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- Addressing the causes of poverty
- Advocating against injustice
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Cover: Saraswoti Yogi, with her two children, from the Navjyoti Training & Empowerment Project in Nepal. This picture was used during our 2008 Lent Appeal. Photo: Tara D'Sousa/Caritas

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

Partnership is a core concept for Caritas. It applies not only to our overseas work, but to our work alongside other organisations in Aotearoa New Zealand, and it also recognises the contribution of those who support us in numerous ways – with donations, prayer, time and friendship.

By combining our strengths and linking respective parties to each other, partnership creates the potential for greater effectiveness in working for a world free of poverty and injustice.

*Photo: Mercy Works,
Papua New Guinea*



WORLD YOUTH DAY GROWS ON

The Big Event on the 2008 Catholic Calendar was of course World Youth Day in Sydney. Our sister agency Caritas Australia challenged arrivals to “be more”, to engage with issues of justice and to act as true global citizens; while here in New Zealand, we played our part in preparing pilgrims and providing food for thought on social justice for those keeping the fires burning back home.



Our Lenten reflection programme walked the path of pilgrimage as many parishes prepared to send pilgrims to Sydney. Organisations adapted the programme to talk about pilgrimage even where a physical journey was not possible, such as for housebound people or those in prison. We also provided Samoan and Tongan language versions.

Caritas was behind the World Youth Day Carbon Footprint Programme, providing pilgrims and prospective pilgrims with information on climate change, what our faith has to do with it, and what people can do about it. Pilgrims using Williment Travel were able to donate \$5 to a Caritas project. As a result, we and Caritas Nepal were grateful for \$17,500 raised

to help the Syangja community in southwestern Nepal regenerate barren land. Read more about this project on page 6.



Nurseryman Humnath Podil and our Programmes Officer for Asia Tricia Thompson planting a sapling in October on behalf of World Youth Day pilgrims. Photo: Manindra Malla/Caritas.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Caritas seeks to help all peoples regardless of race, creed or culture. We are proudly Catholic, and our philosophy is deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching principles. Perhaps the most important is the principle of human dignity. In simple terms it says that all people are created in the image of God, and therefore all deserve to be treated with dignity. From that flow all our rights to life, adequate nutrition, healthcare, education, freedom of speech and association etc. Yet so many people in the world do not have these basic rights. The role of Caritas is to address those rights through its community development programmes, through its advocacy work and through humanitarian relief activities during and following natural and man-made disasters.



As I write this, we are in the midst of a global economic crisis, and the impact on the poor and vulnerable in our world is becoming more evident by the day. At the heart of this economic crisis is greed, unjust economic structures and unethical behaviour. We have seen total disrespect for millions of people around the world.

The words of Pope Benedict are relevant and challenging: *"If the poor are to be given priority, then there has to be enough room for an ethical approach to economics on the part of those active in the international market, an ethical approach to politics on the part of those in public office, and an ethical approach to participation capable of harnessing the contributions of civil society at local and international levels."* (2009 Message for the World Day of Peace).

Globalisation is a reality, but it should not be based on survival of the fittest. Instead, it must seek to promote the common good and protect the human dignity of all.

A big thank you to our many donors and supporters around New Zealand – to our Catholic schools, parishes and all individuals that have demonstrated their responsibility to others in the form of financial, volunteer and prayer support for our work in the last 12 months.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of NZAID, the New Zealand government's aid agency which provided around \$2.4 million towards our international work in 2008. As you will see from this report, the combination of NZAID and public donor funding enables us to undertake vital community development and humanitarian relief activities around the world.

We value all donations, be they large or small; and one of our goals is to keep administrative costs to a minimum. I am pleased to report that just 7 percent of total income received in 2008 has been spent on administration. Please refer to our financial section on page 15 for more detail on how funds have been utilised.

I hope you find this report both challenging and interesting. I also hope you will continue to support our work in the coming year.

Thank you & blessings.

Michael Smith
Director

FROM OUR CHAIR

Kia ora tatou. As Chair of the Caritas Board I often feel out-of-breath. This breathlessness is a result of reading the reports of Caritas' work at home and abroad. From research and advocacy on issues in New Zealand to the various development and relief projects, the variety is remarkable. This annual report allows you to see for yourself.



This is not activity for the sake of activity. There is a clarity of purpose about seeking authentic human development and wisely using the resources entrusted to Caritas by those who support its work for justice and peace. The Caritas network provides the opportunity for our local Church to assist people in need all around the world.

This came home to me last October while visiting friends in Peru. I took the opportunity to visit Caritas Peru's work following the destructive earthquake of August 2007 near Lima. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand joined other Caritas organisations to send money for relief and reconstruction. Once the immediate relief stage had passed (where Caritas Peru had provided materials for food, medicine and shelter) the local people had asked Caritas to assist further.

This request was a result of the slow official response in clearing rubble and reconstructing services. Caritas Peru – with support from Caritas Spain – began to work in two particular fields: providing earthquake-resistant housing and rebuilding schools.

The houses used local materials and modified traditional techniques. The school reconstruction was done in close connection to local communities and parishes. The great majority of Peruvians are Catholics but most schooling is provided by the State. So Caritas Peru was rebuilding schools and then handing them to the State for administration. An interesting example of Church-State cooperation!

This example also illustrates the way local Caritas organisations respond to the needs around them. This resourcefulness may well be an example we in Aotearoa can learn from as we face looming economic difficulties. Those difficulties are also an opportunity to consider how systems that have produced much inequality and are now in a state of collapse should be rethought to be fairer for all.

Fr Gerard Burns
Chair

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Caritas total funding of overseas partners in 2008 was \$3,372,063. These funds supported development and humanitarian relief and rehabilitation work in the Pacific, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

PACIFIC

Caritas extended its Pacific partnerships in 2008 by forging a link with Jesuit Refugee Services (Australia) in Papua New Guinea. We strengthened our links with the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen through the Shalom Centre and facilitated New Zealand Catholic schools' support of Rulna school in the Papua New Guinea highlands. Funding support for Papua New Guinea projects from the government's KOHA scheme was increased from two projects in 2007 to four in 2008.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Caritas Papua New Guinea Advocacy programme \$73,100

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand began working with Caritas Papua New Guinea in 2002. The organisation has strong Church networks through 19 Diocesan Caritas Coordinators in 21 provinces. Last year's advocacy programme built on the success of previous work in voter awareness and research on logging and mining. The programme deals with the social impact of these activities, working against increasing prostitution and arms trading in logging and mining areas.

Mercy Works

Training and awareness raising of grassroots communities \$50,000

Through Mercy Works, the Sisters of Mercy respond to marginalised women and men, especially the young, in Goroka. Caritas has been a partner since 2007. The Sisters provide skills and knowledge in household management, economic and relationship skills, human rights, and HIV and AIDS prevention. They refer and often accompany young people to other more specialised services. The project also improves the Sisters' ability to develop and manage the programme.

Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Land rights advocacy \$70,000

Caritas has supported CELCOR for several years in its work to protect people's land and resource rights from logging, mining and palm oil plantation interests. At the local level, it helps small communities become strong advocates before their own local and national governments. CELCOR's links to international advocacy networks connect them with the global campaign against land conversions to palm oil plantations.

Jesuit Refugee Services (Australia)

Refugees in Papua New Guinea \$24,568

This new project supports an Information and Advocacy Worker for Daru-Kiunga Diocese to assist refugees and border crossers in this northwestern diocese next to West Papua (Indonesia). Our support grew out of our relationship with the diocese and discussions with Jesuit Refugee Services working in the area. The project provides

WORKING TOGETHER AS CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Deforestation and conversion of land from forests to oil palm and other plantations are major issues facing Papua New Guinea. Rural communities often lack information and the skills to confront those that abuse their land rights.

In Oro and Kimbe provinces particularly, massive land conversion to palm oil plantations has moved people from their lands and threatened food supplies. In some schemes, people cannot plant food because the community has been forced into an agreement with the government whereby they plant oil palm and send the seeds to mill companies. They may be paid less than NZ\$20 a month which does not support their daily needs. In other schemes, the government buys land for plantations from the local people, forcing them to go to major centres such as Port Moresby, Lae, and Madang.



Palms killed by injection to make way for freshly planted palm. They are not cut down to avoid damaging the new ones underneath. Photo: Leo Duce/Caritas.

In the face of this disruption, we arranged in 2008 for two of our partners – Caritas Papua New Guinea and the Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) to meet for the first time, seeking to strengthen the work of both organisations. Caritas PNG's awareness-raising on the social impact of logging and mining is expected to benefit from the legal expertise of CELCOR, while the latter can be connected with communities directly affected by land conversions through Caritas PNG's grassroots network. Such connection will help CELCOR contribute better to the National Land Task Force reviewing the government's land administration policies.

refugees with information about their rights and options for their future. It also draws national and international attention to the issue. The two-year project will give the Diocese the ability to continue the work in the future.

Archdiocese of Mt Hagen

Caritas began working with the Archdiocese in 2007 in support of its HIV and AIDS radio programme, then extended its involvement last year through the Shalom Centre and Rulna School projects.

Trinity FM – radio programme impact evaluation \$10,000

Mt Hagen Archdiocese's radio station uses a programme on HIV and AIDS awareness to tackle the high incidence of AIDS in the region. Caritas has supported an evaluation of the programme's impact to provide baseline information to compare against future years and help long-term planning.

THE KOHA SCHEME – A GOVERNMENT/NGO PARTNERSHIP

The KOHA scheme recognises the value of non-government organisations' (NGOs) delivery of overseas development aid, and the support these organisations have from the public. The New Zealand government, through Kaihono hei Oranga Hapori o te Ao (KOHA)/ Partnerships for International Community Development (PICD), subsidises particular development projects by 4 to 1. That means for every \$1 from our own funds that Caritas puts towards a qualifying project, the government will add another \$4. Our supporters' money goes further in funding their preferred agency.

The scheme recognises that NGOs have grass roots contacts and expertise, can work in ways that governments cannot, and foster self-reliance by working in long-term partnership with communities.

A similar scheme, the Humanitarian Action Fund, applies to humanitarian aid given in emergencies, except there is no set ratio.



Painting tapa cloth using mangrove dyes in Nuku'alofa. This project of Caritas Tonga benefits from the KOHA scheme. Photo: Leo Duce/Caritas.

Shalom Care Centre \$12,000

Caritas' 2007 HIV and AIDS appeal allowed us to extend our support for the Archdiocese's HIV and AIDS work. The Shalom Care Centre caters for people living with HIV or AIDS, providing skills courses such as baking, sewing, soap making and screen printing. Participants earn income while also enhancing their self-esteem.

Rulna community school \$25,814

In 2008, funds raised by the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association (NZCPPA) from their "mufti-mania day" fundraising initiative, helped build a double classroom for 198 primary students in remote Rulna village in the Western Highlands. The project aims to build a relationship between Catholic school children in New Zealand with their counterparts in Papua New Guinea.

FIJI

Ecumenical Centre for Research Education and Advocacy (ECEA)

People's participation for social justice \$87,200

Caritas' relationship with ECREA goes back to 1998. Our current partnership supports ECREA in economic justice, social empowerment, faith and society and the newly established Youth, Peace and Development programme. This project helps marginalised communities advocate for themselves in the face of government shortcomings. A community network established by ECREA has reached many informal (squatter) settlements and received recognition from many sectors.

TONGA

Caritas Tonga

Community development programme \$24,124

Caritas Tonga works with low income families and unemployed youth. We first supported them in 1999. The community development programme supports mulberry and pandanus planting, tapa cloth making, mat weaving, pig and chicken rearing, gardening and fishing. Local people are maintaining their culture and traditions while managing resources and caring for the environment. Youth are employed in initiatives of their own making.

ASIA

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand supported programmes in Asia for many years through two major consortiums: the Asia Partnership for Human Development (APHD) and Cooperation Internationale pour le Development et la Solidarite (CIDSE – International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity). We were a long-time member of APHD which brought together 23 Catholic organisations from both developed and developing nations. The consortium has since merged with Caritas Asia, and we continue direct relationships with former APHD partners.

CIDSE consists of European and North American Catholic organisations. They began collectively working in Cambodia, Viet Nam and Lao in 1981 out of solidarity with the poor. The evolution of CIDSE's work is seen in Caritas forming a new relationship over the past year with NORMAI – a local organisation formed to take on a village programme previously run by the CIDSE-Laos consortium.

In 2008, we also began supporting a new programme with long-term partner Caritas Nepal.

BANGLADESH

Caritas Bangladesh

We have worked with Caritas Bangladesh for nearly 30 years, initially through APHD. Caritas Bangladesh began in 1967 in response to a series of natural disasters. It now focuses on disaster risk reduction and runs more than 60 development projects improving the lives of poor people, especially the most disadvantaged – women and Adivasi (indigenous people). In 2008, we supported two of its programmes:

Integrated community development \$65,000

Caritas Bangladesh works with more than 12,000 Adivasi families in Dinajpur province. The programme has restored over 110 hectares of traditional lands to Adivasi to grow their own food and enabled 3,650 children to begin school in their own language. It also incorporates part of Caritas Bangladesh's wider motherhood programme training local women to become midwives for their villages and provide safer care for mothers and babies.

Gender and development \$130,000

This programme works with more than 50,000 women and men in more than 2000 People's Organisations, helping them become independent. Training and support is being provided to enable the groups to run social awareness campaigns, and savings and microcredit groups by themselves from 2010.

GENDER PROGRAMMES – NOT ALL ABOUT WOMEN



Photo: Tricia Thompson/Caritas

Gender development programmes are not just for women. Change to improve women's lives only comes about when men and women work together to create change.

While visiting the Bangladesh gender and development programme in 2008, Caritas' staff Michael Smith and Tricia Thompson found it a delight to be met in the first village by a group of shy men offering the New Zealand guests bouquets of leaves and flowers. They wanted us to know that their name "Pariborton Purush Samity" means the "Change Committee". When asked what work they had done since the group formed in 1995, they told of the community fishing pond; the repaired roads and culverts in the village; that the group helps resolve family conflicts; that families now had some savings; that all the village families now have a sanitary latrine; that both boys and girls now go to school.

When asked what thing were they most proud of, they said the fact that there is now no child-marriage in their area. Reduction in child-marriage is a major step forward for women to reduce maternal mortality, as younger mothers in developing countries are at much higher risk of fatal complications when pregnant or giving birth.

NEPAL

Caritas Nepal

Caritas Nepal began in 1989 and runs over 90 programmes. Many of the programmes grew out of APHD, while others developed in response to displacement of people caused by internal conflict and the need for peacebuilding. For a small organisation, Caritas Nepal carries out an impressive breadth of work. It has developed a model to suit its context, working through village-based groups and cooperatives. The groups receive information on social and political issues; training in agriculture, livestock care and other income-generating activities; assistance in savings and credit schemes; as well as support in specific needs for their area.

In 2008, we supported four of Caritas Nepal's programmes:

Integrated Pest Management for small farmers \$140,620

This programme entered a new three-year phase in 2008 and has been expanded because of its remarkable results. Caritas Nepal has trained 30 technicians in Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which uses observation, measurement and mainly natural techniques to control pests and produce more food. These technicians have now trained more than 50,000 small farmers in how to grow rice and vegetables using IPM techniques.

Navjyoti Centre – training and empowerment \$30,700

The Sisters of Nazareth run this programme in Surkhet district, training women and providing practical support through groups and cooperatives. Pre-schools involve both children and their families in education, and after-school activities motivate school children to pursue their knowledge. In 2008, the pre-school section of the programme won a government award for its quality.

Poverty reduction and community forestry, Syangja district \$37,720

This programme is similar to Navjyoti. It includes IPM and livestock trainings, but gives particular emphasis to growing saplings in community nurseries. The villagers plant and care for forestry areas to regenerate barren land surrounding two villages in the programme. World Youth Day pilgrims contributed \$17,500 to this programme.

Social change and poverty reduction, Baitadi district \$40,000

This programme, which we began supporting in 2008, works through community groups and cooperatives in five villages in western Nepal. The area faces particular challenges of men and youth travelling to India to work as migrant labourers, while young women risk being trafficked to work in brothels there. Consequently the programme has a special focus on educating people about preventing HIV and AIDS, and on keeping young women safe from trafficking.

LAO

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works through three partnerships in Lao, two of them arising from our CIDSE connection.

CIDSE-Laos

Caritas began working with CIDSE in Lao through APHD. In 2005 we moved to directly partner CIDSE-Laos¹, which managed village level programmes in rural Lao. In 2008, management of the programmes was handed to NORMAI (below). Caritas continues to support CIDSE-Laos as it investigates how it might undertake advocacy on land rights as an international non-government organisation.

NORMAI

A local organisation formed to take over management of CIDSE-Laos' village-level programmes, "NORMAI" stands for Non Profit Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement, but also plays on the Laotian word for a small emerging rice shoot. It reflects NORMAI's desire to help villagers improve the stability of their food supply, namely rice.

Integrated community development – Atsaphone district \$65,000

This programme works with nearly 2000 villagers in 12 villages on agriculture, health and sanitation, and education. After three years, 95 percent of villagers have access to clean drinking water, thanks to the programme's village water user groups. The groups have organised wells dug by the villagers themselves or, if the water is too far down, by drilling machines brought in by the project.



A well drilled in the Atsaphone programme. The fence is to keep animals out. Photo: Tricia Thompson/Caritas.

¹ "Lao" is the local spelling of the country. The organisational name "CIDSE-Laos" retains a French variation.

Spirit in Education Movement (SEM)/Lao Buddhism for Development

The Thai-based SEM and a Lao organisation are cooperating on a programme to develop civil society leaders in Lao.

Grassroots leadership training \$50,000

Caritas has supported this programme since 2005. In 2008, 30 new potential future community leaders (monks, nuns, and young men and women) began a 9-month training course. A significant outcome from the first course is the "Roaming Dharma Project". A monk graduate now works with 1500 primary school children, helping them to develop their critical thinking and analyse environmental and social problems facing the country – a very new style of education for Lao.

CAMBODIA

Development and Partnership in Action (DPA)

Partnership programme \$107,100

As with NORMAI in Lao, our partner DPA emerged in 2005 to take over work previously carried out by CIDSE in Cambodia. DPA runs village development programmes, a Development Education and Advocacy Unit, and a Partnership Department. We have supported the partnership programme since 2001. The programme works alongside 25 Cambodian community based organisations to strengthen management and financial skills so they can be "weaned off" DPA support. Then they can stand on their own as strong community organisations able to speak for their people.

INDONESIA

Islamic Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Empowerment (ICDHRE)

Public policy and advocacy \$43,700

ICDHRE was formed in 1992 by university students in east Java as a study forum. They have received outside funding since 1999 to support their work in training local people on human rights, so strengthening civil society. Cordaid (Caritas Netherlands) is the major Caritas network partner, while Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has supported it since 2004. ICDHRE continues its advocacy work in a difficult political environment, working with village community groups as well as the media and lawyers to help create strong advocacy programmes and lobby policy makers.

Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian (SKP – Office for Justice and Peace)

Resources and English language training \$10,715

Since 2006, Caritas has supported English language courses in New Zealand for SKP staff from West Papua, to improve communication with overseas partners and funders, and increase international links. In 2008, SKP Jayapura published five resources on human rights and peacebuilding in West Papua, including "Papua: Its Problems and Possibilities for a Peaceful Solution" by Fr Neles Tebay. This is being used for lobby work in Geneva, Brussels and Washington DC.

Yayasan Santo Antonius (Yasanto)

Building the capacity of Papuan women \$43,450

Through this Merauke-based programme, Yasanto works to improve the lives of the indigenous people. It trains Papuan women in animal husbandry, paddy field management and organic farming to help improve their income and well-being. Those who take part become trainers themselves who share skills with the wider community.

TIMOR LESTE

Caritas Dili

Community development \$43,860

Capacity building \$19,760

Longstanding partner Caritas Dili continues its community development programme providing training in agricultural techniques, community leadership and financial management for 14 villages. Now, community members are sharing their learning with each other. Challenges in organisational development are being worked through between Caritas and local partners Caritas Australia (Timor Leste), Progressio and the Dili Diocese. This has included Caritas and cofunders supporting a Capacity Building Advisor to strengthen Caritas Dili's organisation, planning and reporting.

Radio Timor Kmanek (RTK)

Community awareness through radio \$32,331

RTK is a new partner, broadcasting peacebuilding and rural development radio programmes. The programmes are highly popular and involve a lot of listener call-ins and feedback that shape the broadcasts. RTK's civic education is helping to rebuild Timor Leste.

NGO Forum of Timor Leste (FONGTIL)

Building the capacity of members \$60,257

Caritas has partnered FONGTIL since 2006. It is strong on advocacy and the building-up of Timor Leste's civil society and non-government organisations. In 2008, it shifted focus from advocating on behalf of members to training and giving organisations skills to advocate for themselves and independently strengthen civil society.

Hamahon Feto Timor (HAFOTI)

Community enterprise development \$44,346

HAFOTI, a women's network supported by Caritas since 2004, continues to provide training, marketing opportunities and revolving loans to rural women to generate income. The organisation has generally recovered after the August 2007 nationwide conflicts. Caritas is working with HAFOTI and other partners to improve organisational ability.



Hafoti staff members Marta da Silva (left) and Maria Cabral with traditional woven fabrics and baskets. Photo: Grace Leung/Caritas

Caritas Baucau

Integrated health services \$50,000

Our visit to Caritas Baucau in September 2008 showed a strong mobile clinic programme serving isolated rural communities complemented by training and materials on traditional medicines, health education and training of trainers. Although most equipment has been recovered since the 2007 conflicts, Caritas Baucau has been working in a temporary office, pending repair of their previous office.

SRI LANKA

Savisthri

Women for Development Alternatives

Savisthri's work with women in Sri Lanka was not funded from 2008 distributions, but Caritas continues to maintain support and a working relationship with them. Savisthri has been consolidating its activities in human rights and advocacy, agriculture, fisheries, micro-enterprises and credit management.

AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

In 2008, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand continued to strengthen partnerships in Africa and Latin America which address key social justice areas and development needs. Caritas faces the challenge of maintaining high quality monitoring, evaluation and support from a distance. To assist with our support of agencies on the ground, we strengthened our relationship with sister agency Trócaire (Caritas Ireland). We support Trócaire East Africa in Kenya, Sudan and Rwanda, and Trócaire Central America in Nicaragua.

Our Trócaire partnership focuses on working against gender-based violence, with programmes funded in Kenya and Nicaragua. These support national level organisations working together to increase awareness of gender issues and campaign for legislative change.

AFRICA

Early in 2008, we supported Caritas Kenya's response to post-election violence and displacement of people. We also continued to support urgent relief work in camps for displaced people in Darfur, Sudan. In November 2008 Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand staff visited Trócaire East Africa's regional office and our mutual partners in the field in Kenya and South Sudan, as well as development partners in Kenya.

KENYA

Women's Resource Centre Development Institute (WRC-DI) Countering violence against women \$71,970

Caritas and WRC-DI have been engaged in partnership since 2003. Violence against women is still top of the agenda in Kenya, especially in rural provinces such as Makeni District where WRC-DI operates. The organisation trains and supports community-based advocates who educate and raise awareness of this issue in the community. Advocates also help survivors of gender-based violence approach police to make complaints and receive legal assistance.

Trócaire East Africa

Against gender-based violence \$50,000

This new partnership focuses on a programme to tackle all forms of gender-based violence in Kenya. The programme brings together national level and grassroots Kenyan organizations to share learning, information and resources – and stand stronger together. Each organisation specialises in different aspects of the struggle, such as counselling and support, legal services, and raising awareness of the issue.

Chiga Parish

Orphans and family support \$32,100

Our partnership with Chiga parish grew through its third year in 2008. The programme continues to work with the parish's poorest families who have borne the brunt of HIV and AIDS. Guardians of children who have lost parents to HIV and AIDS are taught skills in small-scale agriculture and micro-businesses to strengthen their ability to sustain their families, while also receiving help with school uniforms and school meals for children in their care.

TANZANIA

Community Research and Development Services (CORDS) Pastoral land titling \$50,000

Our relationship with CORDS began in 2002 with this programme protecting access to land for the pastoral Maasai peoples in Northern Tanzania. The programme worked with 5600 households in 2008,

involving people in land use planning, improving gender-balance in participation and decision making, and ensuring that villages have Village Land Certificates of Occupancy, to protect them from illegal encroachment. Land use planning processes have lessened poverty and improved food supply.

Gender and development \$35,000

The Gender and Women's Development Programme successfully completed its first three-year phase. This has seen remarkable achievements for women in rural Maasai communities, providing them with entrepreneurial and literacy training, education on rights, and skills in working together in groups. Significant too has been the change in attitude of the men. Husbands and male family members encourage women's participation in the programme, and consult with them more frequently on matters affecting the household.



"Men have begun to value their wives more and are working together with them..." – End of term evaluation of the programme. Photo: Regina Scheyvens/Caritas.

Dogodogo Street Children's Trust

Empowering vulnerable children \$43,000

Since 2003, we have partnered with the Dogodogo Street Children's Trust in their work with vulnerable street children in Tanzania's capital city, Dar-es-Salaam. Through 2008, the programme strengthened the links it has with the wider community by increasing awareness and improving the security of street children. Contact was made with families of some of the children, and seven were reunited with their families.

The following were not funded from 2008 distributions, but Caritas continues partnership and support, and future allocations may be made.

SUDAN

Trócaire East Africa

Livelihoods programme

Western Bahr-el-Ghazal in South Sudan has seen relative peace since the 2005 peace agreement ended the North-South war. Caritas' partnership with Trócaire aims to develop secure means of income and support for communities rebuilding after three decades of civil war. Local organisations like the Hope Agency for Relief and Development (HARD) and African Partnership Aid for Relief and Development (APARD) have proved vital partners in carrying out agricultural recovery, education and disaster preparedness programmes, and ensuring viable and stable sources of income for communities.

RWANDA

Trócaire Central Africa

Civil society advocacy

Trócaire in Rwanda works with organisations defending human rights. Our partnership with them began in 2002, and is in the final phase as local partners come close to standing on their own. The programme has been consolidating. It has created a forum to harmonise the efforts of the various organisations, provided training, and conducted awareness raising and campaign actions on behalf of marginalised groups.

LATIN AMERICA

Caritas has strengthened partnerships in Nicaragua and Guatemala in 2008 through Trócaire Central America. Programmes have focused on the rights of women and indigenous people, and raising awareness around discrimination and gender-based violence. Education and organisation within the rural communities has contributed to the development of sustainable rural agriculture, helping people to make a living.

TRUTH AND JUSTICE FOR JULIANA



Juliana with Caritas staff member Nick Borthwick. Photo: Caritas

Juliana is a member of one of the Mayan communities living among the mountains of San Martín in Guatemala. She is a midwife and an active member of the Association for Justice and Reconciliation (AJR), one of the organisations CALDH has supported to encourage Mayans to speak the truth about the Guatemalan genocide so justice can be sought.

Recalling the day in 1982 when her husband was marched off by government-sponsored paramilitaries, Juliana says with tears in her eyes, "the whole earth heaved beneath my feet". Her husband was falsely accused of being a rebel by a man with a scarf over his face – Juliana believes it was a family neighbour. She never saw her husband again.

Now, Juliana and hundreds of thousands of Mayans in Guatemala can relate these memories, repressed for three decades for fear of reprisal. Juliana also encourages other members of her community to come forward, tell their story, and demand acknowledgement, justice and reconciliation.

GUATEMALA

Centro para la Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos (CALDH – Centre for Legal Action for Human Rights)

Justice and reconciliation \$87,912

The indigenous Mayans have for centuries been discriminated against and excluded from the structures of the Guatemalan state. Since 2005, Caritas has partnered with human rights organisation CALDH, working for justice and reconciliation in the country, partly through seeking recognition of the genocide perpetrated against Mayans during the 1980s civil war. In the past year it has helped genocide survivors tell their stories, brought legal cases in Spain and the Inter-American Court of Justice, and run a media campaign.

NICARAGUA

Trócaire Central America

Gender and human rights \$80,000

Caritas supports a gender and human rights programme created by Trócaire that brings together 16 Nicaraguan organisations working for human rights for migrants, youth and women. They learn

together, develop action plans, and unite their voices for education, awareness-raising and appealing to the government for change. Partners have strengthened their organisational abilities while continuing community work and programmes educating women and men for change.

Association for the Development and Diversification of Community Agriculture (ADDAC)

Though ADDAC was not funded from 2008 distributions, Caritas maintains support and a working relationship. 2008 marked the completion of three years of work with ADDAC, which began with a partnership created with Government agency NZAID in 2005. ADDAC places community and family values at the centre of its agricultural development work in Matagalpa. Youth members of the community-based cooperatives are in key positions of responsibility putting skills and training to use in their communities.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

When disaster strikes or conflict erupts and an emergency response is required, Caritas turns to existing development partners first because of their contact with grass roots networks. This strategy strengthens our partners' own ability to assess the need after a crisis, to design a response and manage short-term relief. Usually they are the on-ground agencies who will also be involved in longer-term recovery and rehabilitation. They are the ones in for the long haul! Caritas also has a responsibility to develop partners' ability to prepare for and reduce the risks of disaster.

In 2008, Caritas worked with several long-term partners, some primarily development focused, who managed to organise difficult and often risky relief responses. In Asia, such partners included Caritas India, Catholic Relief Services, Caritas Sri Lanka, the Caritas Internationalis confederation, the Thailand-Burma Border Consortium and church agencies within Burma. In Africa, we worked through the Caritas network and with Chiga parish in Kenya, while closer to home the capacity of Caritas Papua New Guinea to respond to emergencies was enhanced.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Caritas Papua New Guinea

Disaster preparedness and response \$45,000

Papua New Guinea (PNG) experiences natural disasters on a regular basis. This project has developed the ability of national and diocesan Caritas staff often at the forefront of disaster response. The training workshop has helped create a core of trained personnel within the Church able to be tapped during disasters and emergencies.

BURMA (MYANMAR)

Thailand-Burma Border Consortium

Relief to Burmese refugees \$225,000

The Thailand-Burma Border Consortium (TBBC) was established in 1984 to work with Burmese refugees just inside the Thai border. Caritas began working with TBBC in 2001 through our relationship with Jesuit Refugee Services. TBBC aims to maximise refugee input and minimise staff and aid dependency. The refugees are largely responsible for their own lives and maintain their culture. All receive food, shelter, health care and non-food items as well as training through camp programmes. In 2008, world rice prices surged, severely affecting ration levels and threatening severe malnutrition. In response to this, Caritas increased its 2008 commitment, and other supporters also came to the party – averting a crisis.

Caritas Internationalis/Catholic Church in Burma

Cyclone Nargis response and recovery \$404,517

Cyclone Nargis which hit Burma (Myanmar) in May last year was clearly the largest natural disaster of 2008. The Catholic Church in Burma – used to responding to small, localised emergencies since the 1990s – had their capacity tested. But with help from Caritas Internationalis they gained in experience and ability in implementing a large-scale emergency and recovery response. Caritas Internationalis launched an appeal to help those who lost property, livelihoods and loved ones when Nargis hit the nation's "rice bowl". Projects on the ground were managed by the Myanmar Disaster Relief Committee (MDRC) consisting of religious and lay people from different dioceses and agencies. Over 340 local volunteers delivered food to over 26,000 people within weeks of the disaster. Then followed temporary shelter, non-food relief items, medical services, and water and sanitation facilities. Gradually, assets to generate income have been replaced.

FIGHTING DEATH IN THE FACE OF NARGIS



Photo: Archdiocese of Yangon.

"It is my privilege and duty to be the voice of our country men and women at this hour of need. Thank you for your understanding", wrote Archbishop Charles Bo from Yangon in the days following Cyclone Nargis. Nargis had "attacked our people with raw power, killing children, mutilating thousands with dead bodies hoisted on tree tops, floating in the rivers." Life seemed to have been totally wiped out, but he told one story of resilience.

Stella, a mother of nine children, was in an advanced stage of pregnancy when Nargis arrived. Raging river waters entered her house. Stella was struggling to keep herself above the water level. Water lifted Stella to the roof, where she feared she would choke to death. But volunteers made a hole on the roof and she clambered on top as it carried her to dry ground. While thousands were struggling for life and hundreds were dying, a baby was born to this woman – her tenth child. The shock and horror of a storm, blowing at a blistering pace, could not stop life asserting itself once again through a child.

Stella and her children were made safe in a church-run shelter and provided with basic medicine and food.

INDIA

Caritas India

Bihar floods \$50,000

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand was a member with Caritas India in the Asia Partnership for Human Development (APHD) since the 1970s and supported many development projects in rural India. In recent times, our partnership has been in humanitarian assistance. When monsoon rains flooded Bihar State in August 2008, Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services (Caritas USA) provided 54,000 families with food rations, temporary shelter and medical and post-trauma services.

SRI LANKA

Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC

War-affected internally displaced people \$50,000

Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC (Social and Economic Development Centre) was also an APHD partner. SEDEC has undertaken post-tsunami as well as civil war related disaster responses and work through a network of Caritas diocesan partners including Caritas Jaffna (HUDEC) in the north and east where renewed fighting between the Sri Lankan military and the Tamil Tigers rebel group has caused new displacements of people. Caritas provided support to 12,314 affected families with health care, shelter reconstruction, education, food and resettlement support.

KENYA

Caritas Kenya

Kenya post-election crisis \$50,000

Caritas last supported an emergency response in Kenya through its partner Caritas Kenya for droughts and floods in 2006. Caritas Kenya and diocesan partners manage and coordinate national responses using international standards. After the Kenya general election in December 2007, sporadic violence erupted countrywide between various ethnic groups. People were attacked, their homes and businesses burnt down and property looted and destroyed. Caritas Kenya was able to deliver essential support to enable 30,000 displaced people to live safely and with dignity.

Chiga Parish, Kenya

Emergency Response to Post-election Violence \$10,042

Chiga Parish has been a key partner of Caritas since 2005, through the Orphans and Family Support development project. Chiga and the surrounding communities were highly affected following the elections by loss of property and crops, physical and sexual violence, and widespread ethnic-based intimidation. The parish provided emergency services and support to approximately 200 residents of Chiga and Alendu and 15 displaced families camped in church premises.

SUDAN

Norwegian Church Aid/Caritas Internationalis/Action by Churches Together

Darfur emergency response \$200,000

Led by Norwegian Church Aid, the Darfur emergency response is one of the largest humanitarian programmes in the west and south of Darfur in western Sudan. It represents a huge cooperative effort by Caritas Internationalis and Action by Churches Together, alongside local Sudanese relief organisations Sudan Aid, Sudan Council of Churches and Sudan Social Development Organisation. In 2008 more than 290,000 people were newly displaced because of increased inter-tribal and militia-driven conflict in the area. The joint programme delivers health care, education, water and sanitation, and agricultural support to over 90,000 people. We have been committed to this partnership since 2004.

ADVOCACY

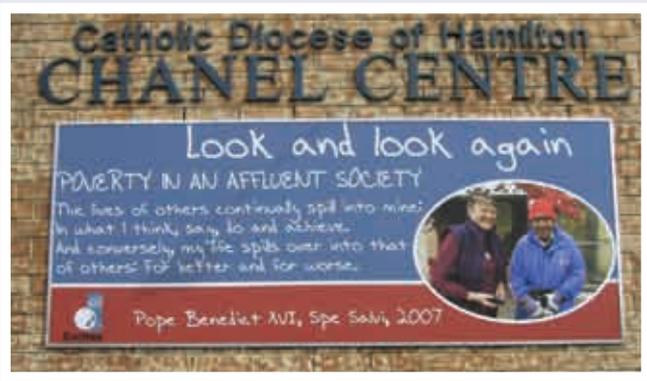
Caritas works for a just and peaceful world by speaking out on social justice issues affecting people at home and abroad. Our local and international advocacy work considers decisions by government and other bodies in the light of Catholic social teaching and how those decisions affect the most vulnerable people. Below are some of the issues addressed in 2008.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Looking out for the poorest

Caritas asked the government in its election year budget to look out for the poorest members of our local and global communities, by passing on tax cuts to beneficiaries, and setting a timetable to reach our international commitment to provide 0.7 percent of gross national income in overseas development aid by 2015. The New Zealand government has only committed to a timeframe to reach 0.35 percent by 2010.

Our participation in the Point7 group of the Council for International Development kept overseas aid on the election year agenda with arguments to continue increasing our assistance, and that NZAID – the government’s aid agency – should continue a prime focus on poverty elimination.



Hamilton diocese got behind Social Justice Week in a big way with this banner. Photo: Cynthia Piper.

POVERTY AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Caritas produced a special CD ROM in Social Justice Week to engage youth and young adults in thinking about the issues. *Poverty and Young People in Aotearoa New Zealand* explored how poverty affects young people here, and how young people can involve themselves in making a change. It used young people’s perspectives, reflections by Catholic groups that work with young people, Catholic social teaching, scripture, powerpoints, art and music to explore the issues and help reflection.



Social Justice Week

Caritas focused on “poverty in an affluent society”, producing resources to help adults, young people and children see and understand the face of poverty today in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our core booklet *Look and look again* shared stories and experiences from those who are witnesses to poverty, including Catholic social service agencies, St Vincent de Paul groups, and community and health centres.



Colin Willis who featured in our Social Justice Week material: “People say ‘live within your income’ but a lot of people just don’t understand how small a benefit is.” Photo: Adrian Heke.

To coincide with Social Justice Week, in partnership with the Beneficiary Advocacy Federation, we released a report *The Unravelling of the Welfare Safety Net*, outlining changes made to social security over recent decades. The report warned last September that many New Zealanders may find that the “welfare safety net” no longer supports them in their time of need.

Easter Sunday trading

Caritas made submissions to a review into Easter Sunday trading legislation, and were pleased that the status quo remained following the third proposal within two years to remove trading restrictions on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. While these days are important to Catholics, many worker and community organisations value them as some of the few collective days of rest allowing families and communities to spend time together.

Debt and trade

Caritas continued participation in the Jubilee Aotearoa Debt Action Group which said more debt was not the answer for poor countries facing food shortages and price rises. In a submission on the China-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, Caritas said trade had to consider impacts on the poorest and most vulnerable people.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Caritas, in consultation with Te Rūnanga o te Hahi Katorika ki Aotearoa, helped draft the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference statement on this Declaration, passed by the United Nations in November 2007. New Zealand was one of only four countries to vote against the Declaration. Australia has since supported it, while the Holy See was among voices supporting it at the United Nations over the past 20 years of preparation.

Relationships with Māori Catholic communities

Caritas has worked to improve our relationships with Māori Catholic communities. This has included employing a staff member with knowledge of Māori language and tikanga (customs), increasing the understanding and knowledge of other staff, building a consultation process with appropriate groups on using Māori language and content in our publications, and ensuring that our resources and publications are received widely by the Catholic community.

Refugee myths and realities

Caritas worked in partnership with refugee organisations including the Wellington Refugee Family Reunification Trust, Refugee Services, Changemakers Forum, and Refugees and Survivors to produce a leaflet for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. The leaflet responds to many common myths and misconceptions about refugees, and was well received and distributed within community networks.



HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Caritas produced a leaflet explaining Catholic support for the Declaration. This was distributed to social justice contacts and used at celebrations in Hamilton and Wellington. Caritas continued its annual support of the Human Rights Film Festival in May and participated in panel discussions.

Children's employment

Following our 2007 research into children's employment experience, Caritas welcomed the law change applying the same health and safety regulations to children working as contractors as to those directly employed. Caritas also made a submission on the government report to the United Nations committee on the rights of the child, relating to the New Zealand government reservation against a minimum age of employment.

New Zealand legislation

Caritas continued to raise concerns about removing natural justice provisions from proposed immigration legislation. Caritas also commented on prisoners' rights in the Corrections Amendment Bill, welcoming the legalisation of communion wine in prisons, but expressing concern about other matters such as possible restrictions on release of prisoners during a civil emergency.

Overseas concerns

In international advocacy, Caritas expressed human rights concerns about a number of countries with which we have a connection.

As part of the Darfur – Let's Walk Together appeal, we joined with Christian World Service to promote prayer and awareness of the situation in Sudan, especially Darfur. Prayer and speaking events were held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, involving people of different faiths and representatives of the Sudanese communities in Auckland and Wellington.

Caritas continued support for the Indonesia Human Rights Committee and Catholic peace organisation Pax Christi in campaigns relating to justice and human rights in Indonesia, particularly in West Papua and Aceh.

Caritas also lobbied on or supported human rights concerns over situations in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and the Asia Pacific region.

PEACE

A highlight of 2008 was the negotiation and signing of a strong international treaty to ban production, use and distribution of cluster munitions – weapons which too easily kill civilians indiscriminately, and whose unexploded bomblets can linger as a threat for years after a conflict. The Vatican and New Zealand were part of the core group of seven countries which steered the Cluster Munitions Convention through a rapid international process to gain agreement in just over a year. Caritas lobbied and informed on the issue, while our Board chair Fr Gerard Burns was on the Holy See delegation to the Wellington preparatory conference in February 2008.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In a submission on the Biofuels Bill, Caritas asked the government to consider limiting the mandatory requirement for biofuel supply to that which could be locally sourced. We drew from our international partner agencies' experience, particularly that of CELCOR in Papua New Guinea. The transformation of land into biofuel plantations is a major contributor to poverty and food scarcity in many developing countries.

November saw the launch of an international climate action campaign by the Caritas Internationalis network. New Zealand Catholic bishops were among 92 Catholic religious leaders who called on developed nations to exercise the "moral obligation" they had to tackle climate change. As international negotiations continue towards a concluding conference in Copenhagen in December, the Caritas campaign seeks a fair and just global framework for climate action to succeed the Kyoto protocol. Climate change is likely to impact the worst on the poorest and most vulnerable people in our world.



Holding the candle for Darfur, left to right: Sister Rehanna 'Ali, Joycelyn Foo, Paddy Payne, Rabbi Johanna Hersheson, Sister Catherine Jones smsm.
Photo: Lisa Beech/Caritas

CARITAS IN SCHOOLS

Catholic values in the new curriculum

Caritas' programme for Catholic schools provides a justice and peace dimension for the new curriculum being introduced throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. Curriculum principles include cultural diversity, inclusion, community engagement and the Treaty of Waitangi. The religious education curriculum in Catholic schools is rooted in Gospel values of faith, hope and love, forming an integral part of teaching and learning opportunities. Caritas resources fully support these values.

We held Justice Leadership Days in five dioceses during 2008. Most of these workshop days encouraged young leaders from Years 11-13 to get active in advocating and supporting social justice at a local and national level. We also ran a Years 9-10 workshop in the Wellington Diocese.

Lent 2008 was promoted through our CD ROM *Partnerships for Change*, providing stories for classroom activities from Years 1 to 13. It featured Caritas partnerships from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Papua New Guinea, and from New Zealand profiled an organisation offering advice and advocacy to people claiming benefits.

Lenten visitors from Nepal and Papua New Guinea were wonderful representatives who inspired audiences with stories of courage, compassion and dignity. Manindra Malla from Caritas Nepal showed how sustainable agriculture training was contributing to a steadier food supply for the very poor. Sr Maryanne Kolkia from Mercy Works PNG gave insights into her work with troubled youth and how the Mercy sisters are improving life for vulnerable families.



Sr Maryanne being greeted by Rebecca Moriarty at St Bernard's School, Brooklyn, Wellington. Photo: Catherine Gibbs/ Caritas.

Schools' fundraising contributed \$92,000 towards Caritas' activities. Twenty secondary and primary schools raised over \$1,000 each, and some topped \$4,000. Schools used a wide range of activities and it seems fundraising activities are focused, realistic and practical. The New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association promoted Mufti Mania Day for a second year, to help raise money for a remote school in Rulna, Papua New Guinea (see page 5).

Our Social Justice Week theme of "poverty in an affluent society" was supported in primary schools with materials encouraging children to think about the difference between wants and needs. The secondary schools CD ROM was sent in November for building into 2009 programmes. Caritas has had many positive responses to these comprehensive resources. Using Caritas resources, some schools ran teacher professional development workshops exploring school culture and attitudes to poverty.

During Lent and around Social Justice Week in September, National Education Coordinator Catherine Gibbs and Auckland Regional

Coordinator Mary Betz visited schools across the dioceses, meeting many enthusiastic and dedicated teachers.

Caritas resources also continue to build links between religious education and social sciences, especially in secondary schools.

Our Education staff have worked hard to support Catholic schools teaching the social justice strand in the religious education curriculum. Their work incorporates important aspects of the Catholic school curriculum design for 2007-10, to ensure strong support for Catholic values and Catholic social teaching so integral to school programmes.

FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTION

Financial support from individual donors, groups, parishes and schools is a key component in the success of Caritas partnerships both at home in New Zealand and overseas. Caritas received over \$2.2 million in donations last year including \$300,000 in bequests.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Lent Appeal is our main fundraising event each year and contributes 18 percent of our total income. In 2008, the Lent Appeal raised \$857,000. This Appeal depends on the support of thousands of people across the country in every diocese. Caritas would like to thank all those who contributed their time and money in support of the Lent Appeal.

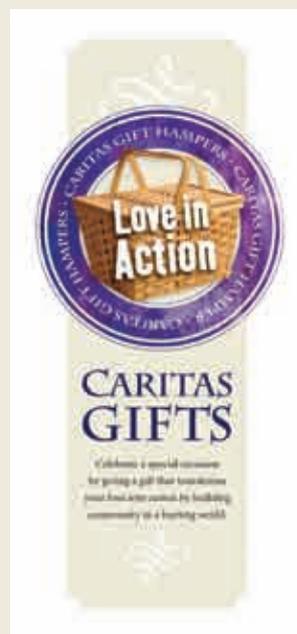
Donors have given generously to our three direct mail appeals raising \$305,000, an 8 percent increase on 2007. These appeals went out with our *Caritas Update* newsletter, keeping our supporters informed on Caritas activities. Our two special appeals were also well supported with donors giving \$100,000 to our Darfur – Let's Walk Together Appeal and \$203,000 to support the people of Burma (Myanmar) affected by cyclone Nargis in May.

Our regular giving programme One World Partnership (OWP) is growing steadily each year, raising \$212,000 in 2008, an 11 percent increase on 2007. Our OWP programme supports our international and domestic programmes and the level of contribution is dictated by the donor – it could be \$10, \$30, \$50 or more per month. A survey conducted with the October One World

Partnership newsletter has also given us valuable feedback and a better understanding of some of our donors. If you would like to know more about how you can support our work on a regular basis, take a look at our website www.caritas.org.nz or contact us on 0800 22 10 22.

In late 2008 Caritas launched Caritas Gifts – Love in Action, an alternative gift-giving initiative, in time for Christmas. This received strong support, raising \$37,000 for our work in specified areas.

We are grateful to all the individuals, parishes, schools and community groups who each year provide such generous support for our work.



FROM OUR BISHOPS' REPRESENTATIVE

On behalf of New Zealand's Bishops, I wish to thank our Caritas Board and staff members for the professional manner in which they have carried out their very important part of our Christian mission. I am amazed at the generosity of our Catholic people towards those in trouble or in serious need, as for example the victims of terrible Cyclone Nargis that struck Burma in May last year.



We are reminded by Our Lord in His account of the Last Judgment (Matt 25: 31ff) "Come take possession of the kingdom prepared for you, for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink...for as often as you did it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me".

Our Caritas agency is the local New Zealand Catholic organisation for helping promote justice, peace and development for those in need. It has the responsibility to:

- act on behalf of the Church to relieve suffering in times of crisis and disaster, to hold out the hand of kindness to people in need;
- be the means by which all Catholics can participate in the Church's mission of charity;
- act on behalf of the Church in matters of peace, justice and development in accordance with the Church's social teaching.

My sincere thanks to all our generous benefactors and donors who have helped Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand fulfil its task so well. The Bishops thank all the parishes, schools and organisations who have supported the work of Caritas. Many thanks to the many individuals who have so generously supported the special appeals during the year.

We thank God for the wonderful generosity of our Kiwi Catholics. It has been a privilege to be associated with the hard-working and dedicated staff, and with all you generous friends.

May God bless you all. You are in our daily prayers. Sincerely in Christ,

+ Robin Leamy sm
Episcopal Deputy for Caritas

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE STAKEHOLDERS OF CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

The summarised statements of financial performance and position provide information about the past financial performance of the Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2008, and its financial position at that date.

The Organisation's Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summarised statement of financial performance and financial position and their appropriate extraction from the financial statements of the Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2008.

We are responsible for expressing an independent audit opinion on the financial statements presented by the Board and reporting our opinion to you.

We have tested the information in the summarised statements of financial performance and financial position against the financial statements that we have audited for the year ended 31 December 2008.

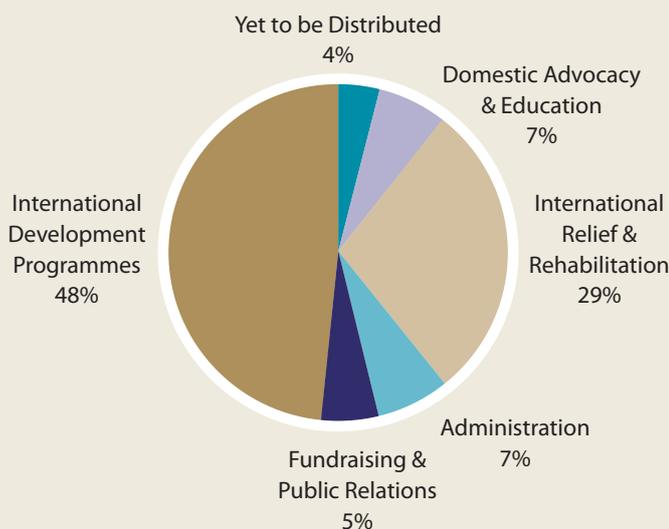
We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the summarised statements of financial performance and position of the Organisation have been properly extracted from the audited financial statements of the Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2008, on which we issued an unqualified opinion.

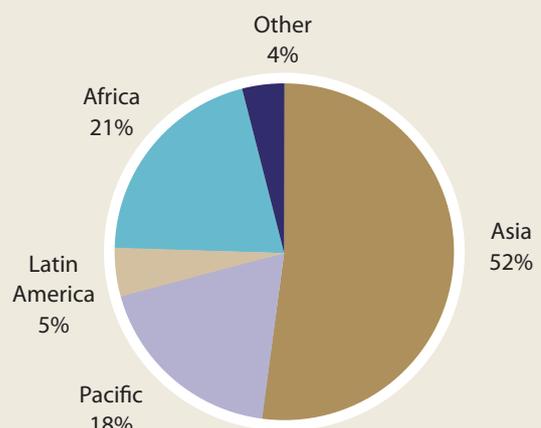
For a more comprehensive understanding of the Organisation's financial performance and financial position for the year ended 31 December 2008, we refer you to the full financial statements and our unqualified audit opinion dated 6 March 2009.

Grant Thornton
Chartered Accountants
Wellington

How is income used?



Programme Distributions by Region



CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31 December 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
	INCOME	
	Specified Income	
353,594	Public Donations & Bequests	620,331
1,500,000	NZAID-Development Grants (KOHA)	1,700,000
604,080	NZAID-Emergency Relief Grants (HAF)	713,760
231,756	NZAID-Other Development Grants	4,754
2,689,430		3,038,845
	Unspecified Income	
897,002	Lent Appeal	856,631
283,366	Direct Mail Appeals	305,215
191,253	One World Partnership	211,929
120,349	General Donations	32,035
30,600	Bequests	164,821
200,082	Interest	252,145
1,722,650		1,822,776
4,412,080	Total Income	4,861,621
	EXPENDITURE	
343,749	Administration	337,541
235,700	Public Relations & Fundraising	255,620
269,651	Programmes - Domestic	301,848
322,681	Programmes - International	320,991
19,484	Domestic Distributions	25,323
	International Distributions	
1,101,023	Relief & Rehabilitation	1,320,656
1,990,280	Development Projects	2,051,407
8,909	Advocacy	8,969
37,000	Other	48,215
4,328,476	Total Expenditure	4,670,570
83,605	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	191,051

Statement of Movement in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
445,234	OPENING FUNDS	528,839
	Accumulated Funds	
83,605	Net Surplus for the year	191,051
(56,367)	Transfer to Restricted Funds	(111,316)
27,238	Net Movement	79,735
	Restricted Funds	
56,367	Transfer from Accumulated Funds	111,316
56,367	Net Movement	111,316
528,839	CLOSING FUNDS	719,890

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
	FUNDS	
318,364	Accumulated Funds	398,099
210,475	Restricted Funds	321,791
528,839	TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	719,890
	Represented by:	
2,967,782	Current Assets	3,711,387
2,498,677	Less: Current Liabilities	3,037,957
469,105	NET CURRENT ASSETS	673,430
59,734	Fixed Assets	46,460
528,839	NET ASSETS	719,890

These summary financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand are extracted from the full financial statements and are available on request from the Caritas Office, PO Box 12-193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), have been audited without qualifications and were authorised by the Caritas Board on 6 March 2009.

Caritas is a public benefit entity and qualifies for concessions available under differential reporting. Full disclosure of policies and explanatory notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 5 to 12 of the full financial statements. The summary financial statements are compliant with Financial Standard No 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Signed on behalf of the Caritas Board on 6 March 2009

Fr Gerard Burns
Chair



Michael Smith
Director



OUR VISION

A world where all people are able to live life fully, free from poverty and injustice.

CARITAS IS...

the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops to respond to poverty and injustice in the world. The agency delivers aid, supports development, and works for justice in Aotearoa New Zealand and abroad. Caritas works with the poorest and most vulnerable communities, regardless of ethnicity, religion or nationality.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is part of the Caritas Internationalis network of 162 Catholic aid, development and social justice agencies working in over 200 countries and territories around the world.



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