

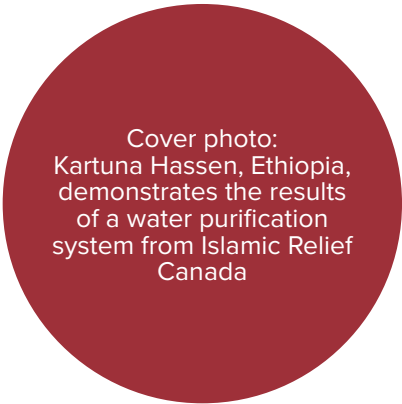
# ANNUAL REPORT

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**HUMANITARIAN  
COALITION**   
Together saving more lives





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## Message from the Chair and the Executive Director



**Denise Byrnes**  
*Chair*



**Richard Morgan**  
*Executive Director*

### Together there...

Whether it's an earthquake, a tropical cyclone or an ongoing conflict, humanitarian disasters continue to devastate communities, displace families, and put lives at risk around the world. It is a harsh reality, and as much as we'd like to, we cannot simply hold up a hand and make it stop.

But there is much we can do, and in 2018-19, thanks to the generosity of Canadians, the support of media and corporate partners, and the Canadian government, we continued to respond quickly and effectively to save lives when disasters occurred around the world.

During that period, our member agencies responded to the major earthquake and tsunami that struck the Sulawesi region of Indonesia in the fall of 2018 and to Cyclone Idai, which affected 3 million people in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe in March of 2019.

We also provided food, water, shelter, sanitation, protection, cash grants and psycho-social support following eight smaller-scale, under-reported disasters. We helped rebuild homes, re-start livelihoods and reunite families.

We made a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of people, every one of them with a face, a story, and hopes and dreams, just like every one of us. You will have the opportunity to meet some of these people in the following pages.

### and together here...

2018

In 2018, the Humanitarian Coalition was also busy behind the scenes, developing new partnerships, expanding the way we work, and preparing for a year of transformative growth in 2019.

Before the year's end, we signed an agreement with Global Affairs Canada for the next phase of the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund, ensuring our ability to respond to small-scale and medium scale disasters for the next two years.

2019

And then in early 2019, the Canadian government further recognized the importance and value of our joint collaboration by designating the Humanitarian Coalition as its chosen recipient of matching funds for Cyclone Idai relief.

We are also now thrilled to announce that three new agencies have joined our Coalition, expanding our reach, both to the Canadian public and to people in need around the world. Welcome on board Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Action Against Hunger, and Humanity & Inclusion. Let's get to work!

Together we will save more lives.



## Cyclone Idai in southern Africa

Cyclone Idai barrelled into the southern Africa country of Mozambique on March 15, 2019 and then swept through Malawi and Zimbabwe.

The winds, flooding and landslides destroyed houses, crops, roads and infrastructure and sent people fleeing to higher ground and into treetops. Hundreds lost their lives, and an estimated 3 million people were affected.

Humanitarian Coalition members were among the first to begin search and rescue, as well as delivery of emergency food, shelter and water. We built sanitation facilities and provided hygiene kits to prevent the spread of disease. We cared for orphaned and separated children, and worked to prevent gender-based violence toward girls and young women.

The government of Canada provided funding for four emergency relief projects through the Canadian

Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF). Along with donor contributions from the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies, a total of \$1.75 million was disbursed for initial relief efforts in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Given the massive scale of needs on the ground in the three countries, the government then committed to match donations from Canadians up to an additional \$2 million. When the Humanitarian Coalition launched its national fundraising campaign on March 27, people from across the country donated generously to help the survivors. The Cyclone Idai appeal raised a total of \$5.5 million for the work of the Humanitarian Coalition and its members, including the government's match.

As relief and rebuilding efforts continue, the funds will enable the Humanitarian Coalition to provide shelter, safety and livelihood assistance to thousands of families affected by Cyclone Idai.



A young mother was among more than 300 people seeking shelter in a damaged school following Cyclone Idai.

Photo Credit: Josh Estey/CARE

# Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami

A series of strong earthquakes rocked the city of Palu and surrounding area in Sulawesi, Indonesia on September 28, 2018. The worst, a magnitude 7.5 tremor, triggered a tsunami that swept into the region, and caused the liquefaction of the soil that swallowed up entire neighbourhoods. The total death toll from the chain of disasters was 4,340 people, with some 10,000 injured, and many thousands more forced to flee their homes. Overall, an estimated 1.5 million people were affected.

The member agencies of the Humanitarian Coalition and their partners on the ground in Indonesia began to respond immediately. They distributed a wide range of emergency items and services, such as shelters, blankets, clean water and sanitation supplies, water storage units, and other essentials. Special attention

was given to the particular sanitation and protection needs of women and girls. Because so many families were separated, our members also participated in family tracing and reunification initiatives.

Clean water and sanitation are a priority in the on-going response to combat the spread of disease. Humanitarian Coalition members are repairing water sources, installing water treatment facilities, building temporary latrines and distributing family hygiene kits.

Member agencies have also been helping families who lost their houses and

crops to rebuild and re-establish their livelihoods, as well as providing safe spaces for children to play and learn.

The Humanitarian Coalition received \$207,435 in donations to deliver assistance to the survivors of the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami.



Young Rizky was reunited with his family two weeks after the tsunami.

*Photo Credit: Save the Children Canada*



## Children receive help for trauma after tsunami disaster

“I was praying in the prayer room near my home when the earthquake happened,” says 10-year-old Selsi. “Suddenly my hand was being pulled by my uncle. He said that the seawater was rising. Everything happened so fast.”

Selsi lost her best friend when the powerful earthquake and tsunami struck Central Sulawesi in Indonesia. “Wulan was praying near me. I didn’t have time to grab her hand. She was inside the Musholla (prayer room) and I saw the roof collapse. I could run and

save my own life, but not Wulan,” says Selsi, unable to hide the sadness in her eyes.

A 5th grade student, Selsi wants to get back to school and study with her friends, but she will have to wait. Her school was among the more than 1,500 that were damaged by the earthquake, leaving almost 200,000 students with nowhere to study. “I don’t know when I can go back to school. The school was damaged, and my friends have been scattered. I don’t know where they are now,” she says.

Selsi has been living in an evacuation camp close to where her home used to be, before it was swept away by the tsunami.

She spends her day playing with the friends she has found at a mobile recreation space set up by Plan International. Here, children can forget their sadness

for a while, learn and play and just be children again. Nine spaces were set up across Sulawesi reaching hundreds of children with learning activities and support.

As well as finding a safe place to play and socialize, children are also learning good hygiene practices, such as the importance of washing their hands before eating. They are also receiving training in how to keep themselves safe in disaster situations through a game of snakes and ladders that helps them recognize the signs of disaster and shows them what they should do in an emergency situation.

For now, Selsi has a place to go and the support she needs to cope with the trauma she has faced.

The Humanitarian Coalition and Plan Canada are working to ensure that children like Selsi will soon be back in school and their families will be able to rebuild their homes and their lives.

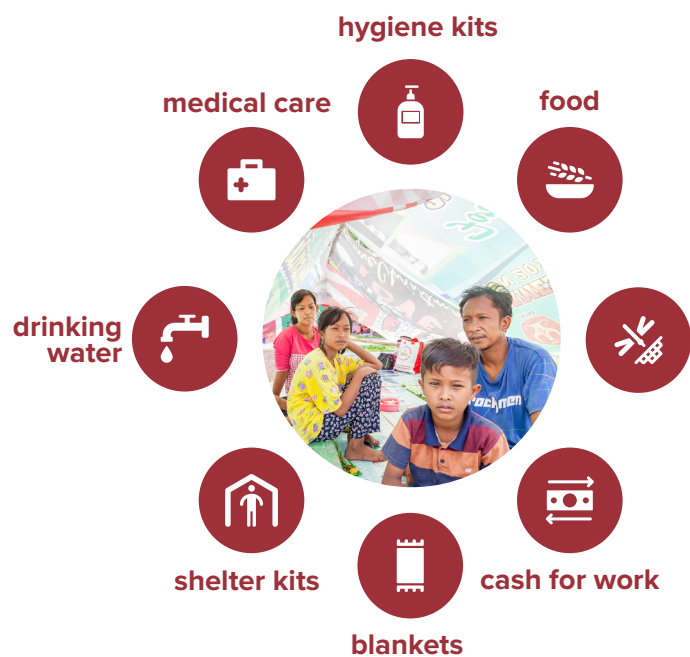


Selsi, right, says she wants to go back to school.

*Photo Credit: Plan International Canada*

## The care they need

Humanitarian Coalition members are providing aid adapted to the needs of survivors of the Indonesia earthquake and tsunami, including women and children, who are especially vulnerable when disaster strikes.



## FAMILIES



## WOMEN AND GIRLS



## CHILDREN



Roida, with food package  
Photo Credit: Kathleen Prior/CARE



## Rohingya Refugee Crisis

In the space of a few weeks, starting on August 25, 2017, more than 700,000 people – 80 per cent of whom were women and children - fled their homes in Myanmar. They joined another 200,000 Rohingya refugees, living in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, close to the Myanmar border, who had escaped violence.



Refugees from Myanmar arrive in Bangladesh  
Photo Credit: Kathleen Prior/CARE

Refugees were living in makeshift homes or even outdoors with little access to food, health care and water. This dramatically increases the range of risks to which they are exposed, including rain, cold, disease, malnutrition, and child protection issues such as human trafficking, sexual abuse, child labour and child marriage.

The Humanitarian Coalition, through its member agencies, and with the support of the Canadian government and generous Canadians, raised \$6.2 million in November 2017 and has been responding to the needs of some 350,000 people in Cox's Bazar and in communities on both sides of the border. We have installed wells and built latrines, created safe spaces for women and children, supported unaccompanied children, distributed food rations, and constructed shelters.



## A refugee mother finds help next door

When violence broke out in Rakhine, Myanmar in August 2017, 25-year-old Noor lost contact with her husband. She and her two daughters were forced to flee to Bangladesh alone.

Upon her arrival, Noor searched the refugee camps for her husband, but she could not find him. She says she was very afraid to live alone without him, and feared for the safety of her daughters. As the days went on, she became frustrated as she tried to work out how she would support her family without him.

**“When I am here, sewing, I forget all my worries, all my losses. I feel happy.”**

The answer was not far away.

Since Noor lived next door to the Safe Space for Women and Girls run by CARE in camp 15, she learned about what was being offered there during the inauguration ceremony.

She started going to the Safe Space, where she shared her challenges, experiences and needs with the psychosocial counsellor. Talking about it made her feel better, and through their kindness and advice, Noor started to regain some sense of wellbeing. She attended awareness sessions and learned about gender-based violence and protection. Noor also brought her daughters to the Safe Space, where they learned about the hazards of early marriage.

Back in Myanmar, Noor had learned some sewing skills, and now she could provide training to other women using the machine in the CARE facility. Noor’s dream is to buy a sewing machine and become financially independent so that she can provide for her daughters.

Noor, who calls the Safe Space a *shantir ghor* or *house of peace*, says, “When I am here, sewing, I forget all my worries, all my losses. I feel happy.”



Noor wants to make a living and provide for her children

Photo Credit: Nusrat Daud Pritha/ CARE

# Hunger Crisis

People went for days without food. Clean water was scarce. Families were forced to flee their homes due to the threat of violence. In 2017, several African and Middle Eastern countries were facing a severe risk of famine due to drought and conflict.

The Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies raised \$8.4 million in 2017 and continued to provide humanitarian assistance to people in Nigeria, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia and Yemen throughout 2018.



Malang Arok Akol (right) sits with two of her twelve grandchildren, Garang Deng (left) and Ajok Akol, in front of one of two shelters CLWR built on their homestead.

*Photo Credit: Canadian Lutheran World Relief*

Collectively, we were able to:

- conduct mass nutrition screening
- provide emergency food
- follow up with pregnant and lactating mothers
- teach cooking classes
- provide cash grants to purchase food and other household necessities
- restore clean water sources
- provide hygiene kits
- build sanitation facilities
- treat livestock
- provide agricultural tools, seeds and training
- build shelters for the most vulnerable
- increase safety and protection for people living in camps.

## An entrepreneurial mother raises her family out of hunger

Wedad\*, a 32-year-old entrepreneur from Yemen, used to sell small construction materials and telephones, the only source of income for herself, her husband, mother and three children.

Three years ago, everything changed for Wedad. “The conflict affected my business, all the shops were closed,” she says. “And my daughter got really sick so I had to have her treated in the hospital and buy her medicine. I also delivered my baby during the conflict, so that was a lot of money, and that’s how I lost my business. I couldn’t purchase any goods to sell again.”

**“I want to thank Oxfam for supporting me to start my business”**

Without the business, Wedad and her family were unable to purchase the food they needed. “Usually we ate whatever was available and we didn’t eat breakfast at all,” she says.

In 2017, Canadians donated funds to the Humanitarian Coalition to respond to the hunger crisis in

several countries, including Yemen. With programs extending into 2018, Humanitarian Coalition member Oxfam-Québec worked with partners in Yemen to establish a livelihood restoration project, giving people like Wedad the means to support themselves again.

To help Wedad start a new business and restore her livelihood, Oxfam gave her a small amount of money. She used the cash to buy clothes in order to re-sell them, and she was able to double her investment in a short period. Her family had regular meals again. “I want to thank Oxfam for supporting me to start my business,” she says. “Although it was a small amount, it was a good push for a new beginning for me and my family.”



Wedad bought clothes to sell.  
*Photo Credit: Oxfam-Québec*

\*not her real name

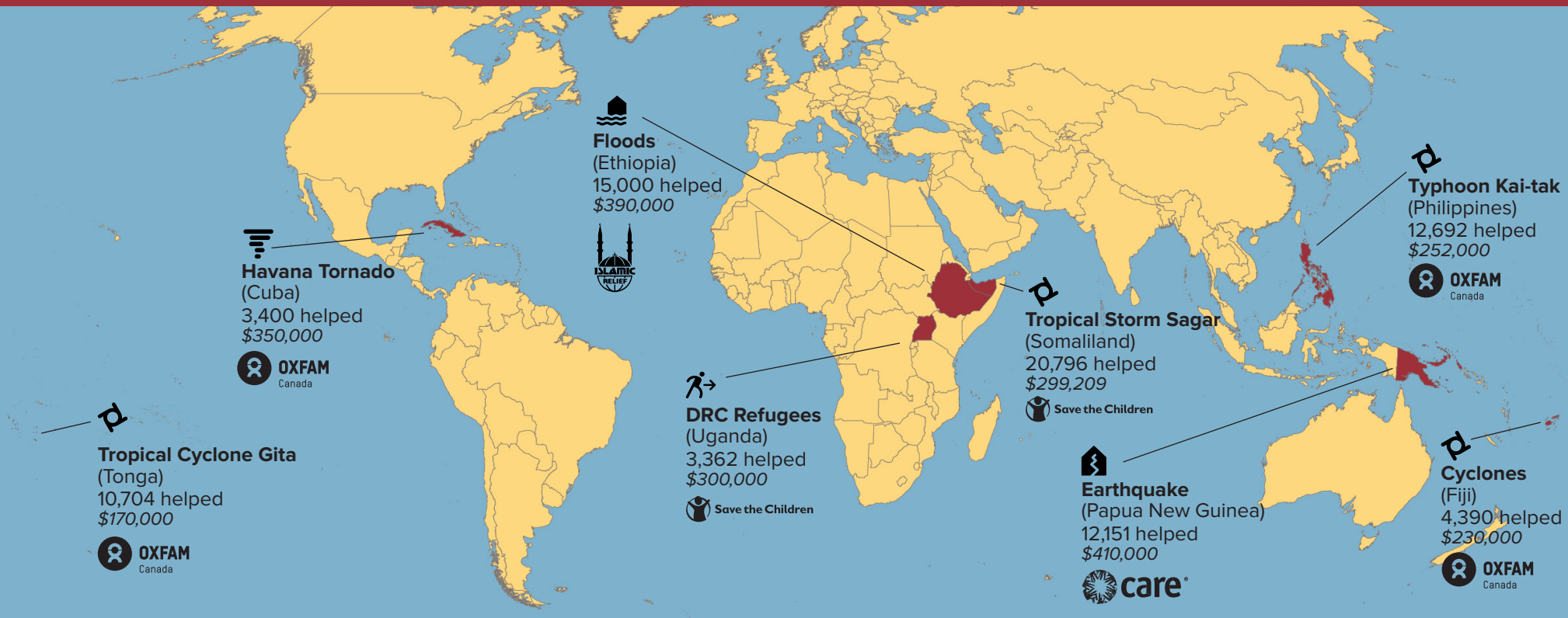


# Small and Medium-Scale Disasters

When disasters such as cyclones and flooding happen around the world, they often do not attract the attention of the media and the public. They are generally more localized and do not warrant a major emergency appeal, but the survivors still need assistance to access food and water and to rebuild their lives. The Humanitarian Coalition, through its member agencies and with support from Global Affairs Canada through the **Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF)**, responds to smaller-scale, under-reported disasters around the world.

4 storms 1 earthquake 1 flood 1 refugee crisis 1 tornado 82,496 helped

49% Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) 19.4% Livelihood 15.2% Protection 5.7% Health 5% Non-Food Items 4.3% Shelter 1.4% Education



**In 2018-19, thanks to the CHAF and the generosity of Canadians, survivors of the following eight disasters received humanitarian assistance.**



### Havana Tornado

*January 2019*



On January 27, 2019, a powerful F4 tornado ripped through Havana for the first time in the city's history, accompanied by strong winds and heavy rain. Basic infrastructure including electricity, water and sanitation was severely impacted in five municipalities. Schools and hospitals were damaged. Given the poor conditions of the housing in the affected areas, the damage to homes was extensive and families lost most or all their belongings. Oxfam Canada responded.

**3,400 people helped**

**\$230,000**

### Cyclone Sagar, Somaliland

*May 2018*



Habiba, mother of 10, has water again, thanks to Save the Children. "We are so grateful for all those who contributed to give us clean water."

Tropical storm Sagar flooded most of Somaliland and pounded the coastline with heavy winds. Close to 700,000 people were in need of humanitarian assistance. Save the Children intervened to provide vulnerable girls, boys, women and men with equitable access to safe drinking water, life-saving non-food items and hygiene awareness.

**20,796 people helped**

**\$299,209**

**Flooding, Ethiopia***April 2018*

Photo: Islamic Relief Canada

Kartuma Hassen compares the contaminated river water with the water from the new purification system installed by Islamic Relief Canada.

A number of rivers across Ethiopia burst their banks following extensive rainfall during April. Flash floods submerged many communities. Islamic Relief Canada worked to increase access to safe water, sanitation services and hygiene items as well as support livelihood recovery following the flooding.

**15,000 people helped****\$390,000****Cyclones, Fiji***April 2018*

Photo: Oxfam Canada

Bibi says that the people of her town are recovering. "We are grateful for the strong support and helping hands from Oxfam that saw us through a devastating period."

In April 2018, the Fiji islands were hit by two cyclones that caused landslides, damaged roads across the country, destroyed large tracts of farmland and crops, and caused serious damage to infrastructure. Oxfam Canada worked to provide families with access to secure sanitation facilities and provide emergency livelihood support through the distribution of seeds and tools.

**4,390 people helped****\$230,000****Earthquake, Papua New-Guinea***February 2018*

Photo: John Hewat/CARE Canada

Aii and Jocelyn lost their home and garden in the earthquake. Now, with the help of CARE Canada, they are starting to rebuild their lives with their young family.

An earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale devastated large parts of Papua New Guinea on February 26. The quake, aftershocks and resulting landslides killed more than 100 people. CARE Canada intervened in Papua New Guinea to improve access to health, hygiene, protection, education and shelter, with a focus on supporting women, girls and people with a disability.

**12,151 people helped****\$410,000**



**Tropical Cyclone Gita, Tonga***February 2018*

Mausa, who lost his own roof, led the relief and recovery teams in helping others.

Tropical Cyclone Gita brought winds reaching 235 km/h, heavy rain and storm surges to heavily populated areas of Tonga, displacing families and damaging water systems. Oxfam Canada worked to improve access to safe water and toilet and washing facilities, and to reduce the risk of water and vector-borne disease.

**10,704 people helped****\$170,000****Congolese refugees in Uganda***December 2017*

With psycho-social support and care from Save the Children, 12-year-old Maombi feels safe again.

Escalating conflict in the northeastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo led to an influx of refugees crossing the border into Uganda. Save the Children worked to provide psychosocial support and quality learning environments for Congolese boys and girls in Uganda, and help unaccompanied children reunite with their families.

**3,362 people helped****\$300,000****Typhoon Kai-Tak, Philippines***December 2017*

Teresita Delda Rosales, the 'captain of the barangay' took charge and helped her little town recover from the floods.

Typhoon Kai-tak triggered severe flooding and landslides in the eastern part of the Philippines. Oxfam Canada worked to assist severely affected families with their shelter and hygiene needs and improve their access to potable water.

**12,692 people helped****\$252,000**

# Our Partners

## Government of Canada

The Humanitarian Coalition relies on a unique partnership with Global Affairs Canada to carry out its life-saving work across the globe, whether in response to major international emergencies, or to small and medium scale disasters in areas that require humanitarian assistance.



## Media Partners

When an emergency occurs, the Canadian media play a leading role in informing Canadians of the crisis and the opportunities to get involved.



## Corporate and Community Leaders

Socially responsible businesses and organizations contribute their resources to fundraising appeals and provide opportunities for their employees and stakeholders to respond to humanitarian disasters.



## Our Supporters

The work of the Humanitarian Coalition and its member agencies would not be possible without the generous support of donors. While we do not have space to thank all individual donors, the following lists some of our supporters who made a significant contribution to the Humanitarian Coalition in 2018.

<b>Douglas Arrell</b>	<b>Tina Ji</b>	<b>Christina Mills</b>
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### From the race track to the disaster zone: how one man left a legacy

When he passed away at age 74 in March 2018, Lynn Ostergaard of Ottawa ensured that his life would have a lasting impact. His legacy gift was the largest donation ever received by the Humanitarian Coalition.



Although his friends describe him as quiet and unassuming, Ostergaard led a colourful life, much of it on the Grand Prix circuit. Having driven his own car in local races, he eventually became a mechanic on a Formula 1 team. Ostergaard also thrived on variety and, armed with a journalism degree from Carleton University, held writing and editorial jobs between race car gigs, and authored two major plays that were performed in Halifax and Ottawa.

He was bright and curious, cultured in music and film, and a lover of all things Italian. All of which could have led to a flamboyant lifestyle. Instead, Ostergaard valued life's simple pleasures. He was known for his personal frugality as well as his generosity to people in need.

He started donating to the Humanitarian Coalition following the earthquake in Haiti in 2010, and with the present bequest, this extraordinary man will keep on giving for a long time to come.

To learn more about legacy giving call 1-855-461-2154.



# Financial Statements

Overall appeal results are presented by combining the donations received by the Humanitarian Coalition and those received directly by our member agencies. However, only donations made directly to the Humanitarian Coalition are included in these audited financial statements.

The Humanitarian Coalition's full financial statements are available at:

<https://www.humanitariancoalition.ca/reports-publications>

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current assets	733,810	2,006,615
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities	135,984	1,710,714
Net assets	597,826	295,901

## Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Global Affairs Canada	\$ 1,866,727	2,686,878
Emergency Response Fund	555,393	583,930
Coalition member contributions	282,663	251,218
Appeals	185,974	1,462,391
Other	-	79,618
	2,890,757	5,064,035
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Programs	1,942,174	4,193,996
Wages and benefits	420,588	431,817
Operations	160,456	185,867
Communication and fundraising	65,614	181,287
	2,588,832	4,992,967
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	301,925	71,068

# How We Work

## Our Board

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The Humanitarian Coalition brings together leading aid organizations to provide Canadians with a simple and effective way to donate during international humanitarian disasters. Member agencies join forces to raise funds, partner with the government, and mobilize media, businesses and individual Canadians.

When disaster strikes, the Humanitarian Coalition can provide help quickly to those who need it most. Whether it be a major international emergency or a smaller-scale crisis, our 10 member agencies, present in 150 countries, are ready to provide assistance and save lives.

### Integrity

Our member agencies abide by the Core Humanitarian Standards, the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation's Code of Ethics and Operational Standards as well as the CCIC Leaders' Pledge on Preventing and Addressing Sexual Misconduct. In addition, the Humanitarian Coalition is accredited by Imagine Canada's Standards Program and the Better Business Bureau.

### Accountability

The Humanitarian Coalition members regularly report on their progress in effectively using funds raised during an appeal and may be subject at any time to third-party evaluations.

### Cost effectiveness

In 2018, at least 85% of money raised by the Humanitarian Coalition was allocated to programs. Core operating costs of the Humanitarian Coalition, such as staff salaries and office expenses, are supported mainly by the annual contributions of our member agencies.

### Allocation of funds for major emergencies

The funds raised during public appeals for major international emergencies are allocated to member agencies according to a pre-established formula that takes into account our members' capacity for emergency response programming.

### International collaboration

The Humanitarian Coalition is also the Canadian representative of the Emergency Appeals Alliance, which is made up of similar collaborative fundraising coalitions from 10 countries.



Children in a camp in Mozambique where Canadian Lutheran World Relief is providing water, food, sanitation and shelter.

*Photo Credit: Bjørn Bang Jakobsen/DanChurchAid*



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We thank our donors, partners  
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