



Africare

A LEADER IN AID TO AFRICA

*Through Africare,
you can help!*



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Africare

Africare was founded in 1970, amidst severe drought in West Africa's Sahel region: the region's worst, in fact, in 50 years. The founders were a small group of African and American leaders and development specialists, with little money but with a love for Africa and a commitment to what they knew Africa could become. Their idea was to establish a new breed of assistance organization: progressive like America, culturally respectful like the Peace Corps and, uniquely, multiracial in origin as well as Africa-wide in scope.

In 1970, Africare was incorporated in Hawaii. In 1971, Africare was reconstituted and permanently re-incorporated in Washington, D.C. The idea — the "new breed of assistance organization" — had become a reality.

Today, Africare is a leader among private, charitable U.S. organizations assisting Africa. It is the oldest and largest African-American organization in its field. And Africa is Africare's *specialty*.

With generous support from the international donor community, Africare's programs now reach families and communities in some 25 countries Africa-wide. Since 1970, Africare has delivered more than \$675 million in assistance (that's over 2,000 projects) to 36 countries and millions of people in every region of Africa.

Africare programs focus on two major areas — health and HIV/AIDS, and food security and agriculture — as well as water resource development, environmental management, literacy and vocational training, microenterprise development, civil-society development, governance and emergency humanitarian aid.



Health & HIV/AIDS

Africare helps communities where medical services are scarce, illnesses abound and life — for most people — is tragically short. Since its beginning, Africare's focus has been on "primary health care": community-level, prevention-oriented interventions, especially in the rural areas. Mother-and-child health; improved nutrition; water safety; and control of diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, dysentery and river blindness. In 1987, as HIV/AIDS took hold in Africa, so did Africare's response — today, reaching 20-plus countries with HIV prevention education and testing, socioeconomic support and medical care for people living with HIV or AIDS, and help for the youngest victims: AIDS orphans.



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Food Security & Agriculture

Agriculture forms a major part of the economies of most African countries, and most African people are farmers. Yet for many complex reasons, Africa today is the largest food-deficit continent on earth, with related challenges of water shortage and environmental decline. All across the continent, Africare is helping.

Its food security and agriculture programs range from village wells and "backyard" vegetable gardens — to large-scale environmental, irrigation and agricultural initiatives spanning entire regions.



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Rural Enterprise Development

About half the people in Sub-Saharan Africa live below the "extreme poverty line" of less than \$1 a day. Because most Africans live in rural areas and work in the agricultural sector, Africare fights poverty in Africa by helping to develop agricultural enterprises: co-ops, farms-as-businesses, even village banks. Specific programs include functional literacy, vocational and management training, micro-lending and infrastructural development — with special attention to smallholder farmers, women and youths.

Every minute,
one African
child dies
of AIDS.

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Strengthening Nations

Africare's civil-society development and governance initiatives promote national stability. For where there is oppression or civil war, people are not safe and development cannot proceed. Africare helps by training government officials and supporting emerging civil-society institutions — encouraging open, prosperous societies from the grassroots up.

Emergency Humanitarian Aid

Since its founding, Africare has worked on the front lines of almost every humanitarian emergency in Africa: the West African drought of the 1970s; the Somalia refugee crisis and the Africa-wide drought of the 1980s; in the 1990s, crises brought on by warfare in Angola, Somalia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Burundi and elsewhere; and today, the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

Africare saves lives now by providing food, medical care and shelter.

Africare goes on to help crisis victims get back on their feet and become self-reliant again.

Sub-Saharan
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half the people
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\$1 per day.

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Africare is an organization you can trust and is committed to the best possible stewardship of its donors' funds.

- ◎ 94¢ of every \$1 you give to Africare goes to help Africa
- ◎ Charity Navigator gives Africare its top rating: ★★★★★
- ◎ American Institute of Philanthropy rates Africare "A"

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☉ **Stocks, bequests, other “planned giving” — even your own event!** Contact Africare’s Marketing and Development Office at development@africare.org or 202.462.3614.

☉ **Where you work.** Give to Africare (**CFC code #11107**) through Global Impact or United Way. Or, ask if your employer can match your gift.

“I regard Africare as one of America’s greatest gifts to Africa. Your work, in every corner of our great continent, has sustained our own commitment to building a strong and free Africa.”

— Nelson R. Mandela (1998)
Former President, South Africa
Honorary Chairman, Africare



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