

Caritas Australia impacted  
**2,340,929** people and directly  
supported **793,372** participants  
across **30** countries during the  
2024-2025 financial year.



Lam standing beside his mother in front of their farmland in Quang Nam, Vietnam. Photo: Caritas Australia.

## Who is Caritas?

- We are the international aid and development agency of the Catholic Church.
- We are part of Caritas Internationalis, one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world.
- For over 60 years, we have stood alongside marginalised communities to confront the challenges of poverty.
- We respond quickly in times of crisis and work towards long-term to help communities build sustainable futures.
- We support all people regardless of religion, race, or political differences.
- Guided by dignity, hope and compassion, we accompany people to people to drive their own development, drawing on local strengths and resources.

## What We Do

### Our development work

From walking alongside First Nations communities in Australia to improving access to food and water in Zimbabwe, we work in partnership with communities around the world to create lasting, sustainable change. Our development programs support communities across the Pacific, Asia and Africa, focusing on improved access to education, livelihoods, and long-term sustainable development pathways.

### Humanitarian Aid

We are a world leader in emergency responses. When a crisis strikes, our local partner organisations on the ground are able to respond quickly to provide emergency assistance to communities impacted by natural disasters, like cyclones, floods and earthquakes, as well as protracted crises, like refugee displacement.

Through the international Caritas network, we deliver immediate emergency relief and help provide essentials like food, clean water, shelter, hygiene supplies and cash assistance while providing long-term recovery support to help communities rebuild stronger after disaster.

### Social and ecological justice

We promote social and ecological justice by partnering with vulnerable communities globally to combat poverty, injustice and environmental degradation. This work includes implementing disaster risk reduction strategies, supporting communities to adopt sustainable farming practices, building reliable water systems, strengthening women's rights and access to education, and training communities in income-building opportunities. Alongside these efforts, advocacy for fair and just policies in Australia helps drive long-term systemic change.

### First Australian Partners

We support programs designed and led by First Australians. Guided by subsidiarity, we walk alongside communities to strengthen cultural identity, support intergenerational healing and keep culture alive for future generations.

## Where we work



*\*This map only includes our development programs and not our humanitarian programs\**

## How we work alongside communities

Our programs are all implemented with the belief that every human being has inherent dignity, and that people's dignity and freedom should never be compromised.

Because we are embedded into local communities through the churches and prioritise long-term development programs over many years, we build strong relationships with our partners.

Each year, our work supports communities to:

- Lead their own development and thrive, with a strong focus on women and marginalised groups.
- Experience wellbeing and live in safe, just societies.
- Build resilience, protect our common home, and achieve sustainable livelihoods and ecological justice.
- Meet immediate needs in times of crisis, and recover and build back stronger.