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1000-0005 AmeriCares
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1000-0044 CARE
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1000-0007 Catholic Relief Services - USCC
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1000-0059 Childreach
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1000-0054 Children, Inc.
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1000-0009 Children International
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1000-0010 Christian Children's Fund
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1000-0011 Church World Service/CROP
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1000-0013 Doctors Without Borders USA
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1000-0060 ECHO, Inc.
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Making Progress
Against Poverty



Poverty Limits Hope

- One in five people on Earth live on the equivalent of one dollar a day.
- 1.3 billion — five times the population of the United States — are desperately poor, lacking access to clean water and minimum nutrition.
- Over 95 million children under 15 are estimated to be working to help their families make a living. Another 95 million are estimated to be homeless or destitute.
- 70% of the world's poor are women.

The Promise of Hope

The member charities of International Service Agencies (ISA) make a world of difference. Here are examples of programs which:

Alleviate poverty

- **Feeding 1,250 children a day** by establishing food centers in government-controlled areas in Angola.
- **Distributing seeds** to assist with food production/distribution disrupted by war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Increase education opportunities

- Encouraging over 500,000 people to read by assisting the Nepal Ministry of Education implement a **national literacy campaign**.
- Helping 2,828 women in South America receive **loans to create start-up businesses**, improving their income and the nutrition and education of their children.

Address environmental/agricultural problems

- **Helping refugees plant 320,000 fruit trees and 100,000 other plants and trees** to encourage re-establishing agricultural practices in Afghanistan and decrease dependency on outside food sources.
- **Rehabilitating 22 wells and 7,700 meters of irrigation channels** in indigenous communities in Peru to improve nutrition and income through traditional farming methods.

Restore and improve health care

- **Improving eye health of 60 million people (95% of the population)** in the Philippines by distributing Vitamin A capsules which prevent blindness and illness in children.
- **Educating 65,000 Ivorian and Liberian refugees** about AIDS through awareness and prevention programs in high-risk villages.

ISA member charities **improve the lives of more than 159 million people** every year by serving the poor, displaced and disaster-stricken in virtually every developing country.

Responding to Disaster and Crisis

Within the past year alone, millions of people have been forced from their homes because of deadly storms and earthquakes in Central and South America, continued conflicts in Africa and a humanitarian crisis in the Balkans. Refugees fleeing **Kosovo** with the hope of finding safety and life-saving food and shelter are images the world will not soon forget. ISA member agencies were among the first to establish camps, distribute tons of food and safe drinking water and give hope to nearly 1 million people forced from their homes.

Poverty is a Disaster that Hits Every

To create a world without severe poverty, ISA member charities work non-stop to help 22 million families—one fifth of the world's population—who are trapped in poverty. These agencies provide:

- **Humanitarian aid** to assist disaster victims, feed the hungry and combat the spread of AIDS.
- **Environmental assistance** to preserve and improve natural resources, purify water, improve crop yields and aid reforestation.
- **Economic programs** to establish home-based businesses, train workers and create jobs which provide opportunities to become self-sufficient.

Progress Against Poverty

For decades, international charities have made tremendous progress alleviating human suffering. Today, thanks to their effective programs—

- The average 1-year-old in a developing country can expect to live to the age of 66—that's **26 years longer** than his or her grandparents expected to live.
- In 1961, 50% of the world's population lived in countries where the average person was malnourished. Thanks to food assistance provided by International Service Agencies member charities, **that figure has dropped to only 11%**.
- **80% of the people in the developing world** have access to basic health services and **70%** have access to clean and safe water.
- **Nearly 80% of our world's children** are immunized against measles, although this killer still strikes and kills nearly 2 million children every year.