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non-injurious solutions to poverty and hunger best suited to local geographical, social, and cultural conditions.

- **BGR seeks to educate and involve fellow Buddhists and other Buddhist groups in the effort to eliminate hunger.** BGR seeks to make the elimination of hunger an integral part of our contemporary Buddhist identity. We bring Buddhist perspectives to bear on many dimensions of global poverty through teaching and publishing materials from our Buddhist tradition that are responsive to the unique challenges of the 21st century.

Where we work

BGR's main project areas are South Asia and West Africa. Our current projects include emergency relief to hungry refugees in Sri Lanka; food aid to cyclone victims in Myanmar and poor hospital patients in Vietnam; critical rice support to poor families in Cambodia so their girls can attend school; and urgent micronutrient supplementation to infants and pregnant women in Niger. Two other projects in West Africa — in Mali and Guinea — are being considered for the near future.

To maintain our status as an all-volunteer organization, we partner with organizations operating on the ground. These include international agencies like Save the Children, the Red Cross, and Helen Keller International; the Sri Lankan Sarvodaya movement; and smaller organizations like Lotus Outreach. As our resources and capacity grow, we will expand our work to people in other lands who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

“May I be a good doctor for those who suffer from illness, a guide for those who have gone astray, a lamp for those who dwell in darkness, a source of treasure for those in poverty and need.”

- Vows of Samantabhadra, Avatamsaka Sutra

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Who we are

Buddhist Global Relief (BGR) is an inter-denominational community of Buddhists and friends of Buddhism who seek to give concrete expression to the Buddha's great

"If people knew as I know the results of giving and sharing, they would not eat without having given ... Even if they were down to their last bit of food, they would not eat without having shared it, if those to receive it were present."

- Itivuttaka 26

compassion as an ongoing project in the contemporary world. BGR addresses the plight of people worldwide afflicted by poverty, natural disaster, and societal neglect. It aspires to directly participate in the Buddha's mission of liberating beings from suffering by addressing the most immediate causes of their distress and providing for their well-being and happiness. Inspired by a sense of humane responsibility and commitment to social justice, its members seek to improve the lives of the men, women, and children that they serve, enabling them to lead fruitful lives of dignity, hope, and meaning.

Our mission

The mission of Buddhist Global Relief is to provide relief to the poor and needy throughout the world regardless of nationality, ethnicity, gender, or religion. Bearing in mind the Buddha's statements that "hunger is the worst kind of illness" and "the gift of food is the gift of life," BGR especially focuses on providing food aid to those afflicted by hunger and lack of food security. Its long-range goal, however, is to combat all the manifestations of poverty that detract from the inherent dignity of human life.

Our vision

We are inspired by the vision of a world in which debilitating poverty has finally been banished; a world in which all can avail themselves of the basic material supports of a meaningful life — food, clothing, housing, and health care; a world in which everyone can achieve a satisfactory level of education and freely pursue that which gives their life value and purpose; a world in which all people dwell in peace and harmony with one another and with the natural environment.

What we do

We Feed the Hungry

For over a billion people around the world, hunger is a real, terrible, and ever-present fate that hounds their every step. According to the World Food Program, each year ten million people, many of them children, die of hunger and hunger-related diseases. Each day over a hundred million people wonder where their next meal will come from. Because it is so commonplace, chronic hunger seldom makes the headlines, seldom whips up massive waves of public sympathy. Its victims suffer in silence, almost forgotten by those with assured livelihoods and comfortably filled stomachs.

It is in response to the cries of those afflicted with chronic hunger that Buddhist Global Relief came into being, and it is to redress this condition that its programs are formulated.

Our primary purpose is to combat hunger. We assist victims of sudden disaster who need emergency food

aid and enable those crippled by chronic food shortages to develop stable, long-term strategies of improved food security.

Our endeavor is to ensure that the world's poorest people are provided with adequate nutrition, and provided with it long into the future. Our hope is that, when their nutritional needs are met, they will be able to unfold and actualize their fullest potential for goodness and meaning in their lives.

Our Programs

- **BGR fights hunger and poverty in the developing world.** BGR raises funds for food relief and related projects from both private donors and philanthropic organizations. We work in partnership with agencies, institutions, and relief organizations already operating on the ground to provide food relief to victims of natural disaster, violent conflict, and drought. In countries stricken by long-term poverty and under-development, we support projects aimed at developing better long-term methods of food production and management to ensure its beneficiaries a constant supply of food.
- **BGR seeks to develop local capacity.** We provide grants to local organizations working in poor communities to provide emergency food relief and to meet the need for clean water, education, and supporting infrastructure. Our beneficiaries include agencies, temple affiliates, and relief organizations experienced in poverty alleviation and nutritional aid.

- **BGR aims at long-term solutions.** We particularly seek to support projects aimed at developing better long-term methods of food production, management, and distribution. Our ultimate goal is to enable communities to develop sustainable,

"Giving is good, dear sir! Even when one has little, giving is good. An offering given from what little one has is worth a thousand times its value."

- Samyutta Nikaya 1:33

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