Caritas AFRICA

Building together resilient communities in Africa

Working towards strong, united, and effective Caritas network in Africa—witnessing to the love of God through service, solidarity, and advocacy for a just, fraternal, and sustainable world.

WHO WE ARE

Caritas Africa is one of the seven regional bodies of Caritas Internationalis, the global confederation of Catholic humanitarian and development organizations.
We serve as the regional office for 46 national Caritas member organizations across Africa and the adjacent islands in the Atlantic and Indian oceans. Rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, Caritas Africa strengthens, accompanies, and coordinates its national members to fulfill the Church's mission of love, justice, and solidarity with the poor and the most excluded.

OUR MISSION

To serve, accompany, and defend the poor and most excluded by:

- Strengthening national Caritas member organizations to empower marginalized communities and build their resilience.
- Responding effectively to humanitarian emergencies and crises.
- Engaging members to transform unjust structures for a fairer and more fraternal world.
- Promoting Integral Human Development through initiatives that empower institutions and communities in Africa and improve access to essential social services.

OUR VISION

An Africa where all people have life in its fullness (John 10:10).
A continent of flourishing communities built on love, reconciliation, justice, peace, and prosperity, where everyone contributes to the common good, creation is cared for responsibly, and human dignity is upheld in societies free from corruption and human rights violations.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2024–2030)

1. Uphold Caritas' Role
Maintain Caritas as the organized charity of the Catholic Church in Africa, offering leadership in social and pastoral ministry.

2. Reinforce Member Effectiveness
Strengthen the capacity and resilience of the 46 national member organizations.

3. Humanitarian Response
Save lives and reduce the impact of humanitarian crises through coordinated response and disaster preparedness.

4. Transform Unjust Structures
Address root causes of injustice while promoting good governance, peacebuilding, and the dignity of all people.

Women and youth inclusion are cross-cutting priorities in all strategic orientations.

OUR CORE VALUES

Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, Caritas Africa's work is shaped by the following values:

- **Compassion and Hope**
Responding to suffering with love and faith in a better future.
- **Upholding the Dignity of All People**
Recognizing every person as created in the image of God.
- **Preferential Option for the Poor**
Standing in solidarity with those who are marginalized and excluded.
- **Social Justice and Solidarity**
Working toward fairness, equity, and unity among peoples.
- **Fraternal Cooperation and Communion**
Building relationships of mutual respect and shared mission.
- **Environmental Stewardship**
Caring for creation as a sacred gift for present and future generations.
- **Integrity and Ethics**
Acting with honesty, humility, and faithfulness to the Church's mission.
- **Transparency and Accountability**
Managing resources responsibly and building trust through openness.
- **Subsidiarity**
Empowering local decision-making and community participation.

OUR PARTNERS

Caritas Africa's initiatives are carried out with the support of its **46 national member organizations** and in close collaboration with members of the **Caritas Internationalis family** and other development partners including: **Caritas Internationalis General Secretariat, CAFOD, Caritas Austria, Caritas Australia, Caritas Italiana, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Caritas Spain, Caritas Flandres, Banca Etica, CEI (Conferenza Episcopale Italiana), Caritas Japan, SCIAF** and many others who have supported us in the previous years, we are committed to our shared vision of a just and compassionate world.

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