

# Annual Report 2020

**“I am a leader –  
I want my daughters  
and other young  
women here to listen  
and see that change  
is possible.”**

Harriet Kwaja



**Harriet Kwaja is one of 418 women who have taken up leadership roles within the Climate Challenge Programme Malawi, a Scottish Government funded initiative administered by SCIAF.**

This £4.7 million programme has worked with rural communities in southern Malawi to identify and implement solutions to the climate challenges they face.

# Dear friends



Last year, your generosity helped 2.2 million of our sisters and brothers build a brighter, greener and more hopeful future. Whether that was by donating to emergency appeals,

volunteering online, raising funds in your local community, or praying at home, your love and compassion has helped transform people's lives in some of the world's poorest places.

Of course, the past year has been difficult for everybody – and was the first time the Catholic community here in Scotland has experienced the same crisis as the people we serve around the world. However, it is testament to your compassion, humanity, kindness, sense of community and faith that you looked beyond your own struggles and offered gifts in support of our work overseas.

In response to the pandemic, we were able to dedicate more than £210,000 to the families and communities we were already working with, ensuring they could weather the worst impacts of the crisis. We also offered extra funds to assist particularly vulnerable groups through the provision of food, protection, sanitation kits and educational materials.

In addition to our emergency work, we continued to build community resilience and skills in our main focus countries, enabling people to lift themselves out of poverty and better cope with what the future might throw at them next, including crises such as climate change. This work, delivered by the people we serve and our partners, has allowed millions to survive and pursue their dreams despite the most difficult of times.

While there are still many more people we must reach out to, I hope this report from 2020 inspires you to continue your relationship with SCIAF, and join with us to build the just and green world we all want to see. For everything you do, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Alistair*  
**Alistair Dutton**, Chief Executive



Millions of people around the world have been offered a hand up out of poverty because of your love and compassion. Inspired by your faith, you have helped develop savings and loans groups, so families can afford to send their children to school and

respond to their basic needs. You have contributed to the development of more peaceful communities, through participation in sports. You have helped encourage local people to fight for their rights, so vulnerable groups such as women, girls, refugees and people with disability can access the services they are entitled to. You have offered light in the darkness during the most difficult of years. Thank you for putting your faith into action. Stay blessed.

**Thérèse Mema Mapenzi**, Board Member and Chair of Integral Human Development Committee



Stung Treng province, Cambodia

# In 2020 you helped



Over **2.2 million** people to have a brighter future



We spent over **£7 million** on **138 projects**, working with more than **90 overseas partners**, in **29 countries**

We responded to more than **45 emergencies** in **20 countries**



**53%** of all the people we helped were women

More than 1,000 supporters encouraged UK leaders to **'Build Back Better'** after the pandemic



Over **262,956** were directly supported



**152,975 people** now grow food and earn money to support themselves and their families



**14,262 people** now live in peace and have access to justice



**88,390 people** were provided with emergency relief when disaster struck



**7,329** vulnerable children and adults received an education or skills training



**29,753 people** were assisted to start or improve a business, enabling them to support themselves and their families

# A snapshot

## Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

We moved quickly to support our partners and the communities they work with during the pandemic, making funds available from our reserves to pay their staff, re-design projects to comply with local COVID-19 regulations, and purchase PPE. In addition, we contributed towards 22 specific COVID-19 relief projects, providing over £210,000 to protect the most at-risk groups.

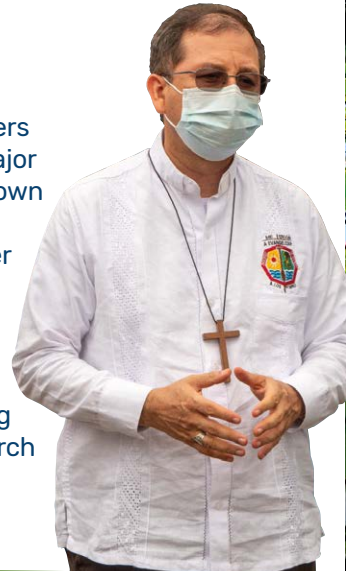
### Our response in Malawi

In Malawi we supported the Catholic Church's national COVID-19 response in 26 districts, through the production and distribution of public information materials such as posters and adverts on how to stay safe and protect others, and the supply of PPE including:

- 10,000** bottles of hand sanitiser
- 10,000** boxes of surgical masks
- 10,000** boxes of latex gloves
- 100,000** aprons
- 400** cleaning buckets

### Innovative funding in Colombia

We are keen to support our partners to access money directly from major funders, to help them grow their own projects and help more people. In 2020, we supported our partner the Diocese of Quibdo to secure £150,000 for their COVID-19 emergency response. We are grateful to the University of Glasgow and the Scottish Funding Council/Global Challenges Research Fund for their contribution to this innovative funding project!



Marie Claire, Rwanda



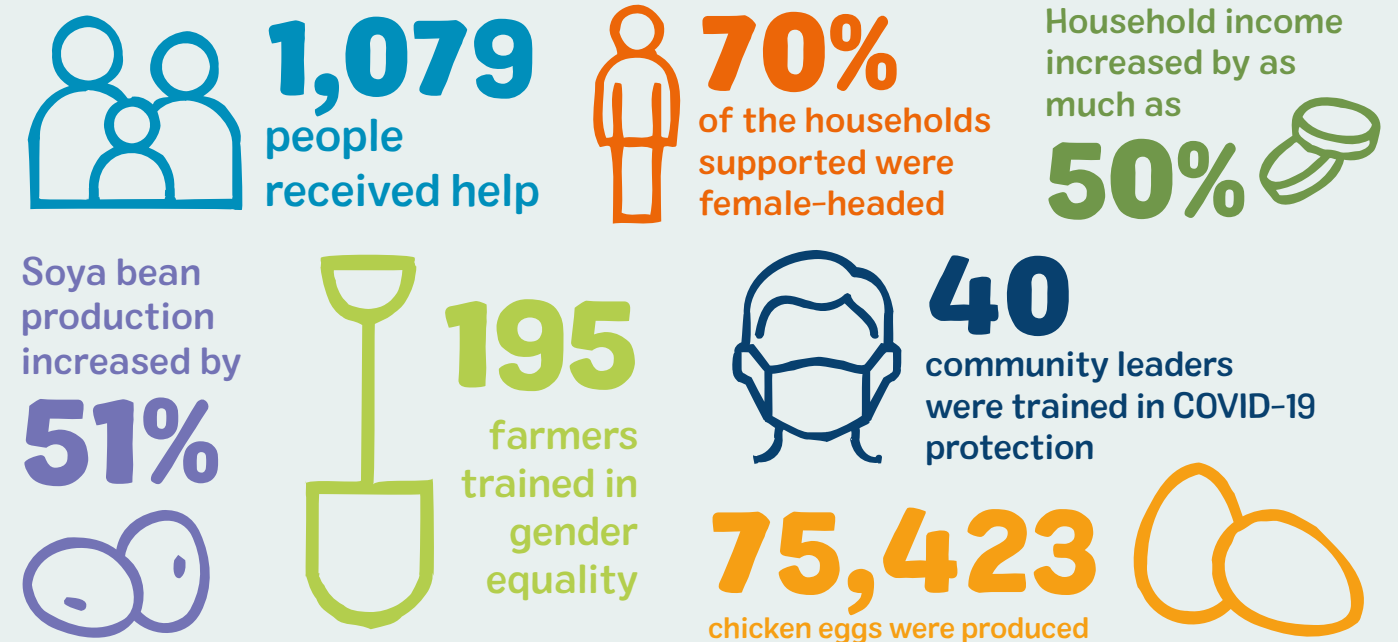
## Shouting about climate justice

The Scottish Government established a Climate Justice Fund in 2012 to support communities in countries such as Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda to adapt to a changing world. For the past five years, this fund was capped at £3 million per year – which we felt was not enough to tackle the increasing scale and severity of the climate emergency. However, thanks to your support and our partnership with Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, the Scottish Government has now committed to doubling this amount to £6 million. Through your continued hard work on this issue, which culminated in the recent 'Share, Show, Shout' campaign, you demonstrated your passion for action through posts on social media, letters to MSPs and attendance at virtual meetings.

**Thank you for campaigning for climate justice!**

## Real change in Rwanda

In February 2020, we began a one-year project in Rwanda supported by the Guernsey Overseas Aid and Development Commission to support small farm businesses, and improve food security and nutrition for 200 vulnerable households. This project was completed successfully despite the impact of COVID-19 delays and restrictions.



# Income 2020

Our generous supporters raised over £5 million to change lives in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

## Institutional grants £2.7m

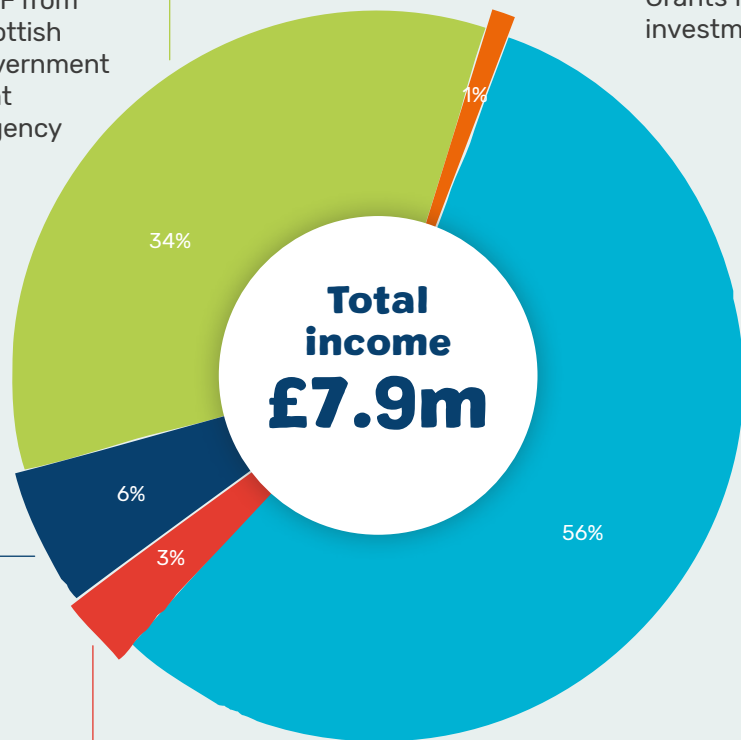
Grants awarded to SCIAF from sources such as the Scottish Government and UK government to fund our development programmes and emergency response work.

## Other income £136,000

Grants for UK staffing and investment returns.

## Gift aid £478,000

Gift aid collected on donations allows money to go further.



## General donations £4.4m

Gifts from individuals, parishes, legacies, and fundraising events and activities.

## Emergency appeals £183,000

Gifts in aid of natural disasters and emergencies, including money from individuals, parishes, fundraising events and activities.

*Thank you!*

## Trust in our work

Across all our work we place a strong emphasis on safeguarding, quality, transparency and accountability to ensure the continued safety and dignity of all those we serve. As an organisation, we work to recognised national and international standards, abiding by all relevant legislation and regulations. In short, we honour the trust given to us by the whole SCIAF family, and take pride in being accountable to all our stakeholders.

SCIAF is signed up to the leading international standard for humanitarian response. This ensures that the people we are helping are at the centre of our work and assisted in the best possible way.



# Expenditure 2020

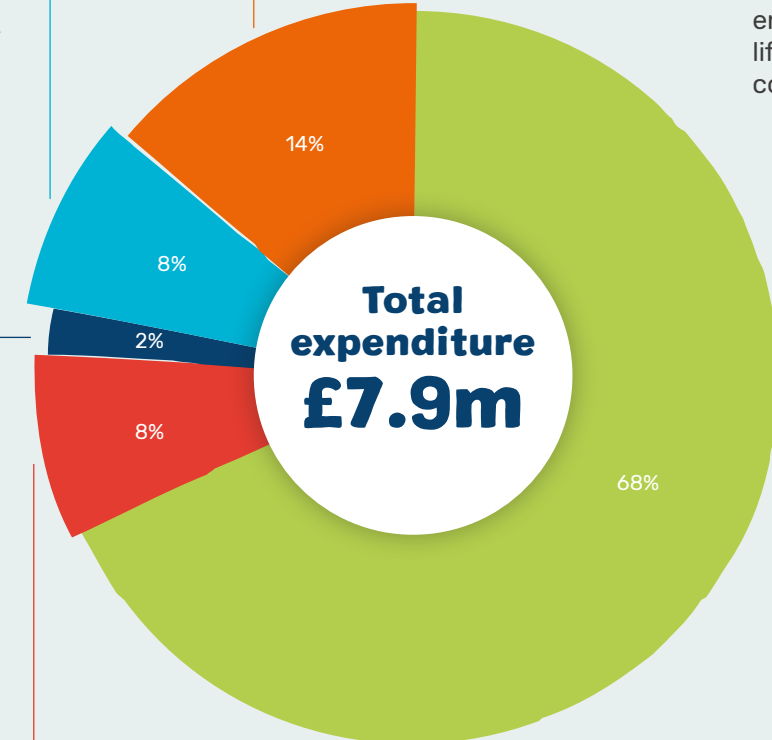
Your generous donations were used to change the lives of over 2.2 million people around the world, working with more than 90 international partners.

## Education in Scotland £603,000

We take seriously our mandate from the Bishops' Conference to educate and communicate about global justice and international development.

## Advocacy £197,000

We work with the Scottish public, parishes, schools and our partners to put pressure on governments to create a fairer and more peaceful world.



## Fundraising £1.1m

Investing in fundraising ensures our vital and life-changing work can continue.

## Development programmes £5.4m

Working through local partners, we support families in poor countries to free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice, live in peace, learn new skills, and fully recover when disaster strikes.

## Emergency response £636,000

We respond to emergencies as part of the Caritas family, providing immediate life-saving relief and long-term support, rebuilding lives and communities.

As a necessary part of delivering effective programmes, SCIAF administration support costs are directly incorporated into the areas of work outlined above.

We consider our institutional donors important allies in our work. In 2020, we were thankful for generous support from major institutional donors such as governments and trust funds, allowing us to maintain the scale and scope of our work.



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# Changing lives in Cambodia

**Khoeu No lives on the front line of the climate crisis. As a fisherman and farmer in rural Cambodia, his family's health and happiness are closely tied to the welfare of the local environment.**

"Farming and fishing help me to support my household," he explained, "But there are many challenges.

"Right now, it is time to plant rice – but there is no rain. The only time we seem to get water is during storms. And it appears to be getting hotter too.



"I have a great concern that the weather will continue to affect our rice farming. This would leave me with no other option than to go fishing. But there is a decline in fishing too as it is hard to predict what the water will do."

However, thanks to your support, and that of the UK government, we worked with local partners DPA to make it easier for Khoeu to support his wife and child.

Khoeu and his family have received seeds to cultivate long beans, cabbage, morning glory and rice, as well as a hoe and bucket. Khoeu's wife Chanthan has noticed the huge difference this hand up has made.

"Before SCIAF helped us, we faced great poverty and didn't have seeds to grow food, or the knowledge to grow more food. But now our situation has improved."

Khoeu added, "I would like to thank the people of Scotland very much and wish them a long life."

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[sciaf.org.uk/climatechorus](https://sciaf.org.uk/climatechorus)



Khoeu No and his son No Khamkorn