

7 October

WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

8 and 9 October

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory.

It is affecting millions of people. But it is a crisis we can help with through CAFOD.

Climate change, coronavirus and conflict in Ukraine mean food prices are skyrocketing – creating a global food crisis for many, many people – including here in the UK.

CAFOD's local experts in East Africa have been working to help families there survive food shortages and severe drought.

In northern Kenya, a young mother named Talaso is struggling, every day, to feed her two young sons.



Most of their herd of goats have died in the drought. Now the family has no way to earn income or grow food.

Thankfully, even in this harsh time, Talaso's neighbours share what little they have. Talaso really wants to send her children to school but school is not free as it is here. Talaso worries her children will not have the chance of an education. She and her husband face a choice between schooling and water.

Please take a few minutes to watch this short video of Talaso's story [HERE](#).

Your donations will mean CAFOD's local experts can deliver emergency food and water – and cover the school fees and school meals for vulnerable families – so that children can hope for a better future.

And if you can give a monthly donation – using the envelope or online – you will support families around the world working hard to put food on the table right now and tomorrow.

Pope Francis asks us to recognise Christ himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and for all you do to ensure people are not abandoned.

CAFOD'S CALL

The World Food Crisis is central to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal. We are asked to pray and provide resources.

Prayer for Harvest Family Fast Day

In this period of growing crisis for the production and distribution of food, caused by a far-reaching combination of natural and man-made events in many parts of our world, as the community of the Catholic Parish of Guildford, let us pray this CAFOD prayer

May we reach out in love

*God of abundance,
you entrust to our care
your gift of creation,
our common home.
Open our ears to hear
the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.*

*God of justice,
you show us how to live in
gratitude and solidarity.
Open our mouths to speak out,
challenging greed and inequality,
and standing up for all among us
in desperate need of food.*

*God of hope,
you share with us your vision
of a world renewed.
Open our hearts to compassion.
As we hold before you
the people of East Africa,
may we reach out in love.*

Amen.

Provide resources to CAFOD

This Harvest Family Fast Day please donate to CAFOD resources for it to use on your behalf to help those many of our sisters and brothers around the world whose lives are imperilled by acute shortages of food and whose livelihoods are seriously threatened by continuing conditions of severe drought and relentlessly increasing cost of seeds and fertilisers.

Specific Food Crisis Appeal CAFOD donation envelopes, which include a Gift Aid Declaration for use where appropriate, are available in our four churches. These

envelopes can be delivered at church in the collection baskets. Cheques should be made payable to **CAFOD**.

Also in our churches there are terminals available enabling **contactless** payment of donations.

Alternative ways of donating are:

- A.** Posting a cheque (but not cash) made payable to **CAFOD** at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.
- B.** Using the **CAFOD** online donation opportunity [HERE](#), if appropriate applying Gift Aid.
- C.** Texting **CAFOD** to 70460 to donate £10. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £30 by texting **CAFOD**, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70460.
- D.** Telephoning **CAFOD** in office hours on 0303 303 3030 to donate over the phone.

It would be helpful if all donations could be made **not later than 17 October** and, where practicable, if you could indicate that your donation is made as a parishioner of the Catholic Parish of Guildford.

If you are a UK taxpayer and wish to apply Gift Aid to your donation in **option A** above please download the **CAFOD** Gift Aid Declaration [HERE](#), complete and sign it and include it with your cheque.

More about CAFOD

To get further information on the items mentioned above and a range of other **CAFOD** campaigns and initiatives please visit their website [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about **CAFOD's** actions regarding the World Food Crisis Appeal or how to donate, please contact Steve Rowden at srowden@cafod.org.uk or on 07899 804211.

Thank you very much for supporting the CAFOD World Food Crisis Appeal.