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OVERVIEW OF CCRDA

The Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) is comprised of organizations that are committed to integrated, transformative development. CCRDA was previously known as the Relief and Development Group (R&D Group) of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC). The group formed in 1984, and since that time it has provided a forum for members to encourage one another, cooperate, share expertise, respond to changes in their field, and speak with one voice social and policy issues. CCRDA was officially incorporated in June 2006 and received charitable status in May 2007.

MISSION: Promoting unity and excellence among all Canadian Christian relief and development organizations.

VISION: Together, seeking God's kingdom purposes for flourishing lives and communities internationally.

VALUE PROPOSITION: We explore the relationship of Christian principles to international relief and development, facilitate collaboration, and promote the sharing of information, experience and expertise.

LETTER FROM CHAIRPERSON

Change. The only thing constant is change. It's been an amazing year of constant change for the Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association. We're changing because we believe strongly in our mission – we desire to be hyper effective in promoting unity and excellence among all Canadian Christian relief and development organizations. So that, together, we will seek God's kingdom purposes for flourishing lives and communities internationally (our vision).

The biggest change for the CCRDA relates to personnel changes. We said farewell to Christina Warner who competently covered Joella Reitsma's maternity leave. This farewell meant saying hello to Joella again and we are delighted to have her back. We are especially thankful for the chemistry Joella enjoys with our new Executive Director, Laura Solberg! We are so thrilled to have Laura serve as the first ever Executive Director of the CCRDA. Laura brings a deep commitment to the mission and vision of CCRDA, and joins us after serving on the CCRDA board for six years. Her work with CCRDA follows seventeen years of service in the field of Christian ministry with Greater Vancouver YFC/Youth Unlimited. We are in good hands with Laura's exceptional leadership.

Enjoy this year's Annual Report as you learn of other exciting changes and developments within the CCRDA. It is a joy to serve alongside each of you in this ever changing world, as together, we share the light of Christ with others.

Hank de Jong

CCRDA Interim Board Chair



MEMBER IMPACT STORIES

PROMISE

In 2015, two staff from CCRDA member organizations, Richard McGowan of Emmanuel International and Phil Tanner of Canadian Christian Children's Fund (CCFC) met to discuss ways they could offer aid to mothers enduring appalling conditions in the developing world. They knew through cooperation there would be a multiplier effect with greater reach and the ability to do more.

They worked to form a consortium promoting maternal, newborn, infant and child sustainable health efforts (PROMISE) that was implemented by three organizations: Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and Emmanuel International Canada (EIC).

"Working together was unusual but it worked!" stated Phil Tanner of CCFC.

"It all started from a meeting at CCRDA and the rest is history," stated Richard McGowan Executive director of EIC.

The Promise Consortium project started from a conversation at a CCRDA event in 2015, became a \$6.6 million Government of Canada funded project, implemented in three countries, and is coming to its successful conclusion this year.

See below for an impact story and you can read more about the Promise Project at: promiseworthkeeping.ca

Lindsay O'Connor
Media-Public Relations
Emmanuel International



*A mother and child impacted by the Promise Project.
Photo Credit: Emmanuel International.*



Issah is happy with her baby, Halima, at the Moglaa Health Centre in the Savelugu Municipal Assembly of the Northern Region of Ghana. Photo Credit: William Anim-Dankwa, Communication Manager, CCFC Ghana Office.

PROMISE - STORY

Saving the lives of mothers and babies begins with shifting mindsets about childbirth - putting knowledge and power in the hands of women.

The giggles of eight-month-old Halima are a sweet sound to mother, Issah, (pictured), 23, but they're also a sad reminder. At 21, she lost her first daughter. Like many traditional Ghanaian women, she had delivered at home using a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) without the requisite medical training or sterilized tools to save her child. Eighteen months later, Issah delivered her second child, Halima. After attending her local Health Clinic at Moglaa, she was referred to local Government hospital where she had her baby via caesarean section. Issah's choice of where to give birth was the result of Promoting Maternal, Newborn, Infant and Child Sustainable Health Efforts (PROMISE) project, a Government of Canada-funded initiative implemented by CCFC and its consortium partners: El Canada, and ADRA Canada and their associates in Ghana, Malawi and Rwanda, respectively. The 4-year project (2016-2020), reaching over 40,000 women and children under-five in Ghana, focuses on improved delivery of essential health services delivery, utilization of essential health service and nutrition to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Our inclusive approach is creating steady changes. We involve women and men in maternal, newborn and child-health groups to change such retrogressive traditional beliefs as 'women are weak' or 'women who deliver at health clinics engage in extra-marital affairs'.

To leverage the influence of trained TBAs, and provide a new means of livelihood, we offer them skills-training to perform their new roles as 'facilitators' of delivery. In this role, TBAS accompany woman to health clinics instead of delivering at home, and also provide post-natal support.

Tariqul Islam

Grants Compliance Manager - CCFC



Mary, a Wellspring trainer, at work in a Rwandan public school. Photo Credit: The Wellspring Foundation for Education.

RESOURCES FOR GROWING

In a year of growth for Wellspring, it was so helpful to have the growing resources of the CCRDA available for us to call upon as we work to help transform quality education in East Africa. Being able to take part in workshops as diverse as Gender Analysis and Measuring Transformation in Development helped our team compliment and increase their skills base in areas that are crucial to our work.

The Western workshop with Brady Josephson allowed us to measure our fundraising strategies against best practices and had our Public Engagement team buzzing. And as ever, the Annual Forum provided both food for thought in the area of cultural intelligence in development, and the opportunity to network, learn and collaborate with like-minded Kingdom focused individuals and groups, helping us to be better stewards of our role as agents of transformation. Thank you CCRDA for being such a premier resource to our work. We are delighted to be part of this thriving membership.

Andy Harrington

CEO - The Wellspring Foundation for Education



Horse riding tourism with Plateau Perspectives.
Photo Credit: Plateau Perspectives.



Forge Interns with iTeams interview leaders of an art program in Guatemala. Photo Credit: iTeams

VALUABLE NETWORK

Plateau Perspectives has been encouraged and felt very supported by CCRDA in 2018. In particular, the CCRDA network helped us to connect with other like-minded Canadian organizations with experience of supporting refugees fleeing from war and insecurity in places, such as Afghanistan. They were also active in helping us care for our organization's personnel, connecting us with great colleagues, and contributing to us finding the right match for health care provision. As we work in distant fields, mostly in Central Asia in areas of community development and creation care, as well as some emergency aid, it is very reassuring to know that the CCRDA is there and open to our queries and requests; the knowledge base and broad network is extremely valuable and appreciated both by us who reside abroad and our board of directors back in Canada.

Dr. J. M. Foggin

Director - Plateau Perspectives

RICH OPPORTUNITIES

We at iTeams Canada benefited greatly from our involvement in the CCRDA in 2018. The annual forums and workshops were rich opportunities for our personnel to expand their learning and interact with other organizations involved in similar work. The webinars were also tremendously helpful as catalysts for us to think more broadly. The wide variety of subject matter meant that there was something for everyone in our office at some point over the year. And the webinar format makes participation in these learning opportunities much more realistic for personnel with tight schedules and limited budget. The Gender Analysis webinar was particularly timely for us as it allowed our Forge interns to participate and brought out important conversations related to what iTeams Canada should integrate into our monitoring and evaluation frameworks. We look forward to deepening our relationship with the CCRDA in 2019!

Greg Reader

Learning & Development Specialist - iTeams

"I have benefitted personally from participating in the forums and webinars offered by CCRDA, and have shared what I learned with colleagues within my organization. It's also great to get together with friends from other, like-minded organizations for mutual encouragement and sharing of professional insights."

Kevin Dixon

Acting Executive Director - International Justice Mission



LIST OF MEMBERS:

ADRA Canada	Global Aid Network (GAIN)
Arms of Jesus Children's Mission, Inc	Hear Africa
Asian Outreach	Health Partners International of Canada
Bethesda Christian Association	Hope Story
Canadian Baptist Ministries	Hungry for Life International
CAUSE Canada	International Justice Mission
Childcare International Society	International Teams Canada
Christian Blind Mission Canada	Loving Arms Charitable Corporation
Christian Children's Fund of Canada	Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada
Christian Horizons Global	Operation Mobilization
Christian Mission Aid Global	Ontario Christian Gleaners
Come Over and Help	Partners Relief and Development Canada
Compassion Canada	Plateau Perspectives
Crossroads Christian Communications Inc	Partners Worldwide Canada
CURE International Canada	Samaritan's Purse Canada
EduDeo Ministries	SIM Canada
Emmanuel International Canada	The Salvation Army Canada
Engineering Ministries International	The Wellspring Foundation for Education
Euro-Aid Canada	World Hope Canada
FIDA	Word & Deed Ministries
Food for the Hungry	World Vision Canada
Food for the Poor Canada	World Renew
Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada	WOW (Working with Orphans and Widows)
Greater Vancouver Youth Unlimited	
<i>Members to be Voted on at 2019 AGM:</i>	
Bridges of Hope International	Missionary Ventures Canada
Dalit Freedom Network	North Valley Okanagan Gleaners Society
Maranatha Evangelistic Association	

2018-2019 ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL EVENTS

Each year, the CCRDA hosts 3 annual events. Our Annual Forum, in May, is a two-day event that includes our Annual General Meeting, and alternates between a location in Ontario and Alberta/BC. In the fall, we host our Annual Workshops. These are one-day events that take place both at a location in Ontario and Alberta/BC.

In 2018, the CCRDA hosted Dr. David Livermore at our Annual Forum at World Vision. He spoke on "Cultural Intelligence: Why International Relief and Development Needs It". We had 45 people attend this event.

In November, our Annual Workshops focused on Online Fundraising with Brady Josephson in Langley, and Results-Based Management with the team at World Vision in Mississauga. 18 people took part in the Langley Workshop and 45 at the Mississauga workshop.

WEBINARS

At CCRDA, we believe it is important to learn from each other regularly as we are community of Christ-centred organizations who desire to share skills, knowledge and support one another. In order to facilitate this mutual learning relationship, in May 2017, we introduced our first series of monthly webinars which feature one of our members or an expert in a relevant field on a topic of their expertise.

We have featured the following topics in our webinar series:

- Making Emergency Decisions in International Disaster Response
- Creating Effective Training for International Disaster Response
- Empowering Local Partners in International Disaster Response
- Innovating for Impact: Building and Prioritizing Innovation in Canada's Global Development and Humanitarian Community
- Achieving a High Standard of Protection Among Relief & Development Initiatives: Children, Youth & Vulnerable Adults
- He Said, She Said: What's so Important about Using a Gender Lens in our Work?
- The Role of Faith in International Development
- Ending Poverty Together: A New Collaborative Resource
- Trauma Care in International Development
- Communicating Development in Canada: Learning from Data
- Gender Analysis: CCRDA Member Skill-Sharing Call
- Measuring Transformation: Incorporating 'Intangible' Goals into M&E frameworks
- Spiritual Formation in Workplace Operations

PARTNERSHIPS

In 2018, the CCRDA continued to partner with The Charis Foundation, which generously provided a matching grant of up to \$15 000. The Falle Family Foundation also provided a grant of \$7 500.

The CCRDA also began actively pursuing partnerships with a variety of organizations and companies that serve the relief and development sector. Training discount partnerships have been developed with Plan to Protect, and NextAfter. Partnerships with the following organizations are also being explored: Chalmers Center, Wycliffe College, Wheaton College, Arrow Leadership Ministries and the Foundation for Humanitarian Cooperation International.



NEWSLETTER

CCRDA's newsletter, Excellence @ Work, is distributed to members quarterly (with the Annual Report comprising the spring's quarter) via email and on the website. For each issue, member agencies are invited to write about a specific theme in addition to submitting general news and announcements. This publication is meant to act as a forum where members can keep each other informed, share their knowledge and learn from others' best practices. Since last summer, the newsletter has focused on the following themes: Unity & Cooperation, Conflict & Peacebuilding, and Highlights of 2018 & Plans for 2019.

FAITH POSITION









In 2018, the CCRDA board underwent a rigorous process to evaluate and adapt the faith position requirements for its members. Prior to 2018, members were required to hold organizational commitments or convictions that were in line with the World Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith. In 2018, the board, with input from members, approved a change in this, adapting it to require members to hold organizational commitments or convictions that are in line with the World Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith and/or the English Language Liturgical Consultation version of the Nicene Creed.

HIRING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

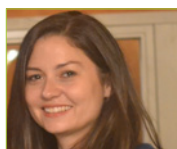
In September of 2018, the CCRDA was delighted to hire its first Executive Director, Laura Solberg. Laura began work at 0.53 full-time equivalency on September 10th and has since increased to 0.75 full-time equivalency.

BOARD, STAFF, AND ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

BOARD MEMBERS

 <p>INTERIM CHAIRPERSON HANK DE JONG EduDeo Ministries</p>	 <p>DIRECTOR ALLISON ALLEY Compassion Canada</p>	 <p>DIRECTOR CAROLE LEACOCK World Vision Canada</p>	 <p>DIRECTOR AARON ROGERS Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada</p>
 <p>DIRECTOR ANDY HARRINGTON The Wellspring Foundation for Education</p>	 <p>INCOMING DIRECTOR GREG READER International Teams Canada</p>	 <p>INCOMING DIRECTOR PHIL REILLY International Justice Mission</p>	 <p>VOLUNTEER TREASURER SIMON ONGOM Ex-Officio</p>

STAFF



Christina Warner joined CCRDA during Joella's maternity leave and capably coordinated the CCRDA from November 2017-November 2018. Christina is a Masters student at the Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, and brought a wealth of experience in advocacy, coalition building, collaborative leadership and social justice organizing to the CCRDA



In November 2018, **Joella Reitsma** returned from maternity leave to resume the role of part-time Coordinator for the CCRDA. Joella has an MA in Development Studies and a passion for encouraging collaboration among CCRDA members to enhance relief and development activities.



Laura Solberg joined the CCRDA staff as Executive Director in September. After being on the board of the CCRDA since 2013 and serving as chair for two years, Laura was excited to make the transition to Executive Director.



MEMBERSHIPS

CCIC

CCRDA is a member of the Canadian Council of International Cooperation (CCIC) and throughout the year, we have endeavoured to share information and networking opportunities that have been circulated by CCIC and its various working groups. In March 2019, CCIC President Nicolas Moyer led a CCRDA webinar titled “Innovating for Impact: Building and Prioritizing Innovation in Canada’s Global Development and Humanitarian Community”. Members are kept up to date on CCIC activities through our newsletter.

CCCC

CCRDA is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and throughout the year, we have endeavoured to share information and networking opportunities that have been circulated by CCCC. The board of directors seeks to remain in alignment with the CCCC, and regularly look for ways to collaborate with the CCCC to the benefit of our membership.

BCCIC

CCRDA Executive Director, Laura Solberg, is an individual member of the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) and throughout the year, we have endeavoured to share information and networking opportunities that have been circulated by BCCIC.

JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE

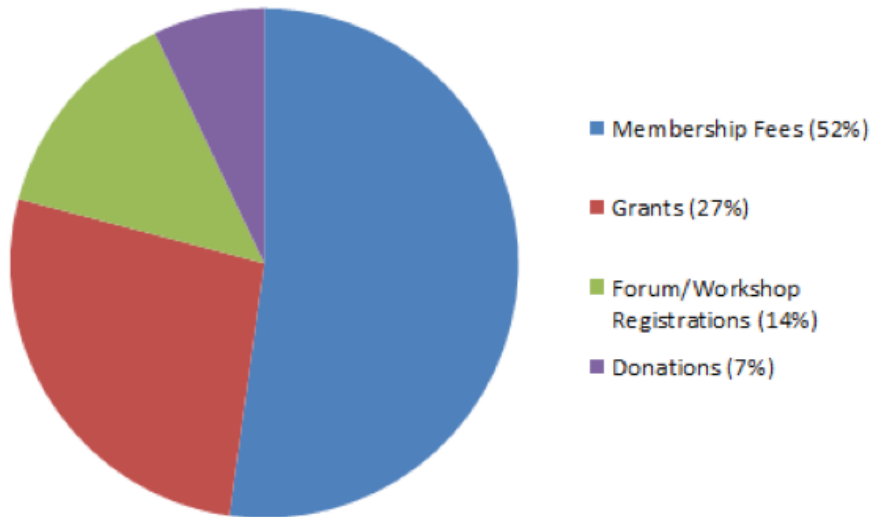
CCRDA is a member of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, “an international collaboration of on evidence for faith groups’ activities, contribution and challenges to health and wellbeing.” The membership allows CCRDA to access evidence-based reports, webinars, and learning hubs on topics like Anti-Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery; Ending Violence Against Children; Gender-based Violence; Mobilization of Local Faith Communities, and; Refugees and Forced Migration.

FINANCES

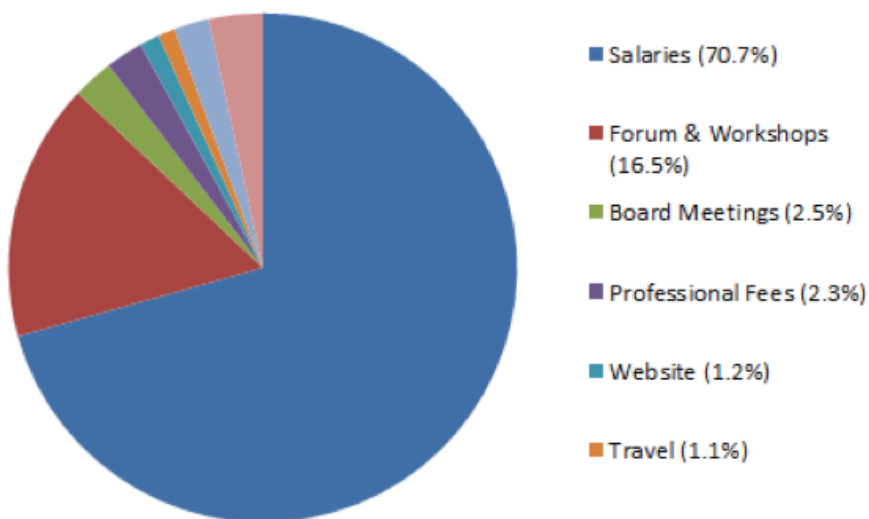
AUDIT SUMMARY

In early 2019, CCRDA had an external audit of the 2018 fiscal year by Norton McMullen LLP. The financial statements have been approved by the Board and sent to the membership for approval at the AGM on May 13, 2019. The 2018 audited financial statements are on our website.

INCOME, JANUARY 2018-DECEMBER 2018



EXPENSES, JANUARY 2018-DECEMBER 2018





CLOSING

Dear Members,

It has been a privilege serving alongside you and supporting your work since I became Executive Director in September. I have enjoyed connecting with many of you personally. I hope to continue to build strong relationships with you and your organizations as we at the CCRDA pursue being an excellent resource for the relief and development sector in Canada in the coming year.

Many of you who have been involved with the CCRDA since its inception will recognize the mountain of potential that we had only been scratching the surface of. Limited resources - human, time, and financial - limited the CCRDA's ability to tap that potential. But we are now in a new era. Reflecting on the activities of the past year outlined in this report was very encouraging; we have started on a new path that allows us to do so much more to serve the Christian relief and development sector. I look to the year ahead with eager anticipation of what God has in store for us - all in the pursuit of God's kingdom purposes for flourishing lives and communities internationally.

Laura Solberg

Executive Director



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