

# Annual Report 2022



18-year-old Elina  
with her son Lucky,  
Rwanda

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# Dear friends



I'm pleased to be writing this introduction as your new Bishop President, having taken on the responsibility as Chair of the Board from Bishop Toal a few months ago.

It will be a great honour to serve SCIAF and this inspirational arm of the Church as it continues its mission in the world.

But this is not the only change to SCIAF's management this year – our Chief Executive, Alistair Dutton, was recently elected as Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, the umbrella organisation that oversees the Catholic Church's global humanitarian and development work. Being elected to such a prestigious role is testament to the dynamism and effectiveness of SCIAF, and I am sincerely grateful to both Alistair and Bishop Toal for their care and stewardship of the charity over their respective tenures.

Reflecting on my first months as Bishop President, I have – most of all – been blown away and deeply moved by the lengths you go to support our work. Despite rising costs and challenges at home, you have continued to dig deep and make big sacrifices in your lives to provide SCIAF with your heartfelt prayers, selfless donations, and precious voluntary time. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

In 2022, we have been pleased to continue deepening our impact in our long-term focus countries, implementing complex projects in the most challenging places, and ensuring the most in need are reached first. Having visited drought-stricken Ethiopia earlier in the year, I can attest to this wholeheartedly. In addition, we also responded to 30 emergencies around the world, of which Ukraine was the largest. Your phenomenal donations in the wake of this conflict – alongside generous support from the Scottish Government – allowed us to quickly translate your love into real, on-the-ground assistance for the most vulnerable.

The past year has also seen us cement our position as leaders in the field of 'Loss and Damage'. Increasingly, policy experts, development professionals and media organisations are seeking our input and viewing our Loss and Damage work as international best practice.

Together, we're helping change lives, enabling people to overcome their daily struggles, and breaking the structures – such as Loss and Damage – that keep them poor. Thank you for putting your faith into action, and for doing everything you do.

May you have a blessed year ahead.

*+ Brian McGee*

**Bishop Brian McGee**  
Bishop President of SCIAF  
Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

# In 2022 you helped

**1,070,060 people** to have a brighter future – 53% were women and girls!



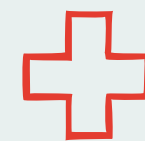
**512,486 people** received an education or skills training



**769,801 people** now grow more food and earn more money to support themselves and their families



**285,833 people** received emergency relief when disaster struck



**655,798 people** now have better access to clean water for drinking, washing and irrigation systems to help their crops grow



**7,696 people** with disabilities were offered a hand-up out of poverty



**We supported 30 emergency responses in 16 countries**



**We spent over £6 million on 101 projects, alongside 68 partners, in 26 countries**



**499,178 people** now benefit from safer communities, and can influence the decisions that affect them most



**256,289 people** were made aware of gender inequality in their communities, helping women and girls raise their voices and tackle the issues that keep them poor



Playing with water, Malawi

# Rebuilding lives in DR Congo

# Leading on Loss and Damage



Centre Olame, DR Congo

Thanks to your generous donations to our WEE BOX appeal in 2020, and match funding from the UK government, we are continuing to support thousands of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in the Democratic Republic of Congo. With expert local partners, we are providing women and girls with access to critical healthcare, legal counsel, skills training and loans so they can rebuild their lives. And we've been working in the wider community to challenge gender inequality in the longer term.



Over the first two years of the project, your help has meant:

More than **6,000** survivors supported

Income increased for **94%** of those in savings groups

More than **1,695** survivors received medical care

**195** children of survivors gained citizenship through birth certificates

**900** survivors organised into 45 savings and loans groups

**1,695** survivors received medical care

**457** community professionals trained in SGBV prevention

**30 boys** and **60 girls** trained on rights, leadership and positive masculinity

**16 days** of community activism against SGBV

Antenatal and post-natal care provided for **328** children

Our Loss and Damage programme in Malawi concluded in 2022, helping more than 85,000 people rebuild their lives after climate change had ripped them apart. Funded by the Scottish Government, this first-of-its-kind work has given us great insight into how these types of programmes can best support the needs of communities now and in the future, as well as helping establish SCIAF and our partners as international experts in this field.



This innovative Loss and Damage work has received recognition on the international stage and repeated interest from media outlets, including the BBC who visited the programme in Malawi in January 2022. This is wonderful for the people we serve, shining a light on one of the most important issues of our times and encouraging global action. Read more about our Loss and Damage advocacy and campaigning work on pages 28-29.



**Sustainability Award,**  
Caritas Europa Innovation Festival

Awarded for our work with partners across the world to influence governments and church leaders to champion the issue of Loss and Damage. This contributed to the major success at COP27 where a new Loss and Damage Fund was established (see pages 28-29). The prize money from this award was used to fund a partner-led conference in Malawi dedicated to Loss and Damage and how the new fund can best support those most in need.



**Best Film,**  
Third Sector Awards

One of our recent films has been nominated for shining a light on Agatha's heart-breaking story of Loss and Damage in Malawi. The film was used as part of our 2022 'Time To Pay Up' campaign which encouraged the UK government to act on Loss and Damage.



**Watch the video now, and keep your fingers crossed we scoop the award in September.**



Moses, Malawi

This project was delivered in partnership with Trocaire Malawi, CARD, CADECOM Zomba and CISONECC.

# Income 2022

Our generous supporters raised over £4.9 million to change lives around the world!

## Institutional grants £2m

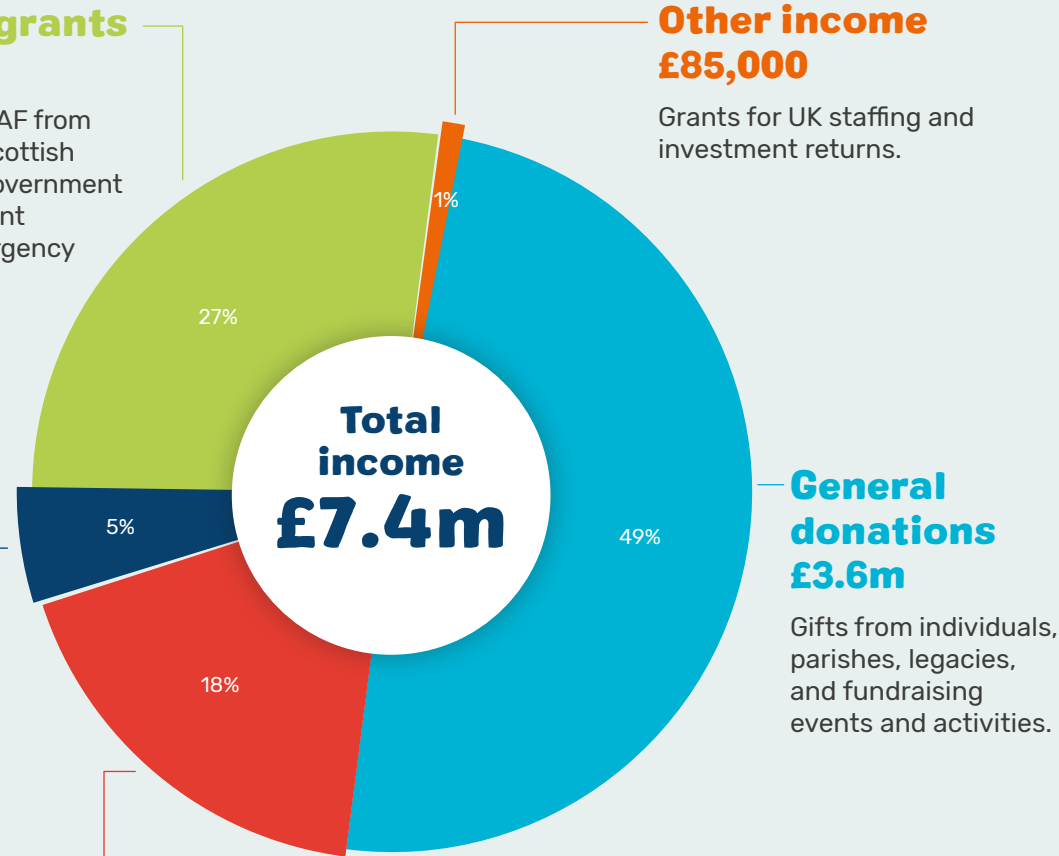
Grants awarded to SCIAF from sources such as the Scottish Government and UK government to fund our development programmes and emergency response work.

## Other income £85,000

Grants for UK staffing and investment returns.

## Gift aid £383,000

Gift aid collected on donations allows money to go further.



## Emergency appeals £1.3m

Gifts in aid of natural disasters and emergencies, including money from individuals, parishes, fundraising events and activities.

## General donations £3.6m

Gifts from individuals, parishes, legacies, and fundraising events and activities.

*Thank you!*

# Expenditure 2022

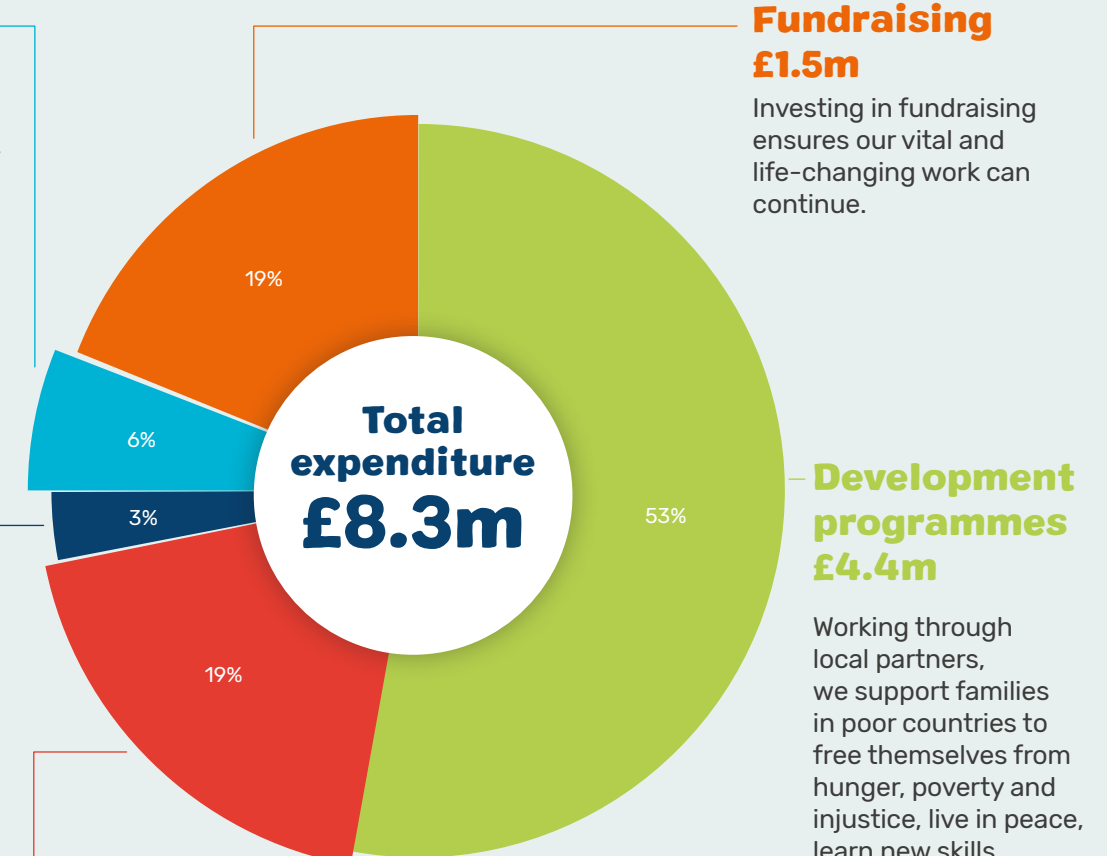
Your generous donations were used to change the lives of over 1 million people around the world, working with more than 68 international partners.

## Education in Scotland £480,000

We take seriously our mandate from the Bishops' Conference to educate and communicate about global justice and international development.

## Advocacy £277,000

We work with the Scottish public, parishes, schools and our partners to put pressure on governments to create a fairer and more peaceful world.



## Fundraising £1.5m

Investing in fundraising ensures our vital and life-changing work can continue.

## Development programmes £4.4m

Working through local partners, we support families in poor countries to free themselves from hunger, poverty and injustice, live in peace, learn new skills, and fully recover when disaster strikes.

## Emergency response £1.6m

We respond to emergencies as part of the Caritas family, providing immediate life-saving relief and long-term support, rebuilding lives and communities.

As a necessary part of delivering effective programmes, SCIAF administration support costs are directly incorporated into the areas of work outlined above.

## Trust in our work

Across all our work we place a strong emphasis on safeguarding, quality, transparency and accountability to ensure the continued safety and dignity of all we serve. As an organisation we work to recognised national and international standards, abiding by all relevant legislation and regulations. In short, we honour the trust given to us by the whole SCIAF family, and take pride in being accountable to all our stakeholders.



We consider our institutional donors important allies in our work. In 2022, we were thankful for generous support from major institutional donors, allowing us to increase the scale and scope of our work.





Stung Treng, Cambodia



# Sign up for our free monthly prayer resource!

**Spending time in prayer is a powerful way of standing in solidarity with people living in some of the poorest parts of the world.**

To help guide your prayers for our sisters and brothers overseas, you can sign up to SCIAF's monthly prayer resource today.

Each edition focuses on a different issue or one of the countries SCIAF works in, providing prayers, reflections and stories to keep you inspired.

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