Last year, at the request of Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Cross Catholic Outreach partnered with the Populorum Progressio Foundation to uplift poor communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Now in its second year, our collaboration is pursuing a new set of important objectives. In light of the hardships that many countries have experienced this year, we believe these missions are more vital than ever before. **That’s why we have committed $334,928 to support our partnership and fund 16 critical relief projects.**

By working together, we can meet the urgent needs of suffering families, supplying them with necessities like safe water, nutritious food and lifesaving medical care. Other outreaches we are sponsoring will also pursue long-term goals by making families more self-sufficient through agricultural initiatives and microenterprise projects. This two-pronged approach will heal bodies and save lives — as well as put struggling communities on the path to greater prosperity and independence.

**Join us to transform lives in Latin America and the Caribbean!**
CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

Without access to safe drinking water, poor families fill their buckets at contaminated, parasite-infested sources that make their children sick. In fact, without clean water and proper sanitation, many people cannot even wash their hands well enough to prevent the spread of disease. Your support will provide villages with safe wells and water systems, as well as hygiene education. One community at a time, you can stop the transmission of preventable diseases and help create a safer world for us all.

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

• Bathrooms for a Primary School in Bolivia
• Rainwater Collection and Storage in Bolivia
• Water Storage Tanks in Haiti
• Clean Water System in Venezuela

AGRICULTURE

By providing poor families with basic farming supplies and agricultural training, we can help them grow food for their children and develop a sustainable source of income. Your support for agriculture programs will encourage struggling farmers to improve their crop yields and profits without harming God’s earth. Families will be able to move forward with greater strength and dignity, and communities will look forward to a future filled with hope.

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

• Grain Silo Construction in Bolivia
• Animal Husbandry in Brazil
• Capacity-Building for Poor Farmers in Brazil
• Community Garden in Colombia
• Agricultural Strengthening in Colombia
• Home Gardens in Venezuela
• Sweet Potato Production in Venezuela

“We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.” – POPE FRANCIS
Support for small business opportunities enables hardworking men and women to pursue income-generating activities and become self-sufficient. We believe this is one of the greatest gifts we can offer our brothers and sisters in need! **It gives men and women the satisfaction of supporting their families and the opportunity to discover their gifts, talents and purpose.**

**PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT**

- Business Loans for Street Vendors in Colombia
- Poultry Husbandry for Profit in Haiti

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Health has been at the front of everyone’s mind this year — but many poor families in developing nations lack access to even basic medical care. Poor pregnant women, sick children and the at-risk elderly must walk long distances to the nearest hospital or clinic, and those facilities are often ill equipped to care for patients in need. The Catholic Church has a long tradition of bringing hope and comfort to the sick and injured, and your gift can play a critical role in that mission!

**PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT**

- Nutrition Program for Women, Children and the Elderly in Colombia
- Medication and Supplies for Clinic Outreaches in Rural Guatemala
- Health Clinic in Honduras
Please Give Generously

Join Cross Catholic Outreach in partnering with the *Populorum Progressio* Foundation to foster lasting change in Latin America and the Caribbean!

*Populorum Progressio* means “development of peoples,” and by working in unity to support physical, economic and spiritual growth among those most vulnerable, we nurture our united development as one human family in Christ. The Catholic Church has always had an express responsibility to honor the poor and vulnerable, and that calling has not changed. Our suffering brothers and sisters need us now more than ever!

Your generosity today will support 16 benevolence projects in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Venezuela. It will aid the devoted efforts of priests, religious sisters and lay missionaries who are working with limited resources to serve the poor. Please — donate now to empower meaningful missions of mercy and deliver transformative relief to communities in desperate need!

Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach. These detailed accountability measures have earned us ongoing accreditation by the following organizations:

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