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HIGHLIGHTS



Renovated marketplace invigorated trade

"I'm so grateful. I no longer need to sell my wares in the scorching sun or rain," says Ma Siah whose sales have increased at the Bo Waterside marketplace in Liberia.

Finn Church Aid renovated the marketplace with one of its partner organisations. There is now a ceiling, a proper floor and pillar walls. In addition, hygiene was improved as the result of a refurbished toilet and the installation of water outlets.

Members of the marketplace committee were given training. Together they will ensure that the small fee collected from the vendors is used for the common good.

The majority of the vendors are women, and over 5,000 people earn their livelihood through the market.

"The marketplace has been reinvigorated and sales have multiplied," says **Aila Waismaa**, Finn Church Aid's regional coordinator for West Africa.

Photo: Emmanuel Sandi

Eggs and honey

With the help of the Women's Bank, Palestinian women gained more income from agriculture. In the West Bank, women were supported in the production of eggs, honey and goat's milk. In addition, they tended gardens at home.

Meanwhile women with children were attending training sessions or working, their children were offered activities at a day care centre.

Chicken farming has become a successful source of added income in many other countries as well. The egg production of small chicken farms owned by the women in the West Bank nearly tripled, and their income increased accordingly.

The project committees of the



villages also initiated beekeeping and goat farming. The women also grow lettuce, cabbage, spinach, onions and thyme in their gardens at home.

These cooperative efforts benefited the women as production exceeded their household needs. The surplus agricultural produce provides a source of added income that offers stability for many families.

Photo: Johanna Norrdahl

New schools for remote villages

The journey to the village of Chrey Krem in Cambodia is long and the dirt road bumpy. Without a four-wheel drive, reaching the village would be almost impossible. The old school was a zinc-roofed wooden shack, unusable in poor or very hot weather.

The opening of a new school was celebrated in October 2012. The resplendently yellow building gives the villagers hope for a better future and makes education considerably easier.

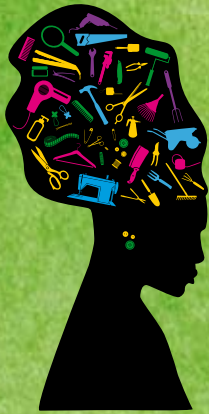
The construction of the Chrey Krem school, which is now filled with happy pupils, was made possible by confirmation class fundraisers and private donors. The need for a new



school has been great, as the number of children in the village is constantly increasing. In addition to building the actual school, desks were purchased for pupils and teachers, along with books, a well, sanitary facilities, a gate and a fence. In the middle of the playground, there is a colourful play park.

Finn Church Aid supports the education of Cambodians in remote regions where illiteracy is common.

Photo: Maija Kestilä



2012 fundraiser of the year

The Women's Bank volunteer network was selected as the 2012 fundraiser of the year when the Finnish Fundraising Association (VaLa) association gave recognition to Finnish fundraisers. The award acknowledged the work of thousands of volunteers participating in the Women's Bank.

In granting the award, the jury stated that "over the course of the past year, Women's Bank volunteers have organised over 500 events in 30 municipalities throughout Finland that have raised hundreds of thousands of euros for supporting women in developing countries."

According to the jury, Women's Bank appeals to people due to its good-natured and tenacious day-to-day activism that tears down traditional boundaries. "Women's Bank is growing, and is here to stay."

Women's Bank was also acknowledged internationally when it took part in the Global Awards 2012, earning a top-three place in the Outstanding Volunteer category.

Curbing violence

Violence continued to be an extremely serious problem in Honduras. Moreover, the state has failed to address it properly. This is due to the corruption that plagues the police, politicians, prosecuting authorities and courts alike. In the region of Copán, Finn Church Aid supports a project aimed at improving the safety of locals and resolving conflicts through mediation.

A municipal safety committee made up of civil society actors was established in 2012. In addition, volunteer mediators were trained to perform the tasks of the mediation centre. The purpose is to monitor and support public administrative measures in order to prevent and reduce violence.



"The active engagement of the people has placed pressure on municipal decision-makers to take action to increase safety," says **Saara Vuorensola-Barnes**, Finn Church Aid's regional coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Photo: Ville Asikainen

No shortage of work for masons

"Before, I had barely seen any money at all, but now I have a plot of land for building a house, my own telephone and domestic animals," lists **Prince**, a former member of a rebel group, enthusiastically.

Prince is a young man who was trained as a mason at the Tumaini educational centre in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. After graduation, he has worked at several construction sites in his home village.

In a matter of months, the young man's standard of living has improved significantly. In order to secure continued employment, he and his friend aim to set up a company

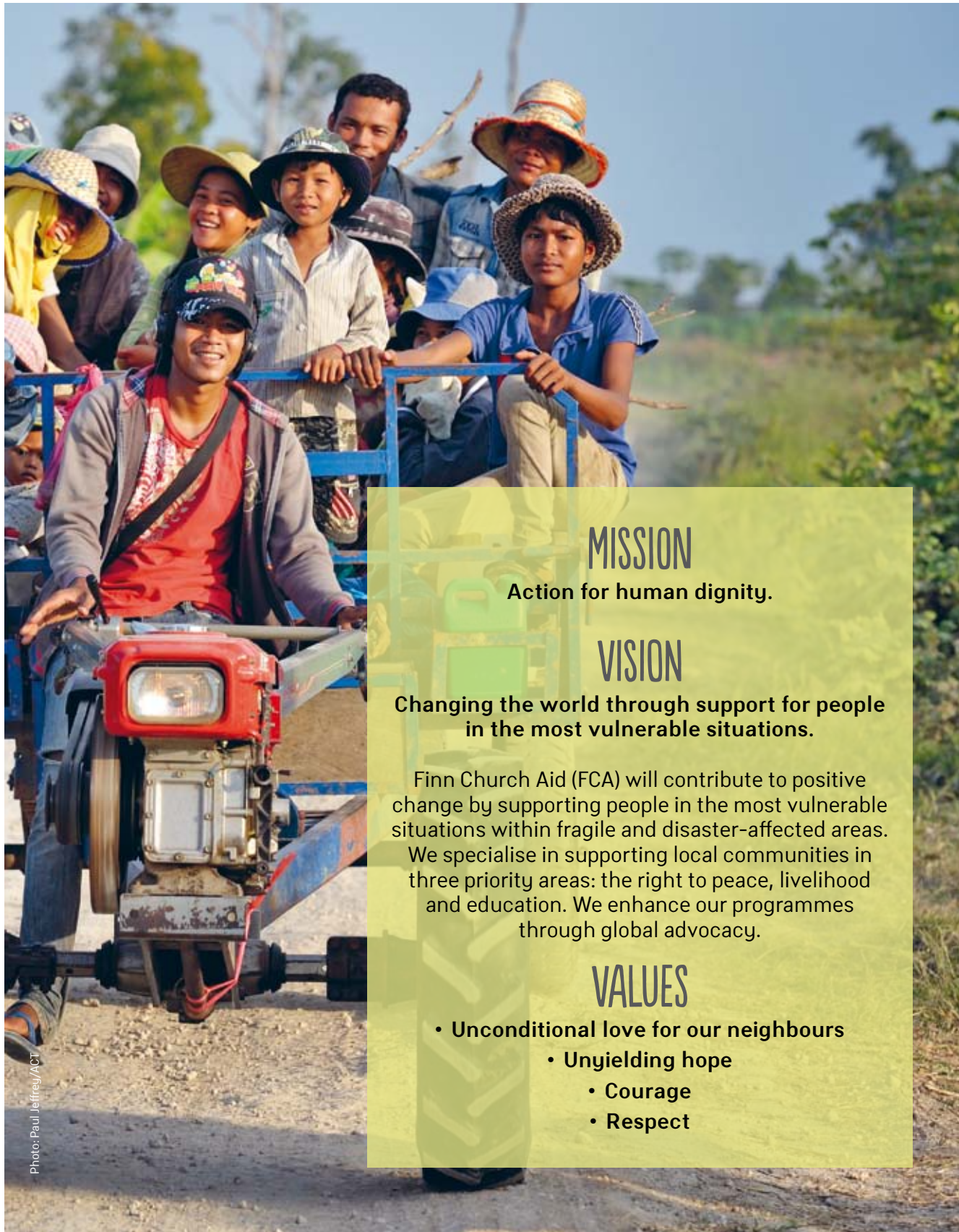


that produces cement bricks.

"My wife is now quite the social butterfly, since masons' wives are respected," Prince laughs.

"She is very happy and proud that I'm bringing in money."

Photo: Liisa Perkkio



MISSION

Action for human dignity.

VISION

Changing the world through support for people in the most vulnerable situations.

Finn Church Aid (FCA) will contribute to positive change by supporting people in the most vulnerable situations within fragile and disaster-affected areas. We specialise in supporting local communities in three priority areas: the right to peace, livelihood and education. We enhance our programmes through global advocacy.

VALUES

- Unconditional love for our neighbours
- Ungielding hope
 - Courage
 - Respect

We can change the world

During the past year, we have achieved significant results with your support, and we would like to outline these in this annual report. By establishing offices in our target countries, we have made the decision to be present. Now we carry the responsibility for the results of our work instead of charging someone else with the task.

Our new strategy enables us to better understand where we should focus our attention. New possibilities inspire us to continue our efforts.

In 2012, the continued unrest in Syria and the suffering of families caught in the maelstrom of violence dampened the spirits of many. At the same time, raising money for relief work has been difficult.

In addition, efforts to improve women's rights and end oppression of women do not seem to produce results quickly enough. Some 40% of all women in the world still experience the continuous threat of violence or violation of their rights.

We all have our own personal difficulties. How do you muster the courage to stand up for the oppressed in conflict zones where people are suffering at this very moment?

Love for your fellow man is more about small deeds than grand declarations. Amidst our day-to-day lives there exists a persistent force to counteract cynicism and the desire to give in. This also brings forth the strength needed to overcome greater difficulties.

Someone has cared for us, carried us and prayed for us. The image of God is still reflected in us, and it is strengthened by acts of caring, both great and small.

The purpose of Finn Church Aid is to provide you with tools for dealing with global problems. Alongside carefully planned financial aid we are constantly looking for ways to end structural oppression.

We would like to thank all our supporters and partners for being with us on this journey towards a world where human rights are realised for all. We could not do this without you. God bless you.

Antti Pentikäinen

Executive Director of Finn Church Aid

WE ALL HAVE OUR
OWN PERSONAL
DIFFICULTIES.



FINN CHURCH AID'S PROGRAMME COUNTRIES



HAITI COUNTRY OFFICE PORT-AU-PRINCE

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 19 people.
- The annual budget* was approximately EUR 3.1 million.
- Our work focused on rebuilding schools, supporting school activities with a school meal programme, developing disaster preparation, environmental protection and food security.



WEST AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 17 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 2.5 million.
- In Liberia and Sierra Leone, our work focused on food security and improved livelihood as well as the financial empowerment of women. The education of young people and women was supported in Sierra Leone. Aid for refugees from Côte d'Ivoire in Liberia was used primarily for developing education and income opportunities.



SOUTH SUDAN COUNTRY OFFICE JUBA

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 3 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 1.1 million.
- Our work focused on humanitarian aid in Darfur and South Sudan, where support was given to communities recovering from the repercussions of the long war there. In the more peaceful areas of South Sudan, education on human rights and democracy was supported by working with local communities, traditional leaders and schools. Preparedness for catastrophes and teacher education were also promoted.

* Includes the budgets of each office and the programmes it manages.



CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE GOMA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 7 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 2.8 million.
- Our work focused on humanitarian aid and development cooperation in Eastern Congo. This involved agricultural development, the rebuilding of schools, vocational training for young people and women, psychosocial support for traumatised women and young people, education on women's rights, and legal advice.



HEADQUARTERS HELSINKI

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 107 people.
- We focused our efforts on advocacy work, citizen action, fundraising, and communications, as well as on the development of programme work and administration.



ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 6 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 3.9 million.
- Our work focused on improving food security and the livelihood of people, rebuilding schools, supporting financial empowerment of women, and preparing for climate change and disasters. Livelihood-related projects included human rights education, particularly regarding land rights. The operational capabilities of local partners were also supported.



MIDDLE EAST OFFICE AMMAN, JORDAN

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 8 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 1.5 million.
- Our work focused on aiding those suffering as a result of the Syrian civil war as well as on providing civic education in Jordan, the Palestinian territories and Lebanon.



SOMALIA COUNTRY OFFICES HARGEISA, SOMALILAND GAROWE, PUNTLAND

- At the end of 2012, the offices employed 25 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 1.7 million.
- Our work focused on humanitarian aid and peace work with religious and traditional leaders.

EAST AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE NAIROBI, KENYA

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 7 people.
- The annual budget was approximately EUR 5 million.
- Our work focused on supporting programme work in East Africa and on humanitarian aid at the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya.

IN THE FIELD

A focus on rights has guided the work of Finn Church Aid for several years now. The realisation of human rights is not only a goal of development but also a pre-requisite for meeting this goal. We believe that life with human dignity and justice can only come to pass if all people know their rights and responsibilities.

People must have the awareness and will to demand their rights. In addition, duty bearers need to recognise and carry out their own obligations.

Rights-based development cooperation reinforces the awareness that people in developing countries have of their rights. It supports their efforts to defend and demand these rights.

Poverty is seen as a question of human rights, not as a lack of material goods or resources.

In practice, our work concentrates on educating local communities and supporting their operational capabilities through our local partners.

Achieving the best result regarding rights requires work with people in the field. Finn Church Aid's new strategy for 2013–2016 will steer the organisation towards specialisation in international operations.



We believe in the ability of local communities to best solve the challenges that arise in their contexts. We are committed to supporting the rights of local communities to peace, subsistence and education.

As part of our previous strategy, Finn Church Aid decided to establish its own field offices. Currently, the organisation has six regional offices and two country offices.

In years to come, we will implement even stronger measures through our regional offices

in the field. In order to improve our effectiveness, we will allocate an increasing amount of resources to programme countries. We will carry out our work in direct cooperation with local partners in locations where the need for aid is greatest.



■ ■ FINN CHURCH AID
BROUGHT PEACE WORK,
LOCAL OWNERSHIP
AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS
TO THE TABLE.



Involvement in the Somali peace process

In April 2012, the Somalian government requested Finn Church Aid to assist in the country's peace process and rebuilding efforts. On this assignment, the organisation brought the concepts of peace work, local ownership and women's rights to the table when guidelines for the country's future were being decided.

Heeding this call was an indication of the dynamic nature of Finn Church Aid – an attribute that is essential in peace work. Even more important is to see why this work is crucial for building peace and what the organisation has done to build a trust so strong that the request was made in the first place.

In peace work, as in many other efforts, Finn Church Aid focuses on how to best support the human dignity and rights of the people in conflict countries.

In order to achieve sustainable change, grassroots relief work has to be accompanied by those parties, such as governments, that are responsible for the realisation of rights, committing themselves to being genuinely accountable to the people.

Peace is a right that duty bearers must guarantee their citizens.

In numerous meetings with the Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Constitution and Reconciliation, Finn Church Aid brought to the fore the willingness of traditional Somali leaders to be involved in the planning of the country's future and its peace process. Before Finn Church Aid opened up channels of discussion in 2011, the UN, which had supported the government, had practically no contact with the clan leaders.

Without the local peace work we conducted with religious and clan leaders that began in 2007, Finn Church Aid could not have credibly supported the functioning of the Somali central government. On the other hand, strong advocacy efforts and cooperation with the UN enabled the international community to understand the role of the traditional Somali leaders as a force for ensuring stability.

LONG-TERM PEACE WORK

The survey conducted by Finn Church Aid in 2007 with regard to the role of traditional and religious Somali leaders in building peace indicated that in fragile nations such as Somalia, traditional and religious networks and institutions have a significant impact on finding sustainable solutions.

On this basis, Finn Church Aid has worked with traditional and religious leaders at the local level. In addition, our organisation has engaged in efforts to influence the international community in order to involve these religious and traditional leaders in the peace-building process.



THE CHICKENS
BRING US JOY AND
HAPPINESS.

Eggs get children to school

Many of **Musu Tiah's** dreams have come true. This 90-year old has lived a long life and is pleased about the development of her village. The 'Madame' serves as the village leader, and she is also involved in a group of five families that raise chickens in her village of Kpai in Sierra Leone.

Tiah has five children and a whole slew of grandchildren. A total of 30 hens lay eggs in the new chicken coop. The family's little helpers take care of the chickens, which are provided with clean water and food twice a day.

Fifteen families raise chickens in the village of Kpai. The families are split into three groups and support one another.

Eggs also create income for others besides the chicken farmers themselves. In order to produce

quality eggs, hens require feed, which is grown by local farmers. In the villages, the eggs are packaged in cartons and delivery vehicles carry them to nearby market places, which in turn generates income for the drivers. The eggs are then distributed to market vendors, who get their own share of the profits. Finally, the young people of the village collect the filler trays and return them to the breeders for a small fee.

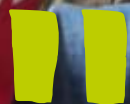
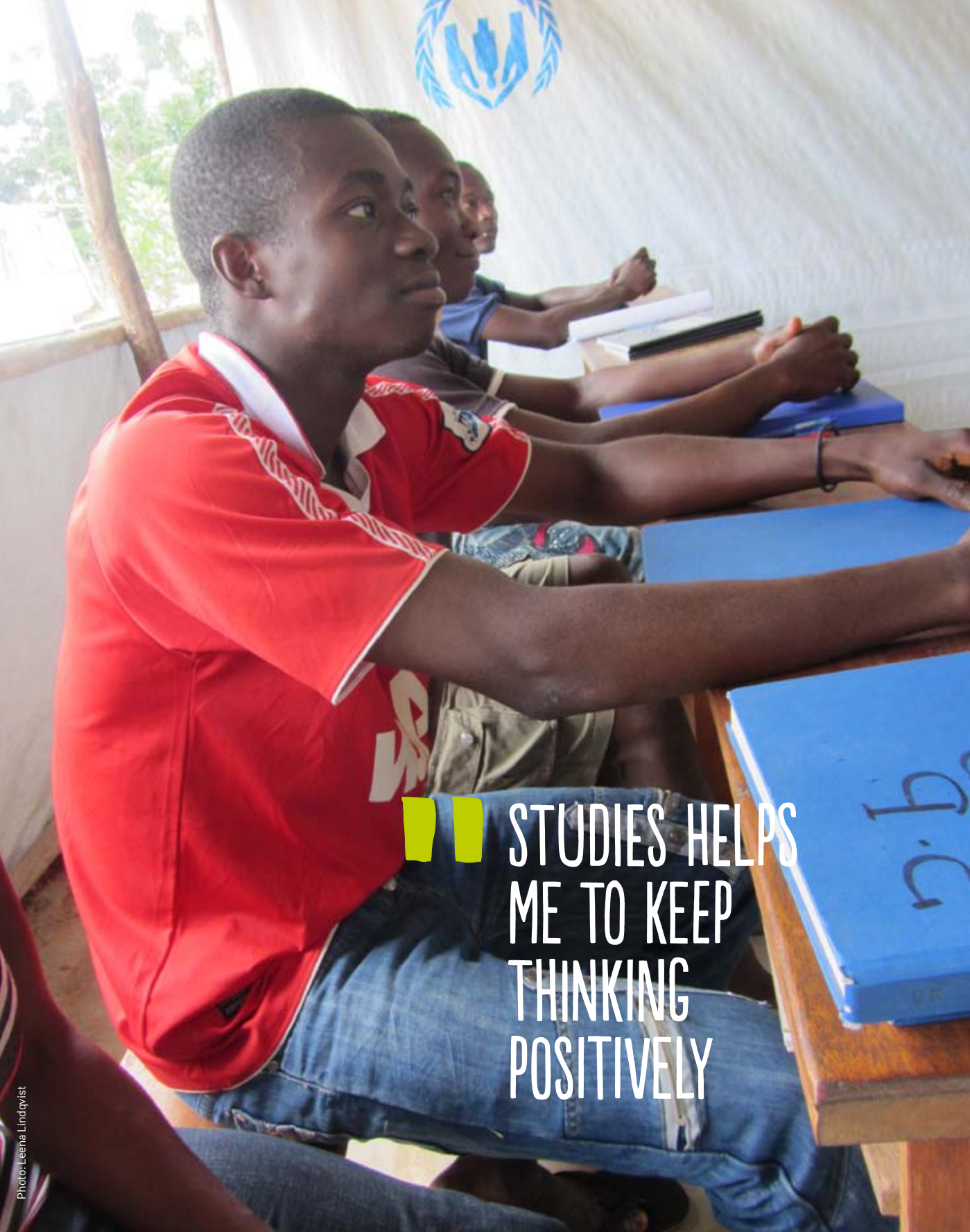
"The chickens bring us joy and happiness. Now we have enough food. We used our first earnings for a feast. Still, the most important thing is that I can pay my grandchildren's school fees and buy their uniforms," Tiah rejoices.

She can already see how the additional income, which is communally managed, is helping to develop the entire village.

LIVELIHOOD: CHAIN REACTION

Raising chickens does not secure a livelihood on its own. Income is generated by products finding their way to markets. The chain from the chicken farmers to markets benefits many parties. Local production reduces the need to import eggs – the majority of eggs sold in Sierra Leone are shipped to the country all the way from Europe and even Asia!

Everyone has the right to a secure livelihood. Improved livelihood is one of the themes in which Finn Church Aid specialises. In particular, we focus on promoting small entrepreneurship among women and young people, as well as on organising related vocational training.



STUDIES HELPS
ME TO KEEP
THINKING
POSITIVELY

Refugees want an education

Teenagers who had escaped the ongoing violence in Côte d'Ivoire were able to continue their school education at a refugee camp where Finn Church Aid had set up an upper comprehensive school. The school, which began operating in March 2012, is a unique project, since aid organisations normally focus on maintaining lower comprehensive schools.

"Luckily, we found teachers who had official qualifications among the refugees," says regional representative **Leena Lindqvist** of the West Africa Regional Office.

In the aftermath of a catastrophe, there is a dan-

ger of so-called lost generations emerging when the school education of an entire age group is interrupted. It may be impossible to return to school later.

"The camp school gave me an opportunity to continue my studies, which helps me to keep thinking positively. Before I went back to school, I was constantly thinking about unpleasant things," student **Minzian** says.

Kouho, a teacher of history and geography, aims to provide the best possible education.

"I do my best to continuously improve the quality of my classes."

CATASTROPHES MUST NOT IMPEDE CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO LEARN

The importance of education has long been known in development cooperation. In recent years, it has also been highlighted as an essential element in humanitarian aid. Regardless of the situation in which a child lives, the right to learn remains unchanged. This right is defined in international conventions on human rights.

When children and young people are able to go to school in spite of a catastrophe, they not

only learn but can also focus their thoughts on more positive things. Schools are safe havens in often unsafe environments. They create day-to-day routines allowing adults to concentrate on improving their family's situation and livelihood.

By means of both development cooperation and humanitarian aid, Finn Church Aid supports the right of children and young people to education.

Syrian civil war increases already high refugee numbers

In 2012, the Syrian people lived in the midst of civil war. Many have sought refuge in neighbouring countries, a fact also observed at the border between Syria and Jordan. By night, the border was sometimes crossed by thousands of people.

In Jordan, the dangerous escape often ended up at the Zaatari refugee camp. Finn Church Aid's relief work among Syrian refugees began in July. At the time, the number of adults and children living in the camp was estimated to be at least 40,000. The actual figure is difficult to estimate.

The camp was established in the desert in the immediate

vicinity of the Syrian border. In July, the blistering heat was exhausting and people suffered from respiratory symptoms caused by scalding dust. The camp had a shortage of water for food and sanitary purposes, but no one suffered from hunger.

TENT CAMP EXPECTED A COLD WINTER

"The refugees have witnessed horrendous things. Some were severely traumatised," recounts humanitarian aid expert **Antti Toivanen** of Finn Church Aid.

The need for education and psychological support is great. It is important to improve the

well-being of young people living under such conditions, as frustration takes its toll on safety within camps.

"After some negotiations, we decided to organise activities for young people past school age. Young men, in particular, need something meaningful to do so as to keep them from growing frustrated and forming gangs," Toivanen continues.

In 2012, plans were made for the coming year. They include training and tools for life management – instructor-led sports and exercise for girls and boys, among other things.

Early in the morning, boys run amongst the tents in the Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan.





OVERLOOKED CONFLICTS IN AFRICA

In 2012, numerous conflicts continued in Africa. However, these were largely ignored by the media. The violent civil war that has raged in the Democratic Republic of the Congo received especially little attention. The calming down of the situation in Somalia has not yet become apparent at the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, already home to a massive number of refugees. In 2012, hundreds of thousands Somali refugees arrived at the camp. Over 500,000 people are estimated to live in Dadaab.

An essential goal of the humanitarian work conducted by Finn Church Aid in 2012 was to revitalise income opportunities and secure educational possibilities for children and young people.

- Projects related to livelihood were included in humanitarian aid for example in Kenya, Mali, Mauritania and Somalia.
- Educational projects were implemented for example in South Sudan, Kenya and Liberia.

HUMANITARIAN AID IN 2012

Chad - food relief	375 000 €
South Sudan - disaster and food relief	640 000 €
Ethiopia - humanitarian aid	54 670 €
Haiti - Hurricane ISAAC	108 000 €
East Africa – disaster relief	300 000 €
Jordan - humanitarian aid	207 931 €
Central African Republic - food relief	225 000 €
Democratic Republic of the Congo - humanitarian aid and returnees	805 583 €
Liberia - humanitarian aid	760 594 €
Mali - food relief	300 000 €
Mauritania - drought	200 000 €
Pakistan - flood relief	50 000 €
The Palestinian territories - humanitarian aid	258 926 €
The food crisis in the Sahel region	100 000 €
Sudan - disaster relief for Darfur	100 000 €
Syria - humanitarian aid	150 000 €
Chad - flood relief	50 000 €
Uganda - disaster relief for Congolese refugees	50 000 €



Jarno and Jarppi from "the Dudesons" decided to participate in supporting the campaign. They strongly believe that the situation of young people in developing countries can be improved.

Education opportunities for the young

'A Key to Employment', Finn Church Aid's two-year action campaign (2012-2013), calls for good education opportunities and decent work for young people in developing countries.

Startling black-and-white posters and a thought-provoking television spot were used to raise awareness of the Finnish public concerning the situation of the youth in developing countries. The world-famous stunt group "the Dudesons" also participated in supporting the campaign.

The number of youth, aged 14-25, in the world has reached 1.2 billion. Never before has this generation been so big. And 90 per cent of the world's youth live in the developing countries.

In the coming years, the relative number of young people in the world population will continue to grow. Therefore, the youth will have a growing significance in the development of their countries and communities. That is why we have to secure their right to education, work and equal participation in society. Especially young people in post-conflict, fragile situations need more attention.

The aim of Finn Church Aid's campaign 'A Key to Employment' is to create a better future for young people in developing countries by offering better opportunities for education and employment.

Finn Church Aid supports education and employment for the young in, for example, the

Democratic Republic of Congo and Honduras. These two countries are the main target countries of the action campaign. In both countries, opportunities for the youth are slim.

The Dudesons visited Liberia in 2012 to learn about the situation of young people there. One episode of the television series the "Dudesons Home Invasions" was shot in Liberia, and aired in March 2013. The Dudesons have supported the campaign also on Facebook.

During the campaign, signatures are collected for a petition. At the end of 2013, the petition will be presented to the President of Finland, **Sauli Niinistö**. The petition requests the president to take action for the youth whenever he holds the key for relevant decisions.

FCA launched Teachers without Borders

At the end of (the year) 2012, Finn Church Aid launched a new voluntary network called Teachers without Borders. The network will offer Finnish education professionals various ways to participate in supporting Finn Church Aid's work both in Finland and abroad.

It is more and more common that people wish to use their professional skills and expertise for voluntary work. Teachers without Borders responds to this trend by opening a way for education professionals to support Finn Church Aid's work. Finn Church Aid also wants to involve education professionals in the process of further developing the concept of Teachers without Borders.

The first objective for the network is to support teachers' pedagogical knowledge in developing countries, especially in fragile states. The plans include offering pedagogical education for teachers in (the) developing countries.

The second objective is to support global education in Finnish schools. The network Teachers without Borders will develop tools, methods and new materials that teachers can utilize in schools.

The third objective is to offer education professionals new opportunities to build up their knowledge and gain new experiences.

Finn Church Aid invites and encourages different actors – decision-makers, higher education institutions and teachers – to join in developing the network.

More information: opettajatilmanrajoja.fi



Teachers without Borders

FINN CHURCH AID

Partners and cooperation networks

Finn Church Aid participates in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland's international diaconia in collaboration with international organisations, local civil society actors and other Finnish agencies.

Finn Church Aid is a founding member of the **ACT Alliance**. ACT is an alliance of churches and church-related organisations that work together in development work, humanitarian aid and advocacy. It is one of the largest aid agencies in the world. ACT Alliance has 130 members and it operates in 140 countries. ACT Alliance mobilizes approximately EUR 1.6 billion annually on working for and with those living in the poorest countries of the world. In 2012, Finn Church Aid participated in a variety of humanitarian actions in cooperation with other ACT members. FCA also supported the development of global advocacy within the Alliance.

Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is FCA's oldest and by volume the single largest partner in implementing development and humanitarian aid programs. In 2012 FCA cooperated with 17 LWF country programs FCA also supported LWF mem-

ber churches' small scale development projects and LWF's global advocacy.

Finn Church Aid supports the programmes of the **World Council of Churches (WCC)**, which promote equality, human rights, peace and fair international trade. In 2012, Finn Church Aid participated in WCC's peace work in particular.

We also enhanced our cooperation with **UN organisations**, especially in education. Finn Church Aid participated in the global Education cluster cooperation specializing in Education in Emergencies. We collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Development Programme (UNDP), Population Fund (UNFPA), Refugee Agency (UNCHR), Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) and Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) during various crises.

In addition to international partners, Finn Church Aid has a growing number of small **bilateral partners**. These local partners include churches and church-related diaconal organisations, religious groups, as well as other NGOs and civil society actors.

Networks

Finn Church Aid supports or is a member of various networks and thematic organisations. **APRODEV** is an advocacy association of European development organisations related to the World Council of Churches. Its main tasks include promoting fairness and reducing poverty by influencing the European Union's development cooperation policies as well as providing information to its member organisations. Finn Church Aid is also a member of **VOICE** (Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies), a network of European non-governmental organisations providing humanitarian aid, and the **Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA)**.

In its home country, Finn Church Aid is a member of **Kepa**, the umbrella organisation for Finnish civil society organisations involved in development cooperation or otherwise interested in global affairs. It is also a member of **Kehys**, the national platform of CONCORD, the European federation of non-governmental relief and development organisations. Finn Church Aid collaborates closely with dioceses and parishes as well as the Common Responsibility Campaign in the field of international diaconia. Finn Church Aid is also a member of the Finnish Ecumenical Council.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs partner organisation

Finn Church Aid is a **partner organisation** of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Finn Church Aid has a funding agreement of EUR 22.2 million with the Ministry for 2010–2012. In addition, Finn Church Aid has an agreement with ECHO (European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department) for 2008–2012.

Administration

The Finn Church Aid Foundation is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors appointed by the Council for International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. A three-member working subcommittee supports the work of the Board. The Board has three deputy members. In 2012, the Board convened six times and the subcommittee convened four times.

Board of Directors in 2012:

Anni Vepsäläinen, Managing Director, Chair
Matti Repo, Bishop, Vice-Chair

Members:

Pekka Haavisto, Member of Parliament
Tarja Kantola, International Adviser
Pia Kummel-Myrskog, Head Secretary
Kimmo Kääriäinen, Ecclesiastical Counsellor
Tapio Luoma, Bishop
Ritva Ohmeroluoma, MBA
Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of EU Parliament
Helena Tuominen, Diocesan Secretary
Merja Ylä-Anttila, Editor-in-Chief

Deputy members:

Ilkka Mattila, Director
Tuomas Aho, Attorney
Henni Alava, Master of Social Sciences

Secretary:

Antti Pentikäinen

Working subcommittee in 2012:

The subcommittee was chaired by **Anni Vepsäläinen**, Chair of the Board (deputy: **Kimmo Kääriäinen**). The members of the subcommittee were **Helena Tuominen** (**Tarja Kantola**) and **Pia Kummel-Myrskog** (**Tuomas Aho**). The secretary of the subcommittee was **Antti Pentikäinen**.

Expert members invited by the Board:

Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary, Finnish Ecumenical Council
Kalle Kuusimäki, Director of Diaconia, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Risto Jukko, Director, Office for Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Riina Nguyen, Project Manager, Orthodox Church Aid from Finland (OrtAid)

The members of the Board of Directors' audit committee, were **Ritva Ohmeroluoma** (chair), **Tuomas Aho** and **Henni Alava**.

Executive Director **Antti Pentikäinen** represented Finn Church Aid in the following cooperation organisations:

Department for Foreign Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; Committee for Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; Yle Helps Foundation of the Finnish Broadcasting Company; Orthodox Church Aid from Finland; Common Responsibility Campaign; Helsinki Diaconess Institute Foundation.

Finn Church Aid was also represented in the following groups and organisations:

ACT Alliance
Advisory Committee for Civilian Crisis Management, organisational division
Aprodev
The Development Policy Committee
The Friday Group of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development
The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights (KIOS)
Civil Society Conflict Prevention Network (KATU)
Climate Action Network Europe CAN-E
Coordination Europe Haiti COEH
Human Rights Advisory Board (IONK)
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland's working group on ecumenical connections
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland's advisory committee on human rights (KION)
Finnish Somalia Network
Network 1325 (women and peace)

Social Responsibility

Finn Church Aid ensures social responsibility through ethically and ecologically sound operations.

Finn Church Aid is

- A **Green Office** certified by WWF
- A fair trade workplace and a founding member of **Fairtrade Finland**. We use fair trade products.
- A member of **Finnwatch**, an organisation studying and monitoring Finnish companies operating in developing countries.

Finn Church Aid Programme Areas 2012

Programme areas		(Thousands of euros)					
Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Africa	4 025	0	1 845	3 262	4 019	13 151	47,9 %
Asia	2 237	0	457	783	398	3 875	14,1 %
Middle East	0	197	125	797	354	1 473	5,4 %
Latin America	887	0	0	560	1 696	3 143	11,4 %
Europe	0	0	0	717	37	754	2,7 %
Global programmes	724	432	96	104	480	1 836	6,7 %
TOTAL	7 873	630	2 522	6 223	6 984	24 232	88,2 %
Planning and monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	3 242	11,8 %
INTERNATIONAL WORK TOTAL	7 873	630	2 522	6 223	6 984	27 474	100,0 %

AFRICA							
Country	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Angola	672	0	0	316	0	988	7,5 %
Burkina Faso	0	0	100	0	0	100	0,8 %
Burundi	218	0	0	0	20	237	1,8 %
Central African Republic	0	0	0	68	6	74	0,6 %
Djibouti	58	0	0	0	0	58	0,4 %
Ethiopia	489	0	159	79	0	727	5,5 %
Eritrea	127	0	0	0	3	130	1,0 %
Kenya	5	0	38	0	462	505	3,8 %
Congo dem. republic	899	0	275	0	887	2 061	15,7 %
Liberia	0	0	50	418	1 239	1 707	13,0 %
Mali	0	0	0	283	0	283	2,1 %
Mauritania	0	0	186	0	0	186	1,4 %
Mozambique	661	0	0	49	13	723	5,5 %
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	626	159	784	6,0 %
Somalia	0	0	213	718	785	1 716	13,0 %
Sudan	35	0	353	511	229	1 128	8,6 %
Chad	7	0	421	0	22	451	3,4 %
Uganda	803	0	50	99	0	952	7,2 %
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	44	0	44	0,3 %
Africa, other	50	0	0	51	193	294	2,2 %
TOTAL	4 025	0	1 845	3 262	4 019	13 151	100,0 %

LWF = Lutheran World Federation
WCC = World Council of Churches
ACT = ACT Alliance

ASIA

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Afganistan	0	0	0	101	0	101	2,6 %
Bangladesh	0	0	0	235	0	235	6,1 %
India	0	0	0	98	0	98	2,5 %
Cambodia	1 228	0	49	243	353	1 873	48,3 %
Myanmar	124	0	0	86	0	211	5,4 %
Nepal	781	0	0	21	0	802	20,7 %
Pakistan	50	0	409	0	0	459	11,8 %
Asia, other	53	0	0	0	44	97	2,5 %
TOTAL	2 237	0	457	783	398	3 875	100,0 %

MIDDLE EAST

	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
TOTAL	0	197	125	797	354	1 473	100,0 %

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Central America**	519	0	0	115	40	674	21,4 %
Peru	0	0	0	202	0	202	6,4 %
Haiti	368	0	0	228	1 656	2 252	71,6 %
Latin America, other	0	0	0	15	0	15	0,5 %
TOTAL	887	0	0	560	1 696	3 143	100,0 %

**including Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras

EUROPE

Land	LVF	KV	ACT	Bilateralt	Egna/andra projekt	Sammanlagt	%
Kosovo	0	0	0	279	10	289	38,3 %
Serbia	0	0	0	85	4	89	11,8 %
Russia	0	0	0	299	19	318	42,1 %
Europe, other	0	0	0	54	4	58	7,7 %
TOTAL	0	0	0	717	37	754	100,0 %

INCOME STATEMENT

Euro	1.1. – 31.12.2012	1.1. – 31.12.2011
ACTUAL OPERATIONS		
Aid activities		
Income		
From the Government	12 791 213,02	12 643 810,03
From the EU	674 152,98	40 000,00
From parishes	7 030 656,70	7 833 443,36
International funding sources	510 685,13	1 159 936,76
Other income	<u>84 540,38</u>	<u>56 853,47</u>
	21 091 248,21	21 734 043,62
Expenditure		
Direct aid	-19 820 080,15	-19 496 306,50
Staff expenditure	-4 663 165,20	-3 965 024,07
Other expenditure	<u>-2 990 298,28</u>	<u>-2 254 269,60</u>
	-27 473 543,63	-25 715 600,17
	-6 382 295,42	-3 981 556,55
Support functions for aid activities		
Communications, education and advocacy work		
Income	588 632,36	512 586,40
Expenditure		
Staff expenditure	-952 065,93	-858 686,26
Other operational expenditure	<u>-1 179 142,28</u>	<u>-1 064 031,79</u>
	-2 131 208,21	-1 922 718,05
	-1 542 575,85	-1 410 131,65
General administration		
Income	8 112,97	5 010,43
Expenditure		
Staff expenditure	-1 098 765,57	-1 015 957,54
Other operational expenditure	<u>-151 050,55</u>	<u>-247 365,44</u>
	-1 249 816,12	-1 263 322,98
	-1 241 703,15	-1 258 312,55
Trading deficit of actual operations	-9 166 574,42	-6 650 000,75
FUNDRAISING		
Income		
Donations from private persons	9 669 836,34	6 561 435,33
From companies and organisations	583 989,99	712 927,91
Other income	<u>9 177,12</u>	<u>4 162,89</u>
	10 263 003,45	7 278 526,13
Expenditure	<u>-2 227 431,75</u>	<u>-2 038 471,49</u>
	8 035 571,70	5 240 054,64
Income/trading deficit	-1 131 002,72	-1 409 946,11
INVESTMENT AND FUNDING OPERATIONS		
Income	216 906,15	222 913,58
Expenditure	<u>-5 279,20</u>	<u>-64 832,10</u>
	211 626,95	158 081,48
Income/trading deficit	-919 375,77	-1 251 864,63
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Operational assistance from the Church Council	<u>680 000,00</u>	<u>655 000,00</u>
Profit before fund appropriations	-239 375,77	-596 864,63
FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
Appropriations to Aid Fund	<u>126,94</u>	<u>-1 409,34</u>
FINANCIAL YEAR SURPLUS/DEFICIT	<u>-239 248,83</u>	<u>-598 273,97</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Euro	31.12.2012	31.12.2011
ASSETS		
FIXED ASSETS		
Intangible assets		
IT software	71 162,10	120 166,28
Tangible assets		
Machinery and investments	108 460,88	126 914,16
Investments		
Other shares and investments	54 161,50	59 406,70
Bond loans	<u>1 000 000,00</u>	<u>942 500,00</u>
	1 054 161,50	1 001 906,70
Receivables		
Short term		
Paid advances	1 563 479,11	2 545 707,69
Receivables carried forward	636 592,76	383 174,98
Other receivables	<u>199 081,95</u>	<u>117 080,73</u>
	2 399 153,82	3 045 963,40
Cash in hand and at banks	9 682 353,35	12 275 435,79
ASSETS TOTAL	<u>13 315 291,65</u>	<u>16 570 386,33</u>
LIABILITIES		
EQUITY		
Equity capital	33 637,59	33 637,59
Other funds allocated to certain activities		
Aid Fund 1985	115 731,32	115 858,26
Retained earnings	5 654 341,23	6 252 615,20
Financial year surplus/deficit	<u>-239 248,83</u>	<u>-598 273,97</u>
	5 564 461,31	5 654 341,23
EXTERNAL CAPITAL		
Current		
Advances received	6 139 555,87	9 454 055,75
Accounts payable	517 425,72	280 403,03
Other liabilities	238 007,09	160 489,88
Accruals and deferred income	<u>855 841,66</u>	<u>871 600,59</u>
	7 750 830,34	10 766 549,25
LIABILITIES TOTAL	<u>13 315 291,65</u>	<u>16 570 386,33</u>

In a state of change

In 2012, Finn Church Aid used a total of EUR 33.1 million in international aid and other operations. This represents a 6.7% increase over the previous year. The organisation's total income stood at EUR 32.8 million, an 8.0% increase from the previous year. The income includes EUR 2,7 million from previous years.

The deficit for the 2012 financial year was EUR 0.2 million. Equity stood at EUR 5.6 million while the corresponding amount for the previous financial period was EUR 5.8 million.

The Board of Directors of Finn Church Aid approved a new strategy for 2013–2016, which will bring to completion the already initiated phase of change and strongly guide the foundation's operations in the future.

Finn Church Aid has moved into the field to support its partners, enhanced its advocacy activities and is looking to build up an international profile in its areas of expertise. These choices constitute a fundamental revision of the foundation's operational practices.

Personnel

At the end of 2012, Finn Church Aid had a total of 199 employees, of whom 107 worked at the Helsinki office, 24 served at the local overseas offices and 68 had been hired locally.

Total person-years stood at 194, of which 132 were attributable to Helsinki-based employees and field workers and 62 to locally recruited personnel.

Future development

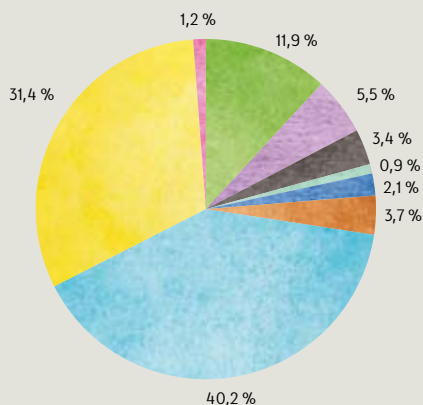
On the basis of its new strategy, Finn Church Aid will henceforth focus on three themes: the rights to peace, education and livelihood.

Within the framework of these themes, Finn Church Aid must find sufficiently defined areas of expertise on which a small organisation can focus and produce verifiable results through its own efforts. In addition, Finn Church Aid will, in the future, operate primarily through its overseas offices.

Presence in the field has increased the operational costs of Finn Church Aid. Therefore, this field presence must also produce clear added value to our partners. At the same time, tasks performed at the headquarters must be relocated to the overseas offices in a controlled fashion, thereby reducing the administrative costs incurred at the headquarters. Finn Church Aid has decided to seek financial growth primarily through international fundraising.

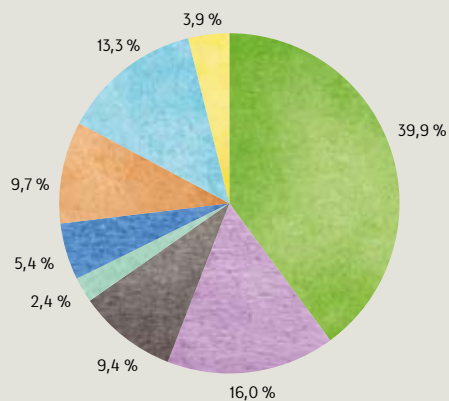
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FINN CHURCH AID INCOME 2012



	%	milj. €
Parish Budget Contributions	11,9	3,9
Common Responsibility Campaign	5,5	1,8
Church Collections	3,4	1,1
Other Parish Contribution	0,9	0,3
Ecclesiastical Board	2,1	0,7
International Funding	3,7	1,2
Government funding	40,2	13,2
Private Donations	31,4	10,3
Other Income	1,2	0,4
TOTAL	100,0	32,8

FINN CHURCH AID EXPENDITURE 2012



	%	milj. €
Africa	39,9	13,2
Asia and Middle East	16,0	5,3
Latin America	9,4	3,1
Europe	2,4	0,8
Global programmes	5,4	1,8
Planning and monitoring	9,7	3,2
Domestic Work	13,3	4,4
Administration	3,9	1,3
TOTAL	100,0	33,1

Domestic work includes the costs of fundraising, communications and global education in Finland. Administration includes the costs of the directors' office, finance and general administration.



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