Building a Network
and a Movement
for Social Justice

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

WACC
communication for all

Vision

Communication for All

Mission

The World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) is an international non-governmental organization that promotes communication as a basic human right, essential to people's dignity and community. Rooted in Christian faith, WACC works with all those denied the right to communicate because of status, identity, or gender. It advocates full access to information and communication and promotes open and diverse media. WACC strengthens networks of communicators to advance peace, understanding and justice.

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Front cover: "We are not drowning, we are fighting." Civil society representatives from the Pacific Islands raise their voices for climate justice and call for policymakers at the UN climate change conference COP27 in November 2022 to take urgent action. Photo: Life on Earth/Albin Hillert

Message from the General Secretary

Philip Lee
WACC General Secretary

At the beginning of 2022, WACC implemented a new Strategic Plan focusing on communication justice issues related to climate, gender, computer-based technologies, forced migration, and Indigenous peoples. At the same time, the devastating war in Ukraine underlined the indispensability of independent journalism and the urgency of tackling disinformation and hate speech in state-controlled media and on social media platforms.

These issues are crucial to democratic life. It is vital, therefore, that WACC works together with our members, partners, and with non-governmental organizations worldwide to remove obstacles to affordable and accessible ways of communicating. Not for nothing is our current motto "Enabling people to be seen and heard."

Over the past year, WACC has called for more representative media coverage for migrants and refugees, and for ways to build credibility and trust in the digital world. We have worked to strengthen citizen journalism in communities impacted by climate change, to train networks of Indigenous human rights reporters, to boost the digital literacy skills of rural women, and to improve understanding of the pros and cons of an interconnected digital world.

To that end, we began a campaign to translate into as many languages as possible "Principles to promote communication for social justice in a digital age" from the international symposium organized by WACC and several ecumenical partners in 2021.

Looking ahead, WACC is devising an online series of workshops on digital justice – what is it all about? what can ordinary people do? – and a new program studying media representations of violence against women and girls to advocate for policy change. We are also planning online "conversation circles" on major programmatic themes as well as those covered by WACC's journal *Media Development.*

As a longer-term goal, in 2025 WACC and many international civil society organisations will bring ethical and rights-based concerns to the next UN-led summit on the information society (WSIS+20). We shall argue that for social progress to take place, due weight must be given to communication rights. WACC's vision of communication for all is right on point.

In all these endeavours, WACC's members and partners have a key role to play. You are invited to continue to take part, to speak out, and to work with us to contribute to genuinely sustainable development.

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Foreign domestic workers and their supporters demonstrate at the Philippines consulate in Hong Kong in a case that drew international attention towards the vulnerability of migrant workers. Photo: Life on Earth/Paul Jeffrey

Communication Rights

Left: Painting at the office of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo depicting struggles for social justice throughout Latin America.
Photo*:* Cirenia Celestino Ortega

A Foundation for Social Justice

"This exchange filled me with energy and wisdom that I will share with the members of my organization. I gained from each experience that was shared, ideas to strengthen our work in the communities."

—WACC project partner

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waccglobal.org/tag/wacc-partner-forum-oct-2022

In October, WACC held a consultation for our project partners in Latin America and the Caribbean. The gathering brought together some 30 organizations that promote communication rights and build sustainable communities in 12 countries. All receive support through WACC's Communication for All Programme (CAP).

Our partners took an in-depth look at how communications rights lay a foundation for social justice. Each organization shared insights and best practices from their own work for others to adapt and use in their own contexts.

In working groups, the partners drew up action plans for using a rights-based approach to communication to strengthen gender justice, climate justice, digital justice, migrants' rights, and Indigenous peoples' rights.

The consultation resulted in a network and actionable strategies to promote communication rights and social justice in the two regions.

Results

91% of participants say the consultation will positively impact their work and strengthen their networks

84% acquired at least one new insight for their work

69% expanded their network in a useful way

#Disinformation

As the war on Ukraine started, WACC condemned disinformation and attacks on press freedom in Russia and urged information sharing from independent media.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-statement-war-on-ukraine-and-media-crackdown-in-russia

#CommunicationRights

In January, WACC unveiled its Strategic Plan for 2022–2026 to guide the organization in its leadership role to advance communication rights in a rapidly changing world.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-announces-new-strategic-plan

#LanguageRights

At a panel on archival justice in November, the WACC President told how research on Creole language and culture is being used to challenge discrimination and injustice in the Caribbean.

🔗 waccglobal.org/promoting-creole-to-challenge-discrimination-in-the-caribbean

#Afghanistan

As a member of ACT Alliance, WACC joined an appeal to the Canadian government in late January to lift restrictions on humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

🔗 waccglobal.org/act-alliance-urges-trudeau-to-lift-restrictions-on-humanitarian-aid-to-afghanistan-2

#CommunityMedia

WACC partners in Latin America shared about meeting the challenges for people's communication and education in a digital age at an event in April.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-partners-highlight-digital-challenges-opportunities-for-latin-america-community-media

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waccglobal.org/news/comment

"In the documents republished [here], readers will be able to find most of the ethical, technical, and practical concepts, including key recommendations and actions, that might facilitate and guarantee communicative justice."

— *Media Development Editor Philip Lee, about the 4/2022 issue "Statements on Communication for a Better Future"*

🔗 waccglobal.org/new-media-development-issue-offers-signposts-for-communication-rights

Communication Rights *Facts & Figures*

22	Comment pieces published on the WACC website and social media channels
17	public interventions by WACC staff
64	articles published on the WACC website and promoted on social media

5	WACC staff and members promoted communication rights at the World Council of Churches 11th Assembly
2	WACC "Meet an Expert" appearances in the ACT Alliance Networking Zone at the WCC Assembly

A woman helps another woman use her camera phone during a service at the Centenary Methodist Church in Hyderabad, India. Photo: Life on Earth/ Paul Jeffrey

Educate. Advocate. Connect.

"Seeking digital justice is our collective work. [We] have a powerful opportunity to advocate for and help create digital tools and platforms that are safe, accessible, and equitable for all."

—*Digital Justice: A Study and Action Guide*

WACC, together with the World Council of Churches (WCC), launched *Digital Justice: A Study and Action Guide* in November with an online workshop. Our aim is to support individuals and groups in taking three steps to strengthen digital justice: educate, advocate, connect.

The resource unpacks the concept of digital justice and highlights some key issues in our increasingly digital world:
• digital divides
• access to digital spaces
• weaponization of digital resources
• surveillance, censorship, and privacy
• digitality and marginalized peoples

We designed the guide to be accessible and spark curiosity. It can be used individually and collectively to wrestle with questions of how to live justly in a digital age. We've included case studies, facts and figures, discussion starters, and suggested readings as a launch pad for further learning and action.

With the guide, we capped off activities this year in our joint digital justice campaign with the WCC. Through the campaign we are working towards the vision outlined by the global symposium in 2021 for communication for social justice in a digital age.

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waccglobal.org/resources/digital-justice/digital-justice-study-guide

Digital Solutions for Social Challenges in Georgia

Left: Members of the youth media hub in Aspindza, Georgia, plan a campaign to raise awareness about digital misinformation among marginalized groups.
Photo*:* Helping Hand/Shorena Makhareishvili

Partner: Helping Hand
Country: Georgia
Who: Young people aged 16–29 from ethnic minority and conflict-affected communities

In a Nutshell

The project trained young people in digital media literacy —to recognize misinformation and disinformation in their day-to-day use of the Internet and social media.

Project participants learned to use digital technology as an advocacy and justice tool. An "ideathon for social change" event challenged the young people to be changemakers putting their training into action to fight disinformation and to create a positive online space in their schools and communities.

Project *Facts & Figures*

375 young people trained in digital media literacy

23 of 30 media hubs established in schools and universities continue outreach activities

175 young people trained in digital media literacy

9,376 people involved directly or indirectly

98,986 engaged unique visits on social media and related websites

"In the era of mass information dissemination, it is necessary to get the right education and share it with others. I believe that youth and adults should learn how to deal with misinformation in order to have a healthy society."

—Anna, project participant

HIGHLIGHTS

DigitalInclusion

The 1/2022 issue of WACC's journal *Media Development* featured reflections from the symposium "Communication for Social Justice in a Digital Age" co-organized with the WCC.

🔗 waccglobal.org/building-credibility-and-trust-in-the-digital-world

DigitalTechnologies

In September, WACC joined the Copenhagen Pledge on Tech for Democracy, a global commitment to use digital technologies that promote democracy and human rights.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-joins-the-copenhagen-pledge-on-tech-for-democracy

CommunityNetworks

Three WACC partners participated in the 6th Community Network Xchange to share knowledge about and promote community-driven Internet connectivity.

🔗 waccglobal.org/community-network-xchange-event-to-feature-wacc-partners

Misinformation

Through a joint WACC project with Canadian Lutheran World Relief, communication students drafted a readers' charter to combat misinformation in the media.

🔗 waccglobal.org/students-draft-readers-charter-in-the-disinformation-age

"The role of social media platforms as propaganda tools needs to be explored thoroughly if freedom of the press is to remain a bastion of democracy, especially in a world that increasingly relies on digital technologies."

—Media Development Editor Philip Lee, about the 3/2022 issue "Democratizing Communication, Rediscovering Solidarity"

🔗 waccglobal.org/new-media-development-issue-focuses-on-democratizing-communication-rediscovering-solidarity

Digital Communication Rights Facts & Figures

33	language versions of the "Principles for Communication for Social Justice in a Digital Age"	**6**	WACC projects promoting digital communication rights	**2**	WACC regions ran digital justice projects

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waccglobal.org/resources/digital-justice

Gender & Communication Rights

Photo: RyanKing999 on CANVA

Rooting Out Gender Cyberviolence

"Online violence against girls and women impedes their participation in the digital sphere and their right to freedom of expression online, among other human rights."

—WACC North America Past President Glory Dharmaraj, WACC workshop on gender-based media monitoring, WCC 11th Assembly, September 2022

In December, WACC entered a new phase of providing resources to advance gender justice in and through the media: a hands-on webinar introduced social media monitoring as a tool to take action against gender cyberviolence.

The learning event showed how manual monitoring methods uncover microaggressions that remain under the radar of machine monitoring. Participants saw how the new methodology can be used to give a fuller picture of online misogyny, improve machine-based filters of violent content, and guide policy recommendations.

With the webinar, we broke virtual ground for a global, ecumenical gender and media observatory in collaboration with the World Council of Churches (WCC). The joint initiative aims to build an ecumenical, rights-based coalition to gather evidence on gender-based violence content in the media and to advocate for change.

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waccglobal.org/tag/gender-cyberviolence

GMMP WanaData Fellowships

Partner: Code for Africa
Countries: Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda
Who: Women journalists, bloggers, and social media content creators

"The fellowship helped me tell compelling data-driven stories about the underrepresentation of women in the media, turning data into easy-to-understand stories that induce action."

—GMMP WanaData fellow Anibe Idajili

Left: GMMP WanaData fellow Anibe Idajili. Courtesy photo

In a Nutshell

The project fellowships taught Anibe and five other female media professionals core skills of data journalism and gender-sensitive reporting.

Through targeted training sessions and mentoring, the fellows learned to find, analyze, use, and visualize data on gender, including findings from the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP). They wrote a series of compelling, data-driven stories that highlighted gender inequalities and the underrepresentation of women in African mainstream media.

Project *Facts & Figures*

6 fellows trained with support of
93 mentoring sessions

36 datasets &
39 data visualizations

24 stories published

33,000⁺ views of stories on media websites

300⁺ shares of stories

7,000 social media likes and impressions

HIGHLIGHTS

#*BreaktheBias*

On International Women's Day, WACC and the WCC hosted a gender and media roundtable that concluded with a call to break the gender bias and promote gender-just media.

🔗 waccglobal.org/international-womens-day-wacc-wcc-pledge-to-breakthebias

#*ProtectJournalists*

Laws must change to protect journalists, especially women, urged a forum in March co-organized by the Global Alliance on Media and Gender (GAMAG), whose secretariat WACC hosts.

🔗 waccglobal.org/laws-must-change-to-protect-journalists-says-ngo-csw-forum

#*FreedomOfExpression*

WACC was a panelist at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe parliamentary session in July on the 2022 Joint Declaration on Freedom of Expression and Gender Justice.

🔗 waccglobal.org/no-gender-justice-without-freedom-of-expression-say-un-special-rapporteur-gmmp-coordinator-other-experts

#*GenderJustMedia*

WACC introduced WCC 11th Assembly participants to participatory media monitoring with the workshop "Faith Imperatives for a Gender-Focused Media Watch" in September.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-introduces-gender-based-media-monitoring-to-wcc-assembly

#*BeijingPlatformForAction*

At a conference co-hosted by GAMAG in October, WACC highlighted ways to engage international policymakers and regulations to ensure women's communication rights.

🔗 waccglobal.org/new-gender-deal-for-media-needed-to-ensure-womens-communication-rights

#*Municipalities*

WACC spoke at the policy innovation lab on building sustainable communities through gender-sensitive media and communication at the 6th Ibero-American Summit on Local Gender Agendas in October.

🔗 waccglobal.org/municipalities-are-key-players-in-developing-gender-just-media

#*16DaysofActivism*

At the start of the Global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in November, WACC called its members and partners to work to end digital gender violence.

🔗 waccglobal.org/wacc-calls-for-action-to-end-digital-violence-against-women

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"We have to go beyond the sensitization of media actors […] we have to foster the participation of local communities and civil actors. We have to work together."

—*Latifa Tayah, Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) Africa coordinator, at "Media: Building Back Better with Women and Girls at Centre. Regional Conversations on Use-of-Evidence, GMMP Follow-Up Actions 2022–2025," WACC-organized parallel event, NGO CSW66 Forum, March 2022*

🔗 waccglobal.org/put-women-girls-at-centre-of-post-covid-reconstruction-and-news

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Gender & Communication Rights Facts & Figures

52 6th GMMP national reports published

3 WACC projects promoting gender and communication rights

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Left: Anamê Gnanguenon records an episode of her podcast *Women of the Blame.* Courtesy photo

Changing the Narrative

"It's a topic we never hear about, the reason why people decide to migrate."

—Anamê Gnanguenon, Changing the Narrative participant and producer of Women of the Blame (Femmes Coupables), a podcast featuring migrant women

In January, WACC supported our regional networks in Africa, Europe, and the Middle East as they launched the project Changing the Narrative. The pioneering initiative took up a recommendation from our Refugees Reporting project — to develop training that builds capacity in refugee and migration journalism.

Fifteen journalists from the three regions worked in collaboration with NGOs, refugee agencies, and educational institutions, and met with refugees and migrants. They learned to tell the stories of people on the move, create space in the media for their voices, and promote their communication rights.

For their final projects, the participants focused on migration in their own contexts. Their output —stories, podcasts, radio documentaries, and more — gives a creative and fair view of the challenges migrants and refugees face, while helping to change the narrative about people on the move.

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waccglobal.org/tag/changing-the-narrative

Advancing the Rights and Welfare of IDPs through Media Monitoring, Investigative Journalism, and Media-Driven Advocacy

Partner: Journalists for Christ
Country: Nigeria
Who: Media professionals

Left: Child living in an IDP camp in Abuja, Nigeria, after being forced from his home by the Boko Haram insurgency. Photo: Joel Fortune/ Shutterstock

In a Nutshell

The project equipped journalists to raise public awareness and spur policy action through person-centered coverage about internally displaced people (IDPs).

The media professionals learned about issues IDPs face through first-hand accounts. After receiving training in experience-based and solutions-driven reporting, journalists wrote stories highlighting the hopes, aspirations, and struggles of IDPs. Summaries of the stories are included in "Silent Cries," a tool for advocacy to advance the rights of IDPs.

"The story of Zara as reported by Mohammed Ali of Hot Pen is novel in that it is a changed narrative in the reportage on IDPs."

—*Project summary about a participant's story that portrays a young IDP woman as an entrepreneur*

Project *Facts & Figures*

2 media consultations with a total of **71** participants

2 newly established networks of IDP-supportive journalists in Abuja and Lagos

25 participants in webinar on in-depth, person-centered reporting

19 stories highlighted in "Silent Cries"

8 recommendations for action to advance IDP rights through the media

Media Monitoring

In May, the WACC North America region conducted its first-ever Migrant Media Monitoring Project that looked at coverage of migration in selected Canadian and US media.

Migrants, Refugees & Communication Rights
Facts & Figures

3	WACC projects promoting the communication rights of people on the move

"Without the ability to exercise their communication rights, migrants are excluded from participating in the public debate and in policy-making processes about issues that directly affect their lives. We must enable migrants themselves to be at the center of public conversations about migration."

—*WACC Program Manager Lorenzo Vargas, International Migration Review Forum side event "Meeting Migrants' Information and Communication Needs: Grassroots Experiences from Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East," co-hosted by WACC*

waccglobal.org/nothing-about-migrants-without-migrants-at-un-event-wacc-partners-stress-importance-of-communication-rights

Ukrainian refugee Alona is interviewed by a television crew at Nyugati train station in Budapest, Hungary, in early March 2022. She fled Kyiv with her mother and young son soon after the Russian invasion began. Photo: Life on Earth/Albin Hillert

Left: Cree Elder Doreen Spence speaks at the United Nations. Photo: Beatrice Weyrich

Spotlight on Canada

"It is evident that media continue to perpetuate stereotypes and myths, while ignoring and overlooking Indigenous issues; therefore, infringing our fundamental human rights."

—*Cree Elder Doreen Spence*

WACC's second issue of *Media Development* in 2022 explores how communication rights, Indigenous rights, and social justice are interwoven in the Canadian context.

In the journal's cornerstone article, Cree Elder Doreen Spence examines the impact of colonization on communication rights for Indigenous peoples in Canada. She looks at the particular role of the media in excluding and marginalizing Indigenous peoples, with a call for media accountability and for communication to form the core of relationships.

The issue offers complementary perspectives on communication for Indigenous rights:

- Discovering pathways for journalists to overcome under-representation and misrepresentation of Indigenous peoples
- Providing professional training for Indigenous communicators
- Respecting Indigenous languages
- Communicating Indigenous approaches to climate justice
- Using film to educate and change public perceptions

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waccglobal.org/media-development-2022-2-articles

Contributing to Peace through Radio Production with a Decolonizing Approach

Left: Quechua communicators rehearse their new radio programs. Photo: ERBOL/Carla Cortez

Partner: Educación Radiofónica de Bolivia (ERBOL)
Country: Bolivia
Who: Aymara and Quechua communicators

In a Nutshell

The project equipped Indigenous communicators to use radio to work at dismantling the colonial and racist discourse that divides Bolivian society.

During a six-month training, project participants explored issues of decolonization, interculturality, gender, and communication for peace, and honed skills in radio and digital production. They created radio and social media content that invites reflection on the value of Aymara and Quechua identity and promotes respect for cultural diversity.

Project Facts & Figures

34 communicators trained from Aymara and Quechua communities

44 pieces of radio and social media content

6 talk shows with expert guests

"Not only did we learn intercultural mechanisms, but by sharing between different regions, we have put interculturality into practice."

—Graciela Dorado, Aymara Satellite Network coordinator

Communication Rights & Indigenous Rights
Facts & Figures

8 WACC projects promoting Indigenous communication rights

1,683

news stories analyzed for representation of Indigenous peoples in Canada

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"There is a tendency by non-Indigenous people to assume that the Indigenous community is one and the same, that all peoples share the same way of life, beliefs, and stances."

—Finding from WACC-supported monitoring of the representation of Indigenous peoples in the media conducted by University of Toronto students

waccglobal.org/study-of-how-indigenous-people-are-represented-in-canadian-media-shows-room-for-improvement

An Indigenous woman speaks at a march in Atalaia do Norte in Brazil's Amazon region, protesting a government plan that threatened to destroy a federal program of Indigenous health care. Photo: Life on Earth/Paul Jeffrey

Left: Sebastian Cedillos, an agricultural technician in Usulután, El Salvador, inspects a cornfield blighted by drought.
Photo: Life on Earth/ Sean Hawkey

Local Climate Voices

"Indigenous people have so much knowledge and insights about the environment. We are waiting for the government and States to listen to us, to integrate Indigenous wisdom into climate policy."

—*Maylau Tamang, WACC partner Indigenous Television, Nepal, at the SBCC Summit, December 2022*

WACC organized an event during the Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Summit in December. The panel discussion featured voices from local initiatives using communication as an essential tool in climate adaptation.

Four of our partners presented best practices drawn from their experiences of using communication to advance climate justice:
• Community radio network Grupo Comunicarte in Colombia
• Sustainable forestry and media initiative FF-SPAK in Kenya
• Indigenous Television in Nepal
• Anti-erosion and fishing regeneration project PAKISAMA in the Philippines

These WACC partners advocated with Summit participants for communication as a human right and not just as a tool to meet development objectives.

Thanks to their tireless advocacy, this fundamental principle is set to inform future discussions in the SBCC, a global forum where policymakers and civil society actors explore how communication can address climate change and other social challenges.

Climate Resilience Educ-Action Training and Enrichment (CREATE) for Philippines Grassroots Communities

Left: A "heads-up" exercise helps participants in the CREATE pilot workshop review core concepts related to climate change.
Photo: Centre for Environmental Concerns

Partner: Centre for Environmental Concerns
Country: Philippines
Who: Farmers, urban poor, Indigenous people, fisherfolk

In a Nutshell

The CREATE project engaged grassroots leaders to develop a climate action curriculum rooted in local and traditional knowledge — a vital tool to support at-risk communities in addressing climate change.

Representatives of vulnerable groups — farmers, urban poor, Indigenous peoples, fisherfolk — trained as CREATE instructors to hold sessions for their grassroots organizations and local communities. A pilot workshop using the curriculum resulted in a phased climate action plan tailored to the local context.

Project Facts & Figures

5 curriculum modules

10 grassroots leaders trained as CREATE instructors

25 participants in pilot workshop

400,000 members of local communities benefiting indirectly

"I realized that a fisherman cannot survive without the ocean, and I should unite with fellow fisherfolk to protect our common fishing grounds from the negative impacts of climate change."

—*Participant in CREATE pilot workshop in Bulacan province*

#Amazon

At the Amazon Social Forum, representatives from four WACC partners explored regional issues and ways to strengthen communication for climate justice in local communities.

Climate Justice & Communication Rights *Facts & Figures*

6 WACC projects promoting climate justice and communication rights

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"Unless the people leading the fight against the climate crisis on the ground are able to have their stories heard and seen, and unless they have the necessary communication tools and skills to organize, it will be very difficult to generate the political will that will result in swift action to tackle this crisis."

—*Lorenzo Vargas, WACC program manager Communication for Social Change, in Communicating Climate Justice, co-published in 2022 by WACC's Centre for Communication Rights*

waccglobal.org/no-climate-justice-without-communication-justice-asserts-new-wacc-ccr-book

Jabeda Begum tends to her rice field in Kunderpara, a village on an island in the Brahmaputra River in northern Bangladesh. Severe flooding from a record monsoon season several years ago eroded the bank, washing away part of her farm. Photo: Life on Earth/Paul Jeffrey

Above: An Indigenous woman does an exercise on a white board during a literacy workshop in St. Ignatius, Guyana. Photo: Life on Earth/Paul Jeffrey

Financial Overview

WACC Global raised $1.87 million in 2022 to fund its programs. Of this, 76% came in the form of grants from our international partners, and the remaining 24% was self-generated from exchange gains, membership dues, hosting fees, and rental income.

WACC's board, management, and staff remain very prudent financially and did everything possible to minimize cost, while maximizing social impact around the globe in 2022. Program expenses accounted for 80% of the total expenditure for the year, while governance and fundraising costs accounted for 7% and 13% respectively.

Our global members, boards, and staff continue to work closely with our friends and partners to raise funds and to diversify our donor base to ensure the financial sustainability of WACC. With adequate funding and careful management, we will continue to promote communication as an essential aspect of all people's right to their life and dignity, with full participation in the issues that affect their communities.

Note: Financial figures provided are pre-audit. Audited accounts are available on request.
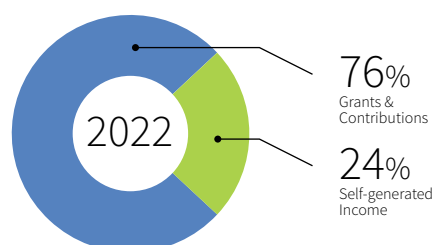
Income by Source

Governmental	$ 4,696	0.3%
International Grants	$ 1,419,601	75.6%
Non-Governmental	$ 452,436	24.1%
Grand Total	**$ 1,876,732**	**100%**

0.3% Governmental

24.1% Non-Governmental

75.6% International Grants
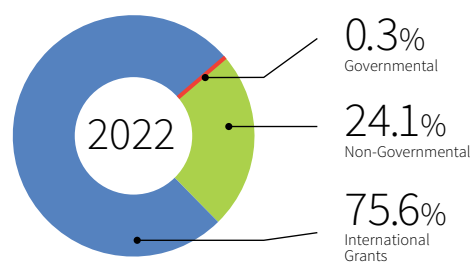
Income by Type

Grants & Contributions	$ 1,424,297	76%
Self-Generated	$ 452,436	24%
Grand Total	**$ 1,876,732**	**100%**

76% Grants & Contributions

24% Self-generated Income

Expenses by Type

Programs & Projects	$ 1,588,029	80%
Governance	$ 138,953	7%
Fundraising	$ 258,055	13%
Grand Total	**$ 1,985,037**	**100%**

80% Programs & Projects

7% Governance

13% Fundraising
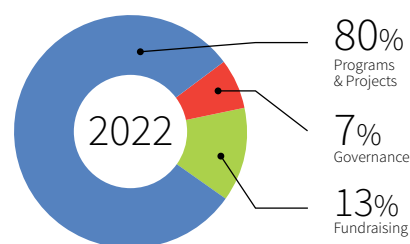
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WACC thanks all of our institutional funders and individual donors, who help us to promote communication as a basic human right, essential to people's dignity and community.

The commitment of our supporters enables us to work with those denied the right to communicate, to advocate freedom of information and the press, and to strengthen communicator networks to advance peace, understanding, and justice throughout the world.

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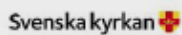
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