



Our Mandate

Working in partnership with the worldwide Church, ecumenical agencies and local organizations, Episcopal Relief & Development saves lives and strengthens communities around the world.

We take our mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25:

"Lord, when was it that

We saw you hungry and gave you food?

We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?

We saw you a stranger and welcomed you?

We saw you sick and took care of you?

We saw you in prison and visited you?

'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: 37-40 (NRSV)

Our Mission

Episcopal Relief & Development is a compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Episcopal Relief & Development faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church and raised from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

Episcopal Relief & Development cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people.



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Letter from the President and Board Chair

Your exceptional generosity in 2007 helped us to change the lives of close to 2.5 million people in more than 40 countries—a new milestone in Episcopal Relief & Development's history!

In 2007, you made it possible for us to work with more than 60 partners from the worldwide Church, ecumenical groups and other local organizations as we responded to needs around the world. These partnerships provided an entrée and trust, allowing us into the very heart of communities to share ideas, expertise and resources and to develop lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and disease.

In Matthew 25, Episcopal Relief & Development's mandate, Jesus reminds us that we are members of his worldwide family. As such, we have a responsibility to meet the needs of those in our family who are hurting.

Your generosity is evidence that you have embraced this call. Because of your faithful support, we have:

- ▶ Brought hope and a chance to start over to people whose lives were shattered by disasters.
- ▶ Created opportunities for individuals to start small businesses, earn more income and climb out of poverty.
- ▶ Helped families grow better crops, improve the food supply and avoid hunger.
- ▶ Fought killer diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS and empowered entire communities to stop preventable diseases in their tracks.

As this Annual Summary indicates, your gifts have borne good fruit. The investment you made in Episcopal Relief & Development has paid off in the lives of the people you'll read about, such as:

Mariama, who can feed her children in Ghana all year long since she learned about dry-season farming.

Beatrice and her neighbors in Kenya, who have a new source of income because they were able to purchase a simple machine.

Juan and Maria in Nicaragua, who can keep their children healthy now that they have clean water in their village.

Amina and her family in India, who found new hope after the Indian Ocean tsunami destroyed their livelihood.

We are grateful that you entrusted Episcopal Relief & Development to be a steward of your gifts to help suffering people around the world. Together we have responded to the call of Christ to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.

As you review this year's Annual Summary, celebrate all you have done in the name of Christ to help us heal a hurting world. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing prayers and support.

Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke,
President

The Rt. Rev. Harry B. Bainbridge III,
Chair of the Board



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Overview of Accomplishments in 2007

Episcopal Relief & Development reached close to 2.5 million people in more than 40 countries around the world in 2007.

These individuals were not simply “beneficiaries” of our programs—they were the principle actors in creating a better future for themselves and their communities. We worked together with our on-the-ground partners, mobilizing and empowering people to identify their needs, maximize their resources and develop long-term solutions that benefit the entire community, especially the most vulnerable members.

Using this approach, Episcopal Relief & Development partnered with more than 60 organizations in 2007 throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the United States to have a positive impact on thousands of communities.

Our programs address the following areas:

- ▶ Alleviating Hunger and Improving Food Supply
- ▶ Creating Economic Opportunities and Strengthening Communities
- ▶ Promoting Health and Fighting Disease
- ▶ Responding to Disasters and Rebuilding Communities

Through our programs, we brought healing to a hurting world. We answered the call of Matthew 25 by providing food for the hungry, care for the sick and opportunities for the stranger and those in need. Today, people are healthy, children are well-fed and communities are thriving because of your commitment to heed Christ’s words and share your resources with your family around the world.



The Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund: Our Commitment to the MDGs

In 2007, Episcopal Relief & Development launched the Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund—a new initiative that highlights the urgency of reaching the Millennium Development Goals.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were established in 2000 to cut in half by 2015 the number of people living in extreme poverty. The eight MDGs were created by the international community, including leaders from 191 countries, and endorsed by development institutions and religious bodies. At the 75th General Convention in June 2006, the Episcopal Church set the MDGs as a mission priority.

The Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund was created to help the Church continue to lead the way towards achieving the MDGs. This joint effort of Episcopal Relief & Development, Jubilee Ministries and the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church will raise \$3 million by 2009. Funds will be used specifically towards achieving goals 4, 5 and 6, which focus on saving lives and preventing disease, especially among women and children.

- ▶ MDG 4: Reduce child mortality
- ▶ MDG 5: Improve maternal health
- ▶ MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases



Alleviating Hunger and Improving Food Supply

The ability to secure food for oneself and one's family is a basic human need. Yet roughly 850 million people around the world suffer from chronic hunger, and an estimated 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes every day.

Episcopal Relief & Development brings hope to those who are hungry. We work with our partners to ensure people have enough nutritious food to eat on a daily basis and that food is available, affordable and accessible.

Our programs:

- ▶ Provide new tools, seeds and training to support effective farming
- ▶ Distribute healthy animals to produce food
- ▶ Introduce diversified crops and sustainable farming methods that increase yield and protect the environment
- ▶ Supply food to vulnerable groups and those experiencing chronic food shortages, including people living with HIV/AIDS and their families; refugees and displaced persons; and households headed by women, children and the elderly

With your help, we are fighting the root causes of hunger and equipping families and communities to develop sustainable sources of food.



Highlights from 2007

Episcopal Relief & Development worked in 21 countries to reduce hunger and ensure a sufficient, long-term food supply.

- ▶ In Haiti, which suffers from the world's worst food deficit, we partnered with the Diocese of Haiti to develop school canteens that provide nutritious lunches for more than 2,000 school children every day. The canteens purchase all their food products from local farmers—providing a stable source of income for residents and strengthening the long-term economy of the region.
- ▶ Along the border between Thailand and Myanmar, 150,000 Burmese refugees live in overcrowded camps. Food rations are extremely limited, and the refugees are prohibited from growing additional food. We partnered with the Thailand-Burma Border Consortium to provide supplemental and therapeutic feeding to close to 10,000 of the most vulnerable members in the camps—young children and people with conditions such as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.
- ▶ In the Democratic Republic of Congo, where communities have experienced years of civil war and drought, we worked with the Diocese of Boga on an agriculture program that created a steady food supply for 2,000 people. We provided tools, seeds and training to help community members learn to raise new types of crops and use sustainable farming methods.



Mariama*, a 48-year-old mother of six, lives in a rural community in northern Ghana, the region with the highest malnutrition and child and maternal mortality rates in the country. For years, Mariama and her neighbors struggled to feed their families by farming small plots in this drought-prone area. Traditionally, they only planted crops during the very short rainy season, which often led to food shortages during the long dry season.

A partnership between Episcopal Relief & Development, the Anglican Diocese of Tamale (which serves northern Ghana) and its development agency, ADDRO, significantly improved conditions for Mariama and her neighbors.

A women's farming cooperative was formed, and each woman in the cooperative received \$100 in start-up capital and training in basic accounting and bookkeeping. The women learned new farming methods, including dry-season vegetable gardening. Within one year, they earned a profit exceeding \$3,000—more than tripling their initial total investment of \$1,000. They used the profit to expand their farming activities.

Mariama, her children and her community no longer are hungry. The children aren't needed to work the farm any longer, and Mariama now can afford to send them to school.

* Not Pictured



Promoting Health and Fighting Disease

In many parts of the world, people die because they lack the basics—such as clean water, essential health care, information on disease prevention or a simple mosquito net. Young children and women are the most vulnerable: malaria kills 3,000 children every day; acute respiratory infections claim more than two million lives each year; and contaminated water causes 1.6 million deaths annually. Close to 500,000 pregnant women die every year from preventable causes.

Episcopal Relief & Development saves precious lives every day and cares for those who suffer. We move people from sickness to strength by ensuring that they have access to resources, knowledge and care.

Working with our partners, we:

- ▶ Provide basic health care by supporting local clinics
- ▶ Offer maternal and child health programs
- ▶ Build wells, latrines, water stations and smokeless stoves to prevent water-borne illnesses and acute respiratory infections, and provide training in their use and maintenance
- ▶ Train community health workers to teach nutrition and prevention of diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS
- ▶ Distribute long-lasting insecticide-treated nets to prevent malaria transmission

Because of your support, we are preventing disease and death through health education, basic health care and simple interventions that address underlying problems such as a lack of clean water or sanitation facilities.

In 2007, Episcopal Relief & Development worked in more

Alleviating Hunger and
Improving Food Supply

174,104

Creating Economic Opportunities
and Strengthening Communities

58,034

Promoting Health and
Fighting Disease

1,852,552

Responding to Disasters and
Rebuilding Communities

406,805

2,491,495

Alleviating Hunger and Improving Food Supply

People Reached: 174,104

- Argentina
- Burundi
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- El Salvador
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- South Africa
- Swaziland
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Uruguay
- Zambia

Creating Economic Opportunities and Strengthening Communities

People Reached: 58,034

- Afghanistan
- Belize
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- El Salvador
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Zambia

than 40 countries, reaching close to 2.5 million people.

Promoting Health and Fighting Disease

People Reached: 1,852,552

- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Argentina
- Bangladesh
- Belize
- Brazil
- Botswana
- Burundi
- China
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- El Salvador
- Ghana
- Honduras
- India
- Jerusalem/ West Bank/ Gaza
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nicaragua
- Pakistan
- Peru
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Responding to Disasters and Rebuilding Communities

People Reached: 406,805

- Angola
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Burundi
- China
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- El Salvador*
- Ghana
- Haiti
- Honduras*
- Jerusalem/ West Bank/ Gaza
- India*
- Liberia*
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Korea
- Pakistan*
- Peru
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka*
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Sudan*
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- United States*
- Zambia

* Includes long-term rebuilding programs



Highlights from 2007

Episcopal Relief & Development worked with partners in 31 countries to promote health and fight preventable diseases in 2007.

- ▶ Belize has the highest HIV/AIDS rate in Central America, and surveys indicated an alarming lack of knowledge about HIV transmission among young people. We partnered with the Diocese of Belize to introduce an HIV-prevention curriculum into the Anglican school system, which educates 5,000 students across the country. Data from the first year shows that 63% of participating students demonstrated an above-average understanding of how to avoid HIV/AIDS.
- ▶ In Bangladesh, where malnutrition and maternal mortality rates are among the highest in the world, we worked with the Church of Bangladesh to support the Thanabari Clinic and its sub-center in Dharti. The clinics serve 100,000 people in 18 villages who have no other access to health care. Eighteen health workers—one for each village—were trained to provide prenatal care, teach basic nutrition and educate residents on disease prevention and proper sanitation practices.
- ▶ Episcopal Relief & Development is a managing partner for *NetsforLife*®, a program to prevent malaria in 15 sub-Saharan countries in Africa. *NetsforLife*® completed its second year of operation in 2007, distributing 483,117 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets and reaching 914,550 people through malaria-awareness activities. The program achieved a very high net-usage rate, with close to 90% of households using their nets consistently. Three countries—Angola, Ghana and Zambia—were awarded additional grants in 2007 from government agencies and foundations, including the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation and U.S. Agency for International Development's Malaria Communities Program.



Juan, his wife, Maria, and their five children knew the harmful effects of dirty, contaminated water in their village of Bijagua, Nicaragua. They used to bring the household water for cooking, bathing, drinking and washing in buckets from a stream ten minutes away from their home—the same stream where cattle roamed.*

The children constantly were sick with diarrhea, and getting the water each day was a real burden. “Our daughter spent so much time carrying water, she was falling behind in her school work,” Maria said. “We always worried about her walking alone in the dark of the early mornings and evenings. There are poisonous snakes around here.”

Episcopal Relief & Development partnered with El Porvenir, an organization that works in Nicaraguan communities to develop water, sanitation and re-forestation projects. A clean water system was built in Juan and Maria’s village. Juan and his community received education and training on properly maintaining the water system, practicing proper water hygiene and protecting children and families from preventable, water-related diseases. Local health monitors also tracked instances of water-borne illnesses.

Now Bijagua has safe water, and residents are healthy. “Our daughter is excelling in school now that she doesn’t have to carry buckets of water,” Maria said. “And the children don’t have diarrhea anymore.”

** Not Pictured*



Creating Economic Opportunities and Strengthening Communities

Almost half the world's population—2.7 billion people—lives in poverty. Chronic poverty not only deprives people of necessities such as food, shelter and clothing, but it also robs them of their dignity. It compromises their health and their ability to gain education and employment.

Episcopal Relief & Development creates opportunities for people to generate income and support their families—taking them from poverty to prosperity. We focus on empowering traditionally marginalized groups such as women, indigenous people and those with HIV/AIDS.

With our partners, we:

- ▶ Provide micro-finance opportunities and training to develop small businesses
- ▶ Promote cooperatives so people can pool their resources to make larger equipment purchases such as food processors and refiners that add value to their crops
- ▶ Work with farming communities to increase yield and introduce new crops that have more market value

With your commitment, we are transforming lives and helping communities achieve economic stability by building on what people already have to offer—their initiative, creativity, existing assets and knowledge.



Highlights from 2007

Episcopal Relief & Development worked in 21 countries to create opportunities for individuals to earn money, support their families and help their communities achieve economic stability.

- ▶ In two communities in western El Salvador, we worked with our local partner, CREDHO, to train women to make homemade shampoos, pomades and creams from locally grown plants. Women learned about plant cultivation, basic business skills, product development and marketing techniques. Additional support helped the women rent a storage facility and purchase containers to package the products.
- ▶ In the Philippines, many indigenous farmers are unable to get a fair price for their rice and corn because they have no resources to process and store the crops. We partnered with two dioceses to build cement drying pavements, purchase threshers and construct warehouses. These improvements enabled farmers to wait for the best prices, thus increasing household incomes by 20%.
- ▶ The Jofeh Rehabilitation Center in Jordan, located in an area with a 50% unemployment rate, provides education and vocational training for disabled youth in 13 communities. We worked with the Jofeh Center to train students in craft-making skills such as carpet weaving, sewing, tailoring and paper making. These disabled young people gained marketable skills that will help them earn a living.



Beatrice* lives in Palaka, a village in the Diocese of Maseno West in western Kenya. All her life she has struggled to provide for her family with her only asset: two acres of land that she cultivated at a subsistence level. Like many women of her generation in this region of Kenya, Beatrice cares for grandchildren who lost their parents to AIDS.

With the hope of improving her family's situation, Beatrice joined a community cooperative supported by Episcopal Relief & Development and our local partner, IDCCS. In consultation with agricultural technical advisers, the group decided to use the funds provided by Episcopal Relief & Development to invest in a simple machine to process sunflower seeds into oil. Sunflower oil is a daily staple used by every household in the area, so the group knew that it had a ready market.

Beatrice planted half of her land with sunflowers. Now that she can process the seeds into oil, she is earning four times what she earned before. The sunflower field also allowed her to initiate another business. By placing beehives close to the sunflower fields, she has been able to produce honey that is sold at a shop maintained by her cooperative.

Now Beatrice and the others in the cooperative are earning the money they need to provide for their families and build a stronger future for the community.

* Not Pictured



Responding to Disasters and Rebuilding Communities

An estimated 200 million people were affected by 399 disasters in 2007. Damaging floods, cyclones, hurricanes and typhoons wiped out entire communities around the world. Earthquakes, tornadoes, violent storms and wildfires left paths of destruction in their wake.

Tens of millions of people continued to be affected by complex emergencies, displaced from their homes because of war, civil unrest, long-term drought and famine. Hundreds of thousands worked hard to restore their lives and communities following the unprecedented disasters of recent years—Hurricane Katrina, the Indian Ocean tsunami and the devastating earthquake in Pakistan.

Episcopal Relief & Development reaches out to people affected by disasters—especially those with no other resources to fall back on. We provide life-saving assistance in the immediate aftermath of disasters and stay with communities through the process of rebuilding. Working with our partners, we:

- ▶ Deliver critical supplies such as food, water, shelter and medicines
- ▶ Offer trauma counseling and psychosocial services
- ▶ Repair and rebuild homes, schools, clinics and infrastructure
- ▶ Support long-term recovery programs to restore the economic and social life within communities

Because of your generosity, we are helping individuals rebuild their lives and strengthen their communities—moving from adversity to advantage.



Highlights from 2007

- ▶ Episcopal Relief & Development responded to 61 disasters in 34 countries around the world in 2007. Eighteen were in the United States, and 43 were overseas. We worked in partnership with churches and ecumenical agencies to assist people affected by natural disasters as well as those experiencing crises such as civil unrest, outbreaks of violence and forced migration. We also continued our long-term rebuilding partnerships in eight countries.
- ▶ In Louisiana and Mississippi, we partnered with two local organizations to provide affordable housing and access to low-interest mortgages for Katrina victims. Working with the Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative in New Orleans, we created community partnerships to rehabilitate neighborhoods, empower families and facilitate home ownership. Through Hallelujah Housing, families in affected Mississippi communities were able to obtain low-interest gap loans to rebuild or purchase new homes.
- ▶ After the devastating earthquake of 2005, six mountain villages in Pateka in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan lost their water supply when the creek dried up unexpectedly. We partnered with the Diocese of Peshawar to locate and improve a small natural reservoir, allowing water to be pumped to Pateka Chak, where two concrete water-holding areas were constructed. This new system provides clean water for more than 2,000 people.



For generations, the men of Talbagan, a community on North Andaman Island off the coast of India, left their homes early in the morning and walked a short distance to the naali (drainage canal) to get into their boats and head for the sea. They would return with a decent catch of fish, enough to feed their families, with extra to sell for a small profit.

But in 2004, the Indian Ocean tsunami devastated this small community and radically changed the island's coastline. The naali no longer fills with water, making it difficult to get to the sea. Without the ability to fish, families suffered the significant loss of a regular source of food and income.

This change directly affected Anima's* family. She desperately needed to find an alternate source of income to support her family of seven, since her husband and sons could not rely on the sea to make a living. She found such an opportunity through a backyard-poultry program supported by Episcopal Relief & Development and the Church of North India. Anima received a few hens and training in the basics of raising poultry and running a small business. In just a month's time, the hens were laying eggs, almost covering the entire cost of their feed. Soon after, she was making a small profit.

Anima comes to the hatchery three times a day to feed the hens, usually accompanied by her grandson. "I feel good that I can do something to contribute to the family income," she said.

* Not Pictured

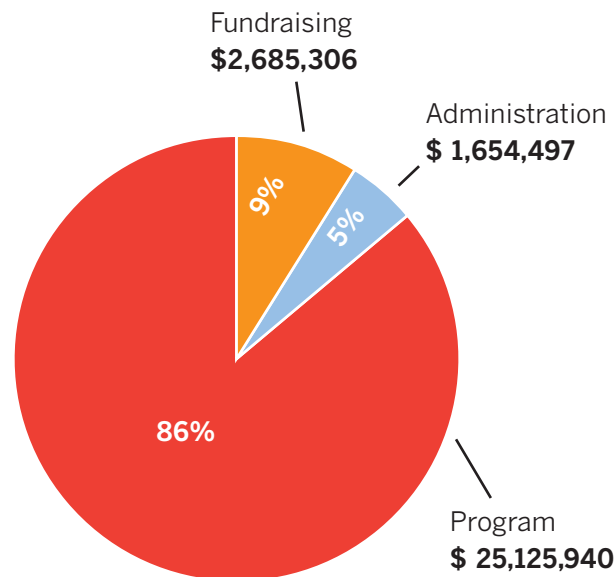
Financial Highlights: Fiscal Year 2007

Statement of Activities—As of December 31, 2007

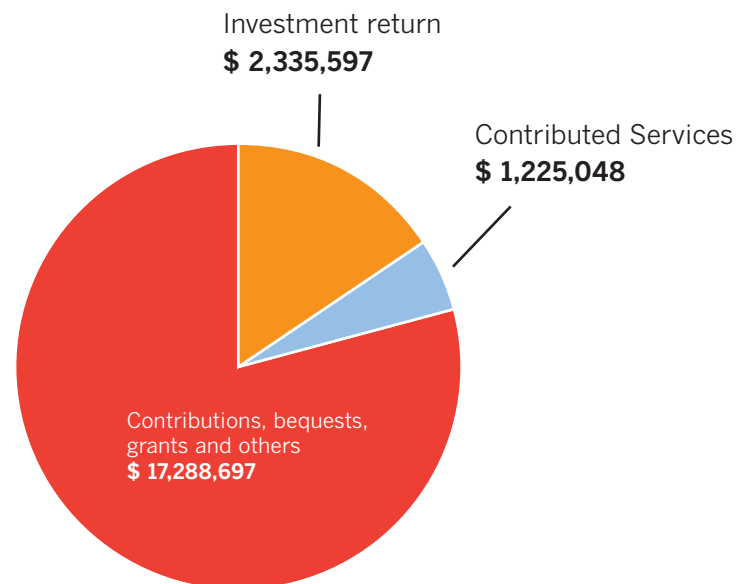
Activities	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues and other support:				
Contributions, bequests, grants and other	\$ 6,880,009	\$ 10,407,688	\$ 1,000	\$ 17,288,697
Investment return	\$ 2,324,189	\$ 12,562	(1,154)	2,335,597
Grant - DFMS	-	-	-	-
Contributed services	1,225,048	-	-	1,225,048
Net assets released from restrictions	18,836,297	(18,836,297)	-	-
Total revenues and other support	\$ 29,265,543	\$ (8,416,047)	\$ (154)	\$ 20,849,342
Expenses:				
Food security	3,047,703	-	-	3,047,703
Primary health	7,570,879	-	-	7,570,879
Emergency relief and rebuilding	14,507,358	-	-	14,507,358
Total program expenses	\$ 25,125,940	-	-	\$ 25,125,940
Fundraising	2,685,306	-	-	2,685,306
Administration	1,654,497	-	-	1,654,497
Total expenses	\$ 29,465,743	-	-	\$ 29,465,743
Change in net assets	\$ (200,200)	\$ (8,416,047)	\$ (154)	\$ (8,616,401)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (Note G)	90,585			90,585
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 18,199,030	\$ 20,790,960	\$ 838,691	\$ 39,828,681
Net assets, end of year	\$ 18,089,415	\$ 12,374,913	\$ 838,537	\$ 31,302,865

Financial Highlights: Fiscal Year 2007

2007 Expenses



2007 Contributions



Episcopal Relief & Development uses all financial gifts in the most effective ways possible to serve and support suffering people worldwide.

In 2007, Episcopal Relief & Development spent **86%** on program versus **5%** on administration and **9%** on fundraising. Because of the support we receive from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church in the form of contributed services as well as our own investment income, **92% of every donor dollar goes directly to our programs.**

Besides maintaining the highest standards for internal accountability, we are involved in multi-agency efforts to improve practices and reporting within the relief and development community.





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Episcopal Relief & Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. As an independent 501(c)(3) organization, Episcopal Relief & Development takes its mandate from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25. Its programs work towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, Episcopal Relief & Development strengthens communities today to meet tomorrow's challenges. We rebuild after disasters and empower people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.