

ELCA World Hunger

Addressing the Root Causes of Hunger and Poverty



ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education, and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally, and 20-25 percent are spent domestically.

RELIEF

is how ELCA World Hunger responds to the immediate needs of people who are homeless, living in poverty, or who otherwise do not have the means to provide adequate nutrition for themselves or their families. This includes access to food, clothing, shelter, medical supplies and care, and other basic needs.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

leads to increased access to food and sustainable livelihoods through means such as sustainable agriculture, care for the environment, appropriate technology, adequate housing, jobs, primary health care and disease prevention, job training, child care, elder care, nutrition education, literacy training, sanitation, safe water supplies, below-market loans, and just land use and distribution.



EDUCATION

is the tool ELCA World Hunger uses to help raise the church's awareness of the root causes of and solutions to global hunger and poverty. Our education programs and resources engage ELCA members, congregations, synods, affiliated ministries and ecumenical partners and invite them to respond in concrete ways.



ADVOCACY

is how the ELCA works to overcome the effects and root causes of hunger and poverty through administrative, legislative, and judicial actions in the public sphere, as well as through corporate actions in the private sphere. ELCA advocacy ministry speaks for biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.



ELCA World Hunger: *Recognized around the world for its effective and faithful work.*

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