

A brighter future for Kenya's Children

Congregational Federation Appeal 2021



With your support, orphaned and vulnerable children and their families can thrive, not just survive.



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The impact of HIV/AIDS in Kenya

While Kenya's economy is the biggest in eastern Africa, the country still has millions of people struggling to survive.

A quarter of the population survive on just \$1 per day, and two-thirds live on \$2 per day. Most people live in rural areas or urban slums with poor access to basic services like water and sanitation, schools, and healthcare.

Around 1.2 million children in Kenya have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS, and hundreds of thousands more are living with the virus. Kenya has achieved progress in scaling up HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and in addressing the complex and multiple impacts of the disease, but the epidemic's influence on children remains a challenge.

To most families, HIV/AIDS presents an extra burden that exacerbates the challenges they are already facing with incredibly stretched resources. As a result, children's care and treatment often falls by the wayside and they do not receive the help and support they need - and deserve.



Rebecca and her little sister Joy can now go to school as their school fees levies have been paid

Christian Aid is working with expert, local partners to help change this. Our CASE-OVC project focuses on improving the health and treatment of these children, supporting the households they call home to become economically resilient, and strengthening the systems designed to protect them.

Our activities are focussed on achieving three main objectives:

- Improved health and social status of orphaned and vulnerable children and their families affected by HIV/AIDS
- Enhanced economic resilience, caregiving, and protection capacity of households and caregivers
- Strengthening protection systems that are responsive, inclusive, and accountable to the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children

"For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords... He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing."

Deuteronomy 10:17-18



Christian Aid works with partners in some of the poorest communities in the world. Please support the Congregational Federation Appeal and make sure even more people can receive our help.

Give more a chance to fulfil their potential

Christian Aid's CASE-OVC project enabled Redempta Ngongo to turn things around for her children and give them the best chance of reaching their potential. Here's her story:

Redempta had struggled to make ends meet after the death of her husband, who died from HIV-related issues. Determined to keep her three children in school, she set up a small grocery stall but couldn't afford much stock. It was while seeking help for school fees that Christian Aid's local partner, the Redeemed Gospel Church, identified Redempta for help growing her household income.



The CASE-OVC project enabled Redempta to turn things around and give her children the best chance of reaching their potential.

As Redmpta explained: 'Even though I had requested support for school fees and uniforms, after a thorough assessment the church thought it best to empower me with household economic strengthening as is was more sustainable. 'They asked me what business I could do and I told them my dream of owning a shop. I

explained I had experience with my small grocery stall and after a thorough analysis, they decided to support me.'

Through the project, Redempta received stock to start a shop and received training on business management and record keeping. She has since built up a successful business that now sells second-hand clothes and offers M-PESA - a mobile money transfer service.

Redempta said: 'I am happy because my children are in school as I can afford their school fees, we have a nice place to live, we have adequate food, I can afford healthcare and my business is growing. I am an independent woman.'

Almighty God,
protector of the weak.
Train our hearts
to beat as Yours,
cause our eyes
to see as Yours,
and move our hands
to act as Yours.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen

The Congregational Federation has joined Christian Aid in its CASE-OVC project that focuses on the challenges faced by orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya.



Dear all

2020 has been a year like no other! We have faced challenges that we could not have expected and yet, there have been moments of hope, joy, and love. One such moment was the privilege of sending the pledged £12,000 to Christian Aid from our Syria appeal, raised by Congregational churches.

When we read Jesus' words: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness' (Matt 5:6), we are reminded that as Christians there is a joy and blessing when we act and pray for a fairer world, and our partnership with Christian Aid gives us an opportunity to do just that.

Our 2021 appeal aims to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya that have been impacted by HIV/AIDS. The project will enable these children and their families to access crucial antiretroviral drugs and provide them with economic support and educational opportunities they might not otherwise be able to get. Christian Aid have secured a match funding of 19 times what we raise so our £6,000 will mean £114,000.

A key phrase we have heard this year has been to 'build back better.' We have the opportunity through our giving, acting, and praying to be a part of making sure that happens for some of the world's poorest communities.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!
May God bless you

Yvonne Campbell
General Secretary



Donations should be made to the Congregational Federation so we can then send the whole amount to Christian Aid at the end of the year.

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Donate today and help families to have a brighter future, bringing hope for generations to come.

£8 could pay for a child to attend a counselling session

£39 could pay to enable a child to receive a HIV test

£130 could ensure that a child receives enough food for a year

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