

Felm 2021

Tanzanian Melisiana William is involved in a development project to prepare for climate change and provide ways for women to improve their families' livelihoods. The radio she's received has given her information about the coronavirus, for example. The project is supported by Finnish development cooperation funding.

Faith. Hope. Love.

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.



The Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (Felm) is an official mission organisation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and one of Finland's largest development organisations. We undertake mission work, development cooperation and peace work with about a hundred partners in 27 countries.

Faith in God, hope for a better world and love of neighbour have been the bedrock of Felm's work for more than 160 years. Our work reaches the most vulnerable, oppressed and marginalized: we enable development, build peace and create equal opportunities for people to build a life of dignity for themselves.

- **Church cooperation – A joint message of hope**
With our partners, we share a mission to bear witness to God's boundary-crossing love. Our work reflects Christian values in words, attitudes and ways of working.
- **Development – Right to a life with dignity**
Our development cooperation is built on advancing human rights and addressing the root causes of marginalization and injustice.

- **Peacebuilding – Supporting dialogue and reconciliation**

We work with our partners to create spaces for dialogue and to build trust among people and communities. Justice, local ownership and inclusion are essential for a lasting peace.

- **Advocacy – Building a just world**

We work with our partners to strengthen the social position of vulnerable and marginalized people. Our advocacy focuses on the promotion of human rights, a just peace and economic justice.

- **Emergency relief – Prevention, support and rebuilding**

We provide emergency relief to our partners and the communities we work with and build their capacity to be more resilient and prepared.

Read more: felm.org



Global work with local partners

Felm works globally with its regional and local networks of about a hundred churches and organisations.

We work in close collaboration with the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. We are also a member of ACT Alliance, a coalition of 137 churches and church-related organisations working in development work, humanitarian aid and advocacy.

In 2021 we had 101 partners, including:

- International church networks
- Local and national church networks
- Christian organisations and institutions
- Other regional and local NGOs and institutions

ROADMAP OF HOPE

FELM'S STRATEGY 2017-2022

The Bible speaks in their own mother tongue

In Angola after ten years of translation work the publication of the New Testament in Nsongo was celebrated. Around 150,000 people speak Nsongo. Bible translation often goes hand in hand with the development of minority languages. "With the aid of this book young people will be able to understand God's word better", said a delighted student, **Maria Isaac**.

Photo: United Bible Societies

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WE STRIVE
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Changes in discriminatory laws

In Nepal the KOSHISH organisation has been working to influence parliamentarians and legislators to bring about changes in laws that discriminate against those living with mental health issues. However, legal changes happen slowly, and they have been further slowed by the coronavirus pandemic. CMC, another of Felm's partners, has done advocacy work to provide mental health services like tutoring and student counsellors to schools.

Photo: Janne Juhaninmäki

Technology combats violence against women

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is involved in reducing violence against women and girls. The issue was discussed at an expert seminar organised by Felm, and technology has been used to assist this. A chatbot app that points victims of domestic violence in the direction of help is being tested. The 16 Days of Activism campaign addresses the violence experienced by women and girls with disabilities. In the Diocese of Morogoro seminars were attended by victims of rape and economic violence, who received help and contact information on the spot.

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Humanitarian aid emphasised in peace work

The military coup in Myanmar caused a humanitarian catastrophe and hampered the peace work supported by Felm. We provided disaster relief to our partner that provided assistance like shelter for internally displaced people, food, toiletries, clothing, medicines, and satellite telephones to help with communication.

Photo: Hanna Londo

Photo: People's Empowerment Foundation

Finance 2021

Felm's activities are funded by the parishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, Christian organisations, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and private individuals.

At the end of 2021 Felm had 169 employees, 102 working at home, and 67 abroad.

In addition, almost 900 employees of local partners worked on projects supported by Felm.



102 working in Finland



67 working abroad

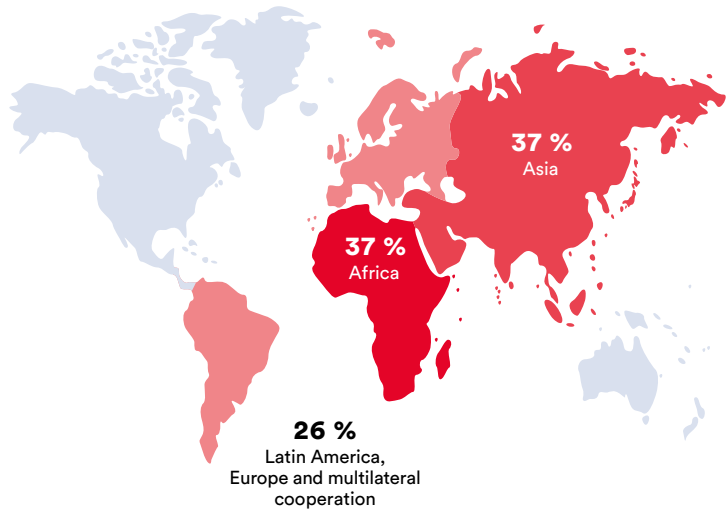
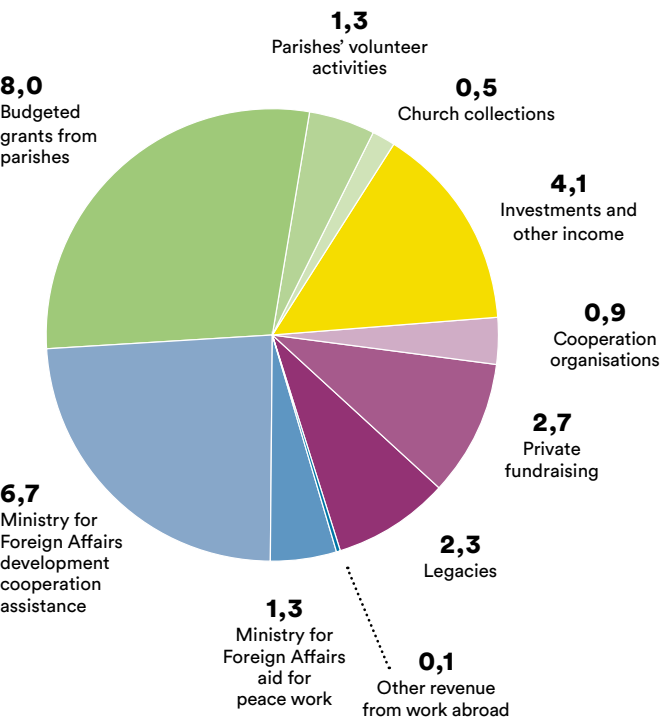


Photo: Ari Vitikainen

Income 27,9 M€



Expenses 25,7 M€

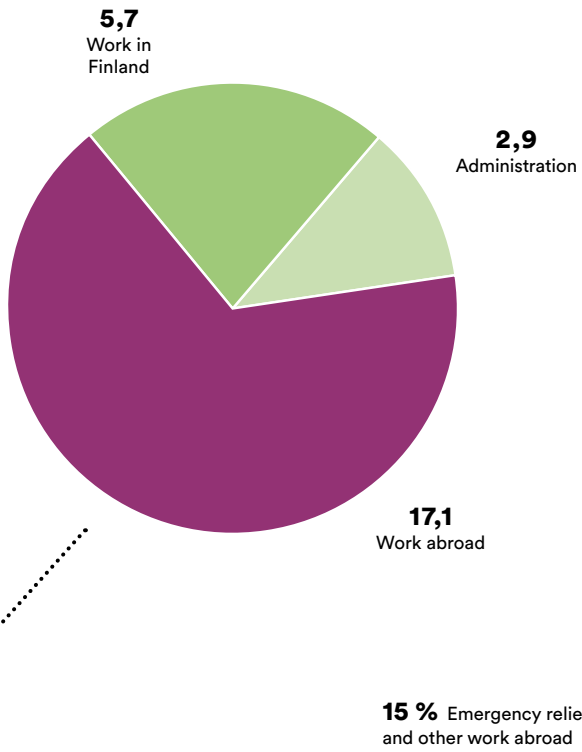


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Photo: Ove Lillas

Felm's work in Finland

The aim of Felm's domestic work is to secure resources for our work abroad.

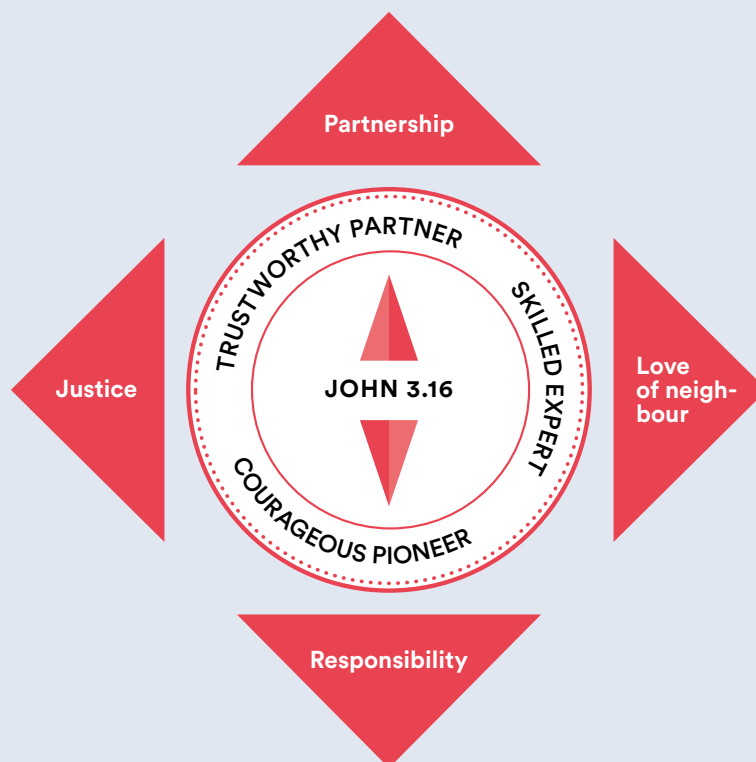
As one of the mission organisations of the church, we work in close partnership with the church both nationally and locally. Nearly 400 parishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland are members of Felm, and they support our work financially, practically and spiritually.

In turn, Felm supports the work of the parishes. For example, we offer parishes training and education in international and multicultural issues for adults, children and young people. We provide parishes with a range of material for use in work with parishioners of all ages. We also train Felm Volunteers for international tasks, as well as volunteer tasks in Finland.

We also undertake a wide range of communications and advocacy activities aimed both at policymakers and the general public.

The Greatest Christmas Carols, begun in 1973, is our biggest fundraising campaign. Every year The Greatest Christmas Carols singalongs organised by Felm and the parishes bring about one million Finns to churches and other places at Christmas to sing favourite traditional Christmas carols. Felm prepares the publicity material for these events – most importantly the song booklet, which also offers descriptions of Felm's work. At these singalongs a collection is taken for Felm's work.

OUR VALUES



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