

Drivers of CHFI's Agenda

Agriculture

Each one-percent increase in agricultural productivity in Africa has been shown to reduce poverty by 0.6 per cent". To achieve needed productivity, CHFI adopts the principles of "sustainable agriculture and rural development and the agricultural commodity value chain approach. It builds on lessons learned not only from African best practices but also from the guiding principles of diligence, self-help, and cooperation of Saemaul Undong from Republic of Korea.

Community Mobilization and Empowerment.

- Community empowerment strategy that enhances the participation of the village community in all decision-making processes is used

- Local ownership over development processes is strengthened

C-villagers Association and the C-Fund.

- A well-organized Association of villagers or C- Villagers Association is a pre-requisite for CHFI field intervention. This association is responsible for the implementation of the villagers' development programs while CHFI provides financial and technical support.

- A member of a C-villagers' Association must give a monthly contribution to the Fund of the Association also known as C-Fund . This contribution is set to be a minimal amount of money a poor person can afford to pay. For example, a member's monthly contribution in Ethiopia is one Ethiopian Birr (ETB) i.e 0.1 dollar. For a village of 150,000 persons, the C-Fund will amount to USD 540,000 over a period of three years. C-Fund is used for guaranteed loans, health insurance schemes or contribution to the budget of local development projects.

Government Support

The battle against poverty and hunger cannot be won in the absence of a full and active collaboration of local authorities. CHFI works in collaboration with this authorities.

Partnership

CHFI is committed to formal agreements with institutions that accept to work together with its board in the pursuit of common goals.

Technology

- Technological backwardness generally characterizes Africa's road to development. However, enough appropriate technologies are available which, if used, can raise the continent's agriculture to the high producing status that is found today in the North and many countries of the South.
- Essentially, technology drives CHFI agenda across all the stages of the agricultural commodity value chain.

Sustainability

- Particulars that make CHFI's strategy sustainable are:
 - strong, self-reliant, mobilized and empowered C-villagers Association
 - the C- fund and ownership scheme
 - appropriate credit and insurance schemes managed by the C-villagers Associations
 - strong partnership.



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*Partnering to Reduce Hunger and Poverty Through
"Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development"*



"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Who we are

Celestial Humanitarian Foundation International, Inc. (CHFI) is a christian, non-profit, non-governmental, non-political and non-sectarian organization serving under the Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion of a better life for the poor and most underprivileged children, men and women of Africa and Asia.

Our Mission

CHFI is committed to helping achieve the Millennium Development Goals of poverty and hunger reduction in Africa and Asia through Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development. Its mission is guided by the principles of rural community mobilization and empowerment, diligence, self-help and cooperation. CHFI, thus, gives the rural poor opportunities to help themselves, build self-confidence and self-reliance, and work their way out of profound deprivation and hopelessness.

What we do

CHFI takes integrated actions in support of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) of AU/NEPAD. These actions are rural community or village - specific with focus on agricultural productivity, health, food and nutrition, small-scale agro-industry, energy, water and sanitation, education and training.

Our Modus Operandi

CHFI uses a “One New Village at a Time Approach”, a ‘3S’ Strategic Framework and Strategic Drivers of Success.

One New village at a Time

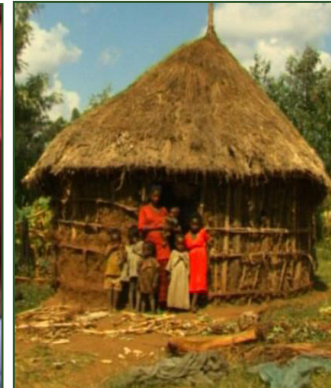
- A village referred to as C-village is selected based on its documented history of poverty and hunger.
- Efforts are concentrated on the development of a C-village until tangible impacts are obtained or begin to occur.
- Programs and activities are tailored to the specific needs and potential of the C- village.

- Progress and impact achieved in a C-village attract other new villages to adopt CHFI’s strategy.

The “3S” Strategic Framework

Strengthening the Body

- Most villagers in a newly selected C-village are in poor physical condition because their basic needs are unmet.
- Basic needs of food and nutrition, shelter, clothing, vaccination, medicine, safe drinking water, sanitation and other urgent services are freely provided to make villagers physically fit and capable of full dispensation of their development tasks.
- Provision of basic needs is time-bound and coupled with a vigorous campaign designed to avoid that aid dependency sets



in and constrains or weakens villagers’ drive for self-reliance.

Strengthening the Mind - History has demonstrated that a nation’s fate hinges heavily upon the mentality of its people. CHFI is



committed to ● bringing about a positive change in any form of self-defeating mindset of the village people, ● creating among villagers awareness of their own potential to change for better the course of their life without compromising their social values, traditions or cultures that have endured the test of times, ● enhancing villagers desire to free themselves from the shackles of poverty and hunger and to work actively to that effect, ● and assuring that rural communities rely not eternally on aids but squarely on their people to move successfully the agenda of their own sustainable development.

Strengthening the Community

- CHFI engages rural communities in interrelated long-term and sustainable development programs that are expected to help (i) end the chronic or recurrent inability of the village communities to meet their basic needs; and (ii) achieve a relatively rapid transition from poverty to a sustained development.
- CHFI-supported programs and projects are tailored to the specific needs of the C-villages and cover agricultural productivity, food and nutrition, health, water and sanitation, energy, agro-processing, education and training.