



In his book, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*, author Jeffrey Sachs argues that extreme physical poverty – defined by the World Bank as incomes of less than 1 dollar per day – can be eliminated globally by the year 2025, through carefully planned development aid.

Catholic World Mission does this through:

- Partnering with local Catholic organizations who can assure food reaches the hands of the poor
- Concentrating efforts in areas that can show demonstrable returns
- Linking those of means directly to those whose lives are in need



Conquering poverty

Your gift enables 1000s of success stories

"I grew up very poor in Mexico, but thanks to Mano Amiga I was able to break the cycle of poverty that had impacted my family for generations. Today I am a cardiovascular surgeon and own a practice. I owe my success to the Catholic formation I received at Mano Amiga."

– Dr. Antonio Heridia, MD *Mano Amiga Student 1982 – 1994*

Thirty years after graduating from the Mano Amiga school, Dr. Heridia was directly involved in saving the life of Fr. James McKenna, LC, the school's first principal.



Strengthening Families

Your Gift Helps Families Escape Poverty

Ending the cycle of poverty requires a solution that lifts up students and parents together as a family unit. The Mano Amiga approach is a winning formula proven over the last twenty years. Families who join the Mano Amiga community make commitments to fulfill their obligation to do the hard work required to escape, and in return, the parents are provided with technical training that empowers them to find formal employment and provide financially for their family. The children of each family averages 4 to 5 boys and girls who are given the opportunity to attend a grade school, middle school and high school that provides a rich Catholic education in the finest Catholic tradition. Praise be to God, this has been a winning formula!



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Catholic World Mission transforms society by helping to eliminate spiritual, physical and educational poverty.

Thanks to our donors, Catholic World Mission extends a helping hand that lifts impoverished families out of poverty. It's truly an amazing story, and one that I invite you to see first hand.

There are many outstanding Catholic relief agencies that perform the heavy lifting of everyday feeding and caring for the poor. Catholic World Mission is unique with a mission that targets long-term solutions that address the root cause of problems, offering solutions that help the poor escape poverty permanently. Unlike other charities which are involved in large complex solutions, Catholic World Mission works with ground efforts that have an immediate impact on the community. We operate with a laser focus to develop self-sustainable projects that address and leverage the synergies of Education, Evangelization, and Health Care.

To address the root cause of poverty, Catholic World Mission works to establish what we refer to as a "beachhead" within a community. The beachhead is a religious or staff member who lives in and serves the community. From this local vantage point we work at a grassroots level understanding the root causes within the community and start working to bring solutions. We reinforce this "leg up" by serving as a conduit to other charities coming in to serve the community and raise the residents out of poverty.

In addition, we find that many self-sustaining communities, being affected by natural disasters (Katrina, Haiti, and Japan recently) can rebuild to a self-sustaining model when given a helping hand with disaster relief aid. Thus, we have included disaster relief as one of our pillars of support.

We believe our approach is revolutionary in today's world. The way that we help the poor escape poverty follows the finest tradition of how the Catholic faith attacks poverty at the root cause level, permanently.



Ending Poverty

Catholic World Mission's approach to ending poverty is consistent and influenced by the distillation of the many theories surrounding ending poverty, primarily the book, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* by Jeffrey Sachs. In addition, *The Millennium Development Goals to Philanthropist* by Pierre Omidyar describes the role of Microfinance in ending the cycle of poverty.

Our contention is that there are seven main drivers to raise people out of poverty. In order for our support to be effective, three conditions must exist: a stable government with established property rights; a solid infrastructure; and basic natural resources.



For \$600 a month Catholic World Mission can fund a full-time evangelizer who lives in the same community with the poorest of the poor. This person is able to preach the word of God, counsel people, baptize and hold Communion services bringing communities closer to Christ.

The Key Factors We Can Impact:

Education



With your help we have been able to open a new Mano Amiga school in Quintana Roo, Mexico. The School is currently full with 1200 students with 800 more on the waiting list.

People need a higher level of education to both develop skills for employment and achieve greater comfort in life. (e.g. reading for pleasure).

- Those who receive skills training are highly likely to be able to support a family.

Health Care



Catholic World Mission sponsors 10 medical missions per year in remote regions of Africa, Latin America and South America. In 2010 we treated over 15,000 patients.

As effective as we have been in bringing education to third world countries, the ability for students to learn is significantly diminished when they or a member of their household are sick or suffering from disease.

- Adequate health care is vital to mental agility and achievement.

Economy



Our goal is to encourage other organizations to provide seed capital to fund businesses or services in areas where we are providing evangelization, education, and health care.

Once a person is healthy and trained with skills they need an opportunity to work to provide for their family and to be fulfilled and remain morally sound.

- Skills training enable parents to provide for the basic needs of their families.
- Microfinance is an effective way to stimulate investment in local communities.

Faith



Communities with Mano Amiga schools for 10+ years find themselves transformed from within by moral and ethical graduates.

CWM believes that faith is the real catalyst for sustained transformation in raising people out of poverty where those helped, in turn, help others.

- The Catholic Intellectual Tradition is proven to be successful over the centuries in helping communities escape poverty.