

# 2015

ANNUAL REPORT





With your support, we are empowering people to recover from crisis, build better lives and transform their communities for good.

**THANK  
YOU**



Dear Friend of Mercy Corps,

It's easy to see 2015 as a year of great challenges. Natural disasters, food shortages, violent conflict and growing refugee crises remind us that the world needs Mercy Corps now more than ever. Yet where others may only see adversity, at Mercy Corps, we see possibility. We see a chance to link big ideas with bold action to empower people to create change in their communities.

Thanks to your support, our approach is working. Together, we were able to impact the lives of millions of people around the world. We see that as great progress, and because we are powered by the belief that a better world is possible, we also see it as a call to keep going. Thank you for going with us.

For a better world,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neal Keny-Guyer".

Neal Keny-Guyer, Chief Executive Officer



## OUR IMPACT

In 2015, more than 25 million people were empowered to build stability and strength from within.

Together, we are realizing transformational change around the world.



Nearly **108,000**  
**FARMERS** like Julio Yat  
now have the agricultural  
skills to produce  
**MORE FOOD** and  
boost incomes.



More than **1.7 million**  
people are better prepared to  
face **NATURAL DISASTERS**  
and climate change.

Roughly **500,000**  
people received lifesaving relief  
inside **SYRIA** every month.

We strengthened **LOCAL MARKETS**  
during emergencies, providing  
**250,000**  
**FAMILIES** with cash.



**11 playgrounds**  
were constructed in **REFUGEE**  
camps throughout Jordan.



Laker Lucy and more  
than **53,000**  
other **WOMEN** received  
the financial training  
needed to **START**  
**A BUSINESS.**



## RECOVERING FROM CRISIS

Wherever they happen, natural disasters take a massive toll. In 2015, Mercy Corps responded to severe flooding in Myanmar, a record-breaking cyclone in Yemen and a major earthquake that rocked Nepal. For millions of Nepalis, life changed in an instant: Buildings fell, financial markets collapsed and nearly 9,000 people were killed. It was a staggering humanitarian crisis, but also an opportunity to build back stronger. Mercy Corps is helping Nepali communities be more prepared for the future.



135,000

Nepalis received relief items like cash, food, solar lights and temporary shelter, thanks to your support.

## A New Foundation in Nepal

When the ground shook, Muya Tamang ran.

Standing on a ledge outside her home, 49-year-old Muya watched as the ground beneath her split open. A landslide thundered past, swallowing houses in the valley below.

Muya, her husband and five children fled, leaving behind their home of 20 years. Mercy Corps connected them to cash that allowed them to build a temporary shelter, as well as clothes, kitchen equipment and a solar lamp that kept them safe.

Her family's immediate needs secure, Muya's eye is on the future—and a dream to return to a place she calls home. There, on a peaceful bluff that overlooks a valley, she'll begin to rebuild.

"I fell in love with this place," she says. "I know everyone. I don't want to leave."

› Muya Tamang  
outside her home.





**Mercy Corps is empowering a new generation of Kenyan leaders.**

## **BUILDING BETTER LIVES FOR YOUTH**

Millions of young people are coming of age amid violent conflict. From Syria and Yemen to Colombia and South Sudan, boys and girls are being robbed of their communities, their education and their chance to make a future. Mercy Corps works with youth because they represent a powerful source of hope. They are determined and resilient. They are the ones who can create change in their communities.



**75,000**  
adolescents caught in violent conflict felt safer and more confident because of Mercy Corps' support.

## A Dream Restored

A bomb took Abdulminim's home. The aftermath took even more.

Sitting outside his house in Damascus, 16-year-old Abdulminim was close enough to feel the detonation. In an instant, his home was destroyed—and inside, his brother was dead.

Like many Syrian youth, Abdulminim fled with his family to Lebanon, leaving his normal life—and his education—behind. To provide safe spaces for young refugees to gather, learn and grow, Mercy Corps opened four youth centers. Abdulminim stepped

in as a mentor. He learned English and computer skills; he taught young children Arabic. He made friends with other kids like him from Lebanon and Palestine.

Amid the disruption of his life, Abdulminim didn't just regain a community. He recaptured a future.

"My dream is to travel to London or Germany to study medicine," he says. "I wish to be a doctor."

› Abdulminim at a youth center in Lebanon.





**Mercy Corps is working with rural Guatemalans to improve community health.**

## **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES**

For families around the world, a healthy life goes beyond just having enough to survive. From women who carry water down dangerous roads, to children who suffer from diet-related disease, issues of sanitation and hygiene always affect the most vulnerable. Mercy Corps works with communities to become more resilient from within. By linking big ideas with local insights, people around the world are finding solutions to critical problems of health and safety.



**50,000 families in Democratic Republic of Congo have safer access to clean water thanks to water systems built and managed with Mercy Corps' support.**

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## A Family Strengthened

Justine Migabo didn't just need water. She needed a long-term solution.

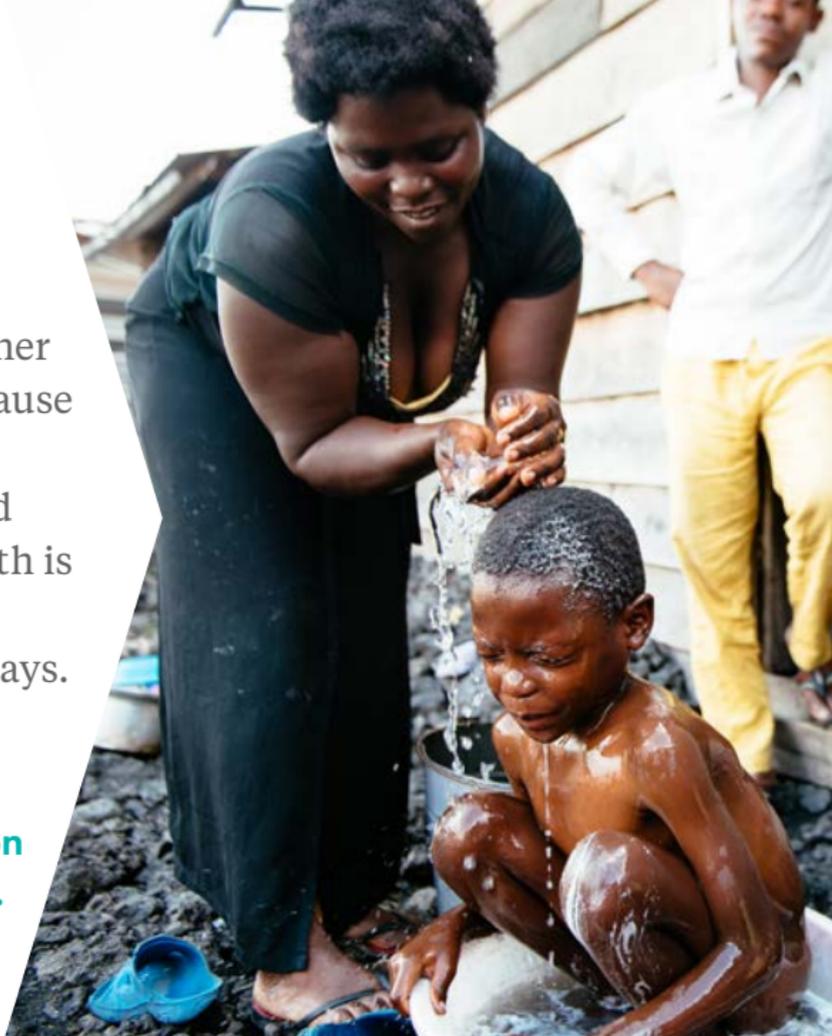
Not long ago, 25-year-old Justine spent hours every day hauling contaminated water to her home in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

But the problem went much further than water access: The dangerous road threatened her safety, while poor sanitation threatened her family's food. Dirty baths jeopardized her children's health. The daily struggle made it impossible to plan for the future.

In Goma, Mercy Corps worked with the local community to install a tap stand across from where Justine, her husband and seven children live. Because everyone is invested in its operation, the entire community is stronger. And because a major obstacle to their health is gone, Justine's family is safer.

"It is good that it is so close," she says. "I can get more water than I need."

› Justine bathes her son outside their home.



A world map with a light blue background. The United States, Mexico, and several countries in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific are highlighted in a dark blue color. The rest of the world is in a lighter blue color.

## OUR MISSION

Mercy Corps exists to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities.

 where we work

## USING YOUR GIFTS WISELY

### Efficient and Accountable

Over the past five years, we have used 87 percent of our resources for programs that help people in need around the world.

### Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator gives Mercy Corps its highest four-star rating for responsible stewardship of donor funds.

### Better Business Bureau

Mercy Corps meets all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance for charity accountability.



**87%** of our resources help people in need



[bbb.org/charity](http://bbb.org/charity)



## HOW YOU CAN SAVE AND IMPROVE LIVES

Your support makes a life-changing difference to families in need. Please call us at **888.842.0842**, or visit **[mercycorps.org](http://mercycorps.org)** to learn how you can advance our work through your gifts and financial support or by including Mercy Corps in your will.





## 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

You can find our complete financial statement at [mercy Corps.org/financials](http://mercy Corps.org/financials).

### Audited U.S. Financial Summary

Mercy Corps Consolidated U.S. Operations: Condensed Summary of Support, Revenue and Expenses (in thousands of U.S. dollars) for the year ending June 30, 2015.

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
Public Support and Revenue	235,652	—	235,652
Private Support and Multi-lateral Revenue	78,287	17,980	96,267
Other Revenue	31,701	—	31,701
Released From Restriction	14,069	(14,069)	—
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>359,709</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>363,620</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Program Services</b>			
Humanitarian Assistance—Relief	116,303	—	116,303
Humanitarian Assistance—Recovery	15,033	—	15,033
Livelihood/Economic Development	87,734	—	87,734
Civil Society	44,000	—	44,000
Health	38,696	—	38,696
<b>Subtotal: Program Services</b>	<b>301,766</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>301,766</b>
<b>Support Services</b>			
General and Administration	35,452	—	35,452
Resource Development	14,235	—	14,235
<b>Subtotal: Support Services</b>	<b>49,687</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>49,687</b>

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>351,453</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>351,453</b>
<b>Nonoperating Loss</b>	<b>(3,028)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(3,028)</b>
<b>Purchase Interest in Affiliate</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,045</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>13,273</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>17,184</b>

### Condensed Statement of Financial Position (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

JUNE 30, 2015	U.S.	GLOBAL
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>255,105</b>	<b>278,071</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>163,891</b>	<b>177,128</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	58,890	67,564
Temporarily Restricted	24,911	25,966
Noncontrolling Interest	7,413	7,413
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>91,214</b>	<b>100,943</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>255,105</b>	<b>278,071</b>

## Global Financial Summary

Mercy Corps U.S. and Global Partners: Support, Revenue and Expenses (in thousands of U.S. dollars) for the year ending June 30, 2015.

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
Mercy Corps Europe	6,070	79,111	85,181
Mercy Corps U.S.	329,491	17,980	347,471
Mercy Corps U.S. Material Aid	16,149	—	16,149
Released From Restriction	13,492	(13,492)	—
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>365,202</b>	<b>83,599</b>	<b>448,801</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Program Services</b>			
Mercy Corps Europe	3,264	78,643	81,907
Mercy Corps U.S.	301,766	—	301,766
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>305,030</b>	<b>78,643</b>	<b>383,673</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>			
General and Administration	35,795	—	35,795
Resource Development	14,846	268	15,114
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>50,641</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>50,909</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>355,671</b>	<b>78,911</b>	<b>434,582</b>
<b>Nonoperating Loss</b>	<b>(4,264)</b>	<b>(55)</b>	<b>(4,319)</b>
<b>Purchase Interest in Affiliate</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,045</b>
<b>Net Gain</b>	<b>13,312</b>	<b>4,633</b>	<b>17,945</b>

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Mercy Corps is a leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible. In disaster, in hardship, in more than 40 countries around the world, we partner to put bold solutions into action—helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within. Now, and for the future.

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