



**Cultivating
Communities
That Thrive**

2017 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

Dear Friends of World Accord.

2017 was a year for rebuilding. After the financial loss we had in 2016, we made changes at World Accord and increased fundraising efforts so 2017 had a gain that made up for the loss last year. At the same time, the year saw global successes and challenges on a grand scale that will influence how humans react with each other and the planet for years to come. Here are some of the big ones for World Accord.

At our June, 2016 board meeting, we learned that some restructuring within the Community of Christ would mean a 33% decrease in the funds we would receive from the World Hunger Fund in November, 2016 for the program starting April 1 2017. This would increase to a 50% cut for the following year. This will have great impact. For the coming year we dropped funding of small programs with large partners who would not be seriously affected by the cut. No cuts to partners are planned for the upcoming year and we are looking for ways to deal with the losses in future program work.

On October 4th, 2016, Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti – hard. Not only were people killed and injured and buildings damaged and destroyed, but many of the crops ready for harvest were lost and the means to grow more food was lost too. This was another devastating hit for Haiti. We had no regular program there at the time but our partner was involved in disaster recovery work and we raised funds to help supply water and food kits for thousands of families.

On November 4th, 2016, was the historic signing of the Paris Accord which brought about Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unlike the Millennium Development Goals of the UN from 1999, these goals were created, and agreed to, by every nation in the world. These goals are achievable and come with a list of specific targets for each country. All countries agreed to year 2030 targets in the following areas: 1. No Poverty, 2. No Hunger, 3. Good Health and Well Being, 4. Quality Education, 5. Gender Equality, 6. Clean Water and Sanitation, 7. Affordable and Clean Energy, 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth, 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 10. Reduced Inequalities, 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities, 12. Responsible Consumption and Production, 13. Climate Action, 14. Life Below the Water, 15. Life on Land, 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and 17. Partnerships for the Goals.

World Accord already works towards several of these SDGs and will look forward to possibilities for funding to help us do more. Strategic plans done with all the partner organizations this year also highlighted the SDGs addressed in each program.

In the meantime, World Accord has begun work on a proposal for Global Affairs Canada in partnership with the Mennonite Economic Development Associates. The partnership is a good one since the call for proposals is looking for green economic development for indigenous women and youth in Guatemala. World Accord has the partnership with Mujeres en Acción and the experience with indigenous women in Guatemala whereas MEDA has experience managing large programs funded by Global Affairs Canada leading to green economic development. Together, we will create an excellent program proposal but realize there is a tremendous amount of competition for government funding.

So far 2018 looks promising but the sector is changing so we are working to ensure we keep up with the changes. Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to David Barth, the Executive Director. The signature is stylized and cursive, written over a white background.

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 and Nepal. 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.



OUR ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Area	Activity	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014	2012- 2013	Results
Food Production	Increased food security and household income	35%					Between 2015-2017, 1,300 program participants and their neighbours increase their capacity to grow food and care for their resource base
	Persons given support to access agricultural inputs (e.g., fertilizers, seeds; etc.), land or employment.	420	482	533	962	454	
	Improved lost soil quality	43%					
	Number of new technologies in agro-ecology implemented	5					
Sustainable Agriculture & Environment	Persons who received training in sustainable agriculture	487	532	569	1,281	233	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 also improved.
	Area farmed sustainably	84 Ha	71 Ha	53.Ha	21 Ha	7.8 Ha	
	Crop diversification	48%					
	Seed banks maintained	6	5	5	6	3	
Capacity Building & Skills Training	Persons who received training to improve food production	420	478	535	1,110	640	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. The partners also have sex-disaggregated data that enable them to focus mainly on women's needs. They have also included age-disaggregated information. Finally, our partners have tried to diversify their partnerships so that they can become more sustainable.
	Persons trained in community development	530	587	625	640	452	
	Trainers & leaders trained in community development, agriculture or financial management	87	80	68	72	461	
	Persons who received environmental protection training	187	192	240	496	629	
	Number of partnerships established	5					
Community Organizing	Local groups formed and / or supported	75	72	80	93	85	Program participants improved their capacity to work together, collectively gain access to the resources they need to meet their basic needs, and to become drivers of social change in their communities

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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.

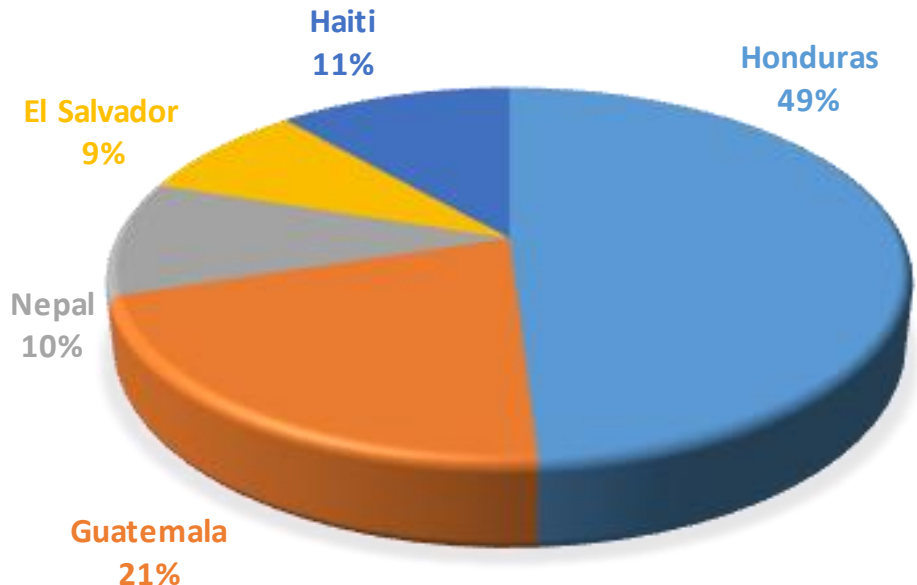
However, it contains limitations: it does not explain changes, positive or negative, due to environmental factors. Nor does it take into account the non-linear nature of development work progress. One year may be set back the next year due to a natural disaster, political instability or an economic downturn.

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, 2017

REVENUES	2017	2016
Donations	\$514,763	\$455,728
Grants from charitable organizations	\$221,000	\$281,471
Investment and other income	\$11,921	\$1,971
	\$747,684	\$739,170
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$90,677	\$98,894
Fundraising	\$93,013	\$134,095
Amortization of Property and Equipment	\$3,951	\$3,526
	\$187,641	\$236,515
Less		
Private core funding donations	-\$18,474	-\$25,158
Core funding from organizations	-\$40,404	-\$40,000
Wage Subsidy Grants	-\$615	-\$902
Operating Total	\$128,148	\$170,455
Programming		
Project development	\$85,766	\$110,813
Education	\$36,816	\$60,872
Project costs	\$409,845	\$492,620
Programming Total	\$532,427	\$664,305
	\$660,575	\$834,760
OPERATING EXCESS (Loss)	\$87,109	-\$95,590
NET ASSETS - Opening	\$204,178	\$299,768
NET ASSETS - Closing	\$291,287	\$204,178

PERCENTAGE OF PROGRAM BY COUNTRY

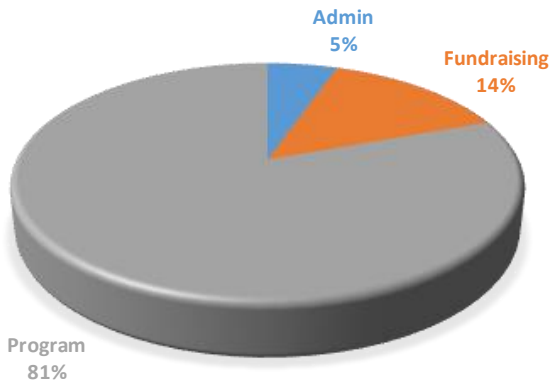


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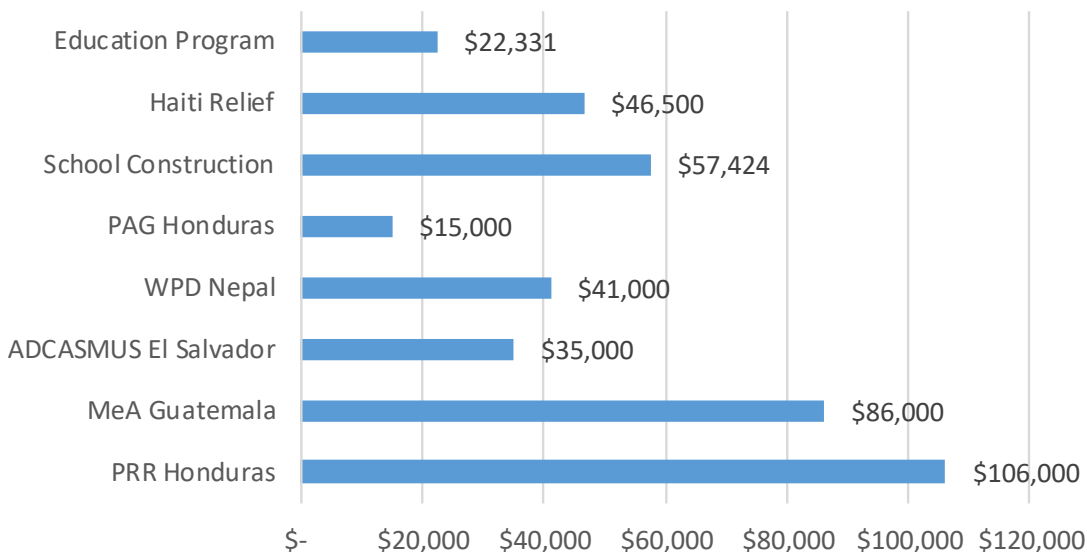
World Accord - International Development Agency Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2017

GENERAL FUND	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash	\$416,670	\$423,893
Short term Investments (Unrestricted)	\$29,005	\$17,236
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	\$10,830	\$6,587
Prepaid Expenses	\$0	\$500
	\$456,505	\$448,216
Office furniture and equipment	\$14,518	\$23,457
Accumulated amortization	\$8,826	\$14,387
	\$5,692	\$9,070
Long Term Investments	\$150,000	\$150,000
Contingency Reserve	\$150,000	\$150,000
	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$612,197	\$607,286
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	\$6,080	\$6,245
Funds Held in Trust	\$20,470	\$20,470
Deferred Revenue	\$294,360	\$376,393
General Fund Balance - unrestricted	\$135,595	\$45,108
General Fund Balance - Capital Assets	\$5,692	\$9,070
	\$462,197	\$457,286
RESERVE FUND		
Cash	\$150,000	\$150,000
FUND BALANCE- Unrestricted	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$612,197	\$607,286

NET ADMIN AND FUNDRAISING COSTS



Program Expenses by Country / Program



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





Jesus on the left is a happy man. There was never any opportunity to get ahead when he was growing up in rural Honduras. Now, however, he is glad to share his stories of success as he talks about his pigs. He received them through Project Global Village and World Accord. These pigs are like money in the bank. He has more than 10 pigs now and is able to sell one when necessary to pay for extraordinary expenses like medicine or other family emergencies. The program makes a pig available along with help to build a pig pen and training on how to care for and raise new pigs.

People in our programs are working hard to change their lives for the better. You can help them by giving generously to World Accord

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