

ABM's Pentecost Appeal takes aim at protracted crises

The Anglican Board of Mission's Anglicans in Development partners and their communities will take many years to overcome the impacts of COVID-19 on efforts to combat poverty. But some suffer the additional burden of ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis. The technical term for this is "protracted crisis".

Our partners in Myanmar and Gaza live each day in protracted crises.

Ordinary people in Gaza live with poverty, foreign blockade, frequent border closures, chronic power shortages, limited health access and sporadic live conflict. In Myanmar, over 800,000 people have become displaced because of conflicts and the loss of previous informal work opportunities.

And yet our church partners never give up. Inspired by their strong faith in God, they continue to reach out to their local communities, providing love and hope, and working for justice.

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Anglicans in Development (AID) is proud to stand in solidarity with our partners in Myanmar, Gaza, and other parts of the world, and we urgently need your help.

In the far southeast of Myanmar, near the Thai border, lives 69 year old Naw Paw Htoo, a mother of 14 children and many grandchildren.

For most of her life she has had to walk great distances each day to fetch clean water from mountain springs. But now that the Church of the Province of Myanmar has, with AID's support, piped clean water to her home, she says, "I am so happy that I don't have to carry water again, and I am no longer tired. I enjoy using fresh water each day, taking a bath, and having water for washing, drinking and cooking."

Fellow villager, Daw ma Oo, also now has clean water in her household: "It is wonderful now that piped water flows in my house. I never dreamed anything like this would happen. I would like to say thank you with all my heart!"

On the other side of the world, in Gaza, the Ahli Hospital, one of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem's many outreach operations, has moved part of their child nutrition program out into the communities. The hospital has already trained ten community mobilisers,

women like Aamira, to go into the homes of mothers of malnourished children to teach nutrition, breast-feeding and women's rights. Aamira says, "Empowering mothers in this way will help prevent child malnutrition in Gaza."

This year, please give generously to ABM's Anglicans in Development Pentecost Appeal. Your gift will support all our partner churches to continue to do their extraordinary work in the world.

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