

## Introduction

Episcopal Relief & Development partners with locally led organizations around the world to advance lasting change in communities impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change.

Our Episcopal faith, culture and values provide the framework for us to build strong relationships around the world with leaders and organizations on the ground, living in the communities we serve. We work with committed local partners to co-create innovative, unique and transformational programs. This approach is rooted in personal involvement and a deep trust that honors community agency in creating positive climate-related results that last.

Extreme weather events like heat waves, droughts and floods are leaving millions of people without food and water. Often, those most at risk are isolated, rural, subsistence farming households, far from basic support services. Episcopal Relief & Development's extensive faith network allows us to reach these remote communities and, through our partners, provide the skills, training, information and access to finance that households need to cope and adapt to rising climate risks and uncertainty.

By 2030, Episcopal Relief & Development intends to equip 30,000 community-based climate resilience change agents and strengthen climate adaptation of 150,000 households in underserved and remote areas across the world. Our interventions will include evidence-based strategies that stabilize households that are experiencing acute primary needs, reduce disaster risk and strengthen sustainable community development. The full strategic summary of that goal follows and can be found [here](#).

This toolkit offers ways we can care for the Earth and help slow down global warming. We are hopeful and believe that by working together through prayers and action, we can prepare for future disasters and restore God's very good gift of creation.

Gleaning from our work across diverse communities, we have created this resource to meet faith leaders in a variety of contexts and provide direction and support to all, including:

- Churches large and small
- Schools, Campus Ministries, Camp & Conference Centers
- Those just beginning this conversation
- Those already engaged in Creation Care
- Emergent and non-traditional communities and missions

You are a part of our unique global network, working together for lasting change. With your help, Episcopal Relief & Development will reach its goals globally by 2030. Following is our strategy summary. The entire report, including additional information about how we are building climate resilience, including partnerships and assessment tools, our geographic footprint and a bibliography, can be found on our [website](https://www.episcopalrelief.org).

This entire toolkit, as well as more information about how you can engage with our work, is available on our website at [www.episcopalrelief.org](https://www.episcopalrelief.org).



*Florence is a mentor farmer in Homabay County in Kenya, working in her tree nursery. She has donated tree seedlings to schools and encourages students and other community members to plant trees. Florence is grateful for Episcopal Relief & Development's partnership with Anglican Church of Kenya, ADS-Nyanza and continuing education about the critical role trees play in farming and combating the changing climate.*