

# 2023 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

In 2023, you helped PHP give **84 grants totaling \$1.1 million**, impacting **19 countries and a territory**, including the U.S. and Puerto Rico. PHP also partnered with **12 Presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, 80 Hunger Action Congregations** and **304 Earth Care Congregations** across the U.S.

Our work resourcing Presbyterians and the work of our partners is difficult to quantify within a year; long-term sustainable development, community empowerment and policy change take many years. This snapshot offers just a few examples of work funded in 2023 and how your gifts contribute to a more just world and well-being for all God's people and Creation. We are grateful for the scope of work the One Great Hour of Sharing ministries are able to accomplish together through your generous gifts (OG300000). For more about our grant partners and resources, go to [pcusa.org/hunger](https://pcusa.org/hunger). Thank you for your financial contributions, time, energy and prayers!

These projects are a few examples of work supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program in 2023.



Photo courtesy of Coalition of Immokalee Workers' (CIW)

**The Coalition of Immokalee Workers' (CIW) Fair Food Program**, launched in the tomato fields of Florida, today prevents the very worst human rights abuses — modern-day slavery, sexual assault, child labor and physical violence — not just in tomatoes and not just in Florida, but in a multiplicity of new crops, 10 new states and even three new countries!

CIW has also been working in Scotland and Northern Ireland in collaboration with the International Transport Workers Federation to launch a “Fair Fish Program” pilot in the UK fishing industry — an industry with extremely dangerous working conditions for immigrant fishers from Ghana, the Philippines and Indonesia, many of whom toil at risk of modern-day slavery and other harsh abuses.



Photo courtesy of ACREST

**ACREST in the Bamboutos Mountains of Cameroon** distributed **250 improved stoves and 50 water filters**, bettering health in 26 villages. The stoves consume less wood, reducing deforestation, and the water filters increase access to clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing, reducing the incidence of waterborne illnesses.



Photo courtesy of Tewa Women United

**Tewa Women United in Santa Cruz, New Mexico, engages in protecting the health and safety of Indigenous and other vulnerable communities** residing near extractive projects. Their efforts have led to work with youth, Pueblo Women Farmers and other local community members. Tewa developed a curriculum focused on native plants, which was then taught to third- and fifth-grade kids from Santa Clara Pueblo. As part of the curriculum, students were instructed to cultivate tomatoes, corn, beans and squash in the spiral garden located at the Espanola Healing Foods Oasis. Additionally, Tewa engaged in discussions with young residents of the Española Valley and attentively considered their apprehensions about the catastrophic ecological consequences of Los Alamos National Laboratory and the ongoing nuclear colonialism that deeply impacts the soil and air in communities downwind of Los Alamos.



Photo courtesy of BOLD Justice

**BOLD Justice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, prioritized expanding the tree canopy** in low-income neighborhoods that lack trees. The community felt this work was important because low-income neighborhoods have the lowest rate of tree canopy, making them the most susceptible to heat-related problems like heat stroke and high cooling bills. BOLD Justice was able to get a commitment from the county to provide funding for 500 trees to be given away. The tree giveaways are being hosted at BOLD Justice congregations.



Photo courtesy of ASOFENIX

**ASOFENIX in Nicaragua implemented a solar refrigeration initiative for fish production** and was welcomed by the entire community. The solar refrigeration system allows people like Mercedes del Socorro Mora Ruiz, a 31-year-old fisherwoman and mother, to have access to ice in the community to keep the fish fresh. “It was definitely tiring and tedious having to travel to Menco to look for ice. The entire morning was lost, and sometimes even the entire day, because sometimes due to blackouts we could not find ice,” said Ruiz. In addition to fishing, Ruiz can now preserve fresh fish for longer and market it at a better price due to the quality of the product. This project allows many to increase fish production and economic income to ensure the well-being of families.

**RELUFA mobilized communities in Batouri, Eastern Cameroon, to stand up for their rights** in the face of the failure of mining companies to safely close mining operations and reclaim lands that have been mined. Communities are literally hanging over the edge of open pits, and every year, children, families and animals fall into the pits and die. There are also detrimental public health impacts from the contamination.



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