



# Until all are **fed**

*Diko Marie and her father  
tend to the family's farm in  
the village of Niem in the  
Central African Republic,  
where gifts to ELCA World  
Hunger are at work.*



**ELCA World Hunger**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



## HUNGER: THE FACTS

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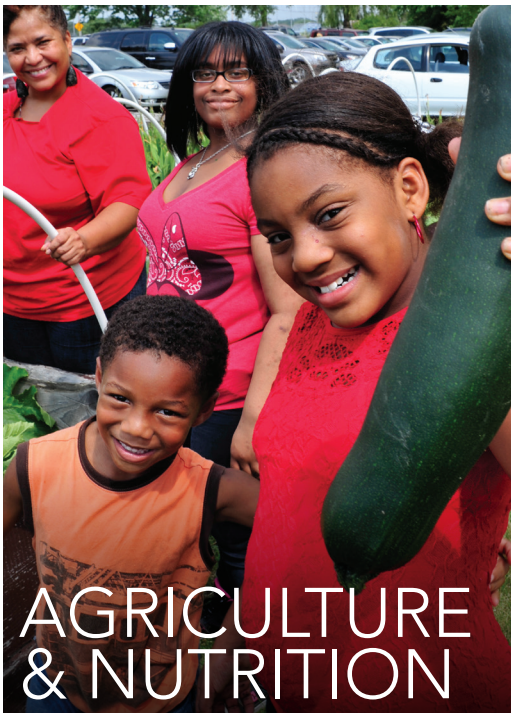
**God richly provides for our daily bread** — the earth can produce enough to feed everyone. Yet many still go hungry.

Working alongside other organizations, ELCA World Hunger has already made a huge collective impact on hunger worldwide. But the rate of global progress against hunger is slowing in many of the world's poorest communities. And here in the United States, one in six Americans aren't always sure where their next meal is coming from. Many are forced to choose between paying for food and other basic necessities. There is more work to do here at home and around the world. And God invites us to participate and lead in this effort.

WHO WE ARE

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and through our gifts to ELCA World Hunger, we commit to pursuing a world of justice where all are fed.

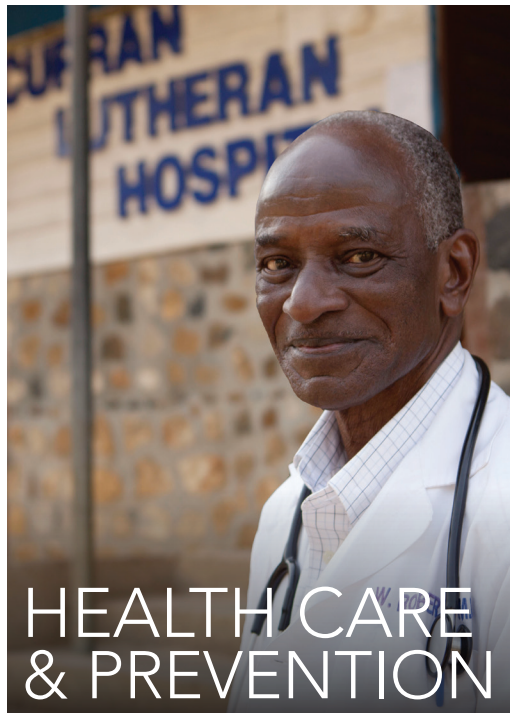
Working through Lutheran churches around the world, our congregations in the United States and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. We start by listening to our neighbors and learning how we can partner with them as they work to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.



Soup kitchens, food pantries and meal programs provide immediate support to those in need. Community gardens and agricultural programs help families grow food to nourish their families and communities for the long term.



Water for drinking, growing crops, sanitation and hygiene, paired with ongoing health education, training and maintenance help create healthier families and stronger economies.



Clinics and community health programs provide health education and medical assistance for people living in poverty and work to halt epidemics like HIV and AIDS, malaria and water-borne illnesses.



## VIRGINIA'S STORY

Virginia and Wilfredo live in La Paz, Bolivia. They worked hard to build up their small business — selling snacks to local stores — to make a better life for their small children.

One day they learned about the microfinance program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bolivia, supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. A microloan helped them pay for packaging equipment to take their business to the next level.

Today, the couple have their products stocked on shelves of 30 stores, and Virginia has hired neighbors to help. “We have more earnings – like a steady salary. It helps us so much to have savings,” she says. “I’m grateful.”

Watch the video at [www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources).



## HAROLD AND DEBRA'S STORY

Harold and Debra are active members of Gift of Grace Lutheran Church in Seattle. The couple found Gift of Grace when they were living on the streets and needed a place to stay. They also participated in Grace Feast, a free community meal supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Today Harold and Debra are getting back on their feet. Harold offers his cooking skills to prepare meals for Grace Feast, and Debra serves on the local anti-hunger committee. Harold says, "Look where we came from! We've been low, but now we're walking again, one step at a time."

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## INCOME & SAVINGS

Microloans and income-generating activities help families start or upgrade their small businesses and pay for the essentials like food, medical costs and school fees.



## EDUCATION & TRAINING

By removing barriers to a primary education – like school fees and uniforms – children get the chance to go to school and increase their future earning potential. And programs like literacy training and vocational education help teens and adults secure jobs and better opportunities for the future.

## OUR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

When you support ELCA World Hunger through your gifts of time, talent and finances, you join an unparalleled worldwide network of people working for change. Working through Lutheran companion churches and trusted partners like The Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief, our gifts reach more places, more effectively, than we ever could alone.

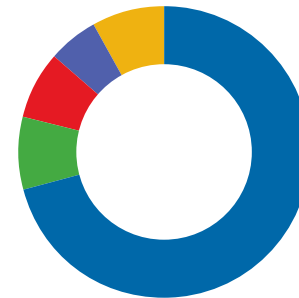
Our commitment to fighting hunger goes beyond providing funds to help those in need. We are a publicly engaged church, working for lasting, systemic change. Our commitment to teaching, organizing and mobilizing plays a critical role in supporting and amplifying our hunger work at the grassroots level.

Hunger education programs help ELCA members better understand the root causes and far-reaching impact of hunger, participate as informed citizens in the public conversation and achieve more sustainable lifestyles.

Our advocacy initiatives work with and on behalf of those with little economic or political power, rallying support for just, sound and compassionate social policies in forums ranging from city councils to the United Nations.

## HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

We are good stewards of your resources, holding administrative and fundraising costs at less than 10 percent – among the lowest of any organization working in the field of hunger. Because we listen to and work with our global companions and partners, we avoid reinventing the wheel or giving communities answers they don't need or can't sustain.



*based on 2015 budget*

international relief  
and development  
**70%**

domestic relief  
and development  
**9%**

advocacy  
**7.5%**

hunger education  
**5.5%**

administration  
and fundraising  
**8%**



## ★ Iowa City, Iowa

A local congregation's backpack program serves children in low-income families by filling their backpacks each Friday with healthy, kid-friendly meals and snacks to eat over the weekend.

## Cairo, Egypt



# WHERE WE WORK

Denotes countries with ELCA World Hunger-supported projects and programs. Based on 2013 budget.

HAITI GUATEMALA EL SALVADOR HONDURAS MEXICO NICARAGUA BRAZIL ARGENTINA BOLIVIA COSTA RICA  
CHILE COLOMBIA PERU CAMEROON BURKINA FASO C.A.R. ETHIOPIA MADAGASCAR MALI NIGER NIGERIA  
ANGOLA MAURITANIA SUDAN SENEGAL MALAWI KENYA LIBERIA SOUTH AFRICA MOZAMBIQUE TANZANIA  
RWANDA SIERRA LEONE ZAMBIA ZIMBABWE BOTSWANA BURUNDI UGANDA EGYPT WEST BANK JERUSALEM  
INDIA NEPAL BANGLADESH THAILAND P.N.G. CHINA MALAYSIA SINGAPORE CAMBODIA INDONESIA  
PHILIPPINES JAPAN MYANMAR RUSSIA UNITED STATES

A companion church-sponsored school supports nearly 1,000 African refugees living in Cairo with primary and adult education, alongside legal and psychosocial services.



## Kan Su, Myanmar

Village savings-and-loan cooperatives provide microloans and support to help women start and manage their own small business and earn a steady income.



## Nkoote, Uganda

A community-based partner provides health care, education and livestock to help families affected by or living with HIV and AIDS.





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# HOW TO GIVE

## **By mail**

Mail the enclosed envelope or make your check payable to ELCA World Hunger and send it to ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA, 22116-8009.

## **Through your congregation**

Make your check payable to your congregation and write "ELCA World Hunger" in the memo line of your check.

## **With a credit card**

Make a secure credit card donation online by visiting [www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger/donate) or calling 800-638-3522.

## **Through ELCA Good Gifts**

Honor friends and loved ones with a gift that will change lives. Shop the catalog online at [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts).

## **In your will or estate plan**

For more information on how you can make a lasting difference for people who are hungry, call the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522 or visit [www.ELCA.org/foundation](http://www.ELCA.org/foundation).

For more information, contact us at 800-638-3522, ext. 2616, or [hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org).

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