



CRS Ethiopia

Catholic Relief Services has worked in Ethiopia since 1958 and is one of CRS' largest country programs with 120 employees. CRS implements program activities in nine of Ethiopia's 10 regions, directly benefiting more than 589,000 Ethiopians without regard to religion or ethnicity. By working closely with local partners, including the Ethiopian Catholic Church, CRS leverages a powerful network across the country that supports service delivery in both urban and rural areas. In fiscal year 2007, the country program implemented 25 projects with a budget of \$25 million.

KEY PROGRAMMING AREAS

CRS Ethiopia takes an integrated approach to programming, providing multiple services within communities to help increase income and access to food. Primary activities in four key areas include improving health through access to clean water, supporting agricultural initiatives, helping families to increase asset bases and providing HIV and AIDS education and support.

- **Water and Sanitation**
- **Agriculture and Livelihoods**
- **Emergency Preparedness and Recovery**
- **HIV and AIDS**



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“Partnering closely for the last 20 years, CRS and the Haraghe Catholic Secretariat are making a significant impact in areas where families chronically fail to have sufficient food. Integrated activities including watershed protection, water source construction, agricultural support, health education, and food assistance are helping families lead better lives.”

Zemedede Abebe, Program Director

Ethiopian Catholic Church, Social and Development Coordinating Office of Hararghe

OUR PARTNERS

CRS Ethiopia relies on many local partners to implement its projects, leveraging existing networks to maximize results.

- Ethiopian Catholic Church, including Hararghe, Meki, Adigrat, Addis Ababa and Soddo Hosanna Catholic Secretariats
- Missionaries of Charity
- Medical Missionaries of Mary
- Organization for Social Services for AIDS
- Water Action
- Team Today and Tomorrow
- Metemamen
- Interfaith Peace Initiative

OUR DONORS

CRS Ethiopia is very grateful for the significant support it receives from its donors.

- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
 - Food For Peace
 - Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
 - Local USAID Mission
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- United Nations Humanitarian Response Fund
- Millennium Water Alliance
- Nike Foundation
- Foods Resource Bank
- CRS Private Donors

Giving Hope to a World of Need

Key CRS Projects in Ethiopia

❖ PEPFAR HIV and AIDS Projects

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief awarded CRS Ethiopia three large grants to help stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and provide critical care and support to affected Ethiopians. Activities funded by these grants include a *Healthy Choices* prevention project, home-based care and counseling support for HIV-positive patients, comprehensive support for children orphaned by the epidemic, and food assistance for the neediest.

❖ Integrated Watershed Management Projects

CRS Ethiopia is implementing five privately-funded projects that provide integrated services within a watershed area to improve health, water access, income generation, natural resource management and food security for involved communities. CRS also uses this integrated watershed management approach in implementing its other projects.

❖ Productive Safety Net Program

In 2005, the Government of Ethiopia launched the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) to provide food to needy families through food-for-work public works activities. The aim is to help these people exit the cycle of chronic food insecurity by enabling them to increase their assets. Using USAID funds, CRS Ethiopia is helping to deliver PSNP food to 168,696 people in six districts and is also providing related support services to 87,260 people.

❖ OFDA Agriculture and Recovery Project

Using funds from the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, in fiscal year 2008 CRS will help increase household assets for 22,600 families in the Oromia region, an area known for chronic food insecurity. Planned activities include seed, tools and livestock fairs; irrigation schemes; agro-enterprise initiatives; and health education.



❖ Title II Food for Missionaries of Charity Homes

The Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa, runs 16 homes across Ethiopia that provide medical care and support for sick, elderly and handicapped people unable to support themselves. Through Title II donations, CRS gives critical food resources to these homes, helping to feed Ethiopia's neediest people.

“Since 1958, CRS Ethiopia has been working side by side with Ethiopians to help them survive emergencies and improve their economic standing overall. We remain committed to helping Ethiopians break out of the cycle of poverty and build strong foundations to sustain their families through the next crisis.”

David Orth-Moore

CRS Ethiopia, Country Representative

About CRS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Founded in 1943, CRS' mission is to help the poor and vulnerable overseas without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS works in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world, touching the lives of 80 million people.



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