



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Why ADRA Exists

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Food Security

Food security programs breathe life into frail and struggling communities. Emergency food aid meets short-term needs of refugees, internally displaced persons, and disaster survivors.

Economic Development

In countries lacking a reliable banking system or formal savings and credit institutions, or where the services they provide are denied to women and those who live in poverty, ADRA steps in with an empowering hand.

Primary Health

Stifling the potential of many children and parents are HIV/AIDS, high birth and illiteracy rates, and lack of access to health care and potable water. To combat this, ADRA establishes community-based health services and education programs.

Emergency Management

War, famine, hurricanes, drought, earthquakes, and flooding take devastating tolls on human life and inhibit development. To mitigate the effects of these disasters, ADRA offices maintain a disaster response plan and memorandums of understanding with partners and government agencies.

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Basic Education

ADRA knows that education, the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, makes achievement a possibility. Seeking to empower children and bring new beginnings for those who missed schooling opportunities—especially girls and women—ADRA provides primary education for children, literacy, and numeracy training for adults, teacher training, secondary education, and support for vocational education.

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