

News from Development and Peace

The work of Development and Peace continues in these difficult times. Due to the covid -19 pandemic, many communities need our solidarity more than ever. The UN World Food program estimates that 265 million people could face starvation by the end of 2020 and an additional half a billion could be pushed into poverty. Pope Francis in his message for the World Day of the Poor states “ we cannot feel alright when any member of the human family is left behind in the shadows.”

Development and Peace is working in 22 countries across the world. In every country we partner with local organizations to provide help. The help is usually in the form of financial and technical support so that they can carry out the development projects that most affect them. We are trying to address the root causes of poverty and injustice. Visit devp.org to see the details of the Community Development programs that we support. Click on International Programs, scroll down to the map and click on the yellow squares to get details of the 16 different programs that Development and Peace is supporting. some of our longest partners have been in the Phillipines and Haiti. help can be as simple as helping a family to grow a garden so that they can feed themselves. In Ecuador we have helped 500 families in sustainable agricultural techniques and have provided seeds and seedlings so that they no longer need to travel for food.

As well as these programs we are involved in providing emergency help in 14 different countries. One of these is in Lebanon to provide food, clean water, shelter, medication and health services to the people suffering due to the explosions in Beirut. We are also helping refugees from Columbia now in Venezuela. Through the Jesuit Refugee Service we are providing help to people of Syria. Another group that is being helped are Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh. Details can be seen by going to the map under the International Programs on the devp.org website and clicking on the red squares.

In many instances we work The local Caritas organizations in providing help.

In Canada, we have joined with 200 organizations in supporting a Just Recovery. the six principles are: 1 Put peoples health and well being first; 2. strengthen the social safety net and provide relief directly to people; 3 Prioritize the needs of workers and communities; 4 build resilience to prevent future crises; 5 build solidarity and equality across communities, generations and borders; and 6 uphold indigenous rights and work in partnerships with indigenous peoples.

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