



# 2006 Annual Report

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**Giving Hope to a  
World of Need**

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Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief and development agency of the United States Catholic community. Our mission is to help the poor and vulnerable overseas without regard to race, belief or nationality. We work in 98 countries around the world and touch the lives of 80 million people.

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In October 2005, a 7.6-magnitude earthquake in Pakistan killed 73,000 and left 3 million homeless. Catholic Relief Services' response focused on shelter, drawing on locally available materials and labor to prepare people for the quickly approaching winter months. Challenges included steep terrain and freezing temperatures, but CRS managed to help 130,000 people rebuild their homes.  
*Photo by David Snyder/CRS.*

## Catholic Relief Services Mission Statement

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and disadvantaged outside the country. It is administered by a Board of Bishops selected by the National Council of Catholic Bishops and is staffed by men and women committed to the Catholic Church's apostolate of helping those in need. It maintains strict standards of efficiency and accountability.

The fundamental motivating force in all activities of CRS is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it pertains to the alleviation of human suffering, the development of people and the fostering of charity and justice in the world. The policies and programs of the agency reflect and express the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, Catholic Relief Services assists persons on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

Catholic Relief Services gives active witness to the mandate of Jesus Christ to respond to human needs in the following ways:

- by responding to victims of natural and man-made disasters
- by providing assistance to the poor to alleviate their immediate needs
- by supporting self-help programs which involve people and communities in their own development
- by helping those it serves to restore and preserve their dignity and to realize their potential
- by collaborating with religious and nonsectarian persons and groups of goodwill in programs and projects which contribute to a more equitable society
- by helping to educate the people of the United States to fulfill their moral responsibilities in alleviating human suffering, removing its causes and promoting social justice

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In northern Uganda, there is a long history of violence between the government and a rebel group that calls itself the Lord's Resistance Army. Hundreds of thousands have fled the violence, some to camps for internally displaced people. At CooPe, one of the largest of these camps, Catholic Relief Services funds various programs, including water and sanitation, peacebuilding, and agriculture. Here, a camp resident looks over a field of cassava, one of the country's staple crops.

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A year and a half after the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami shocked the world with its ferocity, the people of Indonesia received yet another blow. A 6.3-magnitude earthquake, described by many as the worst ever in Yogyakarta and central Java, pulverized thousands of houses, burying families beneath the rubble. Catholic Relief Services immediately began the process of procuring and distributing shelter materials, blankets, clothing, and kitchen and hygiene kits to 25,000 beneficiaries in three of the hardest-hit areas — Kretek and Pundong in Bantul district, and Prambanan in Yogyakarta district. As soon as space could be cleared in the debris, people gathered to help each other rebuild their homes.

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