

# A Fair Share



The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2020

## Our brothers and sisters long for a harvest of justice and peace

Your giving will help all receive their fair share in the DRC, and Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories



## A Harvest of Justice and Peace

**Your generous gift will help to provide security and access to land that many Palestinians rely on to survive.**

Over the next three years, the Bishop's Harvest Appeal will be supporting the work of Christian Aid in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (IOPT) and the Mother's Union in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). You'll have the opportunity to follow their exciting work and see the difference your generosity will make to farmers seeking their fair share of the harvest.

Christian Aid's work in IOPT promotes human rights, peace-building and looks to develop mutual understanding in the region between different communities.

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme (EAPPI) provides observers, known as Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs), to monitor the interaction between the Palestinian inhabitants of the West Bank and East Jerusalem with the Israeli military. That creates a protective presence and supports

Palestinians and Israelis working together for peace.

Many Palestinians rely on their land for their livelihoods. Shepherds in the West Bank can contact EAs to support their access to their agricultural land. In 2019, EAs supported shepherds on 404 recorded occasions and by being present at agricultural crossing points on 506 recorded occasions.

"If there is a confrontation, we will make sure we are visible, but we do not interact with settlers or soldiers unless someone directly asks us a question," an EA explains. "We are here, we see, and we document, and we often notice that it has a calming effect on the situations."

Supporting EAPPI is a practical way to promote peace and ensure that the fruit of the land is used for the common good.



EA with shepherds on the West Bank

God blesses those who work for peace,  
for they will be called the children of God.  
(Matthew 5:9)



Christian Aid works with local organisations in some of the poorest communities in the world. Please support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and make sure even more people can receive our help.

## Community transformation in the DRC

**The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is one of the poorest countries in the world. The ongoing violence between communities causes extreme poverty and cements gender stereotypes which contribute to the constant threat of sexual and physical violence against women.**

Illiteracy is one of the biggest barriers faced by women and girls trying to escape poverty and break the cycles of gender-based violence. Mothers' Union's extensive experience of working in the DRC has highlighted the exceptional challenges they face in being to participate in the decision-making process at both community and household level. This lack of participation



Women community members being trained on agricultural techniques in Goma Diocese.

creates a culture of ignorance; the feeling of being left behind; it exacerbates household and community poverty; and contributes towards gender abuse and violence. Because of this, illiterate women cannot be leaders, they cannot be selected for training, and the general perception is that they

cannot run a good business or become successful.

To combat this, Mothers' Union wants to start a Literacy and Agriculture programme throughout different areas in DRC. This programme will provide literacy and numeracy skills to 750 disadvantaged community members in the three dioceses. Each group of around 25 participants will be led by a voluntary community facilitator, who will receive training on how to start and manage literacy circles. Further training will follow concentrating on good practices in agriculture and setting up cooperatives, as well as training in basic business management skills. Groups will combine participatory literacy skills and methodology with agricultural good practices and techniques.

Lord of the harvest,  
grant all who work the land  
a safe harvest;  
and may they receive rich  
rewards for their labours.  
Inspire those of us with plenty  
to share with those who have  
little.  
In the name of Jesus we pray,  
Amen.

Mother's Union aims to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Dear friends,

I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the support you have given to the harvest appeal over the last three years. It's wonderful to read about the progress being made. Having seen this work for myself in South Africa, I can testify to the truly transformational work that is happening. The projects supported will now continue and in this way the support of the diocese will continue reap a rich harvest in the coming years.

The Harvest Appeal moves now to a new three year cycle and shifts focus. Over the next three years we will be working with the Mother's Union and Christian Aid. The two main projects are outlined in this leaflet and I commend them to you. As in previous years ten per cent of your donation will also support three UK organisations who are working for a fairer and more sustainable world: Cumbria Development Education Centre, Carlisle One World Centre and Global Justice Now.

It will be good to work with our fellow Christians in Africa and Palestine for the sake of the gospel, to provide support and help to those most in need. These projects are encouraging local leadership and developing resilience, it is important that we are able to stand alongside those most in need.

When Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' (John 10:10), he meant that life is about so much more than just being alive. It means nourishing, being able to be the people God created us to

be. Poverty and the results of communities divided stand in the way of that; so I pray that through this appeal, we may be able support our friends to reap a plentiful harvest. Thank you.



James Newcome  
Bishop of Carlisle



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**Donate today and help families to have a brighter future, bringing hope for generations to come.**

**£7** could pay for a banana or orange tree, and plant the seeds for many more.

**£20** could employ a Literacy Training Facilitator for a day.

**£100** could buy enough seed to plant six acres of rice.

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

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