



# CWR UPDATE

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## Carrots, Green Beans, and Onions: Keys to a Brighter Future

Twenty-three-year-old Bie Tatiana Nsoh is rebuilding her life after fleeing her home in Bafut, Cameroon. Due to ongoing conflict and violence between government and guerrilla forces in the northwest region of her country, more than 96,000 people have been forced to leave their communities.

Bie Tatiana Nsoh had to leave her parents and her education behind, running through the bush for several days until she reached safety in Bamenda. There she connected with CWR partner SIRDEP (Society for Initiative in Rural Development and Environmental Protection) who began training her to be an entrepreneur through a CWR funded program. After receiving \$90 for startup costs,

she began to sell local farm produce: leafy greens, carrots, green beans, garlic, ginger, and onions. Within three months she had scaled up her business to participate in village markets and diversified her products to sell seasonal produce. Seven months later she was able to buy and sell in bulk to others and sell the remaining produce herself.

With her new sustainable livelihood, Bie Tatiana Nsoh has been able to move out of temporary housing into her own space. She plans to continue saving her income so she can return to secondary school once the conflict subsides.

Please join us in praying for peace in Cameroon.



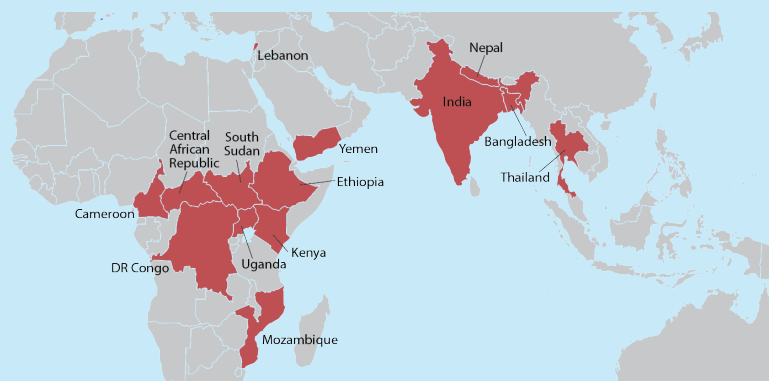
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## CWR Disaster Response This Year

The top two disaster responses for CWR this year were refugee care and large-scale flooding. Covenanters raised \$72,296 to respond to the destruction in the Bahamas this fall. Thank you for your continued support of CWR disaster response!



“Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.” —PSALM 72:18

# Taking a Deep Breath in Bangladesh

Story shared by Evan Harrison of CWR partner, Medical Teams International. Interpreter and photographer Nihab Rahman contributed to this story from Bangladesh.

For many refugees, their suffering doesn't end with the arduous journey away from home. Somira's family is living such a reality. The young family consists of her father, Amanulah, her mother, Yasmin, and her two siblings. They are ethnic Rohingya refugees who were forced to flee Myanmar almost a year ago.

When they first arrived at the Kutupalong Camp in Bangladesh, the largest refugee camp in the world, they had nothing. To make matters worse, Somira fell ill.

Thankfully, a Medical Teams International health clinic was nearby, where Somira could receive essential medications and breathing treatments. Soon she was able to return to her family with the proper medications.

Her family's story echoes the plight of many Rohingya refugees, torn from a happy life in Myanmar and forced to seek refuge in an unfamiliar place.

Somira's father, Amanulah, was a fisherman, and he took pride in providing for his wife and three young children. But then the military came and took everything from him.

Fleeing into the forest, the family waited in fear for two days as their village burned to the ground. They set off for Kutupalong because they had heard food and supplies were available there.

Day by day, life has been improving for Somira's family. They have enough food now and can sleep at night without being afraid. Somira is well taken care of, and



her family is thankful they have access to medical care. Amanulah says he is happy because he knows Covenant World Relief partner Medical Teams International will take care of Somira.

**When you give to support refugees through CWR, you are helping families like Somira's receive the immediate care and support they need, bringing the light and hope of Christ. Please consider making your gift today at [CovChurch.org/givetorefugees](https://CovChurch.org/givetorefugees).**



Johanna with Wayuu youth

## Children Are the Future of the Wayuu Community

Johanna Epieyu is a mother and an unemployed primary school teacher living in the Wayuu community of northern Colombia. For many years the Wayuu have been victims of corruption by government authorities, and culturally they have been marginalized and oppressed. Children growing up in the Wayuu community have often been overlooked by the state in basic rights and care, including primary education.

Johanna, and her sister, Cecilia, had observed that many young adults were lacking in literacy and had not completed their elementary level education. They decided to volunteer to lead an adult education cycle for a group of 20 young people.

The Pacto Wayuu project was able to adapt a meeting space with a

roof and floor, along with chairs and tables. They also provided students and teachers with teaching materials and school kits. This education initiative, supported by Covenant World Relief, follows up with the first phase outreach to the youth through their soccer tournament. Not only is CWR investing in the Wayuu youth but also CWR partners with the Wayuu community to improve access to water and to increase income generation for the Wayuu through goat rearing. Covenant World Relief gives thanks for Fundación Social Pacto Atlántico, our partners in Colombia who are walking alongside the marginalized Wayuu community and helping to build a successful future for the next generation.



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