

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

CAFOD is the international aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, sharing in the Church's task of transforming the world to reflect the Kingdom of God, through solidarity with the poor and action for justice.

VISION

Drawing inspiration from Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and the experiences and hopes of people who are poor, marginalised, or oppressed, CAFOD is passionately committed to building a world where

- the rights and dignity of each person are respected, discrimination is ended and all are gathered into a single human community from which no-one is excluded.
- the good things of creation are developed and shared by all, and the structures that rule people's lives express justice and enable peace.
- the lives and choices of rich and poor alike have been transformed by solidarity.
- all have access to food, clean water, shelter and security; to a livelihood, health and education; all can participate in shaping their societies and their world.

MISSION

CAFOD's mission is to promote human development and social justice in witness to Christian faith and Gospel values.

To fulfil this mission CAFOD raises funds from within the Catholic community and beyond so that it can:

- work alongside people in need to reduce poverty and bring about sustainable change through development and humanitarian programmes overseas.
- campaign to change public awareness and understanding of poverty and injustice, and challenge governments and international bodies to adopt policies which express social justice.
- enable the Catholic community to give, pray, act and learn in response to global poverty, creating the will to share our wealth and change unjust structures and lifestyles.

CAFOD is part of the global Caritas network of Catholic aid agencies.

VALUES

The values that inspire CAFOD's work are:

Compassion:

Confronted by global poverty and suffering, our fundamental response is compassion; we aim to listen attentively to the experience of poor people and to be changed by their perspectives.

Solidarity:

We stand alongside poor communities in solidarity, making their cause our own, sharing our resources, supporting them in their advocacy and challenging the policies and systems which keep people poor.

Partnership:

We build real partnership between poor communities overseas and our supporters at home, recognising the importance of learning from and trusting each other, of receiving as well as giving, and of working alongside each other to change our world.

Environmental justice

We recognise the intimate relationship between protecting and sustaining the environment and promoting human development; we aim to take proper account of ecological sustainability in our work and in our lifestyle.

Stewardship:

We strive to be good stewards of all the resources entrusted to us, openly accountable for our work, systematic in evaluating our impact and effectiveness and professional in managing our funds.

Hope:

We believe change is possible; in the light of Christian faith, we believe the world can be changed so that no-one is in need or in danger. Our hope is inspired by the strength and hopefulness of our partners and their communities.

Dignity/diversity

Believing in the intrinsic dignity of every person, we work with poor people regardless of race, gender, religion or politics; we seek to be an inclusive and diverse organisation and to create relationships of mutual respect with all with whom we work. We especially seek collaboration with other faith communities.