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LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr Anne Burghardt. Photo: LWF/N. H. Klotz

Foreword

It is my pleasure to present The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Advocacy Framework for the strategic period 2025–2031. This framework will guide and inspire our work as we speak and act for justice and peace in a wounded world.

Advocacy has been integral to the LWF's identity and mission since its founding in 1947. Our advocacy is rooted in our theological convictions, sustained by hope, lived out in public witness, and carried forward with member churches, through country programs, and in partnership with sister organizations. In today's context, where human rights are under threat, multilateralism is weakening, polarization is on the rise, and voices of exclusion are growing louder, our collective voice and action for justice, our advocacy, is more essential than ever.

This framework is aligned with the LWF Strategy "Sharing Hope." It expresses our commitment to justice and peace, and our vision of a just, peaceful, and reconciled world where all can enjoy their God-given dignity. It affirms the LWF's role as a global communion, taking an active role in the public space, through accompaniment and action.

The framework will guide our work, and we invite the member churches and partners to use it as a tool, adapting it to diverse contexts, and to share their experiences with us. The Communion Office, through the Action for Justice unit, stands ready to accompany you in this journey.

I want to express my gratitude to all who have prepared the framework, the writers as well as the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) which offered insights from the seven LWF regions. I also wish to thank our partners for their dedication and support.

May this framework strengthen our shared resolve to speak with courage, act with compassion, and walk humbly on the earth with those who seek justice and dignity.

Rev. Dr Anne Burghardt
LWF General Secretary



Youth lead a climate march through the LWF Thirteenth Assembly venue in Kraków, Poland, in September 2023. Photo: LWF/Johanan Celine Valeriano

Background and introduction

What is the LWF Advocacy Framework?

The Advocacy Framework is a tool that guides the LWF's response to the challenges affecting the world today through advocacy, public voice, and policy and political engagements. The advocacy of the LWF takes place at the local, national, regional, and global levels where the presence, experience and work of the member churches, World Service country programs, partners and communities they serve are rooted.

The LWF Advocacy Framework supports the implementation of the LWF 2025–2031 strategy and derives its mandate from decisions, policies and declarations that have been made by the LWF Assembly and Council. Consequently, the LWF Advocacy Framework complements and builds upon areas of work that are covered in the organization's strategy.

During this 2025–2031 strategic period, LWF advocacy will enhance the humanitarian and development work of the LWF by addressing the root causes of needs, vulnerability and injustice through capacity strengthening of member churches and support for World Service country programs and emergency operations.

LWF advocacy contributes to the presence and witness of World Service country programs, emergency operations and member churches in the world and serves as a key element in all the strategic priorities of the LWF, namely: thriving churches; service and dignity; responsible theology; and peace and justice.
The added value that the LWF as a global communion of churches, present in all regions of the world, brings through its advocacy include: rootedness in communities; deep and broad knowledge and experience in humanitarian and development work; global reach and access to key decision-making processes; the life-affirming and transformative theology that calls for human dignity, justice, peace, reconciliation and care for creation; and rich tradition of ecumenical, interfaith and civil society collaboration.

The context of our advocacy[1]

The world has seen some drastic changes with major negative trends - nationalism, fundamentalism, xenophobia, extremism, racism, and populism – on the rise in all regions. Political elites continue to use fear to exploit and divide people while building their campaigns in the bid to gain and maintain power.

Conflicts in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America, and the Middle East seem relentless. Commitment to multilateralism, international cooperation, humanitarian aid, development, human rights, and values of equity and inclusion is diminishing. Funding to assist those who are poor and marginalized is diverted to military spending, and the space for humanitarian assistance and development support continues to shrink.

There are more than 122 million people forcibly displaced, the highest number to date. Indigenous minorities are persecuted daily, persecution based on religion is increasing, and femicide is the highest it has been for decades. The planet is under tremendous stress and climate change has now become an emergency. Polar caps are melting, oceans are rising, one unique life form becomes extinct every ten minutes, and millions of people will die because of climate-induced disasters.

Digital technology is changing the way people communicate and relate with each other, how information is shared, how public opinion is shaped, and how organizations function. The rapid rise of artificial intelligence is embraced by some and feared by others.

The push back on human rights, including the rights of women and girls, has worsened. Human rights defenders persist despite threats, persecution, and violence; more people are taking

1 This context analysis is adapted from the LWF 2025–2031 Strategy, Sharing Hope: Empowering Churches, Impacting the World

action locally and globally to address injustices and violations of human rights.

As a communion of churches, the LWF is dedicated to upholding human dignity and protecting the rights of the most vulnerable. This calls us to take action for justice as messengers of hope. Faith and action belong together.

Defining advocacy

A standard definition describes advocacy as "a set of organized actions, whether at local, national, or international level, by ordinary people, associations or organizations that aim to bring about change in policies, practices, or value systems that perpetuate injustices in order to safeguard dignity and human rights of all" *(LWF Advocacy Handbook, 2018).*

This definition identifies the following key elements:

- Organized actions – Advocacy relies on actions that are strategically planned.
- Different levels – Local, national, regional, and global levels as appropriate.
- "Ordinary" people – Everyone can and should engage in advocacy for a just society.
- Institutions – Both formal and informal decision-making structures are often targeted.
- Change – The desired result/outcome of advocacy is a positive change in society.
- Dignity and human rights – The ultimate goal of advocacy is the preservation of human dignity and human rights for all.

More specifically, for the LWF, when the core identity and Christian values of the LWF are infused into the definition above, advocacy embodies a profound meaning. Through the reflections and study process that led to the publication The Church in the Public Space, LWF underpinned key theological reflections and foundations for advocacy.

Advocacy is a key expression of LWF's calling as part of the church in society, its public witness and prophetic voice, which are central elements in its holistic mission. Advocacy is also a solidarity and political action as part of LWF's role within civil society.

Advocacy in the LWF is inspired by the biblical prophetic tradition that commands people of faith to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before God (Micah 6:8). Prophetic action includes seeking the peace and well-being of the places and communities we are part of (Jer. 29:7). Our advocacy follows the example of Jesus Christ, who preached the good news of freedom for the poor and the oppressed (Luke 4:17-19).[2]

Overall goal of LWF's advocacy work

The goal of LWF advocacy is to bring about sustainable change in policies, practices, and value systems in order to safeguard the full life and dignity of all by promoting human rights, justice, and peace at local, national, regional, and global levels.

This is done through the witness and work of member churches and World Service country programs and emergency operations as well as in collaboration with stakeholders in the ecumenical family, faith-based organizations (including interfaith), civil society actors, governments, the United Nations (UN) and its specialized agencies, and other partners.

Guiding principles and values[3]

Dignity and justice: "But let justice roll down like waters / and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24). Every person is created in God's image, is gifted with talents and capacities, and has dignity, irrespective of social status, gender, ethnicity, age, ability, or other differences. Our commitment to human rights and justice means that we work on the underlying causes of poverty and exclusion and for a more equitable distribution of power, resources, and opportunities.

Compassion and commitment: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience" (Col. 3:12). Immersed in God's love and compassion, we stand with and care for people

2 The theological underpinning and foundations for advocacy are elaborated further in this document.
3 The values are derived from the LWF Strategy 2025–2031, Sharing Hope: Empowering Churches, Impacting the World.



Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert

who are suffering – those who are poor, vulnerable, and marginalized, those who experience discrimination, violence, and hardship.

Respect for diversity: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Cor. 12:12). Differences among us express the richness of God's creation. As a global communion of churches, we seek to understand and embrace our differences in culture, history, and context, and the way in which these have shaped our theological understandings and our perspectives on moral and ethical questions.

Inclusion and participation: "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Rom. 15:7). We are committed to creating spaces and structures that enable the full and equitable participation of women, men, people of all ages and ethnicities, indigenous communities, and people with disabilities, in church life and society and in decision-making processes, activities, and programs of the LWF. We work to overcome power dynamics, cultural norms, unequal access to resources, and other factors that create barriers to participation and decision-making.

Transparency and accountability: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Pet. 4:10). We are responsible stewards of the resources and tasks that God has entrusted to us. We are committed to transparency in our aims, processes, decisions, and use of resources, and to being accountable to each other, the people we serve, our member churches, partners, and donors. The gifts we have each received are used for the building up of community, the one body of Christ.

The LWF's approach to advocacy is deeply rooted in Christian faith and draws significant inspiration from the Bible and practice. The call to seek justice, peace, and reconciliation is not a contemporary concern but echoes throughout the biblical narrative. The public announcement that guided Jesus' mission for the world is central to the public witness of the church today. In the current chaotic and wounded world, the emphasis on hope as a central theological and strategic principle is more needed than ever. However, this is not a vague and utopian hope. It is a hope that comes from God that is firmly rooted in faith and clearly visible through our actions. It is based on the lived experience of our member churches and other faith actors on the ground.

Theological basis for our advocacy

Biblical foundations

The Bible consistently presents justice as an essential characteristic of God and a requirement for God's people. The call for justice is deeply rooted in the biblical tradition, shaping Christian advocacy as a fundamental response to God's will. Speaking directly to the injustices of their time, the prophets courageously criticized the abuse of power, corruption, and oppression in societies.

Amos proclaimed, "But let justice roll down like water / and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24); Micah's words bring to focus God's requirement to all, namely, "to do justice and to love kindness / and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Jeremiah challenged God's people who were in exile to "seek the welfare of the city" (Jer. 29:7); people of faith were called to actively seek the well-being and peace of the communities in which they lived, even when those communities were not their own.

Through his mission and work on earth, Jesus continued from the prophetic tradition that he brought into focus and clarity:

> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
> because he has anointed me
> to bring good news to the poor.
> He has sent me to proclaim release to the
> captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
> to set free those who are oppressed,
> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
> Luke 4:18-19

This passage is cited where Jesus announces his mission on earth, highlights God's concern for the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, and the oppressed, and Jesus' own commitment to bringing liberation and justice. This resonates strongly with the LWF's focus on the "protection of human rights and dignity for all" and its work with marginalized and vulnerable populations, who all bear the image of God *(imago Dei).*

In the early church, while living under the powerful and dominant empire of that time, the seemingly powerless Christian communities showed alternative ways of living with a clear call to "welcome one another. . .just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Rom. 15:7), a life of service "like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Pet. 4:10). These texts are not merely illustrative but are foundational to the LWF's understanding of its mission and values.

> "LWF's advocacy is guided by the message, teachings, and examples of Jesus Christ, the prophets, and the early Christian communities, emphasizing love, compassion, and justice."

These prophetic and scriptural bases are relevant in our contemporary contexts and underscore the responsibility of faith communities to engage with their wider society and to work toward its flourishing. This vision is expressed in the public witness of the church in the public space and God's preferential treatment of the marginalized. LWF's advocacy is guided by the message, teachings, and examples of Jesus Christ, the prophets, and the early Christian communities, emphasizing love, compassion, and justice.

Theological foundations

Additionally, LWF's advocacy is inspired and informed by Lutheran theological foundations that shape our approach by bringing a distinctive voice and inviting collaboration to contribute to the common good of society and the well-being of the planet.

Below are five key theological distinctives from the Lutheran theological tradition that underpin the LWF's advocacy work across different thematic emphases:

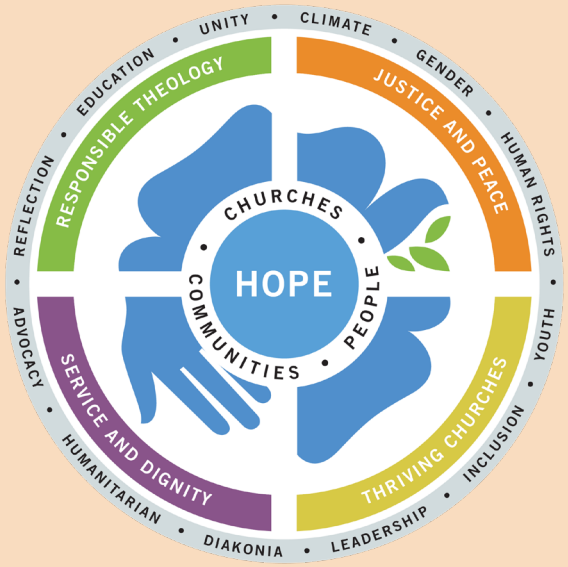
- **Justification by grace through faith:** The core Lutheran teaching of justification by grace through faith alone profoundly shapes the understanding of human dignity and the motivation for advocacy. This understanding liberates Christians to care for others, confident in God's unconditional grace. This liberation moves the church into public spaces, compelling action for justice not out of a need to earn salvation but as a response to God's gift. Our actions should be carried out in a spirit of humility and in acknowledgment of the church's own sinfulness, therefore preventing any claims of moral superiority in public discourse. This focus on grace where humans are made right before God impacts how we are committed to doing what is right in the world.
- **The doctrine of the two realms (or regimes):** Lutherans believe in One God who is sovereign over all of creation, therefore the secular realm is not outside of God's reign. God's way of governing is expressed in two ways, commonly referred to as the doctrine of the two realms. This distinctive Lutheran concept differentiates between God's spiritual and worldly governance. The spiritual realm is centered on the gospel and justification, while the worldly realm concerns justice and the maintenance of order in society. This distinction informs the LWF's approach by advocating against the politicization of religion and the "religionization" of politics. While upholding the importance of the worldly realm and working for justice within it, the LWF recognizes the limits of earthly power in matters of faith, the distinct nature of the church's prophetic voice, and the overall sovereignty of God in both realms.
- **The priesthood of all believers:** The Lutheran understanding that all baptized persons have direct access to God and are called to participate in all aspects of church life, including public witness, is a crucial distinctive. This empowers the laity to be active agents for change in society and underpins the LWF's emphasis on empowering rights holders and communities to advocate for themselves. It highlights that advocacy is not solely the responsibility of church leaders but a calling for the entire communion. We believe that there's an important role for both clergy and laity that complement each other at the local, regional, and global levels.
- **Prophetic *diakonia*:** The LWF views its advocacy as a form of prophetic diakonia, which is our way of naming service to our neighbors inspired by Jesus and the prophets who challenged unjust structures. This concept integrates the Lutheran emphasis on service (diakonia) with a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power and calls for changes in unjust practices. This theological underpinning connects the LWF's humanitarian and development work with its advocacy efforts, addressing the root causes of suffering and injustice.
- **The church in the public space:** The Lutheran tradition particularly emphasizes the church's active and ongoing engagement in the public sphere. Inspired by God's own engagement with the world through God's creative work witnessed in creation and God's incarnational presence on earth through Jesus Christ, the LWF sees advocacy as an integral part of its holistic mission alongside proclamation of the liberating good news and service to the needy. This perspective rejects the notion that religion is solely a private matter and affirms the church's responsibility to contribute to a just and peaceful society for all. This engagement also includes the theological contribution of women, youth, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, and other voices that are often excluded from such spaces.

"Liberated by God's grace, a communion in Christ, living and working together for a just, peaceful, and reconciled world."

- LWF VISION

These theological distinctives provide a robust foundation that guides the LWF's Advocacy Framework, ensuring that its actions are deeply rooted in its Lutheran identity and its understanding of God's call to justice and love in the world.

Renewed emphasis on "Sharing Hope" – the LWF strategy



Read more and download the LWF Strategy 2025–2031

The key themes of the new LWF Advocacy Framework are strongly aligned with the new LWF Strategy, "Sharing Hope," demonstrating how advocacy serves as a crucial means of empowering churches and impacting the world. The strategy guides our witness to God's hope in credible ways to a divided world through our actions for justice, peace, and reconciliation.

The LWF strategy highlights four strategic priorities: Responsible Theology, Justice and Peace, Thriving Churches, and Service and Dignity. For Lutherans, **the theology of the cross** is a foundational theological vision that shapes our theological thinking and way of life. It means that the suffering and self-emptying of Christ on the cross (Phil. 2) should inform how Christians understand God's engagement with the world, particularly in the face of suffering and injustice.

In a world overwhelmed by disinformation, divisive rhetoric, and hateful speech, such responsible theological reflection and education works hand in hand with advocacy for justice and peace to critically address fundamentalist and exclusionary ideologies as well as harmful cultural teachings and discrimination that undermines human flourishing. Empowering rights holders and communities to advocate for themselves involves strengthening the capacity of member churches, partners, and communities where LWF is present through training, tool development, and network building. Serving people in need includes caring for their living conditions; it includes holding governments accountable to international humanitarian and human rights law, in a way that aligns with the LWF's commitment to the dignity of all people.

These four priorities continue to shape and refine the overall cross-cutting themes within the Advocacy Framework. The LWF Advocacy Framework provides further strategic and thematic focus for realizing this hope through concrete actions. By providing a structured approach and concentrating on key thematic areas grounded in Lutheran theology and human rights principles, the Advocacy Framework enables the LWF and its member churches to actively work toward a just, peaceful, and reconciled world, thereby embodying and sharing the hope that is central to the LWF's mission.

Contemporary societies are flooded with competing and conflicting ultimate visions of the world that tend to be utopian or dystopian. In the midst of voices that claim there is no alternative to the current world full of conflict, corruption, and war, we choose to stay focused on the conviction that "another world is possible." This resonates with a Christian understanding of God's ultimate hope, which is not merely a theological concept about the final chapters of the world to come; rather, it is a fundamental driving force behind how we live and work in this world. It provides the vision for a just, peaceful, and reconciled future that motivates the present-day actions of Christians to work with other faith actors and secular partners to address injustice and suffering. It also fosters patience, persistence, and wisdom in our joint pursuit of a better world for all.

Approaches and methodology

Theory of change and conceptual framework

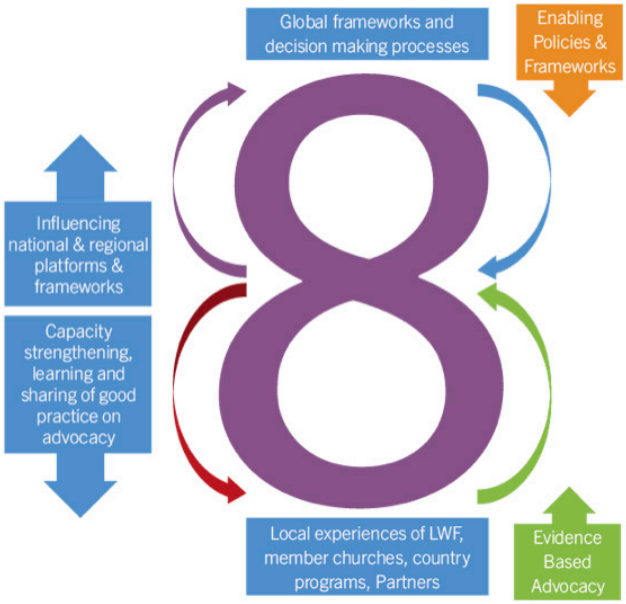
The LWF applies a local-to-global-to-local (L2G2L) approach to advocacy as the overarching conceptual framework. This framework is derived from the understanding that in order to bring a lasting change in society, individuals, and communities must organize at all levels and contribute actively to solutions whilst holding governments and other duty bearers to account.

Advocacy must therefore begin with people and communities at the local levels, connect to national and regional levels, link to global policy processes, and then effectively channel back to the national and local contexts in order to transform actual realities on the ground.

When individuals and communities actively engage and participate in decision-making processes at all levels, the likelihood that the decisions can lead to peace, justice, and the protection of human rights is increased. Similarly, when individuals, communities and organizations that represent them have the capacity and awareness about their roles in promoting their own rights and well-being, the likelihood of holding governments and decision-makers accountable increases significantly, thus enhancing the potential for overall societal improvement. It is crucial therefore that individuals and community structures engaged in advocacy are led by a foundational respect for human dignity.

At the global level, LWF advocacy targets multilateral platforms and processes under the auspices of the United Nations and other international organizations. At the regional and sub-regional levels, LWF advocacy targets regional intergovernmental bodies such as the African Union (AU), the European Union (EU), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Central American Integration System (SICA) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and their relevant institutions and processes. At the local and national levels, the LWF targets governments, sub-national government institutions, the private sector, churches, and other decision-making structures.

The LWF applies advocacy approaches and methods that promote constituency and community agency, ownership and trust, and seek effectiveness, sustainability, and results.



Conceptual framework for the LWF's Local to Global to Local (L2G2L) advocacy approach

Rights-based approach

The rights-based approach promotes the respect, protection, and fulfilment of human rights for all peoples. This approach includes the identification of specific groups or individuals whose particular rights are in jeopardy (rights holders) and those, particularly governments, who have the duty and responsibility under law to respond to and ensure the fulfilment human rights (duty bearers). Every human being is a rights holder, and governments are the primary duty bearers. The rights-based approach is based on universal values, such as human dignity, freedom, equality, and non-discrimination for all. It is founded upon International Human Rights Law, including its obligations, which are legally binding for states.

In the rights-based approach to advocacy, corresponding duty bearers and their obligations

are identified, and the capacity of rights holders is strengthened, enabling them to claim and defend their own rights and those of others. According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948, the universal and inalienable rights of all human beings provide the foundation for freedom, justice, and peace in the world. In LWF's understanding, human rights are closely connected to Christian values. Lutheran theologians, such as Prof. Otto Frederick Nolde, a professor of Christian education and dean of the graduate school at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, in fact played a key role in the drafting of the international human rights framework. In LWF's advocacy, the rights-based approach focuses mainly on the protection and fulfilment of the rights of the most marginalized, excluded, or discriminated in societies. This includes discrimination based on gender, disability, race, religion, and other social, economic, and political dimensions. The LWF focuses specifically on the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants, asylum seekers, women and girls, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities.

Gender justice in advocacy

Gender justice is crosscutting to all of the LWF advocacy work and is framed both as a stand-alone objective and as part of the overarching methodology, which includes ensuring that women and girls take part in the LWF's advocacy at all levels.

The LWF's understanding of gender justice is rooted in theological principles of the equality of all human beings and a vision to ensure that all human beings enjoy a full life in dignity. The LWF Gender Justice Policy provides a framework for taking concrete steps toward gender justice. The



full and equal participation of women and men in all aspects of society is possible, as is the breaking down of gender stereotypes that subordinate and subjugate women and violate their dignity.

Men and boys also play a crucial role in LWF's gender justice advocacy, and as such, their engagement will remain a key component in the effort to promote gender justice. From a faith-based perspective, we advocate for approaches toward masculinities that encourage men to question and change harmful gender norms, promoting equality and respect. The approaches use participatory activities, critical self-reflection, and scriptural reflections to help faith communities create and embrace new understandings of masculinities and gender equality through the lens of faith.[4]

4 This definition was developed by Tearfund in its tool kit "Changing Social and Gender Norms: Transforming Masculinities."



Young Lutherans at the conclusion of the 2024 Peace Messengers training in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Photo: LWF/Johanan Celine Valeriano

Collective ecumenical, interfaith, and civil society action

LWF advocacy seeks collaboration and partnerships with a wide range of actors who share the same vision for human rights for all, a just and peaceful society, and human dignity.

The LWF is part of the ecumenical movement, an active local, national, and global faith-based and civil society actor. Subsequently, the humanitarian, development, and advocacy work of the LWF contributes to the joint efforts of other ecumenical, faith-based, and civil society actors.

For this reason, the advocacy of the LWF builds on existing relationships with Christian communions, global and regional councils of churches, interfaith collaboration, and civil society networks, as well as other like-minded movements.

Key constituency mobilization

Children, youth, women and men, lay and ordained people in member churches are the main constituency and primary stakeholders of the LWF, and play a key role in setting the agenda and the implementation of advocacy actions.

There are currently 78 million Lutherans in LWF member churches across 99 countries in seven LWF regions. They are the most important advocates for the issues that the LWF has prioritized. The member churches differ in their size and their organizational set-up, and they serve in societies that vary in the degree of religious freedom as well as freedom of speech. They often participate very actively in various ecumenical, civil society and government-related structures. Mobilizing the LWF grass roots involves doing outreach to them, strengthening their capacity, and facilitating their own advocacy in their own context, while raising and amplifying their voices at regional and global levels. In addition, local partners that the LWF works with play an important role in overall advocacy and form a key part of our constituency.

Engaging intergovernmental processes at global and regional levels

The LWF contributes to multilateral processes through advocacy and holds governments and other duty bearers accountable for their commitments to human rights, peace, security, and sustainable development.

The United Nations is the most important multilateral platform for global governance and policy development on issues of development, peace, human rights, and security. Increasingly, the UN and multilateralism are facing challenges resulting from the recent wave of nationalism, mistrust, and lack of global solidarity. The LWF supports multilateralism because despite its recent decreased ability to provide solutions, it still serves as an important arena for addressing global challenges and seeking lasting solutions to global problems.

Since its foundation, the LWF has contributed significantly to shaping the agenda of key UN processes. Thanks to its presence in strategic UN hubs such as Geneva and New York, through the Lutheran Office for World Community (LOWC) and its accreditation to various UN bodies and processes, including the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA), the LWF is able to facilitate the participation and advocacy engagement of representatives from member churches and communities in UN meetings and processes. LWF's advocacy toward the United Nations brings the voices and experiences from the local and national levels to international decision-making processes and, vice versa, also brings the decisions taken on the global level back to the national and local levels.

At the regional levels the LWF engages in advocacy toward various structures the European Union and the African Union. During this strategic period efforts will be made to develop advocacy toward the Organization of American States, the Central American Integration System and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Sharing hope through communications and storytelling

Hope is central to the Christian faith and can be an important resource for countering hopelessness for people affected by crises and challenging times. Sharing hope is at the heart of LWF's work and witness and specifically at the center of LWF's strategy for 2025–2031. In its advocacy, LWF will aim at amplifying hope through the voices of people in the frontlines and the grass roots. Noting that hopelessness can often be used as a tool of oppression, the core of this approach is to share real hope that can inspire action while at the same time addressing key issues affecting communities. Sharing hope and hope-filled stories will be done through campaigns, social media and other communications channels as well as with the help of carefully designed events. Communications for advocacy aims at increasing awareness of pertinent issues and inspiring action among the target audiences.

Intergenerational and multi-stakeholder dialogues

The LWF considers constructive and respectful dialogue among individuals, groups, and organizations, including those with differing opinions, as critical to finding joint and lasting solutions to challenges that society faces. As an approach and method in advocacy, the LWF will create spaces for dialogues and conversations between different generations, faiths, and sectors. Research and publications that deepen the understanding of key policy areas will be utilized as resources to foster evidence for advocacy and dialogue.

"To share hope that empowers churches and people to make a positive difference in the world."

- LWF MISSION

Thematic priorities

Promotion and protection of human rights

The context of our work

The global trend of pushbacks on human rights and shrinking space for civil society, including challenges to freedom of expression and opinion, women's rights, freedom of religion or belief, and rights of refugees and migrants, has continued and even worsened over the past years.

Human rights and environmental defenders are subject to reprisals, threats, and killings in an increasing number of countries. Women and girls, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons are exposed to violations of their human rights. These groups are affected the most by current crises and global challenges such as armed conflicts, climate change, forced displacement, bad governance, and poverty and are in particular need of protection.

In an increasingly polarized world, churches and faith-based organizations are joining forces with communities, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders and play an important role in speaking out for the protection of human rights and in supporting and accompanying the most vulnerable to raise their own voices.

The LWF strongly believes that it is key to work toward the protection of all human rights for all human beings as a foundational principle toward the protection of everyone's human dignity. Promoting dialogue and providing human rights education are part of this work alongside the legal claims for the respect, protection, and fulfilment of human rights, and enshrined in international human rights law.

Our vision for change

The LWF advocacy for human rights aims to make a positive impact and to transform local realities. The LWF member churches, country programs, and emergency operations, in partnership with other ecumenical, interfaith, and civil society actors contribute toward strengthening national human rights policies and legal frameworks

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to ensure they are aligned with regional and international standards to protect the rights of people and communities, particularly the most vulnerable. Individuals, people and communities (rights holders) are empowered to claim their rights, to hold governments accountable, to provide evidence, and to influence policy and decision-making processes for the protection of their human rights. This common advocacy effort leads in the long term to structural change and the enjoyment of human rights and dignity for everyone.

Actions we will take

Human rights education, awareness, and capacity strengthening

We will promote human rights education and awareness and enhance capacity for member churches, country programs/emergency operations, and rights holders, enabling them to engage in advocacy at local, national, regional, and international levels.

Human rights defenders

We will support, protect and accompany human rights and environmental defenders in their advocacy actions by engaging with human rights mechanisms, connecting them with like-minded organizations and amplifying their voices at global processes and platforms.

Rights of refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities

We will advocate for the human rights and dignity of indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, refugees, migrants, and internally displaced persons, through promoting the implementation of relevant international legal and human rights instruments and influencing public opinion.

Freedom of religion or belief

We will advocate for the right to freedom of religion or belief, promote interreligious dialogue, and challenge the misuse of religious beliefs to exercise any form of violence or discrimination based on religion or belief, particularly in contexts where specific faith groups are a minority.



Participants from around the world gather at Château de Bossey, near Geneva, for the December 2024 LWF Gender Justice Consultation. Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert

Engagement with human rights mechanisms

We will engage with and contribute to international, regional, and national human rights mechanisms, such as the Universal Periodic Review, Treaty Bodies, and Special Procedures, to promote the application of human rights standards and the rule of law.

Advancing commitment to gender justice

The context of our work

For most women and girls around the world, patriarchy, structural barriers, exclusionary practices, and policies and systems of oppression that limit equal participation exist at all levels. Women and girls bear the disproportionate and



adverse impacts of poverty, the deepening climate emergency, and conflict and war.

These driving factors exacerbate sexual and gender-based violence, forced displacement, exploitation, and trafficking. In this environment of inequality, a lack of access to basic health services, social protection, economic justice, quality education, civic and political space, and opportunities for leadership remain. Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, including race, class, disability, indigenous identity, religion and belief, and other factors shape women's experiences of discrimination and inequality.

In an increasingly polarized global political environment, there is a disregard for agreed commitments, and a lack of accountability and implementation of global frameworks on women's human rights. According to the United Nations, no country has achieved gender equality. At the current rate of change, legal equality for women could take 300 years.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) believes that achieving gender equality and enhancing the agency of women and girls is at the core of sustainable development, a life of dignity, free of violence, deprivation, and limitations for all. The LWF is committed to being inclusive and enabling the full and equitable participation of women and men in church and society, and in its decision-making processes, programs, and advocacy. Gender Justice is enshrined in the foundational documents of the communion and is institutionalized in our Gender Justice Policy.

Our vision for change

All women, girls, men, and boys realize their agency and live a full life of dignity and participate in all aspects of private and public life. Patriarchal

systems are dismantled so that women and girls enjoy equal rights in all aspects of social, economic, and political life. LWF member churches and country programs effectively engage in gender justice and women's human rights advocacy and seek the holistic implementation of the LWF Gender Justice Policy.

Actions we will take

Women's and girls' human rights

We will champion gender justice and the human rights of women and girls by amplifying the voices and experiences of our member churches, country programs, and partners in global policy dialogues. We will advocate for accountability from governments and other duty bearers to uphold their commitments to protect and advance women and girls' rights. We will promote the effective participation of women and girls in all areas of public and private life, including leadership and decision-making within both church and society. Working closely with the LWF leadership, theology, and communion relationship programs, we will foster learning, sharing, and empowerment to ensure that churches promote gender justice within their constituencies.

Addressing sexual and gender-based violence

We will advocate for a holistic prevention of sexual and gender-based violence and for survivor-centered protection and response. We will challenge harmful gender norms, strengthen legal and policy frameworks, invest in education and economic empowerment of women and girls, and foster collaboration between communities, faith leaders, civil society, and government actors to build a culture of accountability. We will accompany our member churches on their advocacy efforts to end sexual and gender-based violence.

Women and peace and security

We will develop strategies to accompany member churches, country programs, and partners to advocate for women's effective participation in peace-building processes. Working with member churches and country programs, we will advocate for the protection of women and girls' human rights in situations of war and conflict in accordance with international human rights standards. Our advocacy will link to LWF World Service's work on protection and social cohesion.

Women's economic justice

We will accompany member churches, country programs, and partners to advocate for economic justice and equitable access to resources, and to ensure women's effective participation in decision-making processes realizing their own economic opportunities at all levels.

Promoting the role of men in gender justice

We will work with our member churches, country programs, and partners to challenge and dismantle harmful notions of masculinity that entrap men and boys in rigid gender roles/expectations and perpetuate gender-based inequalities. We will advocate for transformative and positive masculinities through engaging men and boys and the whole society in gender justice. We will support member churches, country programs, and partners to challenge and dismantle negative notions of patriarchy that discriminate women and girls in church and society.

Capacity development

We will enhance the capacity of member churches, country programs, emergency operations, and local and international partners to conduct advocacy at all levels on gender justice through trainings and the development of advocacy tools and resources, as well as strengthening platforms for sharing good practices and strategies.

Addressing the climate emergency

The context of our work

Climate change is the most pressing challenge of our time. Human activities are raising the earth's temperature, and efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C are failing. This puts millions of lives at risk, especially those in vulnerable communities that



Delegates from the LWF and ACT Alliance join hands praying for creation under the message 'Creation - Not for Sale', during the 2021 UN climate conference COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom. Photo LWF/Albin Hillert

already face systemic inequalities. These groups bear a disproportionate burden of climate-related loss and damage and have limited resources to adapt or recover.

The impacts of climate change go far beyond economic losses, touching on spiritual, cultural, and human rights dimensions that are often overlooked. They threaten fundamental human rights, including the right to life, adequate food, health, housing, self-determination, safe drinking water, sanitation, and development. Moreover, climate change exacerbates food insecurity, inequality, conflict, disasters, and humanitarian crises, undermining global progress on the sustainable development agenda. It is one of the root causes of forcible displacement, resulting in increased numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons.

LWF has a long-standing commitment to climate justice and stands in solidarity with its member churches and those who are already vulnerable – refugees, internally displaced, persons with disabilities, those who suffer from poverty, women, boys and girls, children, indigenous peoples, and all individuals and communities affected by the adverse effects of climate change.

LWF recognizes the particularly severe impacts on people and communities in developing countries, who often bear the greatest burden of the crisis while lacking the resources needed to cope and adapt. Committed to justice and human dignity, LWF advocates for the protection of environmental defenders and climate-displaced persons, working to uphold their rights and ensure access to essential humanitarian assistance and sustainable livelihoods.

The LWF engages in advocacy at multiple levels and strongly believes that addressing climate change through the lens of justice is essential to achieving a sustainable and equitable future for all.

Our vision for change

The LWF envisions a world where all people are protected from climate change impacts, with justice, equity, and human dignity at its core. LWF amplifies the voices of those most affected by the climate emergency while holding governments and corporations accountable for their role in

Participants share the peace with each other during morning prayer at the December 2024 LWF conference held in Vienna, Austria, under the theme 'Churches Reflecting Together: Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation in Times of War.' Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert



the crisis and advocating for ambitious climate policies rooted in justice and solidarity.

LWF equips its member churches and World Service country programs and emergency operations to influence decision-making, strengthen climate resilience while upholding human rights, and drive change at all levels—through individual lifestyle choices, collective organizational actions, and systemic political reforms that shape policies, laws, and structures.

In collaboration with ecumenical, interfaith, and civil society partners, LWF works to ensure that human rights remain central to climate action. By addressing the links between climate change, systemic inequalities, and sustainable development, LWF calls for urgent global efforts to reduce risks, build resilience, and secure a just and sustainable future for all.

Actions we will take

Climate change impacts and human rights

We will promote climate justice by advocating for policies that address historical inequalities and prioritize vulnerable communities through effective adaptation and mitigation, ensuring that those most affected have a voice in decision-making. We will advance justice-centered climate action that upholds intergenerational equity and fosters sustainable, long-term solutions.

Climate change, conflict, migration and internal displacement

We will advocate for the legal protection of migrants and climate-displaced people, ensuring that their human rights, access to essential services, and inclusion in decision-making are safeguarded. We will also promote climate policies that integrate conflict-sensitive approaches into climate adaptation strategies, particularly in fragile and conflict-prone regions. We will support the participation of affected communities, including displaced groups, in global climate negotiations to ensure that their perspectives shape policies on human mobility, adaptation, and conflict prevention.

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Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and just transition

We will support initiatives led by member churches and World Service country programs to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to share good practices among themselves and with others. We will hold governments and corporations accountable for their responsibility in the climate emergency and advocate for increased climate finance to support adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, technology transfer, and capacity building in developing countries.

Adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and resilience building of vulnerable communities

We will promote climate action at all levels – local, national, regional, and global – while strengthening the capacity of member churches, World Service country programs, and communities to address the impacts of climate change through training, advocacy tools, and program support. We will foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders and advocate for climate-resilient policies in line with the sustainable development agenda.

Advocacy for justice and peace

The context of our work

There are several active violent conflicts and wars across the world, resulting in death, displacement, disappearances, and the suffering of millions of people, violating the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all people. Many of the conflicts are caused by disputes over land and other resources as well as disputes over military and political power. The violence in the world today is escalated by intolerance, discrimination, and different manifestations of hatred that have caused divisions along national, social, political, religious, and ethnic identities. Moreover, there is a continuum of violence in communities and in

public and private spaces that is not recognized and therefore not addressed properly. Meanwhile militarization and investments in arms, including those designed for new technological warfare, has skyrocketed, in stark contrast with investment for peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance, and development aid.

In the context of violent conflicts, people are forced to leave their home countries or communities in search of safety. People fleeing violence and war face significant challenges including human rights violations, sexual and gender-based violence, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, separation from their families, arbitrary detention, lack of access to basic services, and labor exploitation.

At the same time there is evidence of climate change impacts and environmental degradation as drivers of conflicts, particularly in relation to competition for important means of livelihoods such as land, pasture, and water.

Furthermore, there is a strong gender dimension to conflicts and violence, often manifesting through their disproportionate impact on women and girls. This necessitates approaches that include transitional justice mechanisms for addressing conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence. A meaningful participation of women in conflict resolution and peace-building efforts is fundamental to sustainable peace.

Our vision for change

For the LWF, sustainable and lasting peace is inextricably linked with justice. Sustainable peace requires deliverance from all forms of oppression, the alleviation of human suffering, and addressing unjust distribution of resources and power. It calls for good governance and political and economic systems that enable all people to participate and to enjoy their rights and dignity. Peace with justice takes into account many dimensions of daily lives, such as social and economic justice.

The LWF and its member churches have been engaging for decades in processes toward peace, including supporting local initiatives for peace and reconciliation; encouraging youth as peace messengers; supporting people affected by war; engaging in interfaith dialogues; participating in peace processes at national level; and actively advocating for peace at the United Nations including in the UN Security Council.

From our faith perspective peace is both a gift from God and a result of social justice. Peace is more than lack of war or conflict; the transformative peace that we aim for is centered on addressing the root causes of conflict and violence and creating contexts where people and communities can thrive. Respect for human dignity and fundamental rights, fairness in the application of laws and policies, including the distribution of resources and opportunities, are key components for peaceful societies. The LWF is convinced that meaningful and respectful dialogue and inclusive decision-making processes at all levels of government and societies is the only way to justice, peace, and reconciliation.



In Chad LWF supports refugees from Sudan. Around 700,000 people, mainly women and children, have fled the conflict that escalated in April 2023. The refugee camps are situated in a region where water and other resources are scarce. Photo: LWF/ C. Kästner-Meyer

Actions we will take

Peace, humanitarian assistance, and international law

We will advocate for the protection and assistance of people affected by armed conflicts and for the application of International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law in all cases of armed conflicts.

Interfaith dialogue and joint action for peace

We will foster interfaith relationships and collaboration, building bridges between diverse communities of faith and people who do not identify with any faith, to promote understanding, mutual respect, and collective action to address xenophobia, racism, racial discrimination and to promote social cohesion.

Culture of peace and conflict resolution

We will promote a culture of peace through education, conflict prevention and conflict resolution, by cooperating with theological seminaries, research institutes, civil society and peace movements across the world. We will prioritize the leadership and participation of women and youth within our global networks and in peace processes.

Humanitarian advocacy

The context of our work

LWF World Service country programs and emergency operations and many member churches continue to operate in fragile regions characterized by persistent inequality, political marginalization, and weak governance. In





Delegates from LWF member churches attending the April 2025 Asia Church Leadership Conference in New Delhi, India, join a Sunday worship service at a congregation of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam. Photo: LWF/Johanan Celine Valeriano

many such contexts, governments may be party to conflicts, lack the political will, or lack the capacity to respond effectively to disasters and humanitarian crises. These challenges are exacerbated in countries facing the compounding impacts of climate change, protracted conflicts, political instability, and economic fragility, which undermine their ability to uphold the rights of their citizens and protect the human rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants.

Humanitarian crises are frequently linked to violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, underscoring the critical importance of protecting the rights of affected populations. In recent years, challenges such as restricted humanitarian access, shrinking humanitarian funding, politicization of aid, and escalating attacks on humanitarian workers have grown more severe, further jeopardizing support and protection for those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified these challenges by straining global humanitarian funding, disrupting supply chains, and reducing the operational capacities of humanitarian actors. Additionally, recent major humanitarian crises such as the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, and the instability in Central Africa have significantly increased the scale and complexity of global humanitarian needs. These crises have led to unprecedented levels of displacement, compounded existing vulnerabilities, and placed immense pressure on the humanitarian system. They also highlight the critical need for enhanced international solidarity and locally led responses to address these multifaceted emergencies.

Our vision for change

LWF humanitarian advocacy supports the humanitarian operations of LWF World Service and the emergency preparedness and response initiatives of member churches, grounded in humanitarian principles, International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law, and other legal frameworks. Additionally, the LWF contributes to shaping policies and discussions within the humanitarian sector in collaboration with the UN, NGOs, and faith-based organization partners.

Through a local-to-global-to-local approach, the LWF ensures that advocacy efforts are informed by

grass roots realities while influencing international policy discussions, which in turn empower local actors to address humanitarian challenges effectively.

The aim is to enhance the protection of and support for people and communities affected by humanitarian crises while holding governments and other actors accountable to international humanitarian law and human rights and adherence to humanitarian principles.

Actions we will take

Humanitarian access and principles

We will continue advocating for policies and practices that ensure unrestricted humanitarian access to reach populations in need, upholding the principles of humanity, neutrality, and impartiality.

Gender justice in emergencies

We will advocate for gender justice in the contexts of conflicts, displacement, and humanitarian crises, ensuring the centrality of their protection, prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, and stronger efforts to address the worrying trend of rape used as a weapon of war.

Protection of humanitarian aid workers

We will advocate for the protection of aid workers to safeguard humanitarian workers and operations from targeted attacks, and for the respect of international human rights and humanitarian law.

Role of faith actors

We will advance the role of faith-based actors in emergency preparedness and humanitarian response and engage with ecumenical and interfaith coalitions, specifically in the area of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

Humanitarian funding

We will advocate for timely and predictable humanitarian funding, particularly to the many "forgotten" humanitarian crises.

Humanitarian sector engagement

We will continue engaging with national and international humanitarian partners, platforms and processes such as UN agencies, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), and the International Council for Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), among others.

Churches' prophetic voice

The context of our work

The role of churches in the public space has been affirmed over the years, and more so recently as they continue to take part in advocacy roles at the local, national, regional, and global levels. In times of crises in society, churches serve as an important source of accompaniment and hope. The rootedness and broad outreach of churches through formal and informal structures makes advocacy possible at all levels – from parishes to local, national, and global levels.

In many contexts churches are recognized as key partners by governments and other stakeholders, particularly when it comes to services such as education and health, as well as for opinions and values shaping of societies at large. In spite of growing secularism in many regions of the world, churches and other faith actors still enjoy a high level of trust in society. Furthermore, a great majority of people in the world identify with one form of religion or another.

For many years, the LWF has engaged its member churches in conversations about the role of the church in the public space, creating awareness and offering accompaniment. The LWF understands and supports advocacy as public witness and thus as a prophetic voice and an important part of the holistic mission of the church.

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Our vision for change

The LWF recognizes that its member churches will have to play an even stronger advocacy role, given the negative trends of polarization, divisive politics, spread of fear, and exclusionary tendencies across the world. The LWF has a vision for member churches actively engaged in hope-giving advocacy, as a core part of their holistic mission, based on their Christian values, and evidenced by their experience on the ground.

The advocacy of LWF member churches will be anchored in Lutheran theology and human dignity and will prioritize collaboration with ecumenical, interfaith, and civil society actors.

Actions we will take

Churches responding to emerging issues in their local contexts

We will support the capacity of churches to respond to emerging issues in their respective contexts through strategic advocacy, solidarity with crises-affected people, engagement with decision-makers, and the amplifying of voices and concerns at the global level.

Churches engaging with the global and regional decision-making processes

We will connect member churches, partners, and communities we serve with decision-making processes at the regional and global levels, including intergovernmental and multilateral institutions such as the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Organization of American States, the Central American Integration System and others. To that end, we shall strengthen the capacity of churches to contribute to decisions and policies that serve the vision of justice and peace.



Capacity strengthening and learning

Capacity strengthening is an important element in the LWF's advocacy strategy and it will focus on the development of tools, training and peer learning, building networks and partnerships, resource mobilization, and studying contributions to impact.

Development of tools for advocacy

To enable effective and impactful advocacy, the LWF will develop a range of tools that can be used by the communion office, member churches, country programs, and partners in their advocacy. Policy briefs, reports, and analyses to elaborate LWF positions and to enhance the understanding by the LWF constituency of key technical and thematic policy issues will also be developed. These will include shadow reports and technical submissions on relevant policies and thematic issues. In addition to these, the following will be developed: tool kits and boxes; advocacy manuals/guidelines for international events/processes/delegations; audio-visual materials; digital and social media content; as well as tools to support the effective sharing of stories.



In Nigeria, survivors of human trafficking, potential and returned migrants, have access to skills training, livelihood opportunities, psychosocial support and counseling through the LWF Symbols of Hope program, implemented by the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert

Experiential and peer-to-peer training and learning

Training and learning on different advocacy methods, approaches and strategies, thematic and policy content, as well as decision-making processes at different levels will be conducted as a means to strengthen the capacity of LWF member churches, country programs, and partners to do advocacy. Experiential learning, also described as "learning by doing," will form a key part of training and learning.

The training will be directly linked with the actual advocacy work of LWF member churches and country programs, while opportunities will be created for advocates to learn from each other. Where appropriate and relevant, modern practice in capacity development, for example using digital learning, artificial intelligence, and coaching/mentorship, will be implemented.

Building of advocacy networks

The Action for Justice unit is the LWF's advocacy hub and serves as a platform for collaborative and innovative advocacy not only for the LWF, but also for the ecumenical family, faith communities, and civil society. This is particularly important because the collective voice of non-state actors on issues of human rights, justice, and peace is required now more than ever before. To bring this vision to reality, the LWF engages with the various networks within and outside of the LWF, such as the LWF Youth Advocacy networks, the LWF gender justice network, ACT Alliance Communities of Practice and Reference Groups, the UN Multifaith Advisory Council, the UN Security Council NGO Working Group, and Ecumenical Women at the UN.

Coaching and mentorship

The LWF and its partners already have a large network of policy and advocacy experts and practitioners at different levels. This network represents a wide range of experience and knowledge that serves as an excellent source of support to those within the member churches, country programs, and partners who are new to advocacy. The coaching and mentorship include an intergenerational dimension, where the older accompany the youth, and vice versa, depending on the issue. Real-time coaching and mentoring will be enabled, for example in the context of ecumenical delegations to various UN processes.

Partnership and resource mobilization

The LWF recognizes partnerships and alliances for advocacy as an important part of strengthening capacity for advocacy, particularly in view of the technical skills and resources that partners bring on board. To support LWF's advocacy work and to bring it to scale, a range of resource mobilization and funding strategies is essential. LWF's advocacy work includes raising funds and resources to enable member churches, country programs, and local partners to implement their advocacy initiatives. This will take into consideration the interconnection between LWF member churches and World Service country programs, relationships with church-related organizations and other partners, and the requisite capacities and support to manage funding dedicated to advocacy. The LWF Action for Justice unit, in collaboration with key actors within the LWF, will develop funding options directly related to the thematic priority areas.

Assessing contributions to change and learning

The impact of advocacy work is often nonlinear, indirect, and long-term, making it difficult to isolate the contributions of a single actor or intervention to observed changes from that of other organizations or factors. This being said, the LWF values learning from experience and is committed to enhancing its methodologies based on evidence of what works, where, and under which circumstances. For the purpose of organizational learning, the LWF assesses its advocacy work in the form of evaluations, both internal and external, as well as gathering stories and testimonies from the grass roots.

Overall goal of LWF's advocacy work

The goal of LWF advocacy is to bring about sustainable change in policies, practices, and value systems in order to safeguard the full life and dignity of all by promoting human rights, justice, and peace at local, national, regional, and global levels.



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