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**CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE DEFINING CRISIS OF OUR TIME AND IS HAPPENING EVEN FASTER THAN EXPECTED. NONE OF US ARE IMMUNE FROM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.**

*What consequences are we already seeing?*

#### **RISING TEMPERATURES**

Production of greenhouse gases (as a result of coal, oil and gas use) are at an all time high. Because of this, global temperatures have been increasing with the last 4 years being the hottest on record.

#### **RISING SEA LEVELS**

As a result of these temperatures, glaciers and ice sheets are melting faster than ever, causing sea levels to rise. 40% of the world's population lives within 100km of a coast and so are at risk of being displaced within our lifetime.

#### **EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS**

Heatwaves, droughts, hurricanes and other disasters are becoming more frequent, pushing millions of people into poverty as homes and livelihoods are destroyed. 90% of disasters are now classed as weather-and-climate related.

#### **FOOD & WATER INSECURITY**

As well as limiting water resources, climate change is also having a devastating impact on soil. These consequences combined mean that crops are struggling to survive and food insecurity is affecting more people than ever.

*A number of your WDR partners are dedicated to climate change mitigation in their communities. Scroll down to find out more...*



WDR partners are working to support and resource local communities as they adapt to the impacts of climate change in their everyday lives:

- **MeDRA, Zimbabwe:** Empowering communities to build resilience through improved climate change adaptation, WaSH (water, sanitation and hygiene) programmes and sustainable livelihoods.
- **Corambiente, Colombia:** Developing the practice and understanding of 'agroecology' to promote food security and sustainability. Agroecology applies ecological and social concepts to the management of sustainable agriculture and food systems.
- **MDRS, Ghana:** Promoting crop diversification, sustainable agriculture and livelihoods.
- **Dabane Water Workshops, Zimbabwe:** Supporting rural communities as they secure access to clean, safe drinking water. Dabane also help establish water storage systems and vegetable gardens, so that people can have some food security even in periods of drought.
- *Phakamisa & Church Land Programme:* Although not directly involved in climate change mitigation, Phakamisa & CLP both responded to flooding in KwaZulu-Natal in 2022. Both partners walked alongside their local communities as they rebuilt and recovered from the devastation caused by the floods.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for your continued support for WDR partners like these. **Together, we are making a difference.**

# WILL YOU JOIN US IN THIS LIFE-CHANGING WORK?

*A regular monthly gift is the best way to support WDR and partners*

Giving £20/€25 per month for one year could pay for 8 families to receive seeds to grow their own food and sell produce for income



**CLICK TO GIVE A  
MONTHLY GIFT**

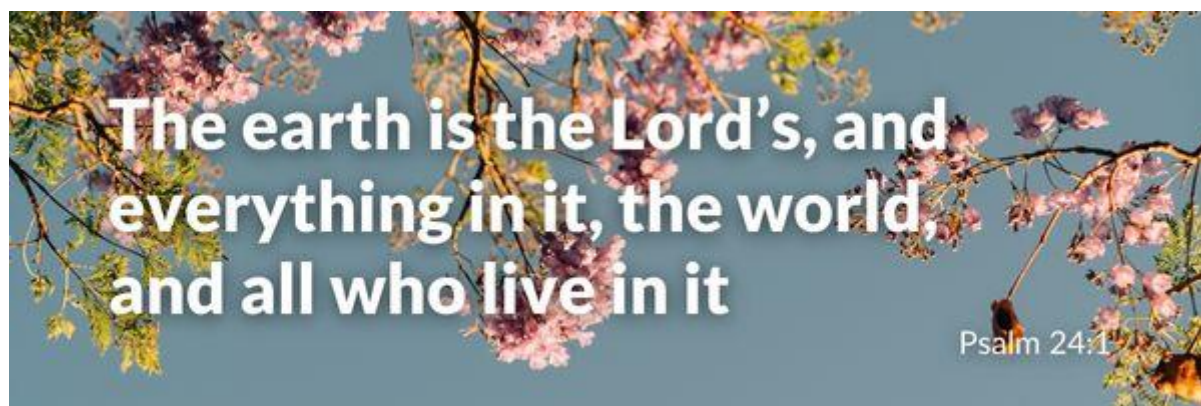


## **SUPPORTING GOVT GREEN INITIATIVES IN GHANA**

The impact of our partners' work often reaches far beyond the communities they are working in, to neighbouring villages. In this case, an agriculture programme run by our partner Methodist Development and Relief Services (MDRS), has attracted the attention of the Ghanaian government.

The District Manager of the Forestry Commission Donkorkrom, Richard Okyere Amoateng (pictured left in photo), writes: *"My team was excited about the woodlot project of MDRS and WDR. As a government agency, we are responsible for the implementation of 'Green Ghana Initiative' as set out by the President*

*of Ghana, which is aimed at planting 5 million trees to fight deforestation. We have scouted for land and farmers willing to commit to this initiative. The location of your woodlot project is very suitable to be an exhibition site for the President's Green Ghana Initiative. Your intercropping approach is similar to our model. We expect the project to be successful and we are happy the youth in the community will have a livelihood and will, at the same time, preserve the vegetative cover in the district."*



**NEW BLOG: FROM LITTLE ACORNS, GREAT OAKS GROW**

Over the past few years, WDR supporters John & Jan Corrie have established 'Drumhilla Garden' at their home in Co. Fermanagh. As well as growing their own food, John and Jan welcome visitors to their garden to learn how to "live lightly on the planet".

[Click here to read John's blog.](#)



## LOSS & DAMAGE PETITION

Together with our sister agency, Christian Aid Ireland, we're asking you to sign the 'Loss and Damage Petition'.

This calls for the Irish and UK governments to compensate poorer countries that have suffered due to climate change; a problem caused largely by the rich, us.

Signed petitions will be sent to Liz Truss MP, Prime Minister of the UK, and Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in Dáil Éireann, ahead of COP27 in November.

[Find out more & download a petition here.](#)

*\*Petitions have been sent to all MCI church leaders - ask your minister for more information!*

## 'OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE'

This month, Christian Aid Ireland (CAI) are running two online events exploring the link between conflict and the climate crisis. Join CAI for an interview with one of their partners working in Sierra Leone, followed by a panel discussion.

Both events will run from 7:30pm- 9pm and will be held on Zoom.

*Click to register:*

- **10.10.22:** [One World Festival \(NI\)](#)
- **17.10.22:** [Dublin Human Rights & Arts Festival \(ROI\)](#)

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of  
**World Development & Relief** and your global development partners,

*Laura & Tim*

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