



# Camillian Disaster Service USA

*Fullness of Life in a Resilient Community*

cf. John 10:10

## Mission

Grounded in the love and mercy of Jesus, with St. Camillus in our hearts, we promote and inspire the development of community-based integral health programs for the well-being of disaster-stricken communities through compassionate, competent and coordinated interventions.

### MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH



Food insecurity affects approximately 27% of the world's population and in underdeveloped nations, half of their populations do not have enough to eat (FIES, 2014). Mothers and, therefore, children are the most affected by malnutrition due to the lack of education, financial resources, and social power in their communities. With little access to quality healthcare, women and child are unable to get the care they need to combat the effects of malnutrition. CADIS has created a Maternal/Child Nutrition & Health program that teaches families about the signs of malnutrition, treats the health issues from malnutrition, and trains families in climate sustainable farming in their own backyards or communities. We are implementing this program in Haiti and Kenya with plans to expand into other underdeveloped countries.

### RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Currently 815 million people globally suffer from hunger with agriculture being the main source of income for the world's food insecure population. These communities are usually small-scale farmers with limited financial and land resources. Most of the food insecure live in areas that are most at-risk of the effects of climate change such as drought and severe weather systems. CADIS will implement training and education in climate resilient sustainable agriculture for these farming communities which will allow farmers to vary the crops they grow, use less damaging methods on the ecosystem, and provide a more reliable income for their families. This program is currently being implemented in Bohol, Philippines and Northern Thailand. We plan to expand this project into Kenya and Tanzania in the next 3 years.



### YOUTH EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes that the "youth demand change" and we see this is the children around us. We would like to help the children living in communities most at risk to the effects of climate change to have their voices be heard. Working with Dr. Carlie Trott of the University of Cincinnati, CADIS USA will use her youth empowerment and education framework called "Science, Camera, Action" to educate children in how climate change is effecting their community, allow them to document those effects via digital photography, and then build their own climate action projects such as a community garden or climate policy advocacy. We will be implementing this with the youth of the Karen indigenous people living on the border of Thailand and Burma in the next 2 years. We hope to use this framework alongside every project we implement in a community in the future..