WHERE WE WORK

WHAT WE DO

In 2018, Concern directly reached more than 8 million people through development and emergency programs in 23 countries, including responding to 66 emergencies in 20 countries, directly reaching more than 4 million people.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

PREVENTION | RESPONSE | RECOVERY

LASTING TRANSFORMATION

LIVELIHOODS | HEALTH | EDUCATION


BIAFRAN CIVIL WAR | BANGLADESH CONFLICT | ETHIOPIA FAMINE | KHMER ROUGE GENOCIDE | SOMALIA FAMINE
Five Decades of Fighting Poverty from the Grassroots up

Turning Compassion into Action, Innovation, and Impact

In 1968, a small group of concerned men and women led by a young Dublin couple - a junior economist and insurance underwriter – launched the grassroots movement that would become Concern Worldwide. Famine was killing thousands a day in faraway Biafra, a reality they could not accept.

With no experience or training, they gained the trust of a nation through a first-of-its-kind fundraising campaign, which in nine months raised the equivalent of $6 million from a population of just under 3 million.

They secured a cargo ship, loaded it with life-saving relief supplies, food, and medicine, sent it to a tiny island off of West Africa, where the load was transferred to a hastily assembled ‘airline.’ An expert, if ragtag, group of aviators then flew the supplies into a combat zone across the front line of a vicious civil war.

They landed at a makeshift airstrip deep in the bush where a crew of brilliant and bold Irish missionaries had engineered a massive and complex distribution network that reached nearly 4 million people each day with life-saving food and supplies.

Millions of lives were saved. Fifty years later, that small movement has grown into one of the world’s most respected and effective humanitarian organizations, which has saved and transformed tens of millions more lives – often leading the way with groundbreaking approaches to chronic problems.

Our History

Over the last five decades, Concern has been where the need is greatest, responding to famines, conflicts, natural disasters, and epidemics – and helping people rebuild sustainably in the aftermath.

Our Mission

Our mission is to help people living in extreme poverty achieve major improvements in their lives that last and spread without ongoing support from Concern.

Our Vision for Change

We believe in a world where no one lives in poverty, fear, or oppression; where all have access to a decent standard of living and the opportunities and choices essential to a long, healthy, and creative life; and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

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Our Impact
In 2018, 90 cents of every dollar went directly to our programs around the world.

Join Us
Join the Concern community and become part of a global effort to make life better for the world’s poorest people.

- Make a monthly gift
- Attend a Concern event
- Become a Concern Ambassador
- Be a corporate partner
- Raise money for a cause you care about
- Share our stories with your social networks

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Your support will empower us to...

- **RESPOND TO THE HARDEST-TO-REACH COMMUNITIES IN THE FORGOTTEN PLACES:**
  We strive to continue our work in places that quickly fall out of the headlines but remain in deep crisis. Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Haiti, and Afghanistan – places where conflict, hunger, disease, and displacement threaten millions of lives. They don’t have time to wait and we will not abandon them.

- **PREPARE TO MOBILIZE IMMEDIATELY WHEN DISASTER STRIKES:**
  Saving lives in the immediate aftermath of disaster requires preparedness. Last year alone, we responded to 66 emergencies, large and small, in 20 countries. We will need more resources to remain effective in the face of climate and conflict disasters.

- **INNOVATE:**
  Over the last 20 years, we have been at the forefront of revolutionizing the treatment of malnutrition, transforming health systems to save the lives of millions of children, pioneering mobile and digital technology, and establishing one of the developing world’s most successful microfinance and community savings and loan institutions.

- **SUSTAIN:**
  Lasting development is a complex process that requires relentless commitment. There is a path forward. The World Bank has reported that in 1981, some 42% of the world’s population was extremely poor. This year’s estimate is projected to drop below 10%. We have been contributing to this process for more than 50 years and our commitment is stronger than ever.