



CRS Tanzania

Catholic Relief Services has been working in Tanzania with Church and other local partners since 1962. CRS implements program activities in 14 of Tanzania's regions, directly benefiting more than 350,000 Tanzanians without regard to religion or ethnicity. CRS has offices in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Arusha.

KEY PROGRAM AREAS

HIV and AIDS

With more than 1 million adults in Tanzania living with HIV, CRS Tanzania places a strong focus on HIV and AIDS programming. Projects provide care and treatment, support to children orphaned by AIDS and other vulnerable children, and home-based care to improve the health of people with HIV and encourage community support. These initiatives include training in essential life skills, disease prevention and ways to live positively with HIV. CRS also integrates agriculture and microfinance programs into our HIV projects to help affected Tanzanians produce sufficient food and income.



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Agro-Enterprise

CRS Tanzania is piloting groundbreaking work in agro-enterprise, targeting poor farmers in the country's semiarid northern and lake zones. The goal is to increase farming incomes by developing markets for local crops, connecting farmers to new market opportunities and improving yields for greater sales. Through the Great Lakes Cassava Initiative, CRS Tanzania is also helping to stop the spread of cassava diseases by giving farmers access to disease-tolerant cassava plants, enabling them to grow more roots to both eat and sell.

Microfinance

CRS is helping Tanzanians build their assets by organizing savings and internal lending communities (SILC) as part of most of our projects in Tanzania. These valuable community groups encourage members to save small amounts of money each week, typically 50 cents to \$1. Members can then withdraw small loans against the pooled savings to use as capital for microenterprise ventures, such as opening a small shop or purchasing a goat to breed livestock. More than 1,125 groups with nearly 25,000 total members have formed. These projects are funded by multiple donors, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the U.S. government.

OUR PARTNERS

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

- Tanzanian Episcopal Conference
- Government of Tanzania
- AIDSRelief Treatment Facilities
- Community-based Agricultural Organizations

OUR DONORS

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

- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Global Water Initiative
- CRS private donors and other public donors

Giving Hope to a World of Need

KEY CRS PROJECTS IN TANZANIA

❖ **AIDSRelief: Providing Treatment, Restoring Hope**

CRS is the lead agency for PEPFAR-funded AIDSRelief, a faith-based consortium of five organizations that implement HIV and AIDS projects in 10 countries. In Tanzania, AIDSRelief is providing high-quality antiretroviral therapy and medical care at 94 government and faith-based hospitals, serving more than 97,500 people with HIV.

❖ **Orphans and Vulnerable Children Projects**

The AIDS pandemic has left behind 2 million orphans in Tanzania. Working through community-based partners, CRS' PEPFAR and privately-funded programs provide food support, educational support, antiretroviral treatment referrals, counseling services, life skills training and health care access to 51,925 children and their caregivers.

❖ **Great Lakes Cassava Initiative**

The Great Lakes Cassava Initiative, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and led by CRS, is helping to improve food security and incomes in eastern and central Africa by giving poor farmers access to disease-tolerant cassava plants to replant healthy fields.

❖ **Integrated Agro-Enterprise Development and HIV Projects**

CRS is helping farming communities in the Northern and Lake Zones gain better access to markets while improving health through HIV education. Two key projects—one funded by USAID, the other by CORDAID—are organizing farming groups to increase incomes through market alliances and collective bargaining. CRS also provides these groups with HIV education and trains them in community-based savings and lending.



❖ **SILC Innovations Microfinance Initiative**

CRS is helping Tanzanians to build their assets by organizing savings and internal lending communities (SILC) through an initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in three East African countries. To date, Over 1,000 groups with more than 21,500 members have been formed.

❖ **Peace Initiative of Religious Leaders**

CRS supports the Tanzanian Episcopal Conference's interfaith peace initiative to build dialogue among Tanzania's various religious groups.

“Catholic Relief Services addresses Tanzania’s most pressing development needs working with local partners. Through integrated initiatives, CRS is helping people in need overcome poverty, increase food security and live with dignity.”

Conor Walsh,

CRS Tanzania Country Representative

About CRS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Founded in 1943, CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.



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