

## **CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

### **"A HARVEST LIKE NO OTHER"**

This year we are focusing our appeal on our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone and Liberia. These are two of the world's poorest countries who in the past few years have survived vicious civil wars, the Ebola outbreak and now Coronavirus.

At the start of the pandemic they had only ONE ventilator between them and most of the population had no access to local healthcare. It is the most dangerous place in the world to be pregnant and 70% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day. Our partners- CARITAS Makeni (Sierra Leone) and CARITAS Monrovia (Liberia) - have been working to provide care and support for their people in the face of almost impossible odds.

They have been:

- providing hygiene resources and training
- giving basic PPE to the Maternity hospital run by the Handmaid Sisters
- organising food distribution to households who were shielding and had no source of income
- providing megaphones to spread the vital messages of hygiene and social distancing in market places and village centres.

### **Can you help?**

We can all **PRAY** for our partners in Sierra Leone and Liberia who are working with so little, that they keep safe and strong for those who rely on them.

We could **ADVOCATE** with CAFOD to cancel the debt owed by these poor countries so they can keep the little they have to help their people.

We could **DONATE** to CAFOD to ensure that our partners can continue and expand their work.

For more ways to become involved this year, you may like to be part of some of CAFOD's online events around Harvest. All are available through CAFOD's web page: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

- Fast day live talk on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am
- "Harvest like no other" Quiz on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm
- Children's Liturgy on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am
- Prayer and Reflection with Bishop John Arnold on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm

**Thank you for your support. Our brothers and sisters around the world thank you too.**