

July – September 2022

Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza (Director: Suhaila Tarazi)

Thank God that a recent evaluation report has highlighted that the medical side of the work at the hospital is proceeding smoothly; in particular, breast cancer diagnosis, treatment and awareness raising.

Pray for the people of Gaza as they face the ongoing protracted crisis. For the past 15 years the entire population has endured a blockade of land, air, and sea. The already severe strain on the population of having to live through four conflicts in the past 15 years has had devastating consequences for mental health, with many across the Gaza Strip struggling to cope with complex trauma.

Spafford Children's Center, East Jerusalem (CEO: Shahd Souri)

Continue to pray for Palestinian children as they face heightened risk of violence, exploitation and abuse due to movement restrictions, closure of schools and the interruption of mental health supports due to the pandemic.

Thank God that, despite the above traumas, the children at the centre are making great gains in English, Arabic and maths, thanks to their dedicated teachers.

Anglican Church of Melanesia, Vanuatu (Project leader: Ethel George)

Pray for the *Safe, Resilient Communities* project as it works on creating and nurturing safe, resilient communities before, during and after disasters, changing people's beliefs and harmful attitudes towards violence against women and girls, and protecting children and those living with disability from harm and abuse.

Pray that women and children in particular will feel safer and be protected from violence as a result of the work of the project.

Anglican Church of Melanesia, Solomon Islands (Director: Dr Abraham Hauriasi)

Pray for the work of people such as Anglican Church of Melanesia project officer, Rebecca Moli, and their work with communities. Particularly pray for wisdom and safety for them.

Pray for more women to come together, share their experiences and support each other to become role models of change in communities.

Anglican Church of Kenya, Mount Kenya West, Kenya (Director: Millicent Wambugu)

Thank God that the *Imarisha Maisha* project is strengthening community structures to promote safety, resilience and self-reliance, particularly through community leaders being given greater knowledge of legal rights, including in the areas of family violence and child protection.

Thank God for the abundance of hope in the communities supported by the project, particularly for women such as Gladys, who lives with a disability and spends her time encouraging other people to give back to their communities in the same way she is doing.

Diocese of Nampula, Mozambique (Project leader: Muassite Miguel)

Thank God that the Diocese of Nampula and the communities it works with have been able to sow demonstration fields with a variety of crops, including sweet potato, which minimises soil erosion while also providing a rich source of nutrition.

Pray for Luciano, the lead farmer in the community being supported by the Diocese, as he trains people in conservation agriculture using his property as a community demonstration farm.

Pray for the cessation of violence, which is now only 30 kilometres from where the Diocese is working. In late June, 11 people were killed in a nearby village, four of them children.

Afar Pastoral Development Association (APDA), Ethiopia (Director: Valerie Browning)

Continue to pray for Valerie Browning and her dedicated team as they feel the weight of responsibility in working with the Afar people in extraordinarily difficult circumstances, including civil conflict.

Give thanks that we could support APDA to help them prevent outbreaks of disease, particularly among children under five and pregnant women. Due to unreliable rains, it is expected that herds will not produce much milk and that the Awash River will run very low and be contaminated.

LEADS, Sri Lanka (Contact: Diordre Moraes)

Thank God that LEADS has been able to introduce a self-help group system to support at-risk women by promoting self-reliance and economic resilience.

Pray that this system will continue to assist families to break the cycle of poverty by fostering good saving habits, discovering income-generation skills and accessing loans through peer networks.

Pray for an easing of the ongoing social and economic crisis in the country. Thank God that AOA has been able to respond to help LEADS provide emergency relief.

Wise Choices For Life, Uganda (Country Director: Joyce Kidulu)

Pray for a smooth transition for the organisation in both Uganda and Australia as they join with AOA.

Anglican Diocese of Polynesia, Fiji/Tonga (Project Leader: Karen Chute Delaivoni)

Thank God for the partnership between AOA and Mothers Union (MU) Australia. MU has engaged AOA and the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia in a two-year project to improve communities' preparation and management of natural disasters in Tonga and Fiji.

Thank God for the generosity of our supporters in response to recovery efforts in Tonga as the people rebuild their lives after the tsunami that struck on January 15th, 2022.

Emergencies

Pray for people in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. AOA has responded through our membership of the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA). Thank God that, through this alliance and our own generous supporters, we have been able to send \$80,000 to ACT Alliance for the relief work of the Lutheran World Federation.

Pray for the situation in South Sudan, as those in Aweil East County have faced conflict, with much destruction, people being killed or wounded, and more than 20,000 displaced. Pray for the South Sudanese Development and Relief Agency (SSUDRA) as it responds.

Australia

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the AOA Board and staff as they work on a new Strategic Plan to guide our work over the next decade. Pray particularly for discernment in how AOA continues to live out its mission of connecting Australian Anglicans with dioceses across the world, responding to people living in poverty and to those affected by disasters.

Thank God for our various supporters across Australia who give their time voluntarily to spread the good news of life abundantly for all and raise funds and awareness for the work of God's kingdom to come 'on earth as in heaven'.

Thank God for the receipt of a recent bequest from a donor.

Pray that God will raise up a new generation of supporters for AOA so we can continue serving communities overseas in the long-term.

Lambeth Conference

Pray for Anglican Alliance's engagement at the Lambeth Conference on 26 July – 7 August and for the participation of AOA's President Archbishop Philip Freier and Deputy Chairperson Bishop Paul Barker.

Pray that a survey we are sharing will help us connect, learn and collaborate so that the next generation of Anglicans will be inspired to create a world that is peaceful, just and sustainable for all.