

DISASTER RESPONSE

PROJECT PROFILE



Living through a disaster is a terrifying experience, but the crisis is intensified when disaster strikes an already impoverished nation with little infrastructure and few resources for survival. Clean water, shelter and medical care are among the immediate needs after a disaster. World Concern has technical expertise to respond to disasters, with decades of experience. When the unthinkable happens in one of the countries where we serve, we respond immediately, providing critical aid to thousands who may otherwise not survive.



The families of these children have walked for weeks in search of food and water. They are among half a million children at risk of dying in the Horn of Africa.

HOW WE HELP

Immediate Response / When the massive 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti in January, 2010, affecting more than 3 million people, we went right to work. Using supplies from our warehouse in Port-au-Prince, our staff began distributing food, water, tarps and medical supplies to more than 100,000 people immediately following the disaster.



Haiti's 2010 earthquake killed 230,000 people.

The worst humanitarian crisis in the world unfolded in 2011 in the Horn of Africa (Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia). On the heels of the most severe drought in 60 years, the U.N. declared a famine in this region. More than 13 million people were in need of life-saving aid.

World Concern has worked in Kenya and Somalia for more than 30 years and is uniquely positioned to provide food, water and supplies to some of the most vulnerable, underserved families. We're providing immediate aid, as well as long-term solutions for clean water and sustainable food sources.

Rebuilding Lives / We are committed to remaining in disaster-affected places until the lives of those we serve are stabilized. In Haiti, we've repaired and built new houses, employing local

workers and supporting business owners with grants to restart their businesses. Now, we're working to provide long-term, sustainable solutions to the problems of extreme poverty in Haiti.

In Chad, where tens of thousands of Sudanese and Chadian refugees of the Darfur War are living in dusty, crowded camps, we're teaching people to grow their own food, and providing farming equipment and seeds. We're building latrines and teaching parents about the importance of hygiene to stop the spread of disease.

We're helping rebuild lives in disaster-torn countries—one person, one family at a time.



Bernato Germeil is now a single father after losing his wife in the Haiti Earthquake.

WHERE WE WORK

Most countries where we work are prone to disasters: flooding, hurricanes, typhoons, drought, earthquakes and war. We work in 17 countries and respond to disasters in those places. In some cases, a disaster has opened the way for us to work in a new country, as was the case in Sri Lanka, following the 2004 tsunami.

WHO WE HELP

We provide aid to victims of disaster regardless of their social, economic or religious background. With long term assistance, we help the poorest in a community—those who would otherwise have no way to repair their homes or find work, utilizing neighborhood committees to help determine which families have the greatest need.

BERNATO'S STORY

Survival After Disaster

Bernato Germeil (above) lost his wife Gladys in the earthquake in Haiti. His 18-month-old daughter, Doudline, was found in the arms of her dead mother under the rubble of their collapsed house. For seven months, Bernato, his 6-year-old son, Berwens, and Doudline lived on the side of the road under a tattered tarp held up by wood poles.

Bernato received a transitional shelter from World Concern. He is grateful for what he has, in spite of all he has lost.

"I live my life for my kids now. I must move on for them," he said. "Thank you to World Concern for giving me a home to raise my family in. It's the first thing I've been given since the earthquake."

ABOUT WORLD CONCERN

World Concern is a Christian global relief and development organization. With our supporters, our faith compels us to extend life-saving help and opportunity to people facing the most profound human challenges of extreme poverty. At World Concern, the solutions we offer, the work we do—with your help—creates lasting, sustainable change. Lasting change that provides lasting hope.

Our areas of expertise include disaster response, clean water, education, food security, child protection, microfinance and health. For more information about our work, please visit worldconcern.org.