

One World Partnership

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BEING A ONE WORLD PARTNER COUNTS

Welcome to the Winter edition of the One World Partner newsletter. Being a One World Partner means partnering with Caritas as we work with local communities to overcome poverty and promote justice, peace and development. Your support is central to what we do. Regular giving reduces administrative costs (which we keep lower than most similar agencies). It also helps us to budget funds for the work we do with vulnerable communities around the world and here in Aotearoa New Zealand. Thank you very much for standing with us.

OVERCOMING COVID-19

While we continue to see the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic around the world, our relationships with our partners on the ground, together with your continued support has allowed us to continue in our efforts in supporting those in need, particularly in hard-hit regions in India, Nepal and PNG who are facing new waves of Covid.

Caritas continues to providing funding through its Pandemic Relief Fund to support the "on the ground" work by our partners in communication about the pandemic, raising awareness, providing resources such as food, water and beds and distributing life-saving supplies such as soap and hand sanitiser.

Watch the You tube video showing what Caritas is doing to help combat Covid-19 overseas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8TOdoHfXuw&t=159s>



Caritas continues to receive donations to our Pandemic fund <https://caritas.org.nz/donate>

LEAVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Having an up-to-date Will is a way to remember and provide for your family and friends. It also gives you peace of mind, knowing that you have made provision for them. A Will allows you to steward what you have in a way that reflects your own values and beliefs. Including a gift in your Will to Caritas will carry forth a legacy of compassion while helping poor and vulnerable communities around the world.

Programmes benefiting women and children in places such as Solomon Islands, Tonga, Kiribati, Fiji, Timor Leste, Cambodia, Tonga and Palestine have been significantly supported by the generous bequest of a Caritas donor.

We ask that you consider preparing or updating your Will to include Caritas. Please contact us for further information and do let us know if you intend to leave a legacy to our work of hope.

For more information visit <https://caritas.org.nz/get-involved/leave-legacy>



A PATH TO HEALING IN THE HOLY LAND

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has provided \$10,000 to the work of Caritas Jerusalem as it supports families in Gaza who are in desperate need following the recent intense aerial bombardment.

"In November 2019 I travelled to the Holy land and saw first-hand the plight of the people, especially the women and children. Based on my experience of Gaza I understand something of the trauma, dislocation and panic that people must be going through at the moment. They are unable to escape. We are standing with our sister organisation, Caritas Jerusalem, as they try to help people in great and urgent need in Gaza" said Julianne Hickey, Director of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

"We are praying for the people we met in Gaza. I think particularly of the staff of Caritas Jerusalem working in Gaza; the doctor who told me yesterday that 'people are living under intolerable and terrible attacks. In Gaza the infrastructure, the roads, the governmental facilities, and many civilian homes have been destroyed'; or the young social media manager who said 'they targeted buildings, roads, and vehicles and no one can move out or do anything. Moving around at this time is very dangerous.'"

In Gaza, at least 217 Palestinians have been killed, including 63 children, and about 1,400 wounded since fighting began last week. The victims include a mother and four of her children, who were killed in an airstrike on residential buildings in the Al Shati Refugee camp, close to the Caritas clinic, which is currently closed. Due to repeated attacks on civilians and infrastructure, Caritas had to close the clinic because of the high risk of collateral damage. The shelling also destroyed large sections of main roads, preventing ambulances from transporting the wounded to hospitals.

NZ GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2021

Caritas welcomed the government's increase in welfare benefits to help vulnerable households who are struggling in the post Covid world. Caritas also wanted to see greater support for the working poor.

Given the very low interest rates the government had an opportunity to make a step change in meeting what is estimated to be a \$100billion infrastructure deficit that has accumulated over the last couple of decades. Again we saw small steps in the right direction but much more is required.

"We warmly welcome the increased investment in Māori and Pasifika housing. However, we would also like to have seen the government's detailed plan for skills development, retraining, and immigration reform. This is particularly important for groups disproportionately impacted by Covid – women, Māori, Pasifika and young workers. Even when funding is provided, we still need the necessary skilled labour, land and building consents to rapidly deliver house construction on a large scale. That needs to happen as soon as possible. The poor can't wait" said Julianne Hickey.

Your regular commitment as a One World Partner enables us to continue with emergency response work around the world. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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