



Aid to the
Church in Need

Impact Report 2025

Dear Friends,

For 79 years, people like you have been the heart of ACN, turning compassion into help for those who are suffering.

Often, when we tell our project partners that help is on the way, we step forward in faith before all the funds are in place. While this may seem uncertain, it reflects a shared trust in responding to urgent needs.

In 2025, your generosity brought 5,368 projects to life, offering hope, support, and solidarity. This report highlights the many lives you have touched through your compassion and your love.

Thank you for providing a lifeline to the suffering Church through ACN,



Regina Lynch

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International Executive President

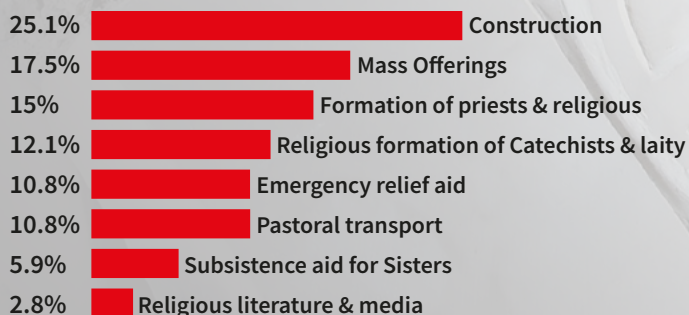
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National Director



*A Syriac Catholic deacon
in the Monastery of St Elia
in Al-Qaryatayn, Syria
destroyed by jihadists.*

Where your help went



Data for projects funded by all 23 of ACN's national offices

See inside for more details . . .

845 vehicles for pastoral work

Your generosity brought pastoral care to remote and hard-to-reach communities, helping provide 490 cars, 339 motorcycles, five bicycles, two buses, one lorry and eight motorboats.



Supporting the training of 13,368 seminarians

In 2025, you played a part in the formation of one in every eight future priests worldwide – helping 33 percent more seminarians be supported than in the previous year.



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Because of you, it was possible to say “yes” to our suffering brothers and sisters – more than 5,300 times.

Your generous love helped the Church remain a beacon of hope in 141 countries, as you enabled ACN to respond 5,368 times to urgent appeals from around the world in 2025.



791 construction projects

Your support helped build or restore churches, chapels, convents, seminaries and pastoral centres. These projects – often the most costly – created lasting spaces of faith and community.



847 projects equipping catechists & other lay people

You helped sustain vital catechetical and pastoral programmes that deepened the Faith and strengthened Church life. Through your support, catechists and lay volunteers were formed, and equipped to nurture Church life – ensuring communities continue to grow in Faith where there are too few priests.

Image shows Deacon Lyncon Medeyros holding Eucharistic Adoration for lay workers and recovering addicts on a pastoral programme helping those with drug problems in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Almost 1.9 million Mass Offerings

Through your kindness, 1,887,721 Mass stipends reached 40,207 priests in 2025 – supporting around one in every ten priests around the world. For many priests, this was a vital lifeline.



883 projects supporting Sisters

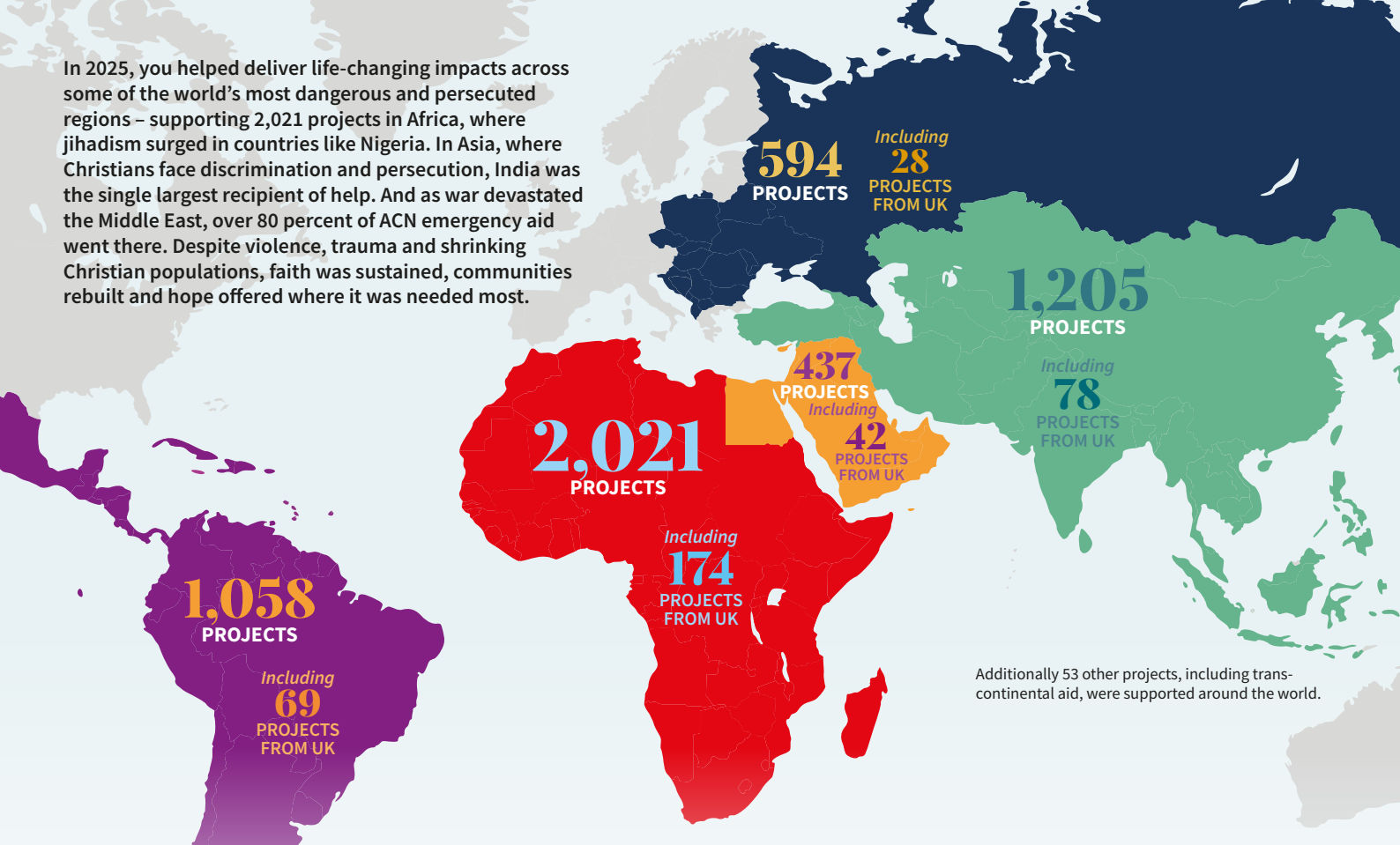
Because of you, around 6,200 Sisters received essential support, alongside help for formation, and the training of novices. You also helped provide practical tools – such as sewing machines and equipment for baking communion wafers – so Sisters can sustain their mission.



Half a million projects providing religious books & Bibles

Thanks to your support, faith was nourished through the distribution of 520,816 books, including the holy Scriptures, around the world.

In 2025, you helped deliver life-changing impacts across some of the world's most dangerous and persecuted regions – supporting 2,021 projects in Africa, where jihadism surged in countries like Nigeria. In Asia, where Christians face discrimination and persecution, India was the single largest recipient of help. And as war devastated the Middle East, over 80 percent of ACN emergency aid went there. Despite violence, trauma and shrinking Christian populations, faith was sustained, communities rebuilt and hope offered where it was needed most.



Africa has around $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world's seminarians – ACN helped train **8,341** of them.

Mass was offered almost every **17** seconds somewhere on Earth for an ACN benefactor.

Income from UK legacies brought in **5.5** million.

ACN supplied food for children fleeing jihadists in west Burkina Faso. Fr Jonas said:

"I am very happy because we cried out for help for our children – and you responded."

