



75% of income supports the work of Christian Aid's partners in the four featured countries. 5% goes to Global Justice Now to support its stand against poverty. 20% is for administration, advocacy, education and grants.

'Our work isn't just about meeting immediate need but supporting sustainable transformational change. We've done a lot of work on taxation and tax justice — identifying where money for alleviating poverty is

going. Putting human flourishing as the end goal in our world would help us tackle many wider issues, such as climate change. If our driver is always the accumulation of wealth, our policy decisions will be always at the expense of others.

'Speaking truth to power has its risks, because there's the danger that you could be kicked out, or some donor might withdraw their money. One of the things I'd really encourage is to increase the level of support from the British public, because that gives us more freedom to act. I continue to see fountains of hope: individuals, communities, groups of people, churches, and other partners challenging the odds by just doing what needs to be done. It fills me with hope that sometimes overflows. In times of difficulty in the history of our world, hope has always emerged like a light on a hill. We are resilient.'

Amanda Khosi Mukwashi, Executive Director, Christian Aid

Want to be part of the programme?

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Commitment
 for **Life**



Abundant Life for All.

**Act Justly, Love Mercy.
 Walk Humbly *Micah 6:8***

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What is Commitment for Life?

We are the United Reformed Church's global justice programme. We enable local congregations to pray, advocate and take action for the most vulnerable people. By linking with the poorest regions, you can make a real difference.

What happens when your church joins?

You choose which region to support. You'll receive updates and resources about your region. Commitment for Life links you to one of four regions:

- **Bangladesh**
- **Central America** (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala)
- **Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory**
- **Zimbabwe**

We encourage you to hold an annual Commitment for Life service. Share more about the partners in your chosen region.

Each church appoints a Commitment for Life link person. Through your link person, your church receives monthly *Moving Stories*, and mailings three times a year.

Mailings include:

- News about your region
- Posters and leaflets
- Opportunities to give
- Worship resources
- Latest information on campaigns
- Ideas for prayer, services and action
- Links to further resources on our website.

Giving

There are several ways your church can support people through Commitment for Life:

- Pray for your region 'without ceasing'
- Stand up for global justice through action and advocacy
- Hold an annual Commitment for Life service
- Consider committing 1% of your income
- Collect envelopes. Gift Aid can be added via your church



- Consider leaving a legacy
- Host social, educational and children's events.

75% is to support Christian Aid partners in the four regions. The money is divided equally between them.

Bangladesh

Poor governance, debilitating trade deals, global banking are huge issues. Then there is an over-dependency on natural resources. Now the impact of climate disruption is making things far worse. But you can help local communities for climate disruption, support farmers to improve their harvest, and women participate fully in vital decisions. Christian Aid partners are committed to ensuring poor and marginalised people enjoy thriving and dignified lives.



Central America

Christian Aid reaches poor and marginalised families. Women are prioritised, along with young people and historically excluded ethnic groups. It helps small farmers access markets, produce higher quality products and obtain a better price for them and works to build resilience of communities in areas along the Pacific coast. This region is prone to disasters such as floods and landslides. We enable people to lobby government to take heed of the poor and marginalised.



Zimbabwe

Political instability is an ongoing concern in Zimbabwe. Most Zimbabweans face socio-economic crises and every year. Millions rely on food aid. Drought, floods and erratic rainfall patterns are costly. Ruined infrastructure and a broken economy means many cannot grow enough food. Church partners focus on food security, nutrition, HIV, health and gender equality.



Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

The persistent failure to secure a lasting solution to the conflict between the Israeli state and Palestinian people deepens inequality and poverty. Violence and despair persist. Christian Aid has been working with the poorest people in the region since the early 1950s. Today it works with more than twenty Israeli and Palestinian organisations to protect human rights, access services, and build peace based on justice for all. Its development and humanitarian relief reaches Palestinians and Israelis; Jewish, Muslim, Christian and secular.

