

2022 MID-YEAR REPORT



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*This report conveys the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
from January 1-June 30, 2022.*

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REFUGEE MINISTRY

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) initiated a church-wide appeal soon after the war in Ukraine began, raising \$8 million dollars. PDA convened a group including PDA, World Mission, the Office of Public Witness, the Presbyterian Ministry at the UN, and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Emergency needs for refugees and displaced persons within Ukraine are being addressed through ongoing emergency grants supporting food, shelter, hygiene and transportation. This humanitarian aid is being delivered through partners in Ukraine (Saint Egidio and the International Orthodox Christian Charities) and in bordering countries receiving refugees, primarily through partnerships with Reformed Churches in Romania, Hungary and Poland. Additionally, PC(USA) is supporting a coordinated global humanitarian response with ACT Alliance, which includes members from Europe and North America implementing long term multi-million dollar humanitarian emergency and mid-range responses.

2022 marks the second year PDA has offered grants to support refugee and asylum advocacy programs. This has strengthened PDA's ties with refugee and immigrant leaders, enabling us to center our advocacy on their voices.

PDA continues to work with churches supporting resettled refugees, including the influx of Afghan refugees being resettled in the U.S.

Outside of the U.S., PDA is supporting IDPs and refugees in Guatemala, Afghanistan, Syria/Lebanon, Ukraine/Europe and Ethiopia.

QUICK FIGURES

**Total dollars granted:
\$1,340,186**

61 grants disbursed

Grants to 19 countries

**232 volunteers at
PDA volunteer host
sites**

**20 refugee ministry
grants**

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NATIONAL RESPONSE

Through June, there were 28 in-person and virtual deployments of National Response Team (NRT) members for natural and human-caused disasters in 11 presbyteries, including the tragic shootings in Buffalo, NY, Uvalde, TX and Highland Park, IL, in addition to partnership deployments with the American Red Cross. 232 volunteers served at PDA volunteer host sites, and 37 grants were disbursed totaling \$562,000.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

24 grants totaling \$778,186 were disbursed to 22 partners in 19 countries that included the following: Response to various floods due to tropical storms and heavy rains in the Philippines, Malawi, Madagascar, India, and Bolivia; long-term recovery work in Haiti and India; livelihood and housing rehabilitation projects in the Dominican Republic; response to volcano eruption in Tonga; women's initiatives in Jordan/Middle East; continued engagement in Bahamas and Liberia.

STORY PRODUCTIONS

For an upcoming documentary, Story Productions has continued to work alongside community partners to amplify voices and counter stories around the issues of industrial pollution and environmental racism. The series *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance* has continued a pilot program and will be released this fall along with a discussion guide. *Flint: the Poisoning of an American City* has been streamed more than 3 million times on Amazon and its distribution has been extended across new streaming services and platforms. *Flint* has also been recognized and licensed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA,) who continue to use the documentary for trainings on environmental 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

