

Sign and share our coronavirus petition

Our petition now has over 5000 signatures, rising every day. We're calling for our Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home.

Please sign and share the petition if you haven't already by visiting:
cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign

We easily reach 30,000 names in our petitions (under usual circumstances!), and we hope to do the same for this petition.

Please sign and share before September when we will hand it into the government.

If you haven't already, ask your parish priest to include this link in your parish bulletin, or through online parish channels. Thank you for anything you can do, every single name helps!



Survive, rebuild, heal

The virus is affecting vulnerable communities across the world, including Brazil (pictured above), where our local experts are supporting vulnerable communities in São Paulo who are at risk of eviction from their homes. Our response is based on three principles:



Survive. We must act now to help stop the spread in the most vulnerable communities. Our local experts and community volunteers are providing information, sanitation and emergency food.

Rebuild. We will stand by communities as they work to rebuild their lives after the worst of the crisis has passed.

Heal. We have a chance now to step back and reflect on the world we want to live in. We can ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to fulfil their God-given potential.

When faced with suffering of our sisters and brothers around the world, we can respond in three ways – we can **give, act** and **pray**. To donate to our appeal, pray for those affected by the virus and of course sign our petition, see **cafod.org.uk/coronavirus**.



Send a message of solidarity to the Yanomami people of the Amazon

The arrival of Covid-19 in the Amazon has intensified threats to the survival of Indigenous communities in the region. Dario Yanomami, shown here on the right with his father, Davi, during a visit to CAFOD in February, has recently recovered from the virus but tells us four members of their community have sadly died.

We would really appreciate messages of solidarity that we could forward onto Dario, Davi and their community at this most difficult time. **Please send your message to campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk. Thank you.**

CAFOD Campaigns Update – June 2020

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Living simply during lockdown

There are now 73 *livesimply* awardees across England and Wales. 56 parishes (including three Cathedrals - Brentwood, Norwich and Middlesbrough), 12 primary schools, two secondary schools, one Catholic Special School and a Catholic university have shown they have been living simply, sustainably with creation and in solidarity with people living in poverty.

During the Laudato Si' Fifth Anniversary Week, virtual *livesimply* groups celebrated with prayer and discussion and even some virtual pilgrimages.



Nearly 100 other communities have been working towards the award for a while, with several waiting to be assessed. If you think your parish may be interested, **read more at cafod.org.uk/livesimply**. You can join an email group to get tips and updates monthly, and encouragement on your journey.

COP26 climate summit rescheduled for November 2021

The UN COP26 climate conference has been rescheduled because of coronavirus. The summit will now be held in Glasgow between 1-12 November 2021, a year later than planned.

Neil Thorns, CAFOD's Director of Advocacy, said: "We have to urgently get back on track with tackling the climate emergency now that we know when COP26 will be taking place. As we prepare to rebuild from the coronavirus crisis, the government must press reset on our economy to put people's welfare, the planet and nature at its heart.

"The UK has the knowledge, expertise and ability to achieve this and in doing so could genuinely lead a COP26 fit for our time." Watch this space for updates on how you can get involved!



Have you got...

» 2 minutes?

Share our petition with your parish priest for your bulletin or your parish J+P group cafod.org.uk/coronavirus

» 5 minutes?

Check out our online events cafod.org.uk/onlinetalks

» 10 minutes?

Write a message for our partner Dario Yanomami (see overleaf)

Meet Aisha...

Aisha Dodwell is CAFOD's new Head of Campaigns. She tells us why challenging injustice matters.

"Joining CAFOD in the midst of a global pandemic has certainly come with its challenges, not least being unable to sit beside my new colleagues or meet our campaigners in person. But starting at a time of global crisis has also meant that the need to work together across borders to tackle the world's greatest challenges has become more important than ever.

I feel passionately that all of us here in the UK must play our part in ensuring the world is a fairer and more just place for everyone. I've always worked in international development and have spent many years working on issues of global justice with NGOs and campaigning organisations. Prior to joining CAFOD I was working in Parliament as a Political Advisor to the Shadow Secretary of State for International Development.

I really look forward to meeting many of you in person some day in the future, and until then we can work together virtually to win some important campaigns. It's vital that we act in solidarity with people across the world to achieve the part of CAFOD's mission that is about tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice."



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