

HOW WILL THE PROJECT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The Diocesan appeal for the Mothers' Union project in Burundi will give more than 2,500 women the tools to change their living situations, enabling them to:

- Set up their own business
- Diversify and grow different crops, with higher yields
- Improve family life and relationships
- Improve gender equality in communities

“My husband is happy with all my efforts, my contribution in family income is very appreciated on his part and we live in harmony.”

Anne Marie, 39 year old from Makombe who took part in a similar project in 2020.

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THE MARY SUMNER PRAYER

All this day, O Lord,
Let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch,
Do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the words I speak
the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

Amen

Some photographs taken from the Mothers' Union web site

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THE 2022 BLACKBURN DIOCESE HARVEST APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Diocesan Harvest Appeal. This year we are asking our Diocesan family of churches, schools and academies to make a difference to the lives of women, and their families, in Burundi.

We will be supporting the work of the Mothers' Union, a worldwide Christian charity, through their Literacy and Numeracy Project which aims to lift **2,500 people out of poverty** over the next two years. As one of the poorest countries on earth, with the majority of people living on less than £1.50 a day, by giving what you can today, together we can make a significant difference to the lives of our people in Burundi who are in desperate need.



ABOUT THE MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union is a Christian charity which helps families worldwide. Recently celebrating its 145th birthday, the charity was set up by Mary Sumner in 1876. She wanted to find a way mothers of all social classes could meet together and celebrate the importance of motherhood and share ideas.



Today, the charity has over 4 million members worldwide across 80 countries. Groups continue to operate at grassroots level but also nationally and internationally. The Mothers' Union continues to make a difference to the lives of mothers today through its campaigning and project work focused on reducing poverty, combatting violence and encouraging fairness and gender equality.

Find out more: mothersunion.org

THE MOTHERS' UNION LITERACY & NUMERACY PROJECT

Nearly 6,000 miles away from the UK, Burundi, situated near the great Lakes in East Africa, is one of the poorest countries in the world.

With a population of around 12 million, 71% live in poverty on less than £1.50 a day.

Women in particular are very poor; nearly half are illiterate and have had no financial education so they can't read, write or understand maths. They are prevented from reaching their potential and fulfilling their dreams.

In Burundi 92% of people work in agriculture harvesting crops such as sweet potatoes, bananas, cassava and peanuts. There is a good climate but due to the lack of education, the land isn't being used to its full potential.



THE PROJECT FOCUS

The Mothers' Union is raising money to fund a two year project which aims to support 2,500 women by providing adult literacy, savings, business and agricultural skills. Alongside gender training, with the aim of giving women the tools to change their situations; to lift themselves, and their families, out of a cycle of poverty.

Money raised will pay for project training specialist volunteers - often working church leaders who already have the trust of the community - to visit different communities twice weekly across three regions and teach valuable literacy and numeracy skills.

This will enable women to progress and understand new concepts such as how to start a business, different agricultural techniques and crop diversification. Once adopted, women will eventually be able to increase their household income.

Through improved education, they will also benefit from a better understanding of hygiene practices and nutrition - benefiting the whole community.



Did you know?

Enabling women to diversify into peanut butter production will increase the amount of money they can make from the peanut crop whilst also providing a nutritious food which is good for everyone, especially growing children!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”