

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Founded in 1944, **World Relief (WR)**, is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to the world's biggest challenges: extreme poverty and its impacts on health, nutrition, livelihood, education, child protection, water, sanitation, and hygiene; interpersonal and communal violence, including gender-based violence; natural disasters and humanitarian crises; and mass displacement that affects refugees and immigrants.

Across 100 countries, we've been providing holistic solutions that support the transformation of communities and increase household resilience. Over our history, we've partnered with over 6,000 churches, and 95,000 local volunteers to implement multi-sectoral and context-specific responses that are holistic, and sustainable. Together with communities, churches and other faith-based partners, community leaders, and government partners around the world, we bring hope, healing, and transformation for the most vulnerable. We're funded by individuals, corporations, foundations, the US government, European governments, and UN agencies.

In 2024, World Relief works in Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan and Ukraine.



International Program Approaches

Community-based and locally-owned development: In a given geographic area, WR works to identify, engage, mobilize, equip and resource local actors to be agents of change in their own communities through the implementation of development projects that address the priorities of the community. Our model elevates the voices and concerns of the community, and we respond with capacity strengthening, supportive supervision, coalition building, and resource mobilization. We use local consultation and participation in the needs assessment and design of programs and work in partnership with existing local and national government systems and the cluster coordinating mechanisms in each country. WR maintains collaborative relationships with the Accord Network, Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH), the CORE Group, Integral

Alliance, and received its Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) certification in 2024. Approximately 83% of World Relief's International Programs clients are women and children.

World Relief served **4,807,496** globally in 2023

Disaster Response: We respond with local actors in countries where we actively operate, and through the Integral Alliance and church networks in additional countries around the world. Since 2023 we responded directly and through partners to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, conflict and resulting displacement in Sudan and Chad, flooding and cholera in Malawi, the earthquake in Morocco, flooding in Libya; the crisis in Gaza, including activities in Egypt and the Westbank; the civil unrest in Haiti, flooding in Kenya and Burundi, and Mpox in DRC. These acute crises response activities have reached over 180,000 people during this time, which is additional to our regular humanitarian programming in our country programs. Response sectors include Health, WASH, PSS, Food Assistance, MPCA, and Shelter/NFIs. Responding to displacement crises is a major focus for World Relief and we will continue to develop our capacities in this area moving forward.

World Relief launched a five-country response to the war in Ukraine, **reaching over 343,000 conflict-affected people** with emergency food, medicine, shelter, and psychosocial support.

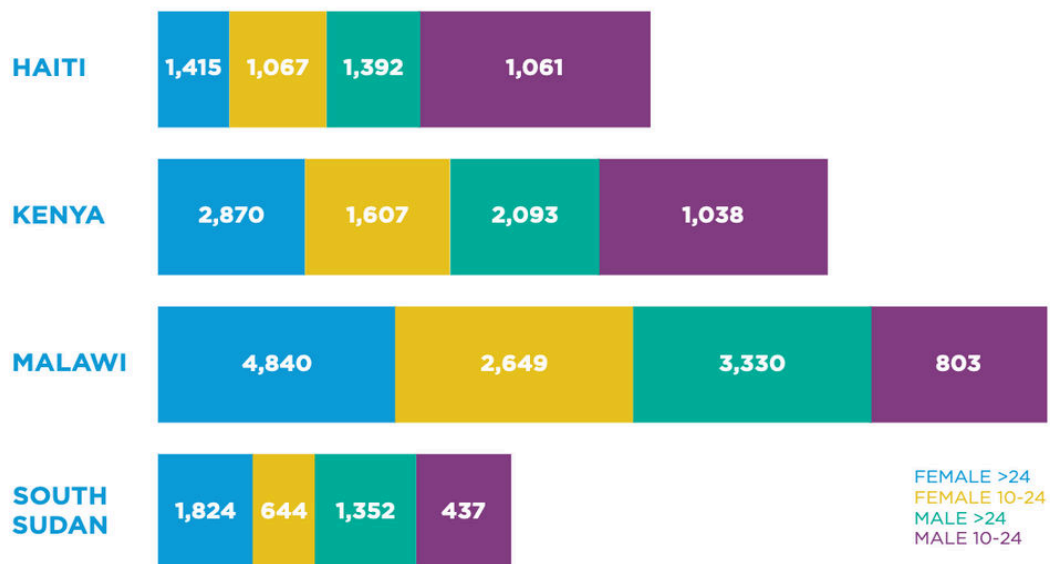
Health and Nutrition: World Relief delivers lifesaving health care and nutrition services in some of the world's most fragile settings. In South Sudan, amidst flooding and other climate-related disasters and ongoing ethnic conflicts, **WR provides county-wide primary health care to about 60,000 people, including care for pregnant women before, during, and after child birth**, providing essential healthcare services for children under age five, and treatment for children and pregnant and breastfeeding women with acute malnutrition. In Sudan, WR provides similar services, and even amidst mass displacement and ongoing war, we provided medicines and medical supplies and served about 100,000 people. Along the Sudan border in Chad, World Relief treats 1,200 severely malnourished children with lifesaving, community-based care.

World Relief developed and scaled-up the evidence-based **Care Group model**, which is a best practice for reaching full saturation of communities with significant impacts on health and nutrition behaviors and outcomes for pregnant and lactating women and children under age five. **WR's Care Groups have achieved estimated reductions in U5 mortality of 29%-48% and has been adopted in national health and nutrition policies and are in use by over 25 organizations in at least 28 countries.** WR has increased the use of modern family planning methods in Burundi, Malawi, and South Sudan through community and faith-based initiatives. Other WR interventions include: COVID Infection Prevention and Care (IPC), COVID vaccination; risk communication and community engagement for communicable disease outbreaks such as mpox and viral hemorrhagic fevers, HIV prevention and care, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Family Planning, Community Management of Acute Malnutrition, etc.

Through USAID’s New Partners Initiative, WR was awarded the **Strengthening Community Health Outcomes through Positive Engagement** (SCOPE) project (2019-2024, USAID, \$39,348,756). SCOPE’s current and former components include RMNCH, HIV, COVID-19, and EVD, and the project has successfully co-created activities with USAID missions in **DR Congo, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, and South Sudan.**

SCOPE RMNCH’s Midterm Evaluation report (published 2023) found that CHW visits had doubled in each evaluated country. South Sudan saw modern contraceptive prevalence increase by over 20% and ANC visits increased by over 17%. In Malawi, modern contraceptive use increased by over 12% while couples’ communication on family planning increased by almost 18%. Newborn breastfeeding within 1 hour increased in Malawi (25.59%), South Sudan (22.2%), and Kenya (9.8%).

People Reached with Family Planning information, Counseling & Services by a CHW during SCOPE project



Food Security and Agriculture: Our comprehensive agriculture portfolio focuses on sustainable solutions to mitigate climate effects, increase household resilience, strengthen agriculture value chains, and promote an agriculture-to-nutrition pathway. We specifically target youth, women, people with disabilities, and other economically-and-nutritionally vulnerable households, applying a lens of empowerment and social inclusion. Through our work, we promote climate-smart practices, foster local ownership, and empower a new generation of farmers, ensuring inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agricultural development.

World Relief’s 2023-2024 USAID-funded food security and agriculture project in Democratic Republic of Congo reached 122,165 clients.

Poor Food Consumption Scores in targeted households decreased from 84.7% to 9.5%; those with borderline scores decreased from 14.9% to 14.8% and those with acceptable scores increased

by 10.2% to 75.5%. Of the farmers trained, 81% were female and 28.2% were Batwa indigenous pygmies.

Economic Empowerment: : Our diverse portfolio of livelihoods and economic empowerment projects include agriculture, savings, financial literacy, business training and entrepreneurship, and vocational training, both in development and humanitarian contexts. WR targets the most vulnerable for livelihoods interventions, including youth, women, adolescent mothers, and displaced people. Our *Savings for Life* curriculum has been implemented in 11 countries since 2008 and helped over 380,000 households achieve financial resiliency. WR has piloted the ultra-poor graduation model in Malawi and Cambodia and has helped set over 7,000 households on a trajectory to graduate out of poverty.

Child Development and Protection: We use a systems approach that engages multiple stakeholders (or community participants) in nurturing the development and well-being of children based on the lifecycle of the child (0-18yrs). Our systems approach promotes long-term sustainability, integrating protection and promotion of children's rights, education, parental engagement, maternal child health, nutrition, child participation, mental health and psychosocial support, and family strengthening; **Channels of Hope for Child Protection** empowers and equips faith leaders to create a protective environment for children within their community, complimenting community-based child protection committees. WR-developed curriculum *Parenting for Life* promotes the creation of a safe, nurturing home for children. Recognizing that the first five years of a child's life provide critical building blocks for lifelong development, WR's **Early Childhood Development** interventions are designed to address all five components of nurturing care: good health, adequate nutrition, safety and security, responsive care giving, and opportunities for learning.

World Relief's PEPFAR-funded HIV project in Malawi (2020-2022) reached **over 75,000 people with messaging on gender-based violence prevention** and provided case management for more than **3,600 survivors**.

Results: 45% of survivors in case management received health, legal, and psychosocial services. Participating girls reported an 8% decrease in sexual violence attempts against them while boys reported an 18% increase in their intervention to stop gender-based violence.

Gender-Based Violence Prevention: World Relief works with survivors and communities to end and respond to gender-based violence in both humanitarian and developing contexts through anti-gender-based violence campaigns and support to survivors. To prevent gender-based violence, we developed the *Families for Life* program – a couple focused intervention, which covers communication, joint-decision making, power and status (at family and societal levels); friendship, trust, gender norms (including combating gender-based violence), and mutual sexual intimacy. WR is also using Tearfund's Transforming Masculinities approach: an evidence-based approach to engage men and boys to promote positive masculinities and gender equality as a complementary intervention to ending SGBV. Additionally, we have integrated our *Deciding Together* curriculum into livelihoods interventions, which also addresses harmful gender norms and trains couples on how to make financial decisions together.

Peacebuilding: In conflict and post-conflict countries, we work with communities to establish and strengthen community-based reconciliation mechanisms and promote social cohesion by addressing the root causes of conflict, such as access to land, water, and other resources. WR understands the unique impact conflict has on women and youth; WR's peacebuilding activities utilize networks that include women- and youth-led organizations to ensure project success, inclusion, and sustainability. Our peacebuilding interventions address the root causes of violence and the aftermath through program areas including livelihoods development, agricultural training, prevention of gender-based violence, child protection and development, and access to clean water.

In South Sudan, **72% of participants** in a recent WR-led peacebuilding project reported a **significant decrease in violence.**

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