

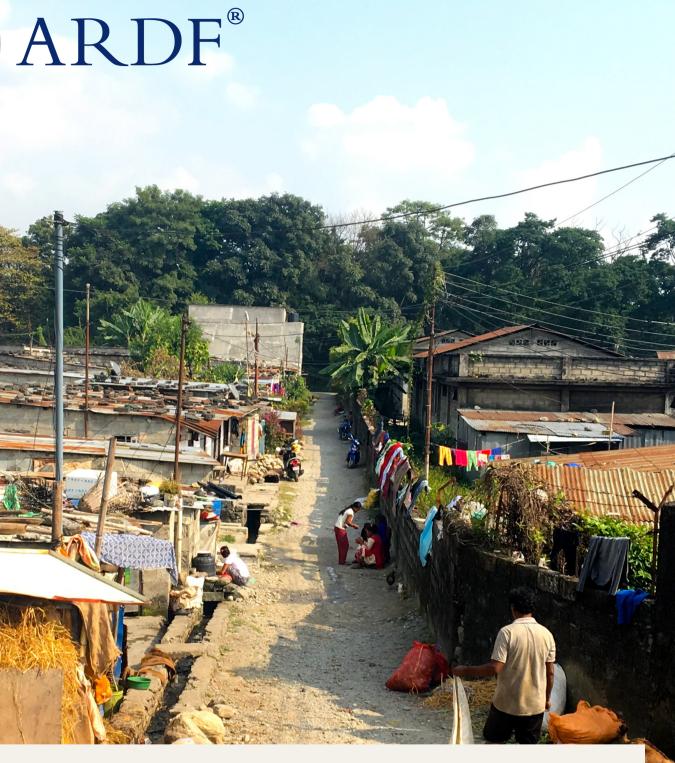
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# Highlights from the 2021-22 Fiscal Year



"When you give your money to ARDF, you're not giving it to some non-entity. You are putting it into the hands of people who are giving it to those who can be the hands and feet of Christ."

# PROJECTS

Last Fiscal Year, ARDF sent out \$874,220 to support projects in 15 countries. In November 2021, the ARDF Global Council approved six projects, committing nearly **\$800,000** in funding. Some highlights include:

- The expanded facility in Brazil's House of **Hope** is welcoming students. Full activities resumed in March 2022, and House of Hope is now providing services in education, income-generation skills, and healthcare, serving more than 200 families a month.
- St. Andrew's High School in Northern **Kenya** celebrated its opening day and welcomed its first class of students. The school was highlighted during Education Day, with speakers and officials from across the region.
- In Nepal, our partners at Joy Land Kindergarten were able to secure land for their school that already had a suitable building on it! The church learned that the previous owner's son envisioned a school for the neighborhood, but died before his dream could be realized. When the owner learned that the church was going to use the building as a school, he was visibly moved.

### RELIEF

When disaster strikes, the local church is often in the best position to reach out to bring healing and restoration to those affected by tragedy. In the past year, the world faced multiple crises, and ARDF was honored to partner with church leaders making a difference in their communities during difficult times.

Afghan refugees fled their country, and many were welcomed by ACNA churches here in the United States. Haiti experienced a massive earthquake followed by a tropical storm, at a time when the country was already reeling from the assassination of their President, Hurricane Ida struck Louisiana, wreaking havoc on communities. In February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, setting off a humanitarian crisis like no other.

With the generosity of donors, ARDF responded to all of these disasters (and others!) by sending a total of **\$1,104,549** for relief efforts in **11 countries**, including a total of \$586,000 sent to partners in and around Ukraine.

# **NEW INITIATIVES**

ARDF was tasked by the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) to collect resources and send them to churches involved in domestic disaster relief within their communities. ARDF is now developing a **nation-wide disaster response** network, connecting volunteers and resources to bring hope to those who have experienced loss after a natural disaster.

In late March, ARDF participated in its first-ever mission trip focused on disaster response work. The team went to Grand Isle, Louisiana, where - seven months after Hurricane Ida - the electricity was reconnected, allowing the work of recovery to finally begin. In partnership with the North American Lutheran Church, participants received training on how to prepare as an individual, a family, and a congregation. There was also a panel discussion about spiritual care.

We never know when disasters will strike, but a lack of expectation does not need to equal a lack of preparation. With some training and a plan in place, you and your church can be ready to face a crisis when it occurs and respond to your community when they need it most.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting new initiative or would like to volunteer, scan the barcode below or contact our National Disaster Response Network Director, Tommy Lamb at tommy@ardf.org.







### - Deacon Shelly Sorem, Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast







Top to bottom. Children at House of Hope in Brazil. ARDF's disaster response team in LA. St. Andrew's High School in Kenya.