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End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity



The Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development

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> Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it.
>
> - Pope Leo XIV

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. At Caritas Australia, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which our offices are based. This land always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land. Caritas Australia offices are located on the lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation in Sydney, and the Boonwurrung People and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) Peoples of the Kulin Nation in Melbourne. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of First Australians. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Tangyi from Cambodia near her classroom at Epic Arts.
Photo: Caritas Australia.

Inside cover: Oishywa and Mrittika near their family home in rural Bangladesh.
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Our **Story**

For more than 60 years, Caritas Australia has worked at scale to address poverty, inequality and humanitarian need alongside communities around the world.

We don't try to localise our work because we are already local. Caritas Australia partners with communities for the long-term, supporting locally led, community-based development and humanitarian programs that respond to immediate challenges while building resilience for lasting change.

Our strength lies in combining scale with proximity. As part of Caritas Internationalis, the second largest humanitarian network in the world, we work through trusted local partners embedded in some of the most remote and complex contexts globally. This means our responses are locally informed, sustained, and present before, during and long after emergencies, not only when crises make headlines.

In the 2025-2026 financial year, Caritas Australia supported 116 programs across 31 countries, impacting 3.9 million people worldwide. Globally, the Caritas network operates in over 200 countries and territories, powered by 3 million staff and volunteers and reaching nearly half a billion people each year.

In Australia, we work with schools, communities and supporters to advocate for justice and enable collective action for a fairer world.

At our core, Caritas Australia is driven by a clear belief: global impact is strongest when communities lead their own change, and the world stands with them.

OUR INSPIRATION

Caritas Australia is inspired by the Gospel, which finds its expression in Catholic Social Tradition. Jesus returned as a young adult to his hometown of Nazareth (Luke 4:16–30). He chose light. Coming home, he knew this meant a fresh way of understanding himself and the world. He was to be an agent for change, for loving relationships. He had a vision of freedom. It is a vision we share, one of justice, dignity and hope.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of the Gospel, we work in partnership with communities in Australia and overseas to achieve their development goals and thrive.

OUR VISION

Justice, dignity and hope for humanity, and all of God's creation.

Justice

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

Dignity

He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.

Hope

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Sisilia fetching clean and safe water from a tap near her house in northern Tanzania. Photo: Caritas Australia.

From our **Chair**



This year has been a powerful reminder of what is possible when people come together in solidarity, particularly at a time when conflict, climate disasters and economic hardship continue to affect vulnerable communities around the world.

The election of Pope Leo XIV has brought a renewed spirit of hope to the Church. His emphasis on peace, dialogue, human dignity and standing with those on the margins resonates deeply with the mission of Caritas Australia. We are reminded that our response to suffering must begin with recognising the dignity of every person.

In a world that has retreated from the rule of international law, reduced government support for international development and turned its back on displaced people, the Caritas federation remains even more committed to a just world based on the social teachings of our Church.

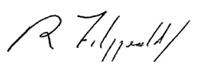
Over the past year, Caritas Australia impacted more than 3.9 million people across 31 countries, working alongside 81 local partners to deliver humanitarian assistance and long-term development programs. I am immensely proud to be part of the Caritas community, which continues to turn compassion into action year after year. Project Compassion united communities across Australia in solidarity with the most vulnerable members of our human family, raising more than $10 million for a second year in a row. Catholic Earthcare strengthened our commitment to integral ecology, accompanying schools and parishes to care for our common home and respond to the cry of the Earth and the poor through initiatives such as Creation Changemakers.

Caritas Australia continues to enjoy strong and trusted relations with our member, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and are deeply grateful for the support of the Australian Government, our donors and supporters across the nation.

I thank our CEO, leadership team, staff, partners, Diocesan Directors and volunteers for an outstanding year of commitment. I also thank my fellow Board members for their stewardship, wisdom and service.

Together, inspired by hope and guided by the Gospel, we continue to put compassion into action and work towards a world where everyone can thrive.

Robert Fitzgerald, AM



Chair

From our **CEO**



As I reflect on the past year at Caritas Australia, I am struck by the many people and partnerships that continue to shape our work. From the communities we work alongside to our partners, supporters and colleagues across Australia, our shared commitment to creating lasting change has remained at the heart of all that we do.

Throughout the year, we have continued to strengthen our approach to locally led development and deepen our understanding of what this means in practice. Working alongside communities means listening, learning and building relationships that enable us to respond to immediate needs while supporting longer-term change.

Our connection to the wider Caritas network has also remained an important part of our work. The visit of Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, gave us an opportunity to hear directly about the experiences of Caritas Ukraine's staff and volunteers, and the challenges they continue to face. Closer to home, our engagement with Caritas Oceania continues to strengthen relationships across our region, as we work together to respond to the challenges facing communities across the Pacific.

Here in Australia, Project Compassion 2026 once again demonstrated the extraordinary commitment of our Catholic community. With 1,700 schools and 1,150 parishes taking part, and through launches, fundraisers and events across the country, we saw the many ways our supporters continue to contribute to our shared mission.

These connections are fundamental to the work we do. They allow us to learn from one another, strengthen our collective efforts and remain connected to the people at the centre of our mission.

I would like to thank our staff, Board, partners, supporters, schools, parishes and dioceses for everything you have contributed throughout the year. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together and grateful for the commitment that continues to make our work possible.

I look forward to building on this foundation as we continue our mission in the year ahead.

Kirsten Sayers



Chief Executive Officer

From our **Mission Facilitator**



On 8 March this year, a fellow Caritas worker, Fr Pierre Rahi, was killed in southern Lebanon as he went to the aid of members of his community who had come under tank fire. Fr Pierre was warned of the danger, but insisted on going, laying down his life for others.

Shortly before he died, Fr Pierre had said 'we are forced to stay despite the danger. When we defend our land, we do so peacefully. None of us carry weapons. All of us carry peace and goodness and love'. In the five short years I have had the good fortune to work for Caritas, about ten of our colleagues around the world have given their lives in imitation of Christ. They inspire us all. The Gospel leaves none of us in our comfort zone.

The world is tired of war, yet it never seems to stop. Powerful people are always finding excuses to attack others. If war came to an end, the work of Caritas would be dramatically reduced. We spend a lot of time trying to soften the impact of violence and heal its consequences. We have privileged insights into the cost of armed conflict on people who are vulnerable to begin with. We feel their pain and grieve with them. God surely wants his family to be more respectful of the dignity of each other and of Earth.

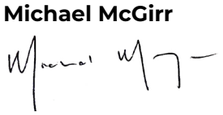
We constantly think about the words of Jesus, 'blessed are the peacemakers' (Mt 5:9). Jesus linked those peacemakers to other great insights into what it means to be human. He said, 'blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.' He also said, 'blessed are those who grieve now.' In other words, peacemakers respond deeply to human reality.

Caritas means love. Not just any kind of love. Caritas is the love that is prepared to make sacrifices for others, for the sake of what is right. It is love that involves the hands, the heart and the head. We are called not just to react, but to think skilfully about how best to respond to the needs of the world.

This year, Caritas Australia has taken great heart from the leadership of Pope Leo XIV. His encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*, published in May this year, describes the so-called Just War theory as 'outdated.' The Pope is supported by centuries of Catholic opposition to war. Possibly he has personal motivations as well; he grew up with a father who had been on the beaches on D-Day. Pope Leo calls us repeatedly to support the re-humanisation of the world, to allow all people to flourish and grow as human persons.

Caritas Australia has a special contribution to make to the realisation of this invigorating vision. Thank you for being part of it.

Michael McGirr



Mission Facilitator

Our **Values**

PARTNERSHIP

Caritas Australia is an agent of joy. We are a wonderful network of relationships between people, all of whom have their own story and their own understanding of life's mystery. We try to be as open as Jesus was, especially to the possibilities for those who long for healing. We exist to contribute to that healing, to celebrate the capability of those we encounter. We are servants, not judges. We try to respond to real needs, not the needs we imagine. We do not create co-dependents. Caritas Australia does not want to live in a divided world. We want to walk with the people who welcome us into their lives and communities.

COURAGE

Caritas Australia stands at the foot of the cross. We make bold decisions in faith. We ask difficult questions about the nature of society and its underlying assumptions. We sometimes act in the face of complacency and criticism. We stand alongside people who are pushed out of other conversations. We are engaged in a vigorous arm-wrestle with the complacency of a culture that is often indifferent to suffering beyond our borders. Above all, we work for justice for all people.

COMPASSION

Caritas Australia understands that compassion involves our whole being: our heart, hands, and head. Our emotional response to poverty moves us to think deeply with our partners about the most constructive response to them. This leads to committed and active relationships. In turn, this leads us back to a heartfelt response and the circle of transformation continues. Compassion is not a transitory experience. St Ignatius of Loyola spoke of discreta caritas, which means discerning love. Discerning caritas. We hope that our compassion is the source of wisdom and fidelity. Guided by the Spirit, we work for the long haul, for the liberation of all creation.

STEWARDSHIP

Caritas Australia has a profound commitment to care for the earth and stewardship for creation. We also have a deep sense of gratitude for the resources entrusted to us by our supporters. There are many who give from their hearts, people who make sacrifices so they can help the people we serve together. Their stories are a constant inspiration. We honour them through our dedication, probity, and transparency. We honour them by making decisions based on substance. We honour the earth, our common home, through the sensitivity of our homemaking.



Sisilia watering her school's garden in Tanzania. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Our **Impact**

3,911,215 people impacted*

1,858,084 direct participants*

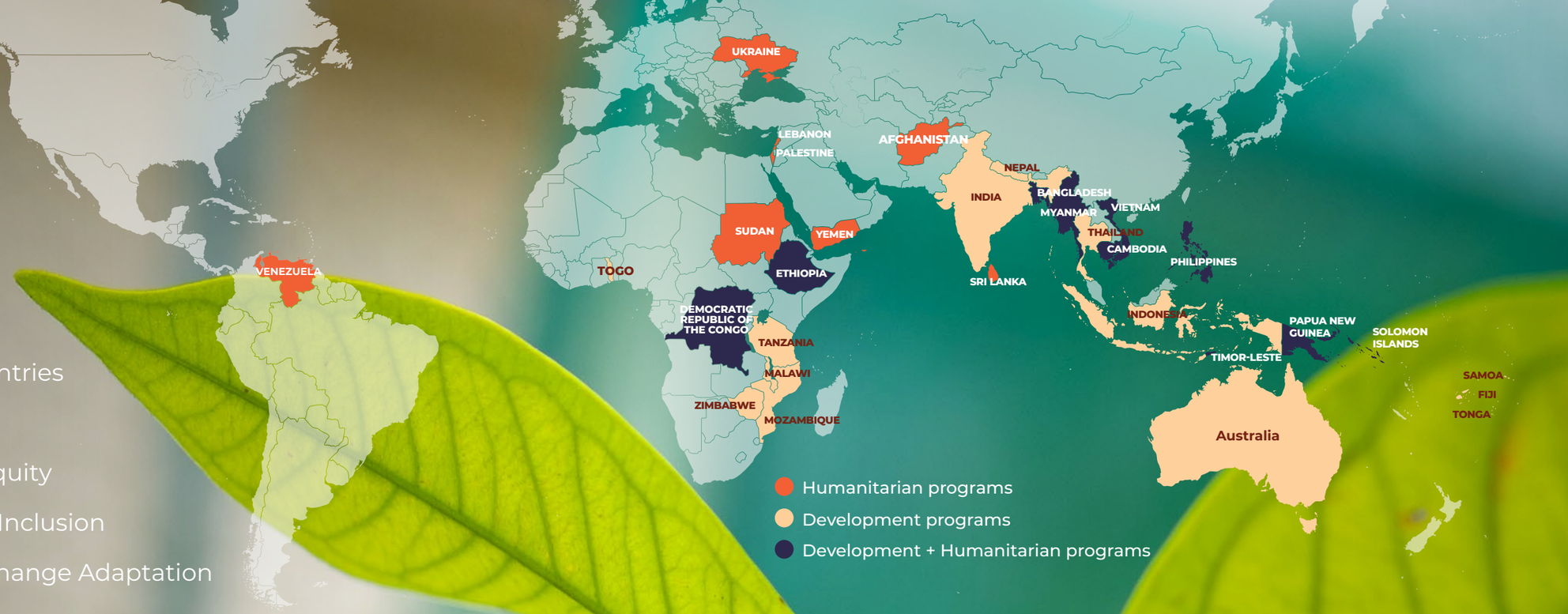
116 projects funded across **31** countries

81 partners

87 projects addressing Gender Equity

88 projects addressing Disability Inclusion

58 projects addressing Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation



***For projects that are co-funded by multiple agencies, these numbers reflect the total number of people reached by the entire project. It also includes people supported through the CAN DO consortium, of which Caritas Australia is the lead agency.**

STRATEGIC GOAL 1.

All people, especially women, are supported to lead their development and thrive.



11,721 women supported to assume leadership roles



60,887 people participated in sessions on gender equity and women's equal rights



6,014 female entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services



1,776 women, girls and survivors of violence were supported with services, such as counselling

STRATEGIC GOAL 2.

All people, especially the most marginalised, experience wellbeing and live in safe, just societies.



123,489 people gained improved household access to drinking water sources



106,704 people gained improved household access to sanitation facilities



76,605 people received improved health services



17,395 people trained in disability awareness and inclusion

STRATEGIC GOAL 3.

A common home where all people are resilient and achieve sustainable livelihoods and ecological justice.



45,228 people gained improved access to sufficient food



22,429 people adopted improved agricultural and fisheries practices



11,989 people reached with livelihoods support interventions



5,835 people started or expanded a small business with support from the project

STRATEGIC GOAL 4.

Communities affected by conflict and disasters can meet their immediate needs, and recover and build back stronger from crises.



171,016 people received emergency food and nutrition support



563,309 people received emergency water, sanitation and hygiene assistance



125,583 people received shelter and non-food items



134,413 people received emergency cash support

Our **Development Programs**

THE IMPACT OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

1,770,455 people impacted

452,397 direct participants

52% women and girls

29% children and youth

68 partners

23 countries

Caritas Australia has continued to support long-term development programs and work with local partners to strengthen community resilience, promote sustainable livelihoods, and address poverty, climate change and inequality.

In Asia, programs focused on strengthening climate adaptation, improving food security, diversifying livelihoods, and building economic resilience amid increasing global challenges.

In Africa, programs addressed food insecurity and access to clean water, while creating income-generating opportunities and vocational training pathways – particularly for young people. Recognising the impacts of conflict and climate change, programs also prioritised community resilience and adaptive capacity.

Across the Pacific, partners and Church networks worked to strengthen regional capacity in disaster preparedness and response, humanitarian action and advocacy. Investments also strengthened Church-owned and operated infrastructure and services, including health and education facilities vital to community health and wellbeing.

Caritas Australia remains committed to gender equality, safeguarding and inclusion of people with disabilities. Through partnerships promoting women's leadership, expanding economic opportunities and improving access to essential services, we are helping build more inclusive, equitable and resilient communities.



Caritas Australia staff with YMTM project participants in Indonesia. Photo: Caritas Australia.


Caritas Australia's Asia Programs Coordinator, Stephanie Heighes, handing a certificate of appreciation to YMTM Director, Josef Maan. Photo: Caritas Australia.

A 22-YEAR PARTNERSHIP OF IMPACT IN EASTERN INDONESIA

In 2026, Caritas Australia concluded a five-year integrated village development program with Yayasan Mitra Tani Mandiri (YMTM), marking the end of a 22-year partnership dedicated to supporting vulnerable rural communities.

Founded in 1997, YMTM has worked alongside farming families in East Nusa Tenggara in Indonesia, helping them overcome poverty, food insecurity and the growing impacts of climate change.

At the heart of the partnership was a locally led approach that prioritised community ownership and long-term resilience. YMTM's field facilitators lived in the villages where they worked, building strong relationships with farmers, women's groups, local governments and Church leaders. This continuous accompaniment, combined with an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach, enabled communities to build on their own strengths and create solutions tailored to local needs.

Over five years, the program reached more than 13,300 people across 24 villages, exceeding its original target. Through 169 farmer groups and 45 community savings and loans groups, families gained access to practical skills, financial resources and opportunities to diversify their livelihoods. Community members mobilised more than IDR $2.49 billion (approximately AUD $202,000) in savings, demonstrating the strength and sustainability of locally owned financial systems.

The program also delivered strong environmental outcomes. Nearly 4,000 farmers adopted climate-resilient agricultural practices, 548 hectares of permanent gardens were established, and more than 360,000 trees were planted across 18 villages. These efforts helped improve biodiversity, strengthen food production and increase food security.

Community members described tangible improvements in their lives. Permanent gardens replaced slash-and-burn farming practices, enabling families to grow a wider range of crops, maintain food supplies during the dry season and generate additional income. Savings groups helped parents pay school fees, start small businesses and invest in their futures.

'The support from Caritas Australia in strengthening our policies and deeper understanding around safeguarding, GEDSI, and financial matters such as fraud prevention, but also the approach of Asset-Based Community Development, have been extremely beneficial for us. These are capacities that will stay with us long after the program ends,' said YMTM's Board Chair, Pak Vinsens.

Following the program's conclusion, Caritas Australia will support a six-month extension, which will enable YMTM to address some of the key recommendations given in the evaluation.

The legacy of this 22-year partnership will endure in the shape of stronger communities, sustainable livelihoods and local leadership that will transform lives for generations to come.

Asia

COUNTRIES WE WORK IN:
Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vietnam.

OUR **IMPACT**

1,167,060 people impacted

260,863 direct participants

133,326 women and girls

63,969 children and youth

5,046 people with disability

39 projects

PROGRAM **ACHIEVEMENTS**

34 children with disability received improved health services.

286 people with disability (93 adults and 189 children) received support services specific to their needs.

89 people trained in disability awareness and inclusion.

286 people participated in sessions on prevention, reduction and response to violence, abuse and exploitation of children.

OPENING DOORS TO INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA

People with disability are among the most vulnerable in Cambodia. One of the major challenges they face is a lack of access to education, training and employment. Children with disability often encounter obstacles in attending local schools due to the absence of accessible infrastructure, specialist teachers and discrimination from the community.

In the most recent General Population Census of Cambodia, held in 2019, the Cambodian government included statistics on people with disability for the first time. According to the census, 4.9 percent of the total population aged five years and over have a disability, and only 29.9 percent of people with disability aged seven years and over have ever attended school.

The Inclusive Education in Kampot project is dedicated to opening doors for children with disability. Working with local Cambodian organisation Epic Arts, the project supports teachers and schools with the tools and learning environment they need. This helps create truly inclusive classrooms, ensuring that children with disability can access education and enjoy the same opportunities as every other child.

The project works with children who have all types of disabilities – including visual impairments, hearing impairments, physical disabilities and intellectual disabilities. In addition to providing inclusive education, Epic Arts also runs dance, art and sign language classes, and operates the Epic Arts café – a social enterprise mostly run by people with disability.

Fifteen-year-old Tangyi lives with her parents and siblings in Kampot. As a child with autism, she often struggled in class because her school did not cater to her needs.

Tangyi's father heard about Epic Arts' integrated classes through her daughter's school principal. At Epic Arts, Tangyi was able to study language and maths through a specialised curriculum, activities, training and care tailored to her individual needs.

The Epic Arts teachers frequently communicate with Tangyi's parents to keep them informed of their daughter's progress, sometimes even visiting their home to deliver updates in person. Tangyi's parents also regularly meet with other parents who have children in the integrated classes. Together, they have formed a community where they can share their children's progress with one another.

Tangyi's father has noticed significant changes in his daughter since she joined Epic Arts. She is now calmer, listens more and has improved her communication skills. She can handle money and weighing products for customers in their family grocery business, which she was never able to do prior to attending the classes. He hopes that she can become more independent in the future and encourages other parents of children with autism to continue sending their children to school.



Tangyi standing in one of the classrooms at Epic Arts in Cambodia. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Africa

COUNTRIES WE WORK IN:
Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique, Togo and Zimbabwe.

OUR **IMPACT**

245,917 people impacted

71,820 direct participants

39,109 women and girls

29,945 children and youth

1,927 people with disability

13 projects

PROGRAM **ACHIEVEMENTS**

82 women participated in sessions on gender equity and women's equal rights.

20 female entrepreneurs were provided with financial and/or business development services.

700 people gained household access to improved drinking water sources.

1,790 people adopted improved agricultural and fisheries practices.

700 people with household access to improved sanitation facilities.

121 people with improved access to sufficient food.

CLEARING THE WAY FOR A FUTURE WITHOUT HUNGER

In Ethiopia, more than 10 million people are facing hunger and malnutrition, with children particularly affected. In 2025, 55 percent of children under five were suffering from malnutrition (World Food Programme, 2025). Fuel shortages linked to the war in the Middle East have further increased fuel prices nationwide, contributing to a sharp rise in the price of staple foods.

The Innovative Climate-Smart Livelihood Enhancement for Resilience Building (CLEAR) project aims to support communities in southern Ethiopia experiencing drought and food insecurity.

Implemented by Caritas Ethiopia and supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program, the project helps improve the livelihoods of women, men and youths through better agricultural practices, income diversification and improvement in basic services – such as drinking water supplies, and household sanitation.

Since its inception three years ago, the project has supported 8,864 people. One of them is 30-year-old Yeshareg, who lives in south-western Ethiopia with her husband Tamiru, their 10-year-old son Henok, and their four-year-old daughter Mintamir.

Life has not been easy for Yeshareg and her family. In the area where she lives, food insecurity and extreme weather events are a common occurrence. Droughts made it hard for crops to grow, while the wet season floods cut off access to roads and destroyed farms. Food was never certain and meals came twice a day at best, sometimes even less. Basic sanitary items were precious commodities, and washing clothes and bathing could only happen once every fifteen days because they had to conserve what little soap they had.

Through the CLEAR project, Yeshareg was able to join a women's potato-farming group. For the first time, Yeshareg began to cultivate vegetables that could both feed her family and be sold at the market to pay for her children's education expenses.

Yeshareg and other women in her community also formed a savings group, contributing regularly and supporting one another. Over time, they built up significant savings – something that would have once felt impossible.

As part of the project, Yeshareg was given a sheep, which gave birth to two offsprings. She was able to sell the lambs and use the income to support her family.

'Before the project, my life was really bad and we could not even afford to buy or plant vegetables...then I was asked if I wanted to join a women's saving project and now I am very happy,' Yeshareg said.

Along with your support, this project is supported by the Australian government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Yeshareg with fellow members of her women's potato farming group in southern Ethiopia. Photo: Peter Caton/Caritas Australia.

Pacific

COUNTRIES WE WORK IN:
Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga.

OUR **IMPACT**

357,478 people impacted

119,714 direct participants

62,613 women and girls

37,735 children and youth

3,409 people with disability

16 projects

PROGRAM **ACHIEVEMENTS**

33 health workers received training and development.

4,047 children (including 81 children with disability) received improved health services.

28,894 adults (including 579 adults with disability) received improved health services.

23 healthcare workers (11 in Kimbe and 12 in Kerema) strengthened their capacity to safely manage maternal and newborn emergencies.

4 health centres have received upgrades: 1 received a new maternity ward, 1 received new medical equipment, 2 were assessed for solar upgrades.

FAITH-BASED HEALTH NETWORKS TRANSFORMING MATERNAL HEALTH IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In Papua New Guinea, many women, especially in rural areas, face significant barriers to accessing skilled care during childbirth. Many women still give birth at home because healthcare facilities lack running water, electricity, delivery beds and basic medicines such as pain relief. This contributes to Papua New Guinea having one of the worst maternal death rates in the Pacific region.

Strengthening rural health facilities helps encourage more women to give birth with the support of trained midwives, nurses and doctors, improving outcomes for both mothers and babies.

Caritas Australia's partner, Catholic Church Health Services (CCHS), operates more than 240 health facilities across Papua New Guinea, many in remote and underserved areas. These services play a vital role in delivering primary healthcare and align closely with national health priorities.

The Health Strengthening project, supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program, helps upgrade health facilities run by CCHS, many of which have not been updated for more than 50 years. These upgrades are essential in ensuring that health centres are equipped with the necessary medical equipment, infrastructure and training to provide quality health care to rural communities.

The project also helps procure medical equipment, provide emergency obstetric care training and offer health promotion activities focused on immunisation, healthy diets, antenatal care and proper handwashing practices.

Cynthia is a mother of two children – a three-month old baby and a five-year-old boy. She is a farmer living in a village in the Milne Bay province. Her first baby was born in Port Moresby but when she returned to her home village, there was only one health facility nearby where she could give birth – operated by CCHS.

'We would die if there was no health centre here' Cynthia said.

'More women come here for delivery because it's safer here. I didn't go through difficulties [during my delivery]. The staff are very supportive – they helped a lot in delivery. They gave us strength and words of encouragement. They advise me on what to eat and how to look after the baby.'

Through Caritas Australia's partnership with CCHS, these health facilities are being supported to strengthen services, improve infrastructure and expand access to essential care. This locally led, faith-based model is central to delivering impact, combining community trust with practical, on-the-ground reach.

Along with your support, this project is supported by the Australian government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



Cynthia holding her three-month old baby near the Daio Health Centre in Papua New Guinea. Photo: Caritas Australia.

First Australians programs

FIRST AUSTRALIAN PROGRAMS IMPACT:

36,417 people impacted

7,387 direct participants

7 projects

7 partners

NATSICC ACHIEVEMENTS

Close to 300 First Nations Catholics, Bishops, clergy, religious and supporters gathered for the NATSICC National Assembly, representing more than 50 language groups.

NATSICC sent a delegation to the 2025 ICCI conference in Aotearoa New Zealand, joining Indigenous Catholics from New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

New NATSICC website launched, featuring Ministry Hubs for each State and Territory and centralised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic resources for parishes and schools.

PARTNERS IN RECONCILIATION, HOPE AND SOLIDARITY

Caritas Australia's work with First Australians is central to our commitment to reconciliation, strengthening culture and shaping lasting change.

This year Djilpin Arts held *Bathi* – a five-day exhibition named after the Yolngu word for a container or vessel. Held at the Art Gallery on Darling in Balmain, it celebrated First Australian culture through collagraph prints, pandanus weaving and woven wire jewellery by Cultural Practitioners from Wugularr (Beswick), Arnhem Land. As Caritas Australia concludes its partnership with Djilpin Arts, the exhibition highlighted the impact of its work and the cultural traditions it nurtures.

The year also marked the centenary of the former Kinchela Boys Home. Through truth-telling, healing and advocacy, Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation continues to support survivors of the Stolen Generations.

Through its Grassroots Youth Engagement Program, Grassroots Action Palmerston (GAP) empowers young people with culturally grounded activities and mentoring that builds confidence and employment pathways. This year, GAP helped open the Turtle Back Learning and Leadership Centre in Driver, Palmerston, providing a safe space for young people to connect, learn and grow.

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's work with Elders and through the Mums and Bubs program contributed to *Fences and Walls* – a book helping mental health professionals and human services workers better understand First Nations trauma and resilience. Caritas Australia also supported staff to attend the 2026 Indigenous Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Conference and attended a dinner for partners and donors hosted by Baabayn in November 2025.

Caritas Australia's partnership with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) remained strong. Its General Assembly, Pilgrims of Hope, held on Wonnarua Country in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, explored faith, culture, identity and hope, including the journey towards approval of the Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit, an important step in recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality within Catholic liturgy. Journalist and author Stan Grant delivered a keynote on faith, identity, and a more just and compassionate Church. The Assembly reinforced NATSICC's leadership in the Australian Catholic Church.

Looking ahead, Caritas Australia will continue to renew its First Australians Program to focus on deep listening, place-based partnerships and long-term accompaniment. CatholicCare NT is a new partner, delivering services alongside Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory. With CatholicCare NT, the Diocese of Darwin and other partners, Caritas Australia is responding to locally identified priorities and strengthening community-led approaches. Our partnership with The Australian Centre for Social Innovation has supported deep listening and learning, helping ensure the program is culturally respectful, responsive and grounded in good practice and local leadership.



NATSICC staff gathered at the General Assembly. Photo: NATSICC.

Our **Humanitarian Response**

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

Escalating conflict across the Middle East has placed millions of civilians at risk, with communities facing violence, displacement and growing humanitarian need.

Caritas Australia received increasingly grave reports from partners, including the tragic death of Fr Pierre Rahi, Priest of Caritas Lebanon's Marjaayoun Centre, who was killed in an airstrike on 9 March 2026.

Despite the ongoing conflict across the region, our partners have continued to provide life-saving assistance to communities affected by conflict and displacement, while calling for the protection of civilians and an end to hostilities.

THE IMPACT OF OUR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE:

- **1,307,787** direct participants
- **691,673** indirect participants
- **35** humanitarian projects
- **19** countries
- **26** partners

For humanitarian projects that are co-funded by multiple agencies, these numbers reflect the total number of people reached by the entire project.

GAZA

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has continued to deteriorate. Displaced people and families are facing severe shortages of food, clean water, healthcare and other essential services. Repeated displacement, damaged infrastructure and restricted humanitarian access have made daily life increasingly desperate.

Despite these extraordinary challenges, Caritas and partners have continued to respond. This support has included:

- **592,722** people provided with shelter assistance, including bedding, living supplies, tarps, tents and shelter repair kits.
- **542,715** people given clean water, hygiene and sanitation kits and access to latrines.
- **14,503** children and **2,555** caregivers accessed psychosocial support.

We are working alongside our local partners to help provide psychosocial support for displaced children, prosthetics for children who have lost limbs, and other critical medical resources. We also continue to call for the protection of civilians, as well as safe and unhindered humanitarian access, and a lasting ceasefire.



Caritas Jerusalem providing healthcare to people affected by the conflict in Gaza. Photo: Caritas Jerusalem.



Ahmad, a Caritas Jerusalem staff member sits in the rubble of a destroyed building. Photo: Caritas Jerusalem.

LEBANON

Renewed conflict in Lebanon has forced more than 1 million people from their homes, with over 131,000 people sheltering in temporary accommodation. Communities in the southern part of the country have faced intense bombardment, damaged infrastructure and severe shortages of food, water, fuel and medical supplies, while many people have been unable to safely leave.

Caritas is helping provide essential services to **45,508** people impacted by the conflict and resulting displacement, including:

- Delivering over **20,000** medical consultations and **2,000** individual psychological support sessions for people experiencing distress and trauma.
- Providing **8,000** individuals with essential medications for the treatment of both acute and chronic conditions.
- Providing specialised services for children with disabilities through the provision of **3,600** speech, psychomotor, and psychotherapy sessions.
- **27,600** food parcels, ready-to-eat meals and hot meals.
- Hygiene kits for **3,400** households to reduce the risk and spread of disease.
- Cash assistance for **2,000** households to meet their most urgent needs.
- **300** elderly kits and **300** baby kits to meet the specific needs of older persons and infants.



Caritas Lebanon staff carry box of aid. Photo: Caritas Lebanon.

Ahmad's story

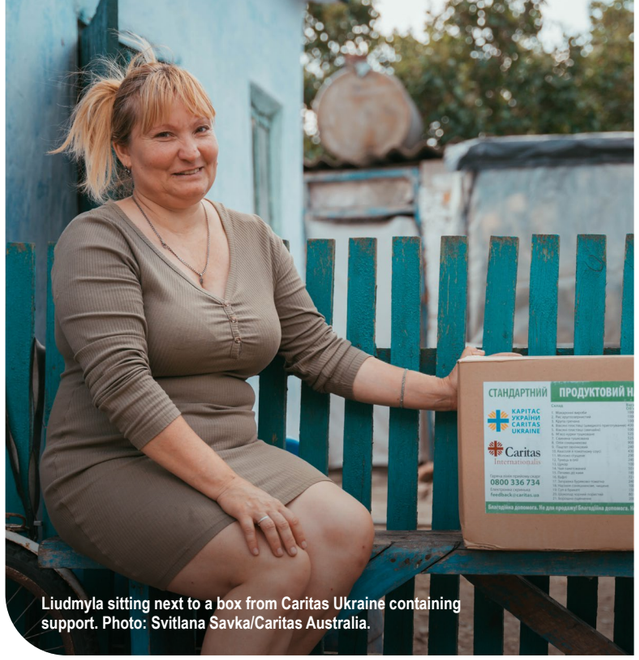
When war erupted in Gaza, Ahmad's life changed overnight. Forced to flee heavy bombardment, he and his family escaped to Khan Younis with almost nothing. On 12 December 2023, the house where they were staying was bombed. Ahmad was buried beneath the rubble and suffered a ruptured eardrum, while his brother lost one leg and suffered severe injuries to the other. Ahmad remained by his brother's side for two months as he underwent daily surgeries in an overwhelmed hospital. Despite repeated displacement and devastating loss, Ahmad continues his work with Caritas Jerusalem, supporting communities facing unimaginable hardship.

UKRAINE

The war in Ukraine continues to devastate lives, with **12.7 million** people now in need of humanitarian assistance. More than **6.5 million** people have fled the country, while **3.7 million** remain displaced within Ukraine. Ongoing attacks on homes, schools, hospitals and energy infrastructure have left millions without reliable access to electricity, heating and safe shelter.

Throughout the 2025-26 financial year, Caritas reached more than **29,000** people in Ukraine with emergency support, including:

- Distributing **25,166** hot meals, **11,560** food kits and **3,981** transit food kits specifically to support people in transit or evacuating with five days food.
- Providing **1,000** hygiene vouchers, ensuring free access to hygiene products, while allowing people to choose the products they need most, and supporting a further **14,650** people with ready-to-use hygiene kits.
- Providing **183,998** litres of drinking water to support **5,329** people.
- Providing **1,281** households with solid fuel assistance, to ensure families can remain warm throughout winter in the face of unstable electricity supplies and frequent power outages.
- Providing **600** households with emergency shelter kits, to repair their homes damaged by shelling and hostilities to minimum liveable conditions.



Liudmyla sitting next to a box from Caritas Ukraine containing support. Photo: Svitlana Savka/Caritas Australia.

Liudmyla's story

Liudmyla lived a peaceful farming life in Kherson before the Russian invasion forced her family to flee. In Mykolaiv, they were placed in a fire-damaged house with no windows or doors, while her daughter, who has Down syndrome, suffered severe allergic reactions and trauma from the constant shelling.

After moving again, Liudmyla received support from Caritas Ukraine, including food, bedding and mattresses. Her daughter also attends child-friendly activities and art sessions with a psychologist.

Unable to work while caring for her daughter and injured brother, Liudmyla relies on humanitarian assistance. ***'Caritas helps a lot'*** she says. ***'Staff feel like family now'***

SUDAN

Over the last three years, Sudan has descended into one of the world's gravest and most under-reported humanitarian crises. Nearly **10 million** people have been displaced within the country, and more than **30 million** remain in dire need of assistance as conflict, climate shocks and famine conditions converge.

Major issues that continue to affect civilians include widespread violence, sexual assault, collapsing healthcare, cholera outbreaks and severe food insecurity. Most health facilities in conflict zones are non-functional, and famine is confirmed in parts of Darfur and Kordofan. Seasonal flooding, attacks on essential services, and disruption of agricultural regions have compounded suffering.

Caritas and local partners programs continue to provide support through:

- Food distribution at **17** gathering points.
- Multi-purpose cash assistance to over **3,000** households.
- Access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene for **98,322** individuals.
- Shelter and protection services for **15,680** people, including gender-based violence support.


Nadia and her family standing in a displacement camp in Sudan. Photo: George Wambugu/CAFOD.

Nadia's story

Nadia* and her ten children were forced to flee their home in Sudan as conflict intensified, eventually finding refuge in a displacement camp. With her husband missing for more than a year, Nadia faces the challenges of caring for her family amid poor sanitation and disease outbreaks. Through Caritas Australia's partners, the family has received water, sanitation, hygiene, protection and cash assistance, helping restore safety and hope.

**Name changed to protect the privacy of participants.*

CAN DO CONSORTIUM

Since 2017, the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) has brought together nine faith-based organisations under the Australian Humanitarian Partnership. Caritas Australia is the lead consortium partner. Churches are often among the first to respond to disasters and CAN DO's extensive Church network in remote communities means they can deliver timely aid and support long-term recovery.

In November 2025, consecutive typhoons Kalmaegi (Tino) and Super Typhoon Fung-Wong (Uwan) brought destructive winds, heavy rains, flash floods and landslides across the Philippines.

In San Enrique, 49-year-old Rona's home, belongings and income were damaged or destroyed. Before the storms, she supported her family through selling frozen goods, laundry and caregiving work, while hoping to keep her children in school. After Typhoon Tino damaged her light-material home and destroyed the roof, the family stayed with relatives. Reduced work opportunities made it harder to meet basic needs.

Australian Government assistance reached Rona's community through CAN DO and partner Caritas Philippines. Funded through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership's Indo-Pacific Response Flexible Fund, the response provided multipurpose cash assistance and psychosocial first aid.

Rona used the cash to buy rice, construction materials and pay overdue water and electricity bills. Psychosocial first aid gave her a safe space to share her worries and feel heard and supported.

'There were days that felt like an endless struggle, but this help came when we needed it most. It did not just give us food or money. It gave me back my will to keep fighting and showed me that people still care for people like me. This is not just assistance; this is hope for my family's future' Rona said.



Rona sitting close to her home, which was badly damaged by Typhoon Tino. Photo: Caritas Philippines.

Our **Partnerships**

Partnership is at the heart of Caritas Australia and is integral to the goals we are working to achieve. This year Caritas Australia worked with 81 partners in Australia and overseas, of which 74 percent were Caritas Member Organisations, Catholic or diocesan organisations.

30%
Caritas member organisations

15%
Caritas Diocesan organisations

19%
Other Catholic organisations

10%
Country office partners



Daio Health Centre in Papua New Guinea. Photo: Caritas Australia.

ANCP impact in 2025/26:

800,960
people reached

94,292
women and girls

53,052
children

5,362
people with a disability

19 projects

16 countries

IMPACT OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Australian Government is a valued partner of Caritas Australia, providing flexible funding under the Australian NGO Cooperation Program each year to implement development and poverty alleviation programs across Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

ACCOMPANIMENT IN OCEANIA

This financial year, Caritas Australia commissioned a review of its accompaniment approach and organisational development investments in Caritas Fiji, Caritas Samoa and Caritas Tonga over the previous five years. These investments were designed to strengthen partner capacity across key areas, including governance, financial management, safeguarding, organisational systems and long-term sustainability.

The review found that Caritas Australia's accompaniment approach was highly relevant and strongly aligned with partner priorities, contributing to increased organisational capacity and resilience. It highlighted the importance of flexibility, mutual trust, and partner ownership in achieving meaningful and sustainable outcomes. The review also identified opportunities to further strengthen the effectiveness and impact of organisational development support and Caritas Australia's accompaniment. Caritas Australia is using these findings to refine its approach and ensure future investments are more strategic, targeted and responsive to partner needs.


Participants at a Caritas Fiji training session. Photo: Caritas Australia.

SUPPORTING STRONGER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE PARTNERS

Caritas Australia continued to respond to partner identified organisational development priorities through a range of targeted learning and capacity-strengthening initiatives. Based on feedback from our partners, we focused on strengthening financial management capabilities and supporting long-term financial sustainability.

To help partners better identify and respond to fraud and financial risks, Caritas Australia engaged a specialist consultant to deliver online workshops and targeted in-person training sessions. These initiatives strengthened partners' understanding of financial management principles, enhanced risk awareness, and supported the implementation of improved financial systems and practices.

Funding diversification was also identified as a key priority for organisational sustainability. In response, Caritas Australia delivered grant writing training designed to build partners' confidence and skills in accessing new funding opportunities. Several partners also received targeted support to undertake funding diversification assessments, helping them identify pathways towards greater financial independence and long-term sustainability.

Through these initiatives, partners have strengthened their organisational capacity, improved financial management practices, and enhanced their ability to secure and manage resources to deliver impactful programs for their communities.

CONCLUDING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

This financial year marked the successful completion of two multi-stakeholder partnerships contributing to sustainable development outcomes in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

One project, managed by Palladium and funded by the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific, was delivered through a partnership between Caritas Australia, Catholic Church Health Services, Bechtel.org, TAG Energy and the Australian Government. The project strengthened energy security for remote healthcare facilities in Papua New Guinea, helping improve essential health services for vulnerable communities.

The year also marked completion of the Transforming Rural Lives through Adaptation and Carbon Capture Project in Timor-Leste. Delivered through a WWF-Australia program supported by the Australian Government, the project brought together Caritas Australia, Caritas Timor-Leste, Catholic Relief Services and the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation. Through nature-based solutions and agroforestry, it supported rural communities to strengthen livelihoods, build climate resilience, and contribute to environmental restoration and carbon sequestration.

These partnerships demonstrate the value of collaboration in addressing complex development and climate challenges while creating lasting community benefits.

Our **Learning**

ENHANCING WASH IN SAMOA

Samoa is highly vulnerable to climate-related shocks, including prolonged droughts, extreme rainfall and flooding, tropical cyclones, saltwater intrusion, and power supply disruptions that threaten reliable access to safe water. In this context, climate-resilient water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure plays a critical role in improving access to essential services while strengthening communities' ability to withstand future climate impacts.

In the 2025-26 financial year, an evaluation of three Caritas Australia-supported WASH projects implemented by Caritas Samoa found significant improvements in water access, sanitation and climate resilience for vulnerable communities. Through the provision of household and school water tanks, improved sanitation facilities, and solar-powered water pumping systems, the projects reached more than **30** families (over 250 people) and **1,200** students across Samoa.

The evaluation found that these investments increased access to safe and reliable water, improved sanitation outcomes, and significantly reduced the burden of water collection, particularly for women and children. By strengthening water security and reducing vulnerability to climate-related disruptions, the projects have enhanced the long-term resilience of households and schools in some of Samoa's most at-risk communities.



Tank installed by Caritas Samoa at a local school. Photo: Caritas Australia.

LEARNING FOR GREATER IMPACT

As part of our commitment to learning and continuous improvement, Caritas Australia undertakes an annual thematic meta review to strengthen program quality and effectiveness across its international development portfolio. Previous reviews have focused on key areas including Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion and Climate Action, generating valuable insights that have informed improvements in both Caritas Australia and partner practices.

In this financial year, Caritas Australia completed a meta review of project evaluations from across its portfolio to identify common strengths, challenges and opportunities for improvement in program design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The review provided important insights into factors that contribute to successful project outcomes and highlighted opportunities to strengthen evidence-based programming.

As a result, Caritas Australia has already begun implementing key recommendations, including a stronger focus on establishing robust baseline data at the commencement of projects. This will improve the quality of project design, enable more accurate measurement of impact and outcomes, and support more effective project transition, exit and closure processes. By embedding these lessons into future programming, Caritas Australia is strengthening its ability, and that of its partners, to deliver sustainable and measurable outcomes for communities.



CAN DO gathers Australia-based members and partners from the Pacific and Timor-Leste to reflect on nearly ten years of work. Photo: CAN DO.

CAN DO SUMMIT: SHARED LEARNING AND THE ROLE OF CHURCH NETWORKS

In April 2026, the CAN DO Summit brought together members and local partners from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu to reflect collectively on nearly a decade of shared learning and impact, while also looking ahead to the future.

The summit came at a pivotal time as the Disaster READY program approaches completion, and brought opportunities to strengthen partners' skills in reporting and communicating impact, and provide practical tools and resources to support the development of their completion reports. It also helped better understand CAN DO's unique value, particularly from the perspective of local partners, and to hear their shared visions for the future of their communities.

During the event, Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, Peter Roberts OAM, recognised the important role that churches play in protecting vulnerable people, supporting health and wellbeing, and mobilising volunteers to provide safety and dignity when disasters strike.

'Through its unique church networks and reach, CAN DO is a crucial delivery partner for the Australian Government, extending Australia's humanitarian and development impact across the Indo-Pacific,' he said.

Discussions reinforced the importance of faith-based, locally led approaches in building stronger and more resilient communities. They also highlighted how churches and their long-standing networks remain a steady presence in their communities before, during and after disasters.

INCREASED FOOD SECURITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN INDONESIA

The end-of-project evaluation of the Australian Government-funded Integrated Village Development Program, implemented by Yayasan Mitra Tani Mandiri over five years, found that the project delivered significant and lasting impacts for rural communities. More than 13,300 people benefited directly from project activities, strengthening livelihoods, food security and community resilience.

The project supported 169 farmer groups comprising 3,943 farmers and trained 340 local resource persons. This resulted in the widespread adoption of sustainable agriculture and livestock practices, and increased the household food security average from 7.8 to 8.6 months per year.

Community savings and loan groups generated and accumulated almost AUD $200,000 in savings, improving financial inclusion and increasing access to locally managed financial resources.

Communities established 548 hectares of permanent gardens and planted more than 360,000 trees across 18 villages, contributing to enhanced biodiversity, environmental restoration and climate adaptation.

Together, these achievements have strengthened community resilience, increased household wellbeing, and created sustainable foundations for long-term food security and economic development.

Our **Advocacy**

PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT OTHERS: ADVOCATING FOR THE SAFETY OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS

As conflict intensified across Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other crisis-affected regions, Caritas Australia strengthened its advocacy for greater protections for humanitarian workers. The need was urgent as 2024 became the deadliest year on record for aid workers, with hundreds killed while delivering life-saving assistance to communities in need.

Throughout the year, Caritas Australia engaged with Australian Government representatives, including Foreign Minister, The Hon Penny Wong, and Ambassador to the Holy See, The Hon Keith Pitt, supporting Australia's leadership of the Declaration for the Protection of Humanitarian Personnel. The declaration seeks stronger adherence to international humanitarian law and greater accountability for attacks on aid workers.

By amplifying the voices of local partners working on the front lines of conflict, Caritas Australia helped build momentum for a landmark international initiative backed by more than 100 countries, demonstrating that humanitarian workers must never become targets of war.

On World Humanitarian Day, Caritas Australia also joined humanitarian, faith and community leaders in Canberra to honour those who have lost their lives while serving others and to renew calls for their protection.



Kirsten Sayers CEO of Caritas Australia and Senator The Hon. Penny Wong, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the launch of Anchors in a Crisis. Photo: DFAT.

RISING TIDES, RISING DEBT: ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE AT COP30

At COP30, Caritas Australia launched Rising Tides, Rising Debt – a new report highlighting how climate change and sovereign debt are trapping vulnerable nations in a cycle of crisis.

Developed in partnership with Caritas Oceania and Caritas organisations across Latin America and the Caribbean, the report revealed how countries on the frontline of climate change are increasingly forced to borrow money to recover from disasters they did little to create. In many Pacific nations, significant portions of government revenue are now directed towards debt repayments rather than health, education or climate resilience.

The report brought the experiences of Pacific communities to the global climate negotiations and called for practical reforms, including increased grant-based climate finance, debt relief and recognition of the ecological debt owed by high-emitting nations.



Kirsten Sayers CEO of Caritas Australia and Alistair Dutton Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis at the COP30 launch of Rising Tides, Rising Debt. Photo: Caritas Australia.

By elevating voices from the Pacific and Global South on the international stage, Caritas Australia helped shift the conversation beyond climate impacts alone. This helped highlight the interconnected challenges of climate vulnerability, inequality and economic justice, and advocate for solutions that place people and communities at their centre.

PEACE FOR GAZA: CALLING FOR HUMANITARIAN ACCESS, DIGNITY AND LASTING PEACE

As suffering deepened in Gaza, Caritas Australia worked alongside partners, churches and civil society organisations to advocate for an immediate ceasefire, unhindered humanitarian access and the protection of civilians.

Advocacy efforts included a 24-hour vigil on the Parliament House lawn, honouring more than 17,000 children killed in Gaza, public appeals for increased humanitarian access, and a national pledge calling on decision-makers to ensure life-saving aid could continue reaching people facing starvation and displacement.

More than 1,300 Australians signed the Pledge for Life-Saving Aid to Gaza, which was presented to the Australian Government's Parliament House. Caritas Australia also convened a coalition of Catholic organisations to issue a united call for peace, justice and humanitarian access, while providing opportunities for prayer, reflection and public engagement.

Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the dignity of every person, Caritas Australia continued to elevate the voices of communities affected by conflict and advocate for a future where humanitarian assistance can reach those in need safely, freely and at scale.

Your **Support**

LAUNCHING LIVE FROM ST MARY'S

Students from St Mary’s Cathedral College in the Archdiocese of Sydney helped mark the beginning of Project Compassion 2026 with a lively Today Show broadcast.

The school welcomed Shrove Tuesday early in the morning, along with Bishop Danny Meagher and Caritas Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Kirsten Sayers. Together, they gathered to showcase two Project Compassion initiatives – bringing Host a Lent Event to life by holding their own Pancake Day fundraiser and stepping up to take part in a BIG Water Walk on their local sports field.

Their efforts were broadcast across the nation to celebrate the start of Lent and the spirit of generosity that underpins our biggest campaign of the year. As students flipped pancakes and walked in solidarity with those who lack access to clean and safe water, the morning captured the joy and hope that continue to inspire communities across Australia to work towards a more just world.

A further 26 launch events were held across 21 dioceses, with thousands joining to reaffirm their commitment to standing alongside the world’s most vulnerable.

Nearly **50,000** **supporters** donated to Caritas Australia.

Over **9,000** **Champions for Change**, who give monthly to sustain longer-term programs, contributed more than **$4.4 million**.

More than **$2.5 million** was received for **emergency appeals**, including **$350,000** for **Venezuela**, **$570,000** for **Sudan** and **$680,000** for **Gaza**.

Our **Women for the World** campaign raised more than **$570,000** across combined appeal, event, and giving day efforts.

Project Compassion raised more than **$10 million** for a second year in a row.

Our **End of Financial Year Appeal** had a 30 percent increase in income, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, raising more than **$1.8 million**.



The Today Show’s Tim Davies talking to Bishop Danny Meagher as St Mary’s Cathedral College students make pancakes. Photo: Caritas Australia.



The Spanish Community of the Seaton Parish in Adelaide partaking in this Project Compassion 2026. Photo: Seaton Parish, Adelaide.



CEO of Caritas Australia, Kirsten Sayers, speaking at the Women for the World Luncheon. Photo: Caritas Australia.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES UNITE AGAINST POVERTY FOR PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This year, 1,700 schools across the country took part in Project Compassion, raising over $3.2 million. Thousands of students embraced the call to stand with the world’s most vulnerable by bringing their school communities together through creative events or through walking in solidarity with those affected by water scarcity. Among them were the Year 4 students at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in the Archdiocese of Perth, who took part in a BIG Water Walk in their playground. Carrying buckets as they walked, they gained a deeper understanding of the daily challenges faced by those who lack access to clean, safe water while raising a fantastic $422.80 in just 30 minutes.

The call to Unite Against Poverty was also answered by 1,150 parishes across Australia, raising almost $4.4 million to support Caritas Australia's long-term development programs and emergency responses. Many took on the Long Walk for Water, including the Spanish Community from the Seaton Parish in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, while others hosted pancake sales, morning teas or markets to unite their communities in compassion and action.

Thanks to the collective kindness and generosity of schools, parishes, workplaces, community groups and individuals across Australia, Project Compassion 2026 raised a phenomenal $10.26 million to create real, lasting change around the world.

WOMEN FOR THE WORLD LUNCHEON SUPPORTING MOTHERS

In 2025, Caritas Australia celebrated 12 years of our annual Women for the World campaign with a luncheon in Sydney. The event brought together our generous supporters, partners and friends to hear powerful stories from Bangladesh and to stand with women living in vulnerable communities across the world.

MC'd by ABC journalist and broadcaster, Geraldine Doogue AO, the luncheon highlighted the Caritas Australia supported Safe Motherhood Training Program, implemented by our partner Caritas Bangladesh. Chief Executive Officer, Kirsten Sayers, reflected on Caritas Australia’s global impact, while Engagement Director, Nicole Chehine, shared how midwives are being equipped to save lives.

Keynote speaker, Board Director and Chair of Mercy Health, Virginia Bourke, highlighted disparities in healthcare access between Australia and Bangladesh.

Generously supported by Commbank, guests engaged in a silent auction, raffle and Safer Births Giving Day. Thanks to a matched donation, the event raised nearly $150,000, all of which directly benefited women and communities in Bangladesh.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Michelle Fernon, the ‘Founding Mother’ of Women for the World and Diocesan Director of Wagga Wagga, who was also present at the event. Together with her extended network of family and friends, she tirelessly supports the work of Caritas Australia.

Our **Community**



Students wearing gloves provided by Caritas Australia as part of the Creation Changemakers campaign. Photo: Irene McCormack Catholic College.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE AUSTRALIA

Through Catholic Earthcare, Caritas Australia accompanies and empowers schools, parishes, organisations and households on their journey to ecological conversion. Through ecological formation, grassroots action and advocacy, Catholic Earthcare inspires communities to respond the cry of the Earth and of the poor – in alignment with *Laudato Si'*.

During the Season of Creation, Catholic Earthcare supported schools, parishes and communities across the country to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, guided by the theme Peace with Creation.

A new campaign called Creation Changemakers was launched to empower schools to participate in faith-based ecological action. Schools were encouraged to create or nurture 'Gardens of Peace' – spaces that promote biodiversity, reflection and community connection.

Schools received an email from Bishop Timothy Harris, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, encouraging them to register for the program and all participating schools were supported with a set of gardening gloves and resources.

The Creation Changemakers campaign saw participation from 119 schools, reflecting strong engagement and enthusiasm across the Catholic community in its launch year. The highest uptake came from east coast states, highlighting existing strong connections while revealing opportunities to expand participation nationally in future years.

The Season of Creation Schools Art Competition attracted 481 student artworks from 56 schools – a 200 percent increase in participation from the previous year. Through creative reflection on faith and ecology, students explored what it means to live in harmony with creation. The competition generated 1,488 public votes and more than 6,200 website visits, demonstrating strong community engagement.

Artwork was judged across both primary and secondary categories with a Bishop's Choice Award (judged by Bishop Harris) and a People's Choice Award (judged by public voting).

Building on the strong foundations established in 2025, Catholic Earthcare will continue to grow and strengthen engagement during 2026.

The coming year offers an opportunity to further accompany the Australian Catholic community as we care for our common home together through formation, articulating a cohesive Catholic response to ecological challenges and inspiring practical, faith-filled action.

TETIANA STAWNYCHY, PRESIDENT OF CARITAS UKRAINE, VISIT TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA

In October 2025, President of Caritas Ukraine, Tetiana Stawnychy, visited Caritas Australia and brought a powerful message of resilience, solidarity and urgent need.

Speaking to staff and donors, Tetiana shared how Caritas Ukraine has adapted as the war entered its fourth year. While urgent humanitarian needs remain, millions of displaced people now require long-term support through housing, healthcare, livelihoods and rehabilitation.

'We're now in a layered response' Tetiana explained. **'There are still acute needs along the frontlines, but we also have millions of internally displaced people who require long-term support'**

Despite declining humanitarian funding, Caritas Ukraine continues to respond to people wherever they are.

'If someone is displaced because of war, they are still in need' she said. **'We respond to the person in front of us'**

Tetiana also took the opportunity to express her gratitude to Australian supporters: **'Your support has made us strong'** She reminded them that solidarity is at the heart of resilience. **'You are part of our story, and we are deeply grateful'**



Tetiana Stawnychy speaking to Caritas Australia staff. Photo: Caritas Australia.

GERALDINE DOOGUE VISITS PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In May of this year, ABC journalist Geraldine Doogue, AO, travelled to Papua New Guinea with Caritas Australia, visiting communities and health centres in the Milne Bay Province.

The visit gave Geraldine the opportunity to experience firsthand the work of Caritas Australia, Caritas Papua New Guinea and local partner Catholic Church Health Services, while meeting women, families and health workers whose stories will feature in the 2026 Women for the World campaign.

At Ho'owalai and Daio health centres, Geraldine saw the challenges faced by women accessing maternal healthcare in remote communities, where limited infrastructure, distance and shortages of essential medicines can make childbirth dangerous.



Caritas Australia, Caritas Papua New Guinea, Catholic Church Health Services, and Geraldine Doogue AO with the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Meeting Rose, a mother of nine who has delivered most of her children at Daio, brought these challenges into sharp focus.

Geraldine's time in Papua New Guinea will inform her role as ambassador and MC for the Women for the World luncheons in Sydney and Melbourne, helping bring these powerful stories of courage, community and hope to supporters across Australia.

Our **People**

106 STAFF IN 4 COUNTRIES

Offices in:
Australia, Cambodia, Fiji and Timor-Leste.

89 staff based in Australia, **15** in-country staff and **2** expats.

GENDER BALANCE

Australia Based Staff: Female **78%**, Male **22%**

Overseas: Female **30%**, Male **70%**



Thank You Day at Caritas Australia's Sydney office. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Thank You Day at Caritas Australia's Melbourne office. Photo: Caritas Australia.

EMBEDDING CORE VALUES THROUGH ANNUAL REFLECTION AND GOAL SETTING

Caritas Australia continues to foster a values-driven culture by integrating a core value into its annual performance and development cycle.

Each year, employees review their previous goals, reflect on their achievements and challenges, and establish new goals that align with both organisational priorities and personal growth.

In the 2026 financial year, the focus was on the value of Compassion. This encouraged staff to embody empathy, respect and solidarity in their interactions with colleagues, partners and the communities we serve.

Through intentional reflection and goal setting, employees were supported to translate this value into everyday actions and decision-making. This ongoing practice ensures that Caritas Australia's values remain central to organisational culture, strengthening our commitment to mission-led work and meaningful impact.

CULTIVATING AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE WORKPLACE CULTURE

Across the year, Caritas Australia continued the work of the Culture Lab and its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee, building on the strong foundations established in the previous year.

Through a range of initiatives focused on inclusion, wellbeing, cultural awareness and staff engagement, the Culture Lab has continued to foster a workplace where all employees feel respected, valued and empowered to contribute.

The group has also maintained its commitment to reconciliation, supporting the ongoing integration of First Nations perspectives and voices into organisational practices and decision-making.

By encouraging open dialogue, collaboration and learning, the Culture Lab continues to strengthen Caritas Australia's commitment to a workplace culture that reflects compassion, equity, respect and unity.

THANK YOU DAY: CELEBRATING GRATITUDE FOR CARITAS AUSTRALIA SUPPORTERS

Caritas Australia's staff across the country came together for Thank You Day – a day dedicated to expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible supporters who make our work possible.

Every year, Thank You Day is a reminder that behind every program, project and success story, there are countless acts of generosity from the Caritas Australia community. Whether it's through prayer, advocacy, volunteering, or financial support, their compassion and solidarity continues to help make the world a little bit better every day.

Thank You Day brought together teams from our Sydney and Melbourne offices, who spent the day making thank-you calls, writing personalised cards, and recording video messages for our supporters.

More than 1,100 phone calls and thank you cards were made and sent to supporters.

CELEBRATING FERNANDO PIRES' 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

This year, Caritas Australia proudly recognised Fernando Pires, Caritas Australia's Country Representative in Timor-Leste, for an extraordinary milestone of 25 years of service.

Fernando has made a significant and lasting contribution to our organisation, supporting our mission with commitment, professionalism and generosity of spirit.

His dedication has helped shape Caritas Australia and has strengthened our impact both within the organisation and across the communities we serve across Timor-Leste.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Fernando for his many years of service, leadership and contribution, and we look forward to the next chapter of his journey with Caritas Australia as he continues to share his experience, wisdom and passion with colleagues and partners alike.



Fernando Pires, Country Representative in Timor-Leste. Photo: Caritas Australia

Our **Diocesan Network**

Caritas Australia's network of Diocesan Directors, committees and volunteers across the country is essential in helping us communicate our work and Mission deep within the Australian community. They regularly engage with the local Diocesan parishes, schools, Catholic networks and the broader Australian community.

IN 2025—26 OUR DIOCESAN DIRECTORS WERE:

National

Diocesan Director, Maronite Eparchy
Fr Robert-Pio Albayeh

Administrative Assistant, Maronite Eparchy
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Fr Iurii Tychenok

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Karen de Sousa

Diocesan Director, Port Pirie
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Penny Edman

Victoria

Diocesan Director, Melbourne
Michael McGirr

Diocesan Director, Ballarat
Jillian Hogbin

Diocesan Director, Sale
Siji Dominic

Diocesan Director, Sandhurst
Fr Rom Hayes (concluded November 2025); **Kerry Stone**

New South Wales + ACT

Caritas Animator and Diocesan Director, Sydney
Dominic Smith (concluded July 2025); **Donnie Velasco** (started March 2026)

Diocesan Director, Armidale
Michael Williams

Diocesan Director, Bathurst
Rev Deacon Josh Clayton

Diocesan Director, Broken Bay
Michelle Chahine

Diocesan Director, Canberra-Goulburn
Alison Burt (concluded September 2025); **Don Gomez** (started February 2026)

Diocesan Director, Lismore
Vacant

Diocesan Director, Maitland-Newcastle
Brendon Mannyx

Diocesan Director, Parramatta
Sebastian Salaske-Lentern

Diocesan Facilitator, Parramatta
James Atanasious

Diocesan Director, Wagga Wagga
Michelle Fernon

Western Australia

Diocesan Director, Perth
Shelby D'Souza

Diocesan Director, Broome
Aidan Mitchell (concluded December 2025); **Sr Victoria Kithungu** (started May 2026)

Diocesan Director, Bunbury
Peter Williams (concluded September 2025); **Vacant**

Diocesan Director, Geraldton
Rosemary Taylor

Queensland

Diocesan Director, Brisbane
Tina Joseph

Diocesan Director, Cairns
Bernadette Killin (started April 2026)

Diocesan Director, Rockhampton
Sabrina Stevens

Diocesan Director, Toowoomba
Joe Kelly

Diocesan Director, Townsville
Rebecca Ryman

Northern Territory

Diocesan Director, Darwin
Sr Jessica Trieu FDCC

DIOCESAN DIRECTORS COME TOGETHER FOR NATIONAL GATHERING

In November 2025, Caritas Australia welcomed Diocesan Directors from across the country to its annual National Diocesan Director Gathering in Sydney. The three-day event focused on strengthening local partnerships, sharing insights on humanitarian action and preparing for Project Compassion 2026.

Appointed in partnership with their local Archbishop or Bishop, Diocesan Directors play a vital role in animating the vision and mission of Caritas Australia at the community level. They build relationships, promote education, lead fundraising and advocacy efforts, and connect with schools, parishes and the wider Catholic community.

Opening the event, Caritas Australia CEO, Kirsten Sayers, highlighted the vital role of Diocesan Directors:

'Through our Diocesan Directors, we have localised relationships with communities in every corner of the country. You are the eyes, ears, hands and feet of Caritas Australia – building bridges between Australian communities and those in need overseas'

'In a world facing record levels of conflict, displacement and hunger, your role has never been more important' she added.

The gathering featured sessions on safeguarding, ethical storytelling, ecological conversion and building resilient communities, alongside opportunities for collaboration and renewal. Leaders from Caritas Australia's programs and fundraising teams joined Diocesan Directors to explore strategies for deepening engagement with parishes and schools.

The gathering was also graced by Bishop Danny Meagher, who shared reflections on Catholic Social Teaching and led the celebration of the Eucharist.



Annual Diocesan Director gathering held in Sydney. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Our **Governance**

Caritas Australia is governed as a company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and its activities are overseen by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Caritas Australia is a member of both the Australian Council for International Development and the Fundraising Institute of Australia and is therefore signatories to both Codes of Conduct. As a Member Organisation, Caritas Australia is guided by the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards. As the member of Caritas Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference oversees the activities of the organisation in the areas of justice, ecology, international aid and development, and peace.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 16 December 2025.

OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM

The Executive Team is responsible for ensuring the organisation delivers on its vision of justice, dignity, and hope for humanity and all of God's creation. They are also responsible for creating a culture that aligns with Caritas Australia's values of Partnership, Courage, Stewardship and Compassion. The Executive team honours these responsibilities by bringing considerable knowledge, experience and passion to the overall strategic direction of the organisation, as well as its day-to-day operational management.



Kirsten Sayers
Chief Executive Officer
Appointed: 2024 (Interim) 2025 (Permanent)



Dan Skehan
Programs Director
Appointed: 2021



Michael McGirr
Mission Facilitator
Appointed: 2021



Nicole Chehine
Engagement Director
Appointed: 2025



Marina Bassil
People Director
Appointed: 2025



Kerry Atkins
Corporate Services Director
Appointed: 2025

Up to date details on our leadership can be found here: www.caritas.org.au/about/what-is-caritas/our-leadership-team/

Our **Board**

Caritas Australia's Board is comprised of dedicated and experienced individuals who guide our strategic direction, oversee governance, monitor accountability and ensure that the organisation lives and achieves its mission.

Robert Fitzgerald AM
Chair
Reappointed: November 2023



Bishop Michael Kennedy
Director
Appointed: July 2025



Virginia Bourke
Director
Reappointed: November 2023



Christine Grima
Director
Reappointed: November 2025



Dr. Martin Laverty
Director
Reappointed: November 2025



Matthew Clarke
Director
Appointed: July 2023



Gerald Stack
Director
Appointed: November 2023



Carolyn Ireland
Director
Appointed: May 2025



Our Board Sub-Committees

The **Audit, Finance and Risk Sub-Committee** provides guidance to Caritas Australia's management related to independent external audit and financial standing and reporting. This includes the investment portfolio and the ongoing development of the agency's risk management framework.

- **Chair:** Gerald Stack
- **Members**: Carolyn Ireland, Matthew Clarke

The **Mission, People and Culture Sub-Committee** is responsible for providing guidance to Caritas Australia's management related to People and Culture, including staff engagement, recruitment, and retention strategies. This committee also assists with strategic oversight of mission integration initiatives.

- **Chair:** Virginia Bourke
- **Members:** Kate McCormack, Jarka Kluth

The **Programs and Impact Sub-Committee** provides guidance to Caritas Australia's management related to the design and implementation of our international aid and development programs. This committee also provides oversight and strategic input to the delivery of our Impact Framework.

- **Chair:** Christine Grima
- **Members:** Matthew Clarke, Mungreiphy Shimray, Richard Brennan

The **Nominations Sub-Committee** advises the Board in making decisions about its composition and its committees. This includes establishing and reviewing Board and Board committee succession plans.

- **Chair:** Dr. Martin Laverty
- **Members:** Christine Grima

Former Board Members during 25-26 Term

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Director
Appointed: July 2022
Resigned: November 2025
Member: Mission, People and Culture Sub-Committee, Nominations Sub Committee

Learn more about our Board here:
www.caritas.org.au/about/what-is-caritas/our-board/

Our **Financials**



During 2025-26, Caritas Australia directed **$29 million** to our international development and humanitarian programs and emergency responses. This included $740,000 invested through our First Australian Program.

This support was delivered against a backdrop of continued cost-of-living pressures affecting households across Australia. Despite these challenges, the generosity of our community remained strong, with growth across general fundraising demonstrating the continued commitment of our supporters to stand alongside communities experiencing poverty, injustice and crisis.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

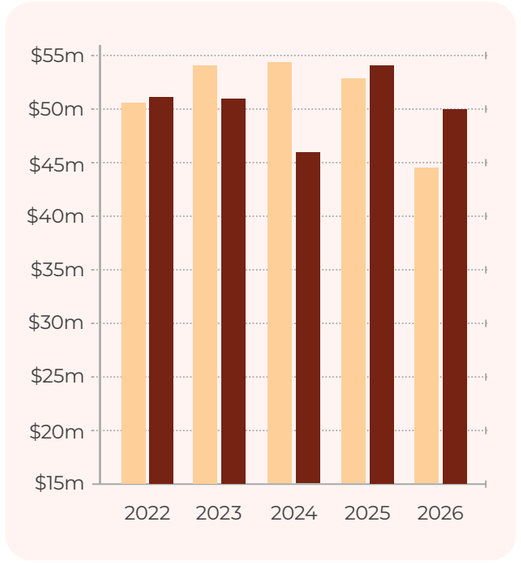
Caritas Australia recorded total income of $49.8 million and total expenditure of $44.1 million for the year, resulting in a surplus of $5.7 million

The surplus was primarily driven by strong fundraising results, including bequest income. Expenditure was directed to priority program and operational needs, while we continued to invest in fundraising activities that strengthen our capacity to generate sustainable income over the longer term, helping ensure Caritas Australia can continue responding to communities both now and into the future.

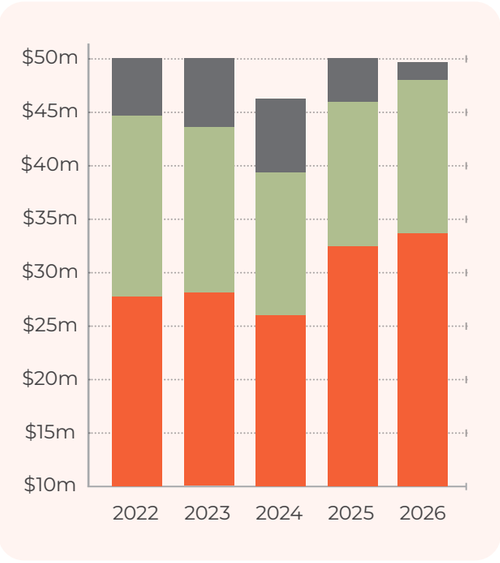
INCOME

The generosity of our supporters continued to underpin Caritas Australia's work with fundraising income approaching $34 million. Encouragingly, despite challenging economic conditions, general fundraising, excluding emergency appeals and bequests, increased by 6 per cent compared with the previous year and represented approximately 68 per cent of total income. Recurrent and one-off government grants contributed close to 29 per cent, with the remaining 3 per cent coming from other income, including bank interest and earnings on managed funds held with JB Were and Macquarie.

Income vs Expenditure ($'m)



Income vs Stream ($'m)



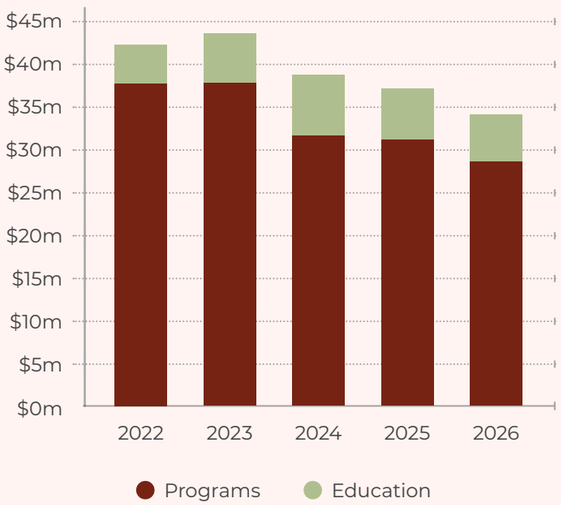
Our **Financials**

EXPENDITURE

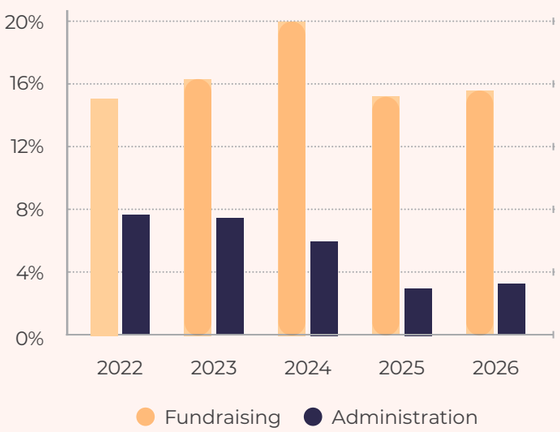
Responsible stewardship requires Caritas Australia to balance the funds directed towards our mission today with the investment needed to sustain that mission into the future. In 2025-26, fundraising costs were 15.9 per cent of total income, while administration costs were 3.3 per cent.

Total expenditure on programs and education remained broadly consistent with 2025, reflecting our continued focus on delivering our strategic priorities.

Total Expenditure - Programs and Education



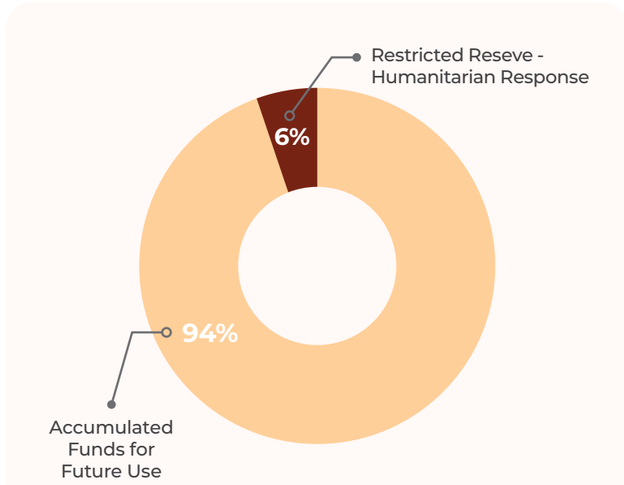
Administration/ Fundraising Ratio



EQUITY

Accumulated funds, also referred to as unrestricted reserves, are not subject to donor or funding conditions and are available to support Caritas Australia's future activities and financial sustainability.

The Humanitarian Response Reserve comprises unspent unrestricted funds raised for humanitarian and emergency responses. These funds are retained to support humanitarian needs in future years as per board policy.



Caritas Australia is the lead agency of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) and receives DFAT grants on behalf of the member organisations. In 2025-26, Caritas Australia received $4.2 million in grants for the CAN DO Consortium.

Our full Financial Report 2025—26 is available to read at www.caritas.org.au/publications/annual-reports/

This report has been approved by resolution of the directors.



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Francine Smith

Edward Bernard Maurice Welling

Pronali and Mridul on their farm in rural Bangladesh. Photo: Sumon Corraya/Caritas Bangladesh.

Ways to Get **Involved**



Become a Champion for Change

Make a monthly donation by calling 1800 024 413 or visit www.caritas.org.au/monthly-giving

Become an Earthcarer

Journey with us as we care for each other and our common home. Find out more and register at www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare

Host a fundraiser

Head to www.caritas.org.au/fundraise and start fundraising!

Register for Workplace Giving

One of the most cost effective and simple ways of donating. Visit www.caritas.org.au/workplace-giving

Leave a Gift in your Will

Include a bequest in your Will and together we can create sustainable change. Visit www.caritas.org.au/bequests

Purchase a Global Gift

Give a gift that keeps on giving, visit www.globalgifts.org.au

Volunteer

Want to help out? Call 1800 024 413 or go to www.caritas.org.au/volunteer-opportunities

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Our **Accountability**

DFAT

Caritas Australia is accredited by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), responsible for managing Australia's aid program. To maintain accreditation, Caritas Australia's systems, policies and processes are rigorously reviewed by the Australian Government. In 2025-26, we received support from the Australian government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program, the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, and the Church Partnership Program.

ACFID

Caritas Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. As a signatory we are committed and fully adhere to the ACFID Code of Conduct, conducting our work with transparency, accountability and integrity. For more information on the Code, visit the ACFID website www.acfid.asn.au or email code@acfid.asn.au.

OUR SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Caritas Australia is committed to creating and maintaining safe environments where everyone, especially all children and vulnerable adults are respected, protected, and able to thrive. Grounded in the Catholic Social Teachings and belief in the dignity of every person, we uphold a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse, exploitation, and harm. You can learn more about our commitment here Who We Are | Our Safeguarding Commitment | Caritas Australia

CODES AND STANDARDS

We uphold the highest standards of practice, as demonstrated by our commitment to the:

- ACFID Code of Conduct
- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Standards
- Caritas Internationalis Management Standards
- National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief, as part of Caritas Internationalis
- The Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS)
- Fundraising Institute of Australia Principles and Standards of Fundraising Practice
- Sphere Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards
- We have also adopted and implemented the international standards of risk management, ISO 31000.

FUNDING

Caritas Australia generates income from various streams including the Australian Government, Emergency Action Alliance, public donations, bequests and investments. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Australian Government.

CHARITY STATUS

Caritas Australia is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission and is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

We welcome feedback about our organisation. To provide feedback or make a complaint, call 1800 024 413, write to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9630 in your capital city or go to www.caritas.org.au/complaints/ to see other options, including how to make an anonymous complaint. Complaints alleging breaches of the ACFID Code of Conduct can also be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee via www.acfid.asn.au/content/how-make-complaint.

PRIVACY POLICY

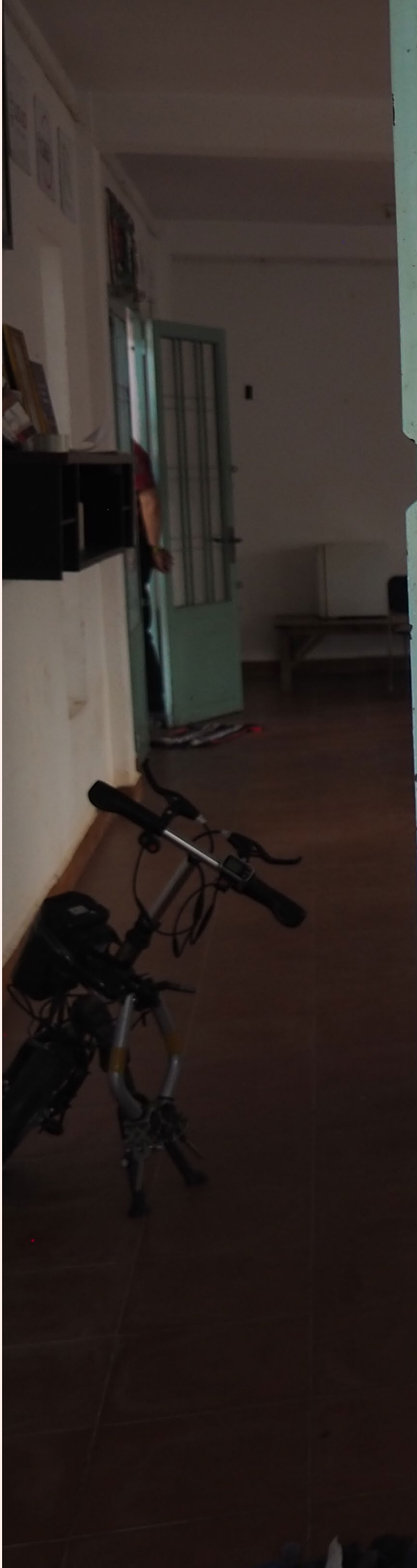
In line with the Privacy Act 1988 and the legislation changes in March 2014, Caritas Australia is committed to ensuring that we not only meet the legal requirements but also establish a culture of good practice regarding personal information about supporters, partners and personnel. Read our full privacy policy at www.caritas.org.au/privacy/.

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