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# HOPE

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## "Endurance inspired by Hope"

In this newsletter we consider our Christian brothers and sisters in a minority faith context, often facing extraordinary challenges, yet continuing to press on with God's work. To these brothers and sisters, as Paul did, "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

*1 Thessalonians 1:3*



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*Diocese of Multan, Pakistan*



## Pakistan

Pakistan consistently ranks in the bottom five of countries globally with respect to gender parity. Christian women and girls in Punjab face multi-layered discrimination and suppression due to their gender, faith, and socio-economic position. With the help of an ACF grant, the Diocese of Multan is working to uplift women suppressed by cultural and societal traditions, rules and customs. They are raising awareness of issues of domestic violence, women's health and hygiene, and women's constitutional rights, as well as working to promote literacy.

## Myanmar

A rat plague hit two parishes in the Diocese of Hpa-An, Myanmar in 2022, destroying seed sown and causing a loss of the following year's harvest. A grant from the ACF helped the Church to purchase and distribute rice - both to Christian families and to the very poor of other faiths, serving as a witness to God's love in this area touched by conflict, natural disaster and other maladies.



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