

BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL PROSPECTUS

The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal is a long-standing initiative, which over the years has contributed hundreds of thousands of pounds to various worthwhile projects in the developing world.

It works on the basis of distributing high quality materials about projects in a particular country to participating Church of England parishes and schools in St Albans Diocese, with the personal endorsement of the diocesan bishop (resources are also made available through the diocesan web-site). Funds are then collected and forwarded to the charity, whose projects are so featured, which acts as the partner to the diocese in that particular year.

The criteria for the choice of partner charity and projects in a particular year are many and varied but the following ground-rules sum up the main ones that generally apply, year on year:

- The decision rests with the diocesan bishop.
- All money raised, apart from a reasonable deduction for admin costs, needs to go to the identified projects in the country concerned; so such projects should be able to use the £75,000+ likely to be raised, without surpluses being siphoned off into other projects or general funds.
- The size of the deduction for admin costs will be a factor in the decision.
- The particular charity needs to be able produce the required materials in the specified time and the projects themselves need to be suitable to produce clear, inspiring stories that can be communicated at the level of parish and school.
- In the short and medium term, projects that have a link with the Caribbean (especially the dioceses of Belize, Guyana, North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba, and the Windward Isles) would be looked on particularly favourably.
- The Harvest Appeal is part of the 'Living God's Love' vision under the heading of 'Transforming Communities'.

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