

Annual Report 2021



Angel lives in a very remote part of central Zambia with his mother and grandmother. Before SCIAF came to help, life was very hard. Sometimes, the family would eat just one meal of porridge a day, and Angel wouldn't go to school.

Today, thanks to support from our partner Caritas Kabwe, the family has learned new organic farming techniques. Kale and cabbage are growing really well, improving their diets, and the family is now able to sell some vegetables for extra money. They can afford new clothes and Angel goes to school every day.

Dear friends



When humanitarian emergencies strike, you provide food, medicine and shelter. When climate change brings fear, you provide solutions that will help people grow more crops and have water. And when the future for young people looks bleak and scary, you provide an education and opportunities that will allow them to climb out of poverty.

In short, you enable our poorest sisters and brothers to improve their lives dramatically. And last year, you helped more than 900,000 people enjoy a brighter future.

Of course, there have been lots of challenges in the past year. But, during these most difficult times, your love and compassion always give me hope. Seeing your regular donations arrive at the office or your generous volunteering reminds me that together we can overcome injustice and build God's Kingdom here on Earth.

2021 was the first year of our new strategy and the shift to working in more depth in fewer countries. So far, this has allowed us to increase the connections between our partners and projects, develop overseas advocacy strategies to tackle the root causes of poverty, and ensure we support people fully –

meeting a broad range of needs and building vibrant communities. We've also deepened our focus on Development Education in Scotland to engage Catholics at home with the reality of life overseas, and inspire them to put their faith into action.

Last November, we also welcomed partners from Malawi, Zambia and Colombia to Glasgow for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) to bear testament to the devastating effects of climate change and extreme weather in their countries. While the conference did not achieve everything we had hoped, your passion to deliver climate justice came across loud and clear as we came together as one SCIAF family to demand action, march on the streets, and pray for a fairer future.

As the stories in this magazine show, you are making a real difference in the world. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you do. And may God bless you in the year ahead,

Alistair Dutton, Chief Executive



In the fields near Kigali, Rwanda

In 2021 you helped

Over **900,000** people to have a brighter future



Over **240,000** people were directly supported



463,822 people now grow more food and earn more money to support themselves and their families



299,948 people now benefit from safer communities, and can influence the decisions that affect them the most



143,841 people received emergency relief when disaster struck



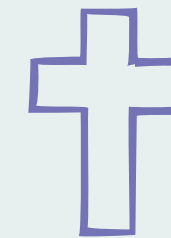
66,949 vulnerable children and adults received an education or skills training

We supported **44** emergency responses in **18** countries



More than **55%** of all the people we helped were women

We spent over **£7 million** on **91** projects, working with more than **75** overseas partners, in **17** countries



86 parish representatives volunteered their time across **eight** dioceses in Scotland

More than 4,000 supporters signed our **'3 asks, 2 weeks, 1 planet'** campaign, which encouraged UK leaders to protect those most impacted by the climate crisis at COP26 in Glasgow



Our social media posts were seen more than **1.35 million** times, allowing us to share our work with audiences around the world

A snapshot

Chhy with her son Chhen, Cambodia



Changing lives in Cambodia

Thanks to you and your support of our WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE UK Aid Match appeal in 2018, the lives of more than 46,838 people have been transformed in some of the poorest parts of rural Cambodia. The appeal raised more than £3.1m, including £1.5m of match funding from the UK government. The matched funds were used to run a three-year project in Cambodia, which came to a close at the end of 2021.

46,838
lives changed

£ 2,524
families now earn more money

1,515
vulnerable families have enough food for an entire year

2,638
women empowered by gender awareness meetings



2,221
schoolchildren can access handwashing facilities



3,150
people have access to toilets for the first time



2,735
households have access to clean bottled water



Making more from milk

In southern Ethiopia, limited resources and extreme weather are making life exceptionally hard for dairy farmers and their families. In 2020, we began a three-year project, supported by Jersey Overseas Aid, to improve milk production and help farming families sell their produce at market. The project is placing a strong emphasis on empowering women, and improving gender equality in communities. **So far, we've helped:**



Milk seller, Borena District, Ethiopia

▶ **Over 1,300 people** have brighter futures

▶ **Train 875 women** to become leaders in the dairy sector

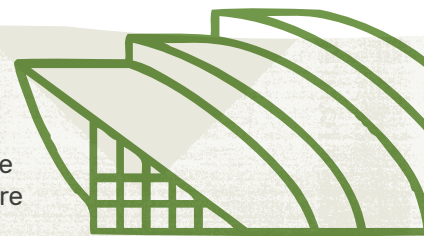
▶ **Rehabilitate 640 hectares** of land, improving dairy pasture

▶ **Improve the business skills** of 34 members of the community



Our impact at COP26

In November, the SCIAF family was heavily involved in the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. While the conference didn't deliver all the solutions our world needs, there were some successes:



1 We put our faith into action and shouted about climate justice. By signing our '3 asks, 2 weeks, 1 planet' petition, and taking to the streets on the Global Day of Action, we came together and put pressure on governments to be ambitious at the conference.



2 We raised up the voices of those living on the front line of the climate crisis. During the conference, your support helped us bring expert partners to Scotland from Colombia, Malawi and Zambia to attend important discussions and events, and to share their powerful stories across TV, radio and newspaper.



3 We helped deliver money to those already impacted by the Climate Emergency. We encouraged First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to commit £2 million to support communities ripped apart by floods, droughts and other extreme climate effects.

Income 2021

Our generous supporters raised over £4.5 million to change lives in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

Institutional grants £3m

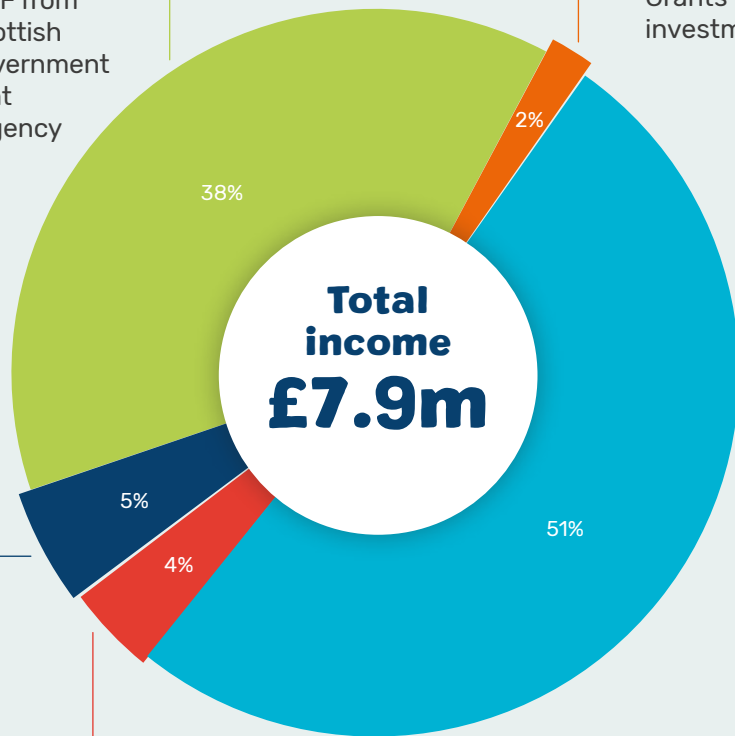
Grants awarded to SCIAF from sources such as the Scottish Government and UK government to fund our development programmes and emergency response work.

Other income £124,000

Grants for UK staffing and investment returns.

Gift aid £420,000

Gift aid collected on donations allows money to go further.



General donations £4m

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

Emergency appeals £324,000

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

Thank you!

Expenditure 2021

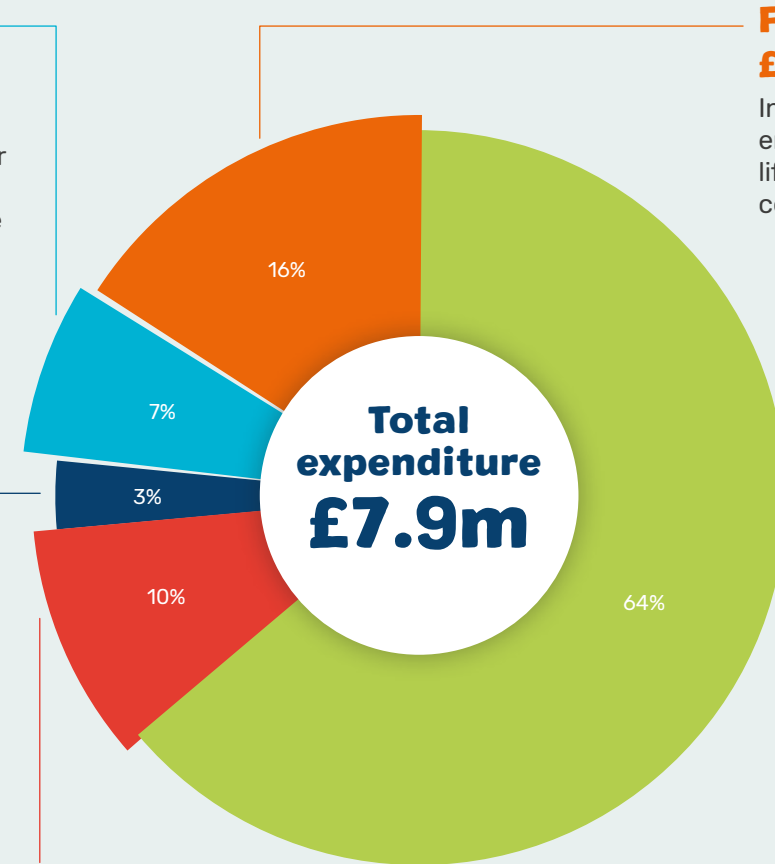
Your generous donations were used to change the lives of over 900,000 people around the world, working with more than 75 international partners.

Education in Scotland £590,000

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

Advocacy £249,000

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 £1.3m

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

Development programmes £5m

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.

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

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 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.



We consider our institutional donors important allies in our work. In 2021, we were thankful for generous support from major institutional donors such as governments and universities, allowing us to increase the scale and scope of our work.



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Sewing the future back together



Susan became pregnant at 21, and had to stop her formal education. When her daughter Emily was born, she was not able to provide for her as a single mother – food and money were short, and healthcare was out of reach.

Susan had all but lost hope.

Yet, thanks to you, Susan enrolled on a skills training course for young people in southern Malawi run by SCIAF partner CADECOM Mangochi. The training provided an opportunity to learn vocations such as hairdressing, tailoring, carpentry and motorbike mechanics.

Susan opted to focus on tailoring and soon became a top performer in her class. Today, she can design and sew clothes for people in the community.

“Before I started the training, I had no hope for the future. Whenever I thought about my situation, I become very worried. But now, I can’t wait to open a shop, sew clothes and earn a living for my daughter and mother. I am so excited about the future.

“I want to thank SCIAF for helping me move towards my dream of being an independent woman.”

“SCIAF could have helped anyone, but they came to help us and I am very grateful for that.”

