

Episcopal Relief and Development: 2023 Report to the Diocese of East Carolina

Episcopal Relief and Development work worldwide. We live our name. Working with Anglican and ecumenical partners, we collaborate with local communities, around the world, as they find solutions to hunger, poverty, disaster, and disease. Ultimately, our goal is to help people live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

Of course, we continue to respond to emergencies, both natural and human-caused, in the US and around the world—providing assistance to help alleviating suffer, restore dignity, build resilience, and jumpstart economic recovery.

Our US DISASTER PROGRAM offers critical resources and training to help people for disasters and provide emergency support so vulnerable communities can make a full and sustained recovery.

Internationally, our Disaster Risk Reduction efforts focus on preparing vulnerable and underserved communities in advance of crises. This involves coordination, training and providing tools for local partners so they are better able to serve and care for at risk population.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES OUR WORK

1. Our Asset-based model. We never impose solutions. Instead, we listen, learn and work to build upon strengths that already exist. We accompany individuals and whole communities as they grow to believe in their own knowledge, abilities, values and worth. We support communities as they break through traditional cycles of dependence based on external solutions and ideas.
2. We are focused on long-term solutions. Results are not immediate –working alongside communities takes time, patience and commitment.
3. Our connection to our Anglican Communion partners and local communities on the ground allows us to work in places where few others remain to deliver results that are lasting and sustainable. Through these networks and relationships, we are able to reach beyond the end of the road.

We empower women leaders. Our work strengthens women voices. As a result, they become active in decision making and positively change long held values and beliefs that are barriers to women's growth and development.

We focus on the healthy growth and development of children.

We improve food and nutrition. We create opportunities to help families grow nutritious food. We also monitor the development of children under six to ensure that they are receiving the care and support to reach their full potential.

We protect health and prevent disease. Our programs educate communities on prenatal and postnatal care as well as disease prevention.

We empower caregivers. Also, we create economic security and offer counseling and other services to prevent violence and protect children in underserved areas.

Global climates are changing. The number of climate-related disasters has doubled in the past 20 years. Episcopal Relief and Development helps communities prepare for and recover from floods, hurricanes and other climate events.

In closing, we reflect on our year and offer prayers for the communities affected by fires, floods, disease, violence, and other disasters. We further ask that you make a donation to Diocese of East Carolina designated to ERD toward assisting this ministry in caring out its calling.

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