

The Hope & The Future



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Our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Global South, who live and serve the Lord need us to stand together in hope, by being vessels of Christ's mercy ... hope in impoverished villages where crops wither and children die ... hope in squalid slums where people exist, but cannot see beyond tonight's empty tables ... hope where solutions to hunger include selling a child into slavery ... hope where every possession and dream has washed, burned or crumbled away.

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) was created to be the strong hands of Christ reaching out in solidarity with brothers and sisters in the Global South, to be an encouragement to families and communities with practical help and solid solutions of a living Gospel that feeds body, soul and spirit so that all may live the abundant life, so that all may seek eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Dignity, not dependency

ARDF supports grassroots Anglican projects in the Global South, many beyond the reach of large international charities, that change lives in measurable, sustainable ways. Empowering people with knowledge, improved health and nutrition and ways to make a living gives impoverished families the dignity of participating in their own life improvements and the solace of God who calls his children by name.

Local knowledge, local presence

ARDF's unique personal connections with dioceses and their leaders in the Global South allow us to find, evaluate and fund projects that help specific people, not undefined populations, and to provide targeted solutions, not just bags of rice. Knowledge of the local culture, its challenges and opportunities is a critical component of efficient, effective interventions. By working through the local organizations and church communities, Christ's presence and mercy are tangible and visible.

Sustained change

ARDF changes lives rather than merely sustaining them. ARDF provides sustenance along with the nurturing, education and tools that foster dramatic, sustained improvement for families and their communities. Our short-term financial investments yield long-term life changes in some of the world's hardest places.

From hope to confidence

ARDF has demanding funding standards to assure your contributions are directed to projects that will efficiently create measurable life changes. Our partnership with Geneva Global, an independent leader in investment-minded philanthropy, provides firsthand due diligence through objective, professional research and analysis on program effectiveness, financial accountability, governance and risks. All grant proposals have detailed budgets with no line items for church and charity overhead except for administrative and equipment expenses required to implement the project. ARDF knows how grant money will be spent and knows expected results. At the conclusion of every project, Geneva Global provides a detailed performance report to ARDF.

Why another fund?

In a world of need, "no" is the most difficult word in any language. ARDF goes beyond the charity mindset of saying yes to every need until the money runs out. ARDF applies objective research and good stewardship to Christ's call to serve the poor and to share the Good News.

Serving in the name of Christ, ARDF maximizes the gifts God calls you to bestow upon your less economically fortunate sisters and brothers. ARDF works so that they may know life and know it more abundantly, so that you may know the joy of thoughtful, prayerful giving that changes lives effectively and efficiently for this physical existence and for eternity

Why me?

"Mobilizing and empowering everyone - especially the laity - is essential to the rebirth of a Biblical, missionary and united Anglicanism in North America. This is the vocation of the Anglican Communion Network..."

The Right Reverend Robert Wm. Duncan, Pittsburgh

"I can help one; you can help one."

Mother Theresa

'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25: 40 (NIV)

If not you—who?



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Investing in the Future

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In northern Ghana, drought is causing food shortages while ethnic conflicts are forcing people to flee their homes. For many households, unless additional food is provided, debilitation and mass migration is inevitable. The effect on food production in the coming years will be devastating, and gains made by the government and churches in increasing food production will be completely eroded.

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The dumps of Brazil's northern city of Olinda are home to thousands of families whose existence depends on the city's garbage. Instead of attending school, children dig through the garbage for anything they can eat and sell. Living Water Anglican Parish will educate families who live in the dumps about health and life skills and also will share the Gospel with them. A renovated church building will be used for programs that help children improve their health and pre-

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In rural Malawi, half the children ages 5 or younger suffer from protein deficiency. Families struggle with inadequate farming techniques, and frequent food shortages debilitate impoverished rural families. Contaminated water further destroys their health by spreading preventable diseases.

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ADDRO plans to deliver emergency food relief, provide blankets and clothing to victims of ethnic conflicts, rebuild 60 homes and organize workshops and seminars on peace building among warring factions. The project will impact 8,664 people – some in multiple ways – at a cost-per-life of 9.44 USD.



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Through this project, 300 people will improve their health and strengthen their family relationships. Two hundred children will participate in educational programs and improve their life skills. More than 90 children will be rescued from scavenging through garbage. Spirituality will be enriched for 45 people who will receive discipleship training, and many more will grow in their faith and join local churches. The cost-



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This project trains 244 farmers in modern agricultural techniques, which will improve year-round food supplies and nutrition for 2,000 children and adults. A borehole well will bring potable water to the community, benefiting more than 1,000 villagers.



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