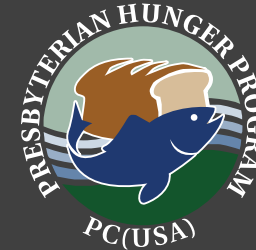




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2017 PHP IMPACT REPORT

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to alleviate hunger and eliminate root causes by learning alongside grant partners, **23** presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, **85** Hunger Action Congregations, and more than **200** Earth Care Congregations.

In 2017, YOU helped PHP to support **125 partners**, with **\$1.1 million dollars** in grants, to make an impact across the United States and in **21** other countries.

Why are people hungry?

With partners on the ground, we have identified three major areas that address *root causes* of hunger. People are hungry because they need:

SUPPORTING RESILIENCY AND EMPOWERMENT



Teresa Feliciana Raymundo working with beekeeping equipment. Photo credit: Food 4 Farmers.

Your gifts to the Presbyterian Hunger Program made a big difference for families in the indigenous Maya Ixil community in Guatemala. Don Juan Chel's family had lost 100% of their coffee crop from the coffee rust crisis in 2012, and their youngest child became malnourished. His wife Dona Teresa Feliciana Raymundo reported that they were in despair and desperate for alternatives before having to sell their family land.

Then Juan joined the beekeeping program. Juan's new experience as a beekeeper brings income to the family and also provides health benefits as the family consumes honey, pollen, and other bee products for nutrition and health. He has become one of four new community promoters, to support other beekeepers, and he's even

been able to start renovating his coffee farm to add new varieties resistant to rust. Teresa explained, "My husband was desperate when we lost our coffee crop. The bees have given him and our family hope and self-esteem. I feel that my family is healthier now."

Thank you for making a difference for Juan and Teresa, and for families all around the world, with your gifts to the Presbyterian Hunger Program!



Maya Ixil beekeepers. Photo credit: Food 4 Farmers.



More and better food

People lack sufficient food and have insufficient access to money, seeds, land, water, equipment, or training to feed themselves and their family. Better also means everyone in the food production process was treated fairly.



Solidarity

The solidarity work we do with vulnerable communities includes changing unfair structures and passage of more just policies—around wages, labor, trade and job opportunities.



A more livable environment

A healthy environment is a necessity to ending hunger and poverty and the reverse also is true: the pollution, extraction, and harm done to the environment significantly worsens social and economic conditions for people who are hungry.

"to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke... then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall go before you" Isaiah 58:6-7



ADDRESSING **WHY PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY** THROUGH:



MORE AND BETTER FOOD

380,000 students now have access to healthy, regionally-sourced and fair food—due to partner work that passed the **Good Food Purchasing Policies** in Chicago

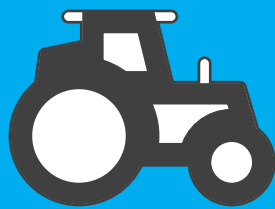
126,610 pounds of local, organically-grown food distributed across the U.S.



19 granaries and peasant homes built internationally

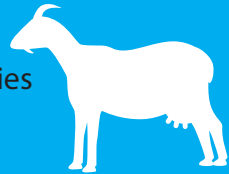


Nearly **2,000 pounds of native, quality seeds** distributed to farmers



More than half a million people have received food relief distributed through **food pantries, soup kitchens, and community gardens** in the 23 presbyteries across the country with designated Hunger Action Advocates.

289 animals provided to vulnerable communities



4,648 American families fed throughout the growing season by grant partners



Small change adds up! **\$39,744 raised in Cents-ability** for local and national hunger in 2017

SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE



Congregation-Based Community Organizing (CBCO) groups helped to **generate \$20 million** in Louisville and Knoxville for **affordable housing**

In Ohio and D.C., nearly **2,000 housing units** built for homeless veterans and low-income citizens

52,000 daily riders saved **\$13 million** through reduced fares and free transfers in North Nashville, a historically-Black community



5,316 clergy, wage theft monitors, human rights trainees, organizers, policy advocates, and indigenous leaders attended intensive trainings in the U.S.

200,000 people—in **487** training and capacity building sessions globally—developed skills in nutrition, agroecology, pest and water management, collective voice, land rights, and more.

5,600 loans distributed for income generating projects and cooperatives

66 radio shows and media events on key poverty and hunger concerns



In Tennessee, 42 housekeepers **improved their collective annual wages by \$65,700**, and four cleaning workers **recovered \$2,400 in stolen wages**.

27,000 signatures collected for international campaigns

MORE LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT

94,804 trees and seedlings planted around the world

51 water pumps, wells, and water catchment systems for food production and food security

30 toilets built for sanitation, health, and safety

165 acres of land released back to communities—with 77 more acres scheduled to be returned in 2018



47 open field farms and gardens created by international grant partners

Over **200 certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations** helped care for the environment with green buildings, worship, outreach, and education

More than 1,000 congregations used **Eco-Palms** and 834 Presbyterian congregations purchased nearly **\$150,000 of Fairly Traded coffee**



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Go to www.pcusa.org/hunger to:

- Learn more and educate others about root causes of hunger
- Act and advocate in solidarity with people
- Give generously to PHP (H999999) and One Great Hour of Sharing (OG999999)