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BISHOPS' APPEAL ADVENT NEWSLETTER



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HELP AND HOPE IN THE BLEAKNESS OF 2021 THANK YOU

Through the generosity of Church of Ireland dioceses, parishes and individuals, many who are in the throes of despair due to Covid-19, famine, displacement or natural disasters have received life saving supports.

Our Covid-19 Appeal targeted vulnerable day labourers and pregnant and lactating mothers, providing emergency food and sanitation stations where jobs had been lost and markets were closed.

Our India Appeal supported front line workers providing urgent medical assistance during the country's second wave.

Our Beirut Appeal continued to support people in Lebanon rebuild their lives long after the explosion, and long after media attention was directed elsewhere.

And our Haiti Appeal supported the rebuilding of houses in the wake of the earthquake - houses that will withstand future cyclones and earthquakes and keep people safe.



TOGETHER WE CAN DO EVEN MORE

Over the past 12 months, with your help we have:

- Supported internally displaced people due to the conflict in **Tigray, Ethiopia**. Food, hygiene kits, blankets, tarp, medical supplies. (through Tearfund)
- Continued to support 'I am a Girl' projects in **Uganda**, installing latrines and wash stations for girls to have privacy when menstruating so they can attend school. School gardens are also being developed to ensure the children have access to a meal. (via Fields of Life)
- Funded the planting of 10,000 trees in **South Sudan** to support local church and community responses to Climate Change. (via CMS Ireland)
- Enabled two villages in **Malawi** gain access to water via boreholes and eradicated open defecation by increasing latrines, rainwater harvesting and hygiene education. (via Habitat for Humanity)
- Funded mobile health clinics in **Bangladesh**, supporting vulnerable people who live remotely to receive medical attention. (via USPG)
- Provided emergency food to prevent starvation, seed distribution and conservation farming training in **Ethiopia** when crops failed due to lack of rain and food prices soared. We also supported the reduction in the spread of preventable diseases such as malaria and cholera in rural communities, which have been exacerbated by climate change. (via Tearfund and Christian Aid)



Thank you for your support that will bring hope over the next 12 months