

POVERTY



Annual review 2008/09

THE ROAD AHEAD



THERE CAN BE AN END TO POVERTY

This year poverty has shown its face clearly as financial chaos and recession have overtaken the world.

Yet the difficulties we are experiencing in the UK and Ireland, acute as they are, seem as nothing compared to those facing people for whom finding clean water to drink is a daily struggle or failure of the harvest means the difference between feeding their family or starvation. Such people invariably suffer worst when there are global problems, however blameless they have been in causing them. They also have the least power to put matters right, because poverty is not just about a lack of money: it is about a fundamental lack of power.

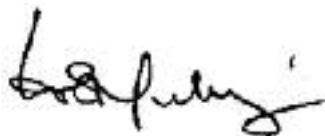
To be free from the scandal of poverty, people need the basic components of a good life that together amount to personal power – things such as health, education, mental wellbeing, income, freedom from political violence and good environmental conditions.

At Christian Aid we remain determined to do everything in our power to bring about swift and lasting change that will realise the justice of a world free from poverty.

This is why we decided to light a beacon of hope, proclaiming loudly and clearly that an end to poverty is possible. If this is to happen it will take sweeping global change, but we are clear that it is an achievable goal if certain key steps are taken.

Your support is vital. We thank every one of you, and we also thank the institutions that support us.

Inside this review, you will find reports that demonstrate how, by working together, we can make substantial progress towards the day when the injustice of poverty no longer stalks us. We believe in life before death and have a vision: an end to poverty. We urge you to join us in making it reality.



Daleep Mukarji

Director
Christian Aid

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

We work globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to

achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. We are part of a wider movement for social justice.

We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.

Emitilla Paucara Choque is one of the thousands of people over 60 in Bolivia who now receive a state pension

STANDING WITH THE POOR



You are nearly 80 years old, you have reached the end of your working life as a cleaner – toil that meant you lived hand to mouth and with no possibility of saving. Now you have no state pension and no way to pay your rent or buy food. This is despite your country having incredibly valuable oil and gas resources.

Until 2006, that was the situation for Emitilla Paucara Choque in Bolivia.

She now has a state pension thanks to successful popular protest, supported by Christian Aid partners (see page 5), calling on the government to harness and use its resources to address poverty. A state pension for people over 60 is just one of the results.

‘With the pension, I pay my rent, my food and all my basic services. If we didn’t have this, how would we survive?’
Emitilla Paucara Choque, Bolivian pensioner

Christian Aid/Hannah Richards

The Big Tax Return

The Big Tax Return is about how changes to the global tax system can help to eradicate poverty. The lack of transparent worldwide financial rules allows tax avoidance by multinational companies that is depriving developing countries of at least US\$160bn in potential revenue every year.

Already our active lobbying – supported by you writing to



“Tax dodging costs developing countries at least US\$160bn a year – far more than they receive in aid – and so tackling the crisis has the potential to unlock massive benefits for the poor.”
Christian Aid press release, April 2009

and emailing MPs, and generally spreading the message – has helped to push the issue of tax rules and tax havens high up the political agenda. A progressive statement – that action against tax evasion must benefit all

countries and not just the rich – emerged from the G20 meeting of global financial leaders in London in April 2009. There is much still to do if we are to encourage reform of the structures that keep people living in poverty.

To get involved in the Big Tax Return campaign, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/tax



Long-term solutions: a matter of justice

A country's national resources should belong to its people, yet the truth is so often that most of the money is creamed off by transnational companies and corrupt governments.

In Bolivia, until 2005 most companies were paying as little as 18 per cent in tax on the oil and gas they extracted. Now that figure is 50 per cent, helping fund enormous improvements in social welfare.

Christian Aid partner the Centre for Labour and Agricultural Development (CEDLA) helped make tax work for Bolivia's poorest communities.

- It was one of the organisations that led calls on the government in a huge popular movement for change in Bolivia.
- It urged the government to reform its oil and gas industry so that Bolivian people could increase their share of the wealth generated by their natural resources.

- It helped educate Bolivians so they understood how unfair the previous tax system was.
- Working with Christian Aid's policy team, CEDLA influenced the drafting of new hydrocarbons legislation and renegotiations with transnational companies.

Taxes paid by transnational companies profiting from oil and gas have dramatically increased, generating approximately US\$1.57bn in 2007.

The extra money now goes into social programmes such as state pensions, education grants and nutritional supplements for youngsters.

This year, we gave CEDLA a grant of £30,000/€32,300 to continue its research into economic policies and practices.

Top left: our **popular guide** to campaigning on tax issues.

Contact our Campaigns team on campaigns@christian-aid.org or 020 7523 2264 for more information.

Bottom left: **Death and Taxes.** Released to the media at the start of Christian Aid Week 2008, this report highlights the lives that could be saved by a fair and transparent tax system. Download it at www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/policy/tax.aspx

Victory! But the fight goes on

What does climate change have to do with poverty? Put simply, people living in poverty are doing the least to cause it but are suffering the most from its effects. In a just world, that needs to change.



That's why we speak out so strongly on climate change, with the help of our supporters. Christian Aid and our campaigning supporters and allies scored a triumph in the fight against poverty when, in October 2008, the UK government announced its decision to legislate to cut UK greenhouse-gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050 instead

of the 60 per cent originally proposed. It also said that FTSE-listed companies should have to report their carbon emissions.

We need you to help us keep up the pressure ahead of crucial global climate-change talks among world leaders in Copenhagen in December 2009. Campaigners all over the world are joining the Countdown to Copenhagen movement to demand a deal that curbs global warming to within a 2°C temperature rise and ensures rich countries take a fair share of the burden of reducing carbon emissions.

For more information on the campaign, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/copenhagen

In the frontline

People living in poverty need to have a say in the solutions adopted to tackle climate change. We have supported work in India – one of the countries worst affected by global warming –

**‘The salty water is impossible to drink, and has killed our mango trees.’
Minu Basar (pictured above), who lives in a part of Bangladesh where sea levels are rising relentlessly**

Photos: Above: Christian Aid/Mohammadur Rahman Opposite: Christian Aid

to inspire young people to take up the issue of climate change so more voices will join the movement calling for action.

The campaign, involving 10,000 schools across five states, asks students to think of ways to reduce the impact of climate.

For Rajashekar, 15, this is already making a difference. ‘We take the message back to our families [and] the villages where we live,’ he explains. Rajashekar and his peers have so far carried out an anti-polythene drive, planted trees and held public rallies on climate change.

For more information visit www.christianaid.org.uk/actnow/watch

Below: The Climate Change Day of Action in March 2009 began at Coventry Cathedral and culminated in a rally outside the UK headquarters of energy giant E.ON to oppose the building of a new unabated coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth in Kent. See www.christianaid.org.uk/coventry

What a difference a day makes

In the 24 hours ahead of a crucial environment meeting at the European Parliament in October 2008, our supporters sent more than 10,000 campaigning emails to their MEPs.

As a result, the parliament's environment committee agreed that, as well as cutting emissions at home, member nations must financially support emissions cuts in developing countries.



**‘This is one way we can save India from the changing climate for future generations.’
Rajashekar, 15, eco-campaigner**

CHANGING LIVES FOR THE BETTER, FOREVER



Creative thinking: a craftwork area was part of Christian Aid's presence at the Ethical Expo in Bristol during Christian Aid Week 2008

The numbers are staggering: during Christian Aid Week alone in May each year millions of people in the UK and Ireland demonstrate that they want poverty eradicated.

They do this in myriad ways, both during the week and through the year. Together they amass enormous financial resources for our work (see page 10).

Countless others stage and take part in fundraising events, from quizzes to book sales, from sponsored walks, runs and rides to spring fairs. Young people on their 'gap-year' volunteer with us; supporters take part in Lent reflections and fundraising.

Without these people, and the many more of you who together form such a strong movement for social justice, we could not do our work.

'I am an ardent campaigner. I have been collecting for Christian Aid Week since I was 18 years old and I'm now 51.' Carol Cooper, Christian Aid supporter

Christian Aid/Matthew Gonzalez-Noda

Our work is aimed at creating a movement of sweeping global change to eradicate poverty and injustice.

We can be hopeful that this affirmation of life is possible because more than a million people show tangible support for us not only during Christian Aid Week, the largest annual community fundraising event in the UK and Ireland, but also throughout the year.

Our supporters:

- act as Christian Aid Week collectors – more than 300,000 of you, who raise an average of £30/€32 each
- are Christian Aid Week organisers – a network of around 4,000, plus the backing of thousands of church representatives and ministers
- donate money – £14.1m/€15.2m was raised in May 2008
- heighten awareness through church services and prayers: more than 22,000 churches get involved.



Without this support we would not have the credibility, voice or funds to carry out our essential purpose: to expose the scandal of poverty; to help in practical ways to root it out from the world; and to challenge and change the systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.



Long-term development

We work with about 600 local partner organisations worldwide in 48 countries, addressing both immediate problems and striving for a better future.

We choose to work this way because our 60-plus years as an international development charity have taught us that it is local people who have the best idea of what needs to be done so that communities have a chance to work their own way out of poverty.

Emergencies and other relief work

Our work to eradicate poverty has to begin with immediate relief work, especially when there are humanitarian emergencies. This is when needs are greatest, and our long experience and partnership approach help us to act fast and effectively when disasters strike. They also help us to make the most of the opportunities presented to help rebuild communities more strongly so that they are less vulnerable in future emergencies (see page 15).

Campaigning, advocacy and education

Thousands of supporters take part in our campaigns in a long and proud tradition that has tackled (and continues to take on) injustices such as apartheid, third-world debt and unfair trade practices.

As well as public protests and statements, this work includes background political lobbying and academic networking to increase understanding of the root causes of poverty and raise awareness of workable solutions.

Because you donate your time, money and influence, governments know millions of people agree with us that

absolute poverty can and must be a thing of the past. This means we have a voice and we get opportunities to be heard. We use these to try to tackle the root causes of poverty.

Working with partners, we try to support and encourage poor and oppressed communities to stand up for themselves.

For example, in Nigeria, corruption pervades all levels of government. Christian Aid partner the Muslim/Christian Dialogue Forum (MCDF) realised that religious differences were being exploited by politicians to hide corrupt practices.

'The government of Nigeria knows that religious people are a force,' explains Alh Yusuf Usman, a community leader trained by MCDF.

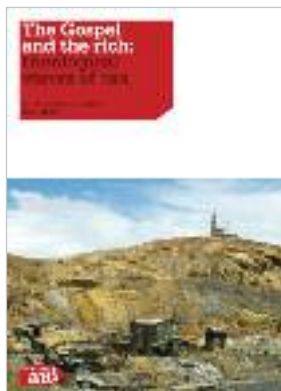
'This way the politicians are not accountable, they distract the public from holding them to account by inflaming the religious divide,' he says.

MCDF uses the Qu'ran and the Bible to bring Muslim and Christian leaders together to tackle corruption and build peace.

It has trained local leaders in how to engage with their local government and monitor budgets so that the government can be held to account.

For more about our work challenging corruption, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/policy/rights-and-justice.aspx

Photo opposite: Christian Aid/Mohammadur Rahman



Above Theological views: our work is rooted in Christian theology. This report explains why the tax issue finds a natural home within our theology of development. Download it at www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/theology/index.aspx/index



Harvesting rain in Bangladesh

Christian Aid Week in 2008 featured the plight of people in south-western Bangladesh, where climate change is contributing to the salination of ground water.

This means women and children must travel miles in search of fresh water for their families.

But thanks to the work of our partner Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), some villages have now overcome this problem.

BCAS helped them to form water councils (pani parishad), which then select and put into action the best rainwater collection method for their particular village.

One typical collection method involves sinking traditional clay water jars into a concrete base with a water tap attached. Water is then collected from village roofs, and local people learn how to ensure the water is safe to drink.

One amazing highlight among many Chelmsford Christian Aid supporters raised £45,888.28 (around €49,000) during Christian Aid Week 2008, involving 44 local churches and 526 collectors.

NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Traditional banana-leaf boats were used by some to move around in flood waters, rescuing anything possible from the devastation, when the Kosi river in India broke its banks

Christian Aid/Antonette Powell

When the Kosi river in India broke its banks in August 2008, it flooded a huge area of north India, forcing millions to leave their homes. Thanks to your donations (see page 20), our partner the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action set up a relief camp providing meals for people who had lost homes, possessions and livelihoods.

When Christian Aid responds to humanitarian emergencies we don't deal solely with immediate need but also take action to reduce the impact of any future disasters. In India following the flood, this included work to stop discrimination against vulnerable groups, such as the dalits.

'Whatever the government releases, the chief will take away... He will take our share and not give.'
Parvati Devi, a dalit describing discrimination following the flood

When there is a humanitarian emergency affecting those already living in poverty, our partners are often there with immediate disaster relief.

We were unusual among aid agencies in being able to respond quickly in Burma when Cyclone Nargis hit in May 2008, killing an estimated 140,000 people and severely affecting 2.4 million more. We have partners* working in the country on disease prevention and healthcare, and they brokered delivery of food, medicines, clothing and clean water to tens of thousands of people in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone. Using your donations, they have since been working to help nearly 200,000 people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Christian Aid has been able to support partners to:

- give medical and psychosocial counselling to 61,615 people
- provide temporary shelter to 26,154 households (the United Nations estimated in May 2009 that half a million people still did not have adequate shelter)
- distribute equipment and basic items to restore livelihoods to 12,487 fishing and farming households
- provide clothing to 10,450 women and children
- build and repair 470 homes.

Vitaly, our partners are also in the vanguard of work to make the future more secure for people in Burma, for example by building sturdier homes. One Burmese organisation funded by us was able to gain official endorsement from Burma's regime for a blueprint for new homes. This followed a trip to India to learn about designing disaster-resilient housing from another of our partners.

Another example of work towards a safer future is the regeneration of mangrove forests in five villages that will help to protect the coastline and communities from future storm damage. Mangrove also encourages the crabs and prawns that local families depend on for a living.

Photo opposite: DanChurch Aid



Rebuilding lives

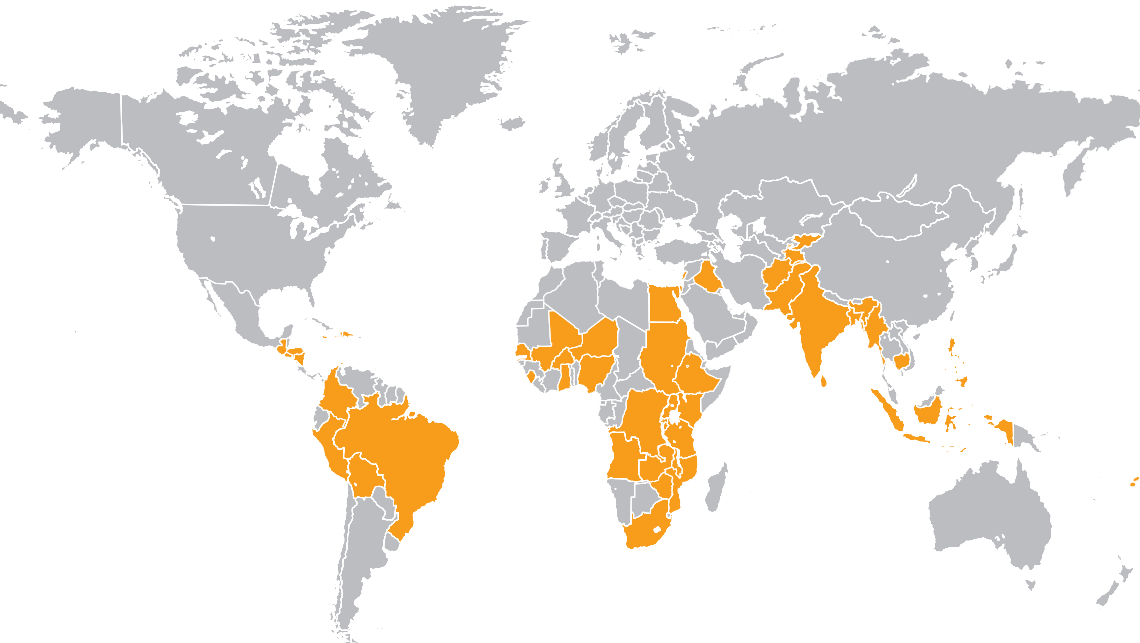
Our ability to get funds through to partners working on the ground persuaded one donor to make a gift of £100,000/€108,000 to our Burma cyclone appeal.

'Christian Aid impressed on us the reality that, with sufficient

resources, its partners were positioned to assist thousands of survivors to rebuild their lives for the long term,' says the entrepreneur and former investment banker, who wants to remain anonymous.

* Because of the sensitive political situation in Burma, our partner organisations cannot be named or individuals identified.

WHERE WE WORK



Where the grants went

Africa	£17.9m/€19.3m (40%)
Asia and the Middle East	£17.5m/€18.8m (39%)
Latin America and the Caribbean	£7.9m/€8.5m (17%)
Global, UK and Ireland	£1.6m/€1.7m (4%)

The map shows countries where we work with local partners, both addressing immediate need and helping to implement long-term solutions so that people living in poverty can have a fair chance of a decent life. Countries where we gave grants to partners in 2008/09 shown on the map are:

Africa

Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Asia and the Middle East

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel/Occupied Palestinian Territories, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Pacific region, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru.

We also have one partner in China. We give grants to partners in the UK and Europe that are campaigning, educating and standing up for people's rights on issues that cover more than one country.

Cholera in Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, the political climate makes it very hard for international agencies to deliver aid. But we have a way in through partners there, who have been able to help as the shattered economy and bad governance have led to broken sewers, closed hospitals, uncollected waste and inadequate water supplies.

'The lack of healthcare is devastating an already exhausted and frail population. Our emergency response is vital.'
William Anderson,
Christian Aid
Zimbabwe country manager

A cholera outbreak, which began in August 2008, has killed thousands and infected almost 100,000 more. It is still affecting people there. Our partners today are distributing clean water, public health and hygiene supplies, and fuel for sanitation teams.

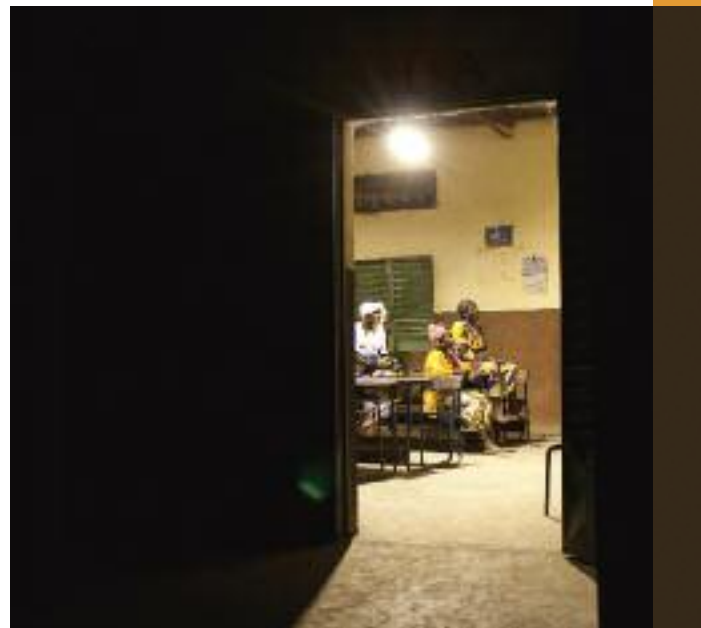
Looking to build resilience, one of our partners is piloting a sand water-filter system, initially for around 30 homes, plus training local builders to make these filters.

In 2008/09, we launched the following new emergency appeals, to which you gave:

Burma cyclone	£1.6m/€1.7m
Democratic Republic of Congo conflict	£0.7m/€0.8m
Gaza conflict	£0.5m/€0.5m
Food crisis appeals	£124,000/€133,000
Zimbabwe	£59,000/€64,000

A further £0.5m/€0.5m was raised through Gift Aid on these donations.

Help is still needed in many areas where there have been humanitarian emergencies. For more information and to donate, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies or use the donation form in the back of this review.



Sunshine futures

Rooftop solar panels installed by our partner the Mali Folke-center harness the power of the sun to provide light for these evening classes in Mali. Kadia Doumbia has been attending the classes for more than a year. She says: '[Now] I can calculate the right price for my crops when I sell them.' She and her neighbours need to make the most of every penny as the changing climate is

making it increasingly difficult to grow food. See left for details of money donated to the food crisis appeals.

'My life has been better since I've been going to the classes.'

Kadia Doumbia, who has learnt reading, writing and arithmetic at evening classes lit by solar power

Out of the hunger trap and into a new future

In Malawi, Kesten Mukango spent years migrating to find work in order to earn enough money for his family to eat. But he was in a trap from which there seemed to be no escape because

‘The problem of hunger is history to us now. Thanks to the irrigation scheme we can now produce two maize crops a year.’

Kesten Mukango, community activist

he could only ever save enough to return home occasionally, before starting the migration cycle again. He says the wages paid by tobacco plantations are pitched to keep poor labourers returning.

Then he began working with Christian Aid partner the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS) to learn

farming techniques that helped him to grow enough food for his family. Subsequently, seeds, tools, advice and a treadle pump enabled the Mukangos to increase their crop yield year on year.

The family – who live in the foothills of a mountain range prone to disasters, including floods, landslides and droughts – got involved in our disaster risk-reduction project.

Kesten Mukango became chairman of his village’s irrigation committee and led his community to work in partnership with ELDS and the Malawian government’s ministry of agriculture to build an irrigation system. The system channels spring water down the mountains to crop fields below.

Now the Mukangos (Kesten and his wife, Faresi, pictured right) not only grow enough food to eat, but also have some left over to sell to pay their children’s school fees and improve their home.



Photos left: Christian Aid/Sarah Filbey Opposite: Christian Aid/Sarah Filbey

Kesten Mukango is building a new house with a tin roof that won’t leak, his family are now well-dressed and the couple hopes for a brighter future for their children.


‘Climate is changing! Now rains are too unpredictable and farming becomes harder.’
Olive Samson, community activist (below)



Olive and Freddy Samson, with their granddaughter Talindila, selling food from a stall outside their home in southern Malawi. The irrigation kit that means they can grow the food was part of a larger scheme run by ELDS. It worked with a community of

34 families to help them prevent landslides and grow more food in an area prone to both drought and heavy rains. This included damming residual water, creating a pool from which fish can be harvested. Olive Samson gave advice at the planning stage.

For more information, visit
www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/prevention



A family shelter in the
ruins of their home

WE INVEST IN
A BETTER
FUTURE FOR ALL

The ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians escalated on 27 December 2008, when Israel started a military offensive in Gaza. By the time a ceasefire was negotiated on 18 January 2009, more than 1,400 Palestinians and 13 Israelis had lost their lives.

We opened an appeal and, within a few weeks, you had donated £0.5m/€0.5m.

Throughout the conflict, our partners gave life-saving relief. Since then, they have been helping the community in Gaza to recover and rebuild, including providing medical assistance, and trauma counselling for children and families.

'As much support as you can send, we can use it here to help people who have lost everything.'

Majeda Al Saqqa of Christian Aid partner the Culture and Free Thought Association

Christian Aid/Sarah Mallan

Your money, helping to end poverty

But we don't expect anyone to contribute without understanding why we are asking and what we will be doing with any funds.

That's why information we send to you asking for donations tells you not only what the problem is but also what we can do about it by working together. Our part often includes spending some of the money to raise yet more funds.

For example, we invest in a team that puts our case to grant-making trusts and foundations. One of that team's achievements was to secure £192,000/€207,000 from the Band Aid Trust for water and sanitation work in Ethiopia and education work in Sudan. Such work can multiply an original donation many times.



Generosity

Our partner Water Action in Ethiopia was the focus of a fundraising appeal in July 2008 that raised more than £350,000/€377,000.

It featured seven-year-old Jamila (left), who spends four

hours at a time collecting water for her family. Even then it's not the clean water that we are used to but stagnant pond water – brown and sludgy.

Like many of the projects we fund, Water Action aims to give communities a way of helping themselves in the long term. That means helping them to obtain the infrastructure (drills, pipes,

'[The water] smells and tastes like cow dung.'
Jamila, 7, water collector

Photo above: Christian Aid/Caroline Wood

filters and pumps) to get clean water and training them in the skills needed to maintain supplies. The communities contribute their time and labour to dig trenches and lay pipes.

A lasting stand against poverty

Hundreds of people remember us in their wills each year, together leaving legacies during 2008/09 that represented around ten per cent of our income.

Others choose to honour the memory of a loved one by making a donation through our new Celebrate a Life scheme, which links such gifts to particular areas of our work.

By May 2009, supporters had already donated around £45,000/€48,000 in memory of family and friends.

Where people give larger sums (£5,000/€5,000 or more), we work with them to find specific projects that most appropriately honour the memory of their loved one. One donor gave us £15,000/€16,000 to build a hostel for female trainee teachers in Sudan. This has been achieved through our partner the Mundri

Relief and Development Association, which works to keep girls in education in a region where only two per cent of females are still in school by year eight (12- to 13-year-olds). At the time of writing the building work was due to be finished by late summer 2009.

The generous gift came from the donor's own inheritance from her father, who was a passionate advocate of education for women.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Colin Kemp on 020 7523 2173 or ckemp@christian-aid.org

'Christian Aid's projects have achieved some great things and in some small way my contribution will help this work to continue.'
EJ, from Cardiff, who has left us a legacy in her will

For further information about legacies visit www.christianaid.org.uk/legacies

For more information about the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians see our Spring 2009 analysis in *Christian Aid News*, which is now available online at <http://digitalcan.christianaid.org.uk>

HIV: UNJUST BURDEN ON THE POOR

Husband and wife Alan Dunaway and Rosa Gonzalez work through political lobbying to reduce both the death-toll and poverty caused by HIV in Honduras

Christian Aid/Sian Curry

Imagine the courage it takes to be the first people to say publicly you are living with HIV in a country where such a diagnosis can mean family rejection, losing your job and being hounded from your home.

Rosa Gonzalez and her husband Alan Dunaway in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, displayed that courage when they founded a group – Fundacion Llaves, a Christian Aid partner. The group's lobbying, campaigning and media activities helped persuade the Honduran government to provide life-saving antiretroviral (ARV) medicines free.

In the five years from 2003–08, the number of people taking ARVs in Honduras increased by 2,600 per cent and the HIV-mortality rate has plummeted.

'People want to talk to us about death... I don't like it... but people insist on preparing us for death. Don't teach me to die, teach me to live instead.'
Alan Dunaway

We are not a medical charity, but we rate our work on HIV treatment and prevention very highly in the fight against poverty.

HIV undermines the rights of people to dignity, health, livelihoods and social inclusion. It has a fundamental impact on the rights of the child, many of whom are left without parents.

HIV is a cause of poverty. By taking away breadwinners, it leaves households unable to feed themselves.

There is much that can be done to treat it and slow its spread, yet HIV prevalence continues to be scandalously high.

Some facts:

- 33 million people worldwide have HIV
- 90 per cent of new infections happen in developing countries
- more than 7,000 people are infected every day
- nearly 5,500 die each day as a result of HIV infection.

We have more than 250 partner organisations working on HIV in 40 countries. The majority are in sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV-related complications are now the leading cause of death. We also work on HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the Middle East.

Important work in our approach to tackling HIV includes:

- slowing HIV spread in fragile states, and conflict and post-conflict areas
- helping people living with HIV to be able to eat well and regularly, and have safe access to antiretroviral (ARV) therapy
- educating young people about HIV prevention and stigma
- supporting orphans and children affected by HIV
- providing community-based HIV care and prevention.

You can help by donating to our HIV fund.

Visit www.christianaids.org.uk/hiv



Photo opposite: Christian Aid/Sarah Filbey

Caring by bicycle

When Laurence Hurry and his wife were diagnosed with HIV, the nearest treatment available was in a hospital several hours' drive from their southern Malawian village. With no car and no access to treatment, his wife died two weeks later.

Now the government has made life-saving ARVs available from the district hospital, 30 minutes away by bicycle.

Laurence Hurry is now well, thanks in part to care from community HIV support group and Christian Aid partner Likulezi. He now volunteers for Likulezi. He says: 'When I started taking ARVs I had the energy to walk.' But for many, walking is not an option.

Likulezi has a bicycle ambulance, kept at Laurence Hurry's house, to transport people to hospital.

Above Laurence Hurry demonstrates transporting a patient by bicycle ambulance

PEOPLE POWER

Many thousands of people devote their time to us, without which we could not function. We thank every one of you for every moment.

As a charity, Christian Aid has a board of 20 trustees, appointed by our 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, who together provide us with valuable breadth of experience and expertise.

This year special thanks goes to the board's chair for more than ten years, Bishop of Chelmsford the Right Reverend John Gladwin, who retired towards the end of 2008. He was replaced by HM chief inspector of prisons, Dame Anne Owers.



Dame Anne Owers (pictured) is a committed human-rights campaigner, who as director of the law reform group Justice helped to secure the establishment of a commission to investigate possible miscarriages of justice.

She was made a Dame in the 2009 New Year's honours list in recognition of her services to the criminal justice system.

For more details about our board visit www.christianaid.org.uk/aboutus

Passion for alleviating poverty

Also honoured this year with an OBE in recognition of a career dedicated to the alleviation of poverty was our director, Daleep Mukarji.

It was presented to him by the development secretary, Douglas Alexander, who said it was 'on behalf of all of the people whose lives you have quite fundamentally changed'.

'I have had the opportunity at Christian Aid to work with fantastic colleagues, dedicated partners and loyal supporters – whose commitment makes our work possible.'

**Daleep Mukarji,
director, Christian Aid**

Investing in volunteers and staff

Our 450 regular volunteers, fundraisers, teachers, media officers, office administrators and public speakers across the UK and Ireland are committed to us. In return we have proved we are committed to them by becoming the first national development agency to win Investing in Volunteers accreditation.

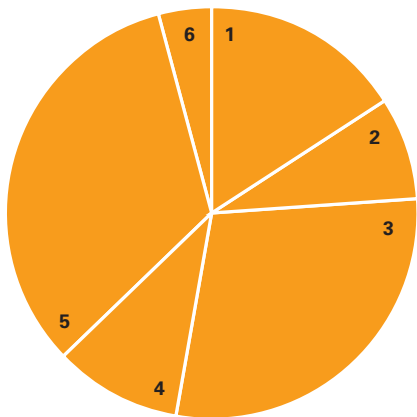
This independently assessed standard looks at how we engage with volunteers. As a result, we have made improvements, such as running training courses to enable them to be more effective in their roles.

'[Christian Aid] is such an interesting place to be. I am constantly learning, not just about my volunteering work but about world-wide issues as well.'

**Jessica Johns,
administrative
volunteer**

We also gained an Investors in People award, which means independent assessors agree we reach staff management standards that will help us improve efficiency and meet goals.

Where our money came from...

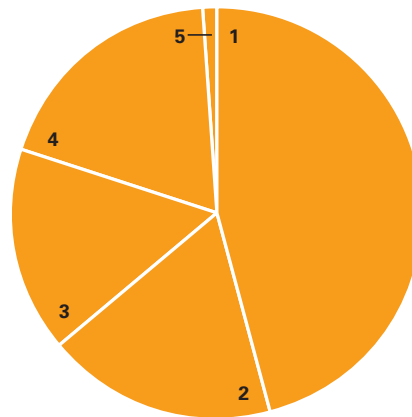


- 1 **Christian Aid Week** £14.1m/€15.2m (16%)
- 2 **Emergency appeals** £6.9m/€7.4m (8%)
- 3 **Institutional income** £25.7m/€27.7m (29%)
- 4 **Legacies** £8.7m/€9.4m (10%)
- 5 **General donations** £28.5m/€30.7m (33%)
- 6 **Other income** £3.8m/€4.1m (4%)

Total income £87.7m/€94.4m

Note: We were able to spend £6.5m/€7.0m more in 2008/09 than we raised because some expenditure in the year was funded from income from previous years.

...and how we spent it



Charitable activities 80%

- 1 **Long-term development projects** £43.6m/€46.9m (46%)
- 2 **Emergencies** £16.8m/€18.1m (18%)
- 3 **Campaigning, advocacy and education** £14.9m/€16.0m (16%)

Other expenditure 20%

- 4 **Fundraising** £18.0m/€19.4m (19%)
- 5 **Governance** £0.9m/€1.0m (1%)

Total expenditure £94.2m/€101.4m

Governance costs are the costs associated with the general running of the charity, as opposed to the costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity.

For a more detailed breakdown of how we raised and spent our money, go to www.christianaid.org.uk/aboutus/incomeandexpenditure/index.aspx

All figures throughout this review are subject to confirmation by audit.

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