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MEET BASIC NEEDS
AID INDIVIDUALS
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- Assist women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Participate in a community beautification program
- Donate to food pantries and clothing closets
- Sponsor a refugee family
- Raise money for an overseas development project

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REMOVE ROOT CAUSES
IMPROVE STRUCTURES
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- Support environmental protection laws
- Participate in a living wage campaign
- Promote peace
- Advocate for international assistance

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