

What you
help us
achieve



Danny Rowan, Ethiopia 2003


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Concern Worldwide is an international humanitarian organisation dedicated to reducing the suffering of the world's poorest people.

We work with the poorest communities in the world's poorest countries – in partnership with local people themselves.

As a charity, regular donations are especially important because they help us plan ahead and make long-term commitments wherever the need is greatest.

This booklet shows just some of the ways your donations will help.



Dear supporter

At Concern Worldwide our mission is simple. We help people living in extreme poverty to achieve major improvements in their lives – improvements that last and can be sustained without ongoing support from Concern.

Thanks to you, we now work in around 30 of the world's poorest countries – and our work is developing and improving all the time.

We work collaboratively – together with local communities and partner organisations that know best what they need.

This booklet tells you a little more about our **emergency response** programme and the four other areas of our work – **health, education, HIV&AIDS** and **livelihoods**.

As a regular supporter, you help us link all these programmes together for maximum impact. There's little point building a school, for example, if children are too sick to attend. Or providing seeds and tools but not the training that helps people farm more efficiently.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyndall Stein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Lyndall Stein, Executive Director,
Concern Worldwide**

Thanks to you, we can respond at once in an emergency and still have funds to continue vital long-term development. And for that we say a massive 'thank you'.

In an emergency

Nobody knows when the next flood, cyclone, earthquake or drought will strike.

But whenever it happens, Concern Worldwide is ready to act immediately so that those most in need have access to emergency food, shelter, medicines and sanitation facilities.

Our assessment teams will be on the ground within 48 hours of an emergency, and sometimes much faster.

And thanks to you, we have the money to act immediately, without waiting for a special fundraising campaign. Because the faster we act, the more lives we can save.

Sven Torfima, Sudan, 2005

Concern in action Food emergencies

Instead of asking people to travel to large feeding centres, we bring emergency nutrition direct to the people in their own homes – in the form of special food made locally from peanuts, milk powder, vitamins and vegetable oil.

This approach to community-based nutrition is now widely used by other agencies.



Concern in action Darfur, Sudan

People continue to seek refuge from violence and hunger in camps supported by the international community. Concern provides food, emergency shelter, mosquito nets, cooking pots and water containers to over 180,000 people each year.

www.concern.net/emergencies

Caroline Irbay, Sudan 2004

Concern in action Bangladesh

When rain and mudslides destroyed thousands of homes in Bangladesh in June 2007, Concern provided emergency relief items such as food, water purification tablets, jerry cans and other urgent supplies to over 100,000 families.

www.concern.net/emergencies

Mahmud/Map Photo Agency, Bangladesh 2007





Concern in action Sierra Leone

This hand-operated water pump is one of dozens we help to install each year. "Before Concern came, the women and children had to walk for miles to fetch water from swamps and spring," says Mohammed Sankoh of Matukuku village, Sierra Leone. "Many people used to get cholera."

www.concern.net/health

Roger Harris, Sierra Leone 2007



Denny Rowan, Ethiopia 2003

Health

Breaking the vicious cycle of poverty and poor health.

People cannot work or farm the land if they are sick. And poverty makes it hard or impossible to regain health.

We break the cycle of poverty and poor health by providing clean water supplies to fight cholera and diarrhoea, for example, or life-saving medication to treat diseases such as malaria and pneumonia.

Concettin Ugandici, 2007



Livelihoods

Helping people improve their livelihoods is a long-term solution to poverty.

In some countries we provide tools and seeds to help farmers improve their yields. Or training in new farming techniques – such as winter cropping to give a second harvest each year.

In Cambodia we run village banks – microfinance schemes which help people invest in their farms and businesses.



Concern in action Sudan

Farmers in Sudan are diversifying into bee-keeping to supplement their income. Bol Yok Nyang has 20 hives and sells honey at the roadside. Each month he can earn enough to buy four bags of sorghum grain (enough to feed his family for four months).

www.concern.net/livelihoods

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HIV&AIDS More than a threat to health.

HIV&AIDS causes sickness which in turn creates more poverty. By providing information and education we help people in many poor countries, such as India, to stay free of HIV&AIDS.

While in Zambia, for example, we bring confidential HIV testing, counselling and treatment to remote villages.

Richard Bacon, India 2006



Concern in action Uganda

Concern recruits and trains volunteers to care for people living with HIV&AIDS in their own homes – providing practical support, counselling and care to people who might otherwise feel abandoned. The project reaches over 90 villages.

www.concern.net/hivandaids
Pieternella Pieterse, Ethiopia 2003

Concern in action Haiti

Concern is working with 137 schools across Haiti. We provide teacher training, books and classrooms which directly benefit over 30,000 children.

www.concern.net/education

Danny Rowan, Mozambique 2004



Education

**A powerful tool to
promote development.**

Our priority is to make sure children from the poorest communities get a basic primary education – especially girls, who are often the first to be sent to work if times are hard.

In Niger, for example, we've created two new teacher resource centres and 90 classrooms.

Speaking out A stronger voice for the poorest communities.

Concern Worldwide promotes human rights by amplifying the voice of people who might otherwise not be heard.

Every supporter gives us the power to speak louder and more persuasively on issues such as child labour, international debt, fair trade and land rights.

Concern in action Positive Lives

Positive Lives is a series of thought-provoking photographs that document the lives of people living with HIV&AIDS. By giving a human face to the HIV&AIDS pandemic, this acclaimed exhibition underlines the need for urgent action.

www.concern.net/positivelives

Why not add your voice to ours. Visit www.concern.net/campaigns to find out how.

Concern began in Ireland in 1968,
in response to the famine in Biafra
following civil war in Nigeria.

Today, Concern works in around 30 of
the world's poorest countries – alongside
local partner organisations who know
best what their communities need.

Do you share our vision of a world where
no-one lives in poverty, fear or oppression?

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