



Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund

Mission and Focus

CRWRF Mission

The Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund serves as a bridge for our church members and churches to provide resources that address material needs of people suffering the effects of poverty through Christian motivated partners.

CRWRF Program Focus

Our Scriptural basis for both immediate and long-term response is that Christians are called, as they have opportunity, to do good to all men, especially to those of the household of faith.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." (*Galatians 6: 9, 10*)

CRWRF's program has the following focus areas:

- Child Development
- Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation
- Community Development
- HIV/Aids Response
- Global Awareness Education

CRWRF facilitates immediate aid to emergency and disaster situations providing food, water, clothing, shelter, and medical care after civil wars or natural disasters.

CRWRF is also involved in longer-term development projects that benefit children and families in communities that lack the means for a sustainable livelihood. Development programs provide training and enable local leaders to facilitate changes that address long term problems in their own communities. Programs that respond to the HIV/AIDS crisis have become a special program focus for CRWRF's development work due to this overwhelming problem: there are more than 40 million people living with AIDS worldwide, and 90% of them live in poor countries without means to receive help.

In 2007 CRWRF started a new program focus to promote educational awareness about global issues and encourage a Biblical framework for understanding relief and development responses to world poverty within our constituency. Publications for family devotional use and resource materials for Christian educators are part of this program. Faithworks, a subcommittee of CRWRF, now provides trip participants with both active service and guided learning opportunities to foster reflection on being a Christian steward in a world of need.