

ADRA's Mission

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was initiated by the Seventh-day Adventist church. The basis for its existence, its reason for being, is to follow Christ's example by being a voice for, serving, and partnering with those in need.

ADRA seeks to identify and address social injustice and deprivation in developing countries. The agency's work seeks to improve the quality of life of those in need. ADRA invests in the potential of these individuals through community development initiatives targeting Food Security, Economic Development, Primary Health and Basic Education. ADRA's emergency management initiatives provide aid to disaster survivors.

Identity Statement

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is a global humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that demonstrates God's love and compassion.

Mission Statement

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action

Vision Statement

ADRA is a professional, learning and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. ADRA reaches across boundaries empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society.

Principles and Values

ADRA believes...

That through humanitarian acts we make known the just, merciful and loving character of God.

That to work with those in need is an expression of our love for God.

That the compassionate ministry of Jesus is its own abundant motive and reward.

That we are an agency of change and an instrument of grace and providence.

In expressing concern, compassion and empathy through our work.

That equitable partnership with those in need will result in sustainable change.

That age, gender, race, culture, and families enrich the communities with whom we work, and are assets to be respected and affirmed.

In non-discrimination and respect for differences, accepting people as equals regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, political, or religious affiliation.

In participatory development which utilizes both men and women's capabilities and provides equal opportunity to individuals of differing ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

That all people have the fundamental right to care, basic goods and services.

That all persons, especially children, have the right to a life of opportunity and the freedom to choose their own future.

In enabling partners to create participatory and sustainable community structures for information sharing and civil engagement.

That all resources, opportunities, and advantages are gifts, which must be managed responsibly.

That all people, in particular women and children, have the right to protection and a life free from violence, sexual exploitation, and all other forms of abuse.

In demonstrating integrity and transparency in our work at every level.