



### **What is International Orthodox Christian Charities?**

IOCC is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. IOCC works in cooperation with the Orthodox Church and on behalf of Orthodox Christians. In carrying out its mission, IOCC applies the highest professional standards and renders itself fully accountable to the public and its donors.

### **What is the mission of IOCC?**

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.

### **Who benefits from the services of IOCC?**

Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has provided more than \$661 million in humanitarian relief and sustainable development programs to people in need. All assistance is provided solely on the basis of need and benefits families, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, schoolchildren, orphans, and people with disabilities.

### **Where is IOCC providing assistance?**

IOCC programs have helped people in more than 60 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Since the need for help is great, IOCC continually works to expand its programs to other areas.

### **What types of services does IOCC provide?**

- **Agriculture and Food Security** programs help rural families to raise their levels of nutrition, standard of living, and agricultural productivity.
- **Emergency Response** programs address the immediate needs of people suffering from natural disaster, war, or civil unrest.
- **Education** programs help to improve access to learning for children and youth, as well as to nurture local leaders who advocate for their communities and promote the general welfare.
- **Health** programs help to protect the well-being of communities through prevention and intervention.
- **Water and Sanitation** programs help to improve access to clean and safe water and minimize public health threats in vulnerable communities.
- **Economic Opportunity** programs give people the tools to work their way out of poverty with dignity.