



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

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IMPACT REPORT 2022

Dear Friends

2022 was a dramatic year, presenting many challenges. With the ongoing war in Ukraine, almost 10 percent of ACN's aid went there to enable priests and religious to continue ministering amid the turmoil of war. So your faithfulness and generosity have meant all the more to us. We would like to thank you on behalf of our project partners around the world.

We are so grateful that the Almighty has blessed our work – and that you have heard the cries of our oppressed brothers and sisters. Even though ACN's help will be needed for many years to come, this allows us to face the future with confidence.



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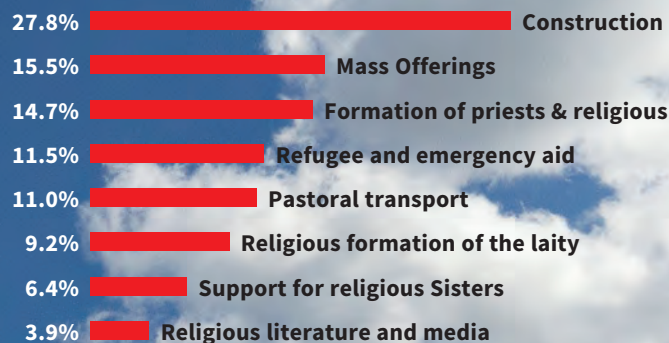


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National Director

Where your help went:

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



Sister Faustina of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, praying in the Immaculate Conception Church, Kyselivka, Ukraine, which was destroyed during the fighting. Her flag shows Our Lord's face imposed over the colours of Ukraine, a plea that Christ's peace will reign in the country.

353 projects for Ukraine

During 2022 €9.5 million went to support priests, religious, seminarians and other Church workers helping refugees and others in dire need.

For details of more ACN project aid, see inside.



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20,909 religious Sisters were supported in their apostolate or formation

ACN helped one in every 30 of the 619,456 religious women in the world – up from one in every 34 the previous year. We were able to help both contemplative and active Sisters, supporting not only their life and ministry, but also their basic and ongoing formation, including spiritual retreats.



In 2022 ACN supported a total of 5,702 projects

This was 404 more than in 2021. We helped in 128 countries and in 1,199 dioceses – well over a third of the world's Catholic dioceses. In 2022 we received 7,571 requests for help – more than in 2021. We have been able to support, or have pledged support for, 85 percent of these.

The smallest project we supported cost €300, for a programme training spiritual directors in Colombia, while the biggest was for €992,373 for the repair and renovation of a partly destroyed parish centre in Iraq.

Among other things, we were able to support 33,821 catechists and lay pastoral workers. We also provided almost 1.3 million books including Bibles, catechetical material and other religious literature, half of which went to Latin America.

1,872,240 Mass Offerings

In 2022 almost 1.9 million Mass stipends were offered by our benefactors, meaning that every 17 seconds Mass was being celebrated for their intentions somewhere in the world. You helped a total of 40,730 priests – that's one in every 10 worldwide!



13,386 Seminarians supported

One in every eight candidates for the priesthood was helped with their training by ACN in 2022. The majority of them were in Africa (7,894), which has the highest number of priestly vocations, but there were also 2,693 in Latin America, 1,622 in Asia and 1,409 in Eastern Europe.



1,253 vehicles for pastoral work

We provided 406 bicycles, 564 cars, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa.

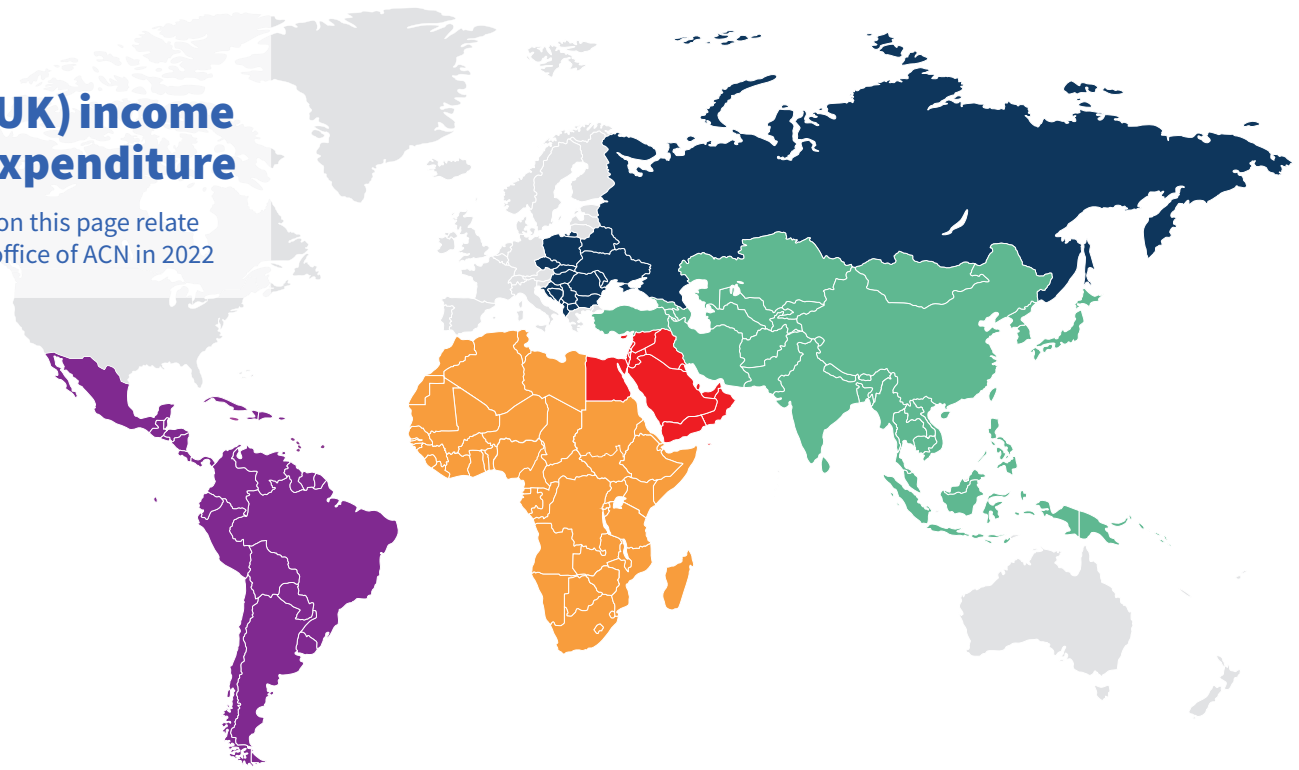
972 construction projects

Over a third of all the construction projects we supported were churches or chapels. We also helped with the building and repair of convents, seminaries, presbyteries and pastoral centres. 37 percent of these projects were in Africa, but we were also able to help in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

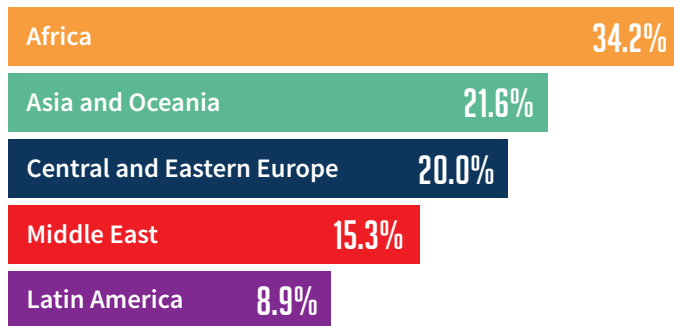


ACN (UK) income and expenditure

All figures on this page relate to the UK office of ACN in 2022



Aid allocated per region from ACN (UK)



In ACN's 75th year of existence we received an exceptionally high number of requests for help from Ukraine, where the Church is meeting the needs of the people in a time of war. So it is not surprising that our support for Central and Eastern Europe increased to 20 percent. 21 percent of our aid went to Asia, where Christians are often a minority, suffering discrimination or even outright persecution at the hands of authoritarian or nationalist regimes. But in Africa the spread of Islamist violence is a pressing problem, which is why projects supporting our suffering brothers and sisters there received more than 34 percent of our aid.



We are grateful to you for blessing ACN (UK) with £11 million in 2022. This allowed us to support mission-related work, helping our suffering brothers and sisters, amounting to £8.7 million.

79.1 percent of these resources were allocated to mission-related expenditure, of which 71.3 percent supported 268 projects in 68 countries. A further 7.8 percent helped us with activities such as advocating for suffering Christians – like those affected by the massacre that occurred at St Francis Xavier's Church, Owo, Nigeria on Pentecost Sunday 2022 – at the very highest levels.

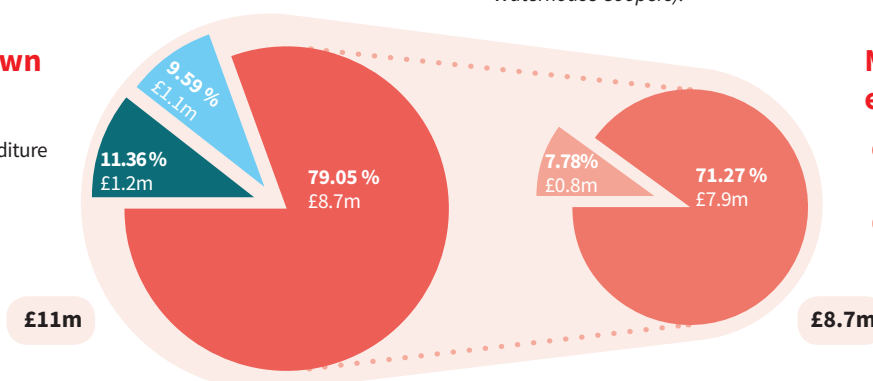
Essential support costs accounted for 11.36 percent of total outgoings, while fundraising and related activities accounted for 9.59 percent.

Once again in 2022, legacies and bequests made up a considerable proportion (£2.9m) of our support for the Church in need. Together with our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe we gratefully remember all our deceased benefactors in our prayers.

You can find a detailed report of our activities at: www.acnuk.org
These financial statements have been audited and certified by PwC (Price Waterhouse Coopers).

Detailed breakdown of expenditure

- Mission-related expenditure
- Support costs
- Fundraising



Mission-related expenditure

- Aid payments (see above for regional breakdown)
- Information, Evangelisation and Advocacy

