

CAFOD Covid-19 emergency appeal

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works.

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty.

CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns.

In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal.

In these challenging times, your gifts and prayers are needed as much as ever.
[Help our local experts reach those in desperate need.](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal)