

# Covenant World Relief Partnership

## Guiding Principles and Practices

The mission of CWR is to join God in loving, serving, and working together with the poor, the oppressed, the traumatized, and the marginalized.

The following principles and practices guide who we partner with and how these partnerships are formed. The Covenant is highly relational and partnerships with Covenant World Relief are formed through relationship. CWR partnerships are built carefully and intentionally over time. Partnerships are based on a desire for mutuality and with hope for a long-term relationship.

### **Covenant Connection**

Covenant World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) and we prioritize Covenant connected relationships.

### **Local Ministry**

CWR believes local people know and understand their context best and therefore we prioritize locally led organizations.

### **Established Organization**

Priority is given to organizations which: are locally registered; participate in external audits; have a local governing board; and have an organizational banking structure.

### **Capacity**

CWR partners with organizations which have capacity and demonstrated expertise in transformational community development and/or disaster response.

### **Affinity**

CWR only partners with groups that share the same guiding values as CWR:

- Representing the Kingdom
- Working in Partnership
- Strengthening Local Communities
- Serving the Most Vulnerable
- Transforming Individuals, Families, and Communities
- Restoring Dignity
- Seeking Justice

# Covenant World Relief Values

The mission of CWR is to join God in loving, serving, and working in relationship together with the poor, oppressed, traumatized, and the marginalized.

The following values guide how we seek to carry out our mission and are particularly important in evaluating grant applications.

*(If you have never submitted a grant application to CWR before, please contact our office to discuss your project prior to completing an application.)*

## **Representing the Kingdom**

We seek to demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We believe the church is at its best when it holistically serves the most vulnerable—spiritually, physically, economically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally.

## **Working in Mutual Partnership**

We partner with established local organizations, relying on their expertise, experience, and networks. We prioritize Covenant connected relationships.

## **Strengthening Local Communities**

We affirm an asset based relief and development model that prioritizes local resources—human, relational, material, and financial. The community and its leaders are equipped and empowered to carry out programs that are locally initiated and led. We work *with*, rather than *for*, the community.

## **Serving the Most Vulnerable**

We love and serve the poor, the oppressed, the traumatized, and the marginalized. We do not prioritize or discriminate based on ethnicity, gender, religion, age, etc.

## **Transforming Individuals, Families, and Communities**

We support comprehensive and sustainable development that leads to holistic transformation. We value the quality of impact more than the quantity of people impacted (*depth over breadth*).

## **Affirming Dignity**

We believe that *all* people are made in God's image and are worthy of being treated with dignity and respect.

## **Seeking Justice**

We work to address the root causes of injustice through reconciliation, peacemaking, solidarity, and advocacy.