



CWR UPDATE

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Best Preparation for a Disaster

Oftentimes after a disaster, we hear there should be a progression from immediate relief to recovery to long-term community development. What about before a disaster happens? What is the best way for churches and Christian organizations to prepare for a disaster? The answer is simple—engage in the community. By doing this, churches and Christian organizations build relationship and networks with the community, the leaders, and other organizations. CWR is grateful to be in partnership with many local Christian organizations around the world, which are actively engaged in their communities through transformational community development. When a major disaster occurs, CWR is able to respond immediately through these partners because they already have established networks and relationships.

The Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan (ECCSS) is one of these partners. Since the fighting broke out in December, South Sudan has faced a human-caused disaster that has created a crisis of tremendous magnitude. Thousands of Sudanese have

lost their lives. More than one million are living in camps as internally displaced people (IDP). More than 300,000 have fled to surrounding countries. Currently four million are at risk of food insecurity. Because of their experience, expertise, and previous engagement with communities, the ECCSS is currently providing relief for refugees in South Sudan and Ethiopia.

In the Central African Republic, CWR's partner CEFA (Centre d'Expérimentation et de Formation Agricole) has been engaged with communities



through agricultural development for many years. Because of this they are able to respond to the current crisis that has resulted in many deaths and IDPs. CEFA is currently preparing a plan for long-term recovery through immediate relief and agricultural

development.

CWR is grateful to be able to stand with these local organizations as they care for those most affected by the violence in these two countries.

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**South Sudan
at a Glance**

365
COVENANT
CHURCHES



50,000 Children under age of 5 who are at risk of death from malnutrition

1.4 million
People displaced
from their homes

10,000
People have died
since conflict started

“The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”

—PSALM 9:9

Partners in Transformation

2013 IN REVIEW



312 church partners

across North America

MORE THAN
\$63,000

raised for projects through the Covenant Cares catalog.

 **28%**
increase in monthly support

90% 
of every gift went directly to projects

23 countries
64 projects
in development and disaster response

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From Manure to Silk

Covenant missionaries serving in Southeast Asia introduced Covenant World Relief to Dara. She leads an organization that has been equipping and empowering villagers to participate in the production of high quality silk. Dara told us that there are twenty-five separate jobs involved in the process—from raising cattle that produce manure to be used as fertilizer for mulberry trees, to raising silk worms that feed on the mulberry leaves, to spinning, dyeing, and weaving silk material, and finally to international marketing. The government of this country recognized the impact that Dara and her organization have made in rural areas. They invited Dara to begin work in a province where the government has been resettling ethnic minority villagers. Dara and her organization are providing training and livelihoods to these displaced people. Dara is a strong believer who sees this as a tremendous opportunity to serve marginalized people and demonstrate the love of Jesus to them. CWR has the privilege to be able to partner in this wonderful program.



Women in Southeast Asia receive paying jobs working with silk.

Poverty Has No Season

The mission of Covenant World Relief is to join God in loving, serving, and working together with the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized. To fulfill this mission, we need your support year-round. Please join our regular givers by giving monthly or quarterly online or by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Call us or go to CovChurch.org/cwr to learn how to become a sustaining CWR partner.



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