



INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

110 West Road, Suite 360
Baltimore, MD 21204 USA
Tel: 410.243.9820 • Fax: 410.243.9824
iocc.org • news@iocc.org





IOCC[®]

In Brief

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 other partners to serve people in need. In carrying out its mission, IOCC applies the highest professional standards and renders itself fully accountable to the public and its donors.

What is IOCC's mission?

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.

Whom does IOCC serve?

Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has provided more than \$771 million in humanitarian relief and sustainable development programs to people facing hardship. All assistance is provided solely on the basis of need and helps families, refugees, people displaced in their own country, the elderly, schoolchildren, people with disabilities, and those facing or recovering from natural or human-caused disasters.

Where does IOCC work?

Currently, IOCC has programs in Africa, eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the US and Caribbean. Over the years, IOCC has helped people in more than 60 countries across the world.

What types of services does IOCC provide?

In over 30 years of operation, IOCC has served people in need in many different ways, with programs that allow communities to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic sustainability. Its work now focuses on five key sectors:

- **Emergency preparedness and response** programs address the immediate needs of people amid natural disaster, war, or civil unrest – and help communities build resilience before disaster hits.
- **Water and sanitation** programs help improve access to clean, safe water and minimize public health threats in vulnerable communities.
- **Sustainable livelihoods** programs equip people to earn sustainable livelihoods through education, training, and more, helping them provide for themselves and their families with dignity.
- **Food security and agriculture** programs help rural families improve their nutrition, raise their standard of living, and grow their agricultural productivity.
- **Health** programs help protect communities' well-being through prevention, intervention, and education, while connecting people in difficult situations with the care they need.

April 2022

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

110 West Road, Suite 360 • Baltimore, MD 21204 • Tel: (410) 243-9820 • Fax: (410) 243-9824 • ioccc.org • E-mail: relief@ioccc.org



About International Orthodox Christian Charities

Inspired by Faith, Driven by Purpose

IOCC was formed in 1992 to meet the needs of people and communities facing historic upheaval, beginning with the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Programs have helped survivors of human-caused and natural disasters—from the breakup of Yugoslavia, conflict in Syria, and economic crisis in Greece, to disease and drought in rural Ethiopia and extreme storms in the US.

Then and Now

In response to a need expressed by members of our Orthodox Christian community, IOCC was established under the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA).

Now the official humanitarian and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America (SCOBA's successor), IOCC has provided more than \$771 million in humanitarian assistance to people in need in over 60 countries.

IOCC's Approach

Working with and through the Orthodox Church—as well as ecumenical partners and international agencies such as the United Nations and coalitions of nongovernmental organizations—IOCC strives to meet humanitarian needs in an appropriate, responsible, and effective way.

IOCC is committed to working in a fiscally accountable and transparent manner. We carefully steward every donation so that each gift makes the greatest impact possible for the communities we serve. All programs are guided by the highest humanitarian standards, as well as a commitment to careful stewardship and accountability to donors.

Today, IOCC applies its expertise in humanitarian and development work in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the US, offering assistance based solely on need.

Learn more at ioccc.org, and follow us @IOCCRelief on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.



Photo: KORA Image



What Others Are Saying

"IOCC's mission in the service of the poor is a common, sacred task. ... IOCC is a vehicle of cooperation for the sister Orthodox Churches. We need this inter-Orthodox unity not only in the area of philanthropy but also on a broader spectrum."

— His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW

"IOCC has opened avenues for Orthodox activity where no one imagined we would ever go."

**— His Eminence Archbishop DEMETRIOS
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America**

"You don't have to be Orthodox Christian to appreciate the great work IOCC does. Through partnership with local community organizations in more than a dozen countries, they are creating lasting, positive change on a broad scale. I have seen IOCC's work first-hand and admire and support their humanitarian efforts around the world."

— Jim Rosapepe, former US Ambassador to Romania

"I certainly give my most heartfelt recommendation to all Orthodox Christians to participate in this organization, because it is indeed a manifestation of our unity and has shown itself in our hour of need."

— His Holiness Patriarch PAVLE of Serbia

"We are very proud of the work which IOCC has done in Serbia. It's really a unique organization filling a unique role in this society. IOCC is at the cutting edge, not only representing the best of American society, but representing some of the new and fresh forces in the Church."

**— Richard Miles, former Chief of Mission,
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

"[IOCC is] American Orthodoxy's gift to the world."

— Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



Constantine M. Triantafilou

Executive Director & CEO

Constantine M. Triantafilou has been leading International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for over two decades. As Executive Director and CEO, he manages all facets of IOCC's relief and development programs, including its international headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, and 10 field offices in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the US.

Triantafilou began his career in humanitarian assistance in the early 1990s with community-development projects for the Orthodox Church, working in Kenya and Tanzania. In 1993, he joined IOCC as Commodities Manager in the former Yugoslavia. He became the organization's Balkans Representative in 1995 and Director of Programs in 1997, before taking the helm in 1998. Under his leadership, IOCC has distributed over \$771 million in emergency assistance and development aid to families and communities in more than 60 countries across four continents.

The international and ecumenical experience Triantafilou brings to the table has earned the respect of numerous government and private organizations, as well as recognition for IOCC. In 2006, he was elevated to the office of Archon, Orphanotrophos, by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

Triantafilou is a graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in history. He and his family live in Greater Baltimore.



In Amman, Jordan, Constantine Triantafilou meets Dia, who's just been fitted with a specialized wheelchair that will increase his independence.

In response to a need expressed by members of our Orthodox Christian community, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Inc. (IOCC) was established in March 1992 and serves as the official humanitarian and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America.



Active & Recent Worldwide Programs



- Armenia
- Bahamas
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Greece
- Haiti
- Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia including Kosovo
- Syria
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United States

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.