Christian Aid Scotland Supporter Gathering

16 February 2021
Christian Aid Ethiopia
Ethiopia is in the Horn of Africa, the second most populous African nation with more than 112 million people. Agriculture (crop and livestock) is a dominant sector in Ethiopia. It employs 85% of the population. Agriculture is almost exclusively rain-fed and dominated by small-scale subsistence farmers practicing traditional methods.
Development Challenges

- Ethiopia has been experiencing substantial social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Impact
  - Increased price of basic foods,
  - Rising unemployment,
  - Slowdown in growth and increase in poverty.

- Ethiopia faced with the worst locust invasion in decades.
  - This has undermined agriculture and threaten the food security and livelihoods of millions of Ethiopians.
Development Challenges

- Political instability, associated with social unrest, negatively impacted various sectors.
- High population growth of which 70% percent are Youth.
- Unemployment - the economy is not creating employment sufficient enough for them.
  - More than 2 million workforces enter the labour market annually.
  - Resulted in migration to different countries, middle east, South Africa and Europe.
Climate change

• Climate change poses a huge challenge to Ethiopia.
  • Increasingly unpredictable rains.
  • Complete failure of rains which caused successive harvest failures.
  • Increased temperatures and prolonged droughts resulted in widespread livestock deaths in some regions.
  • Intense and irregular rainfall, leading to flooding, erosion
    • Resulted in lower agricultural production
    • Damage of crop fields and properties
Climate change

- Created favourable weather and environmental conditions for desert locust reproduction and development.
- The unusual climatic conditions (heavy and erratic rainfall, high temperature, cyclones) and wet soil moisture, green vegetation have contributed to the spread the development and spread of desert locusts.
The worst desert locust outbreak in 25 years has caused significant crop and pasture losses in Ethiopia. Approximately 8.5 million people are already facing severe acute food insecurity and are in need of humanitarian assistance.
Impact of desert locusts
CA response to desert locusts in South Omo
South Omo Zone

- Located - 800 km South-West of Addis Ababa (capital)
- Precariously based on pastoralism, agro-pastoralism and subsistence farming
Background info

- Inhabited by over a million people with 16 distinct ethno-linguistic groups
Challenges

The traditional livestock production of the communities is hampered by such factors as:

- Recurrent drought
- Shortage of drinking water
- Pasture degradation
- Conflict over resources like pasture, water & territory
- Animal and human diseases
- Lack of market and financial services
- Poor facilities and infrastructure
In 2019/2020 Desert Locust affected more than 200,000 hectares of crop, pasture and bush lands in the zone.
Project Overview

- Funding Agency: Scottish Government HEF
- Amount GBP 112,666
- Objectives
  - Control of desert locust infestation and protect food crops.
  - Provision of - pesticides, safety kits, training of scouts, and community mobilization.
  - Improve food security
    - Provision of emergency crop and fodder seeds
  - Logistic and technical support for control and surveillance of swarms.
Responses

- Supported communities and government with **2,131 litres** of pesticides, kits of sprayers and personal protective equipment.
- Spraying carried out by local communities.
- The project protected **169,172 hectares** of crop and grazing lands from desert locust infestation.
The project has distributed **41000 kgs** of emergency maize seed to **3,272 farmers**.

Farmers have planted **1631 hectares** of land and produced **1800 tonnes** of food.
Project Impact

The most significant changes are:

- Pastureland has been reclaimed and is freed from desert locust infestation.
- Animal body condition and productivity has improved which normally results in improved income from sale of livestock and animal products such as milk and butter.
- Damaged crops were replaced and household food security was restored.
Fundraising ideas for Christian Aid Week and beyond
West Highland Way Sponsored Walk
St Andrews & St George’s West COVID-safe Art Sale
I am sure my gardening friends will appreciate Cocoa Saplings, but you don’t need a garden as these will be planted and cared for by Angela in Nicaragua. I don’t need to tax my skills by wrapping a beehive but someone in Kenya will appreciate it.

Rev Margaret Nutter
Church of Scotland
Give thanks for your vaccination

Help protect the most vulnerable people, while the vaccine is out of reach.

As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK.
Sponsored Triathlon
Online Jam Sale

Real people. Real change.
Challenge yourself

Walk 300,000 steps this May whilst getting fit and raising vital funds.

Our steps challenge clocks in at just under 10,000 steps a day, you can do the challenge alone or with a team, supporting each other to reach your goal.

You’ll soon be able to sign up for the challenge now on Facebook and join our supportive ‘steps’ community. We’ll send you our fundraising pack complete with our top tips on getting those daily steps in and your challenge t-shirt.
Christian Aid Week 2021

Drought drives people to the brink. Storms tear families apart. Raging waters show no mercy. In Kenya, the climate crisis has made weather more extreme, whether long drought or relentless rainfalls. Join us this Christian Aid Week (10th - 16th) May!

Ends on 01/09/2021
Christian Aid Week
Envelopes

Our iconic envelope can be used in many different ways, read on to find the best way for you.

Every envelope can change lives and help the world’s most vulnerable people. What will your envelope do this year?

We have three different ways for you to help fight the climate crisis with our iconic Christian Aid Week envelope. You can choose between the classic house to house collections, delivery only collections and sending an e-envelope.

We are monitoring the coronavirus situation carefully, but we hope house-to-house collections will be possible for Christian Aid Week 2021. Risk levels vary across the country and government guidance is continuing to change, so please check our latest advice for the restrictions in your area.
Organise your own virtual quiz – or join ours!

We have a pre-written quiz available for you to use.

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**Quiztian Aid**

Our fun filled online quiz has returned and is suitable for all of the family.

It'll be hosted by some special guests, who will be announced soon. Use the form below to sign up.

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Virtual Coffee Morning
Virtual Service & Soup Lunch
Virtual Kiltwalk Weekend
23-25 April 2021
Get involved in the Campaign for climate justice
The world comes to Glasgow for COP26 from 1-12 November 2021.

Find out how you can get involved.
COP26
Climate justice events

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' WEBINAR
WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021
7.00–8.30PM

COP26, DIVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT IN THE JUST AND GREEN RECOVERY
WHAT CAN CHURCHES DO FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Alastair Seaman
Event Chair and Director of Keep Scotland Beautiful

Fr Leonard Chiti SJ
Provincial head of the Jesuits in Southern Africa

Laura Young
Less Waste Laura

Join Via Zoom
climatefringe.org/sccs-live-events

16th of March | 15:00 - 16:30pm GMT
Thank You for the Rain

Join Christian Aid supporters to watch the story of one man's fight against climate change.

To host a Zoom ‘watch party’ of Thank You for the Rain contact: campaigns@christian-aid.org
Help us to keep the chain of prayer for climate justice going throughout the year.

Find out how your church can get involved at: christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain
Climate justice petition

Call on the PM to:

- Increase financial support to the world’s poorest countries and push for their debts to be cancelled
- Invest in a green recovery that leaves no-one behind
- Stop the expansion of fossil fuel energy and support clean energy.
- Sign up: caid.org.uk/climate