

A Fair Share



The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2021

A harvest of justice and peace

Your generosity will help people in the DRC and Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories to thrive

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



carlisediocese.org.uk

Community transformation in the DRC

Your support of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal is helping women to read, write and escape the cycle of poverty in the DRC.

Thanks to our partnership with the Bishop's Harvest appeal, the Mothers' Union is starting to make a lasting change to women's lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the poorest countries in the world.

The impact of Covid-19 has exacerbated existing challenges in the country with reports of an increase in domestic and sexual violence against women, little or no schooling for children, and an increase in poverty as many families were unable to work during the pandemic.

Illiteracy remains one of the biggest barriers to improving lives and breaking the cycles of gender-based violence, and food insecurity is being addressed through the Mothers' Union Women's Literacy and Economic Empowerment programme.



Education work through the Women's Literacy and Economic Empowerment programme.

The programme has already trained volunteer community facilitators who will reach out to over 750 disadvantaged community members across four dioceses, teaching them to read and write. Women like Anita, 29, from Lubero territory, North Kivu who said, "God loves me! We are struggling with our daily activities and we are missing lots of skills. This programme is just what we needed this year. I will improve my education and benefit from other skills in farming and savings to grow my business and make my community stronger."

The next stage of the three-year programme will see the project build on the literacy achievements by teaching agricultural good practice and business skills to empower more women (70% on the programmes are female), giving them the tools to earn an income, improve their families' wellbeing, and look forward to a brighter future.

Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Psalms 126:5-6

A harvest of justice and peace in IoPt

Last year our partners provided support to communities in the occupied Palestinian territories that had been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your generous giving to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal helps to ensure everyone can receive their fair share of a just harvest.

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal has been helping communities in Gaza and the West Bank meet the challenges they have faced from COVID-19 over the past year. Throughout the region, The Agricultural Development Association (PARC) has worked with communities to rehabilitate wells, providing access to water and improving hygiene, as well as delivering food parcels to the most vulnerable.



"Through the garden, I have been able to provide my family with fresh organic vegetables."

In the West Bank, East Jerusalem YMCA's Women's Development Program (WDP) supports communities to set up 'protection groups.' These groups acknowledge members as experts in their own lives and help them identify and address their own needs.

Ibtisam lives with her husband and five children in a village called Rabud in Hebron, West Bank. She joined the local protection group and took part in training offered by the YMCA. Here she learned how to cultivate organic vegetables and she has now developed 400 m2 of land to be a house garden. The vegetables she has grown not only provide food for her family, but also an income through selling some of the produce.

Ibtisam feels proud of the gardening and marketing skills she has gained and to her contribution to her family's food security. Your continued support of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal will help more people like Ibtisam and the communities where they live.

Dear God

We thank you for harvest time.
Please help us to share what we have with others less fortunate than ourselves.

May our gifts help them to grow and flourish.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Christian Aid works with local organisations in some of the poorest communities in the world. Please stand with them by supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.



Dear friends,

I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the support you have given to the harvest appeal over the past year, a year which has been like no other. It seems that there is not a part of our world that the COVID-19 pandemic has not touched, and while our own communities have been deeply impacted, many of our global neighbours have struggled just to survive. The generosity you have shown in supporting the Harvest Appeal really has been incredible, and this has enabled both the Mothers' Union and Christian Aid to meet the needs of those they work alongside.

Over the coming year the Harvest Appeal will continue to support the work in the DRC, and Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, and the projects that your money will go to are outlined in this leaflet. As in previous years, ten per cent of your donation will also support three UK organisations that are working for a fairer and more sustainable world: Cumbria Development Education Centre, Carlisle One World Centre, and Global Justice Now.

Jesus said, "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) 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. Therefore, I pray that through this appeal, we will do the good work that

Jesus has called us to, and help everyone to share in a fair and just harvest. Thank you.



James Newcome
Bishop of Carlisle



For more information and resources, visit
carlisle-diocese.org.uk

or contact Cameron Butland,
Church House, 19-24 Friargate,
Penrith, CA11 7XR
cameron.butland@carlisle-diocese.org.uk
e.org.uk

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

£5 could buy a tree that would be planted in a house garden

£20 could buy seeds and seedlings that would help a family grow organic produce to both eat and sell

£120 could buy a tank to store the water needed for a house garden

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

giftaid it

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

If you are a taxpayer, please complete the form below to make your gift worth an extra 25%.

PLEASE TICK. [] I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer.

I have read this statement and want the Diocese of Carlisle to reclaim tax on the donation detailed here, given on the date shown, and on any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years.

I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I understand the diocese will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. The tax year runs from 6 April one year to 5 April the next.

My details

Title _____

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Today's date | D | D | M | M | Y | Y |

Please notify the Diocese of Carlisle if your contact details change, if you wish to cancel your declaration or no longer pay sufficient tax to cover the Gift Aid on your donations.

Please attach this form to your gift and hand it in at your church or send to:

Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7XR. Cheques should be made payable to Carlisle DBF Ltd. Thank you.