

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.



The Al-Ghawi family, Palestine

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.



*'Change for Chicks stall'
World Aids Day 2010*

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.

A group of children in school uniforms are gathered around a large banner. The banner has the text "EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO" and "1000 IRISH PE" visible. The children are looking at the banner with interest and some are pointing at it.

*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.trócaire.org/resources/PopeJohn Paul II Award](http://www.trócaire.org/resources/PopeJohn%20Paul%20II%20Award).
- 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.**