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FACT SHEET: *Humane* RESPONSES

As an organization rooted in faith, Church World Service believes that all people deserve to lead lives of dignity, wherever we find ourselves. In 2021, weather-related disasters displaced nearly 24 million people globally.

Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, <https://www.internal-displacement.org/media-centres/all-time-high-of-nearly-60-million-people-internally-displaced-worldwide>

Other climate impacts are being felt more gradually. Gradual or “slow-onset” impacts are changes people feel every day, but don’t always get the press like massive storms and wildfires do. Examples of gradual impacts include:



temperature increases



changes in rainfall patterns



saltwater intrusion of farmland or drinking water

Both science and human experience tell us that slow-onset climate change will affect, and in some cases devastate, vulnerable communities in the future. It already impacts how, when, and where we move—and, in some cases, whether moving out of harm’s way is even an option.

That’s why your CROP Hunger Walk is so important. You’re helping CWS address climate change impacts by helping farmers access seeds and learn new techniques for growing food in changing soil; teach building techniques so schools and homes can be built differently to withstand future natural disasters; and assists communities in learning new income generating skills like beekeeping to adapt and build resilience.

We will continue to step in and support our most vulnerable neighbors when it comes to the challenges climate change present, and we will need your help to do so. Your support of the CROP Hunger Walk helps communities and families around the world build resiliency and adapt to these climate change challenges.

