

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

2015

USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) presents the photography of partners working to reduce disaster risks worldwide.



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USAID/OFDA extends its appreciation to all partners who submitted photos to the 2014/2015 Disaster Risk Reduction Photo Contest and its congratulations to the organizations and photographers of the winning entries featured in this calendar.

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COVER PHOTO: This water stand is part of a larger rehabilitated water system in rural Anse-à-Foleur, Haiti, which brings clean water to the community, reducing the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks.

PHOTO COURTESY OF WORLD CONCERN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



“Bad things do happen in the world, like war, natural disasters, disease. But out of those situations always arise stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.”

DARYN KAGAN
JOURNALIST

JANUARY

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				New Year's Day		
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	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Medair staff member and midwife Mama Eliza delivers her weekly health education class to pregnant women and mothers at the clinic in Abayok returnee camp, Upper Nile State, South Sudan. These lively, interactive sessions reach hundreds of women with important messages on prenatal and infant care.

PHOTO COURTESY OF © STELLA CHETHAM, MEDAIR



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Climate change does not directly cause conflict, but it can significantly add to the challenges of global instability, hunger, poverty, and conflict. Food and water shortages, pandemic disease, disputes over refugees and resources, more severe natural disasters – all place additional burdens on economies, societies, and institutions around the world.”

CHUCK HAGEL
UNITED STATES SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE

FEBRUARY

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Presidents' Day

A man builds a flood mitigation wall to protect his village in Faryab Province, Afghanistan.

PHOTO COURTESY OF © ZUBAIR SHAIRZAY, SAVE THE CHILDREN – AFGHANISTAN



“
 We
 cannot stop
 natural
 disasters but
 we can arm
 ourselves with
 knowledge.
 So many lives
 wouldn't
 have to be
 lost if there
 was enough
 disaster
 preparedness.”

MARCH

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Daylight Saving
 Time Begins

3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan

World Water
 Day

From left to right, Yousline, Jessy, and Fabienne—fifth-grade students at the École Nationale Marie Reine des Coeurs in Haiti—stand next to a new hand-washing station. As part of a community-based disaster risk reduction program, they learn about best hygiene practices at school through creative song.

PHOTO COURTESY OF WORLD CONCERN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

PETRA NĚMCOVÁ
 MODEL, PHILANTHROPIST,
 AND FOUNDER OF HAPPY
 HEARTS FUND



“
The first step
in the risk
management
process is to
acknowledge
the reality of
risk. Denial
is a common
tactic that
substitutes
deliberate
ignorance for
thoughtful
planning.”

CHARLES TREMPER
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PARTNER
RELATIONS FOR THE CENTER
FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
LOS ANGELES

APRIL

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Earth Day



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 Climate change
 begets natural
 hazards – risk
 reduction lessens
 disaster impacts.
 The latter is a
 development
 imperative
 that will help
 to anticipate
 events well in
 advance, reduce
 the suffering
 of millions,
 and help avert
 catastrophes that
 warrant massive
 humanitarian
 responses.”

MARGARETA WAHLSTRÖM
 SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
 OF THE UNITED NATIONS
 SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR
 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

MAY

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31	Memorial Day					

International Day
 for Biological
 Diversity



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 Finally, if we truly want to prevent the worst consequences of climate change from happening, we do not have time to have a debate about whose responsibility this is. The answer is pretty simple: It’s everyone’s responsibility.”

JOHN F. KERRY
 UNITED STATES
 SECRETARY OF STATE

JUNE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6
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14	15	16	17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

Nuriye from Shashogo District, Ethiopia, tends to the crops he sowed using seeds received as part of a USAID/OFDA and Food for the Hungry program to diversify livelihoods and build resilience to future climatic shocks.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KEBEDE LULE, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



“
 We know we
 cannot prevent
 droughts or
 floods, but
 we can work
 much harder
 and more
 strategically to
 ensure these
 shocks don't
 devastate
 families or
 set back
 hard-won
 development
 gains.”

RAJIV SHAH
 ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. AGENCY
 FOR INTERNATIONAL
 DEVELOPMENT

JULY

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A resident from Abyei Area, South Sudan, receives shelter materials as part of a multi-faceted program to help returnees, internally displaced people, and host communities attain sustainable livelihoods while also building resilience to future shocks. Safe shelter reduces the risks associated with living in unhealthy and hazardous conditions.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSH BALSER, GLOBAL COMMUNITIES



“
 Reducing risk
 has been a part
 of OFDA’s DNA
 for decades.
 By helping
 communities
 better
 prepare for
 and manage
 disasters, we
 are reducing
 the human
 toll while
 helping to
 build resilient
 societies.”

JEREMY M. KONYNDYK
 DIRECTOR, USAID OFFICE
 OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER
 ASSISTANCE

AUGUST

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A member of Rescue South Africa practices a high angle rescue as part of a university-accredited training course to introduce students to rope rescue equipment and techniques. USAID/OFDA and Rescue South Africa have worked together since 2000 to bolster the quality and quantity of trained urban search and rescue personnel in Africa.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RESCUE SOUTH AFRICA

World
 Humanitarian
 Day



“It is not enough that climate scientists know the risks. Governments, local leaders, and the people on the ground should understand the vulnerability of their communities and be equipped with options, resources, and the tools to enable them to become drivers of action in their respective communities.”

LOREN LEGARDA
 SENATOR, THE PHILIPPINES,
 AND UNITED NATIONS
 REGIONAL CHAMPION FOR
 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
 AND CLIMATE CHANGE
 ADAPTATION FOR ASIA AND
 THE PACIFIC

SEPTEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Labor Day					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer			
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While a fire rages behind her, a trainee lifts a concrete slab to free a disaster victim during a Community Action for Disaster Response simulation. As part of this course, first responders learn to prioritize and manage multiple situations caused by natural hazards.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ASIAN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CENTER



“
 In a world where
 change is a
 given, including
 changes to our
 climate, the
 adage to ‘listen
 to the voice of
 experience’
 may seem old
 fashioned. But
 there is nothing
 quaint about
 advice when it
 is a matter of
 surviving – and
 thriving – on
 a warming
 planet.”

BAN KI-MOON
 UNITED NATIONS
 SECRETARY-GENERAL

OCTOBER

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11	12 Columbus Day	13 International Day for Disaster Reduction	14	15	16	17
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Matilda Blake, age 85, not only single-handedly manages her family farm in Jamaica, she also serves as an emergency shelter manager when natural disasters threaten the island. Like many other older persons, Matilda is an active participant in USAID/OFDA-supported disaster preparedness training sessions offered by HelpAge International that help the community better prepare for future disasters.

PHOTO COURTESY OF © JENNY ANDERSON, HELPPAGE INTERNATIONAL



“
By planning
for
emergencies,
individuals
can protect
themselves
and their
families
while also
contributing
to their
communities’
resilience.”

BARACK H. OBAMA
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Daylight Saving Time Ends						
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Veterans Day						
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Thanksgiving Day						
29	30					

Students in Villa El Salvador, a neighborhood located south of Lima, Peru, prepare a lesson on school safety during a disaster. Children and adolescents are actively involved in the development of risk management plans for their community and schools.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN - PERU



“
 By limiting
 the impacts
 of hazards,
 disaster risk
 reduction
 efforts are
 a vital part
 of building
 resilience
 and helping
 families and
 communities
 bounce
 back.”

NANCY E. LINDBORG
 USAID ASSISTANT
 ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
 BUREAU FOR DEMOCRACY,
 CONFLICT, AND HUMANITARIAN
 ASSISTANCE

DECEMBER

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Christmas Day

A pastoralist in Niger holds a calf, which represents the future of his herd. By supporting programs to keep livestock animals healthy and reproducing, USAID/OFDA and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium are helping pastoralists reinforce their livelihoods.

PHOTO COURTESY OF © TIM DIRVEN, VÉTÉRINAIRES SANS FRONTIÈRES BELGIUM