

Agency Brief: Episcopal Relief & Development

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
– Matthew 25:40*



About: Episcopal Relief & Development is the international humanitarian agency of the Episcopal Church and an independent 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 1940 as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, the agency's name changed to Episcopal Relief & Development in 2000.

Episcopal Relief & Development facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease around the world.

Priorities: The organization collaborates with communities around the world to address three life-changing priorities:

- [Women](#): helps communities promote the rights of women and move toward the vision that everyone deserves a life free from violence in a society where they are treated with dignity and respect.
- [Children](#): supports and protect kids under age six so they reach appropriate health and developmental milestones critical to helping them reach their full potential and become future contributing members of their communities.
- [Climate](#): focuses on how families and communities can work together to adapt to the effects of rapidly changing weather patterns as they prepare for and recover from climate-influenced events such as hurricanes and floods.

The connection to Anglican partners and local communities on the ground allows the agency to work in places where few others remain for the long haul and to deliver life-improving results in innovative ways.

Where: Through an [asset-based](#) approach, Episcopal Relief & Development reaches over 3 million people annually in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Major initiatives: In the 1980s, Episcopal Relief & Development began shifting toward long-term, integrated programs that strengthen communities from within. Here are a few developments in the last decade:

- **2006:** Launched the *NetsforLife*[®] malaria prevention and control partnership.
- **2010:** Expanded its US Disaster Program. In 2015, debuted the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project with the Episcopal Church.
- **2012:** Along with the Zambia Anglican Council, partnered on an integrated Early Childhood Development (ECD)

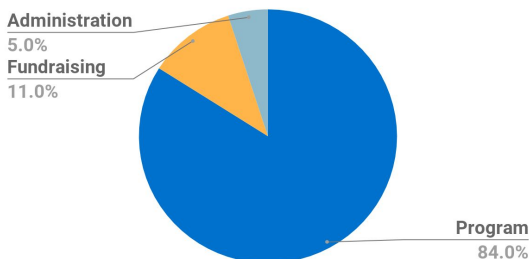
program for families affected by HIV/AIDS.

- **2014:** Implemented an innovative project in Ghana, in collaboration with ADDRO, the Anglican Diocesan Development and Relief Organization, to enable women farmers to save time and labor by owning donkeys and plows.
- **2015:** Launched a program with the Episcopal Church of Liberia Relief & Development to engage faith leaders to help prevent gender-based violence and increase survivors' access to services. Received additional support in partnership with Islamic Relief USA in 2016.
- **2017:** Initiated a new strategic plan that identified three key program priorities to help the organization make a measurable and lasting impact on communities. The signature priorities are Women, Children and Climate.

Staff and partners: The organization has approximately 50 staff members and partners with over 90 global, national and local organizations around the world.

Budget: In 2017, Episcopal Relief & Development's total budget was \$23.3 million. See breakdown for expenses below:

2017 Expenses



Funding Sources: The organization's work is possible because of generous donors – individuals, churches, dioceses, church-based organizations, seminaries, foundations, corporations and government agencies. Recent grants include:

- **The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** – for an integrated Early Childhood Development program supporting children and caregivers affected by HIV/AIDS and other vulnerabilities in Zambia and Kenya. (\$1.4 million, October 2017 - September 2021)
- **United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (administered by UN WOMEN)** – to engage faith leaders in Liberia to prevent gender-based violence and provide support to survivors. (\$670,000, October 2018 - September 2021)
- **Against Malaria Foundation** – to monitor the registration, distribution and use of more than 2.6 million mosquito nets in three regions in Ghana, contributing to the goal of universal net coverage and promoting sustained usage. (\$1,225,000, April 2016 - December 2018)
- **Islamic Relief USA** – to engage ecumenical faith leaders in Liberia to prevent gender-based violence. (\$300,000, May 2016 - April 2018)
- **USAID** – to support community-led investment in water and sanitation and empower communities through Savings with Education groups in rural Angola. (\$1,485,516, January 2016 - January 2019)