

REPORT OF THE REFORMED PARTNERSHIP FUND

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Introduction

The Reformed Partnership Fund (RPF) is the projects development fund of the WCRC. Beneficiaries are member churches and regional councils of the WCRC located in the Global South. Applications have to comply with certain criteria and be approved by the RPF subcommittee. Funding is possible every second year if previous projects have been formally closed. This includes comprehensive financial receipts, narrative, financial and final reports. Area councils may apply annually under the same conditions. The maximum amount payable is 25,000 euro and 7,500 euro for emergency projects. Since 2009 the RPF is supervised by the executive secretary for theology, mission and communion. The actual work is done by Werner Joecker, assistant for the RPF.

The RPF is divided into five sub-funds:

- Fund A. Specifically related to *Brot für die Welt-EED* (BfdW).
- Fund B. Refers to other donors, diaconal purposes.
- Fund C. Related in the past to projects co-financed with FAP.
- Fund D. Contains grants received from donors for earmarked projects.
- Fund E. Emergency sub-fund.

Figures for 2015

Overview

	A		B	C	D	E
	KED 20126841	20146842				
EUR	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Start saldo	- 0.00	-	8,196.00	-	14,176.62	3,705.55
Previous project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donation	67,000.00	206,929.00	26,000.00	-	-	-
Own resources	-	17,250.00	-	-	-	-
Other donations	-	19,656.90	-	-	-	-
Grant	59,150.00	125,058.37	6,400.00	-	-	-
Admin costs	7,798.00	17,058.34	2,080.00	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	- 14,176.62	- 3,073.38
End saldo	52.00	101,719.19	25,716.00	-	-	632.17

Projects

	A		B	C	D	E
	KED 20126841	KED 20146842				
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Brot für die Welt	6	6				
Ev. Kirche v. Westfalen			1			
Reformed Church in America		1				

Own resources				2
Total	6	7	1	2

1412	UEM EPR for Capacity Building Matilde Umuraza	Eglise presbytérienne de Ruanda	EUR 7,500.00	Rwanda
1415	Emergency relief flooding landslides Guatemala	Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Presbiteriana de Guatemala	EUR 7,500.00	Guatemala
1502	Consultation challenges WCRC-SARC India	Presbyterian Church of India	EUR 11,250.00	India
1505	Biblical values teenagers EECMY	Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	EUR 6,400.00	Ethiopia
1507	Relief aid cyclone Pam Vanuatu	Presebyterian Church of Vanuatu	EUR 7,500.00	Vanuatu
1510	Garissa university survivors relief	Presbyterian Church of East Africa [1070]	EUR 7,100.00	Kenya
1410	MAJUP Musical instruments and education	Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia	EUR 3,800.00	Colombia
1501	Development rural community San Francisco de Paula Cuba	Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada Central	EUR 25,000.00	Cuba
1506	Workshop water and climate justice	Iglesia Evangélica Valdense del Río de La Plata	EUR 24,404.00	El Salvador
1518	Peace building project	Reformed Church of Christ in Nigeria	EUR 10,960.00	Nigeria
1519	ASEAN church leadership training workshop 2015	The Church of Christ in Thailand	EUR 1,810.00	Thailand
1522	Myanmar flooding	Christian Reformed Church of Myanmar	EUR 7,500.00	Myanmar
1523	Syrian refugee children	National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon [4390]	EUR 25,000.00	Lebanon
1528	Syrian refugee children	National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon	EUR 19,084.37	Lebanon
1531	Earthquake 2015	Presbyterian Church of Pakistan	EUR 7,500.00	Pakistan
1529	Networking Protestant Theological Education in Africa-2014	NetACT	EUR 6,400.00	South Africa

Pending projects

For the current project with BftW there are 16 projects to be processed with a total amount of roughly 250,000 euro.

The project around *Otto per Mille* contains 11 projects with a total amount of 350,000 euro.

These estimates are subject to approval and corrections.

Donors

Brot für die Welt: In 2015 we closed one project and started working with its successor. In the first year, disbursements were made according to plan and cash flow projections.

Reformed Church in America: As additional support for the Bekaa Valley project we received a complementary payment of 19,656.90 euro.

Evangelische Kirche von Westfalen: Continued with their steady support in 2015. A request for increase was unsuccessful.

Otto per Mille: In 2015 an application process was initiated with the funding institution of the Waldensian Church in Turin, *Otto per Mille-Tavola Valdese*. In early 2016 a three-year agreement was signed with an annual amount of 350,000 euro. For funding in the areas of:

- I. Partnership Fund
- II. Regional Empowerment
- III. WCRC Programme work
- IV. Global Initiatives

Among others, the RPF Emergency fund will be provided with an annual amount of 22.500 euro.

Documents and forms

Where needed modifications and updates were made. The voting form was replaced with a Google form.

Audit

By contractual requirement of BftW and starting 18 November 2014 independent firm Curacon audits every half-year period during runtime of current projects.

Budget and planning

As for every year the budget for 2016 will be made in coordination with the finance office. Modifications considering *Otto per Mille* are pending.

Outlook

The relationship with *Otto per Mille* will have a positive impact on the work of the RPF.

To further extend the radius of action, exploratory talks with *Kirchen helfen Kirchen* ("Churches Helping Churches") are under way to gradually strengthen mutual ties.

Updating documents, procedural matters and policies remain ongoing processes.

A strategy for a more affirmative marketing policy is in progress and will contribute to improve the awareness about the work of the RPF among the constituents of the Communion.