



2023 MID-YEAR REPORT

QUICK FIGURES

Grants to 15 countries

\$1,625,820 granted

**15 grants for
migration
accompaniment
ministry**

**1,117 volunteers at PDA
volunteer host sites**

57 grants disbursed



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Hurricane Ian response



ACT/HEKS-EPER/András D. Hajdú

Ukraine response

MIGRATION ACCOMPANIMENT MINISTRY

In 2023, the world continues to face a rise in human mobility and forced migration due to oppression and persecution, war, climatic catastrophes (sudden events as well as droughts and flooding due to changing weather patterns) and other forms of violence. It is within this context that PDA made a joint trip with World Mission colleagues to Ukraine, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland where PDA met with partner churches and relief organizations as well as Ukrainians. In Latin America and the Caribbean, PDA participated in the ACT Alliance regional migration consultation where they identified steps to better support each other in their ministries and advocacy with people on the move. Several grants supported refugee integration and self-reliance.

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NATIONAL RESPONSE

Through June, 64 members of the National Response Team (NRT) members were deployed for natural and human-caused disasters in 26 presbyteries, including responding to tornadoes, gun violence, arson and storms; leading trainings on resilience and church security planning and preparedness; and onboarding new volunteer host sites. 1,117 volunteers served at PDA volunteer host sites, and 34 grants were disbursed totaling \$590,500.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

23 grants totaling \$1,035,320 were disbursed to partners in 15 countries that included the following: Response to flooding and hurricanes in Haiti, the Bahamas, Malawi, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Indonesia; climate response and disaster preparedness in India, Colombia and Jamaica; political unrest and war in Ukraine and nearby countries, Sudan and Peru; and emergency and long-term response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

STORY PRODUCTIONS

The *Trouble The Water* docuseries will soon be distributed across streaming platforms, including Amazon, Apple, Roku and Cable On Demand. Production, listening sessions, and interviews have continued with community partners from the Eastern Woodland Indigenous Tribes of NC for the industrial pollution and environmental racism documentary, as well as for a new short documentary focused on eviction and homelessness through the voices of children and families in Dayton, OH. Story Productions has begun pre-production and is developing a Core Guiding Group for a new documentary focused on gun violence. *Flint* continues to be screened across the U.S. and engages communities around the issues of environmental justice and racism.

CALLS TO ACTION

- **PDA volunteer host sites need you!** For information on volunteer opportunities, visit www.pcusa.org/pdavolunteersites, call 866-732-6121 or email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org
- **Disasters and their impact are intensified by climate change.** Our colleagues in the Presbyterian Hunger Program offer resources on environmental and sustainable living, visit www.pcusa.org/climate
- **Action alerts** are available through our colleagues in the Office of Public Witness. Learn more: www.pcusa.org/washington
- **Accept the Matthew 25 invitation!** Work with us to dismantle structural racism, eradicate systemic poverty and build congregational vitality. Join the over 1,000 Matthew 25 congregations: www.pcusa.org/M25



ACT/MECC

Turkey/Syria earthquake response



Interviews for environmental racism documentary

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