In 2014, LDS Charities provided assistance in 131 countries.

Since 1985, LDS Charities has worked with partners worldwide to provide aid to those in need, regardless of cultural or religious beliefs. LDS Charities provides emergency assistance when disasters occur. We also provide long-term aid through our signature programs, such as clean water projects, wheelchair provision, maternal and newborn care, vision care, immunization campaigns, and food production training, as well as a variety of local community projects.

We work with government ministries, nongovernmental organizations, and community-based organizations to help millions of people worldwide. Built on the principles of personal responsibility, community support, self-reliance, and sustainability, our efforts give individuals and communities the resources they need to improve their lives in lasting and meaningful ways.
Individual areas develop projects in the community to address local needs. LDS Charities works at the local level to find and work with resources to resolve unmet needs in the community.

**CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

*One billion people suffer from thirst and disease because they lack clean water.*

LDS Charities builds water and sanitation systems and teaches individuals about hygiene and system maintenance to support community efforts to meet their long-term needs.

1 million people
26 countries

**IMMUNIZATION**

*Close to 1.8 million children die every year from diseases that can be prevented by immunization.*

LDS Charities provides social mobility to inform communities about immunization campaigns contributing to a reduction in deaths from preventable diseases.

9 campaigns
9 countries

**WHEELCHAIRS**

*Nearly 45 million people need wheelchairs but cannot obtain them.*

Trained local rehabilitation specialists assess individuals' mobility needs and provide wheelchairs and other mobility aids to those in need who cannot afford them. This greatly increases the recipient's health, mobility, and self-reliance.

57,800 people
48 countries

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

*Individual areas develop projects in the community to address local needs.*

LDS Charities works at the local level to find and work with resources to resolve unmet needs in the community.

1,831 projects
107 countries
“I am glad for this supply because we were wondering about what to eat during the ‘stay-at-home.’ But God has blessed us. We are so happy. We appreciate Him and will always continue to worship Him.”

—Farissa Fomba, Sierra Leone resident

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In response to the state of emergency caused by the Ebola virus outbreak, LDS Charities sent food supplies to 7,200 families and emergency sanitation supplies to 13,400 families in Sierra Leone and Liberia combined.

As the individuals continued to suffer from the epidemic, the people of Sierra Leone experienced a shortage of food. LDS Charities provided rice, cooking oil, hygiene supplies, water buckets, and chlorine to families in seven areas. The supplies arrived during a government-mandated lockdown September 19–21.

LDS Charities has continued to offer aid to West Africa through valuable partnerships with other organizations. These projects have included medical supplies and protective clothing, hygiene and sanitation kits, funding for psychological counseling for 500 households who have lost family members to Ebola, and donations of food supplies to help those suffering from a lack of food until normal markets are reestablished. These projects have contributed to helping thousands of people suffering from the Ebola outbreak, and LDS Charities will continue to offer aid as long as needed.
MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE

LDS Charities neonatal resuscitation technical specialists have been working with the Georgia Academy of Pediatrics since 2008 to train nurses, midwives, and doctors in neonatal resuscitation training techniques and to provide training and clinical equipment to delivery facilities in Georgia. The committed service of LDS Charities and the Georgian trainers has saved numerous infant lives by helping Georgian medical personnel gain the proper neonatal resuscitation training.

Georgian medical professionals share the success they have had in resuscitating babies who would have died without the invaluable expertise they gained from LDS Charities’ training. While many of the medical personnel who attended the training had previous education in neonatal resuscitation, they learned additional and more modern techniques.

Each person who attended a course was given resources to train others so that the training can have the greatest impact. The delivery room personnel who participated expressed their gratitude for the training and the lifesaving equipment they received. LDS Charities neonatal resuscitation specialists equally treasure the opportunity to teach medical personnel and provide equipment worldwide so they are even more capable to save infant lives.

“This training has been very valuable. It has equipped us to make a change in our practice. The skills acquired will enable us to deliver quality care.”

—Serwah Armoah, nurse at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana

89 countries since 2003

GEORGIA Midwives learn neonatal resuscitation techniques during a training.

GHANA A woman at a training practices resuscitation techniques on a newborn simulator.
“Families are empowered and strengthened in self-reliance when they can cultivate their own food.”

—Del L. Brady, Program Specialist, Benson Food Initiative

To improve nutrition and quality of life in rural Morocco, LDS Charities partnered with scientists and farmers on two Benson Food projects: beldi chicken and quinoa production.

For the beldi chicken project, LDS Charities partnered with the Hassan II Institute of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (IAV Hassan II) in Rabat, Morocco. LDS Charities provided financial support in several phases of the project to help rural farmers increase their poultry production. IAV Hassan II scientists identified poultry diseases, developed vaccines for those diseases, and trained local farmers to vaccinate their poultry. Working with LDS Charities, they also provided equipment to improve chicken and egg production and laid the groundwork for introducing quinoa farming in the Agoudim Region.

The quinoa project is being directed by two IAV Hassan II scientists who are working with rural farmers to develop quinoa as an affordable source of nutrition, as well as a potential cash crop. Quinoa is able to grow in harsh climates and marginal soils, producing a grain rich in protein and essential amino acids. Quinoa could offer both greater food security and improved nutrition for Moroccans.
The purpose of this initiative is to prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairment and strengthen eye care services of health care organizations that provide services to the poor.”

—Dean Walker, manager of the vision initiative for LDS Charities

In Romania there are approximately 220,000 births each year. About 9 percent of those births are premature. Romania has 11 neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) where babies are treated for a wide array of medical conditions that can accompany premature birth, including retinopathy, a disease of the retina that can result in impairment or loss of vision. In these NICUs, premature infants with retinopathy are provided medical care by general ophthalmologists on assignment from the Romanian government or from other organizations.

In an effort to help with loss of vision in infants, LDS Charities partnered with the Romanian Ministry of Health to develop a project to teach Romanian doctors advanced techniques for treating infants with retinopathy. LDS Charities trainers traveled to Bucharest and Targu Mures in Romania to lead training seminars. In addition to the training, LDS Charities donated equipment and more than 100 doses of medication. They expect that many infants will benefit from the new techniques and medication.

A young girl smiles wearing her new glasses. The frames were donated by LDS Charities, and the lenses were donated by the Rotary Club of Kinabalu Sutera in Malaysia.
“With this water close by, we now have a wonderful home garden, and my family eats much better than before. We even have sufficient produce to sell some vegetables to help with our family finances.”

—Alberto Martinho, Mozambique resident

LDS Charities partnered for the first time with the Cambodian government on a well project that will benefit 682 families. The project developed a total of 35 hand-pump wells, each one 50 to 70 meters deep, throughout 10 poor villages in the communities of Sambor and Chbar Ampov.

Each of the wells in the two communities will serve approximately 20 to 25 families. In order to keep the wells maintained and in good condition, committees of two to four local individuals were formed who will be responsible for the upkeep. These committee members will ensure cleanliness of the well, perform any necessary maintenance, and notify the district governor of persistent problems.

In addition to the well, LDS Charities volunteers taught basic water hygiene principles to ensure that the water remains clean. An LDS Charities hygiene specialist instructed the village chiefs on personal and family hygiene practices that they can in turn teach to the people within their community.
Good health for the children of the world is a priority of LDS Charities. In 2007 and 2011, LDS Charities provided a donation to the Philippines Department of Health for the purchase of Measles Rubella (MR) vaccine. This was done in support of their Measles Immunization Program conducted regularly every three to four years.

Despite continued efforts, measles outbreaks were encountered in many parts of the country in 2013 and early 2014. This indicated that there was still a widespread transmission of the virus.

To eliminate measles and rubella transmission, the Philippines Department of Health decided to conduct national immunization for measles, rubella, and polio (MR OPV MI) in September 2014. The oral polio vaccine (OPV) has been added to the mass immunizations to provide further protection against the possibility of importation of polio from other countries.

The Department of Health also reached out to partner organizations to help address logistical needs. They called for volunteers to help with information dissemination and the Rapid Coverage Assessment (RCA). LDS Charities contributed to publicity and provided supplies such as markers, vaccine carriers, and toys.

“This is a great partnership contributing to the reduction of child mortality targeted in the strategy of the Royal Government of Cambodia.”

—H.E. Prof. Eng Huot, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health, Cambodia
“During these 11 years [that I’ve been paralyzed], I’ve never seen anyone give so freely like your Church did today.”

—Rosemeire Barros, wheelchair recipient in Brazil

LDS Charities partnered with the National Rehabilitation Society for the Disabled in Nepal to provide 66 people with properly fitted wheelchairs. Each person was assessed by a person trained by LDS Charities wheelchair specialists. One such wheelchair assessor is disabled and attended the training in Chitwan, Nepal, and gives of his time to perform assessments and to assemble the proper wheelchair for each person. A properly fitted wheelchair gives individuals mobility that allows them greater opportunities in their communities and reduces risks of medical complications that arise from unfitted wheelchairs.

LDS Charities also partnered with the National Rehabilitation Society for the Disabled to train peer trainers—experienced wheelchair users who provide training to new wheelchair recipients. This training strives to help people stay healthy, use their wheelchairs to get around effectively in their communities, and encourages them to become self-reliant and to help other people in their communities who have disabilities.
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