



2018 LDS Charities

ANNUAL REPORT



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Cover image: Matilde and her daughters, Pamela and Sarah, smile from their kitchen in San Pablo de Lipez, Bolivia. Left: An elderly woman in Bolivia looks out her door. In 2018, LDS Charities responded to severe winter storms, flooding, and mudslides in Bolivia.

Year in Review

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and we are in awe at the generosity and selflessness of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and others who donate to support the Church's humanitarian work. Without the giving hearts of our donors, none of the work displayed in this annual report would be possible.

The work of LDS Charities is centered around our motto: Strengthening Families. We work every day with local and international partners to help those in need have stronger families.

In a year of major disasters, our Emergency Response program worked with partners and volunteers to bless and save countless lives. We responded to international disasters in Japan, Saipan, and Guatemala. In the United States we responded to two large hurricanes, as well as the most devastating wildfire in California's history. We are so proud of the way our Emergency Response team and countless volunteers respond quickly and professionally.

We also addressed issues like homelessness and refugee resettlement here in the United States. We are working with local and domestic partners more than ever before. We work with refugee agencies like the International Rescue Committee to help refugees obtain beds, clothing, and food, as well as employment opportunities and language skills—things they need to start their new lives. In our home city of Salt Lake City, we are grateful for the help of local organizations to provide services for local homeless populations and others in need.

All of our humanitarian efforts are based on our commitment to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by caring for those in greatest need, inspiring self-reliance, and promoting service.

We especially thank our donors, without whom we couldn't do this great work to lift the lives of our brothers and sisters. Enjoy this annual report highlighting the work we were able to accomplish with your support.

SINCE 1985, LDS CHARITIES HAS PROVIDED OVER \$2.2 BILLION IN ASSISTANCE. IN 2018, LDS CHARITIES WORKED IN 141 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ON 2,885 PROJECTS WITH OVER 1,900 PARTNERS.



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Above: Hamalala is a midwife who was trained in Helping Babies Breathe in Zambia. Thanks to the training she received, she had the skills to help when baby Agness was born not breathing.

Guiding Principles

LDS Charities is founded on three guiding principles. These principles, based on our faith in Jesus Christ, empower individuals and families regardless of race, religion, or nationality.

CARE FOR THOSE IN GREATEST NEED

We are all connected and have a responsibility to care for people in need. In many instances, both immediate relief and long-term solutions are needed to help a community.

PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM

We all have gifts and talents to contribute. Through volunteerism, benefits come to those who give service and to those who receive service.

INSPIRE SELF-RELIANCE

Every community has the talents and resources to find solutions to its needs. As individuals and communities become more self-reliant, they are equipped to solve challenges and lift others.



Summary of Initiatives

Since 1985, LDS Charities has worked with government ministries, nongovernmental organizations, and community-based organizations to help millions of people worldwide. Built on the principles of personal responsibility, community support, self-reliance, and sustainability, our efforts give individuals and communities the resources they need to improve their lives in lasting and meaningful ways.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

- 175 countries and territories since 1985
- 155 projects in 50 countries during 2018



FOOD SECURITY

Sponsored by the Benson Food Institute, LDS Charities works with trusted partners to improve the health and well-being of families and communities using local solutions and resources.

- 41 countries and territories since 2006
- 311,700 people in 16 countries during 2018
- 51 scholarships awarded to scholars in 11 countries



VISION

LDS Charities helps prevent avoidable blindness and provides services for the visually impaired by partnering with global professionals.

- 74 countries and territories since 2003
- 309,800 people helped in 35 countries during 2018



MATERNAL AND NEWBORN CARE

LDS Charities provides training and equipment for attendants to support the care and resuscitation of newborns at birth in addition to improving maternal survival following births.

- 93 countries and territories since 2003
- 53,800 trained caregivers in 39 countries during 2018



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

LDS Charities works with local partners to build water and sanitation systems and teach communities about system maintenance, empowering them to meet their long-term water needs.

- 76 countries and territories since 2002
- 657,500 people in 28 countries during 2018



IMMUNIZATIONS

LDS Charities works with global immunization partners to increase routine vaccinations and reduce the number of lives lost to preventable diseases.

- 46 countries and territories since 2002
- 7 campaigns benefiting 7 countries during 2018



WHEELCHAIRS

LDS Charities works with local organizations to improve services for the physically disabled and to provide wheelchairs and walking aids that are suited to individual needs.

- 134 countries and territories since 2001
- 53,800 people helped in 40 countries during 2018



REFUGEE RESPONSE

LDS Charities supports refugees by providing both immediate relief and long-term support and by working with resettlement agencies.

- 122 countries and territories since 1985
- 371 projects in 56 countries during 2018



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

LDS Charities aims to solve problems on a community level by leveraging local partners, resources, and solutions.

- 175 countries and territories since 1985
- 853 projects in 104 countries during 2018



U.S. AND CANADA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

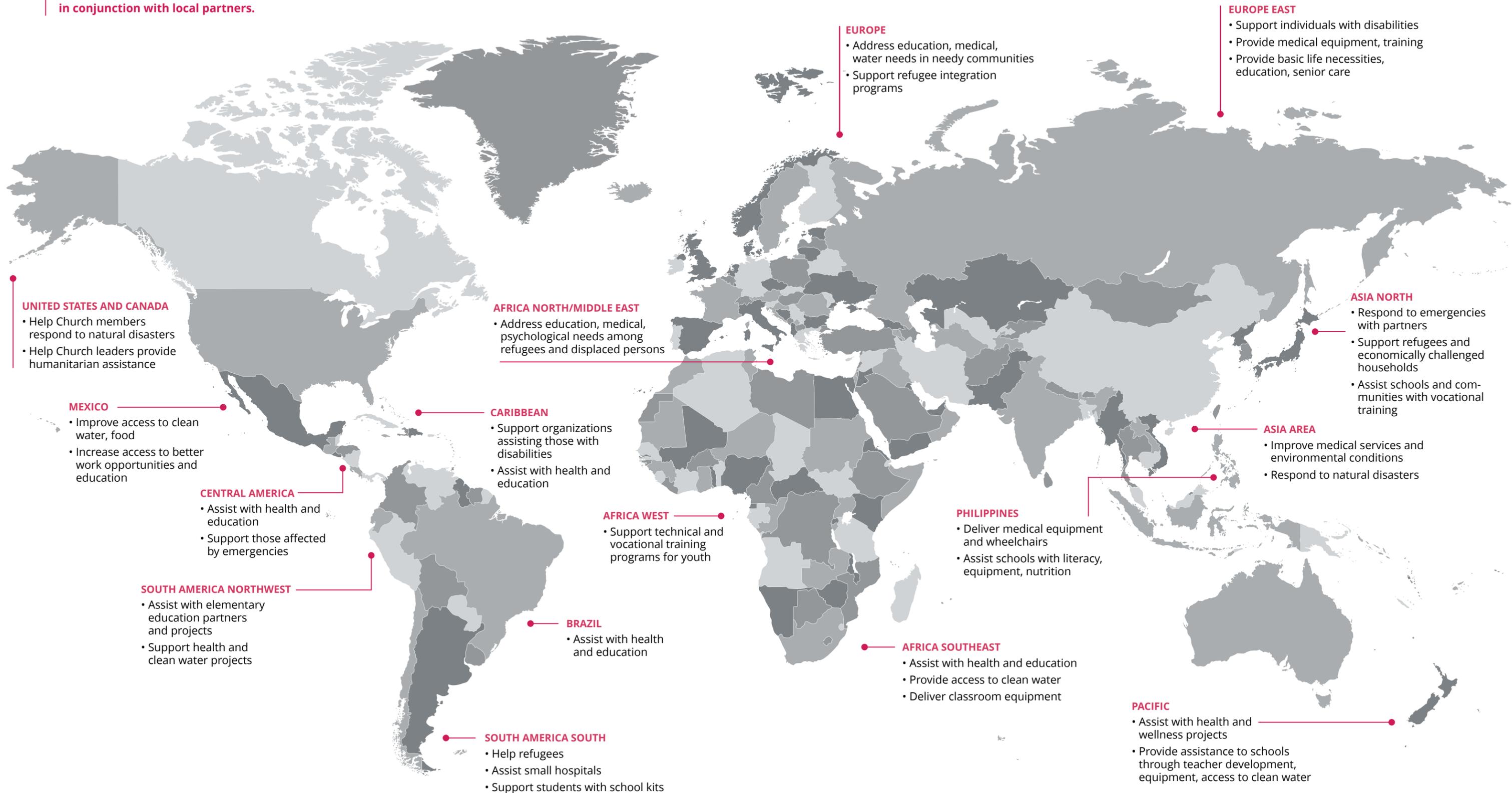
LDS Charities works with community partners and organizations in the United States to address issues such as homelessness, immigrant and refugee resettlement, and other community projects.

- 43 states and provinces during 2018

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration and Refugee Services, Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) Program. Photo credits: Sarah Williamson (<http://www.sarahannayphotography.com>)

Regional Priorities

LDS Charities operates worldwide with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Area Offices around the world. Each international office addresses humanitarian needs specific to its area in conjunction with local partners.





Above: A young man in Ghana is fitted with a wheelchair with help from an LDS Charities technician. Below: Leitangi Solomon smiles after being fitted with a wheelchair.



Top left and right: Helping Hands volunteers work to clear debris following flooding in southwestern Japan. Bottom left: Volunteers help move emergency food supplies to evacuation and volunteer centers.

Improving Lives

MANY PEOPLE around the world need a wheelchair to improve their mobility, but only 5 to 15 percent of them have access to one. LDS Charities volunteer specialists and trainers work with partner organizations to provide training and donations of basic wheelchairs and walking aids. All this is accomplished according to World Health Organization guidelines.

Leitangi Solomon, a resident of the Pacific island of Vanuatu, was born without hands and feet. As a child, she traveled far to be measured for and receive prosthetic arms and feet. She also used a walker to get around. When she was 11 years old, she received

her first wheelchair. Using it came naturally to her. As she used her wheelchair more and more, Leitangi felt she didn't need the artificial limbs she relied on for so long.

"I found it was easier just to use my own limbs," Leitangi said. "It is a blessing from God."

Though Leitangi still needs help at times, she said she is grateful to be more independent and enjoys the mobility her wheelchair gives her. LDS Charities helps people around the world like Leitangi to improve their lives.



Responding to Emergencies

IN 2018, Japan was affected by natural disasters including earthquakes, typhoons, and flooding. In April and June, two 6.1-magnitude earthquakes in the Shimane and Osaka prefectures affected thousands of people. In late June and early July, torrential rain and flooding affected southwestern Japan—the worst the country had seen in decades. Over 200 people died and over a million people were forced to evacuate their homes.

LDS Charities worked with many national and local relief organizations in the disaster response and cleanup. Church members and missionaries worked with community leaders and volunteer centers to organize cleanup efforts. LDS Charities helped Japan Voluntary

Organizations Active in Disaster (JVOAD) deliver relief supplies and assistance to affected community members. IsraAID partnered with LDS Charities to provide psychological first aid to disaster survivors. ADRA Japan provided basic supplies to those who lost belongings.

Second Harvest Japan, the largest food bank in Japan, delivered food and drinks to Church meetinghouses. Volunteers then moved the supplies to evacuation and volunteer centers.

LDS Charities responded to these disasters and many more this year, providing emergency supplies and volunteer support.



Above: A nurse in Banyumas, Indonesia, stands next to a new mother. In 2018, nurses in this birthing center completed a Helping Babies Breathe course run by LDS Charities facilitators.

Saving the Lives of Mothers and Children

EACH YEAR, hundreds of thousands of women die from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth. LDS Charities is working to achieve one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals—helping mothers and infants survive.

Duishebaeva is a midwife who works in a remote mountain village in Kyrgyzstan, 400 kilometers from the regional medical center.

In 2018, she received training in the *Helping Mothers Survive* course sponsored by LDS Charities. This training helps midwives, nurses, and health care professionals care for mothers and infants before, during, and after childbirth.

Soon after the training, Duishebaeva was asked to help deliver a baby in the middle of the night.

“All I could think about was what would happen if I couldn't help this woman,” Duishebaeva said.

The baby was delivered successfully but the mother began bleeding excessively. Using skills from the training, the midwife stopped the bleeding and stabilized the mother. Today, both the mother and her baby are healthy.

“We have a saying in my country that if a mother is healthy and her child is healthy, a people or nation is healthy,” Duishebaeva said. “I am so happy that every day I can serve my people.”



Top: Florence Amolo Nyakuli, a smallholder farmer in Kakamega, Kenya, displays her crops. Left: A girl walks her sheep near her home in Guatemala. Center: Paslida Aseka has doubled her harvest after receiving seeds and training from One Acre Fund and LDS Charities. Right: A man works in his field in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Providing Life Essentials for Families

LDS CHARITIES works every day to eliminate hunger worldwide. One way to reduce hunger is to identify farmers with small agricultural properties and help them increase the amount of food they produce.

In Kenya these “smallholder” farmers grow maize, beans, and other crops to feed their families. However, their yields are often small, and these families frequently go hungry.

With the help of LDS Charities and One Acre Fund, Paslida learned modern farming techniques like crop rotation and seed spacing.

Before working with One Acre Fund, Paslida and her family had to supplement food from their harvest by buying maize and beans. Now she has doubled her harvest yield, and her family can live off what they grow. In an especially good harvest, she can even sell the excess at the market.

Paslida can now care for herself better. She spends more time focusing on her family and serving her community. She gives back by helping those around her. LDS Charities continues its goal to help families like Paslida's develop greater food security.



Our Partners

We work side by side with partners who align with our mission and have proven successful in their humanitarian efforts. We work with organizations of all sizes, from global nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and government ministries to local nonprofits. By partnering with organizations that have sustainable local solutions to local needs, we can ensure that our resources are being used appropriately. By working with us, our partners can increase their impact through our funding and volunteer resources.

Over 15,000 Community, Regional, and Global Partners Since 1985

How You Can Help

The most effective humanitarian work involves finding local solutions to local problems. When disasters or needs arise in communities or countries far away, the Church encourages members to donate to the global Humanitarian Aid fund to respond to those needs. Members are then asked to go and serve in their local communities.

There are lots of ways to make a difference in your own community. Consider what you like to do and what volunteer opportunities you've enjoyed in the past, and prayerfully ponder how you can make a difference. Then:

- FIND A NEED
- RESEARCH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
- MAKE A PLAN
- SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

Left: A young boy stands outside his home in Angkor Wat, Cambodia. In 2018, LDS Charities worked with local partners to improve access to clean water and toilet facilities in schools across the country.

*“Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—
who live in virtually every country of the world—care deeply
about the human family. The Church will continue to contribute
resources and manpower to provide aid in areas of need.”*

—President Russell M. Nelson

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