

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019





# DEAR FRIENDS



Last year, your generosity, dedication and prayers helped bring a brighter future to 1,812,000 of the world's poorest people.

in the teachings of the Church; the principles of Catholic Social Teaching underpin everything we do, and guide our daily lives at SCIAF. We're committed to working in partnership with those we help, and we always seek to work with the poorest and most downtrodden people in the communities we serve.

As a SCIAF supporter, you know the support we provide takes many forms. We give people the means to work their way out of poverty, teaching farming and business skills. We're on hand when disaster strikes, helping supply food, water and shelter to families who've survived a cyclone or earthquake. We work with indigenous communities to protect their land and rivers for future generations, and we stand with survivors of sexual violence, aiding them in their struggle for justice.

Though our range of activities is broad, there are some important constants. Each of our projects emphasises sustainability and making enduring change in people's lives. Our work is always rooted

The other crucial constant in all our work is you. While the successes and achievements described in this report required the efforts of many SCIAF staff, partners and project participants, your contribution is the foundation of everything we accomplished.

I invite you to reflect on the difference you've made in 2019, and I thank you for all that you do for SCIAF.

**Alistair Dutton**  
Chief Executive



# THANKS TO YOU WE...

Improved the lives of **1,812,000** of the world's poorest people



Responded to **34 emergencies** across the world



**Over 400,000 people** were directly supported



**89,000** more people now grow enough food to feed themselves and earn an income



**37,800** people now live in peace and have access to justice



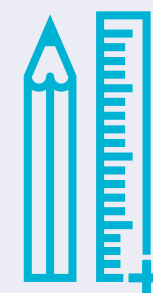
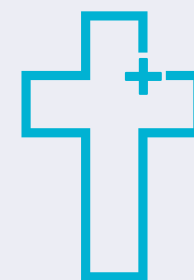
**269,400** people received emergency aid when disaster struck



**4,300** vulnerable children and adults received an education



We spent over **£6m** on **131 projects** with **79 partner organisations** in **28 countries** across **4 continents**



Over **350 parishes** and **180 schools**

actively supported SCIAF through fundraising activities and generous donations



# A SNAPSHOT



## THE MARCH TO CLIMATE JUSTICE

In July, SCIAF volunteers descended on Westminster to urge political leaders to do more to tackle the climate emergency. Later in the year SCIAF supporters joined thousands who marched through George Square as part of the global call for climate justice.

After years of action by SCIAF supporters, in 2019 the Scottish government committed to delivering radical cuts to Scotland's greenhouse gases by 2045 so that we can play our part in tackling climate change.

## READY WHEN DISASTER STRIKES



When Cyclone Idai struck in March, generous supporters like you raised £235,000. Thanks to your donations we provided survivors in Malawi with food and other essentials like sleeping mats, blankets and mosquito nets.

## HELPING HANDS FROM SCOTLAND

With support from the Scottish government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund, we provided meals and food parcels to almost 11,000 people who have been driven out of Venezuela by political unrest. In Syria, Scottish government humanitarian funding helped us to support 6,000 people who'd been displaced by conflict.

## WEE BOX

## YOUR WEE BOX AT WORK

In the Stung Treng and Khampon Thom Provinces of Cambodia your WEE BOX donations are hard at work. Your generous gifts, along with UK Aid Match funding from the UK government, are helping people to lift themselves out of poverty.



**1,559** people have learned new farming skills so they can grow more food

**2,544** households and school children now have access to clean water and sanitation

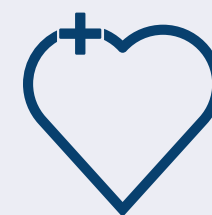
**5,419** hectares of forest and river are being protected and sustainably managed by communities

**693** women have learned about their rights from gender awareness campaigns in their villages



## PROTECTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

At the end of 2019, we approved a new one-year compliance officer role whose remit is to support our overseas partners to meet new safeguarding standards by the end of 2020.



## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

The SCIAF team moved to our new energy efficient, modern building which will save money on bills and keep our costs to a minimum.

**You can visit our new home at 7 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2PR.**



# INCOME 2019

Our generous supporters raised £3.9million to help lift people out of poverty

## Institutional Grants £3m

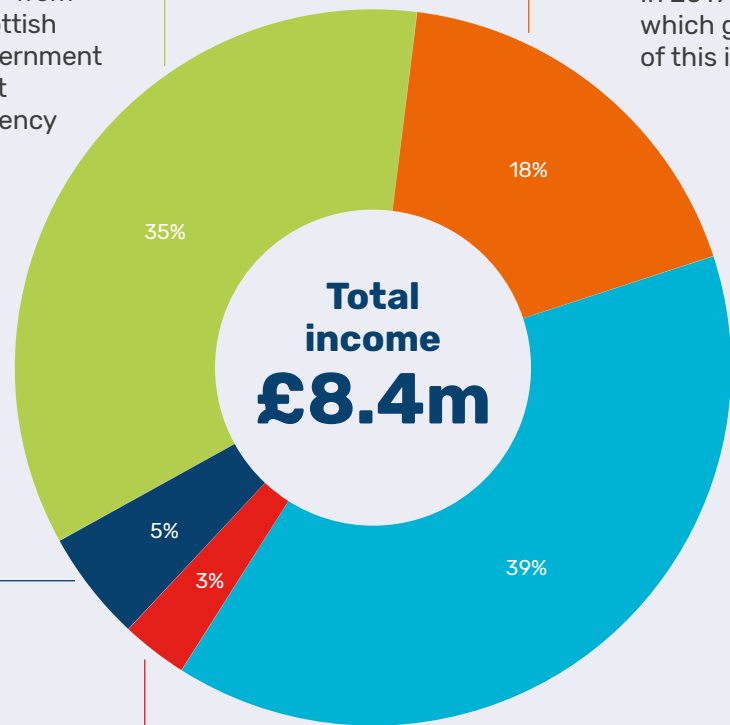
Grants awarded to SCIAF from sources such as the Scottish government and UK government to fund our development programmes and emergency response work.

## Other income £1.5m

In 2019 SCIAF sold our old office which generated the majority of this income.

## Gift aid £388,000

Gift aid collected on donations allows money to go further.



## General donations £3.3m

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

## Emergency appeals £255,000

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

*Thank you!*

# EXPENDITURE 2019

Your generous donations were used to fund life-changing projects throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Last year over 400,000 people directly benefitted from your support.

## Education in Scotland £669,000

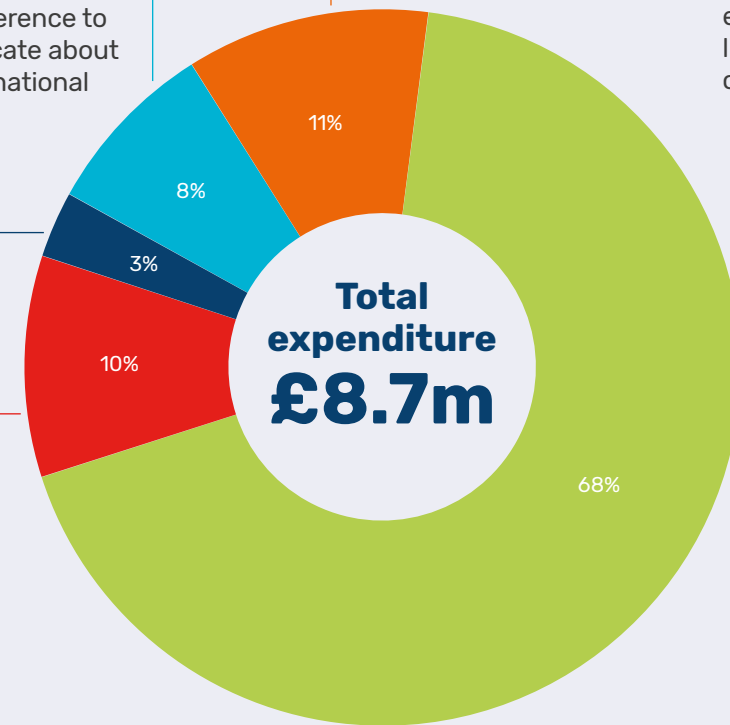
We take seriously our mandate from the Bishops' Conference to educate and communicate about global justice and international development.

## Fundraising £983,000

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

## Advocacy £266,000

We work with the Scottish public, parishes, schools and our partners to put pressure on governments and big businesses to create a fairer and more peaceful world.



## Development programmes £5.9m

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.

## Emergency response £840,000

We respond to emergencies as part of the Caritas family, providing immediate life-saving relief and long-term support, rebuilding lives and communities.

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

In 2019, institutional funding was provided by UK government, the Scottish government, the European Union, and the Guernsey Overseas Aid and Development Commission.



**When you donate to SCIAF, 90p in every pound goes to our charitable work.** The additional 10p is invested to create a further 70p in income!



# CORONAVIRUS HAS REACHED AFRICA. IT'S ALREADY UNLEASHING A POVERTY PANDEMIC WHICH WILL KILL THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE FIRST.



## A PRAYER OF HOPE by Bishop John Keenan



Lord Jesus, you were born into poverty  
And felt first-hand the dangers of basic subsistence.  
You made Your Gospel a priority for the poor  
And identified Yourself with the hungry and thirsty,  
the stranger and the dispossessed.  
You raised a widow's son from death  
to assure her some family to provide.  
Help us reach the poorest of the poor,  
least equipped for this global pandemic,  
So that our love fends off shortage and keeps families  
healthy.  
To secure peace for their loved ones and justice  
for their land.  
Amen

### LOSS OF INCOME WILL KILL THE POOREST PEOPLE FIRST

Restrictions as a result of the pandemic are making it harder for farmers to survive. They are unable to sell their produce at the market, so have lost their earnings and there is no food available for those who need to buy it. This is causing widespread food shortages.

### LOSS OF EDUCATION WILL KILL THE POOREST PEOPLE FIRST

Education is key to escaping poverty. When schools reopen, the poorest families will not be able to send their children to school. Instead, they will need them to work to support their struggling families. Without an education, many more will be trapped into poverty.

### LOSS OF FAMILY WILL KILL THE POOREST PEOPLE FIRST

When a family loses its only breadwinner to the coronavirus or the poverty pandemic, those they leave behind struggle to survive.

## WE CANNOT FORSAKE THEM.

You can donate to our emergency appeal at [www.sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/donate) by calling **0141 354 5555** or by completing the donation form in this magazine.

### SAFETY FIRST

The SCIAF team has been working from home since March. To keep our staff safe, we closed our office shortly before everyone was asked to stay at home. As restrictions have eased, our team has started visiting the office to open our post and process your generous donations.



> Cocy and Joshua from Uganda