



What is International Orthodox Christian Charities?

IOCC is the humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. IOCC works in cooperation with the Orthodox Church and on behalf of Orthodox Christians. In carrying out its mission, IOCC applies the highest professional standards and renders itself fully accountable to the public and its donors.

What is the mission of IOCC?

IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond.

Who benefits from the services of IOCC?

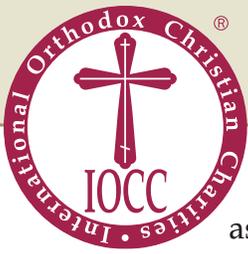
Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has provided \$580 million in humanitarian relief, sustainable development and self-help programs to people in need. All assistance is provided solely on the basis of need, and benefits families, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, school children, orphans and people with disabilities.

Where is IOCC providing assistance?

IOCC programs have helped people in more than 50 countries across Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. Since the need for help is great, IOCC continually works to expand its programs to other areas.

What types of services does IOCC provide?

- **Agriculture and Food Security** programs help rural families raise their levels of nutrition, standard of living and agricultural productivity.
- **Emergency Response** programs address the immediate needs of people suffering from natural disaster, war or civil unrest.
- **Education** programs help improve access to learning for children and youth, as well as nurture local leaders who advocate for their communities and promote the general welfare.
- **Health** programs help protect the well-being of communities through prevention and intervention.
- **Water and Sanitation** programs help improve access to clean and safe water and minimize public health threats in vulnerable communities.
- **Economic Opportunity** programs give people the tools to work their way out of poverty with dignity.



Global Response – Summer 2016

GREECE – IOCC is providing assistance to co-ops made up of farmers, fisherman, bakers and agricultural product producers who play a pivotal role in revitalizing Greece’s rural communities. IOCC and Apostoli, the humanitarian arm of the Church of Greece, are helping 24 co-ops in northern Greece succeed with assistance to increase their production and profits with agricultural and business training, as well as funding to buy supplies, equipment and machinery needed to sustain and grow their operations.



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TANZANIA – Girls in rural Tanzania often miss school to walk miles from home and collect water for their families’ daily needs. The journey to distant watering holes also leaves them vulnerable to harassment and attacks. In cooperation with the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria and All Africa and the Archdiocese of Mwanza, IOCC is supporting the creation of 12 new wells to be centrally located at village schools and church properties. Water at all of the sites is tested for safety prior to drilling the holes and installing pipes, and local communities will be trained in the care and maintenance of their new water sources. The wells will help bring access to safe water closer to home and help bring girls back to the classroom.

USA – At-risk youth in Alaska picked up new skills on and off the court at IOCC basketball and mentoring clinics held in Anchorage and the village of Napaskiak. The one-day events were aimed at providing a fun, sports-focused environment to reinforce healthy lifestyles and substance abuse prevention among Alaska Native youth. IOCC is working with the OCA Diocese of Sitka and Alaska and St. Herman Orthodox Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska, to implement substance abuse prevention training for seminarians and clergy that will reach Alaska Natives in some of the state’s most remote villages.



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