

Our Colleagues from Catholic Relief Services,

*On behalf of our organization, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Catholic Relief Services for completing 75 glorious years of success. CRS have always been an example of top standard service to poor and marginalized in the confederation. We wish you all the success for many more years to come.*

Caritas Tajikistan guided by the local Catholic church is working in this land realizing Catholic Social Teachings in practical life. One of the key principles of this teaching is Solidarity. Solidarity is about recognizing other people, groups, nations as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their interest, for their wellbeing. In our context, by Caritas and local Church this understood and realized in a way that by its actions Caritas is inviting to build relationships between all others, regardless to their national, religious, ethnic, economic, political and ideological differences. In this way, Caritas Tajikistan aspires to reach the connected humanity, which we call in the local language - "Vahdat".

We exercise promotion of solidarity working in the country with non-catholic majority and representing support from Catholic people.

Caritas Tajikistan expresses solidarity by supporting those who are most marginalized in our everyday activity, showing other groups respect and care for them. Our project with HIV affected, people with disabilities, orphans, homeless another. Our emergency support interventions are fully driven by this value.

For our organization working in civil conflict in Kyrgyzstan (2010), to show up as representative of neighbor country, representatives of our confederation to help in their trouble was very touching experience and evidence of solidarity that extends humanity irrespective of national boundaries.

In our work we try to understand what life is like for others who are different from us. Thus, via our interventions in Afghanistan, while helping a war affected and acerbate people from different ethnic groups (Baluj, Uzbek, Tajik and Pashtu) we have been showing respect and attentiveness to most vulnerable communities there, cultivating tolerance and peace, which is the promotion of solidarity among all of them, among of all us.

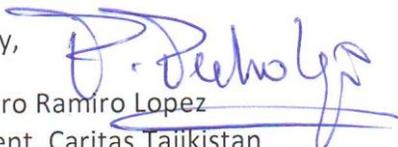
The emergence of Caritas Tajikistan as an organization in itself is an appearance of increased solidarity in regional, international level. When CRS (in 2007), first of all, Caritas Germany, and other CI members have supported a minor church-based activities to grow up to organization, which become a sample and motivation of Caritas for whole Central Asia.

We find expression of solidarity in the fact that majority of our staff in the organization while being non-catholic share and promote these principles and values in the society.

In all of these and other our charity, development actions we feel support of Catholic Relief Services.

We genuinely thankful to CRS for support

Sincerely,

  
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