SHARE OUR VISION
overcoming crisis, poverty and marginalisation

Mission East
Who we are
Mission East is an international relief and development organisation founded in Denmark in 1991.

We provide emergency assistance after disasters, work to improve long-term living conditions for communities struggling with poverty, and advocate for the inclusion of marginalised groups such as people with disabilities.

All this with a vision of empowering people and communities to lift themselves out of crisis, poverty and marginalisation. We support communities’ capacities to organise and assist themselves, often in partnership with local or international partners who share our goals.

Our programmes are funded by institutional donors, private foundations, churches and individual supporters. Mission East is founded on Christian values and in all our work we strive to live out our ‘values in action’:

honesty | integrity | compassion | respect
for all people | valuing the individual

What we do
Disaster Response
Rural Community Development

Where we work
Working in some of the most remote regions in the world, Mission East is committed to overcoming challenges to reach underserved and vulnerable populations. We work in Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, with current programmes in:

Afghanistan | Armenia | Iraq | Myanmar
Nepal | North Korea | Tajikistan
Our main sectors

**Emergency Relief**
Natural and man-made disasters have their biggest impact on the poorest populations, threatening lives, disrupting homes, and harming livelihoods. Mission East responds rapidly and efficiently to deliver relief items, cash or shelter materials and other assistance together with local and international partners.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**
Lack of clean water, inadequate sanitation facilities and poor hygiene practice lead to the spread of life-threatening diseases. Mission East helps rural communities to build or repair water systems and latrines, and shares information on good hygiene practice.

**Food Security**
Insufficient food, or lack of food diversity leads to malnutrition and poor health, especially among vulnerable people such as children, pregnant women and mothers who are breastfeeding. Mission East provides communities with tools, seeds and training for more effective and varied food production, preservation and use.

**Livelihoods**
Loss of assets due to disaster, or inability to access important resources often prevents the poorest from earning their living, keeping them trapped in poverty. Mission East supports sustainable livelihoods activities by provision of materials, training, advice and facilitation.

**Disability and Inclusion**
In most communities, people with disabilities face many barriers including social stigma, institutional discrimination and lack of access to places such as schools and public offices, which increases their likelihood of living in poverty. Mission East works to promote the rights of people with disabilities and to ensure inclusion for all.

**Disaster Risk Reduction**
The greatest effect of natural hazards such as floods, storms, droughts and earthquakes are felt by communities already disadvantaged by poverty. Mission East helps communities to analyse risks and take actions to prepare for, prevent and respond to disasters.

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**How we work**

**Inclusion**
Inclusion means making sure no-one is left behind due to their gender, disability, ethnicity, religion or other factors. We place a strong emphasis on rights-based approaches in our development programming, and use women’s empowerment as a key strategy in programmes to fight poverty.

**Resilience**
It’s not enough to recover quickly after a disaster or crisis. Communities also need to build up capacity to limit the impact of any future disasters. In our work in disaster-prone and climate-vulnerable locations we link relief, recovery and development to ensure resilient communities in the future.

**Accountability and Partnership**
We take seriously our responsibility to be transparent and accountable towards those we help, and those who fund our work. We work in partnership with local and international organisations, and try to build vibrant and representative civil society.
Join us!
Mission East welcomes engagement with new local and international partners and donors as well as individuals who share our vision.

Read more about how you can get involved at www.missioneast.org and stay updated on our latest work on Facebook and Twitter.

Our standards
Mission East has been certified as compliant with the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) for both our relief and development programmes. We are a long-standing signatory to the Code of Conduct for Red Cross and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and apply SPHERE technical standards to our work wherever relevant.

Mission East’s work contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals which aim to end poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change by 2030.

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"Rehabilitation can make a big difference”.

Says Umiya Temirova, a doctor whose adult son has cerebral palsy. She has benefited greatly from Mission East’s work with parents of children with disabilities in Tajikistan. At our rehabilitation centres, the children improve their motor skills.