

## UMCOR FIELD OPERATIONS (NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION)

UMCOR provided humanitarian services and development through 11 country offices during 2006.

### FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### AFGHANISTAN

- UMCOR workers completed eight schools and 16 clinics. In total, 24 buildings were constructed under the Schools and Clinics Construction and Refurbishment Program.
- Two integrated return programs served 873 beneficiaries. In Paktya and Khost provinces, beneficiaries finished construction of shelters and latrines. In the Central Region program, returnee families received materials for construction of permanent shelters and latrines. UMCOR assisted the community to build two wells in Wardak Province and supplied security fencing for the benefit of returnees in Kabul. Fifty families in Kabul Province received blankets, health kits and school kits provided by UMCOR Sager Brown.
- A UNICEF-funded program assisted 400 children and young people affected by armed conflict in Afghanistan to participate in educational, economic and social activities. Vocational training was offered in literacy, beekeeping, tailoring, auto mechanics, poultry rearing, and carpentry.
- More than 8,000 children, the majority returnees from Pakistan, benefited from the renovation of three schools in Gardez.

#### ALBANIA

- Delivered and tested tractors and other mechanized implements to improve capacity of farmers in sunflower growing programs.
- Trained 500 farmers in production support.
- Completed construction of a warehouse and crop storage facility.
- Provided incentive grants to member farmers for cultivation of 1,195 metric tons of sunflowers.
- Facilitated delivery of locally produced sunflower seeds to a processing plant.

#### ARMENIA

- Supported 73 state-run institutions with locally produced cheese, benefiting 7,873 children and 2,150 elderly residents.
- Another 142 health facilities and two special schools received medicines and medical supplies worth \$1.3 million, and benefiting thousands of persons.
- Two additional training sessions on the role of border guards in anti-trafficking were held.
- Vocational training in cosmetology and dressmaking were begun for survivors of trafficking, working with a local nongovernmental organization.
- Monthly stipends and mentoring continued with survivors as they reintegrated into society.
- Trained over 900 farmers in new farming methods and improved food security.
- Expanded operations of AREGAK micro-credit program to offer capital for business development among Armenians who would not otherwise be able to access credit.

#### AZERBAIJAN

- Celebrated the 10th anniversary of UMCOR service in Azerbaijan.
- UMCOR community health providers offered consultations to more than 6,000 refugees and displaced persons. Wrote hundreds of prescriptions for elderly residents, children and women in several hospitals and state institutions.
- Workers offered free medical consultations to 2,713 refugees and asylum seekers. Some 811 asylum seekers received subsistence allowances, and 61 completed vocational training.
- Distributed free medicines, medical supplies and non-medical goods to 11 UMCOR medicine dispensers, 53 state health facilities, 37 children's institutions, four elderly institutions, two correctional institutions, one invalid house and several local NGOs.

#### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Beneficiaries who dream of starting a business realized their dreams through micro-credit loans. As capital from participants' savings accumulates, loans assisted with business startups, food production and farming, and other enterprises. Nearly 7,000 families received this assistance.
- Girls in North Katanga province attended primary school through a program that paid fees, provided uniforms and supplies, and offered the additional encouragement of mentors who related closely to the girls and their families. Some 2,500 girls benefited, funded through grants from UMCOR Emergency Service Office and USAID, through AED.
- A food security program funded by OFDA provides agricultural techniques, rural development skills, seeds and tools to 16,197 beneficiaries. About a third are women.
- Supporting programs in micro-credit and water development in Kamina was the monetization of \$4 million in wheat, donated by the US Department of Agriculture.

#### GEORGIA

- Distributed \$1.6 million worth of pharmaceuticals to 20 targeted health facilities serving 200,000 people.
- UMCOR began implementation of a \$3 million award from USDA's Food for Progress program. Commodities received and monetized included wheat, sunflower seed oil, and nonfat dry milk. Proceeds are expected to improve the production and marketing capacity of small-sized agricultural private enterprises and individual farmers in the Samtskhe-Javakheti and Shida Kartli regions.

#### HAITI

- The office in Haiti received the necessary accreditation documents.
- Relationships with different partners were strengthened through attendance at coordination meetings and personal contact.
- A container of kits arrived from UMCOR Sager Brown worth over \$204,000 and distributed to public schools in slum areas of Port-au-Prince.

INDONESIA (See full report in South Asia Tsunami section)

- LIBERIA
- 770 former combatants in Lofa County acquired marketable skills in carpentry, masonry, auto-mechanics, tailoring, and basic literacy through a UNDP grant.
  - 600 persons took part in an accelerated learning program, in which reading and writing skills were emphasized.
  - UMCOR workers prepared funding requests, completed several programs in food distribution, and continued camp management for displaced persons, refugees, and former combatants.

SRI LANKA (See full report in South Asia Tsunami section)

SUDAN UMCOR operated programs in South Darfur and Southern Sudan. Security deteriorated in South Darfur during the last quarter of the year. The once relatively peaceful areas of Adilla and Al Daein were under siege by various military factions. UMCOR suspended some of its work, but made tremendous progress nonetheless.

*In South Darfur*

- UMCOR workers established schools for 15,000 children with a grant from Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City, Ohio. The children received school kits from UMCOR Sager Brown. The school program, known as child protection and development, was designed to shield children from early marriages, kidnapping, recruitment as child soldiers and other forms of exploitation. In addition the 15,000 children attending the schools are from all sides of the conflict in South Darfur, as are their teachers. Such diversity helps to ensure the sustainability of the program.
- Three water yards were built, with a grant from OFDA.
- A pre-school program served 150 young children.

*In Southern Sudan*

- UMCOR received its permanent registration.
- An education program began in Yei, for children of returning refugee families.

