

WHAT IS IRISH AID?



DID YOU KNOW?
Irish Aid is the Irish Government's programme for overseas development? Irish Aid works to fight poverty and hunger in over 80 of the world's least – developed countries. Irish Aid also work closely with the Governments of nine partner countries – 7 in Africa and 2 in Asia, so that those countries can develop and grow, and get better schools, hospitals and food.



Illustration: Steve Simpson

CAN YOU MAKE A LIST OF IRELAND'S PARTNER COUNTRIES?

Here are the names of Irish Aid's 9 countries, but the letters have been jumbled up! Can you put the letters in the right order and find the countries on the map?

1. ipioahE
2. bmaaiZ
3. euqzoMbami
4. aadngU
5. aawiLM
6. erSira oLnee
7. znaiaTna
8. oothseL
9. etminaV

One in every five people in the world is living in poverty. Many of these people live on less than 90 cents a day. In our world of 7 billion people, over 1 billion go hungry every day.

The poorest people in the world live in sub-Saharan Africa and in some parts of Asia.

You or your family probably give money to charities which help people in poor countries, but did you know that the Government also gives aid on behalf of all of the people of Ireland through a programme called Irish Aid? Irish Aid helps many of the poorest countries in the world to fight poverty. These countries are sometimes called developing countries.

Irish Aid works with governments and communities in developing countries to build hospitals and schools and have

better agriculture so that poor people in these countries can improve their lives. This sort of help is known as development aid.

We can all be proud because our overseas aid programme is rated as one of the best in the world. Ireland is now known as a world leader in the fight against hunger and poverty.

OUR PARTNERS

Through Irish Aid, Ireland has special partnerships with nine countries. Eight of our partner countries are in Africa and one is in Asia. This means we work with the governments and communities in these countries to fight poverty and improve the lives of the people there. Take a look at the map. Can you see Ireland's partner countries?



Scola Soloman in Malawi helps carry water to her family's maize crop. Millions of children go hungry every day. Irish Aid help farming families in poor countries to grow more crops so they can have a better life.

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