

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Cross International

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope in the Name of Jesus

Disaster Relief

— Worldwide —



“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.”

Luke 10:33-34



We are a ministry

that mobilizes the global Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify Him in Heaven and on earth.





Project Synopsis

Description

This project will aid victims of major disasters around the world and support the long-term recovery of affected families and ministry partners.

Purpose

To restore lives and livelihoods through timely, Christ-centered action.

Location

Worldwide.

Highlights

- When disaster strikes, Cross International extends God’s love by supporting the relief and recovery efforts of our partners on the ground.
- Gifts given to our “Greatest Need” fund give us the flexibility to respond to unexpected emergencies.
- With your support, we can rush shipments of food, water and medicine to Christian ministry partners serving disaster survivors.
- Your support also gives us the resources to rebuild damaged infrastructure, such as houses and schools.
- While our main focus is long-term recovery, it is critical that we initiate aid as soon as possible. Your gift to the Greatest Need fund means we can begin to help even before an emergency fundraiser has launched.





A woman in drought-stricken Kenya gathers water from the bottom of a deep hole.

The Need

When natural disasters strike, things can quickly spiral out of control, with problems increasing in severity as time goes on. As homes are lost, families become exposed to the elements and many can fall prey to illnesses and injuries. Destroyed crops lead to hunger and then to serious malnutrition. School closures can develop into long-term educational setbacks.

Whether it is a storm, drought or earthquake, the aftermath of a disaster can be heartbreaking and overwhelming — especially for poor families. For many, this is their hour of greatest need. They become desperate for a Good Samaritan to bring aid, comfort and hope, and every minute counts!

One recent emergency was a prolonged drought that devastated East Africa. Small farms became barren desert as their fruits and grains withered under the relentless sun; and goats and cows died by the hundreds from lack of food and water, littering the dusty terrain with their bones. The people hit hardest by this crisis were families who had already been struggling to survive — families who, unless help arrived, could now do nothing but count down the days to their inevitable deaths.

As Christians, we know that God's power and love are greater than any disaster, natural or man-made, and we want to share that hope. Unfortunately, churches and ministries in developing countries around the world often lack the capacity to receive traumatized and displaced survivors and give them the care they need. In many cases, those ministries find themselves in a two-front war, combating the suffering of the communities that depend on them while also struggling to repair the damage to their own facilities, staff and resources.

That's where you come in!

With your support, we want to equip the worldwide Body of Christ to be an effective and compassionate friend the needy can turn to in their distress.



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Ministry Description

Your generous gift to Cross International's Greatest Need fund will give us the flexibility to provide a rapid and effective response when an unexpected emergency occurs, saving lives and restoring hope.

With your resources, we can set our global shipping network in motion to begin transporting urgently needed food, water, medicine and other supplies to survivors as soon as possible. The ability to ship material aid is critical in times of widespread catastrophe, as many goods can become impossible to obtain locally due to the destruction and social upheaval.

For example, last year we sent lifesaving food to communities affected by the Africa drought. These shipments provided urgently needed nutrition that could not have been accessed locally due to the food shortage. This aid reached the needy in three countries — Kenya, Sierra Leone and South Sudan. In late 2016, when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti, we responded with medicine, meals, water treatment supplies, rehydration packs and roofing sheets for temporary shelters. And when a 7.8 magnitude earthquake shook Ecuador's coast, we sent critically needed medical aid to help the sick and injured.

As the relief phase ends and recovery begins, aid is provided primarily through cash grants to trusted ministry partners. Your gift can help rebuild houses washed away by a tsunami, repair schools and churches damaged by hurricanes, or even launch income-generation programs that help families who've lost their livelihoods.

There's no predicting where or when the next disaster might arise, so we need to be prepared! Just as the Good Samaritan detoured from his journey to save a hurting stranger, we strive to be responsive to the unexpected. Your generosity will help ensure that when a crisis comes to a ministry partner's door, we can equip God's people to rescue the vulnerable and display the Savior's love.



Cross International President Jim Cavnar distributes emergency meals to typhoon survivors in the Philippines.



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Help Now!



When disaster strikes, God's people stand in the position of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan did not enter the road expecting to encounter a bruised and bleeding man, but he helped anyway. He treated his wounds, transported him on a donkey and sheltered him at an inn. *Those acts required resources.*

By giving to Cross International's Greatest Need fund, **you** are supplying the Samaritan's bandages. **You** are supplying the donkey. **You** are supplying the hot meal and warm bed. Christian churches and ministries around the world need your support now so that when the unexpected occurs, they will be equipped to take action and impact lives.

Please consider what the Lord would have you give today to prepare for tomorrow's needs. **You could be the lifeline God is preparing** for a family or community praying for urgent relief. Help us extend Christ's mercy!

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:36-37

Our Promise to You!

Proceeds from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2019, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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