



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND OUR MISSION As Catholics, we are called to protect our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Catholic social teaching emphasizes the responsibility of wealthier nations to support poorer ones, and the principle of solidarity—that we are a global community and one human family. This belief recognizes that the fates of people everywhere are interconnected. Our commitment to these values guides us to uphold the dignity of all people. We act on this commitment with the highest standards of professionalism, ensuring that we fulfill our mission effectively, efficiently and with good stewardship of the resources entrusted to us

"The fuel of the human being is food—to stand, to walk, to work, even to speak. When I am hungry, my heart is tired. My stomach feels sick. I lose my ability to think or communicate. I lose my power. I can only sleep." —

Batlewat Sete, Amhara region, Ethiopia

In our more than 80 years of work for people in need around the world, Catholic Relief Services has witnessed how humanitarian assistance makes the world—including the United States—a safer place. Thriving societies contribute to greater global stability, reduce the risk of conflict, and create safer and more prosperous environments for all. Our programs integrate young people into society, reducing their likelihood of turning to violent extremism. Additionally, profitable farmers can remain on their land, avoiding migration.

The recent and abrupt suspension and termination of lifesaving U.S. humanitarian assistance programs is having immediate life-and-death consequences on vulnerable people around the world. Catholic Relief Services teams and partners across the world are witnessing the impacts in real time: As food distributions are halted, people are going hungry. Without treatment for acute malnutrition, children will die. Entire communities are without shelter and clean water. Farmers are unable to plant crops. Mothers and infants are going without health care.

YOUR ACTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE







