

# Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 2019 At A Glance



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## QUICK FIGURES

- **\$5 million** granted around the globe
- **\$3.3 million** granted nationally in **29** states (including Puerto Rico).
- **\$1.6 million** granted internationally in **19** countries
- **\$403,420** granted for refugee ministry nationally and internationally
- **438 National Response Team members** spent **1,680 days** in the field in **52** presbyteries
- **167 Presbyterian Women** trained in Disaster Preparedness
- **7,354 work team volunteers** served in **10** states, donating more than **\$10 million** in volunteer labor (according to the Independent Sector)



# REFUGEE MINISTRY

2019 was another year of frequent changes to official U.S. asylum and refugee resettlement policies and procedures. Despite government-mandated deterrents, nothing prevented the ongoing arrival of families and children from around the world seeking asylum at the U.S./Mexico border. The number of refugees worldwide has reached the highest level since World War II, approximately 26 million individuals. Yet the U.S. continues to withdraw from refugee resettlement, putting thousands of refugees in danger as they wait for the U.S. to resettle them. Churches and church-based organizations persevered throughout all these policy changes to meet the needs of refugees and asylum seekers, offering them welcome and advocating for more humane policies.

In 2019, PDA disbursed **20 grants totaling \$403,420** nationally and abroad to presbyteries and partners assisting refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons.

For more information about PDA's refugee ministry, visit [www.pcusa.org/PDA/refugee](http://www.pcusa.org/PDA/refugee)

# STORY MINISTRY

2019 was a banner year for PDA's Story Ministry. *Trigger* received distribution on Amazon Prime and *Locked in a Box* inspired the first "Immigration Advocacy in Documentary Film" award from IFFF. *Flint* is launching on Amazon Prime, iTunes, Google Play and OnDemand for cable services such as Comcast, Spectrum and Charter on January 31, 2020. Coming out in 2020 is *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance*, a documentary series resource to have conversations around the issues of race and racism. This project is a collaboration across two Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) agencies and several offices and initiatives as well as responding to recent General Assembly actions.

Story Ministry films are resources to discuss topics like access to clean water (*Flint*), gun violence (*Trigger*), refugee resettlement (*To Breathe Free*), immigration detention (*Locked in a Box*), the widespread impact of natural disasters and long term recovery (*Kepulihan*) and more. Study guides are available for most films, see [www.pcusa.org/StoryProductions](http://www.pcusa.org/StoryProductions) for more information.

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The content in this handout provides a preliminary glance at the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To see the full scope of your gifts at work in 2019, read the annual report *Mission Mosaic*: at [www.pcusa.org/MissionMosaic19](http://www.pcusa.org/MissionMosaic19)