



## Responding to the Syrian Crisis in Aleppo



Your gifts to CWR are providing life-saving relief in Aleppo.

We have been working in Aleppo, Syria, for several months through a local partner to provide relief in the midst of heartbreaking conditions.

The destruction of Aleppo is enormous and thousands of families have had little choice but to flee the city as heavy airstrikes and fighting continued with little relief. With winter setting in, the bitter cold also became a significant threat to those who had lost their homes and fled. Immediate needs for these families have been to keep them warm and fed.

We have been able to reach out to a trusted, local partner in Aleppo to distribute food aid to families fleeing the violence. Our local partner distributed 300 food packages, including infant milk formula, that will sustain

these families for at least the next two months. With an average of five people per family, we were able to provide emergency food for 1,500 people in urgent need.

Our local partner is also providing cash for medical care for fleeing families. In addition, we are distributing hygiene and women's dignity kits.

Our local partner has an effective distribution team and system with a strong network, and moving forward, they have significant capacity to continue to address these needs. We are encouraged and thankful for the opportunity to reach these vulnerable families.

Your gifts are still needed. Give now to CWR Syria relief on our website or by check mailed to the CWR office.

## Weaving Peace in Kenya

Two communities in rural northwest Kenya have been in constant conflict for several decades. Several organizations have attempted to end the conflict, but with little success. Recently CWR partner Jitokeze has been working with women from both communities to find peace. These women have played a vital role in weaving a moral fabric for peace. They have formed small "Sweetie" groups in which they establish a buddy partner relationship with another woman from the other community with the goal

of developing understanding and caring for one another's families. They care for each other through visits and sharing gifts that assist in meeting their basic needs. These regular visits have helped the women to develop friendships that are strengthening communal trust and relationship with the once opposing community. Where there once was distrust, jealousy, and anger, there is now reliance, trust, and friendship. This is an example of CWR's peacemaking work in the world.



Communities that have long been in conflict are finding peace through a local CWR partner in Kenya.

**Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. —ISAIAH 49:13**

# Beyond Earthquake Recovery in Nepal

Shanti Nepal has been one of CWR's partners since the April 2015 earthquake. CWR has been funding a sanitation project in the remote community of Tipling. One hundred toilets for earthquake-affected households and toilets for two schools have been built in Tipling this past year. This recovery work is especially significant as the community never had toilets before the earthquake.

All of the labor has been provided by the community along with 60 percent of the cost of the materials. One major challenge is that it takes a whole day to walk up the Himalayan mountains to Tipling from where the road ends. Materials that are not available locally must be hand carried up the mountain.

In their report Shanti Nepal wrote, "During this difficult phase after the destruction of the earthquake, people have understood the importance of hygiene and sanitation so they are building toilets mostly with their own contributions. Shanti Nepal has provided materials, monitored the construction, and provided technical support and supervision. Residents of Tipling

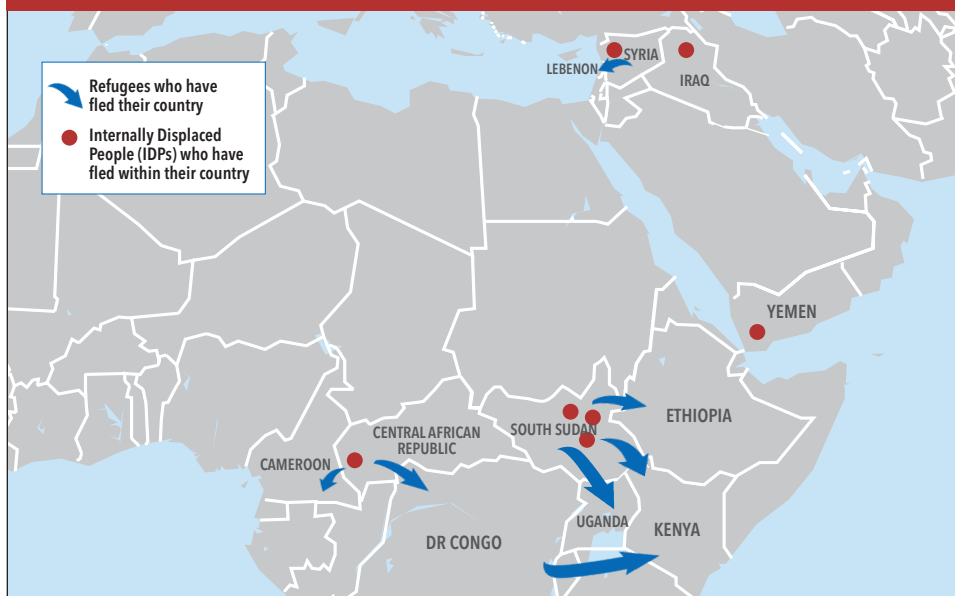


In remote Nepal, CWR is providing access to clean water and sanitation for children and families.

now have access to better sanitation and hygiene and are also aware of hygiene practices such as hand washing and teeth brushing. People are very happy to have toilets at their own house." The goal is that Tipling be declared an open-defecation-free community by June 2017. We plan to

continue this partnership with Shanti Nepal to expand the sanitation program this year. Thank you for your gift to CWR, which enables us to support projects like this one and more than 80 others like it around the world.

## CWR Work with Refugees and IDPs



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