

ABOUT US



Relief International specializes in relief and development programs that benefit people in acute distress. A registered non-profit in the US, UK, France and Belgium, our work targets those fragile countries or communities that suffer from recurrent man-made or natural crises that impede human development. The people that we serve live in seventeen countries across the Middle East, Africa, and Asia where the debilitating effects of political instability, forced displacement, and natural disasters are pervasive. Often, RI is the only organization providing healthcare, education, logistics, energy, capacity building, economic development, sanitation, and many other forms of assistance to these highly vulnerable communities.

Bottom line: Our team of six thousand staff and auxiliary workers goes where the need is greatest. Ninety-seven percent are local nationals.

RI focuses its investments in four program sectors: Economic Opportunity, Education, Health and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene). We support solutions that reinforce and improve upon existing in-country systems. Where such systems do not exist or are chronically underperforming, our emergency response lays the foundation for long-term, sustainable change.

Partnering is in our DNA.

RI's work is most effective when we partner with communities, national governments, peer international organizations, local civil society, public institutions and the private sector. Collaboration enables us to harness complementary expertise and networks that ensures the people we serve receive the best solutions available.

RI sends ninety percent of every donation to our programs in the field.

We spent \$115 million in 2017 on our programs, which are designed to be both responsive and flexible to serve the immediate and long-term needs of people in difficult circumstances.

SOMALIA: EDUCATE GIRLS, END POVERTY

Girls in Somalia face extraordinary obstacles to pursuing an education. Less than fifty percent of Somali girls attend primary school, and only twenty-five percent of young women (ages 15 to 24) are literate according to the latest nationwide census. To address this need, Relief International supports 227 schools in fragile and conflict-affected areas in Somalia's newly formed Federal Member States of Galmudug, HirShabelle, Benadir Regional Administration, Puntland and Somaliland.

Since 2003, our team has worked hand-in-hand with girls, boys, parents, teachers, community leaders and government ministries to devise and implement tailored interventions to benefit 65,938 school-aged girls. We lead enrollment and retention campaigns, provide cash support to girls, organize girls' and boys' clubs aimed at preventing child marriage, provide Somali teachers with continuous professional development and teacher incentives, among many other forms of support. As a result of our activities, eighty percent of formerly out of school girls in target communities are now enrolled, and more than ninety percent have stayed in school for three years or more.



RI was founded by a group of concerned individuals in Los Angeles in 1990 to respond to the Manjil– Rudbar earthquake in Iran, the country’s worst natural disaster on record. The organization established a European headquarters in London, UK, and followed this with a merger with EnterpriseWorks, a development organization with more than sixty years of experience, uniquely bringing together a development approach with a focus on crisis settings. Together, these organizations have grown under the Relief International name to become an international organization operating in seventeen countries.

TURKEY: PROSTHETICS FOR SYRIANS WITH DISABILITIES

The Syrian war has left more than 1.5 million people permanently disabled, including 100,000 who have lost limbs, many of them children. Relief International is building the capacity of a Syrian-run clinic in Turkey to provide free, high-quality prosthetic body parts and rehabilitation services. Located three miles from the Syrian border, the clinic produces its own prosthetics and assists more than ten patients a day, fitting an average of sixty new limbs each month. The beneficiaries are a mix of refugees living in Turkey and Syrians who travel from the northern part of the country to receive treatment. Several of the clinic’s staff were once patients themselves. RI’s support for the clinic includes bringing international experts to train technicians in the latest manufacturing methods, and outfitting a mobile clinic from a converted bus that enables staff to treat patients who cannot travel to the center.



GLOBAL OPERATIONS

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