

Church World Service is the relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations and communions. Founded in 1946, Church World Service partners with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries around the world, supporting sustainable self-help development of poor people, meeting emergency needs, and addressing the root causes of poverty and powerlessness. Within the U.S., Church World Service resettles refugees, assists communities with disaster relief, promotes fair and environmentally sound policies, provides educational resources, and offers opportunities for communities to join a people-to-people network of local and global caring through participation in the Tools & Blankets Program, CROP Walks, and the CWS Kit Program.

“During the last fifty years, there has not been a humanitarian crisis in any region of the world where Church World Service has not been present: from the devastation and chaos in Europe after World War II to massive refugee flows in South Asia, from the killing fields of Cambodia to the famines in the Horn of Africa. Church World Service has been there, providing food, medicine, and most of all, hope.”

— Paul Simon, former United States Senator (1928-2003)