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The Gift of Water



Help transform lives!

Give a gift that lasts a lifetime this Christmas!

Climate change has led to a persistent drought in the dry Gwembe Valley region of southern Zambia.

Surface water sources have dried up and underground sources such as wells have equally dried up or water levels gone lower. Especially in rural communities, whose only water sources are unsafe, surface and shallow wells are the worst affected. The village of Kabanana, some 70-80 miles south-east of the capital, Lusaka, is among the worst-affected areas where livestock have been dying due to lack of pasture and water.

With your help this holiday season, ADRA will survey a potentially high-yielding water area, drill and install a solar-powered water point. This will provide clean and safe water for the 345 families (2,100 people) of Kabanana. The well will have a solar-powered submersible pump, a tank and pipework

to reduce hard labour in pumping, and to facilitate multiple stand taps to reduce crowding. The well will feature a livestock drinking trough to provide overflow water to goats, chickens and cattle.

We need £10,000 to do this.

We have stories to tell and pictures to show: please go to our Justgiving page to read more and donate now. Follow us on Facebook to hear more about this project.

If we raise more, we will target two additional villages in the area: Sitinkwi and Mulindi.

[justgiving.com/campaign/kabanana](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kabanana) or scan this QR code:



Waiting...

It was one of those mornings. I wanted to make a cup of breakfast tea but discovered that we had forgotten to refill the water filter. So annoying, because now I had to wait at least 3 minutes before I could fill the kettle. While waiting, I reflected on the women in Kabanana village in Zambia who have to queue for hours to fill a measly bucket of filthy water... Suddenly things came back into perspective. Our lives, here in the UK, are comfortable. We enjoy all the advantages of modern living on a daily basis. How different things are for the families in the Gwembe Valley region of southern Zambia. They have barely enough water for themselves, and none to water their animals.

With your help, we can make a dramatic change there. Kennedy Habasimbi, a former ADRA-UK employee, is now the Country Director of ADRA Zambia. What could be a better Christmas gift than the gift of water for the thirsty people of Kabanana? Please help and give generously – YOU can help make a difference!

This special Christmas edition of Impact News is our third ADRA newsletter this year. You have told us how much you like to hear about what ADRA is doing and how your support is making a change, so we hope you enjoy reading it, and that it will inspire you to become a regular donor to ADRA.

May your holiday season be inspiring, and the New Year start with all God's blessings!

Bert Smit, CEO



'We get water from a small stream dripping from the mountains about 3-4 miles away. The source is unprotected, and we do our washing at the same place. We boil the water for drinking, but we do get sick often. We keep the girls at home to help with drawing water as it is hard for me to do it alone. They will go to school in future', says Mrs Shumba.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency – UK has been working to end extreme poverty in some of the poorest areas of our world since 1999. Here in the UK, we are empowering local churches to help those in need. To achieve these goals, we collaborate with governments, ADRA network offices, local churches and other organisations. Together, we are working to lift people out of poverty, establish hope, empower communities, and provide positive change. Your financial support is critical!



Angela Cassan and Maisie Fletcher serving food to the service-users of The Wellbeing Project

A little goes a long way

A report of The Wellbeing Project in Bedford

In 2019, ADRA-UK has supported nearly 40 Seventh-day Adventist congregations with their community outreach and social action projects under its 'I AM URBAN' initiative. The Wellbeing Project, run by the Bedford SDA Church, was originally established in October 2016 by Jaz Bartlette and Angela Cassan, two of the members. Their initial intention was to set up a soup kitchen for the homeless and rootless. However, they quickly changed their vision when they realised that the needs of the community were greater than just food.

The first meal served was Christmas dinner in December 2016, with over 40 people from the community in attendance, and they have consistently served meals twice-monthly on a Tuesday and every Christmas since. However, in going beyond the food provision, The Wellbeing Project has also donated clothing, bedding and toiletries for both the homeless and anyone else in need. And all this is done on an allocated yearly budget of £500, the goodwill of volunteers and any profits received from an annual summer fair.

Project leaders and volunteers also provide pastoral care, information and guidance

on welfare services, and form strategic alliances with other local voluntary services to strengthen their reach in the community. Early in the year, The Wellbeing Project was approached by the Homeless Coordinator from Bedford Council to undertake the housing of 10 emergency beds on the church premises. This initiative was run for a month from the 8th April until the 8th May, resumed on the 1st November and will continue until May 2020. The request by the local council came with a complete delivery team to support The Wellbeing Project.

'It is always gratifying to realise that the seed funding that we provide can assist projects to attract larger pots of funding and help to form strategic alliances with other organisations in order to provide services for local beneficiaries,' said Bert Smit, CEO of ADRA-UK. 'We salute the work of The Wellbeing Project as they seek to help the rootless and homeless in the Bedford area.'



Jaz Rodney-Bartlette engaging with one of the attendees of The Wellbeing Project.

Projects

Zambia: FARMS project started



With funding provided by the 2019 ADRA Appeal, a new pilot project was launched in Zambia on the 1st of October.

The 'Food Security through Agro-based and Resilience Market Solutions for smallholder farmers' (or simply FARMS) project will contribute to food security and peaceful co-existence of settled refugee host communities in Meheba, Kalumbila District, North Western Province. With a budget of £75,000, the 12-month project will assist 270 households (750 refugees and 600 host community members) to have improved food security and become self-reliant.

With the influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) into the North West Province of Zambia, the strain on natural resources such as land, energy sources and water has reached critical levels. The potential for inter-community conflict between refugee and host communities has increased. Already fragile livelihoods find it hard to cope.

With our funding, ADRA Zambia is establishing a Centre of Excellence (COE) where farmers can receive technical information and services on climate-smart farming, including value-chain training. Skills training provided by the COE will empower both settled refugees and host communities to learn smart farming skills, which can result in improved crops and income generation.

South Sudan: Girls' Education

ADRA is negotiating the contracts to implement two girls' education projects in South Sudan.

Educational indicators in South Sudan show that only one girl in ten completes primary education, and girls comprise just one-third of the secondary school population. There are many challenges that prevent girls from going to school, including cultural, financial

and quality barriers. The Department for International Development (DFID) GESS 2 programme aims to contribute to removing these barriers.

Its goal is to improve the enrolment, retention and completion rates, as well as levels of learning achievement, of girls in primary and secondary schools in South Sudan.



GESS 2's main objective is to ensure the provision of equitable, accessible and essential support to the Education Sector in South Sudan, with particular emphasis on girls.

The negotiations are for former Warrap State and former Eastern Equatoria, where ADRA will be providing improved access to quality education for over 68,000 girls and boys.

ADRA Connections Helps to Build a Sustainable World



15 volunteers travelled to the Philippines in May to participate in an ADRA Connections trip to work with the Mangyans. The Mangyans are an indigenous ethnic group who live in the mountainous areas of the Philippines. At one of their local public schools that struggles to find funding, teachers and families raised money to build a cafeteria for their children but did not have enough money to finish the structure with a roof. Banana leaves were used as a covering, which meant damage and flooding during the rainy season and risk of heat-stroke during the summer months.

With funds raised by the ADRA-UK volunteers, 15 individuals travelled thousands of miles to build the new roof and provide a safe and durable home to the pupils at meal-times. Our volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to this trip!

This is just one of the ways ADRA volunteers have helped families around the world, and we have no plans to stop in 2020! We provide all of the training needed for you to go on one of our trips. We simply need your willingness to make a difference.

In 2020, ADRA Connections will visit four countries:

- Thailand - 1st - 16th February (building a shelter)
- Vietnam - 5th - 20th April (Easter Holidays - building a road)
- Zambia - 8th - 24th August (building a medical centre)
- Nepal - Dates to be confirmed (refurbishing five classrooms)

Take the leap and join us in 2020!

For more details email:
volunteering@adra.org.uk

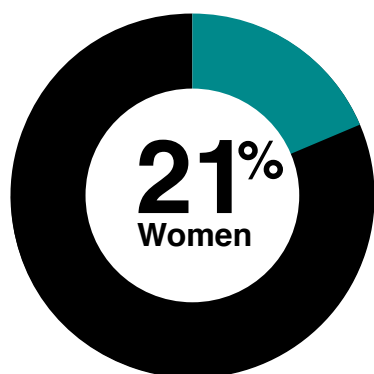


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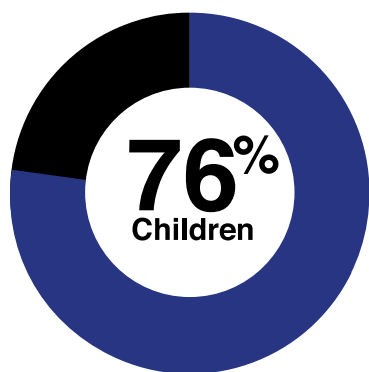
We have helped over
1.2 million people

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of whom **266,000** are
women (**21%**)



and **950,000** are
children (**76%**)



The ADRA Appeal raised **£433,000**, with **76%**
coming from donations and fundraising activities.

£433,000



Fifteen Connections
volunteers donated over
240 hours building the
cafeteria roof of an
indigenous primary school
in the Philippines;



In the UK we assisted
39 congregations,
supporting nearly
7,000 people with the
help of **567 volunteers**;

We were active in **11**
countries, both in
supporting development
projects that championed
7 Sustainable Development
Goals (SDGs), and
in responding to disasters
and emergencies through
the ADRA network;

New Chief Finance Officer



On the 1st of October, ADRA welcomed
Brian Nsonga, FCCA, as our new Chief
Finance Officer. Brian most recently
worked as Senior Finance Officer at
the European Bioinformatics Institute
in Cambridge. Brian, a chartered
accountant, brings a wealth of experience
to ADRA, which should be extremely
valuable.

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