Catholic Relief Services works with vulnerable communities around the world to respond to the challenges of a changing climate through adaptation programs—helping communities manage risks, recover, adapt and strengthen their resilience for the future.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAMS**

- Smallholder farmers are building their capacity to adapt to the changing climate by learning new agricultural skills and techniques, improving infrastructure and restoring degraded lands to improve natural resources like soil and water.

- To protect themselves and their livelihoods and to reduce damage caused by severe weather, communities are preparing ahead by developing early warning systems, creating evacuations plans and making evacuation kits.

- For communities experiencing emergencies or disasters, short-term humanitarian response programs provide immediate food, medical and agriculture supplies, while medium- and long-term programming focuses on income generation, education, health, natural resource management and improving livelihoods.

CRS looks forward to working with the U.S. Congress to prioritize support for vulnerable communities impacted by climate change, helping them adapt to the effects of increasing global temperatures to strengthen their resilience for the future.

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