



Africare

Celebrating Africare's 35th Anniversary

1970 ♦ 2005

Africare

Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa, assisting families, communities and nations in two principal areas — food security and agriculture, and health and HIV/AIDS — as well as water resource development, environmental management, literacy and vocational training, microenterprise development, civil-society development, governance and emergency humanitarian aid. In the United States, Africare builds understanding of African development through public education and outreach.

A private, nonprofit organization, Africare was founded in 1970. Since that time, Africare has provided direct assistance to communities in 36 nations Africa-wide: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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Africare has its headquarters in Washington, D.C., with field offices in more than 20 African countries.



Introduction

Since assuming Africare's presidency in mid-June 2002, I have become ever-more deeply impressed by the organization's spirit, its supporters from the highest government echelons on both sides of the Atlantic to the most diverse villages throughout the continent of Africa, and, most of all, its track record of effective — indeed, life-saving — assistance to the people and communities of Africa, stretching back to 1970. I'd actually been a supporter, then Board member of Africare for many years before becoming its third president. In every role, I've felt the gratification of working with this truly great organization.

Thus, I am pleased to present this booklet, providing an overview of Africare's first 35 years. The big picture as well as many focus stories are presented on the following pages. However, I can think of no better way to truly introduce Africare than through the words of one of the individuals who has worked steadily with the organization since its beginning: indeed, before its beginning, when it was still in the conceptual stages.

A personal reminiscence by Kevin G. Lowther, now Southern Africa Regional Director, former Africare representative to Zambia and Zimbabwe, manager of many of Africare's earliest programs

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“What if . . . ?”

What if . . . Hubert H. Humphrey — not Richard M. Nixon — had won the 1968 presidential election and asked C. Payne Lucas to join his administration, as seemed likely? Would someone else, with Lucas's commitment to Africa and his defy-all-odds attitude, have developed the organization we know today as Africare? One that would touch thousands of African communities and millions of people in the decades to come?

I have thought back often to those days and considered, with some awe, the consequences of what we did. Having worked with Lucas in the Peace Corps, I was one of those whom he asked in 1971 to help create an institution that would support grassroots development in Africa. It would be an organization led and staffed largely by African-Americans and Africans. It would tap into the excitement of a newly-independent Africa and channel Americans' renewed interest in Africa into practical, life-giving action.

Africare was born twice, actually. In 1970, Dr. William Kirker envisioned sending medical volunteers to Niger, where he and his wife Barbara had been working in a remote hospital. Faced with funding challenges the following year, Kirker asked Nigerian President Hamani Diori to help. Diori called Lucas, who had served as the Peace Corps director in Niger, and urged him to raise money to save the embryonic Africare program. Lucas agreed and Africare was born again.

Thirty-five years and more than half a billion dollars later, Africare is a household name in much of Africa.

As I said, this never ceases to be awe-inspiring. If Hubert Humphrey had been elected president, Africare — at least Africare as it has come to be — probably would not exist. On any given day, more than a thousand Africare field staff in 20-plus countries would not be rising with the sun to promote self-help development programs in countless villages, making life just a little better than it was the day before. And I would not be writing this introduction.

Meeting over the years with villagers under a large shade tree to discuss our collaboration, I have reflected on those first days — when an unsalaried Lucas, working in his basement office at home, was trying to convince people to support a fledgling Africare. None of us working with him could have imagined what would come from these labors. Our focus was immediate: Can we get Congressman So-and-So to speak at a fundraiser? Can we get the Such-and-Such Foundation to grant \$5,000? Can we raise \$500 to build a well in a drought-stricken part of Mali?

If someone had told us then that Africare would affect the lives of many millions of people, that would have been beyond comprehension. If

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someone had told me that a generation later thousands of rural households in Southern Africa would be food secure, in part because I had encouraged crop diversification, I would not have believed it. When I stood with those farmers decades later, proudly showing their fields of soybeans, sunflower and sweet potatoes, only then could I truly appreciate the consequences of establishing Africare.

After 35 years, it is fair to take the measure of an organization's legacy. Africare's can certainly be quantified, if necessary. But I prefer to view it in terms of Africans' validation of the "Africare approach" to development.

The Africare approach is to sit with people (preferably in the shade) while they discuss what is needed to improve their lot and, more importantly, what they are prepared to do themselves to achieve that objective. The approach involves engaging every conceivable stakeholder who might have a vested interest in a project's success and getting them to agree on their roles and responsibilities. Finally, the approach requires of Africare staff the patience to give the process time and the discipline not to pre-empt the people's prerogative to embrace change or not.

So many have contributed to Africare's legacy. There are the founding fathers: Kirker, Lucas,

Joseph C. Kennedy, Hamani Diori and an unsung hero, a Nigerien diplomat named Oumarou G. Youssoufou; and there is the late Bishop John T. Walker, the long-serving chairman who guided Africare as it evolved from its modest beginning into one of the most respected NGOs working in Africa. And of course, our third president, Julius E. Coles, today.

The real architects of the Africare legacy, of course, are the people of Africa, who have adopted the "Africare approach," grafted it to their circumstances and made it their own.

KEVIN G. LOWTHER
MAY 2007

Early 1970s, Africare's Joe Kennedy (far left) and C. Payne Lucas (second from right) make presentation to major funder: the Lilly Endowment. Landrum Bolling, the endowment's president, is seated at far right.



ALFRED C. OFFICER PHOTO

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in response to the drought of the early 1970s, co-author with the founders of our statements of principle and operating style, and much more.

On behalf of the people of Africa and the rest of Africare's "extended family" — past and current — thank you for supporting Africare (if you have done so) or (if you are new to our cause) welcome and we hope you will join us for the next 35 years and beyond.

Julius E. Coles
President, Africare

2005: Africare's
35th
Anniversary

"The task undertaken by Africare is immense — as immense as the continent of Africa itself, which must confront problems unimaginable to people who have not lived in African settings."

— HAMANI DIORI
PRESIDENT OF NIGER
CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF AFRICARE
1972

SHEILA MCKINNON PHOTO



1970–1975 Africare

Africare, fittingly, was conceived in Africa — in the Republic of Niger.

Niger had gained independence in 1960, and Hamani Diori became its first president: an office he held until 1974. By 1970, drought was raging in Niger and the suffering was extreme. Two Americans — William O. Kirker, M.D., and his wife, Barbara, who had worked at Niger's Maine-Soroa Hospital since 1966



President Hamani Diori

— sought to help by forming a charity “to provide medical services and health care to the people of Africa, beginning in ... Niger.” That charity, named “Africare,” was incorporated in Hawaii on Sept. 20, 1970. Diori endorsed the venture. Bill Kirker became its president.

Within months, Diori and Kirker saw that the fledgling Africare needed to regroup. C. Payne Lucas, then director of the Peace Corps Office of Returned Volunteers in Washington, had known the president of Niger for some years. Diori sent Oumarou Youssoufou, from the Nigerien embassy in Washington, to recruit Lucas to help. Also joining the Africare working group was Joseph C. Kennedy, Ph.D., former Peace Corps director in Sierra Leone.

What emerged was a reconstituted Africare. It would support, not only health work, but all types of development and relief programs. It would assist, not only Niger, but any African country. And significantly, it would serve as a bridge between Africans and Americans, especially Americans of African descent. In May 1971, “the new Africare” was permanently reincorporated in Washington, D.C. Diori (as chairman), Kennedy, Kirker, Lucas and Youssoufou were the founding Board members. Lucas took the helm as executive director. The Embassy of Niger donated office space. Aid to the Maine-Soroa Hospital became Africare's first project — soon followed by drought relief in six countries.



Amb. Oumarou Youssoufou

Drought Ravages the Sahel, Africare Responds

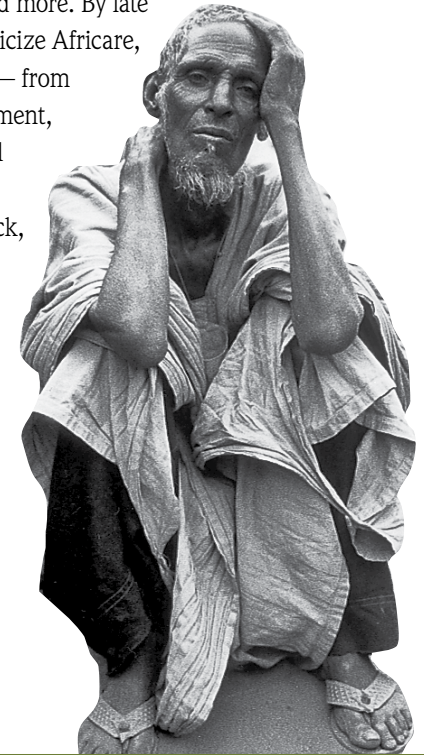


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“Sahel,” in Arabic, means “border.” Africa’s Sahel region stretches from west to east along the southern edge of the Sahara Desert. From 1968 to 1974, Sahelian West Africa suffered severe drought. Almost no rain fell. The region’s 25 million people were affected. Thousands of them died. A quarter of their livestock also died. Some 10 million people lived in camps, dependent on food aid. For its first five years, in Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta, Africare provided drought relief: food, health care, wells and more. By late 1973, after tireless efforts to publicize Africare, financial support began to flow — from major grantors (the Lilly Endowment, the U.S. Agency for International Development) and the public, including celebrities Roberta Flack, Don King and Muhammad Ali.

“I have been much impressed, even moved, by the outward apparent stoicism of so many of those we have met regarding the drought, the losses of cattle, and the ravaging of the land. Many have lost most, if not all, of their worldly goods; and, in a sense to them, a portion of their ‘family’ in the loss of their cattle. Obviously, the grief and the pain are great — and great character must be present to prevent complete deterioration. Africare is greatly needed!”

— GROVER E. MURRAY, PH.D.
PRESIDENT, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
OBSERVATION FROM AFRICARE RELIEF MISSION TO NIGER ✨ 1974



WENDY V. WATRISS PHOTO

1960s

Wave of African independence. By 1970, only about a dozen countries remain colonized.

1963

The Organization of African Unity (now, the African Union) is formed.

1968

The “great Sahelian drought” in West Africa begins.

1973

U.N. alert: Five to 10 million West Africans may die of starvation.

"Africare is committed to the long haul, the long range projects that are critical to African countries' ability to develop self-sustaining agricultural economies."

— CARL T. ROWAN
JOURNALIST ✨ 1976



WENDY V. WATRISS PHOTO

National Africare Launch in Atlanta, Georgia

"The slaves did not disappear and become obliterated, but they multiplied. So I welcome you to your home away from home." Thus did Vice Mayor Maynard Jackson welcome 20 African ambassadors — and Africare leaders — to Atlanta on June 3, 1972, for the national "public launch" of Africare. "We have come here to participate in the translation of a dream into reality," rejoined

Lesotho's ambassador. Mayor Sam Massell, Coretta Scott King, Andrew Young, Shirley Clarke Franklin and others welcomed Africare during the weekend's events. "I was very pleased to learn of the fine cooperation you received while in Atlanta for the official Africare kick off," wrote Governor Jimmy Carter. The Africare dream was becoming real.

1973

About 10 million Sahel drought victims live in camps, depend on food aid.

1973

African leaders form Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel.

JUNE 1974

Rains return to the Sahel, ending the six-year drought: region's worst in 50 years.

DEC. 1974

Despite rains, malnutrition still affects 10 million people in West Africa.

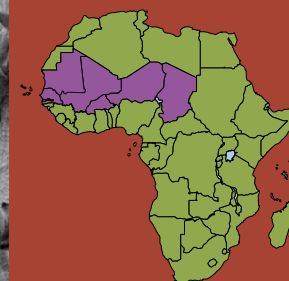
AFRICA 1975

Population:
416 million
Infant mortality:
123/1,000

Life expectancy: 49

SOURCE: U.N. Population Division

AT WORK IN AFRICA
1970–1975



COUNTRIES HELPED

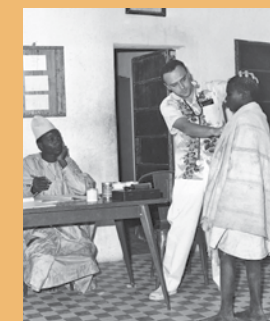
Africare reaches six countries in Africa's Sahel region:

■ **West Africa:** Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta (renamed "Burkina Faso" in 1984)

ASSISTANCE BEGINS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1970–1975: **about \$1,152,542**

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1970–1975.



Bill Kirker, M.D. (center) at work in Diffa, Niger

1976–1980 Africare

“The body count is down in the Sahel of West Africa. The media no longer publishes searing accounts of death and deprivation. Shall we forget the Sahel now that the worst is seemingly over? This, it seems to me, is the greatest challenge for Africare: to remember that our purpose is only incidentally to help people live through drought and famine [and] that our foremost goal is to help those same people build for themselves a new life and economic order that will safeguard them during the next period of nature's disfavor.”



Amb. Andre Coulbary (left) greets Rep. Louis Stokes.

Thus did Africare Executive Director C. Payne Lucas, in the fall of 1975, articulate a turning point — from emphasis on drought relief in the Sahel to emphasis on long-term rural development Africa-wide.

During the latter half of the 1970s, development work abounded. There were fishing, livestock and forestry projects; vegetable, fruit and rice cultivation; village wells and complex irrigation systems; rural clinics, “packaged hospital units” (each able to equip a 200-bed hospital) and village health-worker training. In Niger and Upper Volta, Africare’s first “integrated rural development” projects began.

And crisis response continued. In the immediate wake of the overthrow of Idi Amin, Africare sent medical aid to Uganda. Drought victims, refugees and displaced persons in Ethiopia and Somalia received emergency aid from Africare. Assistance also began, in 1978, to refugees in Zambia.

“We are most grateful to you and your organization,” stated Zambian President Kenneth D. Kaunda in 1979, upon accepting the honorary chairmanship of Africare. “The courage to stand firmly against such great odds stems from the fact that we know we have the support of people of all races, who, like you, toil night and day to help us here.”

Tara, Seguenega: Integrated Rural Development



Africare and host country partners in Niger and Upper Volta pioneered an “integrated rural development” (IRD) program model, combining multiple activities and applying them to a single setting. The first such project began in 1975 in Tara village, Niger. The goal was to strengthen all types of food production, from rice and vegetables to fish and poultry; but irrigation, rural roads, health, literacy, credit and marketing also had to be addressed to reach that goal. The second IRD project, begun in 1978, covered the sector of Seguenega, Upper Volta (now, Burkina Faso), with 100 villages and 100,000 people. Both projects ended in the 1980s. Highly successful, they proved that poverty is complex and therefore requires multifaceted assistance to be overcome — substantially and over the long term.



YOSEF HADAR PHOTO

“It is refreshing and encouraging to have observed Africare over the past seven years — patiently taking care to determine what Africans felt needed doing and what they were prepared to do themselves with a minimum of assistance. Africare has encouraged that all-important process of consensus. Africare has faith in us, and we cannot help but have faith ourselves in such an organization.”

— ANDRE COULBARY

AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL TO THE U.S. ✨ 1978

MID-1970s

Neighboring (“front-line”) states support anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa.

MID-1970s

South Africa retaliates with regional destabilization: killings, other destruction.

1977

Rev. Leon Sullivan articulates “Sullivan Principles” for socially responsible investment in apartheid South Africa.

1977

Ogaden border conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia begins; peace treaty, 1988.



"Africare is becoming a model for other organizations working overseas."

— JAMES P. GRANT
PRESIDENT, OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL ♦ 1976

First Africare National Conference

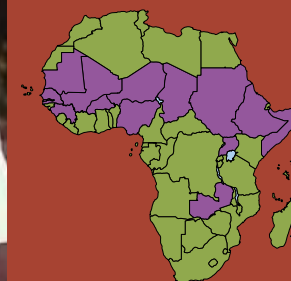
Nearly 2,000 supporters turned out for Africare's first national conference — Citizen Participation in African Development — held in February 1976 in Washington, D.C. Journalist Carl T. Rowan, a speaker, cited the high level of attendance as proof that "blacks in this country *do* give a damn about what happens in Africa." Other speakers included African diplomats, U.S. Senator Edward Brooke and U.S. Congressmen Charles Diggs, Louis Stokes and Andrew Young. Stokes called for a "Marshall Plan for Africa." Diggs noted that African development also benefits America. Young observed that "it's whether you're a lover or a hater, not whether you're black or white," that inspires helping Africa.



Rep. Andrew Young



AT WORK IN AFRICA 1976–1980



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 14 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

- **West Africa:** Chad, the Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Upper Volta (renamed "Burkina Faso" in 1984)
- **East Africa:** Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
- **Southern Africa:** Zambia

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1976–1980:
\$10,743,643
- Compared to 1970–1975: **+832%**

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1976–1980.



APRIL 1979

Ugandan dictator Idi Amin is overthrown, ending eight-year reign of terror.

SEPT. 1979

As refugees pour into the country, Somalia declares state of emergency.

APRIL 1980

Zimbabwe, formerly "Rhodesia," gains independence and majority rule.

APRIL 1980

Lagos Plan of Action for African self-development is ratified by Organization of African Unity.

SEPT. 1980

Coup sparks civil war in Liberia; fighting, devastation to continue for 23 years.

1981–1985 Africare

The year 1985 marked Africare's 15th anniversary. By that time, Africare was working in the five major regions of Africa; it had assisted 23 of the 36 countries it would reach by 2005; and all that work — the first 15 years of work — had been accomplished at a cost of just \$39 million.

“We need Africare to spread all over Africa,” urged the Zambian official, Dr. Siteke G. Mwale, in 1981. By 1985, a young, energetic Africare was well on its way.



Development work continued to proliferate — from food, water and environmental projects, to rural health assistance and “women in development” initiatives.

Emergency aid was ongoing in Somalia, home to a million refugees from Ethiopia's Ogaden region. Refugee relief began in Rwanda and Chad. In 1981, Africare was among the first private U.S. organizations invited by the newly independent Zimbabwe (formerly, “Rhodesia”) to provide aid.

Stateside participation also kept growing. For example, volunteer Africare Chapters were active in numerous cities. Overall private giving both increased and diversified. African-American individuals and organizations continued to heed Africa's call. Africare was admitted to the International Service Agencies (now, “Global Impact”) workplace-giving federation. Africare Day became a well-known Africa event in Washington. Students competed for the first prize, a trip to Africa, in Africare's D.C. Public High School Africa Essay Contest. The African Development Education Program, a multiyear, nationwide initiative, was launched in 1984. That same year, Africare co-sponsored the Minority Involvement in Development Conference, held in Washington, D.C. Stated the conference coordinator, educator Marie Davis Gadsden, Ph.D., “The time for minority involvement is *now*.”

Public/Private Partnerships for African Health

In 1981, Africare partnered with the U.S.-based Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA, now PhRMA) and the Gambian government to analyze that country's pharmaceutical distribution system — the problem being that rural clinics frequently lacked essential drugs. The study led to a 15-month initiative to revamp the system; PMA and 13 member companies donated funds. “The system developed in this country should ... ensure access by every member of the community to essential drugs,” stated the Gambian delegate to the 1984 World Health Assembly. In 1983, Africare helped the Sierra Leonean Ministry of Health to pilot a similar program. In 1989, Africare introduced the program in Ghana. Working together, Africare, African governments and American companies achieved results that none could have achieved alone.



“This is an organization that accomplishes great things — from setting up health care services, to teaching farmers about agribusiness, providing critically needed water supplies, emergency aid and protecting the environment. ... We applaud Africare for the leadership role it has played in improving the quality of life for the people of Africa.”

— JAN LESCHLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
SMITHKLINE BEECHAM ✨ 1996



From the beginning: Alan Alemian (center, wearing wristwatch), pictured here in Sierra Leone.



FALL 1982

45,000 Ugandans flee to Rwanda; local resources strained, refugee crisis results.

1983

After 20 years, peace returns to Chad; refugees start coming home.

1983

Africa's first cases of HIV/AIDS are identified.

AUG. 1984

The West African nation, Upper Volta, is renamed “Burkina Faso.”

"Africare is Americans — black and white — working with African planners to offset the effects of present and future drought."

— ROBERTA FLACK
ENTERTAINER ✨ 1979



Roberta Flack receives thanks from Africare for her support.

Africare Chapters Raise Funds and Awareness

Throughout the '70s and '80s, Africare Chapters — organized groups of volunteers who raised funds and worked to educate their communities about Africa — played a vital role in extending Africare's reach in the United States. The first Africare Chapter, established in the early 1970s, was in Washington, D.C. (it sponsored the benefit event, Africare



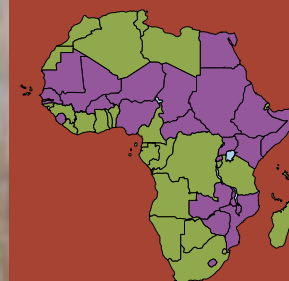
Africare/Washington, D.C., Chapter at work

Day). Chapters followed in more than 20 cities — including Atlanta, Boston and New York in the East; Chicago, Flint, Indianapolis and Kansas City in the Midwest; and Oakland and Seattle in the West. Each group was unique;

together, they formed a large, diverse and caring constituency for Africa and Africare as an organization.



AT WORK IN AFRICA
1981–1985



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 22 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

- **West Africa:** Burkina Faso, Chad, the Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone
- **East Africa:** Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda
- **Central Africa:** Central African Republic, Rwanda
- **Southern Africa:** Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- **North Africa:** Egypt

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1981–1985: **\$27,552,004**
- Compared to 1976–1980: **+156%**

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1981–1985.

1981 – 1985

Regional destabilization continues in Southern Africa, backed by forces of apartheid.

1984

Anti-apartheid activist, Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu of South Africa, receives Nobel Peace Prize.

1984

Three-year Africa-wide drought begins. Hardest-hit country is Ethiopia.

1985

Drought rages in 20 to 30 African nations; 300 million people affected.

JULY 1985

Live Aid concert for African drought relief; the predecessor, Band Aid, was in 1984.

1986–1990 Africare

“Africa has reached a crucial threshold in its development,” wrote Bishop John T. Walker, then Africare’s chairman, in 1987. “More and more governments are adopting market-led economic policies in place of failed experimentation with central planning. More and more are seeing virtue, not neocolonial conspiracy, in family planning. And more and more are recognizing the fundamental threat posed by the rapid degradation of the African environment.” That editorial, published in *The Washington Post*, urged increased U.S. assistance to Africa.



SHEILA MCKINNON PHOTO

During the late 1980s, Africare’s assistance more than doubled over the previous five years, as the organization maintained faith in Africa’s future and expanded in numerous new directions to help the continent cross the threshold to which Walker referred.

From the Central African Republic to Malawi and from Mali to Guinea-Bissau, rural enterprise development programs rapidly spread. Child spacing became a part of Africare’s larger health programs. Natural resource management, ongoing since the 1970s, continued. Basic water and agricultural assistance sped recovery from the recent drought. Two program models, Child Survival and Food for Development, were launched; both have remained at the center of Africare’s work to the present day. Africare’s first AIDS programs began in 1987, in Nigeria and Rwanda. And during those waning years of apartheid, Africare strengthened assistance to the Southern African “frontline states” — in particular, Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe — where continuous attacks by South Africa-backed insurgents destroyed roads, buildings, farms, development projects and, most tragic, hundreds of thousands of human lives.



From the beginning: Bob Wilson, Joe Kennedy, Alameda Harper

“Scenes Like These in Ethiopia”: Drought Spreads



Between 1984 and 1986, severe drought ravaged the African continent. Twenty to 30 countries — 300 million people — were affected. Ethiopia’s plight was the best known; but people, live-stock and crops also were dying elsewhere in Africa. Africare’s extensive drought relief reached severely affected countries such as Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique and Niger. Ongoing water and agricultural work in many countries helped as well. Stateside support to Africare was as diverse as it was generous: religious groups, schools, foundations, businesses, communities and individuals all got involved. “I have seen many crisis situations,” recounted Africare’s director of international development, Joseph C. Kennedy, Ph.D., “but the scenes like these in Ethiopia are the most pitiful in my experience.”

“No group has addressed Africa’s agricultural problems better than Africare. In Africa, Africans and Americans working through Africare have joined together as partners, in mutual respect, to understand and nurture and use the land.”

— VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH 🍀 1984



1986

Africa-wide drought subsidies. Affected communities begin to rebuild.

1986

PBS, BBC air groundbreaking documentary, “The Africans,” written and narrated by Ali Mazrui.

1987

South Africa undermines freedom fighters in Angola, worsening the ongoing civil war.

1988

In Sub-Saharan Africa, women now account for half of all people living with HIV.



MAXWELL MACKENZIE PHOTO

Africare House

"Those of us who have had the privilege to live and work in Africa have, if we are wise, learned that anything worth striving for — whether it is freedom or a self-help clinic — comes only to those who can stay the long, hot course."

— BISHOP JOHN T. WALKER
CHAIRMAN, AFRICARE ✚ 1986

Africare House: "Washington's House for Africa"

On Oct. 8, 1987, some 500 supporters celebrated the opening of Africare House: Africare's wholly-owned international headquarters building and a public facility for Africa. Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda, then president of Zambia and chairman of the OAU, cut the ribbon. Funds for the building had come from thousands of supporters worldwide. In 1983, the dean of the African Diplomatic Corps supplied this endorsement: "We applaud the idea of a center embracing Africa as a whole in the capital city of the United States, and we as a group urge American[s] to lend Africare House their strongest support." Africare House has been widely used ever since: visits by African heads of state, for example, and monthly meetings of the African Diplomatic Corps.

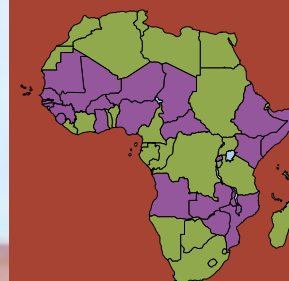


C. Payne Lucas, Bishop John Walker, President Kaunda cut the ribbon to open Africare House.

LISA BERG PHOTO



AT WORK IN AFRICA 1986–1990



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 23 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

■ **West Africa:** Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

■ **East Africa:** Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia

■ **Central Africa:** Central African Republic, Rwanda

■ **Southern Africa:** Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1986–1990: **\$63,960,745**
- Compared to 1981–1985: **+132%**

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1986–1990.

LATE 1980s

Campaign strengthens for corporate disinvestment in apartheid South Africa.

1986 – 1990

African National Congress and South African government begin informal talks on dismantling apartheid.

FEB. 11, 1990

Nelson Mandela is released from South African prison after 27 years.

MARCH 1990

After decades of struggle, Namibia wins independence from South Africa.

AFRICA 1990

Population:
636 million

Infant mortality:
103/1,000

Life expectancy: 51

HIV cases: 6 million

SOURCES: U.N. Population Division, WHO, UNAIDS

1991–1995 Africare

Most of Africare's effort during this period went toward food, water, environmental and health programs, especially in Africa's rural areas. Child Survival programs expanded to five countries. Onchocerciasis ("river blindness") control reached more than 800,000 people in Chad and Nigeria. HIV/AIDS assistance went to six countries. Food for Development programs improved food security in Burkina Faso and Guinea. In Egypt, Africare began a multiyear project to train young farmers and "make the desert bloom."



From the beginning: Pat and Kevin Lowther, shown here with Angola's Pedro Siloka (far left).

Sierra Leone. In all those situations, Africare provided rapid humanitarian aid.

Stateside, Africare's nationwide African Development Education Program continued. The Constituency for Africa, eventually an independent organization, was formed within Africare in 1991. The African Diplomatic Outreach Program began. And Africare launched its \$20 million endowment campaign.

Both profound crisis and stunning achievement characterized the Africa of the early '90s. Africare kept faith, as did its supporters and friends. "I profoundly believe in Africa," declared President Nicephore Soglo of Benin, in remarks at the Africare Bishop Walker Dinner in 1994. "My firm belief is that this continent is in motion. The tragic setbacks due to the unfortunate internal conflicts in Somalia, Liberia and Rwanda certainly show that numerous obstacles remain to be overcome and that the battle of development has not been won. Those setbacks, however, will not alter the hope of numerous Africans who believe, and rightly so, that the future is for them."

Crises, too, abounded. Among them were the Rwandan genocide of 1994, related violence in Burundi, warfare in Somalia (and its government's eventual collapse) and civil wars in Angola, Liberia and

South African Interns Prepare for the Day



Secretary of State Colin Powell visits an Africare computer-training center in Soweto.



"While the world waits to see whether South Africa can bring itself to bury apartheid and free its oppressed black majority," wrote columnist William Raspberry in 1990, "one Washington-based organization is betting that it will — and helping to prepare for the day." The organization was Africare, and the initiative was the South Africa Career Development Internship (CDI) Program. Launched in 1989 with cornerstone support from IBM Corp., CDI provided professional immersion internships in the U.S. to black South African (and later, Namibian) pre-professionals graduating from American universities. Ultimately, the 400-plus CDI alums got good jobs back home and became mentors to other young, black Southern Africans.

"I regard Africare as one of America's greatest gifts to Africa."

— PRESIDENT NELSON R. MANDELA ✦ 1998



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1991

Civil war breaks out in Sierra Leone; the fighting will continue for 11 years.

1991 – 1993

Thousands die, millions displaced in Somali civil war; national government collapses in fall 1991.

1991 – 1993

Southern Africa suffers worst drought in region's living memory.

APRIL 1993

Eritrea becomes an independent country; formerly, it was part of Ethiopia.

"For almost twenty-five years, Africare's members have fulfilled their humanitarian ideals by providing practical help to areas in need of emergency assistance or long-term development aid. Africare has a vital role to play in the progress of the entire African continent, and I stand with you in your important work to bring relief, opportunity, and hope to those who so desperately need it."

— PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON ✨ 1995



April 1994: Voters line up to participate in South Africa's first free elections. Nelson Mandela is elected president.

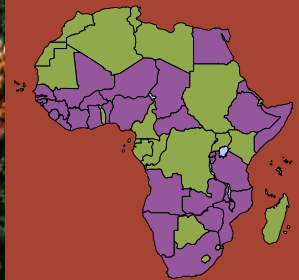
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South Africa: "Dawn of a New Era"

With Nelson Mandela's 1990 release from prison, the repeal of the last apartheid laws and the unbanning of political parties in South Africa and, finally, the country's first free elections in April 1994, "South Africa," Mandela told supporters at Africare House, "stands at the dawn of a new era." In 1989, Africare began assisting black South Africans in the U.S. with its CDI Program (see previous page). In 1992,

Africare became one of the first U.S.-based assistance organizations on the ground in South Africa. From 1994 to 1995, Africare trained more than 200 future leaders of South Africa (candidates or newly elected officials from any party) in the practical aspects of democratic governance. Africare soon began development assistance to rural South African communities; such assistance continues to the present day.

AT WORK IN AFRICA 1991–1995



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 29 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

■ **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

■ **East Africa:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Tanzania

■ **Central Africa:** Burundi, Central African Republic, Rwanda

■ **Southern Africa:** Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

■ **North Africa:** Egypt

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1991–1995: **\$104,429,994**
- Compared to 1986–1990: **+63%**

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1991–1995.

1993

South Africans F.W. de Klerk (president) and Nelson Mandela (future president) jointly receive Nobel Peace Prize.

APRIL 1994

Airplane carrying Rwandan and Burundian presidents is shot down; both die.

APRIL – JULY 1994

In wake of leaders' deaths, ethnic genocide erupts in Rwanda; 800,000 are massacred.

APRIL 1994

South Africa holds its first free elections. Nelson Mandela wins presidency.

LATE 1995

Most of Africa's 50-plus countries are in transition to, or have arrived at, democracy.

1996–2000 Africare

The crises of the early 1990s continued: civil wars in Angola, Liberia and Sierra Leone; recurrent conflict in Burundi; and refugee migrations within Southern Africa and from Sudan to neighboring countries. In 1998, a border war erupted between Eritrea and Ethiopia. Heavy flooding in early 2000 caused damage and loss of life in Southern Africa, especially in Mozambique. Drought continued to plague Sahelian West and East Africa. And in every case, Africare continued to help.



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In contrast, Rwanda made steady progress — rebuilding, reducing ethnic hostilities and, by the year 2000, holding

multiparty elections. Other nations progressed toward democratic forms of governance, open civil societies and free-market economies. Africare's traditional development projects facilitated that progress. In addition, Africare greatly expanded its work in civil-society development and governance.

Africare's Food for Development, or "food security," programs had reached 13 countries by 2000.

And as HIV/AIDS dramatically spread in Africa, Africare's HIV/AIDS programming also spread — by the end of 2000, to more than 20 nations.

In the 1998 annual report, Africare's chairman and president shared this look to the future: "We are mindful that Africare is entering, not just another year, but the cusp of a new millennium. So we began asking ourselves: 'What can we do differently? How can we better help Africa?' ... We must achieve more with less," they noted. "Donor resources are shrinking across the board." They went on to affirm these programmatic focal points: (1) HIV/AIDS; (2) food security, population and the environment; (3) conflict resolution and "good governance"; and (4) computer and Internet technology transfer. Those focus areas have been maintained to the present day.

"Democracy Is Flowering"



"From the beginning, Africare was always there to work with the people and not to superimpose a plan for them. That kind of involvement both serves and empowers. And though it's slow going, I think Africare has made a tremendous contribution in helping people take hold of, and work with, whatever resources they have."

— DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT
NATIONAL PRESIDENT,
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF NEGRO WOMEN ✦ 1996

"Africa is undergoing a renaissance," stated First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Africare Bishop Walker Dinner in 1997. "Democracy is flowering across much of the continent. ... A new generation of reform-minded leaders is in charge in many capitals. There is new respect for human rights" As African nations transitioned to various forms of democracy, Africare provided support. In Mali, Rwanda and South Africa, for example, Africare carried out governance training at both local and national levels. Support continued to civil-society development, or "democracy with a small 'd'": work that had been at the heart of Africare's effort since its founding. In Benin, Burundi, Guinea and Niger, Africare programs strengthened indigenous non-governmental organizations (NGOs): co-ops, trade associations, community self-help groups and other grassroots entities. Thus was fostered an enabling environment for all other progress.



Over the years at the Africare Bishop Walker Dinner (clockwise from top left): Dorothy Height, President Jimmy Carter, Bono, Coretta Scott King, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, Sen. Bill Frist, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Ron Dellums. (Large photo, far right) In 1994, President Nicephore Soglo of Benin greets Ghana's First Lady, Mrs. Nana Rawlings.

GUSTAVE ASSIRI (A.G.) PHOTOS

1996

Truth and Reconciliation Commission, chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, begins hearings in South Africa.

APRIL 1996

OAU holds annual summit in North Africa (Egypt), signaling continent-wide inclusiveness.

1997

Angola now has world's highest percentage of landmine amputees.

MARCH 1998

First substantial Africa visit by a sitting U.S. president: President Clinton visits six countries in 12 days.



"... we ... celebrate the achievements of Africare as an organization that epitomizes the best and most inspiring of civil society action: a movement that started from scratch, fuelled by the conviction that it is possible to change things for the better."

— KOFI A. ANNAN
SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ✨ 1998

The Africare Bishop Walker Dinner

Held every fall since 1990 in Washington, D.C., the Africare Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner has become the largest annual event for Africa in the United States. The event remembers Bishop Walker, Africare's chairman from 1975 until his death on Sept. 30, 1989. Some 2,000 people now attend, raising about \$1 million for Africare each year. Recipients of the Bishop Walker Humanitarian Award have been (in order, 1992-2004) Desmond Tutu, Sargent Shriver, Nelson Mandela, the Rev. Leon Sullivan, Jimmy Carter, Dorothy Height, Andrew Young, Graca Machel, James Wolfensohn, Dr. Louis Sullivan, Harry Belafonte, Bill and Melinda Gates, and Sen. Richard Lugar and Rep. Donald Payne.

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AT WORK IN AFRICA 1996–2000



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 28 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

- **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone
- **East Africa:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda
- **Central Africa:** Burundi, Central African Republic, Rwanda
- **Southern Africa:** Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- **North Africa:** Egypt

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 1996–2000: \$162,261,173
- Compared to 1991–1995: +55%

NOTE: Information above and on facing page is for Africare's fiscal (not calendar) years 1996–2000.

JULY 1999

Lusaka Peace Accord ends five-year war in DR Congo (until 1997, "Zaire"); millions died.

1999

AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa.

1999 – 2000

Eritrea – Ethiopia border war. Official ceasefire, 2000; tensions persist.

FEB. – MARCH 2000

Severe floods leave hundreds dead, a million homeless in Southern Africa.

MAY 2000

U.S. Congress passes African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

2001–2005 Africare

By 2005, longstanding wars in Angola, Liberia and Sierra Leone had ended and reconstruction was underway. Food crises arose in various regions of Africa. The need remained great for food, water and environmental assistance. Traditional indices of health had improved — Africa's infant and child mortality rates had decreased by 30 percent since 1960; since 1990, 5 percent more Africans had access to safe water — yet HIV/AIDS had engulfed the continent in what is probably the worst pandemic in history.

Africare responded. HIV/AIDS assistance took center stage, but Africare's work addressed the range of basic human needs continent-wide.

In June 2002, Africare's president* of 31 years, C. Payne Lucas, retired and Julius E. Coles became the third president of the organization.

"There are no 'Africare programs,' only African programs." That core approach — articulated



at Africare's outset — has remained unchanged over these 35 years. Listen to the people. Salome Monareng, leader of a women's agricultural group in South Africa: "Africare helped us to discover ourselves, the potential that lies within us. And this was real education. We are creating our own jobs rather than waiting for someone to create jobs for us" (2001). Alphonse Bizima, president of a small AIDS support group in Rwanda: "Africare's project is helping us to find solutions to our own problems" (2002). Ruth Mufute, who grew up in a poor village of Zimbabwe and eventually became the Africare representative in Zimbabwe and Zambia: "I, an average Zimbabwean woman, have been given a chance to help others — other children now living the life I used to live, in areas where I used to live, with dreams like the ones I used to have. Africare gave me that chance" (2004).

*Title changed from executive director to president in 1992.

HIV/AIDS in Africa: "They Are Our Children"



By the mid-1990s, Africa bore most of the world's AIDS burden. In 2005, Sub-Saharan Africa had 71 percent of the world's AIDS deaths, 64 percent of all people living with HIV or AIDS and 80 percent of all AIDS orphans. Africa's HIV/AIDS prevalence rate was 6 percent — and up to 34 percent in some parts of Southern Africa — while the world average was just 0.5 percent. "We cannot accept that we have 6,500 Africans dying [of AIDS] every day and find it normal," stated the international humanitarian activist, Graca Machel of Mozambique. "They are not mere statistics. They have a face like any one of us. They are our children." Africare's first HIV/AIDS programs

were in Nigeria and Rwanda, in 1987. Today, Africare's HIV/AIDS programs — prevention, counseling and testing, care for people living with AIDS and support for AIDS orphans — reach every country where the organization works.



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Africare provides skills training to help HIV/AIDS-affected people earn income. This Southern African woman now supports herself and her family by sewing.

"Africare's greatest contribution — what I'm most proud of — is that we have now created an organization with an extended family. You are members of Congress and members of churches. You are black and white. You are African and American. When I look at the people in this room, when I feel the pulse, I know we have the makings of a great institution. This is just the beginning."

— C. PAYNE LUCAS
AFRICARE PRESIDENT, 1971 TO MID-2002
RETIREMENT SPEECH ✦ JULY 2002

OCT. 2001

New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) launched by African leaders.

2001 – 2002

Crop failures lead to Southern Africa food crisis; crisis recurs in 2005.

JAN. 2002

Sierra Leone civil war comes to an end.

APRIL 2002

After 27 years, Angola civil war ends.

"I regard the Africare community — staff members, donors, and colleagues and beneficiaries in Africa — as a team and a family, bound by our common love for development work and for the continent of Africa. If we continue to work together, we can reach our ambitious goals for the future of Africare and, most important, for the future of Africa."

— JULIUS E. COLES
AFRICARE PRESIDENT,
MID-2002 TO PRESENT ♦ DECEMBER 2002



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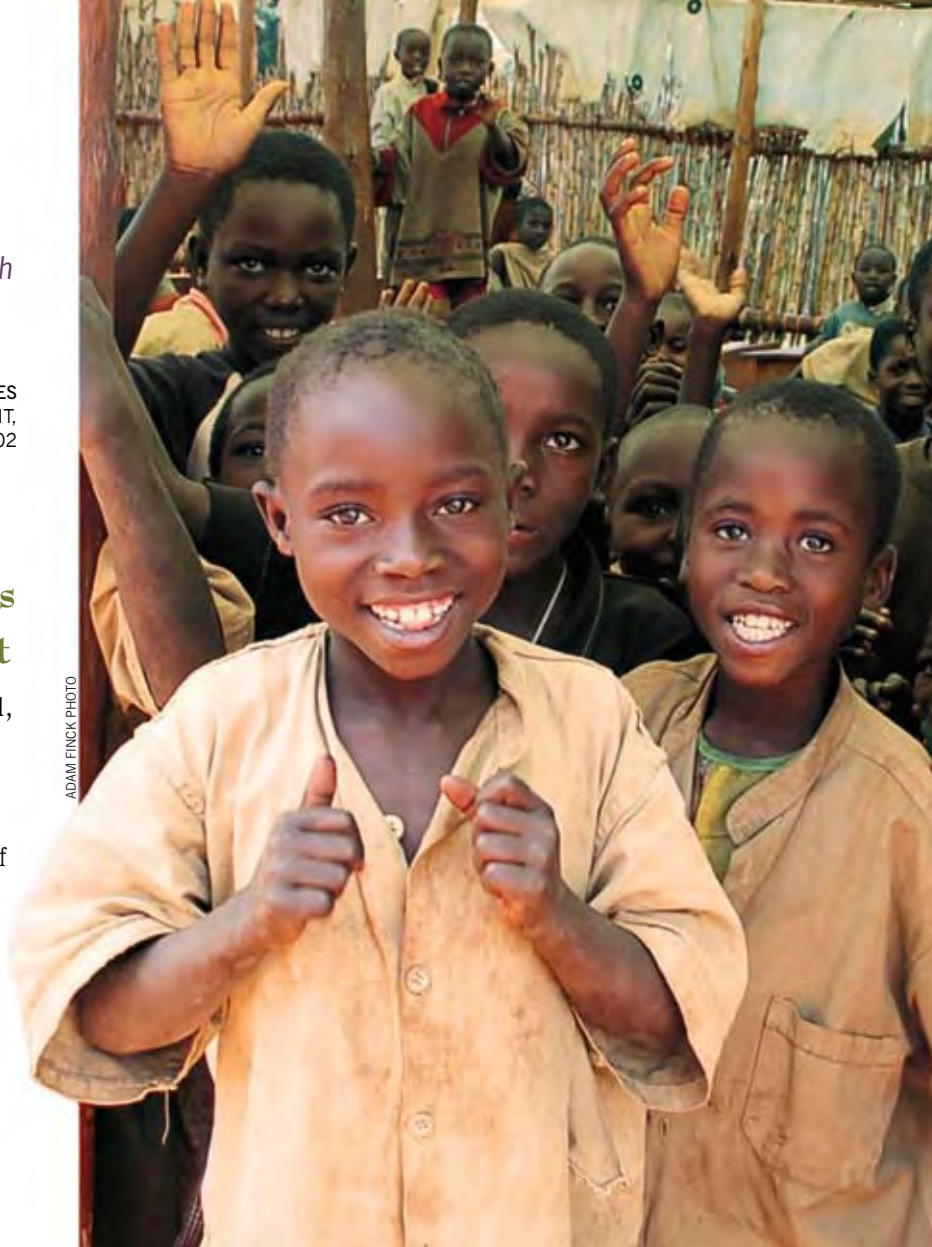
Julius Coles (left) and
C. Payne Lucas

Lucas Retires, Coles Welcomed as Africare President

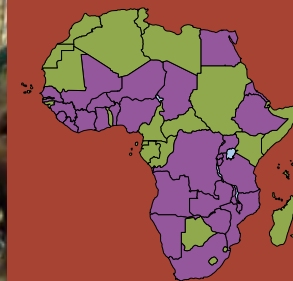
Africare's president since May 1971, C. Payne Lucas retired from the staff in mid-June 2002. Africare welcomed as its new president Julius E. Coles: a 28-year veteran of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the first director of Howard University's Ralph J.

Bunche International Affairs Center and, most recently, director of the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs at Morehouse College. "As an organization, we have always looked forward," stated then Board Chairman George A. Dalley, "and we continue to look forward to new leadership and a new role."

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AT WORK IN AFRICA 2001–2005



COUNTRIES HELPED

Africare reaches 27 of Africa's 50-plus countries:

■ **West Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

■ **East Africa:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda

■ **Central Africa:** Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda

■ **Southern Africa:** Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

■ **North Africa:** Egypt

ASSISTANCE GROWS

- Total value of assistance/support, 2001–2005: **\$222,781,498**
- Compared to 1995–2000: **+37%**

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AUG. 2003

Liberia civil war ends; reconstruction begins.

2004

International activist Wangari Muta Maathai of Kenya receives Nobel Peace Prize.

NOV. 2005

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf wins Liberia presidency: Africa's first elected female leader.

LATE 2005

Since 2003, tens of thousands slaughtered in Darfur, Sudan. Two million have fled their homes.

AFRICA 2005

Population:
906 million

Infant mortality:
89/1,000

Life expectancy: 50

HIV cases: 25.8 million

SOURCES: U.N. Population Division, WHO, UNAIDS

"Africare has survived and grown — and will continue to thrive and grow — because of the hard work, the sacrifices, the dedication and the love for Africa that each of you has given to Africare."

"You can be proud of the things we have accomplished together: how many water wells have been dug, how many people now have water for drinking and irrigation, how many health clinics have been built, how many more children have lived, how many farmers have grown more food and made some income, how many women have gained greater opportunities, how many refugees and displaced persons have been helped. You can be proud of all these things."

"Perhaps most important of all, you can be proud that, through it all, you showed that people truly can care about other people."

— JOSEPH C. KENNEDY, PH.D.

AFRICARE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, 1971–1999
RETIREMENT MESSAGE ♦ 1999



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