With your support, we are empowering people to recover from crisis, build better lives and transform their communities for good.

THANK YOU

Salma, pictured here, has learned how to grow fuller, healthier vegetables for her children at a farmer training program in Niger.

Cover: Azeh, 12, sits with her favorite teacher at one of Mercy Corps’ youth spaces in Za’atari refugee camp in Jordan.

Dear friend of Mercy Corps,

While this past year we saw conflict, political upheaval and disaster upend the lives of innocent families, we remain steadfast in our belief that a better world is possible. There’s so much we’ve accomplished that’s worthy of acknowledgment and celebration.

In 2016 I saw boys and girls playing in Mercy Corps safe spaces. I watched women become pillars of their communities through job training. I heard the excitement of farmers learning to grow more food in sub-Saharan Africa. I felt the hope we are giving to refugees in Greece, Jordan, Nigeria and other countries around the world.

I feel fortunate to share every day with my inspiring colleagues and supportive people like you. Your partnership enables us to stand with people all over the world. Because of you, we were able to transform the lives of more than 30 million people last year. I’m grateful to share some of those accomplishments with you now. Thank you for making this work possible.

For a better world,

Neal Keny-Guyer, Chief Executive Officer
When Hammoudi was 10, he watched war closing in from his doorstep. Bombs pierced the skies over his home in Aleppo, Syria, crashing against buildings just feet away. No longer safe, his family had only one choice: flee into the unknown, and leave behind the only life they knew. Today, more people have been forced from their homes than at any other point in history. But beneath the numbers are brave and determined survivors like Hammoudi: moms, dads, sons and daughters trying to make it in unfamiliar places far from home. Your support changes the world for people like them—those, like Hammoudi, who need our help the most.

Mercy Corps is responding to the Syrian refugee crisis in eight countries throughout the region. When Hammoudi’s family found safety in Lebanon, we were there providing clean water and sanitation in the settlement where they live. Now 14, Hammoudi is finding his voice in a Mercy Corps art therapy program that helps kids recover from crisis, adjust to their new homes and focus on being kids.
Na’omi’s Story
For so long, Na’omi’s life was marked by loss. When Boko Haram attacked her village, she lost her husband. When she fled to safety with her kids, she lost her home. When they resettled in a new city, she lost the life they had built.

But Na’omi has since transformed her life. As soon as she and her kids were safe, she was ready to get back to work. Mercy Corps gave Na’omi a grant to start her own business selling dried fish in her new village. Today her business is profitable, her kids are back in school, and together they are safe and settled in their new home.

Your support empowers young girls to finish school, helps new babies grow up healthier, and gives men and women like Na’omi the path to a stronger tomorrow—even in moments when it seems impossible.

“Because of Mercy Corps, my life has changed completely.”
—Na’omi, Nigeria

A stronger tomorrow is possible
Mercy Corps’ work extends beyond crises.

Around the world, we’re connecting millions of people to the resources they need to overcome chronic challenges, including hunger and poverty, and build a brighter future with support like job training, small business grants, schooling, and health and nutrition education.

Our Impact in 2016

500,000 people received job training
35,000 small businesses received $11.5 million in loans or grants
15 million women and girls empowered to build stronger lives

Read more stories about others like Na’omi at mercycorps.org/all-stories
In 2016, Mercy Corps transformed the lives of over 30 million people.

- 1.3 million farmers connected to resources to boost production and incomes
- 3 million people gained access to clean water
- 800,000 mothers and children provided with support to improve their health and wellness

Together, we helped families around the world survive crisis and build brighter futures. You made this work possible.
Mercy Corps exists to alleviate suffering, poverty and oppression by helping people build secure, productive and just communities.

OUR MISSION
Mercy Corps operates in over 100 countries where we work.
Mercy Corps teaches mothers in rural Guatemala how to prepare nutritious meals for their families.

Over the past five years, we have used 87 percent of our resources for programs that help people in need around the world.

Charity Navigator gives Mercy Corps its highest four-star rating for transparency and accountability.

Better Business Bureau
Powered by the belief that a better world is possible, Mercy Corps partners to put bold solutions into action—helping people triumph over adversity and build stronger communities from within.

Children in Azraq refugee camp in Jordan have endured great stress. Mercy Corps’ youth center gives them a place to play and feel safe.
You can help save and transform lives

Support our work and help families in need. Call us at 888.842.0842 or visit mercycorps.org to make a gift or learn about including Mercy Corps in your will.

Mercy Corps supports refugees in Lebanon—like little Reda picture here—by distributing clean water and hygiene supplies, rehabilitating shelters and providing emotional support to help them heal.