

2015

LDS CHARITIES

Annual Report



In 2015, LDS Charities provided assistance in 136 countries.

Since 1985, LDS Charities has worked with partners worldwide to provide aid to those in need, regardless of culture or religious beliefs. LDS Charities provides emergency assistance when disasters occur. We also provide long-term aid through our signature programs, such as clean water projects, wheelchair provision, maternal and newborn care, vision care, immunization campaigns, and food production training, as well as a variety of local community projects.

We work with government ministries, nongovernmental organizations, and community-based organizations to help millions of people worldwide. Built on the principles of personal responsibility, community support, self-reliance, and sustainability, our efforts give individuals and communities the resources they need to improve their lives in lasting and meaningful ways.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Millions of people in the world are affected by natural disasters every year.

When disasters occur, LDS Charities provides volunteer labor, food, clothing, medical supplies, and other emergency assistance to relieve the suffering of those in urgent need.



MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE

Up to 700,000 newborns die of birth asphyxia, and 300,000 mothers die of causes related to child-birth each year.

Technical specialists provide lifesaving training and equipment for birth attendants to help resuscitate babies at birth, support the care of newborns, and improve maternal survival following birth.



BENSON FOOD INITIATIVE

Millions of people eat only one meal a day because they don't have enough food.

Home food production combined with nutrition training help improve quality of life, reduce disease, and increase self-reliance.



VISION CARE

More than 39 million people are blind; millions more have severely limited eyesight.

LDS Charities collaborates with local doctors to provide training, diagnose and treat vision problems, and provide equipment for eye examinations and procedures.



177 projects
56 countries



44,000 people
33 countries



96,000 people
9 countries



500,000 people
33 countries



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

One billion people suffer from thirst and disease because they lack clean water.

LDS Charities works with partners to help communities establish sustainable solutions for clean water and sanitation, increase their capacity for maintaining water systems, and encourage healthy hygiene.



680,000 people
32 countries



IMMUNIZATION

Close to 1.5 million children die every year from diseases that can be prevented by vaccinations.

LDS Charities supports immunization efforts by contributing resources and local volunteers to strengthen health systems, raise awareness, and save lives.



12 campaigns
7 countries



WHEELCHAIRS

Nearly 45 million people need wheelchairs but cannot obtain them.

Trained local rehabilitation specialists assess individuals' mobility needs and provide wheelchairs and other mobility aids to those in need. This greatly increases the recipients' health, mobility, and self-reliance.



52,000 people
40 countries



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Individual areas develop projects in the community to address local needs.

LDS Charities works at the local level to find and work with resources to resolve unmet needs in the community.



1,872 projects
107 countries



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