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Cover image: Clotilde Ndayisenga (25) and her daughter Ines (5), after receiving the hygiene training they needed to stay safe from malnutrition and disease in their village in Burundi. Photo: Abbie Traylor-Smith/Concern Worldwide

Above image: Stawa James has been able to grow food and provide for her family in Mangochi District, Malawi, thanks to the crop of soya Concern helped her plant. Photo: Kieran McConville/Concern Worldwide

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Thank you for playing your part...



Darling Girl (10) using the new well in Toe Town, Liberia. Concern recently installed this well, and it's already having an incredible impact!

Photo: Gavin Douglas/Concern Worldwide

We couldn't be happier that you've started supporting Concern. So we just wanted to say a huge thank you, and welcome you to the community!

It's only because of kind and dedicated people like you that we can be there for the world's most vulnerable people – to give them the chance to stand on their own two feet and build a brighter, healthier future.

We hope you're inspired by what you read here, and everything your support will help make possible. From our vital nutrition and education programmes, to our new and innovative projects to tackle climate change, you're now part of some incredibly exciting work.

Plus, you'll read inspiring stories from people around the world, who are hopeful for the future again – all thanks to kind supporters like you.

By supporting Concern, you are helping to end extreme poverty – whatever it takes. So thank you.

Nutrition



You'll help children grow healthy and strong

Malnutrition is one of the most common and tragic outcomes of extreme poverty, leading to more than a third of children's deaths globally.

But thanks to supporters like you, we've been the pioneers of therapeutic treatments that continue to save hundreds of thousands of children's lives in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Habsatou Moussa (52) is part of a Concern-funded group that helps to keep children in her village in Niger fed and nourished. *Both photos: Darren Vaughan/Concern Worldwide*

65 health centres supported in Tahoua



Baby Ousseina, seen here with her mother, Chawda, was successfully treated for severe malnutrition at a Concern-supported health clinic.

Chawda Zakariaou has lost four children to malnutrition – including one of her twins, who was just eight months old. And, with food so scarce due to poor harvests, she could have lost her only surviving twin child, Ousseina, too. “What I harvested only lasted three weeks,” she said. “We just don’t have enough food.”

But, thankfully, Concern were there to help Chawda, and give her baby what she needed to survive. Your support will help us fund more mobile health clinics, which travel to isolated communities like Chawda’s to provide the food and treatment children urgently need – and can’t otherwise access. Thanks to this support, Ousseina has built up her strength again, and Chawda no longer has to live in fear.

Concern has been at the forefront of community-based treatment, funding mobile clinics and pioneering therapeutic food and life-saving support for malnourished children. Our training programmes ensure local health workers in remote communities can educate families in essential hygiene practises – so more mothers like Chawda’s can protect their children from sickness.

Your gift will help provide the food children need to survive, and the clinics that keep them healthy.

Name: Chawda Zakariaou

Lives: Tahoua, Niger

Healthcare: Concern-supported Health Centre for Mothers and Children in Tahoua

“I’m very happy to see Ousseina recovering. It makes me smile.” CHAWDA ZAKARIAOU

Water and hygiene



You'll help bring safe water to families



Every year, unsafe water and a lack of basic hygiene kills more than 280,000 children under the age of five.

Safe drinking water and sanitation are crucial to health, survival and development, yet are sadly still a luxury for many of the world's poorest people. With the help of supporters like you, we're working to change this.

Life for families in Toe Town, Liberia, has completely changed thanks to the water pump Concern supporters helped provide. *Both photos: Gavin Douglas/Concern Worldwide*

You'll help support **68 WASH projects in Liberia**



Korto (43) uses the new Concern-funded pump that brings clean, safe water directly to her village.

Name: Korto Toe

Age: 43

Lives: Rivercess, Liberia

Family: Husband Abraham and children Sam, Emmanuel, Darius, Tina, Darry and Sala

Finding clean, safe water for her young family used to be a daily battle for Korto Toe in her village in rural Liberia. "We had to get up at 4am to go to the creek and wait in line. In the dry season, it was really difficult to get any water. Filling three containers could take an hour, then you had to carry it home on your head."

But things have changed for Korto and her family. Thanks to gifts from supporters like you, we've been able to work with her community to build new latrines and improve access to clean water. A new water pump has been built to support the village – one of 78 funded by Concern in the region – which will ensure they have safe water to drink, and help improve hygiene and health in their rural community.

Concern's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme not only gives communities like Korto's access to clean water, but also teaches vulnerable communities about the importance of good sanitation and hygiene practices. This vital education can save lives.

Your generosity will help build wells, give families access to clean toilets and communities clean water for washing and drinking.

"We are very happy that Concern is here, you have blessed us." KORTO TOE

Livelihoods



You'll enable people to build a secure future

Every family should have a reliable source of food and income, so they have what they need to survive when times get tough. But, in many communities, extreme droughts and flooding have led to failed harvests, year after year.

Your gifts will help us support farmers to adapt to changing conditions with new skills and more resistant crops.

Esime is the lead farmer in her village, and is delighted to help others grow the crops they need to survive. *Both photos: Kieran McConville/Concern Worldwide*

58,500 farmers supported to improve irrigation and productivity in Mangochi



Esime Jenala (left) has been taught new farming techniques by Concern, so she can make the most of her harvests.

Name: Esime Jenala

Lives: Mangochi District, Malawi

Family: Husband, Oofa Gunda

Expertise: Growing maize, training, pest control!

Over half of Malawi's population lives without enough to eat. 80% of people rely on agriculture for their livelihoods but, with the country vulnerable to severe drought and flooding, it's a struggle for communities like Esime Jenala's to grow the food they need.

That's why Concern's agriculture programmes are vital. After receiving training in conservation agriculture and seed distribution, Esime has been able to grow food in the toughest of conditions – and can now teach her community to do the same. She and her husband Oofa are so proud of their maize crop, which has produced harvests all year round!

With the help of people like you, Concern can continue to distribute seeds and pulses to communities like Esime's – and give them the tools they need to feed their families in unpredictable times.

Your regular gifts will help provide seeds, farming tools and training to communities like Esime's, so they can support themselves and their families for years to come.

9,000 households supplied with tools and seeds in the wake of Cyclone Idai in Malawi

Education



You'll help fight for an education – for everyone

Education isn't a privilege. It's a basic human right. But worldwide, too many people – particularly women and girls – don't have access to an education.

With the support of generous people like you, we're doing all we can to give every child the education they need for a bright future – from building schools, to fighting prejudice in small communities.

Students enjoying a lesson at M.M Chandaria school in Nairobi, Kenya. Both photos: Jennifer Nolan/Concern Worldwide



You're helping children in over 10 countries get the education they need



Michael (11) was given a uniform and books, so he could thrive in school and learn skills for the future.

Name: Michael Juba

Age: 11

Lives: Nairobi, Kenya

Hopes: To go to secondary school

Michael Juba was just five years old when he lost his mum, leaving him and his brother alone in their home in a Nairobi slum. And sadly, it robbed Michael of his chance of an education.

But with your help, we've been able to give thousands of children like Michael the opportunity to go to school – to learn and develop. After getting a new school bag, uniform and plenty of books, Michael could walk into his new classroom with his head held high, ready to build a better life for himself.

And it's not just the learning essentials that your support will help to provide. We're also rebuilding schools in areas devastated by natural disaster or conflict, training more teachers, and working to ensure that girls everywhere can access an education, in even the most rural communities. This support is truly life changing.

Your kindness will help to provide everything children need – from school books, to new classrooms – to get an education, and have the best possible start in life.

20 schools in Kenya were supported by Concern in 2018

Emergency



You'll help save lives in times of crisis

No matter where or when disaster strikes, Concern is among the first on the ground and the last to leave – so we can reach as many people as possible with vital aid.

Thanks to you, we can be there to provide vital emergency support – whether that's providing food and shelter, giving a community access to clean water or helping families who've lost everything in the wake of natural disaster or conflict rebuild their lives.

Gloria Domingo (24) was so relieved after she received urgent food and supplies following Cyclone Idai.

11M people helped by crisis response in 2018



After her home was destroyed by the Cyclone, Gloria is relieved she can provide for herself and her family again.

Both photos: Tommy Trenchard/Concern Worldwide

Name: Gloria Domingo

Age: 24

Lives: Mangomo, Mozambique

Hopes: To rebuild her house

Cyclone Idai was one of the worst storms southern Africa had ever seen – killing more than 1,300 people and destroying countless villages like Gloria Domingo's in Mozambique. "It was the biggest storm any of us had ever seen. I climbed a tree and stayed there for three whole days," she told us.

With her home, her possessions and her crops all destroyed, Gloria was left with nothing. But our emergency teams were able to reach her community after the disaster, and distribute the food, seeds, tools and shelter supplies people urgently needed. While Gloria knows there are still challenges ahead, she is hopeful she can rebuild her life again, thanks to supporters like you.

Our emergency programme helps to provide food, water and shelter to communities like Gloria's around the world, as well as the protection and training they need to arm themselves against disaster in the future.

Your gift could help vulnerable families survive a disaster, and help them recover and rebuild.

"I have planted my seeds, and we are rebuilding our house!" GLORIA DOMINGO

Climate change



You'll help communities stay strong in unpredictable times

Climate change is a global concern as every year we see more and more evidence of its impact. But, for the most vulnerable communities around the world, the effects of changing weather are already life-threatening.

From the flood plains of Bangladesh to the deserts of Chad, the unpredictable and extreme weather is making farming more difficult, and often leaving families without the food they need. That's why your support for our Climate-Smart Agriculture programme is vital.

Thanks to people like you, Patrick Ghembo can now fish for food after his maize and rice crops were destroyed by flooding. *Photo: Gavin Douglas/Concern Worldwide*



Abisu and Agnes Jack use the pond, alongside new farming practises, to provide for their families all year round.

Photo: Eoin Hickey/Concern Worldwide

Due to extreme weather in Malawi, villages like Mangochi had almost no means of producing food. Droughts and floods make farming difficult here – and when Cyclone Idai destroyed much of the country's crops, the people of Mangochi were in even more danger.

But you're helping end this struggle for survival by supporting our 'climate-smart' projects. Our innovative fish farming project in Mangochi supports farmers to build in-land community ponds to breed fish. By retraining and developing new climate-resistant farming skills, these communities now have a more reliable food source and produce to sell at market.

Concern's innovative Climate-Smart Agriculture programme is helping to fund a number of projects like this around the world, including solar water pumps and drought resistant crops. With your help, we can help communities develop the new skills they need to fight the increasing and life-threatening impacts of climate change.

Your ongoing support will help provide the seeds, tools and training communities need to build resilience against climate change.

Name: Luwalika pond

Location: Mangochi, Malawi

Size: 200m²

Stock: Fish, such as fingerling

153 lead farmers trained in Malawi after Cyclone Idai to support other local farmers



You'll help children have healthy, happy futures

For communities struggling to harvest nutritious crops and access safe, clean water, the risk of illness and disease is dangerously high – and treatment is often hard to come by.

But, thanks to supporters like you, we can continue to train local health workers who can treat illness in their communities, and provide the medicine, nutrition, and hygiene supplies to keep families healthy.

Jeannette (52) loves her new role – which sees her help new mothers and babies in her community in Burundi get the nutrition they need.



After receiving training from Concern, Jeannette now visits mothers and babies weekly to check for malnutrition or illness.

Both photos: Abbie Traylor-Smith/Concern Worldwide

A lack of maternal healthcare in Burundi means that, tragically, 740 in 100,000 women lose their lives during childbirth. And as one of the poorest countries in the world, life after birth for a mother and child is a fight for survival, too.

That's why women like Jeannette Icimanishatse, in Cibitoke, are so important. Jeannette has been trained as a Community Health Worker by Concern to detect the early signs of illness in new mothers and babies, and refer them for vital treatment. As she visits local families every week, she's hugely trusted in her village – and the children are full of laughter during each check-up!

Concern are working hard to train more women like Jeannette around the world, as well as volunteer Mother Leaders who promote breastfeeding, good nutrition and hygiene for new mothers.

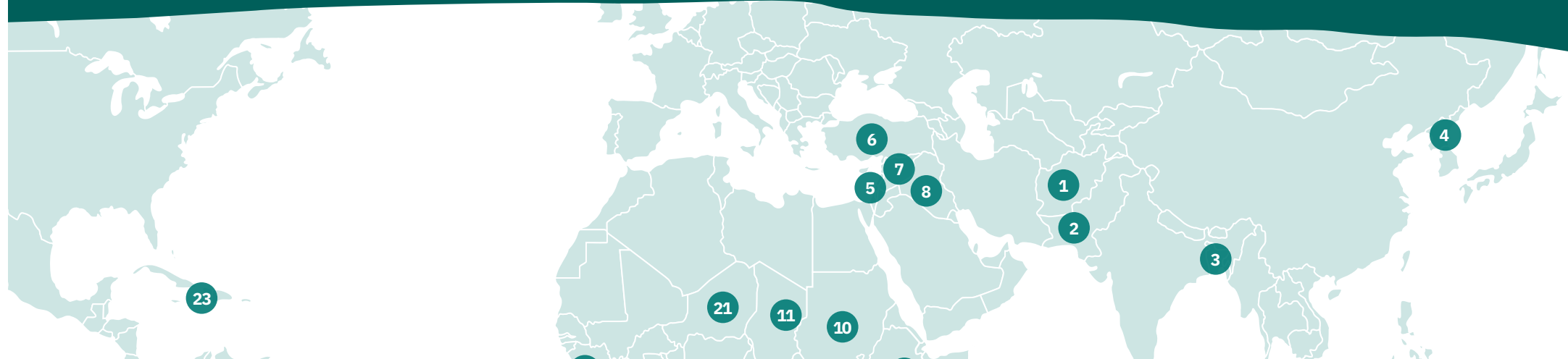
Your gift will help fund community worker training, as well as kitchen gardens and loans schemes, to help support good nutrition and healthy practices.

“I am proud of what I do. It's rewarding to know we're doing something to make life better!”

JEANNETTE ICIMANISHATSE

Name: Jeannette
Age: 52
Lives: Cibitoke, Burundi
Visits per week: 10

Thanks to supporters like you, we're working in countries across the globe to help people build their own futures, filled with dignity and hope.



Asia

- 1 Afghanistan
- 2 Pakistan
- 3 Bangladesh
- 4 Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Middle East

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Africa

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Caribbean

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Darry (9) and Sala (7) with their mum – they no longer miss school because of illness caused by the dirty water from the nearby creek.

*Photo: Gavin Douglas/
Concern Worldwide/Liberia*



Farmers like Esime can harvest crops all year round in Malawi after being trained in conservation agriculture.

*Photo: Kieran McConville/
Concern Worldwide*

Our work takes us to different countries depending on how severe the situation is. We might enter or leave a country depending on how much we are needed. Please visit our website for an up-to-date view of the countries we're currently working in.



Make your gifts tax effective

If you give **€250** or more in any one year, Concern can claim an additional **45%** in tax back! These vital, life-saving funds can help change the lives of even more vulnerable families around the world.

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Back image: Davilla (7), Patricia (5) and Gaus (12) playing with their friends in Gbatin, Central African Republic, a village that Concern supported with vital farming supplies.
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