

facts & figures



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Founded during World War II by the U.S. Catholic community, Catholic Relief Services is an international humanitarian organization that seeks to end poverty, hunger and disease. We are now one of the most trusted relief and development agencies in the world. We work in 110* countries and reach more than 136 million people.

DEDICATED TO LASTING CHANGE

75 YEARS OF SERVICE

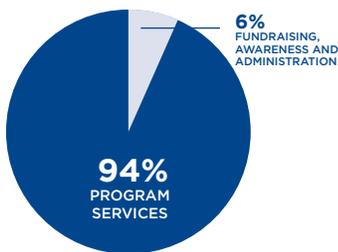
110 COUNTRIES

7,000 GLOBAL STAFF

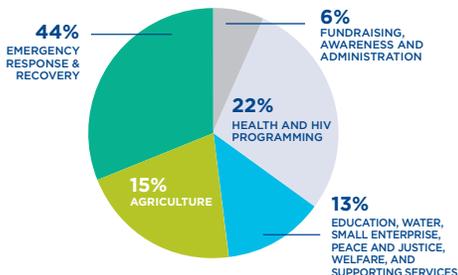
136,400,000 PEOPLE SERVED

1,951 PARTNERS

2017 OPERATING EXPENSES



BREAKDOWN OF PROGRAM SERVICES



CRS is one of the most efficient aid organizations in the world. In 2017, 94 percent of our total expenditures went directly to programs that help the poor overseas.

*All figures are for fiscal year 2017.

And as the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, we help Catholics in parishes, dioceses and schools live their faith by participating in programs that work to end poverty and injustice around the world.

Focusing on innovative programs in agriculture, health and emergency response, our partnerships with communities and Church institutions continue to grow. Our 75 years of experience have enabled us to address urgent needs and develop sustainable solutions that help end poverty now—and for future generations.

CRS is proud to be a founding member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation of more than 160 members. Inspired by Catholic faith, Caritas responds to emergencies, promotes development, and advocates for fairness and justice in communities around the world.

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

MICROFINANCE • HIV & AIDS RELIEF • EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY • MOBILE TECHNOLOGY
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES • JUSTICE & PEACEBUILDING • AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS
PARTNERSHIP & CAPACITY STRENGTHENING • WATER & SANITATION

SIGNATURE PROGRAM AREAS

! EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY

More than 43 percent of our programming focuses on emergency relief. Once we meet immediate needs for food, water and shelter, we begin rebuilding and reconstruction—helping people suffering from natural disasters, chronic emergencies and conflict to reclaim their lives.

52 COUNTRIES • 201 PROJECTS

🌱 AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS

One in nine people around the world—more than 800 million people—go hungry every day. We know that chronic hunger affects health, growth, learning and people's earnings. That's why we're sowing the seeds of change with projects that combine health care, microfinance and literacy with sustainable agriculture.

51 COUNTRIES • 124 PROJECTS

+ HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

CRS helps build healthy families, bringing quality care to communities with little or no access to health services. We focus on the people at greatest risk—mothers, infants and young children—and our projects address a range of health challenges throughout life.

42 COUNTRIES • 119 PROJECTS

faith. action. results.

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