

CAFOD

In 1961 the National Board of Catholic Women organised a Family Fast Day. They raised money to help a mother and baby health care scheme in the Caribbean Island of Dominica. A year later, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales set up the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, or **CAFOD**. Now more than forty years later, **CAFOD** is still helping those in need by supporting development and emergency projects all around the world. It can do this because the Catholic communities in England and Wales give their time and money generously.

CAFOD works with people in countries all over the world. It does this in partnership with local communities. It supports people over a long time by providing better shelter, water, health care and education. It also supports people by teaching them new skills. Sometimes **CAFOD**'s job is to work quickly in an emergency. An emergency can be a 'conflict' or fighting or it can be a natural disaster like drought or floods. Helping in an emergency means supporting people with food, shelter and medicine! **CAFOD** works in Africa and Latin America, in Asia and the Middle East, in Eastern Europe and in England and Wales.

CAFOD is the official agency of the Catholic Church.

CAFOD stands for: **Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.**

Working for all people - whether they are black or white, Christian or Muslim, women or men, young or old. This is because we believe that we are made in God's image, and God made all people equal.

CAFOD campaigns to make the world a fairer place and aims to get rid of world poverty by working in partnership with people in need. It helps people to find out about other countries and cultures. It also helps when there are emergencies like tsunamis, droughts or earthquakes. It helps people learn how to look after their environment and offers people training so that they can find jobs and supporters raise money in England and Wales.

CAFOD believes YOU can make a difference!

The Year of Mercy is coming to an end on 20 November 2016. We have been humbled to see how Catholics in England and Wales have responded by showing mercy to the most vulnerable people around the world. Please continue to pray with mercy as we approach Advent.

We are GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS

We believe that everyone in the world has the right to live their lives with dignity. That's why we work through the local Catholic Church and other partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East to fight poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest.

We're a member of Caritas International – a group of over 160 Catholic agencies from around the world – known as 'the helping hand of the Church'. Because we work through the local Church we can reach people and places that others can't.

We are ROOTED IN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We are the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Guided by the values of compassion, solidarity and hope, we are rooted in the Catholic community. Together, with the help of our volunteers, we put our faith into action to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture

We are HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

No one wants to live on handouts. Our priority is to equip people with skills and opportunities to live with dignity, support their families and give something back to their communities.

We are FACING THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGES

Conflict. Climate change. Inequality. HIV and AIDS. Together, we tackle challenges head on every day, using our passion and expertise to bring about positive change.

We are THERE IN A CRISIS

We support local organisations who can act fast, providing food, water and shelter for people who have lost everything. And we're there in the months and years that follow too, helping people rebuild their lives and prepare for whatever the future holds.

Read our latest emergency updates and give regularly to our Emergency Response fund

We are SPEAKING OUT FOR JUSTICE

When international bodies and governments make decisions that damage poor communities, we must speak out.

Campaigning works – it can take years of effort or be as simple as signing a petition. Cancelled debt, increased aid for water and sanitation, action on climate change and a clamp down on corruption have all come as a result of taking action together.

We are LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Each year, tens of thousands of young people discover our work at school or in groups – from volunteers, teachers and classmates. We inspire young people to be the change they want to see in their communities and worldwide.

We are TRUSTED

The amount of money we receive and exactly how we spend it changes each year. But one thing stays the same – our commitment to spending it wisely. Out of every £1 we spend, 88p goes on vital emergency relief and development work in the world's poorest communities, as well as education and lobbying work in the UK, with only 12p spent on raising more money so that our work can continue. None of our work is possible without you. Join us today and put your faith into action. Give a donation to support our vital work around the world. Act by making your voice heard through our campaigns. Pray for our brothers and sisters living in poverty. Get in touch through your local office or on cafod@cafod.org.uk or 0303 303 3030

Our Supporter Care statement

Every supporter and their contribution is valuable to us. Each prayer, gift and action makes a difference and inspires our work.

- We work in partnership with our supporters, volunteers, our international partners and the people and communities we serve.
- We strive to be excellent stewards of the resources entrusted to us by the Catholic community in England and Wales.

Our Supporter Promise

- You are partners in CAFOD's work and we will always respond to you with respect, integrity and warmth.
- In every interaction we will ensure you are listened to, understood and valued.
- We will offer you different ways to put your faith into action.
- We will offer you information about our work so that you see how your contribution is making a difference.
- We welcome all feedback and will respond to all supporter enquiries promptly.
- We are committed to protecting your personal information and fully comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. We don't share your information with external organisations for their marketing purposes. If you'd like to review or amend the communications you receive from CAFOD, you can do so at any time by calling us on 0303 303 3030 or emailing amendments@cafod.org.uk. For more information see our privacy statement.
- We promise high standards of fundraising and not to intrude or offend. We are a member of the Fundraising Standards Board, ensuring that our complaints procedure meets the benchmark set for charities. Read our fundraising promise.

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