



**2016 LDS CHARITIES
ANNUAL REPORT**

Since 1985,

LDS Charities has worked 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

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.

- 173 countries since 1985
- 119 projects in 49 countries during 2016



BENSON FOOD INITIATIVE

LDS Charities improves the health and well-being of families and communities. We work with trusted partners to implement projects that use local solutions and resources.

- 30 countries since 2006
- 116,000 people in 12 countries during 2016
- 5 scholarships awarded to scholars in 4 countries



VISION CARE

LDS Charities helps prevent avoidable blindness and provides services for the visually impaired by partnering with global professionals.

- 72 countries since 2003
- 90,000 people in 37 countries during 2016



MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE

By providing lifesaving training and equipment for birth attendants, LDS Charities supports the care of newborns, provides means to resuscitate infants at birth, and improves maternal survival following births.

- 88 countries since 2003
- 33,000 trained caregivers in 37 countries during 2016



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

LDS Charities builds water and sanitation systems and teaches communities about system maintenance, empowering them to meet their long-term water needs.

- 75 countries since 2002
380,000 people in 19 countries during 2016



IMMUNIZATION

LDS Charities works with global immunization partners to increase routine vaccinations and reduce the number of lives lost to preventable diseases.

- 52 countries since 2003
7 campaigns to eliminate diseases in 6 countries



WHEELCHAIRS

LDS Charities works with local organizations to improve services for the physically disabled and to provide wheelchairs and walking aids that are suited to individual needs.

- 133 countries since 2001
55,500 people in 48 countries during 2016



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

LDS Charities aims to solve problems on a community level by leveraging local partners, resources, and solutions.

- 165 countries since 2001
1848 projects in 107 countries during 2016



REFUGEE RESPONSE

LDS Charities supports refugees by providing both immediate relief and long-term support and by encouraging resettlement efforts.

- 107 countries since 1985
488 projects in 54 countries during 2016

“As we consider
the ‘pressing calls’
of those who
need our help, let’s
ask ourselves,
‘What if *their* story
were *my* story?’”

—Linda K. Burton
General Relief Society President
(From “I Was a Stranger,”
April 2016 general conference)



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