CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Concern Worldwide was founded 55 years ago, in 1968, by a small group of individuals in Ireland who wanted to do something to help the people of Biafra struggling to survive a massive famine. They sparked a grassroots movement that raised millions of dollars and delivered thousands of tons of essential food and relief supplies, circumventing a military blockade and saving countless lives. Their legacy lives on today, 55 years later, as Concern Worldwide’s team of over 4,700 global staff continues to transform the lives of the world’s most vulnerable communities across 25 countries.

Timeline

55 YEARS OF CONCERN IN ACTION

Concern Worldwide is a dual-mandate organization — meaning that we respond to both immediate emergencies while also focusing on longer-term development that will help communities lift themselves out of poverty and live fulfilling lives. From 1968 to today, here are some milestones along the way:

- **1968** - Concern is born
- **1980s** - Ethiopian Famines
- **1994** - Rwandan Genocide
- **2004** - Indian Ocean Tsunami
- **2010** - Earthquake in Haiti
- **2013** - Ebola in West Africa
- **2017** - Rohingya Refugee Crisis
- **2022 - Present** - Flooding in Pakistan, Drought Across the Horn of Africa, Conflict in Ukraine

55 YEARS LATER: THE GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN NEED TODAY

As we celebrate 55 years of transforming lives around the world, we’re not pausing for a moment because we are needed now more than ever. Conflict, climate change, and hunger continue to perpetuate a cycle of extreme poverty that devastates lives worldwide, and we continue to respond.

**Where We Work**

Concern Worldwide is an international humanitarian organization working with the world’s most vulnerable people in the hardest to reach places across **25 COUNTRIES**.

**What We Do**

We specialize in emergency response, health & nutrition, climate resilience, education, gender equality, and livelihoods & financial empowerment.

**How We Do It**

We don’t believe in cookie-cutter approaches, so we work hand-in-hand with communities to design practical solutions.

**Who We Are**

We are a team of over 4,700 global staff striving for a world free from poverty, fear and oppression.