

EVENT SCRIPT

BEFORE THE EVENT BEGINS

Helping Hands Host: Identify a master of ceremonies to facilitate the event. This may be the host, a CRS Global Fellow, or other attendee designated by host.

Know the theme of the event: Helping Hands events are often held on specific days like World Food Day, feast days, or specific conferences with a theme.

Find out who the participants are: examples are: youth, multi-generational, interfaith.

Introduce yourself to the Rise Against Hunger event facilitator: learn their name and a little about them to introduce them.

Find out if the crowd can have and safely use their phones* (with regards to hygiene) during the event. We ask that all HH participants with a phone take part in a special call to action during the event. (This does not apply to anyone under 18 years of age. CRS will never ask anyone under 18 for their information.)

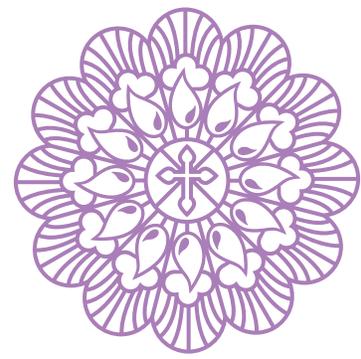
RUN OF SHOW

- Welcome participants. Introduce yourself and how you are connected to CRS.
- Open event with prayer. Find CRS prayers here: [prayer resources](#).
- Introduce CRS with these general facts:
 - CRS works in more than 100 countries.
 - CRS is the global arm of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, serving people around the world (if necessary, mention our sister organization, Catholic Charities, who does similar work based in the U.S.).
 - CRS serves 140 million vulnerable people and their families.
 - We have nearly 7,000 global staff.
 - Over 78 years of service around the world.
 - CRS serves ALL people based on need, not creed.
 - CRS is committed to ending global poverty around the world.

- Give a short discussion on what CRS does in the U.S.

CRS invites all U.S. Catholics to help us build a movement to change the world. By joining a local CRS Chapter or CRS Club, you can take meaningful action with a community passionate about making the world a better place. CRS Chapters in parishes, universities and other communities and CRS high school Clubs support our global family through education, advocacy and giving actions. You can grow closer to God and to your community while learning about and building a connection to people we serve around the world. Join us!

- Play video: Lead the Way.
- **Call to Action: Invite everyone to take out their phones and text Lead Now to 677-68**



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- Testimonial: For Global Fellows or other special speakers who have a specific testimonial about CRS. Use this time to connect your experiences with CRS to the event itself. Be certain to speak to the event host or learn more about the event if you need more information.
- Introduce Rise Against Hunger Event Facilitator.
 - CRS and RAH have been partners for over 10 years.
 - RAH brings the food and the event to you and distributes the food to countries around the world.
 - CRS does these events with RAH not only to give food where food is desperately needed but also to fund long-term projects that reduce poverty and increase food security.
- Rise Against Hunger Event Facilitator Takes Over
- If there is time allotted before RAH takes over or after meal packaging consider this 10 minute online prayer retreat for hunger.

During the event: Engage with the community packaging meals. Ask them questions about hunger and other social justice issues CRS works on. Take a photo of yourself and the community and send it to whoever you worked with at CRS.

Some Hunger Facts:

- Children develop and learn better when their needs in health, nutrition, play and protection are met. - UNICEF
- 47 million children under 5 years of age are severely malnourished, 14.3 million are severely emaciated and 144 million are stunted. - WHO
- Around 45% of deaths among children under age 5 are linked to undernutrition. -WHO
- Nearly half of all deaths in children under 5 are attributable to undernutrition; undernutrition puts children at greater risk of dying from common infections, increases the frequency and severity of such infections and delays recovery. - UNICEF