

Dear friends,

Thank you for your generous support for last year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Churches across Cumbria showed practical love for neighbours near and far, and I am deeply grateful.



This year, the second of our three year commitment, we continue supporting Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, helping families build simple and sustainable livelihoods in a tough climate; and partnering with Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina as indigenous Christians are equipped for ministry through the CeFA training centre.

As before, 10% of gifts to the Appeal will be shared with two local partners here in Cumbria - Cumbria Development Education Centre (CDEC) and Carlisle One World Centre (COWC) - helping us grow understanding and action for global justice at home.

Please would you pray, give, and share the Appeal in your church this harvest season so that, by God's grace, these communities can flourish with hope and dignity.

With every blessing,  
Rob Saner-Haigh  
Bishop of Carlisle

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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. 10% of the income will be distributed to local charities.

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.



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

**£15** will provide transport and accommodation for leaders to attend essential ministry training.

**£55** will provide a starter flock with 10 hens and 1 rooster.

**£89** will provide women with training on the production of organic charcoal, biochar and biofertilisers, enabling them to earn an income and increase their harvest yield.

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For more information and resources, visit [carlisediocese.org.uk](http://carlisediocese.org.uk) or contact Stewart Fyfe

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# A Fair Share

## The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2025



## A harvest of justice and peace

Your generosity will support families in the Northern Argentina and Burkina Faso to thrive.



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**Thank you!**



## POULTRY IS A GAME CHANGER

**Your support of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal will help give families in Burkina Faso and Northern Argentina opportunity for a brighter future.**

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal enters its second year of three supporting the work of Christian Aid in Burkina Faso.

For many of us, chicken is something we simply pick up from the supermarket without a second thought. But for women in Burkina Faso, the gift of 10 chickens and 1 rooster can be nothing short of life changing.

Burkina Faso is a land of extraordinary resilience. In its semi-arid climate, where farming is difficult and rainfall is scarce, families face constant struggles. Layer on the impact of political instability and the harsh realities of climate change, and survival becomes a daily battle.

In this challenging environment, your generous support is bringing real hope. Through your giving, women in rural communities are receiving poultry—an incredibly simple yet powerful tool for transformation. These chickens aren't just birds—they're a sustainable source of food, income, and dignity. For families who have been displaced, this is more than survival—it's the chance to stand tall as contributing members of their community. A small starter flock of 10 hens and 1 rooster can grow quickly.



Each year, women can raise between 100–150 chickens, earning 3,000–3,500 (about £4-4.50) CFA francs per bird. One of our program officers summed it up:

"Personally, I see these brave women generating a minimum turnover of 525,000 CFA francs per year. From zero to 525,000 CFA (£690)—thanks to this project."

And that's not all. Each hen can lay over 200 eggs a year—providing nutritious food for the family and a reliable source of income from egg sales in local markets. With a rooster, the flock can multiply, expanding the business and creating long-term stability.

The beauty of this solution lies in its simplicity. Chickens are hardy, require minimal feed, and adapt well to the local environment. For a mother struggling to feed her children, a small flock becomes a safety net—putting food on the table today, and offering hope for tomorrow.

Your support also enables our local teams to provide training in eco-friendly farming methods, poultry care, and basic business skills. In a place where options are limited, knowledge builds confidence—and confidence sparks dreams. Together, we are bringing dignity, sustainability, and a future to women and families who need it most.



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.

## HELP TRAIN INDIGENOUS WOMEN TO LEAD THE CHURCH IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA

More than a century ago, missionaries shared the love of Jesus with indigenous peoples in northern Argentina. In the following decades, the gospel took root and grew in the culture.

Yet in recent years, it's been a major challenge to find enough skilled church leaders to take the place of older leaders who can no longer serve. It's an urgent and complex need within a diocese of 187 churches among five people groups and multiple languages.

Your contribution to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal can help secure the future of the church in northern Argentina with leadership and ministry training for students from indigenous communities.

In March 2024 the CMS-supported Centro de Formación Anglicano (CeFA) was launched offering training for indigenous students. In the first year nine men from the diocese completed the course – and in March 2025 a cohort of 13 women began studying.

Etelvina, 26, from the Toba community, is from a Christian family. Aged 14 she started to take her faith more seriously and within a year was helping with church activities for women. She left her rural community at 17 years old to study nursing in Formosa city.

And in 2024, the vicar general in the Diocese of Northern Argentina, and leader at CeFA, invited Etelvina to study the year-long CeFA course to learn more about the Bible and serving the church.

At first Etelvina had questions: Why her? Was this God's plan or just a human plan? Etelvina is now a leader in her community. She wants to learn more to help the church and to combine her skills – to be a spiritual nurse as well as a medical nurse.



Church Mission Society seeks to see communities transformed as we make disciples of Jesus at the edges. Please support the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to empower people at the edges like Luis and Jorge to reach their God-given potential among indigenous people in the Chaco.

With support from you, and CMS, Etelvina and others studying alongside her are part of the next generation of leaders strengthening the church in northern Argentina. Thank you for helping to train and equip them.



*Now a leader in her community: Etelvina and Amandina with teacher Pastor Narciso*



*Women at the CeFA training centre in northern Argentina are studying and growing in faith together*

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