

Where CWS Has a Presence, What it Does

Continent	Countries	Program summaries
Africa	Kenya	Work with communities to address long term factors undermining their ability to respond to the changing environment. * This includes teaching modern beekeeping methods and encouraging the growth of savings and loan groups. * Manage the Resettlement Support Center, which helps refugees successfully apply for resettlement in other countries such as the US. * The Safe Space Program cultivates welcoming environments for LGBTIQ+ migrants
	South Africa	Provides education for refugees, connecting them to employment opportunities while helping them develop their own goals and careers
	Tanzania	Partnering with local communities, works to improve food security and stable incomes, including in Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, home of some 150,000 refugees, primarily from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi. Some refugees have been in Nyarugusu for up to 20 years.
Asia	Cambodia	Fight hunger and poverty by helping families find new ways to earn income, such as raising chickens, growing mushrooms, selling snacks, and more. * Encourage the growth of joint savings groups which provide low-interest loans to members, along with rice banks which lend rice to members to plant or when times are tough
	Indonesia	In West Timor, works with families to secure their food economy and health. * Communities improve their access to clean water, basic sanitation, health awareness and COVID 19 vaccination. * Women establish savings groups to start/expand businesses. * Parents ensure their children have nutritious meals. * In South Sulawesi, the emphasis is on strengthening resilience affected by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. * Families have adapted the ways they grow food and find new ways to earn a living. * In Jakarta, welcomes refugee women and unaccompanied children into several group homes, a safe space where they can live, get education access, make friends, and replace fear with hope.
	Japan	After WW II, was one of 11 agencies helping provide millions of dollars of food and relief items. * After the 2011 East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster, formed CWS Japan to ensure it would not happen elsewhere.
	Myanmar	Work with rural communities to develop a safe, healthy environment. * Provide chickens, seeds and gardening tools to families. * Through community-led efforts, work to improve public spaces such as schools, evacuation centers, and health posts, build sanitary and flood resistant toilets, develop sturdy

		roads and bridges to ensure communities can be protected and evacuate efficiently in case of a natural disaster.
	Thailand	Through a partnership with the US government, support the expansion of the Kwai River Christian Hospital near the border with Myanmar. The hospital serves migrants from Myanmar and refugees living in a nearby camp. * CWS helps provide food rations and other services to camp residents, many of whom have lived there more than 20 years. * Across Thailand, work with The Church of Christ in Thailand to protect Thai children, introducing a child safeguarding code of conduct in congregations, schools, universities, orphanages, and hospitals.
	Timor-Leste	In East Timor through the Timor Zero Hunger Program, help families reach food and economic security through better practicing agriculture and animal husbandry and ensuring nutritious meals for their children. This includes diversifying diets, accessing clean water, protecting health, earning more income, and expanding small businesses.
	Vietnam	Utilizing a Total Sanitation model, help thousands of people build and begin to use sanitary toilets each year. * Focus on accessing clean water and improved sanitation, especially with family and school latrines. * Help improve community sanitation through initiatives for animal waste management and home trash management. * In schools, focus on infrastructure upgrades such as new bathrooms, improved libraries, or cleaner stoves in kitchens. Schools are also used as hubs to share valuable information with students and their families on topics such as preventing human trafficking and proper hand washing. * Provide local government workers with disaster risk reduction training and education.
Europe/Middle East/Egypt	Eastern Europe	In Moldova, Bosnia and Serbia, provide safe spaces for refugees from all over the world. * Provide services for Roma (gypsy) women and children to help them break a generational cycle of poverty and inequality. * Throughout Eastern Europe, invite impoverished families to participate in the CWS Renewable Energy program to learn how to use alternative energy sources. Participants can also receive livestock to help ensure food security and diversify their income sources.
	Egypt	Partner with St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) to provide a range of support, addressing both immediate and long term needs of the refugees in Cairo: educational, legal, medical, vocational, and counseling services. Egypt houses hundreds of thousands of refugees from the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere; more than 85% of the staff of StARS are former refugees.

	Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories	In partnership with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI-US), support EAPPI participants to live in the West Bank for a three-month term to provide a protective presence in those communities, documenting and writing about what they experience and see. When they return home, EAPPI participants share their experiences with others, to inform people of the realities of the occupation and campaign for a just and peaceful resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict based on international law and UN resolutions.
	Ukraine response	In Moldova, works alongside host communities and local organizations to provide access to education, livelihoods, and psychosocial support and basic needs like food and shelter for both Ukrainian refugees and host communities. Since the conflict has begun, has worked to support short and longer term needs of some 44,000 individuals. * In 2024, launched operations in Ukraine's Odesa Oblast province, providing essential services such as food distribution, medical and psychosocial support, and protection for vulnerable groups, in partnership with local organizations.
Latin America and Caribbean	Mexico	To help thousands of asylum seekers, mobilize to ensure that families can live and grow together, free from separations caused by walls or unjust policies. * With migrants' rights defenders, advocate for policies that prioritize the lives, safety and dignity of migrants and those who defend them. * With such local partners as Migrants' Rights Defense and Documentation Network in Mexico (REDODEM), Abba House and the Mennonite Social Action Commission, work to provide assistance to migrants and asylum seekers on their journey by ensuring they have access to basic needs like shelter, food, medical assistance, hygiene supplies, clothing, counseling, legal assistance and employment advice, documentation of human rights violations and provide safe place for LGBTQI+ community members.
	Central America	In Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, team up with rural communities to help families thrive and ensure nobody is forced to leave their home searching for safety and stability. * Give families diverse ways to feed themselves and make a living so they can weather a bad harvest or tough season. * Help families improve their harvests, sell their crops and find other ways to earn a living. * With the threat of climate change, help protect and conserve resources. * When natural disasters devastate communities, help them rebuild and recover, ensuring access to clean water, food and hygiene kits, and psychosocial support. Provide seeds and training sessions following disasters. * When a family member is incarcerated, provide support, advocating for the rights of children, helping

		families meet their basic needs, and ensuring these families are not left behind.
	South America	In the Gran Chaco region of Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay, an impoverished and sparsely populated area twice the size of California, work on a long term, cross-border initiative to raise the standard of living by teaming with local communities to improve water access, make it easier for families to raise livestock and cultivate gardens, and help raise the people's voices in defense of their rights. * Elsewhere in South America, work with communities to address and protect rights of families and children with incarcerated parents, especially the children who often face stigma, discrimination, and/or trauma.
	Haiti/Caribbean	In Haiti, for over 70 years, has partnered with local organizations to build safer, more resilient communities, equip farmers with tools and knowledge they need to grow food, earn additional income, and adapt to the impacts of climate change. * Offers trauma-informed care for children and adults affected by violence and natural disasters. * Engage faith actors to promote human, civic, economic, social, and environmental rights.
United States		Refugee resettlement through a nationwide network of 58 affiliate offices * Asylum services, including respite shelters for those newly released from custody and longer term services such as helping asylum seekers reunite with loved ones * Low cost legal services for refugees, asylees, and immigrants * Specialized services for unaccompanied minors, children who enter the US without other family members * Emergency Preparedness response and recovery * Housing services for new refugees, immigrants, asylees, and other newcomers * Advocacy and organizing on behalf of immigrants and refugees