

OUR ROMERO FUND AMBASSADOR

Trócaire is delighted to welcome John McColgan on board as ambassador for the Romero Fund.

John, best known for his expertise in the entertainment world and co-creator of Riverdance, also has a keen interest in human rights issues across the world.

In 2016, John embarked on his first travels as a volunteer with Trócaire to Palestine. There he saw first-hand the effects of a war that, fifty years on, leave people living in horrendous conditions.

In 2018, John took his second trip with Trócaire. This time, travelling to the Central American country of Guatemala. The people John met there are the forgotten people from the indigenous Mayan communities who continue to suffer severe human right violations and extreme poverty.

Through John's powerful advocacy and commitment to fundraising, the awful plight of affected people in the 4 Romero countries has been highlighted to many new audiences across Ireland.



John McColgan
Director, Riverdance

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THE ROMERO FUND | HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

€5,000

Will provide treatment for 270 children in Gaza with intestinal parasitic infections along with providing hygiene kits and nutritional education for parents.

€10,000

Will provide 2x two roomed houses in Guatemala with kitchen and toilet.

€20,000

Will provide 1,400 farming toolkits in South Sudan which includes seeds, plants, hoes, rakes, watering cans.

€50,000

Will build 14 wells/water sources in DRC reducing travel time and risk for women and children fetching water.

PLEDGED GIVING

Many of our supporters have chosen to pledge their giving over a number of years. This is very beneficial to Trócaire as typically our programmes are set out over 3-5 year time periods. Pledged giving allows us to better plan the work we do on individual projects.

TAX EFFICIENT GIVING

Tax Efficient Giving means your gift can go even further. In Republic of Ireland, we can claim an additional **44.9%** of your gift from Revenue if you are a taxpayer. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an additional **25%** on your gift through Giftaid.

In the case of corporate donations the company can claim a deduction for the donation as if it were a trading expense.

CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE CONTACT US TODAY...

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Cover Shot: Maria, Guatemala, Her family have been evicted from their home several times with their houses and crops burnt by unscrupulous landlords. Photo: John McColgan

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THE ROMERO FUND

A SPECIAL FUND TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUFFER SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND POVERTY

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THE STANDARDS THAT ALLOW ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY, FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE. EVERY PERSON HAS THESE RIGHTS SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS.

HOWEVER, MANY PEOPLE ARE DENIED THESE RIGHTS BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR AND LACK POWER.



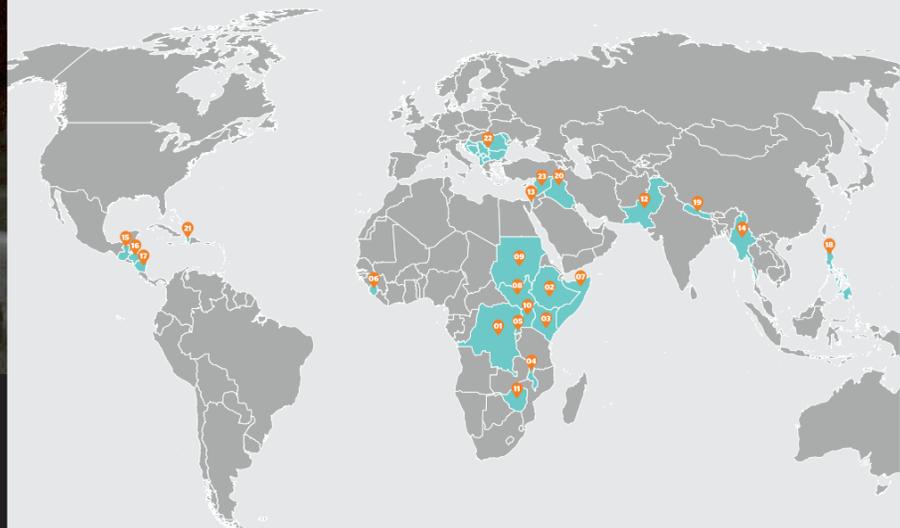
“ I have been to Guatemala, South Sudan, Palestine and the Democratic Republic of Congo and seen at first hand the situation of people whose rights are being violated and whom this fund aims to support. Often these are women and children, who suffer horrific abuses including violence and deprivation of basic needs such as food, water, shelter and education.

Trócaire is working hard not only to provide immediate protection against these abuses but to enable people to organise themselves and to campaign for their rights. I have witnessed their triumphs in the face of great difficulties. Achieving change is possible, with your support.

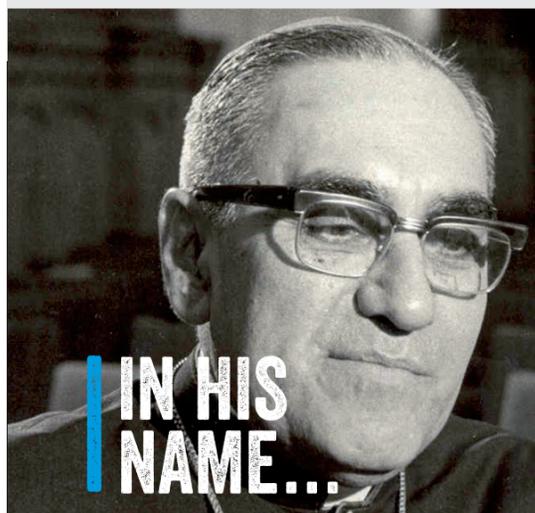
Trócaire works with the poorest and most vulnerable, to help them protect themselves against injustice and to live without fear. ”

Caoimhe de Barra
CEO Trócaire

WHERE WE WORK



- Trócaire was set up 45 years ago as a means for Irish people to help those in severe need in some of the poorest countries in Africa, Asia, Central America and the Middle East.
- Our work focuses on 4 areas – **Humanitarian response, Food and Resource Rights, Womens Empowerment and Human Rights.**
- Today, Trócaire’s work is as relevant as ever and its brand is trusted and respected not only in Ireland but across the world.
- Last year 2.8 million people living in poverty and exclusion received vital support from Trócaire’s supporters.
- The iconic ‘Trócaire Box’ still goes out to over 1.4 million homes and schools throughout Ireland during Lent every year.



IN HIS NAME...

“ Aspire not to have more but to be more ”

Oscar Romero

St. Oscar Romero became the voice of oppressed people through his powerful work for justice during El Salvador’s civil war. He was a friend of Trócaire and the organisation is proud to have supported his brave work, for which he paid the ultimate price when he was assassinated in 1980.

He used his weekly sermons to call for an end to violence. Years after his assassination, the life and words of St. Oscar Romero continue to inspire ordinary people.

Trócaire aims to continue the vision of this outspoken champion of the poor – for people to live in dignity, to feed themselves and their families and live without fear.

ABOUT THE ROMERO FUND

Over 45 years working in the least developed countries around the world has given Trócaire a unique insight into what needs to be done to bring real and lasting change to the lives of the world’s poorest people.

The Romero Fund was set up in 2017 with an aim to raise €2.1million over three years to fill a gap in funding where serious human rights abuses are occurring.

We URGENTLY need funds to not only continue our work in these countries, but to grow our projects and reach even more people.

SOUTH SUDAN

Helping families who have survived terrible violence in South Sudan to start farming again, earn a living and rebuild their lives

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Supporting women affected by rape and violence in DRC. One of the most disturbing impacts of war is use of sexual violence against women

GUATEMALA

Supporting the Mayan people to obtain justice for human rights abuses and defend their land rights

PALESTINE

Providing support and assistance to women and children living within the nightmare situation in war torn Palestine

ACHIEVED TO DATE

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT...

SOUTH SUDAN

20,000 people in South Sudan provided with seeds and tools; enabling them to grow food for themselves and their families.
Continue to provide emergency support in the **Nuba Mountains**, supplying drugs and medical supplies.



DRC

18 water sources built and in use within communities and up to a **further 21** planned. Bringing more water sources closer to villages reduces the risk of attack to women and children.



GUATEMALA

Part funding of the building of **25 houses**, supporting **168 people**, mostly women. Eviction of Mayan people from their homes is commonplace in certain rural areas. A safe secure home is the first stepping stone to real change.



PALESTINE

100 women received legal, social, economic and protection services.
509 women, children and men received appropriate psychosocial counselling through the support of the programme.

