In 2013, LDS Charities helped more than 10.5 million people in 130 countries.

Since 1985, LDS Charities has provided aid regardless of cultural or religious beliefs. LDS Charities provides emergency assistance when disasters occur and long-term aid through major initiatives such as providing clean water, wheelchair distribution, neonatal resuscitation training, vision care, immunization, and food production training, as well as a variety of local area initiatives. LDS Charities works with government ministries, nongovernmental organizations, and community-based organizations to help people worldwide.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Millions of people in the world are affected by natural disasters every year.

When disasters occur, LDS Charities provides volunteer labor, food, clothing, medical supplies, and other emergency relief assistance to relieve the suffering of those in urgent need.

**NEONATAL RESUSCITATION TRAINING**

Over 900,000 babies die every year because they can’t breathe at birth.

Volunteers train in-country medical personnel who in turn train others to assist in resuscitating newborns with breathing difficulties.

**BENSON FOOD INITIATIVE**

Millions of people eat only one meal a day because they don’t have enough food.

Home food production and nutrition training help improve recipients’ quality of life, leading to less disease and increased self-reliance.

**VISION CARE**

More than 45 million people are blind; millions more have severely limited eyesight.

LDS Charities collaborates with local doctors to diagnose and treat vision problems and provides equipment and supplies for examinations and procedures.
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.

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There is a wonderful feeling of camaraderie, a feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood. [We know] that we can get through this.”

—Ricardo Aban, Church leader in Tacloban, Philippines

Natural disasters, wars, and famines create a great humanitarian need that is often unmet by strained or nonexistent local resources. LDS Charities is often among the first to respond with food, water, shelter, and clothing as well as medical, school, and hygiene supplies when individuals and families need them most—immediately after the disaster.

When Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) struck the central Philippine islands on 8 November 2013, more than 200 meetinghouses of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were used as shelters by over 14,000 people. In these meetinghouses, LDS Charities volunteers provided shelter, food, and medical supplies and partnered with local nongovernmental organizations to set up treatment centers for those wounded in the storm.

Volunteers also partnered with International Relief and Development Inc. (IRD) to clear away debris that blocked access to neighborhoods and roads. LDS Charities volunteers also built an estimated 300 shelters for people who lost their homes to the typhoon and have projected to build 2,400 more. Those people will now have a place to call their own as the reconstruction of the Philippines progresses.
NEONATAL RESUSCITATION TRAINING

Neonatal resuscitation training (NRT) is a program designed to help medical professionals and assistants learn how to respond to newborns who have difficulty breathing at birth. LDS Charities medical volunteers traveled to Bandung, Indonesia, to train 20 medical personnel in neonatal resuscitation. Those 20 personnel then trained 60 midwives under LDS Charities’ supervision. Following this model, 600 midwives in West Java would be trained in just six months.

LDS Charities worked with Perinasia, a local organization, to teach techniques based on a program developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics called Helping Babies Breathe. This allowed midwives to receive practical, hands-on experience with baby simulators. LDS Charities and Perinasia volunteers focused on teaching skills to midwives and other birth attendants as they assessed every baby and stimulated breathing as needed.

At the end of the course, the midwives were given their own ventilator bag and mask, suction device, and stethoscope for their deliveries. “Government officials and professionals want to decrease their infant mortality rate,” said Sharon Eubank, director of LDS Charities. “We know how to help. It’s in our experience as a charity.”

“Neonatal resuscitation training along with the clinical equipment provided by LDS Charities has resulted in countless miraculous outcomes in hospitals and delivery facilities all over the world.”

—Marcia Bennett, neonatal resuscitation training specialist, LDS Charities volunteer
MADAGASCAR
Neat rows of flourishing plants in the city of Antsirabe show the success of new food projects.

“Once you see all the green come out in the middle of the sagebrush then you can be very excited, and you want to help others too.”
—Manuel Rico, gardener, Fort Defiance, Arizona

In the harsh desert conditions of Arizona, cultivating crops and growing gardens may seem impossible at first glance. But LDS Charities worked with Navajo and Hopi tribal councils to grow gardens in the hot Arizona sun. The blessings reaped were innumerable.

The Benson Food Initiative helps families become more self-reliant as they develop home food-production skills and learn about living a healthier lifestyle. As they participated, these families experienced for themselves the success of growing what they can for their families and then helping others.

The families in the Arizona area used simple, inexpensive fertilizers such as sawdust and horse manure to help start their gardens. They grew food to eat and learned more about responsible gardening.

Ray Tracey of Window Rock, Arizona, readily sees the blessings of the project. “It’s heaven-sent,” he said. “I believe that the Lord is teaching people humility, patience, kindness, and understanding [through growing gardens].”

ARIZONA, USA The Benson Food Initiative helps families in the tribal councils learn how to grow gardens to provide for themselves.

BENSON FOOD INITIATIVE

48 countries since 2006
“This humanitarian contribution has not only built the capacities of . . . men and women who are blind and fully sighted, but inspired new impetus in the commitment of our service to humanity.”

—Beyan Kota, director of Monrovia School for the Blind, Monrovia, Liberia

VISION CARE

Working in conjunction with ministries of health to improve the quality of eye care around the world, LDS Charities often collaborates with medical professionals on how to use new medical tools or perform the latest in surgical techniques. In September 2012, LDS Charities and the Moldovan Ministry of Health hosted training at a hospital in Chisinau.

Ophthalmologists from the hospital and surrounding communities participated in lectures and training in the use of a 3-D imaging technology that helps doctors better observe when an individual is developing a retinal disease or has glaucoma.

During the training, ophthalmologists learned and practiced diagnostic testing with the imaging team on approximately 70 patients who had either a retinal disease or glaucoma. The ophthalmologists grew comfortable enough with the equipment that trainers were confident the technology would be well-used for many years to come.

PERU

A young girl is able to see clearly again after she received eyeglasses.
“By strengthening local infrastructures, we work to ensure that water systems will be maintained for generations to come.”
—Christy Spencer, clean water program analyst, LDS Charities

Clean drinking water not only helps restore health in communities but also contributes to better hygiene. LDS Charities works with individual communities and governments to support sustainable clean water solutions.

In Croatia, thousands of wells have been dug to provide clean water in many rural parts of the country. But over many years, the wells have become contaminated and residents have turned to unimproved sources of water. LDS Charities has joined hands with local communities and governments to rehabilitate the old wells. The crews work with the residents to clean, purify, and test the wells so they are usable again. LDS Charities also helps put in place committees to maintain and self-fund wells for their long-term success.

CAMBODIA Several boys pump water out of the new well built in their community.

GUATEMALA LDS Charities helped bring clean water to many people in Guatemala.
Nearly 1.8 million children around the world die every year because they do not have a readily available, low-cost vaccine for measles, diarrhea, or pneumonia. These diseases, as well as the health problems and deaths they cause, are all preventable. LDS Charities partners with a global coalition and immunization professionals around the world to help make these vaccines available to more children.

Each year LDS Charities provides financial and material support for immunization campaigns in many countries. LDS Charities also works with local communities to initiate and financially support village parades, television announcements, pamphlet deliveries, and radio advertisements that raise public awareness of upcoming immunization events. In addition, LDS Charities mobilizes volunteers who go door-to-door inviting people to be immunized and answering questions about immunization. These efforts, along with many others, have contributed to a dramatic reduction in the number of lives lost to measles, diarrhea, and pneumonia.

In 2013, LDS Charities participated in 18 campaigns in 11 countries, making a huge impact on the lives of millions of people living in those areas.

“This measles program has definitely broadened our view regarding what we can do to get involved in the resolution of problems in our communities.”

—Isias Berreto da Rosa, volunteer leader, Praia, Cape Verde
“This will help people with mobility problems in their day-to-day life. Those trained will be able to choose the right wheelchair for the people.”

—Nepal Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Welfare

Volunteers from LDS Charities provided a three-day wheelchair assessment training in the cities of Davao, Cebu, Manila, and Tuguegarao in the Philippines, training a total of 60 people. In these training courses, LDS Charities specialists trained participants to assess and measure people for the appropriate wheelchair type and size. They also taught wheelchair recipients how to use and take care of their wheelchairs.

One man who was fitted with a new wheelchair said that he can now work again and provide for his family. He no longer has to struggle with a chair that does not fit him properly.

Those who were initially trained then trained others. Local governments are stepping up to participate in the program and pay for interisland shipping and the costs of bringing qualified assessors to local communities. De La Salle Medical University enrolled all of their orthopedic professors in the training and has now officially adopted the course into their curriculum for students receiving a degree in physical therapy.
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