

Episcopal Relief and Development 2008

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is a compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, ERD serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. ERD faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church and raised from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering. ERD cherishes its partnerships with the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace.

Operating in 40 countries, ERD focuses on fulfilling its mandate through programs in three main areas: primary health, food security and emergency relief and recovery. In efforts to fight preventable diseases (e.g., malaria and HIV/AIDS), eradicate poverty and restore communities devastated by disasters, ERD uses the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as a benchmark to measure its progress. Each of ERD's international programs is structured to make the MDGs a reality for people in the developing world.

ERD's annual budget is approximately \$22 million. As the official relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church, ERD receives support from the National Episcopal Church through in-kind contributions which keeps administrative overhead low: 92 cents from each dollar that ERD receives goes directly towards its programs.