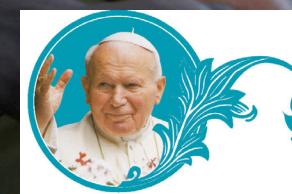


# TRÓCAIRE IN ACTION

*Bosco, former soldier  
from Uganda*



**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World



Pope John Paul II  
Award

*Families from Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) escape violence*



# The Story of Trócaire

**Let us go on a journey to look in detail at the organisation that lies behind the Trócaire box – the story of Trócaire.**



Jaime Ruiz, Nicaragua

**Discover how Trócaire has transformed the lives of people like  
Jaime Ruiz, who appeared on the 2006 Trócaire box.**

***“I want to thank the people of Ireland for their help”***

– Jaime Ruiz, Nicaragua

**Trócaire worked to improve his living conditions and get him into full time education.**

*Khalid and Asma from Somalia*



## What is Trócaire?

- **Trócaire is the Catholic agency for overseas development.**
- **It is the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland.**
- **It is also a member of the Caritas Internationalis federation – a network of catholic relief and development agencies.**



Orissa, Gunjibadi village, Jana Vikas

## How did Trócaire begin?

In 1973 floods ravaged Bangladesh causing the Irish people to donate money in a spontaneous act of community, solidarity and generosity. Cardinal William Conway saw the need for an Irish Church agency to channel such generosity and Trócaire's life began.



*Mary Robinson with healthworker  
Nadhifa Ibrahim Mohamed*

# Trócaire Today

**Q. How many staff work for Trócaire?**

A. Trócaire has 135 staff in Ireland and 55 overseas.

**Q. In how many countries does Trócaire work?**

A. Trócaire supports more than 96 projects and programmes in over 27 countries.

**Q. How much does Trócaire spend?**

A. In the last year Trócaire has funded 96 programmes to the value of €47.3/£41 million.

*Adama Conteh and Isatu Tarawali in the  
Fatima Institute, Sierra Leone*



# Who does Trócaire help?

**Q. Where does Trócaire work?**

**A. In Latin America, Asia, Middle East and Africa.**

**Q. Does Trócaire only help Catholics?**

**A. Trócaire does not just help other Catholics!**

**Q. How does Trócaire decide who to help?**

**A. According to need – not race, religion, gender or politics.**

# What motivates Trócaire?

**Our values represent the code by which our organisation lives – participation, courage, perseverance, solidarity and accountability.**

**Our work is grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, which stresses the dignity of each person, their human rights and their responsibilities, regardless of culture, ethnicity, gender or religion.**



# Where does Trócaire get money?

- The Catholic community and others (that's you!) gives 56% of the money.
- Governments – Irish and British.

*Ian McCafferty and Kasia Zukowska calling for a fair Climate Bill in Ireland.*



## What does Trócaire do?

**Q: Short-term support – can you explain what this is?**

**A:** Responding to emergencies.

**Q: Long-term development – can you explain what this is?**

**A:** Helping people to help themselves, making changes that will last.

**Q: Work in Ireland – can you say what sort of work?**

**A:** Education, campaigning and fundraising.



# Short-Term Support

- **Preparing for emergencies.**  
(reducing the risk of people being badly affected by disasters)
- **An immediate response to a crisis or disaster.**  
(such as a conflict or an earthquake)
- **Providing basic needs.**  
(food, water and shelter)

*Ani Esmic Valdi Via 7 yrs old  
Funarte Esteli*



## Short-Term Support

- Trócaire does not leave when the emergency is ‘over’.
- Response to an immediate crisis often leads to long-term projects.



*Children play at the Child Friendly Space funded by Trócaire on the outskirts of Hyderabad, southern Pakistan.*

## Long-Term Development

- Tackles the source of a problem.
- Helps people to help themselves.
- Provides a solution that lasts.



*5th class of Kildangan National School (Kildare)  
deliver a message to Government Buildings.*

## What does Trócaire do in Ireland?

### EDUCATION

- Speaking to schools, youth groups and parishes.
- Producing materials for schools and parishes.
- Providing training for teachers.



*Strength in numbers: Trócaire joins with the ACT NOW campaign*

# What does Trócaire do in Ireland?

## CAMPAIGNING

- **Using action and lobbying to put pressure on politicians, businesses and people in power.**
- **Using campaign actions to raise awareness.**

*Hazel Hurley making a difference in Cork*



# What does Trócaire do in Ireland?

## FUNDRAISING

- Organising the Lenten campaign, distributing Trócaire boxes and selling Global Gifts.
- Helping volunteers to organise events.
- Applying for grants.
- Advertising for donations and legacies.

*Mohammad Tahib Shoro  
and his family, Pakistan*



## **Messages from around the world**

***“If it wasn’t for Trócaire’s support I may not have been able to rescue all my children, never mind some of my possessions.”***

– Mohammad Tahib Shoro, Pakistan flood survivor



*Abbas Ali and his family, Pakistan*

## Messages from around the world

***“This is the only experience in my life where I have seen efforts by other humans to bring justice or to tell the truth. I have never before experienced truth.”***

– Abbas Ali, freed slave, Pakistan



*Three wise volunteers who see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil, whilst campaigning for climate justice in Copenhagen.*

# How can I put my faith into action?

- Find out more – visit [www.trocaire.org/resources/PopeJohn Paul II Award](http://www.trocaire.org/resources/PopeJohn Paul II Award).
- Tell others and pray for a fairer world.
- Join the campaign – take action!
- Raise money in new and original ways.
- Be aware of the environment.
- Buy fairly-traded products.
- Set up a Trócaire group in your school or church.
- Join Trócaire events in your local area.

**(WHAT WILL YOU DO?)**



*Trócaire volunteers meet Trócaire's partner organisation, FAPAD during their visit to Uganda.*

# Reflection

***“There can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.”***

– Pope Benedict XVI Deus Caritas Est.

## **Why not prepare an assembly detailing:**

- How Trócaire puts their faith into practice by helping their global family.
- Ways in which all of us can transform our communities and world into places of justice and peace.