



children first.

Faith-Based Partnerships

Building Collective Impact for Children



Members of LDS Charities speak with local students in Uganda.

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When I consider the individuals and advocates who have some of the most powerful impact on the protection, well-being and survival of the world's children, I think of faith communities.

— Caryl Stern,
CEO, UNICEF USA

Faith communities have been among the greatest advocates for the world's children, providing guidance, aid and comfort to millions of families. UNICEF has a long history of partnering with religious communities of all faiths on a wide range of issues that affect children around the world to help them survive, and thrive.

Such partnerships are especially important in our focus on reaching the poorest, most vulnerable and hardest to reach children and families. Faith-based organizations (FBOs), like UNICEF, understand the importance of serving the world's most vulnerable populations — thus we work closely with religious communities who support the safety and well-being of all people, especially children.

UNICEF USA works with U.S. faith-based partners to fundraise, advocate and raise awareness in support of UNICEF's global work. We work with our faith-based partners to support and serve a wide range of programs. Our partners range from individual congregations holding a year-end fundraiser in response to a natural disaster or emergency, to an entire denomination committing to make a collective and transformational impact through their dollars and voices, to interfaith networks joining together to raise awareness and advocate on behalf of children.

Ways to Engage

The capacity of FBOs to mobilize funding, take action and impact children's lives is immense. Your commitment to serving the needs of the world's most vulnerable children is essential. Our partners engage in several different ways:

FUNDRAISE

Your congregation or denomination can raise funds that change children's lives, whether in the wake of an emergency or through long-term sustainable development programs.

ADVOCATE

Join us by mobilizing to form a collective and powerful voice on behalf of the world's children through our Congressional Action Teams (CATs) and other calls to action.

EDUCATE

Utilize engagement and awareness-raising tools, like the Interfaith Toolkit to End Human Trafficking (unicefusa.org/interfaithtoolkit), to engage communities on issues affecting children locally and globally.

Our faith-based partnerships are customized to the interests of your congregation and vision for the impact you want to have on the next generation. Based on your level of commitment, we have various ways of connecting your members with ongoing knowledge of their impact. These include customized reporting, invitations to UNICEF briefings and meetings, toolkits to support your engagement, educational events, speakers for events or opportunities for you and your organization to speak for children's rights. ●



Digana, 6, and her classmates are happy to be back in school in Iraq. "One day I hope to become the director of this school!" she said.

UNICEF Program Highlights

EMERGENCY RELIEF

UNICEF provides lifesaving aid to victims of drought, famine, earthquakes, floods and violent conflict.

EDUCATION

UNICEF shapes education policy and promotes teacher training, creates temporary learning centers for kids caught in conflict and provides schools with classroom materials.

NUTRITION

UNICEF works to prevent mother and child malnutrition, promote breastfeeding, and respond to severe acute malnutrition by providing 80% of the world's therapeutic food.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In poor and conflict-affected communities, UNICEF provides water and improves sanitation and hygiene to prevent waterborne illness.

HEALTH CARE

The world's largest procurer of vaccines, UNICEF helps immunize 45% of all children and promotes high-impact interventions.

CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF works to end child marriage, labor and conscription, and unite families after disaster.

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