

April – June 2023

Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza (Director: Suhaila Tarazi)

Give thanks for workshops that are being conducted for women who are deaf. These workshops will train them to screen themselves for breast cancer.

Pray that the awareness for children's nutrition would continue to increase in the community.

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

Give thanks that the staff at Spafford were able to meet with six schools, implementing referral systems for students who require remedial education, therapeutic services, and/or psychosocial counselling for both children and their parents.

Pray that the stigma associated with disability and mental illness would not stop children and their parents from accessing support.

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

Give thanks that young people who attended a Faith and Human Rights workshop expressed that they now have a better understanding of their human rights. Pray that they may be able to spread their learnings to their community.

Pray for church leaders who have participated in workshops. Pray that they will be able to encourage more peaceful and harmonious relationships within homes, families, and their communities.

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

Give thanks for all the Savings Groups established. Give thanks that they have generated safety among female members by bringing them to work together. Pray that these groups would continue to grow, empower women, and develop financial security.

Pray that the Safe, Strong Communities Project would continue to create safer more cohesive communities particularly in areas where the rate of gender-based violence is very high.

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

Pray for the project team as they continue to engage with churches and seek ways to involve the broader community in disaster preparedness plans.

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

Give thanks to all the volunteer life team members who continue to partake in door-to-door education providing health materials to their communities. Pray that their efforts would be well received, and that people would have a greater understanding of nutrition, family planning and prevention of malaria, diarrhea, COVID 19 and other important health issues.

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

Please pray for those who are contending with the dry conditions of the Afar region. Due to the conditions herds are now being impacted with infectious diseases. Please pray that the right rain would come and that infectious diseases would not spread.

Please pray for the education of young people in the Afar region. Pray that they would have access to quality education. Pray that ADPA will be able to resource young people with easy-to-read books.

Cathedral Relief Service, India (Director: Rig David)

Pray that the Cathedral Relief Service would be able to access more space and more industrial sewing machines so that a greater number of women would be able to undertake the sewing programme.

Give thanks that 99 women/girls participated in training for making low-cost sanitary napkin.

LEADS, Sri Lanka (Contact: Diordre Moraes)

Give thanks that LEADS has been able to serve vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka for 40 years.

Pray that appropriate livelihood interventions would be determined for vulnerable households.

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

Pray for the newly developed project by SSUDRA, Integrated Food Security, Agro-Forestry and Climatic Mitigation in Diocese of Mundri. Pray that it will ensure the improvement of integrated farming practices and the enhancement of the community's resiliency to climate change. Pray that this can lead to greater food security and smallholder livelihoods for communities.

Australia

Pray for the event, "Reweaving the Ecological Mat", with Dr Cliff Bird that AOA will be running at the end of May. Project staff from 11 AUS and NZ based NGOs will be attending. Please pray that participants will come away encouraged, practically equipped to support partners working from a REM approach and will have an opportunity to deeply reflect on how

our individual and organisational ways of working may need to adapt in response to the workshop.

Give thanks to God for the generosity of our supporters who seek to see a world free of poverty.

Pray that all Australian's and all people around the world would have a greater desire to steward God's good world. As we witness the most vulnerable people living with climate shocks help us to best know how to care for Gods world and Gods people.

Emergencies – Please find bellow an outline of ways you can pray for Kenya as they navigate the worst drought in 40 years.

The drought began in October 2020 and each year without rain 4.2 million people in Kenya are feeling the catastrophic impacts.

Please pray that the right kind of rain would come to Kenya. Rain that produces abundant crops and fills up water supplies close to communities to provide safe drinking water for everyone.

Please pray that the people of Kenya would feel God's love and support during this time.

As men travel to find food or pastures for livestock that have survived, those that are vulnerable like pregnant women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly are left to fend for themselves. With the absence of men; women, children, and adolescents are at higher risk of abuse during this time, especially when they must walk long journeys to find water.

Please pray for the provision of food and safe drinking water for those who have been left behind.

Pray for the healing of those that are malnourished and that there would be no long-term health side effects.

Please pray for the safety of women and children. Pray that they would be protected from all forms abuse during this time.

The men and people who are travelling to find food and pastures are often put in dangerous situations as they go deeper into the wilderness where also hungry and thirsty animals are more likely to attack. They are also losing their livestock rapidly, many no longer have any which means their livelihoods are gone and they are now in search of other work.

Please pray for their safety and that they too would find food, water and pasture for their animals. Pray that those who no longer have any livestock or livelihood would be able to find other safe and secure sources of income.

Pray for the wildlife that are also suffering. Pray that they would be able to find food and water that does not put humans in danger. Pray that they would also be looked after during this distressing time.

AOA's partner, The Imarisha Maisha Project is working with communities to ensure schools can have thriving kitchen gardens that provide food for students who may not have access to any other source of food. The project is also working with communities to strengthen community resilience by promoting conservation agriculture and growing of indigenous food crops. They will also encourage farmers to dig water pans for water harvesting and promote fodder and food conservation.

Give thanks for the work of the Imarisha Maisha team. Pray that the Lord would strengthen and protect them as they are impacted and bear witness to the unfolding tragedies in their community. Pray that they would have wisdom to best know how to support their community during this time.

Give thanks for the Food Secure Schools program. Pray that the kitchen gardens would grow and not be impacted by hungry wildlife.

Pray that communities would be able to build their resilience to the drought through different ways of harvesting food and collecting water.

Pray that the Australian Government would continue to support Kenya and other countries in the Horn of Africa by increasing their funding to support this hunger crisis.