OUR ROMERO FUND AMBASSADOR

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

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

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

In 2018, John took his second trip with Trocaire. This time, traveling 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.

“I have huge admiration in particular for the women of these countries. Their stoicism in the face of such hardship is truly remarkable. Equally I have been so impressed by Trocaire’s unyielding passion and commitment to helping the poorest of the poor in this world.”

THE ROMERO FUND

How you can support

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

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

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

Will build 15 water sources in DRC reducing travel time and risk for women and children fetching water.

Many of our supporters have chosen to pledge their giving over a number of years. This is very beneficial to Trocaire 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 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.

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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.

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

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

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 €2.1 million 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
- 20,000 people in South Sudan provided with seeds and tools; enabling them to grow food for themselves and their families.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
- 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 166 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.