

BACKGROUNDER

By working together, Humanitarian Coalition member agencies are stronger. In times of large international disasters, we can leverage each other's strengths, networks and organizational capacity to quickly reach and help the most vulnerable and in need.

During global humanitarian crises, when lives are at stake, the Humanitarian Coalition unites Canadians to help and to save more lives. Together, we are Canada's first and trusted choice in times of need, responding with immediate lifesaving assistance and humanitarian aid when and where it is needed the most.

- The Humanitarian Coalition's first joint appeal was in 2005 to raise funds for the massive earthquake that shook Pakistan. It is now made up of seven organizations: Canadian Lutheran World Relief, CARE Canada, Islamic Relief Canada, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam-Québec, Plan International Canada and Save the Children Canada.
- The members of the Humanitarian Coalition work together to reduce competition among aid agencies, increase the awareness of needs, reduce the duplication of costs and take the guesswork out of giving for Canadians.
- Since the first campaign, the Humanitarian Coalition has raised more than \$60 million through 16 appeals, reaching approximately 60 million people with life-saving assistance.
- It administers the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund, a unique mechanism primarily funded by the Government of Canada to provide life-saving assistance to smaller scale disasters around the world.
- Combined, the member agencies are present in more than 150 countries and provide assistance to millions of people in need every year.
- The addition of Islamic Relief Canada and Canadian Lutheran World Relief, two faith-inspired aid agencies, contributes directly to our inclusivity mandate and commitment to be representative of Canada's multiculturalism and diversity.
- The Humanitarian Coalition is a member of the Emergency Appeals Alliance (EAA), comprised of aid agency coalitions who work together to respond to humanitarian emergencies around the world. The joint appeal model was first used in the United Kingdom by the Disasters Emergency Committee, which is made up of 23 aid organizations.

About Islamic Relief Canada

Over almost 30 years, Islamic Relief has grown into one of the world's largest Islamic NGOs (non-governmental organizations). Islamic Relief strives to end poverty and envisages a caring world where communities are empowered, social obligations are fulfilled and people respond as one to the suffering of others. In line with Islamic teachings on the value of every human life, Islamic Relief provides this assistance to whoever needs it most, regardless of race, religion or gender.

About Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Formed in 1946 as a response to the humanitarian crisis in post-war Europe, CLWR has grown to focus on building resilience among refugee, internally displaced and food insecure populations by developing programs and partnerships aimed to assist the most vulnerable individuals and communities. One of

Canada's most experienced relief and development agencies, CLWR responds to people who are suffering unjust or challenging political, social, economic and environmental circumstances.