



# Irish Aid

**We are making a difference**

How Ireland is tackling world poverty and hunger



Ireland's  
commitment  
to a world  
without poverty  
and hunger

# Our Vision

A sustainable and just world, where people are empowered to overcome poverty and hunger and fully realise their rights and potential.

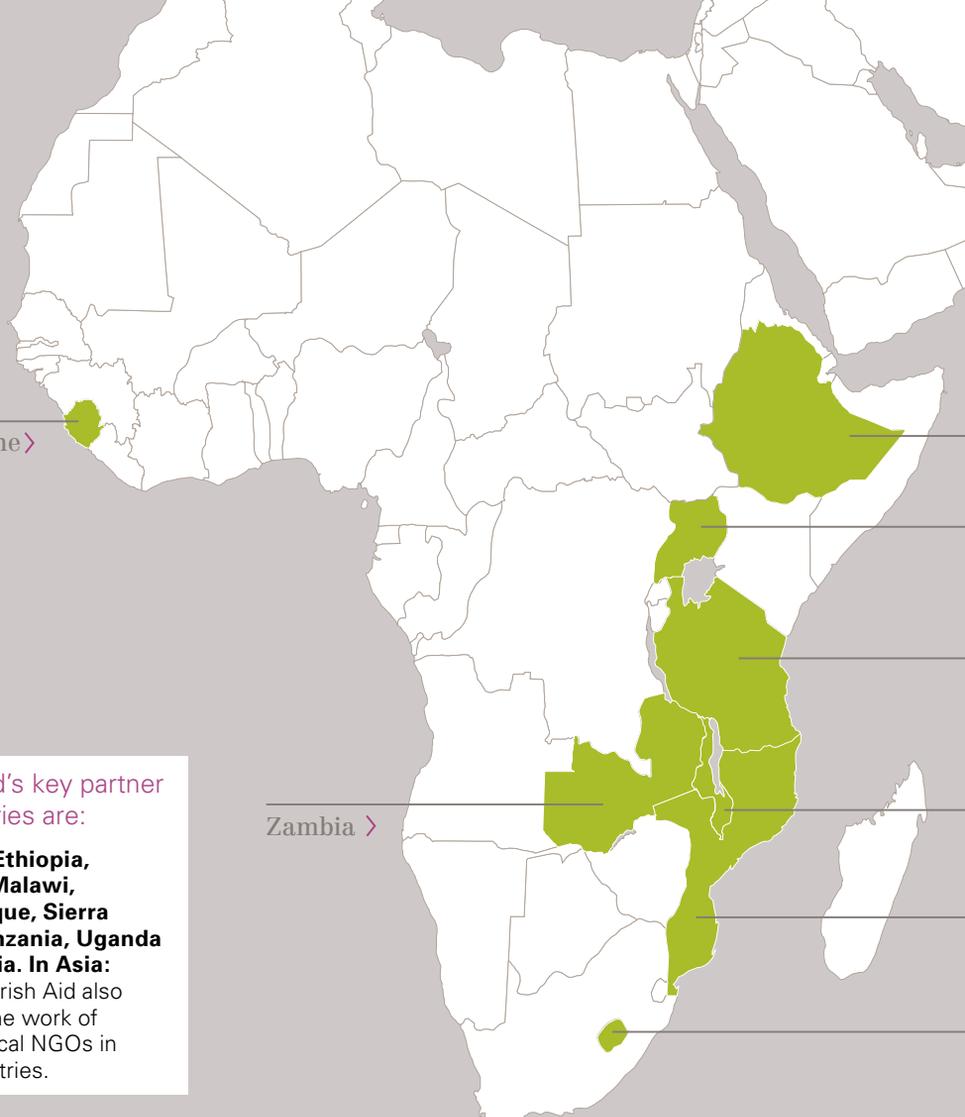
Front cover photo: Kelvin Munsanje at Kasisi Agricultural Training College, Zambia.  
Photo: Irish Aid

# Irish Aid

Irish Aid is the Government's programme for overseas development. It is managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The main aim of Irish Aid is to reduce poverty and hunger, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa where the needs are greatest.

By supporting long term sustainable development and providing humanitarian assistance in over 80 countries, Ireland is helping to build better futures for some of the world's poorest communities.



Sierra Leone >

■ Ireland's key partner countries are:

**In Africa: Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. In Asia: Vietnam.** Irish Aid also supports the work of Irish and local NGOs in these countries.

Zambia >



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# Where we work

Irish Aid supports development work in over 80 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. It has nine key partner countries where it works in partnership with governments to eradicate poverty and support growth which benefits poor people. Eight of these key partner countries are in Africa and one is in Asia.

Progress in the fight against hunger and poverty at national level can only be achieved by working closely with governments and communities in developing countries. Countries need to own and lead their own development if poverty reduction programmes are to be effective and sustainable over the long term.

# Who we work with

Tackling global poverty and hunger requires collective action by the international community. Irish Aid works closely with selected partners including governments, international organisations, NGOs and the private sector in order to ensure lasting improvement in the lives of poor people and poor communities.

## **NGO partners**

Irish Aid provides considerable financial support to non governmental organisations such as Concern, Trócaire, Christian Aid, Goal, Self Help Africa and many others. It also funds the development work of missionary organisations.

## **Multilateral Partners**

The Government supports both the long-term development and the emergency response programmes of the United Nations and the European Union.

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## **Something we can all be proud of**

Four times as many Ethiopian children were enrolled in primary school in 2012 as there were in 1992

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Fanta Poudiougou and her three year old child in Bamako, Mali.  
Photo: Trócaire/Catholic Relief Services

# Ireland's Policy for International Development





Source: One World One Future  
Ireland's Policy for International Development (2013)  
[www.irishaid.ie](http://www.irishaid.ie)



Mary Zumbuza tending her plot in the Nsembe irrigation scheme, Malawi.  
Photo: Irish Aid

# Irish Aid's Focus on Hunger

Ireland is taking a leadership role in the fight against global hunger and malnutrition. Chronic hunger and food insecurity still affect millions of people in the world today in parts of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

- > Over 870 million people, or one in eight of the world's population, do not have enough food  
(FAO The State of Food and Agriculture Summary Report 2013)
- > Malnutrition accounts for 45% of deaths among children under five  
(The Lancet Vol 382 August 2013)
- > 165 million children in the world have stunted growth as a result of malnutrition  
(The Lancet Vol 382 August 2013)

Reducing hunger is a key goal of Ireland's aid programme, with 20% of the Irish Aid budget specifically committed to this goal. We support work in three key areas:

- > Helping small farmers in Africa, 80% of whom are women, to increase their productivity
- > Reducing maternal and infant undernutrition
- > Promoting real political commitment, both in our partner countries and internationally, to ensure that the global hunger crisis gets the absolute priority it deserves

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## Something we can all be proud of

In Vietnam, the stunted growth rate of children under five reduced from 34% in 2007 to 27% in 2012

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Ahmed Yimer, Ethiopia, displays tef grown from improved seeds provided by Concern Worldwide, with the support of Irish Aid. Photo: Elizabeth Molloy, Concern Worldwide



Syrian refugees in Zaatri camp, Jordan, receive relief from UNHCR to help them survive and live in the camp. Photo: UNHCR/A. Rummyery

# Responding to disasters

Ireland helps to save lives by providing vital funds, supplies and personnel in response to humanitarian emergencies.

This assistance is channelled through international relief organisations such as the Red Cross and the United Nations, as well as aid agencies including Concern, Trócaire and Goal.

Irish Aid supplies emergency materials to communities suffering humanitarian crises. The **Rapid Response Corps** is a register of Irish experts in humanitarian relief who can be deployed at short notice. Irish Aid also helps communities and families to rebuild their lives after emergencies, and is working to build up the resilience of communities and governments to reduce and respond to disasters over the longer term.

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**Something we can all be proud of**

Worldwide, since 2000, deaths of children  
have fallen by more than 30%

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# Governance, Human Rights and Accountability

Ireland's development assistance is internationally recognised for its high quality and impact. Irish Aid supports the building of better governance and accountability and the promotion of human rights in all its work.

Regular assessments of all programmes are carried out by the Evaluation and Audit Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, both in Ireland and in partner countries. The Irish Aid programme is also subject to scrutiny by the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee.

Reducing corruption, building democracy, and improving governance and accountability are integral to the work of Irish Aid. Irish Aid supports the strengthening of public sector capacity, local government reform and the development of independent media.



Greceria Mayombo, fuel efficient stoves promoter with a Concern Universal project in rural Malawi.  
Photo: Concern Universal.

# The Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre

The Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre in Dublin was opened in 2008. The Centre provides information on the work of Irish Aid and development in general, including volunteering opportunities.

The Centre hosts development related events run by Irish Aid and by NGOs. Free workshops on development are provided for schools and colleges throughout the year. Visit **[www.irishaid.ie](http://www.irishaid.ie)** for news on exhibitions, seminars and cultural events taking place in the Centre.

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## Something we can all be proud of

The area of agricultural land under irrigation in Tanzania almost doubled between 2001 and 2011

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Children enjoying a drumming workshop in the Irish Aid Centre. Photo: Irish Aid



Mwama Juma working in her family's rice field. Mtwara, Tanzania.  
Photo: UN Tanzania/Julie Pudlowski

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