



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

SERVING TOGETHER

Recent years have seen increasing turmoil across our world, highlighting how vital the work of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is. We pray fervently for peace, while IOCC staff work tirelessly to meet the very real human needs created by disaster and war around the globe.



A fresh conflict in Gaza dominated the last quarter of 2023, on a scale not seen in decades. Yet IOCC continues working there as security allows. At this writing, much is unknown beyond the certainty that long-term humanitarian support will be needed. This conflict's impacts will be deeply felt not only in the Holy Land but also across the region. Given our presence in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza since 1997, IOCC is committed to humanitarian service wherever we can be most effective.



At the same time, conflict in Ukraine continues, and IOCC's regional response serving those affected continues alongside Orthodox, ecumenical, and secular partners. Assistance in Syria to people displaced by last year's earthquakes continued throughout 2023, as did emergency and livelihoods support for people affected by conflict in Armenia. IOCC is also serving amid unrest in Ethiopia, Haiti, and elsewhere.

While shoring up internal structures for extended global response, IOCC served nearly a million people across Africa, the Middle East, the US, and the Caribbean in 2023, applying our unique expertise to complex humanitarian challenges by providing practical assistance in the spirit of Christ's love.

This report provides glimpses of the transformative impact made possible by our partners, donors, volunteers, and supporters. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to—and active engagement in—IOCC's mission of service.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jasmina Theodote Boulanger".

Jasmina T. Boulanger
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C M Triantafilou".

Constantine M. Triantafilou
Executive Director & CEO

RESPONDING TO URGENT NEEDS IN GAZA

Since conflict began in October 2023, IOCC has remained in close communication with partners and staff on the ground, including our Church partner in Gaza. IOCC teams across the Middle East are working closely with our US-based staff to determine the most urgent needs and to find ways we can best assist. IOCC remains committed to ongoing service in the Holy Land and has already provided the following aid in response to the current humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza:



**Emergency Food,
Water, and Supplies**



**Help for Infants
and Children**



**Medical
Support**



The impacts of this conflict will be deeply felt and long-lasting. Long-term needs will include rebuilding and providing emotional and spiritual care.

IOCC remains committed to humanitarian work in the Holy Land, to our staff there, and especially to the thousands of people already helped by IOCC's long-term work in the region.

To support this work with a gift, visit iocc.org/holyland23.



UKRAINE • This small medical device, donated by a partner and recently delivered by IOCC to clinics and hospitals in Ukraine, is helping medical professionals treat injured people more quickly and effectively as they cope with the effects of ongoing conflict.

PEOPLE SERVED IN 2023

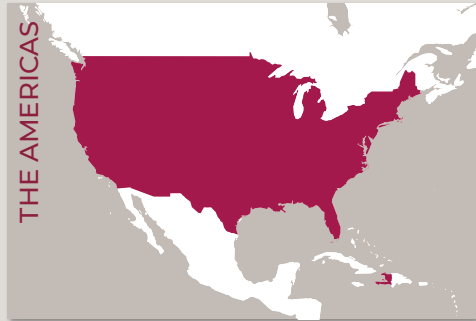
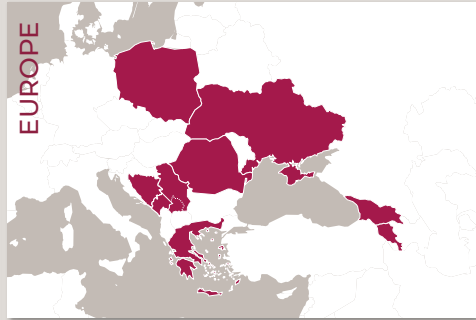
While IOCC programs often incorporate multiple areas of service to meet the needs amid complex challenges, current work focuses on the five key sectors below. Highlights are included in this report.

In 2023, IOCC served 932,989 people worldwide



- Emergency Preparedness & Response150,044
- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)40,362
- Sustainable Livelihoods2,869
- Food Security & Agriculture129,203
- Health.....607,594
- Other (Education, Nonfood Items, Shelter, Protection)2,917

WHERE WE WORK



AFRICA

Ethiopia

MIDDLE EAST

Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza
Jordan | Lebanon | Syria | Turkey

EUROPE

Armenia | Bosnia and Herzegovina
Georgia | Greece | Montenegro
Poland | Romania
Serbia including Kosovo | Ukraine

THE AMERICAS

Haiti | United States

SUMMARY OF AUDITED CONSOLIDATED ACTIVITIES

January 1 - December 31, 2023

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE: \$38,803,524

Federal Grants.....	3,365,736	Metropolitan Committee Events..	1,027,037
International Agencies Grants ...	12,332,766	Microcredit Loan Interest	69,007
U.S. Based Agency Grants	751,114	Third-Party Giving	393,490
Nonfinancial Assets	11,830,392	Investment Income (loss), Net	691,626
Orthodox Church Institutions.....	1,083,254	Currency (loss) gain	(809,465)
Individual	6,582,244	Other Income.....	7,050
Foundations	1,479,273		

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$36,040,465

Program Services	30,728,685	Support Services	5,311,780
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A complete audited financial statement is available at iocc.org/statements



2023 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IOCC is meeting immediate humanitarian needs and providing long-term development support as communities recover from crises and build their futures. The following sections show glimpses of IOCC programs across our core sectors.



Emergency Preparedness & Response



Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)



Sustainable Livelihoods



Food Security and Agriculture



Health



US • In 2023, IOCC volunteers helped 25 families return to their homes that had been damaged by tornadoes that struck western Kentucky in December 2021. “Our experience was incredible,” said one recent volunteer. “We learned so much, had great fellowship, and cherished getting to know our team lead.... Thank you. God bless all who help with IOCC!”



GREECE • After devastating fires destroyed his carpentry shop, Ioannis received critical support from IOCC that included supermarket vouchers plus replacement equipment that enabled him to rebuild his business.



SYRIA • In response to earthquakes in early 2023, IOCC has helped over 300 displaced families with shelter and more, ensuring they have a safe place to stay for at least five months. Additional assistance includes hygiene supplies, food, and mental health and psychosocial support—especially for children. All IOCC's earthquake response programs have so far helped almost 12,000 people.

POLAND, UKRAINE • Oksana (not her real name), a 44-year-old English teacher from Ukraine, fled Kharkiv with her children. Eventually they reached Poland and found safety in a refugee shelter run by an Orthodox monastery. Each month, she receives money through an IOCC program to help with daily expenses.



ETHIOPIA • IOCC has expanded programs amid the effects of conflict, a five-year drought, the pandemic, and a once-in-a-decade locust infestation. Health and nutrition support for mothers and children and food support for families in need have been key to helping people survive and recover. IOCC has also improved access to safe, clean water for thousands of people in rural areas.



GREECE • As residents began cleaning up after deadly floods across central Greece, IOCC and Church partner Apostoli provided 50,000 liters of safe drinking water to the central region of Thessaly. As the waters receded, IOCC began providing hot meals and other food items to hundreds of families in hard-hit villages near Karditsa.



POLAND, ROMANIA, MOLDOVA, UKRAINE • From grocery vouchers for refugees to antitrafficking training for clergy, social workers, and volunteers in Romania, plus language programs in Poland and livelihoods training and medical equipment for clinics in Ukraine, IOCC continues serving people affected by the conflict.



LEBANON • His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan of Mount Lebanon blessed Saint George School, including restrooms that IOCC repaired and updated with new handwashing areas, tiling, electrical work, and painting.



ARMENIA • IOCC is helping local and displaced families rebuild their lives and livelihoods following the 2020 conflict. Through a microgrant, Anton received livestock to provide dairy for his family and to sell locally.



GEORGIA • IOCC support helped build and equip a fruit-processing co-op in western Georgia that will help small-scale farmers expand their marketable products with dried produce that they can sell at market.



SYRIA • IOCC's popular vocational training program in Damascus is helping earthquake survivors and others in need gain the skills they need for in-demand careers in a challenging economy.

ETHIOPIA • Like many farmers across Ethiopia, Solomon lost his crop to locust infestation. IOCC provided him with 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of mung bean seed, and now his farm can once again support his family.



BALKANS • A Church humanitarian kitchen in Montenegro prepares and delivers over 350 cooked meals a day to local people in need. IOCC renovated the space, increasing its electrical capacity, and provided new, upgraded appliances, such as a multifunctional industrial oven, a deep freezer, and an industrial meat grinder. In addition, IOCC is helping the Church kitchen grow its own food with new greenhouses and vegetable-processing facilities.



LEBANON • IOCC installed a reliable solar-powered energy system for this Church-run kitchen in Mansourieh, which enables volunteers to continue critical meal delivery to 130 families each week.



JORDAN • Fadi, age five, has apraxia of speech, and his challenges communicating left him isolated and frustrated. Despite two years of therapy, he'd made no progress until an IOCC program in Jordan offered fresh hope. Tailored care, plus psychosocial support, have helped Fadi make great strides. He's now more actively engaged at school and at home, asking and answering questions, and clearly expressing his emotions.

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Cover: Healthy snacks and meals for thousands of school-children in LEBANON help them make the most of their education and ease financial strain for their families.