MISSION STATEMENT

Episcopal Relief and 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 and Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Episcopal Relief and 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 and 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.

MANDATE

“Then the righteous will answer… ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or 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.”

Taken from Matthew 25:37-40 NRSV
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Thank you for supporting Episcopal Relief and Development.

The book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the power of partnership: “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Together, your support, our expertise, and the front-line work of our Anglican and ecumenical partners creates a far stronger and longer-lasting impact for vulnerable people worldwide.

In 2006, we changed the lives of over one million individuals and transformed communities in 32 countries around the world. ERD focused on fulfilling our mandate through programs in three main areas: primary health, food security, and emergency relief and recovery. In our efforts to fight preventable diseases, eradicate poverty and restore communities devastated by disasters, we use the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a benchmark to measure our progress. Each of our international programs is structured to make the MDGs a reality for people in the developing world.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) aim to cut global poverty and hunger in half by 2015 and make significant improvements in the lives of the poorest people in the world.

Here are just three accomplishments that illustrate the very real impact we had in 2006 working with Anglican and ecumenical partners:

• Together, we fought a silent killer of thousands of children every day. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia, we established comprehensive malaria prevention and control programs. We saved lives by providing long-lasting insecticide-treated nets, along with critical training and prevention workshops for communities.

• Together, we created opportunities for people to increase income and feed their families. In struggling communities from the Philippines to Peru, we provided equipment, training and micro-loans that helped thousands of families increase their crop production, improve their diet and start small businesses.

• Together, we responded to 48 disasters and complex emergencies around the world. We brought both immediate relief and began the process of long-term rebuilding. In communities devastated by two of the most profound natural disasters in recent history, the Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, we continued to help people recover by providing housing, health care and counseling, along with opportunities to rebuild their businesses, schools, churches and community centers.

As you review this year’s Annual Summary, celebrate all that you have made possible. So many of those touched by your generosity have asked us to convey their deep gratitude to you.

We too are immensely grateful for your prayers and gifts. Through your faithful partnership, ERD is empowering individuals and transforming communities—and making a tangible difference in our world.

Yours Faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke, The Rt. Rev. Harry B. Bainbridge III, President Chair of the Board
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2006

In 2006, Episcopal Relief and Development worked in **32 countries** across four regions.

Close to **1.1 million people** benefited from our work in three program areas: Food Security, Primary Health, and Emergency Relief and Recovery.

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**ERD and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

Episcopal Relief and Development’s international programs target one or more of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDGs were created in 2000 as part of a plan to cut extreme global poverty in half by 2015.

At the 75th General Convention in June 2006, the Episcopal Church set the MDGs as a mission priority for the Episcopal Church, and called on Episcopalians to commit themselves to active action to achieve the MDGs—including partnering with ERD. ERD uses the MDGs as benchmarks to help us measure our progress in the fight to eliminate extreme poverty and disease in the developing world.
THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger  
Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education for Children  
Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women  
Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality  
Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health  
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases  
Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability  
Goal 8: Create a Global Partnership for Development

Africa  556,070 individuals in 15 countries  
Africa has to overcome the most profound challenges to meet the Millennium Development Goals. ERD expanded its strong work in HIV/AIDS prevention and care and increased support for children orphaned by AIDS. We strengthened our integrated food security and primary health programs, while initiating a comprehensive multi-country malaria prevention program with corporate and church partners.

Asia  327,292 individuals in 6 countries  
In terms of sheer numbers, Asia has the most individuals living on less than one US dollar per day. ERD continued to focus on meeting immediate needs and rebuilding communities in areas affected by natural disasters and civil unrest. In places plagued by persistent hunger and poverty, we provided opportunities to improve food production, start new businesses and increase incomes.

Latin America  24,709 individuals in 10 countries  
Latin America struggles with huge inequities in income and development. Over one-third of the region’s population is locked in poverty in rural areas and urban shantytowns. ERD’s programs focused on reducing these disparities by addressing the gaps in health care, improving access to clean water and sanitation, and creating opportunities to earn income and start businesses.

United States  171,944 individuals (in 5 states)  
Hurricane Katrina’s devastating impact on people and communities will take years to restore. Most of those impacted by Katrina were poor, marginalized and distressed. ERD continued to assist those most affected by Katrina, and responded to 16 new disasters in 2006. As part of our commitment to strengthen the Episcopal Church’s ability to respond to future disasters, we launched the U.S. Disaster Preparedness and Response program.
FOOD SECURITY:
FIGHTING THE ROOT CAUSES OF HUNGER AND POVERTY

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty, and gave you something to drink?”
Matthew 25:37

Hunger and Poverty: A Deadly Alliance
- 1.2 billion people live on less than US $1 per day.
- 800 million people live in chronic hunger.
- 6 million children die from malnutrition each year.

Hunger and poverty are inseparable. People go hungry because they cannot grow enough food, or they do not have the money to feed their families. When there is chronic hunger, people don’t have the physical energy to work.

Episcopal Relief and Development’s food security programs fight the root causes of hunger and poverty. Our goal is to ensure that food is available, affordable, and accessible in the communities where we work. We provide training, tools, and support to help people grow food and earn income so that their families are fed.

Because hunger stalks the marginalized and vulnerable—women and children, people living with HIV/AIDS and children orphaned by AIDS—ERD puts a special focus on empowering these individuals to become self-sufficient.

Accomplishments in 2006
In 2006, ERD fought hunger and poverty in 32 countries around the world.

Our programs equipped people with knowledge, tools and resources to earn an income. Working with communities as well as partners on the ground, ERD:

- Helped families increase the amount of food they can grow or raise by introducing modern farming methods, different types of crops and healthier livestock.
- Provided new equipment and tools to improve the planting, harvesting and processing of crops, so that families can produce more than enough food and sell the excess for income.
- Created opportunities to start small businesses by providing micro-loans, business and vocational training, as well as access to markets.
Here are a few examples that show the impact of ERD’s food security programs in 2006:

**Burundi**

Burundi continues to experience the effects of the brutal genocide and civil war that killed 200,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands. Today, almost 70% of Burundians live in poverty. Added to their economic challenges is a growing problem of HIV/AIDS, with a quarter of a million people living with the disease and close to a quarter of a million children orphaned by AIDS.

ERD partnered with the Anglican Church of Burundi to develop a micro-loan program that creates opportunities for people with HIV/AIDS to earn a living and provide food for their families, while working to reduce fear and stigma associated with the disease. In 2006, a total of 60 micro-credit associations were operating throughout six dioceses in the country. These associations consist of people with HIV working side-by-side with those not infected to start and operate small businesses or farming enterprises.

A total of 547 families affected by HIV/AIDS have already seen an increase in their income and food supply because of this program. The program will be expanded to include another 30 credit associations.

**The Philippines**

Almost half of the population of the Philippines lives in rural areas, and 80% of those rural families depend on subsistence farming or fishing to survive and earn a living. Due to persistent poverty, an estimated 28 million Filipinos cannot afford to purchase food to meet their basic nutritional needs.

ERD has been working with the Episcopal Church of the Philippines to improve farming practices and create opportunities to earn income across six rural dioceses in the country. One example is the Saytan Demonstration Farm, a hands-on learning center in the Diocese of North Central Philippines. Farmers from the indigenous Bago tribe learned to implement new methods including irrigation systems and planting trees to make the most of sloping farmland. They were also trained in new agricultural enterprises such as fish hatcheries, pig raising, and growing fruit trees to increase their food supply and provide new sources of income.

In other communities across the Philippines, ERD provided solar dryers and storage equipment to improve the processing of crops. Micro-loans and trading cooperatives helped farmers increase their activities and earn more income. In total, 7,807 Filipinos participated in ERD’s programs in 2006.
Afghanistan
An estimated 6.6 million Afghans do not meet their minimum food requirements, and 54% of children are stunted due to malnutrition. Since more than half the population lives in poverty, women are needed to help support their families. The challenge is that most women do not have a basic education or marketable skills, since an entire generation was denied the opportunity to go to school under the Taliban.

In 2006, ERD and its partner, Afghans4Tomorrow, provided educational and vocational opportunities to young women living in the impoverished community of Chel-Satoun in Kabul. More than 220 young women ages 15-20 years old participated in a training program to learn trades such as tailoring, embroidery, pottery and carpet weaving.

Viola’s Story
In Viola’s community in Burundi, it was not uncommon for people living with HIV to be rejected and stigmatized out of ignorance and fear. Sadly, this is exactly what happened when Viola was diagnosed with HIV. Fortunately, Episcopal Relief and Development launched a micro-credit loan program with the Anglican Church of Burundi in her community specifically designed to help people living with HIV/AIDS become more independent and self-reliant. Viola received a small loan to start her own food shop, and with her hard work, her business flourished. Over time, she noticed a change in public perception of her and her HIV positive status. The neighbors who once shunned her were coming to buy food from her shop.

ERD not only gave Viola an opportunity to regain her dignity and build a future for herself, but also helped transform her community’s attitude towards people with HIV/AIDS.
PRIMARY HEALTH: PREVENTING DISEASE AND PROMOTING GOOD HEALTH

Consider the deadly consequences of inadequate health care and prevention education in the developing world:

- 37.2 million adults and 2.3 million children are currently living with HIV/AIDS.
- 1 million people die from malaria—a fully preventable disease—each year.
- 1.1 billion people in the world lack access to clean water and 2.6 billion lack access to adequate sanitation.

Primary health care is considered the “first level” of a health system. It involves treating common illnesses, preventing disease and promoting healthy behavior. Drawing upon community resources and volunteers, primary health care empowers people to adopt practices that will lead to long-term health for the entire community.

Episcopal Relief and Development’s primary health programs offer affordable, accessible services in communities with critical needs. We bring compassionate care to the sick, teach basic health care and disease prevention and address root causes such as lack of clean water or sanitation.

Protecting the most vulnerable is at the core of ERD’s primary health care programs. We focus on at-risk populations and those who have no other access to health care.

Accomplishments in 2006

In 2006, ERD provided primary health care services in 23 countries.

We reached deep into communities where health care was most needed, going “the last mile” to help those often overlooked by others. ERD:

- Worked with established community leaders — including clergy, health workers, and mothers’ groups — to teach young people and adults how to prevent deadly diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS.
- Distributed tools and resources such as anti-malaria nets and built water and sanitation systems so that families can have clean water and adequate sewage disposal.
- Provided the only health care available in some remote communities by supporting clinics, mobile health units and home-based care programs for people living with HIV/AIDS.

“…when was it that we saw you sick…and visited you?”

Matthew 25:39

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases

Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Goal 8: Create a Global Partnership for Development
Every day, 3,000 children die from malaria in sub-Saharan Africa alone. Episcopal Relief and Development is helping to bring an end to these avoidable deaths. In 2006, ERD helped launch NetsforLifeSM, a three-year partnership that builds knowledge and awareness about the transmission, treatment and prevention of malaria. In 2006, the program began in eight countries, including Angola, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia. NetsforLifeSM includes corporate and individual sponsors along with Anglican church partners. ERD is an implementing partner in 14 countries, and Christian Aid is the primary partner in two countries. By 2008, NetsforLifeSM will distribute at least one million long-lasting insecticide-treated nets in 16 African countries.

In 2006, a total of 181,000 nets were distributed in eight countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Since each net effectively protects roughly three people, more than half a million people are now protected from malaria. More than 2,700 “malaria agents” were trained to teach malaria awareness, prevention and treatment in their communities. These community workshops and one-on-one visits reached close to 400,000 people.
Angola

Twenty-seven years of civil war devastated Angola’s infrastructure and development progress. Access to clean water remains a problem in remote areas. Malaria is the leading cause of illness and death. In some parts of the country the HIV prevalence rate is as high as 25% among adults.

In 2006, ERD partnered with the Anglican Diocese of Angola to address these health issues. Through NetsforLife™, a total of 16,500 Angolan families each received one long-lasting insecticide-treated net for their home, along with training in basic malaria prevention methods. ERD also worked with the diocese to train clergy and community leaders to teach HIV/AIDS prevention and provide counseling to those infected. In six villages in the remote Cunene province, ERD built 19 wells that brought clean water to 560 families. In total, ERD reached 55,200 people in Angola in 2006.

El Salvador

Generations of Salvadoran families have cooked on open woodstoves placed inside or very near the home to keep the fires from going out in the often rainy climate. Not only is the practice dangerous and unhealthy, but relying on wood for fuel has destroyed the mangrove forests. As the forests disappear, so do the fish, and the community loses a much needed source of food.

In 2006, ERD and its partner, the Mangrove Association, taught residents how to build and use smokeless stoves in communities in the Usulután and Jiquilisco municipalities in western El Salvador. These communities also constructed 60 composting latrines, organized trash collection and built 58 compost piles. A total of 60 stoves and 60 latrines were built for 608 people, creating safer homes and improving the overall health of the community.

Maria’s Story

Maria and her family of five live in a small village in El Salvador. For most of her life, Maria cooked over an open fire under a lean-to roof to keep the fire from going out in the rain. The cooking area was smoky and dangerous—the children were burned frequently and they continuously breathed in the smoke from the fire. As a result, they developed chronic upper respiratory and eye infections. Episcopal Relief and Development worked with our partners in the Diocese of El Salvador and the Mangrove Association to build smokeless stoves in Maria’s village. These cement stoves are located inside the house and vented to the outside. The stove has been a life-changing gift for Maria’s family. Her children don’t burn themselves any more, and no one has had an infection since the stove was built. Thanks to ERD, a simple modification of a stove changed so many lives for the better.
EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY: 
BRINGING HEALING AND HOPE TO SHATTERED COMMUNITIES

The High Cost of Disasters

- In 2006, more than 160 countries were struck by a total of 354 natural disasters, disrupting the lives of over 100 million people.
- Complex emergencies affected 31 countries or regions in 2006.
- Africa and Asia are most highly impacted by disasters—88% of all people killed by disasters lived in these two regions.

In just a few minutes, hours, or days, a disaster can cause massive loss of life and severely damage property, infrastructure, and the environment. Typically, the people hardest hit by disasters are those already struggling to survive and earn a living in economically challenged communities, both here in the United States and around the world. Disasters have erased decades of progress in the developing world, and left people poorer and more dependent on outside assistance.

In the wake of sudden natural or human-made disasters and in complex emergency situations, Episcopal Relief and Development deploys immediate resources to help our partners save and protect lives. We provide food, water, temporary shelter, and medicines in the initial days following a disaster.

ERD’s long-term rehabilitation efforts help the most vulnerable and marginalized by addressing the existing economic and development challenges in the community. We rebuild and improve housing, schools, and water systems, provide agricultural and skills training, and create opportunities to start businesses. By sowing these seeds of good development, we create lasting benefits for families and communities.

- ERD provided emergency assistance in response to a total of 48 disasters—32 overseas and 16 in the United States.
- ERD supported long-term rehabilitation programs in 10 countries.
- ERD launched the U.S. Disaster Preparedness and Response program to equip the Episcopal Church to prepare, protect, and respond when disasters strike their communities. Thirty dioceses appointed Emergency Coordinators with experience in emergency response or chaplaincy.

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education for Children

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

Goal 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

Goal 8: Create a Global Partnership for Development

“...when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?”

Matthew 25:38
The following examples illustrate how ERD has helped individuals and communities recover from disasters.

**United States**

The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina was totally unprecedented, and the recovery process has proven equally challenging. Never before in the United States had so much been lost in a single natural disaster. An entire city and region was wiped out, taking with it lives, homes, livelihoods, churches. The very soul of family and community life was destroyed in a matter of hours—and rebuilding it will take years.

In 2006, ERD continued its work in the devastated areas along the Gulf Coast and among Katrina evacuees around the country. In partnership with the Diocese of Louisiana, ERD helped 148,427 people access services they needed, including health care and counseling, applying for government and other sources of financial assistance, job training, and affordable housing. In Mississippi, ERD worked with the Diocese of Mississippi and Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi to reconstruct homes and businesses with the help of volunteer work crews, and provide trauma counseling and mental health services. A chaplain was hired to train clergy and support congregational needs, and Camp Noah provided a safe place for children to process their Katrina experiences and fears. A total of 22,126 people in Mississippi were served.

Through the Katrina Renewal Program—a partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries and United Methodist Committee on Relief—ERD provided assistance to 1,391 of the most vulnerable Katrina evacuees living in nine communities around the country. These individuals included the elderly, children, new immigrants, and those suffering from physical disabilities or mental illness. With assistance from local parishes and volunteers, evacuees received counseling, referrals to services and financial aid, and friendship and support to help start their lives in a new community.
Sri Lanka

The December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami ravaged two-thirds of the Sri Lankan coast line, killing at least 35,000 people and destroying more than one million homes. An estimated 9,000 children were orphaned. Ninety percent of families lost their source of livelihood. Three-quarters of the fishing industry—the mainstay of the economy in coastal areas—was decimated. After providing emergency assistance in early days following the disaster, ERD has been working with our partner, the Diocese of Colombo, to implement long-term rehabilitation efforts in the affected areas.

In 2006, ERD’s activities included repairing and rebuilding more than 400 homes in the communities of Batticaloa and Trincomalee. In the coastal town of Amparai, 25 new boats were purchased as part of a cooperative fishing venture to rebuild the local economy. A total of 325 families in Amparai and Hikkaduwa were trained to start new businesses including vegetable gardening and poultry farming.

ERD replaced four ambulances and two cataract machines at three damaged hospitals, and re-stocked clinics with supplies and basic medicines. With ERD’s support, school kits containing supplies, uniforms and shoes were distributed to 1500 children. School fees and financial support were also provided to a total of 90 orphaned children in several communities. In addition, ERD funded a counseling program whereby a trained counselor was provided to a secondary school to offer services to students, parents, teachers and community members. ERD also provided legal representation and advocacy to protect orphans and vulnerable children from exploitation and to resolve land disputes involving poor and minority groups. In total, ERD assisted 17,867 people in Sri Lanka in 2006.

Sivamani’s Story

Sivamani, 65-year-old, lost her husband, her two daughters and her home when the tsunami struck Sri Lanka. She and her two grandchildren narrowly survived. Sivamani had no other children and had never worked outside the home. Suddenly, she had to support herself and her grandchildren. She appealed to the Diocese of Colombo for assistance. With ERD’s help, Sivamani received cooking utensils to make food items to supply to local restaurants. Today, she makes a good living and can feed her small family. Through ERD’s assistance, Sivamani is creating a hopeful future for herself and her grandchildren.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: FISCAL YEAR 2006

Statements Of Activities — As of December 31, 2006

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At Episcopal Relief and Development, we are committed to using all donations appropriately and effectively to serve and support suffering people worldwide. In addition to 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.

ERD maintains a close relationship with the General Convention and Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. As an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we are governed by a 21 member Board of Directors.

As seen in the 2006 Expenses graph and chart, ERD spends 84% on program versus 8% on administration and 8% on fundraising. Because of the support Episcopal Relief and Development receives from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the form of contributed services and a cash grant as well as ERD's own investment income, 92% of your donor dollar goes directly to programs.
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Empowering Individuals, Transforming Communities

Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. An independent 501(c) (3) organization, ERD saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. ERD’s programs work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and rebuild after disasters. We enable people to climb out of poverty by offering long-term solutions in the areas of food security and health care, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

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