

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer Romans 12:12

January – March 2023

Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza (Director: Suhaila Tarazi)

Pray for the workers at the Ahli Arab Hospital, that they will retain hope during what is always a difficult environment to live and work in.

Pray for resilience for the people of Gaza as they continue to struggle with restrictions on essential utilities such as electricity and water.

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

Thank God that 56 mothers attended counselling and educational courses at the Center. Pray that they will have confidence implementing the skills they have learned about early intervention in speech and behavioural problems.

Pray for the 65 children in play therapy, all of whom have experienced trauma as a result of the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict, that they will be able to experience the innocent joy of childhood and learn healthy social skills.

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

Thank God that participants in workshops on mental health and psychosocial support were able to learn about different aspects of mental health and that the new learning they acquired will be able to be shared with their families and community members.

Pray for children and those living with disability to be protected from harm and abuse; and for safeguarding mechanisms in the project to be understood, accepted and put into practise by church staff and communities.

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

Pray that, in this new phase of the *Safe, Strong Communities: Gender and Climate Justice* project, women will be enabled to access ACOM's Christian Care Centre crisis refuge to escape an abusive home environment, and enhance their ability to meet social and economic needs.

Thank God that, through AOA's leadership of the Disaster READY project, CAN DO is able to work with local churches in Solomon Islands to be prepared for disasters when they occur, ensuring that communities have access to safe and inclusive emergency shelter in times of disaster.

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

Thank God that the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia is working with communities to prepare for disasters and that it can often reach outlying communities much faster than relief agencies to provide families with support when disasters occur.

Thank God that two Prepositioned Supply Containers have been able to be purchased to provide supplies for people in need during an emergency response.

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

Thank God that, despite the ongoing drought in Kenya, the *Imarisha Maisha* project is continuing to bring significant change in the lives of the Masai community, reducing gender-based violence, supporting vulnerable community members and helping to form income-generating groups to build greater self-sufficiency.

Pray for Millicent and her team as they carry the additional burden of a three-month feeding program for almost 50,000 people impacted by hunger.

Pray that men in the communities will continue to be willing to be part of the change process around gender-based violence.

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

Thank God that in 90 communities in the project area, men, women and children (approximately 80,000 people in total) are being taught the importance of good health and how to stay healthy.

Thank God that 1,800 community leaders have been trained to help communities understand health issues, and that they have supported government promotion of COVID-19 measures in those communities to keep transmission and illness from COVID-19 to a minimum.

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

Pray for the *Emergency Disease Prevention in Gala'alu* project in the Afar region, that the work to reduce the rates of extreme malnutrition and vulnerability to disease will be able to be maintained.

Pray for the continued safety and peace of the people of the Afar region as a result of the trauma they have faced in the ongoing conflict involving the Tigray People's Liberation Front.

Cathedral Relief Service, India (Director: Rig David)

Pray that the women in the *Women's Empowerment Project* will be able to be free from depression and other related mental health conditions which have been triggered by the impacts of the pandemic.

Pray that the project will be able to make further inroads in reducing discrimination against girls and that it will ensure that a higher number of girls can take part in the project's education program.

LEADS, Sri Lanka (Contact: Diordre Moraes)

Pray for our partner, LEADS, as they continue to work with vulnerable people amidst the ongoing economic crisis in the country, especially as many people are still unable to meet even their basic needs.

Pray that, despite the ongoing economic crisis, LEADS will be able to work with microfinance institutions, banks, government officers and other services to build rapport and a network of women's Self-Help Groups.

South Sudan Development and Relief Association, South Sudan (Director: Light Wilson)

Pray for the people of South Sudan as they face the impacts of the most devastating flooding in 60 years. Pray particularly for the families of the hundreds who have died and the thousands displaced and are without shelter.

Pray for our partner, the South Sudanese Development and Relief Agency (SSUDRA) as they facilitate the distribution of cash transfers to those affected by the flooding.

Emergencies

Pray for an easing of the severe drought that is encompassing Kenya. Pray for our partner there, the Anglican Church of Kenya, as, through the generosity of AOA's supporters, they provide food relief to thousands of people while trying to ensure that the gains from the *Imarisha Maisha* program are not erased.

Pray for people affected by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, that they will be able to freely receive shelter, non-food items, food, advocacy, mental health and psychosocial support from our partner there, the Lutheran World Federation.

Pray that world leaders will commit to urgent action on climate change, in particular that richer countries will meet their commitment to \$100bn annually for adaptation and mitigation.

Australia

Thank God for continuing relationships with Anglican churches across Australia and for their ongoing generosity, especially as cost-of-living pressures hit hard across the country.

Continue to pray for the progress of the strategic review taking place to guide our work for future years. Pray for wisdom for our staff and board as they discern how AOA will live out its commitment to people living in poverty.