



Please give as generously as you can in 2026 to my **LENT APPEAL** supporting **CHRISTIAN AID** in their work with communities in **BURKINA FASO** in north-west Africa, being devastated by drought caused by **CLIMATE CHANGE**.

With my thanks and blessing for a holy Lent and a joyful Easter.

+ Ian St John

Climate Change and Burkina Faso

In an area where a changing climate has been expanding the Sahara Desert southwards, securing local agricultural resilience is important both in the lives of local communities, and globally for our shared environment.

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, with more than 40% of the population living in poverty. The country also remains one of the most vulnerable, impacted by climate change, armed conflict and political instability.



The Centre-North and Sahel regions are especially vulnerable, and a humanitarian crisis is fast unfolding. Local communities are witnessing increasingly erratic and damaging weather patterns and events, including droughts, flooding, epizootic disease and locust attacks. For a population reliant on agriculture, who depend on crop and livestock production for their income and food, this is devastating.



in Burkina Faso

In this part of north-west Africa, where the changing climate has been expanding the Sahara Desert southwards, local agricultural resilience is needed for local communities, and for our shared environment. Christian Aid and its partners are working with local communities to enable them to adapt and change to meet the crisis being caused by climate change.

Working in the Centre-North and Sahel regions of Burkina Faso, this Christian Aid project, working with local churches and other partners, is aiming to reach about 10,000 people in 14 communities.

The project will bring a range of long-lasting benefits:

- **Improved and strengthened livelihoods**, with more diverse and sustainable income and opportunities. This will help people to meet their basic needs and to reduce levels of poverty, as well as building their resilience.
- **Greater food security and improved nutrition** through improved shared action and education, as well as the creation of jobs and monthly cash payments to the most vulnerable.
- **Improved environmental management and sustainability**, through training to ensure the better use and management of natural resources, as well as adapting techniques and approaches to become resilient to climate change.
- **More peaceful, stable and secure communities** thanks to a range of activities aimed at strengthening social and living conditions, as well as boosting peace and cooperation amongst neighbours.



More information can be found at
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/where-we-work/burkina-faso>

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