinant of life quality. Capacity-building encompasses a range of activities to empower individuals and communities.
- **Micro-Enterprise and Credit Programs:** We support training and micro-credit programs for communities to start small businesses and expand existing ones.
- **Community Organizing:** Many of our partners work with rural, impoverished communities. In the face of adversity and little individual capacity to overcome challenges, community building and group formation are important components in our partners' suite of tools.



Nepal Earthquake

April 2015

OUR ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Area	Activity	2015-2016	2014 - 2015	Results	Discussion
Food Production & Micro-Credit	Persons given support to access agricultural inputs (e.g., fertilizers, seeds; etc.), land or employment.	482	533	Between 2015-2016, 1,285 program participants and their neighbours increase their capacity to grow food and care for their resource base	Our Haitian partner (FIDA/pCH) implemented a new poultry project for 30 farmers. This year, our Guatemalan partner (MeA) continued to intensify their focus on sustainable agriculture.
	Persons who received support to raise animals for food and the market.	281	251		
	Persons able to access loans and savings for farming or to start a small business.	515	628		
Sustainable Agriculture & Environment	Persons who received training in sustainable agriculture	532	569	Program participants from 63 communities reduced their vulnerability to natural disasters, have greater access to food, and improved chances of better health. Environmental quality in their communities may have improved.	'Area farmed sustainably' refers to land where farmers have adopted new soil and water conservation measures. Again, the decrease in participants receiving sustainable agriculture training is due to the reason indicated above.
	Solar grain driers installed	2	6		
	Area farmed sustainably	71 Ha	53.1Ha		
	Trees planted	7,050	24,000		
	Wood-saving stoves installed	88	56		
	Seed banks maintained	5	5		
Capacity Building & Skills Training	Persons who received training to improve food production	478	535	Capacity-building is a vital strategy in any development program to facilitate empowerment; participants in every program improve their skills and knowledge base, and are in a better position to generate incomes and diversify their opportunities.	Literacy programming continues to decrease, given that WHF funding is no longer being spent on literacy training in Haiti. Vocational training totals continue to be low The child/youth programming totals decreased this year, due to the continued reprioritization of our partner's work in El Salvador on economic development activities.
	Persons who received vocational or skills training	578	308		
	Persons who received basic adult literacy courses	68	75		
	Persons trained in community development	587	625		
	Trainers & leaders trained in community development, agriculture or financial management	80	68		
	Persons who received financial, marketing or micro-enterprise training	449	437		
	Persons who received health & nutrition training	180	245		
	Persons who received environmental protection training	192	240		
	Children & youth who received tutoring & after-school services	724	785		
Community Organizing	Local groups formed and / or supported	72	80	Program participants improved their capacity to work together, collectively gain access to the resources they need to meet their basic needs, and to become motors for social change in their communities	The slight change in number of groups who receive support on an ongoing basis is attributable to FIDA/pCH work with the poultry cooperative

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The table on the preceding page provides an aggregate review of activities and selected results.

As in previous years, this table contains aggregate numbers of participants in World Accord programming and is intended to provide a general point of reference.

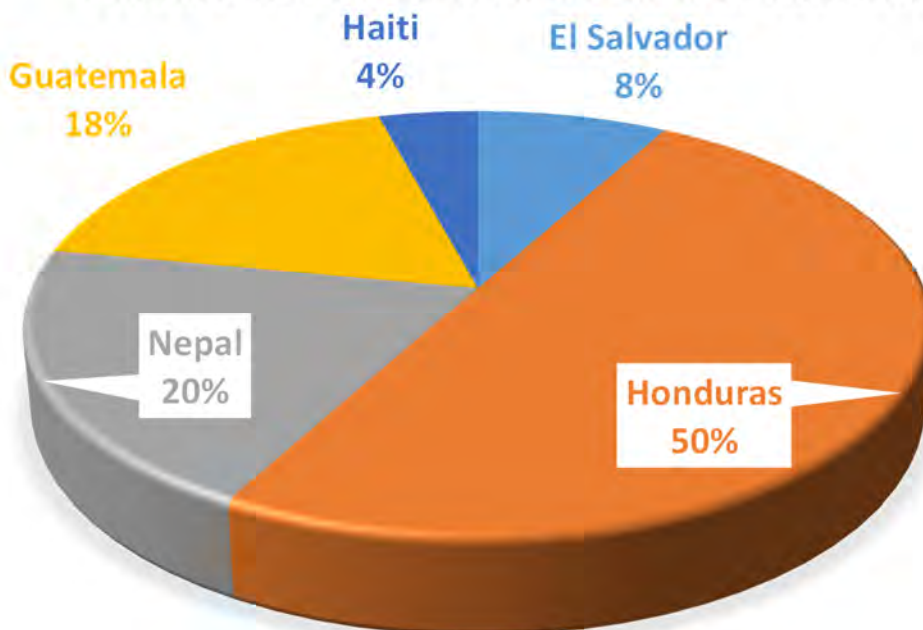
However, it contains limitations: it does not explain changes, positive or negative, due to environmental factors. Nor does it take into account the non-linear nature of development work progress. One year may be set back the next year due to a natural disaster, political instability or an economic downturn.

Finally, activities have been grouped together that are comparable but not always the same. Local context, partner capacities and resources play important roles in shaping how program activities are delivered.

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - General Fund for the Year Ended March 31, 2016

REVENUES	2015	2016
Donations	\$478,857	\$455,728
Grants from charitable organizations	\$260,796	\$281,471
Investment and other income	\$17,808	\$1,971
	\$757,461	\$739,170
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$106,188	\$98,894
Fundraising	\$101,318	\$134,095
Amortization of Property and Equipment	\$3,577	\$3,526
	\$211,083	\$236,515
Less		
Private core funding donations	-\$15,105	-\$25,158
Core funding from organizations	-\$41,164	-\$40,000
Wage Subsidy Grants	-\$22,673	-\$902
Operating Total	\$132,141	\$170,455
Programming		
Project development	\$79,106	\$110,813
Education	\$85,383	\$60,872
Project costs	\$433,482	\$492,620
Programming Total	\$597,971	\$664,305
	\$730,112	\$834,760
OPERATING EXCESS (Loss)	\$27,349	-\$95,590
NET ASSETS - Opening	\$272,419	\$299,768
NET ASSETS - Closing	\$299,768	\$204,178

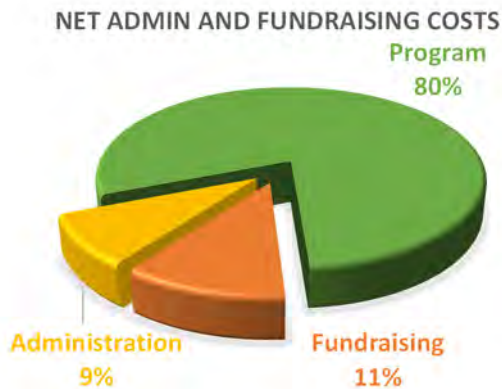
PERCENTAGE OF PROGRAM EXPENSES BY COUNTRY



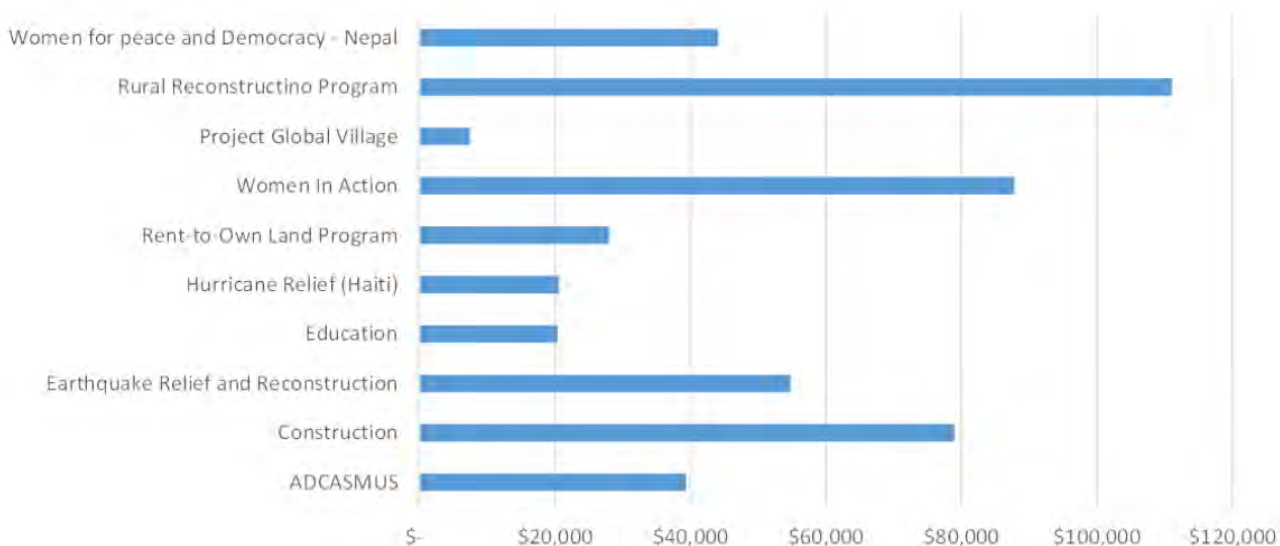
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World Accord - International Development Agency Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND	2015	2016
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash	\$584,728	\$423,893
Short term Investments (Unrestricted)	\$20,394	\$17,236
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	\$10,237	\$6,587
Prepaid Expenses	\$0	\$500
	\$615,359	\$448,216
Office furniture and equipment	\$21,764	\$23,457
Accumulated amortization	\$10,861	\$14,387
	\$10,903	\$9,070
Long Term Investments	\$150,000	\$150,000
Contingency Reserve	\$150,000	\$150,000
	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$776,262	\$607,286
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	\$3,501	\$6,245
Funds Held in Trust	\$31,141	\$20,470
Deferred Revenue	\$441,852	\$376,393
General Fund Balance - unrestricted	\$138,865	\$45,108
General Fund Balance - Capital Assets	\$10,903	\$9,070
	\$626,262	\$457,286
RESERVE FUND		
Cash	\$150,000	\$150,000
FUND BALANCE- Unrestricted	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$776,262	\$607,286



Program Expenses by Program / Partner



THANK YOU!

Special Thanks to our Funders

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donors and volunteers.*

*Our work is only possible with
your generous support.*





Panmati (Kali) BK of Kuwapani community says that although she lost her home in the earthquake, she is thankful that her family survived. She now lives with her two sons, two daughters, her in-laws and her husband in a new home re-built with support from WPD. Panmati says she is happy to have this new house, and happy that her community is working together. She says she first came to Kuwapani through marriage and has always found that the people here work well together. In the future, she says, she plans to raise goats to sell in her community.

Help us change more lives by giving generously to World Accord

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