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None of this can be achieved without the generosity of our supporters so thank you! Please listen out in your parish for ways to give, and if you would like to give as an individual, please see the details below.

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DOWN & DROMORE LENT APPEAL 2022



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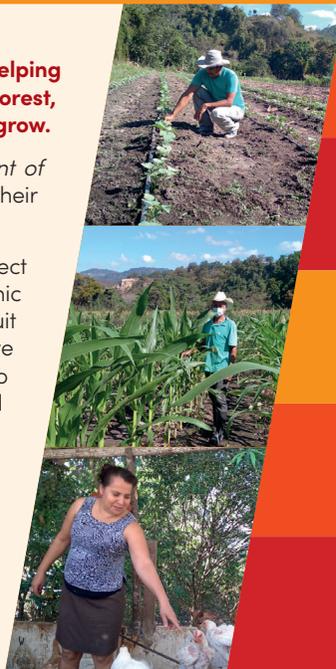
HONDURAS

Christian Aid has been supporting communities in Honduras since 1997, helping them to prepare for disasters, protect what remains of the Honduran rainforest, advocating for tax reform and supporting small rural businesses to thrive and grow.

Together with our partner *The Christian Organisation for Integral Development of Honduras (OCDIH)* we are working with 80 rural families to help them adapt their agricultural practices to be more suitable for the changing climate.

OCDIH are providing new tools and materials such as buckets and pipes to collect rainwater and to develop irrigation systems. They provide guides for making organic fertiliser and they train in crop diversification using climate suitable seeds and fruit trees for planting. They even provide small livestock so families can continue to have a reliable source of nutrition even during periods of drought and flooding. They also emphasise care for creation, making sure communities do no harm in their agricultural practices and protect their natural resources for future generations.

Sandra (*right*) lives in the Catatao community and after receiving training, she changed how she managed her family garden - she plants climate suitable seeds and has an irrigation system suitable for her hillside plot. Now her plot of vegetables thrives no matter the weather! Thank you for standing alongside families like Sandra's this Lent, and for showing in a very practical way what it means to love our neighbours as ourselves.



Over six days this March I'm getting on my bike for the first time in 35 years! The Bishop's Big Bike Ride will visit every parish in the diocese - that's 83 stops and around 350 miles - to raise funds for the Down and Dromore Lent Appeal. I'm delighted that some others will be joining me, and we very much look forward to meeting many of you along the way.

The diocese is supporting two important projects in Honduras and Jordan through a partnership with Bishops' Appeal, and through them, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Though quite different, both projects support local churches and mission partners to serve and transform their communities. What a privilege to be part of that in some small way!

I think you'll agree that it's been a difficult and often introspective two years. It is my prayer that as we look outwards to the needs of others this Lent, we will light fires of generosity across the diocese.

Thank you for your support for the people of Honduras and Jordan.

Bishop David

The Down and Dromore Lent Appeal will support the first church and community mobilisation project based in Jordan and facilitated by the Diocese of Jerusalem.

This project is particularly significant because the church in the Middle East has such a rich Christian heritage, but against that background they face the complex challenges of urban contexts, growing refugee populations and the need for peacebuilding across dividing lines.

At Tearfund, we believe that the local church is God's chosen vessel for transformation and Kingdom change. This two-year project will envision, empower and equip congregations to sustainably improve well-being and positively transform the poorest communities in Jordan and beyond. Your generous support will enable the development and production of training resources, which will be translated into Arabic and reflect the Middle Eastern context. Funds raised will also enable Tearfund partners to train local facilitators in church and community mobilisation, as well as delivering a six-week bible study series called 'Awakening the Church'.

We are so grateful to the Diocese of Down and Dromore for recognising the significance of this project and for your desire to empower Christians in Jordan to transform communities using their God-given resources in a sustainable and holistic way.



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