

Annual Report 2022







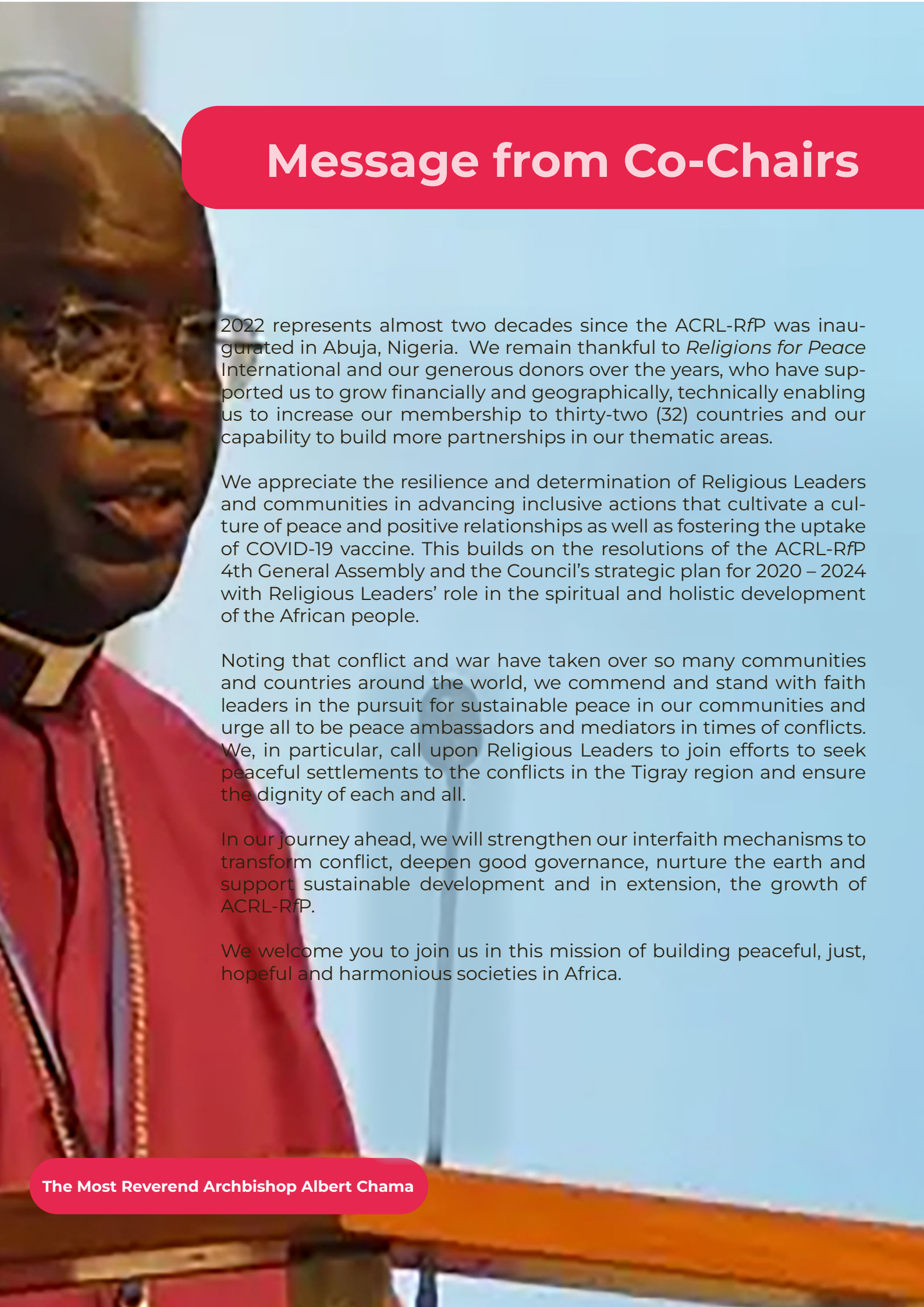
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His Eminence Sheikh. Shaban Mubaje

"...Almost 2 decades since ACRL-RfP was inaugurated in Abuja, Nigeria. We remain thankful to Religions for Peace International and our generous Donors...."



Message from Co-Chairs

2022 represents almost two decades since the ACRL-RfP was inaugurated in Abuja, Nigeria. We remain thankful to *Religions for Peace* International and our generous donors over the years, who have supported us to grow financially and geographically, technically enabling us to increase our membership to thirty-two (32) countries and our capability to build more partnerships in our thematic areas.

We appreciate the resilience and determination of Religious Leaders and communities in advancing inclusive actions that cultivate a culture of peace and positive relationships as well as fostering the uptake of COVID-19 vaccine. This builds on the resolutions of the ACRL-RfP 4th General Assembly and the Council's strategic plan for 2020 – 2024 with Religious Leaders' role in the spiritual and holistic development of the African people.

Noting that conflict and war have taken over so many communities and countries around the world, we commend and stand with faith leaders in the pursuit for sustainable peace in our communities and urge all to be peace ambassadors and mediators in times of conflicts. We, in particular, call upon Religious Leaders to join efforts to seek peaceful settlements to the conflicts in the Tigray region and ensure the dignity of each and all.

In our journey ahead, we will strengthen our interfaith mechanisms to transform conflict, deepen good governance, nurture the earth and support sustainable development and in extension, the growth of ACRL-RfP.

We welcome you to join us in this mission of building peaceful, just, hopeful and harmonious societies in Africa.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Albert Chama

Secretary General's Desk

2022 being the third (3rd) year of the implementation of the 2020 -2024 Strategic Plan realized the steady and successful implementation of the four (4) strategic objectives with the goal of promoting multi-religious identity, representative multi-religious structures and multi-religious cooperation at all levels in the continent.

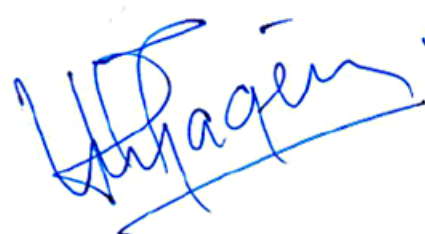
ACRL-RfP is committed to establishing NIRCs where they do not exist and strengthening the existing ones. In 2022, the Council commenced the formation of two (2) Inter-Religious Councils (IRC) in Niger and Senegal and continuously built the capacity of its networks, regional hubs, governance, management and operational structures to efficiently and effectively undertake programmatic interventions. This has improved the NIRCs profile and those of the senior religious leaders elevating them to actively engage in mediation and conflict transformation in their communities and the wider society and improve their visibility for partnerships and funding opportunities.

The Council has developed the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which will serve as a crucial tool to assist NIRCs in setting up comprehensive internal policy environment for the optimal operations of IRCs. The SOP consists of a Tripartite Agreement that provides for an agreement between *Religions for Peace*, the ACRL-RfP and NIRCs. The uptake of the SOP and signing of the Tripartite Agreement in 2023, will strengthen the union between NIRCs, ACRL-RfP and *Religions for Peace* through the coordinated set of governance systems and further elevate the 'one movement' agenda, building a concerted effort toward building peaceful, just and hopeful societies in the continent.

The continued engagement of ACRL-RfP at the international level in furtherance to the Councils' objectives included the engagement of ACRL-RfP in the first-ever Meeting of State Parties in Vienna, Austria that reaffirmed the commitment of State Parties to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons and the Manresa Conference that committed to combatting global climate change and creating sustainable, just, and inclusive cities.

The year 2022 realized new Partnership Cooperation Agreements with Deaconess Foundation and UNICEF ESARO. As a major milestone, ACRL-RfP moved its offices to a new location of owned premises in Nairobi, Kenya after many years of being hosted at Inter-Religious Council of Kenya Offices.

2023 will be the year of consolidation and documentation to showcase ACRL-RfP, its networks and programs. The energy, enthusiasm and momentum will build to the growth of the NIRCs, women and youth networks, new initiatives and new partners. We thank all our partners, staff and the leadership of ACRL-RfP for all the support and look forward to celebrating more achievements in the year 2023.



**Dr. Francis Kuria,
Secretary General**

About ACRL-RfP

ACRL-RfP is a continental coalition of different faith organisations, faith communities and religious leaders working together to advance peace, sustainable development and shared well-being.

ACRL-RfP's goal is to promote a multi-religious identity, representative multi-religious structures and multi-religious cooperation at all levels in the continent.





Amb.Nageeba Hassan and Sr. Agatha Chikelue
Co-Chairs African women of Faith Network

Mission

Mobilizing religious leaders and their communities to build peaceful, just, hopeful and harmonious societies in Africa

Vision

Sustainable peace and justice in Africa

Value Statements

1. **Love and inclusiveness** - we are unreservedly concerned with the spiritual and whole some development of all human beings as a demonstration of love through religious leaders.
2. **Mutual respect and dignity** – we recognise that all human beings have equal potential, with an innate right to be respected.
3. **Integrity and stewardship** - we are committed to ensuring that our actions adhere to our moral and ethical principles.
4. **Innovation and excellence** - we constantly seek to innovate and uphold excellence in all our endeavours.
5. **Accountability** - we are fully accountable to all our stakeholders by serving as stewards of all resources.

2022 Actions

ACRL-RfP's strategic goal is to realise strong institutional mechanisms and platforms for peace-building, good governance and sustainable development in Africa.

ACRL-RfP has been working very closely with *Religions for Peace International* through NIRCs and their respective network to enhance their service delivery and build more capable, responsive interfaith structures with a focus on the following strategic objective areas;

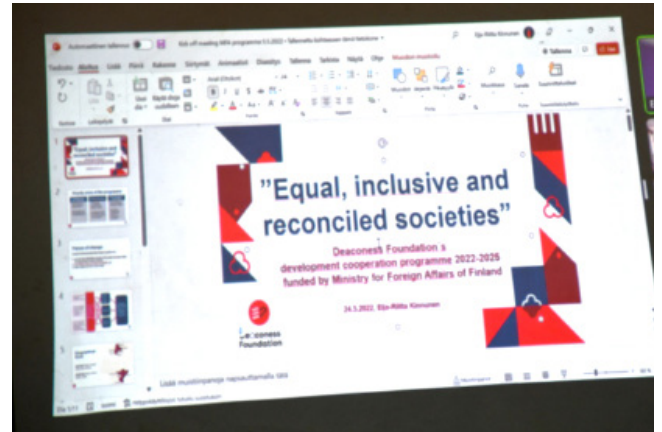
- i: Transforming conflicts and developing a culture of peace
 - ii: Promoting just and harmonious societies
 - iii: Nurture the earth and support sustainable development
 - iv: Institutional Strengthening
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Strategic Objective 1

Transforming conflicts and developing a culture of peace

◀ Trust and Peace project

ACRL-RfP in partnership with Deaconess Foundation Institute launched a 4-year peacebuilding project in South Sudan. The project aims to foster trust and build peace from the ground by capacitating religious leaders and supporting them to act as internal reconcilers. It intends to capacitate 200 religious peace actors in South Sudan to foster trust and build peace in their communities by 2025.



"Peace begins with a smile"
Mother Teresa



◀ Trauma Healing and PSS in South Sudan

To support religious actors in their peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts, ACRL- RfP held a joint regional training of trainers for insider reconcilers and religious peace actors drawn from Bahr-el-Ghazel, Greater Upper Nile and the Equatoria region, to share their experiences, knowledge and generate best practices in Trauma healing and reconciliation.

◀ Development of Manuals

We also supported reconciliation efforts of insider reconcilers by embarking on developing reference materials and guidance documents. These included;

1. Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Manual;
2. Trauma Healing for Peace Manual;
3. Most Significant Change Manual;
4. Reconciliation process notes;
5. Peer learning process Manual



Training of insider reconcilers in Juba South Sudan

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.
Edward Everett Hale



Malakal Trainers of Trainers on Insider Reconciliation

◀ Regional Peace Program

The Regional Peace Program (RPP) is a partnership between ACRL-RfP, the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and other regional partners. The project is being implemented under a bilateral framework of the ACRL-RfP and Eastern Africa Inter Religious Council (EA-IRC), an inter-faith regional hub that seeks to provide a platform for independent and impartial spaces that promote peace and stability.

Over the years, ACRL-RfP through interfaith and multi-religious structures, has been mobilizing and engaging religious leaders in conflict transformation and peacebuilding efforts across the region, which has been instrumental in ending decades of conflict in various countries.

In 2022 we continued to support, convene and facilitate sessions that promoted social cohesion and integration between and among different actors in the region. We convened 2 regional multi-stakeholder webinars on 'Human Rights Protection and Social Cohesion as a means of PVE'; and engaged different stakeholders i.e., religious leaders, women of faith, interfaith youth, state and non-state actors including minority groups and CSO to identify, discuss and address opportunities that could prevent VE through inclusive development, mutual tolerance and embracing diversity.



◀ Human Rights Protection and Social

Areas of discussions and presentations explored the emerging trends of violent extremism in the region, human rights violations and the subsequent impact/effects witnessed by peacebuilders within their localities. Throughout the sessions, we created spaces for participants to conduct deep dive discussion and develop context-based collective action points on how to sustain human rights advancement and promote social cohesion.



Hybrid Session on Human Rights and peace building

◀ Informal Working Group on Ethiopia Conflict;

One of the most notable achievements in 2022 has been the establishment of an Informal Working Group on Ethiopia conflict. This IWG was established as a result of resolutions made during Regional Religious Leaders Summit ACRL-RfP held in November 2021 on the Ethiopia conflict.

It's core mandate was to develop a clear strategy, including multiple level advocacy, for future actions for the regional engagement in the post-conflict

reconciliation efforts in Ethiopia. To initiate this informal working group of religious leaders, ACRL-RfP in partnership with Inclusive Peace convened a 3-day workshop and brought together 15 key religious leaders from across the region for a consultative dialogue.

The intense 3-day workshop focused on the following;

a) Understanding the different perspectives regarding the ongoing situation in Ethiopia

b) Sharing ideas and insights from comparative experiences relating to the role of religious leaders in peace making and peacebuilding efforts, to inform a tailored approach and engagement on Ethiopia;

c) Identify and reflect for religious leaders and faith community in the region to undertake targeted advocacy in relation to the ongoing situation in Ethiopia.

Universalisation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)



African Campaigners during the First MSP in Vienna Austria

In 2022, steady progress was made toward further universalising the membership and the norms of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Fifteen states took treaty actions, including five (5) new Africa ratifications from Cabo Verde, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Malawi and signatures from three (3) African countries Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea and Sierra Leone.

ACRL-R/P participated in the Nuclear Ban Week in Vienna from 18-23rd June that brought

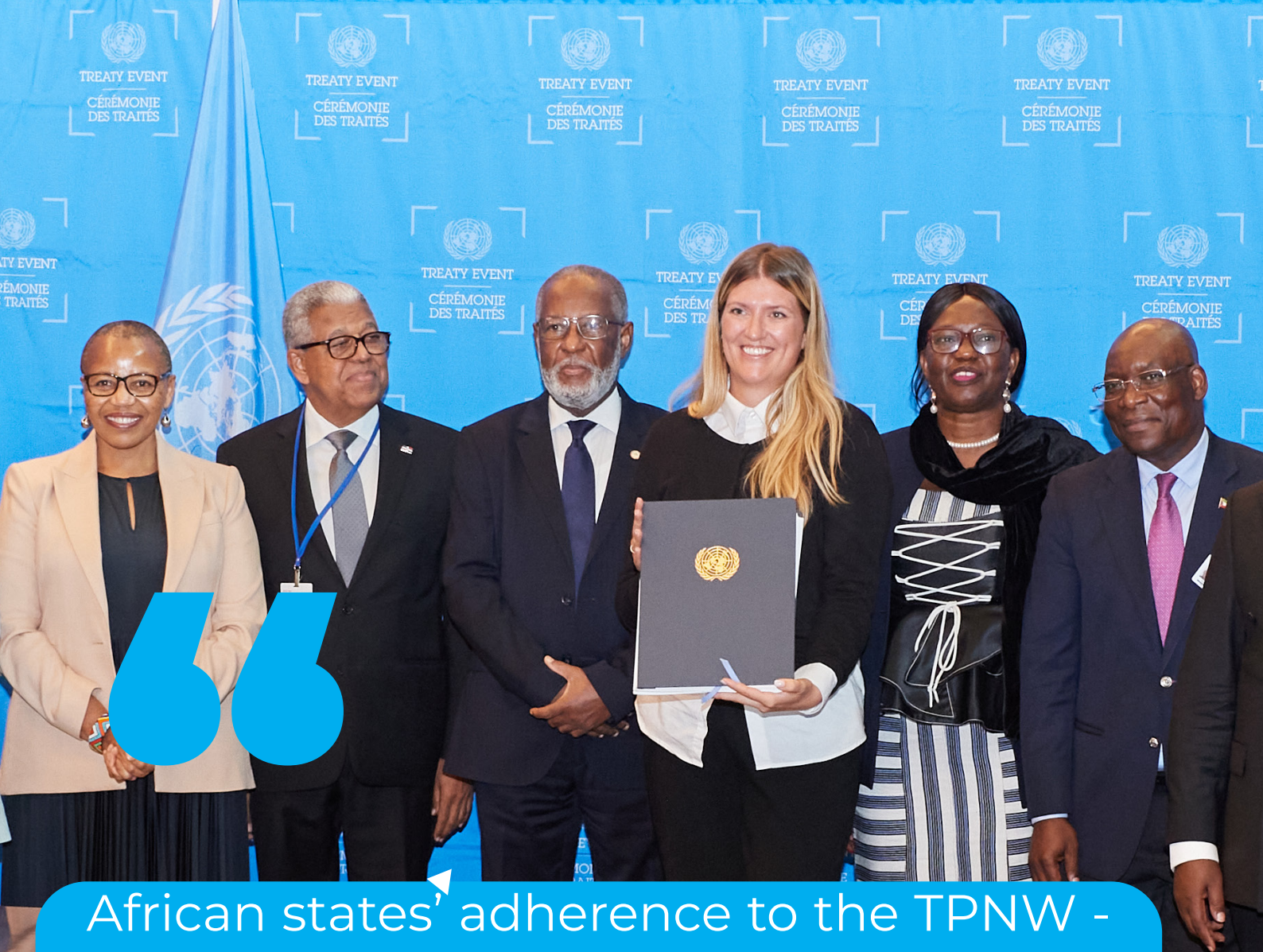
together people from over 100 countries to mobilise against the increasing danger of nuclear war and to implement the TPNW.

The week of events included; the Nuclear Ban Forum, the Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, the Parliamentary Forum, the Youth Forum, and the first ever Meeting of States Parties (IMSP) to the TPNW that marked the Treaty's entry into force.

TPNW state parties adopted the Vienna Action Plan as the very first action, "to make universalization efforts a priority of States par-

ties," with efforts focused on increasing the number of signatures and ratifications. The then 65 states parties to the TPNW condemned any and all nuclear threats through the Vienna Declaration - thus far the strongest condemnation of nuclear weapons of any UN forum.

The declaration emphasised that any use of nuclear weapons is unacceptable under any circumstances and thereby raised the bar for other governments to appropriately respond to Russia's threats.



African states' adherence to the TPNW - As at 31 December 2022

15 STATES PARTIES

Benin, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa

18 SIGNATORIES

Algeria, Angola, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Libya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Niger, São Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe

21 NON-SIGNATORIES

Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda

Strategic Objective 2

Promoting just and harmonious societies

Religious Leaders Training on advocacy towards the protection of right holders

*“Advocacy is empathy, compassion and community at work.”-
Janna Cachola*

ACRL- RfP as part of strengthening regional peace building structures convened 2-day in-country training sessions for religious leaders in Burundi and Tanzania with an objective of building their capacity on advocacy towards influencing duty bearers in advancing legislation for protecting human rights defenders and peace activists.

The trainings, which were led by ACRL-RfP Secretary General, equipped participants with knowledge in understanding key concepts such as the Human Rights Based approach; the role of duty bearers and right holders; the role of civil society and the religious sector; the state-religious leaders' relationship;

the place of religion and religious leaders; Civil liberties and ECOSOC Rights as well as how to conduct Advocacy.

They were also supported in the development of national advocacy plans on various issues and sensitized on the need to form advocacy committees as follow up mechanisms to inform actions that wish to undertake.



IRCPT Religious leaders peacebuilding training in Mwanza, Tanzania

Strategic Objective 3

NURTURE THE EARTH AND SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Integral Human Development

◀ Covid-19 response

In 2022 we continued to support scale up of Covid-19 vaccine uptake. 2 Inter Religious Councils of Burkina Faso and Mali were supported and conducted sensitization and vaccination drives using the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) strategies. This was in response to the existent COVID -19 vaccine hesitancy and disruption of primary health care, including immunization of life-saving vaccines among children,

ACRL-RfP adopted a Vaccine Module, produced by *Religions for Peace* for vaccine promotion, routine immunization and Primary Health Care incorporating Channels of Hope/Mind Heart Dialogue in consultation and coordination with Regional and Country offices.



Youth receiving covid 19 vaccine



Cross border FGM consultation meeting Arusha, Tanzania

◀ Protection of children from Harmful practices

As part of ACRL-RfP's commitment to ensure children are protected and thrive to attain their full potential, we strongly advocated for protection of children and women from all forms of harm and violence. In 2022, ACRL-RfP in collaboration with UNICEF and UNFPA ESARO, AU, UN Women and COTLA convened high level conference to support an end to harmful cultural practices against children;

With adoption of a joint statement resolving to accelerate a multifaith and multi sectoral approach, utilizing technical knowledge, resources and expertise available to address child marriage and FGM.

Further, ACRL-RfP secured representation at the Regional Consultation meeting on cross boarder FGM supported by the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the elimination of FGM. The consultation meeting action to realize the rights and choices of all women and girls in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda by recognizing the critical role that religious leaders play within their communities to end FGM and to accelerate a multifaith and multi sectoral approach, utilizing technical knowledge, resources and expertise available to address child marriage and FGM.



Faith leaders attend a peer learning and exchange workshop in Ghana on regional priority issues



Mind Heart Dialogue session with South Sudan Women

◀ Faith Leaders engagement for Child priority results

Since 2020, ACRL-RfP's FPCC program has been intensely capacitating faith communities to improve children's welfare and wellbeing. This cutting-edge program is now being implemented by 13 IRCs as Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe,

The Mind Heart Dialogue approach, religious leaders, women and youth have been capacitated to address deep rooted social norms and influence positive social and behavior change.

Since 2021, the Mind Heart Dialogue has reached more than 320 national master facilitators in (12) twelve countries to be able to conduct congregational trainings and dialogue, addressing country specific issues affecting children, their families and communities.

The approach has been adopted and is widely used incorporating activities into different contexts and actions.



The foundational approach of the Mind Heart Dialogue explores faith convictions, lived experiences and knowledge to influence positive social and behavior change. It supports faith groups and development partners to work together to protect and empower children, families and communities



MFACC members PAC Malawi

◀ National collaboration for common action

We launched a collaborative mechanism to better enhance joint actions and coordination between UNICEF (and subsequently other development partners) and country level faith communities, (including IRCs, religious leaders and local/national FBOs), so that programs can be tailored to country situations.

The Multi-Faith Action Coordinating Committees (MFACC) is intended to provide strategic advice and a platform for complementarity and collaboration amongst faith organizations, religious leaders and UNICEF.

Specific to the FPCC initiative the committees function as an “oversight and accountability” entity for the implementation of the national FPCC action plan, with clear reporting mechanisms at appropriate levels.

*5 MFACCs ESTABLISHED IN KENYA, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, SIERRA
LEONE, SOUTH SUDAN*

Environment actions

◀ UNEA 5.2

The resumed session of the fifth UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2) was held on March 2022 in Nairobi Kenya. ACRL-RfP in partnership with the Interreligious Council of Kenya (IRCK) hosted a side event discussion on 'Religions and global sustainability; Enhancing environmental protection for sustainable development goals'. A call to action statement was issued to UNEA with commitments and demands for environmental protection and a just transition.

◀ Africa Interfaith Roadmap to Agenda-2063 and Manresa Conference

Religious leaders, women and youth members of the ACRL-RfP, on October 2022, and in the presence of high-level dignitaries convened discussions on matters environmental degradation and threats it causes to peace in the world and particularly in Africa. Deep reflections were shared by the delegates drawing on the promises of COP 26 and actions to be navigated towards COP 27 alongside the attainment of African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 aspirations. The high-level meeting was officiated by Religions for Peace Secretary vGeneral, Prof. Azza Karam and ACRL-RfP Co-Chair, His Eminence Sheikh Shaban Mubajje.

A unified message was developed which was delivered at the Manresa Conference, in Spain

His Eminence Shiekh Shaban Mubaje,
Dr. Francis Kuria and Professor Azza Karam

◀ *Women Empowerment and Environmental Restoration for Conflict Prevention in the Sahel*

ACRL-RfP is implementing a 3-year project in the Sahel region, 'Women Empowerment and Environmental Restoration for Conflict Prevention in the Sahel'. The goal of the project is to contribute towards the restoration of the environment and conflict transformation in Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal by strengthening the voices of religious leaders.

In 2022, ACRL-RfP launched the project in Mali and thereafter in Burkina Faso and Senegal. The Council has also conducted Training of Trainers (ToTs) on tree planting and conservation.

The ToTs will cascade the knowledge on environmental restoration and climate change to the congregants and community members.



Strategic Objective 4

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

National Inter-Religious Councils

◀ Formation

The formation, rejuvenation and strengthening of NIRCs, women and youth networks and regional hubs has afforded continued growth of NIRCs, ACRL-RfP and in extension the *Religions for Peace* movement.

In 2022, ACRL-RfP commenced the formation of two NIRCs; proposed IRC Senegal and proposed IRC Niger. This entailed exploratory visits and introductory meetings that acquainted the faith leaders with the structure and role of NIRCs and elected an adhoc committee in sengl with the mandate of developing the legal documents of the proposed IRCs.



COREM Mauritius presenting a film and report during Governing board meeting

◀ Strengthening

In revitalizing NIRCs, ACRL-RfP has convened consultative meetings with the leadership of IRCs in Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The meetings focused on the status quo of the IRC and delved into discussion on the move forward to a more inclusive and stronger IRC and explored the formation of affiliated women and youth networks where they don't exist.

◀ Operationalization of the Standard Operating Procedures

ACRL-RfP developed and published the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) – English and French versions - as a tool to assist upcoming and older IRCs in setting up comprehensive internal governance systems.

The SOP was disseminated to NIRCs with the objective of improving governance and management structures,

The uptake of the SOP will build and strengthen their internal systems and further strengthen the union between NIRCs, ACRL-RfP and Religions for Peace elevating the one movement agenda.





◀ Africa Women of Faith Network

The Africa Women of Faith Network (AWFN) was launched in January 2003 as the continental expression of the Global Women of Faith Network – *Religions for Peace*. AWFN is a platform for women of faith in Africa to engage and participate in advocacy and initiatives as influential decision-makers and advance the Council's objectives within faith communities.

Members of the AWFN have been engaged in programmatic interventions at the regional and national level

◀ International Women's Day

In 2022, the AWFN commemorated the International Women's Day -under the theme "Gender Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" #BreakTheBias - that highlighted the importance of challenging biases and misconceptions in the interest of creating a more inclusive and gender-equal world.

Members of the AWFN, submitted photos that were collated to a video showcasing their call to actions on breaking the societal, regional and international biases to achieve a world free of stereotypes and discrimination, a world that's diverse and equitable; a world where difference is valued and celebrated.





◀ Africa Interfaith Youth Network

The Africa Interfaith Youth Network (AIYN), formed in 2003, is the youth platform of ACRL-RfP and the regional representation of the Global Interfaith Youth Network. The network is essential to encourage and facilitate religious youth to promote just and harmonious societies on the continent.

◀ Youth Bootcamp for Interfaith Experience

In providing a framework for the understanding of interfaith dynamics and integrating personal reflection and awareness into the practice of interfaith peacebuilding, ACRL-RfP convened a hybrid Youth Bootcamp on Interfaith Experience.

The Interfaith Experience adopted a participatory approach that involved experiential learning and experience design on the following thematic areas: Trust building, Overcoming Prejudice, Believing and Beliefs and Community Building.

This enhanced the youth's self-awareness on their inter personal qualities, motivation, inspiration and attitudes to commit to interfaith peace building, averting misconceptions and assumption on different faith beliefs.

◀ Supporting youth advocates to influence positive change

Engaging young people has proven to be a powerful force for change. Youth-led movements have successfully challenged and changed established practices and policies across health, education, climate, protection, justice and other sectors, and enhanced inclusion, social cohesion, and peacebuilding efforts.

In partnership with UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, and Africa Services Unit (ASU), ACRL-RfP supported 2 youth from Malawi and Kenya among 51 youth from the region trained on the Youth Advocacy Guide (YAG). The 5-day intensive training aimed to build leadership, advocacy, and communication skills among young champions to equipping them for leading ToTs and youth-led regional and national actions; and empowered the young champions with key strategies to conceptualize and implement theme-specific advocacy and media campaigns at the national level.

As part of our mandate, the council is committed to continue supporting the youth networks, capacitating them to plan and carry out impactful advocacy actions, responding to issues that matter to them and their communities





◀ Strengthening of Internal Structures

ACRL-RfP convened meetings of its' internal governance structures, including the quarterly Finance Committee and Executive Committee meetings as well as the Governing Board Meeting.

The Governing Board Meeting in October 2022, held its' statutory meeting and reviewed the progress of implementation of the 2020-2024 Strategic plan and the Council's constitution.



Financial Report

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRICAN COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS - RELIGIONS FOR PEACE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of African Council of Religious Leaders-Religion for Peace, set out on pages 7 to 18 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2022, income and expenditure account and statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund balance, statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements of the organisation give a true and fair view of the state of financial affairs as at 31st December 2022 and to its results and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) and requirements of the Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Act.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the organisation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Kenya, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Executive Committee's responsibilities for the financial statements

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) and the requirements of the Non-Government Organizations Co-ordination Act. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial statements, Executive Committee is responsible for assessing the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Executive Committee intend to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AFRICAN COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS - RELIGIONS FOR PEACE (CONTINUED..)**

Auditor's responsibility for the Audit of the financial statements (Continued...)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organisation's internal controls.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Executive Committee.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the executive committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Executive Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is CPA Mehboob Shariff, Practising Certificate No. P/825.


MEHBOOB SHARIFF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**For and on behalf of
TGS Manohar Lall & Rai
Certified Public Accountants
Nairobi, Kenya**

Date: 13th March 2023

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 Usd	2021 Usd	2022 Kshs	2021 Kshs
INCOME					
Grants received	2	674,677	350,762	80,895,639	38,823,113
Other income	3	1,736	19,181	204,344	1,801,448
Total income		<u>676,413</u>	<u>369,943</u>	<u>81,099,983</u>	<u>40,624,561</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Programs expenses:					
Peace & Justice	8	176,961	240,453	20,829,812	26,313,672
Sustainable Development	9	190,814	71,736	22,460,457	7,850,290
IRC Development	10	55,105	58,074	6,486,316	6,355,141
Capacity Building	11	52,568	11,241	6,187,724	1,230,072
Youth	12	11,255	1,280	1,324,819	140,056
Women	13	-	32,366	-	3,541,787
Total programs expenses		<u>486,703</u>	<u>415,150</u>	<u>57,289,129</u>	<u>45,431,018</u>
Core and OTPS expenses:					
Staff expenses:					
Programs staff	14	144,212	118,014	16,975,011	12,914,539
Administration staff	14	-	13,915	-	1,522,683
Total staff expenses		<u>144,212</u>	<u>131,929</u>	<u>16,975,011</u>	<u>14,437,222</u>
Administration expenses	15	<u>34,081</u>	<u>28,952</u>	<u>3,996,047</u>	<u>3,168,091</u>
Total Core and OTPS expenses		<u>178,293</u>	<u>160,880</u>	<u>20,971,058</u>	<u>17,605,313</u>
Foreign exchange loss/(gain)		<u>6,070</u>	<u>(538)</u>	<u>714,463</u>	<u>(53,830)</u>
Amortisation of capital grant	16	<u>(3,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(423,954)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure		<u>667,464</u>	<u>575,492</u>	<u>78,550,696</u>	<u>62,982,501</u>
Under/(over) utilized funds and comprehensive income for the year		<u>8,950</u>	<u>(205,548)</u>	<u>2,549,286</u>	<u>(22,357,940)</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

NET ASSETS

	Notes	2022 Usd	2021 Usd	2022 Kshs	2021 Kshs
Non-current assets					
Property and equipment	4	<u>266,041</u>	<u>290,925</u>	<u>31,315,711</u>	<u>29,092,526</u>
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	6	<u>62,344</u>	<u>173,018</u>	<u>7,338,535</u>	<u>17,301,775</u>
Less: Current liabilities					
Payables	7	<u>17,562</u>	<u>147,105</u>	<u>2,067,168</u>	<u>14,710,475</u>
Net current assets		<u>44,783</u>	<u>25,913</u>	<u>5,271,367</u>	<u>2,591,300</u>
Net assets		<u>310,824</u>	<u>316,838</u>	<u>36,587,078</u>	<u>31,683,826</u>

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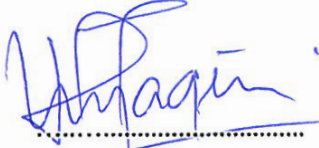
Property and equipment fund		266,041	290,925	31,315,711	29,092,526
Accumulated fund		(165,937)	(198,585)	(19,532,444)	(19,858,545)
Capital grant	16	<u>210,720</u>	<u>224,498</u>	<u>24,803,811</u>	<u>22,449,845</u>
Total funds		<u>310,824</u>	<u>316,838</u>	<u>36,587,078</u>	<u>31,683,826</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the executive committee on

..... 13/03/..... 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Treasurer



Secretary General

Partners



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Religious Coordinating Bodies

ACRL-RfP is comprised of Ten (10) Religious Coordinating Bodies (RCBs) namely;

1. Symposium of Episcopal Conferences in Africa & Madagascar (SECAM)
2. African Forum for Muslim Councils (AFMC)
3. Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA)
4. Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA)
5. Hindu Council of Africa (HCA)
6. Organisation of African Instituted Churches (OAIC)
7. Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church
8. All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
9. Bahai Africa Regional office
10. Sikh Council of Africa
11. African Traditional Religions

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National Inter-Religious Councils (NIRCS)

ACRL-RfP has a network of 32 National Inter-Religious Councils (NIRCs), five (5) sub-regional hubs in Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Indian Ocean Island Countries, Southern Africa, and Western Africa ; and two regional networks, the AfricaWomen of Faith Network (AWFN) and the Africa Interfaith Youth Network (AIYN).

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Regional Networks

The faith communities represented in are Christian, Muslim, Bahai, Hindu, and Africa Traditional Religion (ATR) faith families.

The members are drawn from the ACRL-RfP RCBs, NIRCs, and other women and youth-focused faith-based organizations.

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