



2018
ANNUAL REPORT

In 2018, you chose to live with less, so they could live with more. **This is your impact.**



YOUR IMPACT.



\$3.08 million raised



32 projects funded.



344,621 instances of people helped.

Partners Relief & Development is a registered charity in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States. While the financial details represent income for the United States, the accomplishments detailed in this report are the result of our combined efforts.

THAILAND



You worked in migrant communities and amongst refugee populations to provide greater access to education and health care, while also investing in the training of migrants to gain employment so they can financially support their families.

HIGHLIGHTS



4,198

patients treated by locally trained health workers.



580

refugee and migrant students supported to attend school.



1,707

Days For Girls kits produced and distributed.





FROM REFUGEE TO SEWING TRAINER.

Gee Sam is from Kachin State, Myanmar and has been training in our sewing program. In four months, she went from not knowing how to sew at all to making her own dresses and bags.

So how did this happen? After being forced to flee her home due to conflict with the Myanmar Army, Gee Sam spent seven years living in a camp for internally displaced people. But even then, she wasn't safe. One day soldiers arrived at the camp to force the young people to become soldiers, so she ran again, this time to the China border where she tried to find work. But then you entered her story.

You helped provide the opportunity and funds for her to travel to Partners' sewing training center in Thailand to learn how to sew. After completing her training, our team equipped her with fabric, materials and sewing machines to take to Kachin State to begin a sewing project where she will train others from the IDP camps.

Gee Sam shares, "It has been very good for me to learn how to sew. I am very happy to go back and train people in the Kachin IDP Camp. Thank you, Partners, for this opportunity." This is how women thrive - and not merely survive - in less-than-ideal circumstances, and we are proud of them.

591 GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

You gave more presents to kids affected by conflict than you ever have and we can't thank you enough. This is exactly what you bought, and what they received.



85

Sleeping Bags



53

Seeds to Sow



96

Days For Girls



70

Infant Nutrition



76

Healthy Kids



80

Five Alive



41

Train Their Teacher



90

Bring Them A Meal





MYANMAR

As human right abuses continued in Myanmar, you provided food for those displaced by conflict, while also investing in better health care, education and farming practices in communities recovering from decades of war.

HIGHLIGHTS



151,529

instances of emergency relief delivered.



2,172

children in education initiatives.



307

attendees at agricultural trainings.



A young man with dark hair, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt, stands in the foreground. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. In the background, there is a building with a blue roof and some greenery. Another person is partially visible in the background to the left.

READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE.

Saw Lay Taw loves playing piano, excels at studying English but finds geography a bit of a challenge.

He's one of hundreds of disadvantaged children who have been given access to education because of the community-based homes you help support in Karen State, Myanmar. Saw Lay Taw came to 'Beautiful Home' in 2012 because his parents were financially stressed and unable to support him to complete his secondary education. But thanks to you, Saw Lay Taw is just about to finish school and is dreaming about what's next. "I would like to study about medicine for my future to be able to help my people."

So many children in like Saw Lay Taw are disadvantaged because of the effects of decades of conflict with the Myanmar Army. But with safe housing, proper clothing, nutrition, hygiene, and love, these children have the chance to complete their studies, opening the door to a brighter future. "I would like to thank Partners who provide the shelter and provide our living support at the dormitory to be able to continue our education. Because of your support we can receive further education", Saw Lay Taw shares.

Children everywhere deserve the chance to receive a full education, even if they're growing up in a conflict zone. That's why we're so excited when we see a student like Saw Lay Taw finish school and continue on to pursue their dreams.



BANGLADESH

As almost a million Rohingya are still living in limbo in some of the largest refugee camps in the world, you're still there providing life-saving relief, medical care and education support to families who have lost almost everything.

HIGHLIGHTS



98

sanitation solutions (wells, showers & toilets) installed.



2,400

infant nutrition packs distributed.



6,504

family food packs delivered.





FULL TUMMY AND READY TO LEARN.

Meet Ibrahim, who is 9 years old and his sister Nurankis, 11. He loves to play cricket and she loves to eat oranges.

They could be like any other children. Except they are Rohingya. And like so many Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, life is a daily struggle just to survive. With their father having passed away, their mother works at a nearby restaurant 13 hours a day, 7 days a week and earns just \$45 a month.

Thankfully, both Ibrahim and Nurankis were able to attend a local school in 2018 because what you want for your own children, you want for them. Partners provided funding to their school to provide lunch for every student each day. This may seem a small gesture, but think about how hard it is for children to learn when they are hungry; the lunch you provide changes that because with full bellies, they're able to focus more on their work and earn higher grades.

Greater still, you provided the families of children attending their school with food packs that gave them a whole month of meals. In fact, Ibrahim and his sister were able to bring home one of those parcels to their mother! Our prayer is that these children can continue to learn and realize their dreams. As Rohingya, their path is filled with many challenges. But today, Ibrahim, Nurankis and their classmates have full tummies and a hope for their future, which brings us joy.



YOU SMASHED #GIVINGTUESDAY!

With an ambitious goal to raise enough money to rebuild two schools destroyed by ISIS in Syria, you came to the party and gave an astounding **\$37,000!** Best of all, the first school was completed in February 2019, giving another 400 children the chance to complete a high school education.



SYRIA

Care for children orphaned by war, food for the victims of bombings, schools destroyed by ISIS rebuilt and reopened. These were just some of the ways you brought God's love into one of the world's most devastating conflicts.

HIGHLIGHTS



41,600

newly displaced people served a hot meal.



6,100

people given access to health care in rebuilt facilities.



924

students back in class in newly rebuilt schools.





FINDING HOPE WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST.

Majd is one of five children. His mother became a widow when his father was killed in an air strike in the battle to take control of Tapqah, Syria.

Our team met Majd's family when they arrived to distribute food parcels to 1,635 families displaced by the bombings. With the wounds he received in the airstrike still clearly visible, our team heard from his mother how she and her children remained stranded without shelter, living in half of a house remaining in one of the buildings that was bombed.

She could barely speak because of the extreme cold and was sad because of the hunger they suffered from and the lack of any help since they had fled. This was the case of most of the widows we met in this community. This is not ok; nobody should live through a winter without heat in half a house without any food. Nobody. But Majd and his family received food because you fed them. Your donations go to real people in real crises and give real and necessary help.



YEMEN

Described as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, the impact of Yemen's civil war is beyond comprehension, with 8 million children going hungry every day. Although just a drop in an ocean of great need, you entered into this crisis with us to provide food to hundreds of starving families.

HIGHLIGHTS



3,693

food parcels distributed to hungry families.





HOPE AMIDST GREAT LOSS.

When you invest in the lives of children and families displaced by violence, we believe you should know the impact that your gift has had.

And while we can show you your impact in numbers, there's something special about reading the name and seeing the face of someone special that you've helped.

This is Sameeh, who is one of the nearly 8 million children in Yemen who face hunger each day because of the country's 3 year long war. Sameeh tragically lost his father when an air strike hit a wedding he was attending. But through our local partners, you provided help for Sameeh and other children like him. When our partners went to his home in al-Raqeh area of Bani Quiss in Hajjeh, they were able to deliver a food parcel that was paid for by you. Feeding Sameeh is just one instance of thousands where you responded to a need and demonstrated once again what it means to love your neighbor as yourself. Because no child, no matter where they're growing up, should ever go hungry.

Thank you for giving Sameeh food to eat, but also for reminding families ripped apart by the war in Yemen that they are loved and not forgotten.



IRAQ

As the last strongholds of ISIS fell, you were there to bring healing and hope to communities who have been left deeply scared. You met those still displaced with food parcels and trained trauma counselors to begin healing the hearts of the youngest victims of a brutal conflict.

HIGHLIGHTS



236

family food packs distributed.



50

children provided with trauma counseling.





THEY WALKED FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Right from the start, Hinda and her brother stood out from the crowd of 50 children who were attending a trauma care workshop for children affected by ISIS's occupation of Northern Iraq.

Standing hand in hand, they were dressed nicely and continued to always keep an eye on one another. But seldom did they smile. Our team had the opportunity to meet their mother, Hajar, who shared with them the harrowing journey their family had faced over the past 10 years. Victims of a terrorist attack in Sinjar mountain in 2007, the family had faced great hardship due to the injuries her husband sustained. But the real tragedy began in August 2014 when ISIS came and took their villages, which saw them walk seven days on foot escape to a refugee camp in Syria.

For the next 12 months the family moved from camp to camp before settling in Duhok. It was here, after already losing so much, that Hinda's father passed away from cancer.

No child should have to go through what Hinda and her family have. But these are the kinds of experiences that are intertwined in the stories of countless children across the Middle East. And it's why we're so thankful that you are partnering with us to heal the broken hearted by supporting this trauma care service in Northern Iraq. The inner strength of Hinda's mother and the dignity with which they live their lives gives us great hope for the future of these children.

STRONGER, TOGETHER.

In 2018 we worked in Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Iraq, Syria and Yemen. This was made possible by the combined efforts of our fundraising offices in Australia, Canada, Norway, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.



WHERE OUR SUPPORT CAME FROM.

- United States **70.78%**
- Canada **9.54%**
- Norway **9.47%**
- United Kingdom **4.87%**
- Thailand **2.87%**
- Australia **1.93%**
- New Zealand **0.54%**



WHERE THESE FUNDS WERE USED.

- Southeast Asia **67.9%**
- Middle East **32.1%**



HOW THESE FUNDS WERE USED.

- Relief **70.5%**
- Sustainable Development **15.2%**
- Strengthening Families **14.3%**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

TOTAL INCOME: \$3,085,174

Expenses:

Program Support – \$2,657,781

Resource Development - \$211,861

Management/General - \$386,957

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 3,256,599



BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES.

Program Support **81.6%**

Resource Development **6.5%**

Management/General **11.9%**

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OUR TEAM.

This is a picture of what it means to be the Body of Christ: some are the feet that go and some are the brain that creates and some are the mouth that speaks. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love (Ephesians 4:16).



35 Field Staff



17 Short-term Volunteers



14 International Staff



15 International Field Staff



Free. Full Lives
for children affected
by **CONFLICT**
& oppression



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