

## Coronavirus Appeal to Help CAFOD Support Poor & Vulnerable people

For the past few weeks, our parishes have been contributing to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal through our JustGiving page:  
[www.justgiving.com/PurbeckParishesCAFODCoronavirusAppeal](http://www.justgiving.com/PurbeckParishesCAFODCoronavirusAppeal)

Your response has been amazing. Can you now help to raise a little more to reach our target of £4,500?

The way that CAFOD has been supporting poor and vulnerable people in Peru shows you how your money will be spent.

### Surviving lockdown and fighting coronavirus in Peru

Those who live in poverty or are unemployed have suffered the most. Overcrowded homes provide a breeding ground for the virus. Staying at home is impossible for those who need to go out to work each day to put food on the table. Most people buy their food from local crowded markets where physical distancing is almost impossible. Many people don't have clean water to wash their hands.

The number of infections amongst miners has been high.

Indigenous people living in the Peruvian Amazon are also very vulnerable to the effects of coronavirus. Remote indigenous communities often live far away from hospitals and often lack the resistance to diseases that other populations have. Miners, but also others, including government officials who have failed to observe health precautions, have brought the virus to these communities. This has had a devastating impact.

### How has CAFOD responded to coronavirus in Peru?

CAFOD is working closely with local partners on the ground to reach those affected by the virus, prioritising people living in poverty, those in isolation, and those who are unemployed.

With your help, we are supporting local organisations to:

- Provide food and financial support to families and Venezuelan migrants who are particularly vulnerable.
- Use community kitchens to prepare free food that people can collect.
- Purchase medicines for those that are sick and without income.
- Provide training to local partners on safe distribution of food and hygiene kits.
- Distribute hygiene and PPE kits including facemasks, hand sanitiser and cleaning products.
- Provide correct information in local languages about coronavirus, through leaflets, radio programmes and social media.
- Provide psychological support to families and children to deal with stress.
- Provide educational support to children who are unable to access online education.

### Please donate to the appeal:

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## Join call to **#CancelTheDebt**

- The world's poorest nations are struggling with the double impact of Coronavirus and its severe economic impacts.
- Many are facing a potential crisis as they struggle to pay their debts owed to financial institutions and richer nations.
- If debts are cancelled, the money saved could be spent on vital health needs and support the most vulnerable people.

### What CAFOD is asking us to do

The annual World Bank and IMF (International Monetary Fund) meetings in October, provide world leaders with an opportunity to help the world's poorest people by addressing this debt crisis – and the UK could play a critical role. **To show our government that it's time to #CancelTheDebt, please join CAFOD's photo action!**

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Take** a photo of yourself creatively displaying the words 'Cancel the debt'
- **Share** your image on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #CancelTheDebt. Be sure to tag @cafod so CAFOD can find your photos!
- **Or email** your photos and CAFOD will upload them for you! Send to [campaigns.writer@cafod.org.uk](mailto:campaigns.writer@cafod.org.uk)

There is a display of photos which supporters throughout the country have already sent at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Time-to-cancel-the-debt>

Here is one some of you might recognise

