

Agency Brief: Episcopal Relief & Development

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” —Matthew 25:40



Who we are: Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church and an independent 501(c)(3) organization.

Founded in 1940 as the Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief. The agency’s name changed to Episcopal Relief & Development in 2000.

What we do: We work with local Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners to transform lives and empower communities. Our core program areas are:

- Alleviating hunger and improving food supply
- Creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities
- Promoting health and fighting disease
- Responding to disasters and rebuilding communities

We also address cross-cutting themes, including:

- Preventing and raising awareness of gender-based violence
- Promoting disaster risk reduction in communities prone to disaster, both natural and human-caused, to better withstand and prevent future incidents
- Climate change adaptation and related humanitarian concerns

Where we work: Episcopal Relief & Development reaches over 3 million people annually in almost 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Major initiatives: Beginning in the 1980s, Episcopal Relief & Development started shifting toward long-term, integrated programs that strengthen communities from within. Here are a few of our recent programmatic developments:

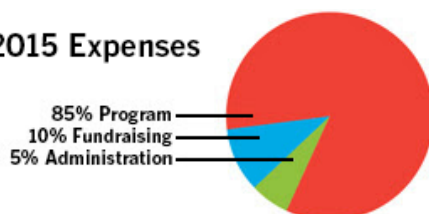
- **2006:** Episcopal Relief & Development launched the *NetsforLife*® malaria prevention and control partnership, which has distributed more than 24 million nets throughout sub-Saharan Africa and reached 47 million people with critical education and ongoing monitoring.
- **2010:** The organization expanded its US Disaster Program to offer trainings, a national volunteer database and an online resource library. In 2015, Episcopal Relief & Development and The Episcopal Church launched the Episcopal Asset Map.
- **2012:** Episcopal Relief & Development and our partner the Zambia Anglican Council launched an integrated Early Childhood Development (ECD) program for families affected by HIV/AIDS. The program provides training and support in ECD, health, livelihoods, agriculture and nutrition. In 2015 the ECD program was adapted and incorporated into programs in Kenya.

- **2014:** In collaboration with our Ghanaian partner ADDRO, the Anglican Diocesan Development and Relief Organization, Episcopal Relief & Development implemented an innovative project to enable women smallholder farmers to save time and labor by owning donkeys and plows, rather than working in the fields with hand tools or rented animals. Major support was received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through a Grand Challenges Explorations grant.
- **2015:** Episcopal Relief & Development launched a new initiative with the Episcopal Church of Liberia to engage faith-based organizations to prevent gender-based violence (GBV) and increase survivors' access to services. This program launched at an especially critical time in Liberia, as the 2014 outbreak of Ebola had left women and girls even more prone to violence and without essential services. In 2016, this program received additional support in partnership with Islamic Relief USA.

Staff and partners: Episcopal Relief & Development has approximately 50 staff members. The agency partners with over 90 global, national and local organizations around the world.

Budget: In 2015, our total budget was \$23.8 million, with program expenses of \$20.3 million (85%). The remaining budget powered fundraising (10%) and administration (5%). Investment income and contributed services from The Episcopal Church enable at least 90 cents of every donor dollar to benefit programs.

2015 Expenses



Funding Sources: Episcopal Relief & Development's work is possible because of generous donors – individuals, churches, dioceses, church-based organizations, seminaries, foundations, corporations and government agencies. Recent grants include:

- **The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** – for an integrated Early Childhood Development program addressing the special needs of those affected by HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable families in Zambia. (\$1.35 million, completed)
- **The Margaret A. Cargill Foundation** – to expand community-based child and maternal health programs in Ghana, Kenya and Zambia. (\$1 million, completed)
- **United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (administered by UN WOMEN)** – to engage faith-based organizations in Liberia to prevent gender-based violence and provide support to survivors. (\$680,216, active)
- **Against Malaria Foundation** – to distribute more than 2.6 million mosquito nets in three regions in Ghana, contributing to the goal of universal net coverage. (\$1,716,380, active)
- **Islamic Relief USA** – to engage ecumenical faith leaders in Liberia to prevent gender-based violence. (\$300,000, active)
- **USAID** – to empower women through Savings with Education groups and support community investment in water and sanitation in rural Angola. (\$1,485,516, active)
- **Episcopal Health Foundation** – supporting integrated child health programs in Africa with our Anglican partners. (\$200,000, active)