Nadira’s hoe hit the ground. She caught her breath, looked around, and saw only dry, cracked earth.

Nadira is 40 years old and has been supporting her six children since her husband left home two years ago. Kenya, where she lives, had been facing severe drought since 2011. With very little rain for such a long time, violence escalated, businesses closed and peasants could not till the land.

When their little food was about to finish, Nadira went around the village begging. “Sometimes I feel the desire to steal so my children can eat,” she confesses, embarrassed. Just when things were at their worst, Nadira found hope through the intervention of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Kenya.

For four months, ADRA delivered nutritious food that saved lives. Nadira received eighty pounds of beans and a gallon of vegetable oil, in addition to salt and other essential foods. With these provisions, her children and grandchildren went from one meal a day—if they were lucky—to three meals a day.

The initial four-month emergency response was followed by an efficient relief program that allowed Nadira and many other families in her village to buy food at local markets. “I thank ADRA Kenya for the support it has given my people,” says the village’s chief.
The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the world humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ADRA is fighting poverty and developing communities in more than 130 countries. It represents the unconditional love of Jesus through a wide spectrum of development and relief programs.

If you distribute your offerings according to the suggestion of the Combined Offering Plan, your offering is already supporting all Adventist ministries, missionary projects, and agencies, like ADRA, for example. But if, in addition to your “Promise” (your regular and systematic offering), you are impressed to send an additional contribution to ADRA, you may visit adra.org and press the button “Donate.” As we worship God with our tithe and Promise offerings, may we put our desires last and God first.