

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**I really wish
I could show you
how everything has
grown and changed.
You've done great
things.**

Sylvia, 38, Rwanda
Supported by SCIAF partner CDJP
Kabgayi



DEAR FRIENDS



Last year, you helped 2,752,000 people overcome the enormous challenges they faced such as hunger, poverty, war, natural disasters and injustice

– your love, prayers and generosity enabled so many people to move from despair to hope.

Over the course of the year, you gave hard-working people in difficult situations, who simply need a hand up, the ability to support themselves and their families in the long term. By continuing to put your faith into action with SCIAF you're helping some of our poorest brothers and sisters work towards a brighter future.

All of us at SCIAF are proud to serve you in reaching out to vulnerable communities around the world. We work tirelessly, with professionalism, to make sure people in need get direct help. Whether it's help to

grow more food so they have enough to eat, a loan to start up a small business or savings group so they can send their children to school, or immediate help including clean water, shelter and medicine when natural disasters strike. Working with our local partners we uphold the highest standards in our relationships with those we work with overseas and here in Scotland.

This report outlines an overview of our achievements in 2018 and how, by working together, we have changed lives in 26 countries around the world.

Real progress is being made in reducing global poverty, with fewer people than ever before going hungry. But many still need your help. Thank you for your continuing support.

Alistair Dutton
Chief Executive



<
Thongtheng, 17, Cambodia
Supported by SCIAF partner DPA

YOU HELPED



Over **2,752,000** people to have a brighter future



15,865 people assisted to start or improve a business, enabling them to support themselves and their families



Over **261,300** people were directly supported



97,500 people now grow food and earn money to support themselves and their families



50,600 people now live in peace and have access to justice



108,600 people received emergency aid when disaster struck



4,600 vulnerable children and adults received an education

We spent over **£7m** on **145** projects, with **75** partner organisations, in **26** countries, across **4** continents



16,775 people

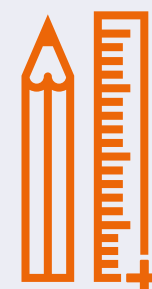


were trained in life-changing topics such as increasing their harvest and growing a greater variety of food

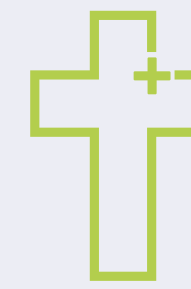


54% of all the people helped were women

We responded to **36** emergencies across the world



226 schools actively supported SCIAF through fundraising activities and generous donations



Over **400** parishes actively supported SCIAF through fundraising activities and generous donations

A SNAPSHOT

WHEN DISASTERS STRIKE

When disasters strike, we act immediately as part the Caritas family. We continued our work with CAFOD in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, helping refugees, people displaced internally, and others whose lives have been torn apart.



< **Adnan, 43, Homs**

Devastated by the conflict and after losing their house in a bombing, Mouhamad and his family are receiving support to rebuild their home from SCIAF partner Caritas Syria.



< **NYIRAKANANI Collette, 55, Rwanda**
Supported by CDJP Kigali as part of the UK Aid Match programme

SCOTLAND IN ACTION

53 wonderful supporters left a gift to SCIAF in their will, totalling over £1.7 million! We can't thank these supporters enough for what they have done for people in need around the world. We will always remember them in our prayers, may they rest in peace.

ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

We campaigned for an ambitious Scottish Government Climate Change Bill, highlighting the injustice that the countries who do the least to cause climate change are hit the hardest, calling for Scotland to set ambitious targets to reduce emissions. Over 1,700 people joined us to call for the Scottish Government to adopt a stronger Climate Bill to reduce emissions by 2030.

SEEDS OF CHANGE IN LATIN AMERICA

2018 marked the end of a three year programme supported by the Big Lottery Fund and the EU, changing the lives of rural farmers in Nicaragua and El Salvador, as they learnt how to grow more food and become resistant to the effects of climate change.

3,547 people were trained in sustainable methods of growing food

87% OF FAMILIES involved saw an increase in their income

OVER 400 FAMILIES gained access to water for regular irrigation, through the instillation of new water harvesting, storage and irrigation systems

59 community-run seedbanks were set up



74% of families said the quantity and quality of their food had increased

REJOICING IN AFRICA'S GREAT LAKES

2018 was the final year of a three year community programme funded by the UK government's Aid Match programme, working in 25 villages across Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Malawi to transform the lives of poor farming communities.

2,000 people got direct help

73% of those helped were women

OVER 10,000 family members benefitted

In the DR Congo, the number of families who were able to eat at least two meals a day increased by around **40%**

In Rwanda, **6 VILLAGES** were trained in disaster risk reduction, and community groups developed strategies to prepare for environmental emergencies

In the DR Congo the number of women who gained a say in how their finances were spent, increased by **34%**

In Malawi, **80%** of people involved said their lives had improved as a result of the project

In 2018 a large number of our valued supporters opted in to receive mail, email, or both from us. Opting in ensures you receive updates, appeals and opportunities to get involved. We're approaching 10,000 opt-ins which is amazing! **If you want to opt in and keep up to date with all things SCIAF, please visit www.sciaf.org.uk/sign-up**



INCOME 2018

Our generous supporters raised over £5.3m to change lives in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East!

Government grants £2.7m

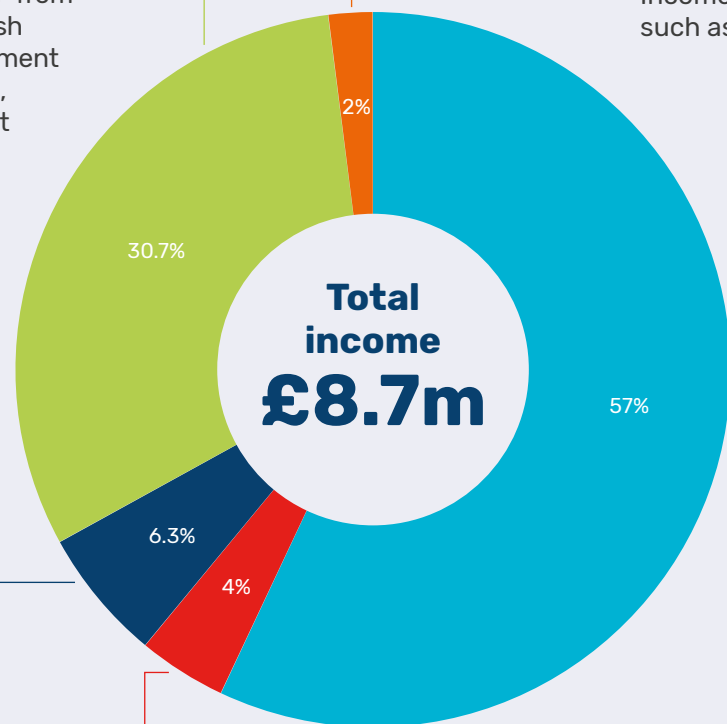
Grants awarded to SCIAF from sources such as the Scottish Government, UK government and the European Union, to fund our Development programmes and Emergency response work.

Other income £148,000

Income from additional sources such as investments and sales.

Gift aid £560,000

Gift aid collected on supporter donations, allowing supporter gifts to go further.



General donations £5m

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

Emergency appeals £336,000

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

Thank you!

EXPENDITURE 2018

Your generous donations were used to fund life-changing work in 26 countries. Last year over 2,752,000 people benefited from your support.

Education in Scotland £709,000

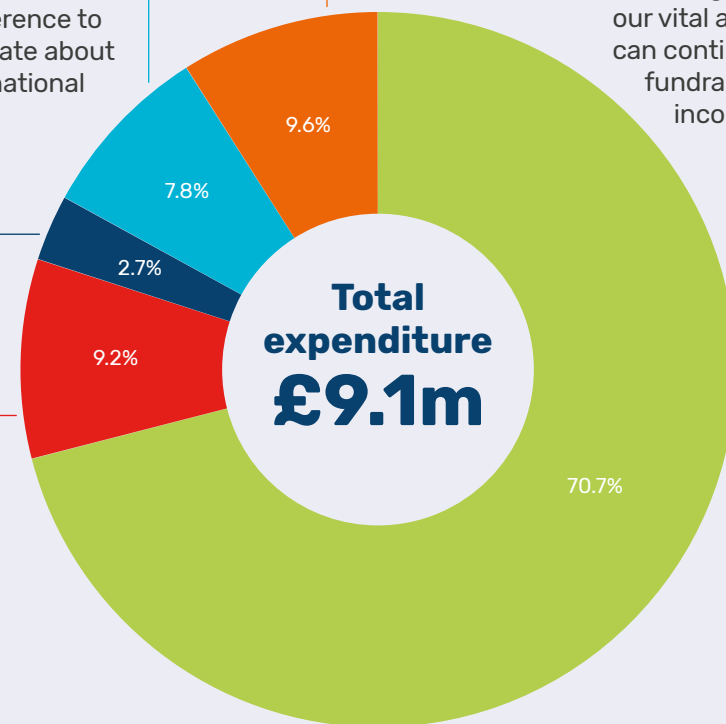
We take seriously our mandate from the Bishop's Conference to educate and communicate about global justice and international development.

Fundraising £873,000

Investing in fundraising ensures our vital and life changing work can continue. Every £1 spent on fundraising generates £7 in income.

Advocacy £253,000

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



Development programmes £6.4m

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 £827,000

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

As part of the Strategic Plan approval process in 2015, it was identified that reserves were higher than necessary and an amount of £2.9m was approved to invest in the organisation and our partners, over the five years of the Plan.

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



SAFEGUARDING AT SCIAF

We are committed to creating a better world, in which everyone is safe and treated with respect. We are implementing a three year Safeguarding Action Plan. An independent review of our safeguarding systems in 2017 by an external consultant concluded that our policies and procedures were fit for purpose and that the two cases reported to us had been handled well. Throughout 2018 we focused on strengthening SCIAF and our partners' capacity, policies and procedures to prevent and respond to safeguarding issues effectively.



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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!



SYLVIA'S STORY



Sylvia (61) and her daughter Barbara (22) in their clothing shop.

In Uganda we're working with Comboni Samaritans of Gulu to enable those living with HIV and AIDS to support themselves and their families and break down the stigma of the illness so that they can become active members of the community.

"Living with HIV is difficult. My life is not good. It is hard to take care of myself.

"I received seeds – cabbage, oranges, mangoes, bananas. I also received training in financial and business management. I was given a loan and also a grant.

"I am very grateful. Firstly, I have been able to feed myself the right diet, prescribed by the hospital. We used to only eat one meal a day, but now we eat three. I have been in a position to buy goats and chickens. And I can now pay school fees for my grandchildren.

"My daughter also received money. We joined together and started a clothes shop. My daughter manages the business, and I stay and look after the children.

"My life has seen so many changes. I now live openly as someone with HIV. The community has learnt to accept and include me in everything.

"I am very happy. I am very grateful for everything given to us. Thank you for your good heart. I wish God will bless you abundantly so you can continue providing for people who face challenges."

Sylvia, 61, Uganda



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