

2019

PHP IMPACT REPORT



For the past decade, PHP has been funding Rural & Migrant Ministry's (RMM) organizing and advocacy work directed at changing New York state law to give farmworkers the same rights as other workers. The Farm Laborers Fair Labor Practices Act was voted on and defeated every year. In 2018, it was defeated by a single vote. Yet RMM and a coalition of groups persisted, and in 2019 the act was made into law! Beginning January 2021, the act will give farmworkers the right to unionize and access overtime pay, among other things.

As a faith-based group, we deeply value the relationships and the principles undergirding RMM. They have listened to the calls for justice by farmworkers, who were being exploited under U.S. labor laws that exclude both farm and domestic workers, and they have not stopped fighting for justice.

In recent years, PHP has been supporting RMM's Youth Arts Group (YAG), which develops self-esteem, camaraderie and other skills among youth, and provides ample opportunities for them to stand up for justice. Every year, the YAG participated in the Hudson Valley Justice for Farmworkers Town Halls and in Farmworkers Albany Day to push for the Fair Labor Act. In 2019, they got to celebrate victory together with farmworkers, activists and people of faith from all over the state!

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes. For blogs, resources, trips and more, go to pcusa.org/hunger.

Thank you for your financial contributions, time, energy and prayers!

➤ Did You Know?

In 2019, you helped PHP give **94 grants** totaling over **\$1 million**, impacting **20 countries**, including the United States. This included **\$161,000 that specifically went to alleviate famine** in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen and Northern Nigeria.

PHP partnered with **17** presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, **175** Hunger Action Congregations and **234** Earth Care Congregations across the country in 2019.

PHP's social media engagement continues to grow: **5,255** page likes on Facebook, **1,700** Twitter followers

PHP is supported by generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OG300000) and the Hunger Fund (H999999).

Addressing why people are hungry through:

More and Better Food

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



- Over **1,388** chicken, pigs, rabbits, goats shared with families

- **453 beehives** in communities around the world



- **63,500 seedlings** and over **63,000 kilograms** of seeds distributed

- More than **42 farms** created around the world



Solidarity with People

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

- **17,000 people trained** nationally and internationally



- **\$190,000 recovered** in stolen wages for hospitality workers in the U.S.



- Over **23,000 people mobilized** on advocacy campaigns

- **109 acres** returned to families in Sri Lanka and more than **55 households avoided eviction** from their land in Uganda

A More Livable Environment

Caring for Creation is a necessity to end 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.

- Planted over **51,000 trees** across multiple countries



- Provided **40 water pumps**, one well and seven water tanks

- Presbyterians purchased more than **63,000 pounds** of fair-trade coffee

- **1,097** Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

“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 58:6-8