

Trócaire

For a Just and Sustainable Future Our Strategy 2016-2020

Our Vision

Trócaire was established in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. **We work for a just and peaceful world** where people's **dignity is ensured** and **rights are respected**; where basic **needs are met** and **resources are shared** equitably; where **people have control** over their own lives and those in **power act for the common good**.

What we believe

Justice and human rights are at the heart of what Trócaire does and who we are. We believe that every woman, man and child is born equal and with the right to a dignified life free from injustice. We believe poverty and injustice arise when those in power disregard the fundamental human rights and dignity of each individual and fail to act for the common good. We believe it is critical that, in all our work, we consistently **challenge the misuse of power and support people to claim their rights**.

We have identified three critical issues at the heart of poverty and injustice in the areas where we work:

Lack of Access to and Control of Resources

One in nine people in our world is hungry. The world's poor struggle to access essential natural resources such as land and water. This lack of access and control is linked to, and worsened by, additional stresses caused by climate change and poor governance.

Oppression of Women

Globally, one in three women are violently abused in their lifetime. Girls experience widespread social, educational, political, economic and sexual discrimination, increasing their vulnerability and trapping them in poverty.

Humanitarian Crises

Emergencies and natural disasters are increasing in scale and frequency, exacerbated by climate change and political upheaval. Deepening inequality and injustice deny people basic needs and protection in times of crisis.

How Trócaire will create lasting change

Trócaire works **in partnership** with the Church and other civil society organisations in over 20 developing countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. These networks provide us with local experience and knowledge, which are vital in bringing about lasting change. Truly transformative change requires the actions of many working together. Hence, Trócaire works with:

Individuals: Empowering women & men to seek their basic rights.

Communities: Building resilient, pro-active communities to prepare, respond and recover from crises.

Civil society: Challenging social norms and injustices through organisations and social movements.

Institutions: Engaging with and influencing institutions and corporations to act for the common good.

How Trócaire will make a difference in 2016-2020



Access to and Use of Resources: we will support communities to access, control and protect their local natural resources, in particular land and water, and will work with governments and those in power to act in a transparent and accountable way for the benefit of the poorest citizens.



Women's Empowerment: we will support women to ensure that they have a voice in decisions that affect their lives, within their homes, communities and beyond, and that they live free from violence.



Humanitarian response: we will support vulnerable communities when emergencies strike. Communities will also be better prepared to survive and recover from crises and disasters.



Campaign and raise awareness: in Ireland we will highlight global poverty and injustice. We will encourage the general public, the Irish Catholic Church, political leaders and international duty bearers to tackle injustices, such as climate change, conflict and corruption, which cause global poverty.



Supporting Justice: across all our work we commit to addressing the imbalance of power by supporting women and men to stand up for their rights, and by working with those in power to recognise their duties and responsibilities to those they serve. We will also strive to address the factors that undermine progress such as corruption, repression and persecution.

Our Commitment to You – Transparency and Accountability

We recognise and respect the enormous trust placed in us by the communities and partners we work with and by the supporters, donors and volunteers who make this work possible. Trócaire has a responsibility to respond to the expectations of the people and organisations that have an interest in our work, and is committed to acting with the utmost integrity in the use of all our valuable resources; meeting the highest standards in all we do, achieving maximum benefit with the resources available to us, and at all times demonstrating openness, honesty and transparency.

Our strategy document presents Trócaire's commitments to those we support and to those who support us. We will use a robust system to monitor and review progress against our commitments. Each year, Trócaire will share progress through the publication of its Annual Report.