

# THE CHURCH OF SWEDEN'S INTERNATIONAL WORK

Saving lives and defending human dignity

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# Geographical overview of the Church of Sweden's country pr

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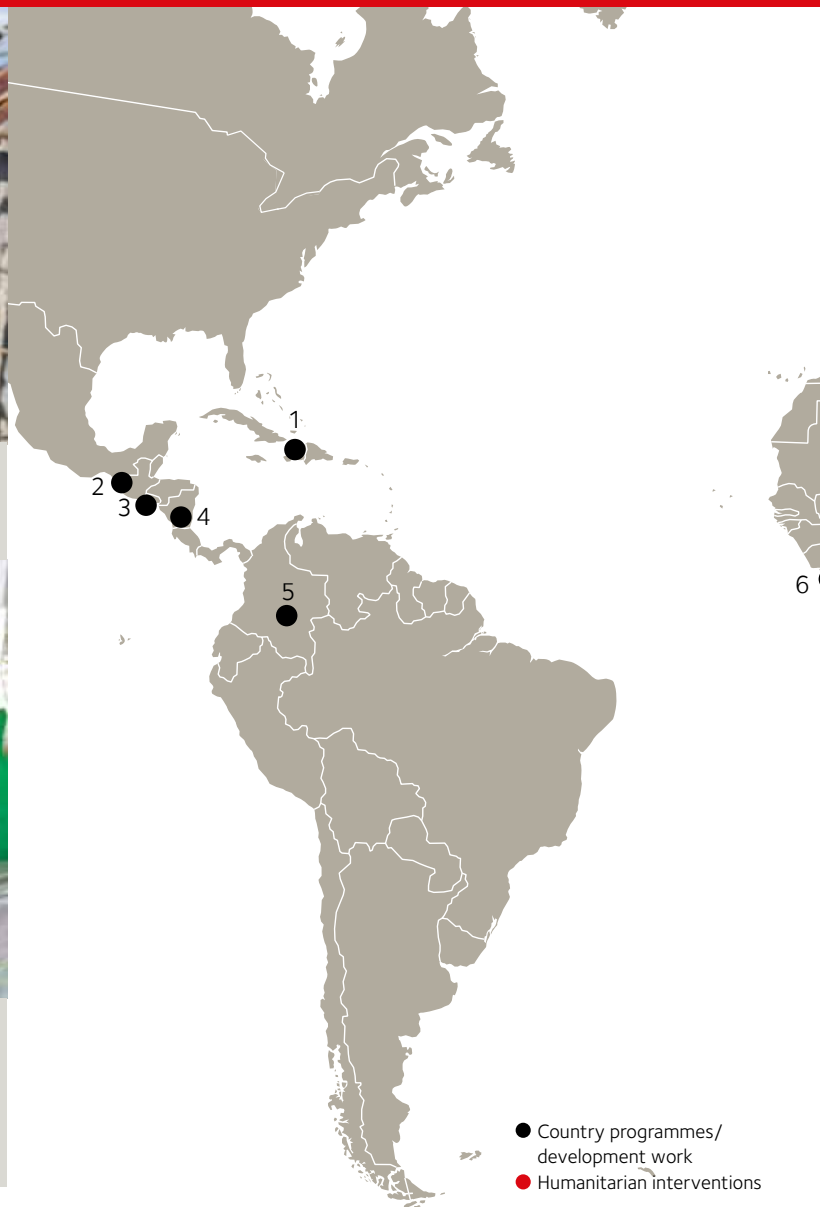


As a member of the ACT Alliance, the Church of Sweden is ready to respond by supporting local partners in their response to humanitarian crises. Michelle Saint Cyr received assistance after a hurricane in Haiti.

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Philani provides healthcare to vulnerable women and children in the townships around Cape Town, South Africa. The organisation's Mentor Mother Programme recruits local women like Nozibele Chopele who have successfully raised children despite the difficult conditions in the townships. Here Nozibele talks with Nosiphela Luthuli and the children Bayanda and Asphile.



## Who we are

The Church of Sweden's international work is part of a worldwide ecumenical movement that believes in a God who stands in solidarity with those who are silenced or living in vulnerable situations. We believe every human being is sacred and human dignity cannot be violated.

We work for the realisation of human rights all around the world.

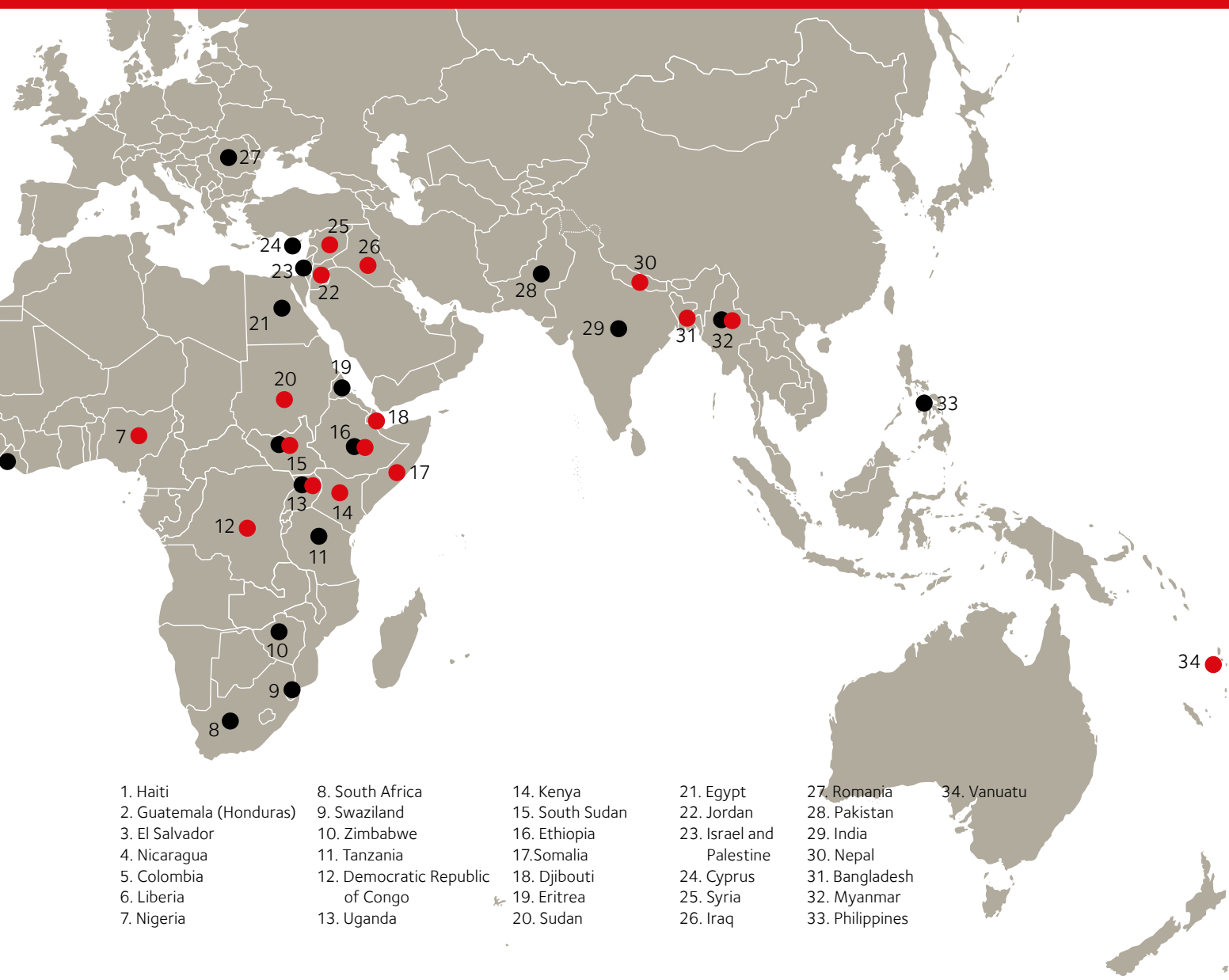
The Church of Sweden belongs to the Lutheran tradition and is a member of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and the ACT Alliance, a coalition of churches and faith-based organisations working together to create positive change for people who are marginalised and living in poverty. In our work we see people as rights-holders, not objects. ●

## Our commitments

The Church of Sweden is committed to the highest degree of quality and accountability. All our work is carried out in keeping with international codes and standards. We promote development effectiveness, a gender integrated human rights-based approach and principled humanitarian action.

The Church of Sweden is a member of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance and is CHS certified, hqai-chs-2016-001. Our humanitarian work is carried out in accordance with the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and NGOs Disaster Relief.

All our development cooperation, humanitarian aid and advocacy work is performed regardless of race, creed, political or religious affiliation. ●



## Our work

The Church of Sweden's international work wants to contribute to long-term positive and sustainable change in a world where war, environmental destruction, poverty and oppression permeate communities and individuals' lives. Globally our work involves cooperation with local churches, civil society organisations, humanitarian organisations, networks and other civil society actors in church cooperation, development cooperation, humanitarian response and advocacy. Working together with our partners is at the core of our work.

The Church of Sweden works with development cooperation in five thematic areas in almost 20 country programmes:

- Theology and development
- Just peace
- Gender justice and equality
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Fair and sustainable livelihoods

In addition, promoting an enabling environment is a fundamental aspect in all our work.

We also have a *mandate to respond to humanitarian crisis* and have a distinguished expertise in community-based psychosocial support.

The Church of Sweden see people as rightsholders, who should have the opportunity to defend their rights and dignity themselves and participate in the decisions affecting their lives. The ability to organise and stand together enables people to put pressure on authorities and leaders to respect human rights and strive for progress and development that benefits the whole community. Increased incomes boost economic empowerment which enables people to influence their own future and the lives of their families. ●





I was deprived of my childhood. Therefore, I am passionate about helping others.

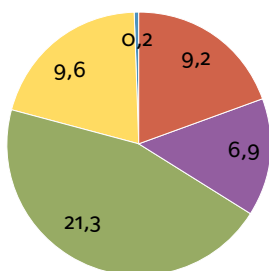
Ahayla Navak

Ahayla Navak has become a recognised union leader for women's rights, through a project the Church of Sweden supports in India.

## Our resources

The Church of Sweden's international work is largely financed by funds raised in Sweden, for example through donations from parishes, individuals, foundations and companies. Grants from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and EU are other important sources of funding.

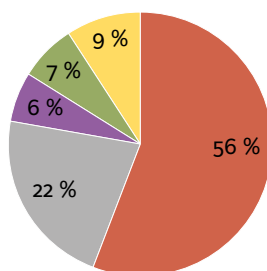
Where the money came from  
Euro (Million) 2017



- Gifts and bequests from individuals
- Parish collections and fundraising activities
- Grants from organisations such as Sida and the EU
- Allocations from Church membership fees
- Other revenues

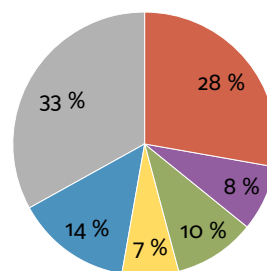
Total: 47,1 Million Euro, 2017

What the money was spent on



- Church cooperation and development cooperation
- Humanitarian interventions
- Information and advocacy
- Fundraising
- Administration

Where the money was spent



- Development cooperation Africa
- Development cooperation Asia
- Development cooperation Latin America
- Development cooperation Middle East
- Global Ecumenical Alliances and Development Cooperation Europe
- Humanitarian interventions