BASIC HUMAN NEEDS
BUILDING THE PATH TO SHARED PROSPERITY

RATIONALE
Eradicating generational poverty starts with building up individuals—meeting basic human needs with assistance, either as a first responder or a long-term provider, to put more people on the Path to Shared Prosperity. We all share common, basic human needs for:

- **WATER** — access to clean, uncontaminated water for drinking, cooking, bathing.
- **FOOD** — sound nutrition that reduces hunger and increases health.
- **SHELTER** — safe, affordable housing.
- **ENERGY** — access to modern power sources and safe and clean technology for cooking and heating.
- **DISASTER RELIEF** — immediate responses to meet needs created by the devastation of natural disasters.

THE FACTS

- One billion people on earth live on less than $1.25 per day. Women feel the brunt of the key issues surrounding systemic global poverty: limited access to clean water, hunger, and inadequate housing.
- 15.8 million children under 18 in the US live in households where they are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food necessary for a healthy life.
- More than twice the population of the United States lives without access to safe water.
- Diarrhea caused by inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene kills approximately 2,300 people per day.
- The world produces enough food to feed everyone. The principal problem is that many people in the world still do not have sufficient income to purchase (or land to grow) enough food.
- The number of homeless (people with no home whatsoever) worldwide is approximately 100 million.

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PROGRAMS & INVESTMENTS

The Caterpillar Foundation invests in partners who help put people on a path to shared prosperity by meeting their basic human needs. We know that by working together, our impact can be stronger. A few of our partners include:

**FEEDING AMERICA** is feeding America’s hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks while engaging the country in the fight to end hunger. Caterpillar partners in these efforts to provide a steady stream of food—including fresh produce—for 35 local food banks across the United States.

**RED CROSS** prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Caterpillar supports their Annual Disaster Giving Program, which enables the Red Cross to respond immediately to the needs of individuals and families impacted by disasters.

**CHARITY: WATER** is on a mission to bring clean drinking water to every person on the planet. Caterpillar is a key partner to support the extension of a water pipeline into Ethiopia and Tanzania.

**BUILD CHANGE** saves lives in the aftermath of earthquakes and typhoons. Their mission is to greatly reduce deaths, injuries and economic losses caused by housing and school collapses due to earthquakes and typhoons in emerging nations. In Indonesia, Caterpillar is investing in training vocational teachers in earthquake-resistant construction techniques.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** has a vision for a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Caterpillar partners with Habitat for Humanity in the U.S. and Thailand to provide critical financial resources, volunteers and construction materials.

SOURCES

United Nations, U.S. Department of Agriculture and World Bank

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