



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 \$800 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.

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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 drought in rural Ethiopia, conflict in Ukraine, and earthquakes in Syria and Turkey.

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 \$800 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.

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