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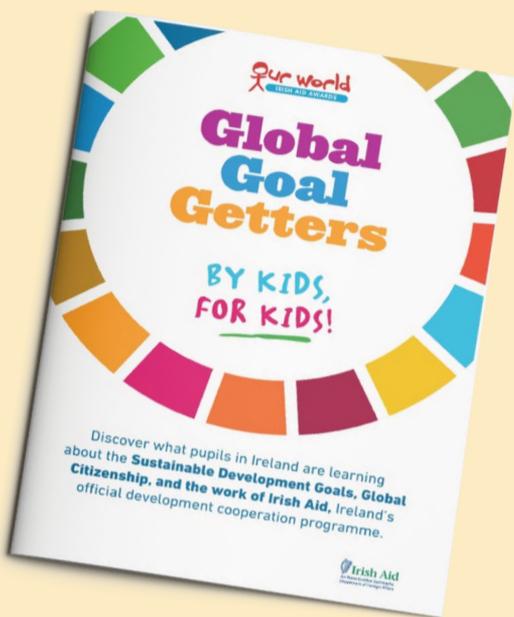
In 2015, the United Nations agreed a plan to solve our most serious global problems, such as inequality, injustice, poverty, hunger and climate change. This plan is known as the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development.

In this magazine for primary pupils, you will find out about Irish Aid, the Irish Government's overseas development cooperation programme. Irish Aid works with the United Nations, with other governments, non-governmental organisations like Concern Worldwide, and communities to achieve the Global Goals.

The theme for this year's Our World Irish Aid Awards is **Equality for All**

... because every human being should be included and treated fairly and equally so that we can all build a better world for our families.

Be inspired by the stories and activities in this magazine, create your own magazine content and send it to us to be in with a chance to be included in one of our *Global Goal Getters online magazines, by kids, for kids* (see back cover for entry details).



Sean Fleming, Minister for International Development and Diaspora

Hi Everyone!

My name is Sean Fleming, and I'm Ireland's Minister for International Development and Diaspora. That means that I am the member of the Government whose job it is to make sure that Ireland does everything it can to end world hunger and poverty, tackle climate change and make sure everyone in our world has equal access to education, clean water and healthcare. We do all this work through a government programme called Irish Aid.

This year, you are going to learn about Irish Aid and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – the SDGs are sometimes also called the Global Goals.

Our theme for this year's Awards is 'Equality for All', and the case study is about an Irish Aid funded programme which supports families in Malawi, in East Africa, to move out of poverty. This programme is an example of Irish Aid's work with a non-governmental organisation - Concern Worldwide - and communities to make sure that everyone in our world is included and treated fairly or equally so that they can build a better life for their families.

I want to say a special thank you to your teachers – we couldn't run the Awards without their hard-work and commitment.

By participating in the 2023 Our World Irish Aid Awards, we hope that you will learn a lot about the work being done on behalf of the people of Ireland around our world – let's all come together to make our world an equal and better place for all.

Sean Fleming

WHAT IS IRISH AID?

Irish Aid is the Irish Government's overseas development cooperation programme which works to fight world hunger and poverty on behalf of the people of Ireland. Irish Aid works with governments, international agencies, non-governmental organisations and communities, to help make sure that everyone in our world is included and treated fairly or equally, so that we can all build a better world for our families. The top ten countries to benefit from Irish Aid funding (money) in 2021 were Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Syrian Arab Republic, South Sudan, and Yemen.

Irish Aid gives funding to Non-Governmental Organisations (sometimes called NGOs) and other organisations, including UN agencies, the Red Cross, Concern Worldwide, and many others, to fight hunger, poverty and climate change to make our world an equal place for all.

Irish Aid works in over 80 countries to create jobs and support businesses, grow more food, protect the environment, and build schools and hospitals. This is called **development cooperation**.

When disasters strike, Ireland immediately sends help, like medicine, tents and food supplies, to people suffering because of war, floods, extreme weather events, and health related challenges, such as COVID-19. This is called **humanitarian assistance**.

BE PROUD – IRELAND'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAMME IS RANKED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD!

DID YOU KNOW...

Ireland has a strategy, or plan, for its overseas development cooperation work, called **A Better World**. This plan commits Ireland to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, to reach the people who are furthest behind and ensure Equality for All.

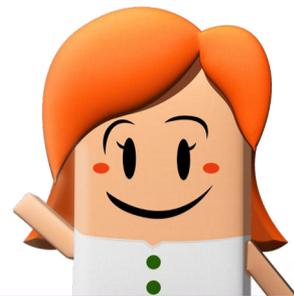
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EQUALITY FOR ALL

The theme for the 2023 Our World Irish Aid Awards is **Equality for All** because every human being should be included and treated fairly and equally, so that we can all build a better world for our families.



I raise up my voice – not so I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.



– Malala Yousafzai, quote from her speech to the United Nations Youth Assembly, 12 July 2013.

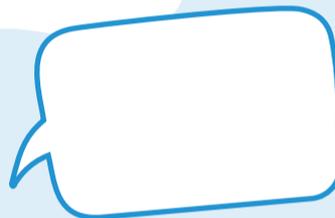
Malala was born in the Swat Valley in Pakistan, in 1997. As a girl living under Taliban rule (a militant Islamic group), Malala's basic right to education was threatened. Malala knew that globally girls/women suffer great inequalities and that this affects everyone, regardless of gender. Educated girls are more likely to get better paying jobs which means that they can better support their families, and they are more active in their communities. This is why Malala became an activist, raising awareness about the need to solve the global problem of gender inequality and build a better world where all children can learn without fear.



Malala speaks out on the unequal treatment of girls. But people can be treated unfairly for any number of reasons - because of our background, where we live, what we look like, what we think or what we believe, how much money we have, our abilities etc.

Can you think of examples where people are excluded, treated unfairly or unequally in our world? Which of these inequalities do/ would you raise your voice about?

Write your ideas in the 3 speech bubbles to the right of the megaphone. Then, in the picture frame, draw yourself holding the megaphone.



Malala uses her voice to raise the awareness of governments and international organisations, like the United Nations, because these are the groups with the power to do something about the global problem of gender inequality.

Who needs to listen to your ideas and take action to solve the problems you named in your megaphone speech bubbles?

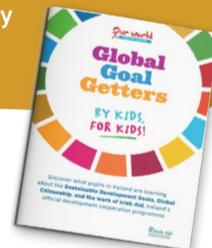
Make a note of these people or groups beside the picture of the ear below.



Four horizontal lines for writing notes.



Make sure to send us your finished Equality for All work. You never know, you might be published in one of the 2023 *Global Goal Getters* online magazines and your ideas will be heard far and wide. See back cover for entry details.



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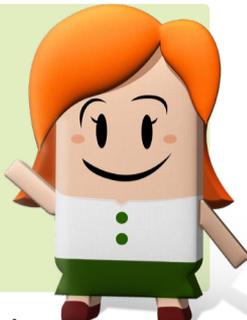


THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The United Nations is an organisation (like a big club), made up of 193 countries, including Ireland. In 2015, the United Nations agreed on a plan to work on what they saw as the most important problems facing our world, like inequality, injustice, poverty, hunger and climate change. This plan is called the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Each of the 17 Global Goals has a list of actions to be undertaken by all United Nations countries up to the year 2030.

Do any of the 17 Global Goals match the inequalities you wrote in your megaphone speech bubbles on page 3?

Why not add one of the inequalities you wrote about by designing your own Global Goal?



Write the number beside the text of each Global Goal (below left) on the correct logo for that Goal (below right):

To help you, we've already done this for Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

- 1. End poverty
- 2. End hunger
- 3. Make sure everyone can live healthy lives
- 4. Make sure everyone gets a good education
- 5. Make sure that women and girls get the same chances as men and boys
- 6. Make sure that everyone has access to clean water and proper toilets
- 7. Make sure that everyone has enough heat, light, and power without damaging the environment
- 8. Help countries to develop and provide good jobs in a way that benefits everyone
- 9. Build schools, hospitals, and roads, and promote businesses and industries that make all people's lives better
- 10. Make sure that everyone is treated fairly, and that countries treat each other fairly
- 11. Make cities environmentally friendly and safe communities, where all people can live well
- 12. Make sure we don't buy too many things so that we do not use up the earth's scarce resources
- 13. Act now to fight climate change
- 14. Look after the life in our oceans and seas
- 15. Look after forests, animals, and the earth itself
- 16. Work for peace and justice inside and between countries
- 17. Countries will work together as partners to achieve the Global Goals and make the world a better place for everyone



EQUALITY =

Two of the Global Goal logos (above right) include the sign, Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and one other. Can you see it? Goal Why do you think the sign is in the logos for these two Goals?

Equality is about including **all people** and treating **everyone** fairly. Look at the text of the 17 Global Goals (above left).

List the Global Goals in which the following words appear:

'**everyone**' = Goal , Goal , Goal , Goal , Goal 10, Goal

'**all people**' = Goal , Goal

There are 7 Goals that don't have the sign, and/or don't include the words 'everyone' or 'all people'. Can you link these 7 Goals to the idea of equality for all?

What did this activity tell you about the importance of the 17 Global Goals for making Equality for All happen?

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IRISH AID: COUNTRIES IN FOCUS

Read about some of the countries where Irish Aid works for Equality for All (below). Then, test your knowledge and compete against the clock by playing our updated Global Goals Spinner game, available on our website in the Kid's Zone: globalspinner.ourworldirishaidawards.ie/#/game/title

ETHIOPIA



Location: East Africa
Capital city: Addis Ababa
Population: 120.8 million

Working with the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia, Irish Aid gave money for the vaccination of 15 million children against measles.

Fact: Ruth Negga is an actor who was born in Addis Ababa and raised in Limerick. In 2016, she was nominated for an Oscar for her role in *Loving*, a movie about a couple who won the court case that ended the ban on marriages between people of different colour in the United States.



SIERRA LEONE



Location: West Africa
Capital city: Freetown
Population: 8.3 million

Sierra Leone is badly affected by climate change. In 2021, Ireland supported small farmers to learn about climate smart farming.

Fact: Sierra Leone is known as the 'little jewel' of West Africa because the people there come from many different cultures, religions and nationalities.



ZAMBIA



Location: Southern Africa
Capital city: Lusaka
Population: 19.5 million

In 2021, Ireland helped women in Zambia to keep their land, stop deforestation and use sustainable methods to harvest honey and mushrooms.

Fact: The currency (system of money) in Zambia is called the Kwacha.



MALAWI



Location: Southeast Africa
Capital city: Lilongwe
Population: 20.2 million

Between 2017-2021, Irish Aid gave money to Concern Worldwide (a non-governmental organisation) to support families in Malawi to move out of poverty. For more information on this programme see pages 6-7.

Fact: Malawi is nicknamed the 'Warm Heart of Africa' because of the friendliness of its people.




VIETNAM



Location: Southeast Asia
Capital city: Hanoi
Population: 99 million

In 2020, because of climate change, central areas of Vietnam were hit by typhoons (strong tropical storms) and flooding. The following year, Ireland supported 15 affected communities, rebuilding schools so that children could go back to education.

Fact: The biggest festival in Vietnam is called Tết Nguyên Đán (Tết for short). This 3-day long festival celebrates the arrival of spring based on the lunar calendar. During Tết people often decorate their homes with Dua Hau (watermelons) because red is considered a lucky colour.



MOZAMBIQUE



Location: Southeast Africa
Capital city: Maputo
Population: 33.1 million

Irish Aid provided funding for women in Manhure Village in the Niassa reserve (park) to teach 18 women and 2 men how to crochet toys of the local wildlife. They use the money from selling these toys to buy food for their families.

Fact: Gorongosa National Park, in central Mozambique, is one of the richest wildlife reserves in our world.



UGANDA



Location: East Africa
Capital city: Kampala
Population: 48.4 million

In 2021, Ireland donated 335,000 COVID-19 vaccines to Uganda, our first donation of vaccines to an African country. These vaccines were given to those most at risk, including elderly people and hospital workers.

Fact: Uganda is one of only thirteen countries in our world that is crossed by the equator – the imaginary line that cuts earth into the northern and southern hemispheres.



TANZANIA



Location: East Africa
Capital city: Dodoma
Population: 63.3 million

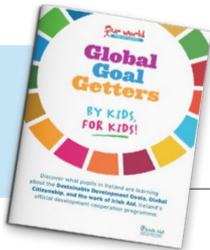
Irish Aid gave money for a climate smart agriculture project in the Dodoma region in Tanzania. This project set up a market for participating farmers so that they could sell their sorghum crop (sorghum is also known as millet, it is turned into flour and used in bread, cakes etc).

Fact: Although Swahili and English are the two official languages, over 120 languages are used throughout Tanzania reflecting the many ethnic groups in the country.



Population data is from the UNFPA. Stories of Irish Aid supported progress are from Irish Aid's 2020 annual report, available www.irishaid.ie.

Why not be inspired by the country fact files on this page? Send us fact files for some/all of the top ten countries to receive Irish Aid funding in 2021 (see page 2). You never know, you might be published in one of the 2023 **Global Goal Getters** online magazines. See back cover for entry details.



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SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN MALAWI TO MOVE OUT OF POVERTY: CASE STUDY



Nsanje district

Equality is not always about treating everyone the same – it is about including everyone, treating all people fairly so that the outcome for each person can be the same. This can mean putting supports in place for people who are somehow at a **disadvantage**.

Between 2017–2021, **Irish Aid** provided **funding** to **Concern Worldwide** to tackle exclusion and inequality by supporting families in Malawi to move out of **poverty**, helping them to access **income support** and **capital transfers**, earn a better living and save for their future. This initiative is called the *Tiwoloke* programme. In Chichewa, an official language in Malawi, this means ‘let’s cross’.



Mary Joseph serving a customer. © Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide

TRICKY WORDS/TERMS

Work with a friend to match the tricky words/phrases, in bold on this page with the correct definition.

To help you, we’ve already done two. If you get stuck, check how these words are used in Mary Joseph’s story.

	TRICKY WORDS		DEFINITIONS
1	disadvantage	A	money from a government or organisation, usually for specific work
2	Irish Aid	B	regular payment of money to people with no or very low wages/incomes
3	funding	C	circumstances that mean that there are less chances for success
4	Concern Worldwide	D	a once-off sum of money for starting or growing a business
5	poverty	E	when someone doesn’t have enough to meet their basic needs for food, water, education and healthcare
6	income support	F	the Irish Government’s overseas development cooperation programme
7	capital transfer	G	an Irish non-governmental organisation (or charity) working in Malawi and elsewhere, which works to improve gender equality and supports people to move out of poverty

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	F		G			

Answers = bottom of page 7.

MARY JOSEPH’S STORY

Mary Joseph lives in a village in the Nsanje district in southern Malawi. Can you see the Nsanje district on the map of Malawi?

Mary Joseph and her husband, Joseph Jupiter, have two sons, a 5-year-old, and an 8-month-old.

The family used to find life a struggle. They were disadvantaged and living in poverty.

“It was hard to find soap, clothes and food. And the house we were in was not fit for living because it was grass thatched.”

In 2018, Mary Joseph joined Concern Worldwide’s *Tiwoloke* programme, which meant that the family received income support of 15,000 Kwacha (€15) per month for a year.

“We used the money to start a business of selling groceries and maize [corn]. And the proceeds from the business helped us to buy food and iron roofing sheets.”



Mary Joseph and her youngest son. © Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide

As part of the *Tiwoloke* programme, Mary Joseph took part in business training. This helped her to make better business decisions. For example, the maize she sold in her shop had to be bought and transported from a market 20 kilometres away, but after several months Mary Joseph realised that:

“there was an increased supply of maize...which led to low prices. Sometimes maize was bought at 1,000 Kwacha [95 cents] and sold at 800 Kwacha [76 cents]... We were able to understand that selling groceries was more profitable. So, we stopped selling maize to focus on the grocery business.”

Mary Joseph really enjoyed the part of the business course where she learned how to look after her customers properly, to treat them warmly and with respect. The shop began to attract more customers and the business grew.

Concern’s *Tiwoloke* staff helped Mary Joseph to develop a plan to expand her business even more. Once this plan was approved, she got a capital transfer of 96,000 Kwacha (€92) which she used to build a bigger shop and buy produce like salt, sugar, biscuits, soft drinks, juices and spices to sell. The family also bought a bicycle, which they use to bring groceries to the shop. They were also able to buy timber and some cement to build a better house.

Mary Joseph keeps hens, ducks, guinea fowl and pigeons and sells their eggs in the shop. But life isn’t always easy. The family bought five goats, but two got sick and died. In March 2019, central and southern Malawi was hit by Cyclone Idai, with strong winds and heavy rain damaging houses and forcing people to leave their homes. Restrictions on the movement of people because of COVID-19 were especially hard on farmers and people who needed to travel for business. Fortunately, families involved in the *Tiwoloke* programme were better able to cope with these shocks.

Monthly profits from Mary Joseph’s shop are usually around 14,000 Kwacha (€13.40). All families in the *Tiwoloke* programme are encouraged to join a Village Savings and Loans Group. Mary Joseph’s family save any money they have left after buying produce for the shop.



The family bicycle outside the new house. © Chris Gagnon/Concern Worldwide

Mary Joseph has dreams for the future. With their savings, the family bought a small plot of land and 4kgs of bean seed. The plan is to grow these beans for sale in the shop. Eventually, Mary Joseph hopes to buy enough cement to finish plastering the inside of their new house.



CURRENCY (SYSTEM OF MONEY)

The currency we use in Ireland and throughout the European Union is called the Euro. As you’ve probably guessed, in Malawi, the name of the currency is Kwacha. Now try either (A) or (B).

(A) One of the following countries also uses the Kwacha: Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Vietnam, Mozambique, Uganda, Tanzania. Which one is it? Tip: check page 5.

OR

(B) Mary Joseph’s bicycle cost 25,000 Kwacha. If 1,000 Kwacha = 0.96 cent, how much did Mary Joseph’s bicycle cost in Euro?

Tip: You can use a calculator.

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Answers = bottom of page 7.

Now that you have read about Mary Joseph and her family, do you think that *Tiwoloke* (‘let’s cross’) is a good name for this Irish Aid funded programme? Give one reason for your answer.



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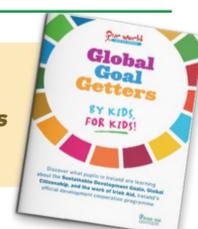
Answers:

Tricky words/terms: 1 = c 2 = f 3 = a 4 = g 5 = e 6 = b 7 = d Currency: (A) = €24.00 (B) = Zambia

Mary Joseph dreams of a better life for her family. What are your dreams for the future?



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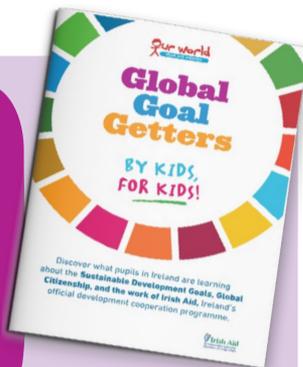
HOW TO ENTER

Be inspired by the 2023 Our World Irish Aid Awards theme (Equality for All), Irish Aid's work in different countries in our world and/or the Global Goals. Come up with creative ways of showing what you have learned or telling us about actions you have taken. Send your work to us and be in with a chance to feature in our **2023 Global Goal Getters online magazines, by kids, for kids.**



TIP

Check out the fantastic entries featured in the last year's **Global Goal Getters**: ourworldirishaidawards.ie/global-goals-archive/



IT'S EASY-PEASY, LEMON SQUEEZY!

You can work alone, with one friend, in a small group or with your class to create and enter one, or more, of the following:

- Advertisement
- Article
- Audio recording
- Crossword puzzles or word searches
- Drawing/painting/collage (for example, inspired by Mary Joseph's case study on pages 6-7)
- Fact files of countries where Irish Aid works (see page 5 for inspiration)
- Interview
- Music video
- Performance (rap, song, drama)
- Poster
- Photograph
- Poem or short story
- Quiz

Tá ár n-irisí le fáil i nGaeilge do mhuintir na Gaeilge!

OR SOMETHING ELSE...IT'S UP TO YOU!

EVERYONE WHO ENTERS

will get a certificate of participation. Selected entries will feature in one of the **Global Goal Getters** magazines on the Awards website. The overall best entries will appear in our **Global Goal Getters** Annual in June 2023, which will be published on our website and as an insert in a national newspaper.

Finalists will be invited to our National Final in June 2023 for a day of fun and activities!



Make sure to get your entries in by the closing dates:

EARLY SUBMISSIONS CLOSING DATE:

Monday 13th February 2023

FINAL CLOSING DATE:

Friday 31st March 2023

School entries received on or before 13th February are in with a chance to win a box of sustainable art materials



NOW, IT'S TIME TO GET STARTED ...READY, STEADY, GO-AL GETTERS!

WORKSHOPS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSES!

Would your class like to learn even more about the work of Irish Aid and the Global Goals?

Fun, interactive workshops for 3rd-6th class are available face to face in the Irish Aid Centre in Clonmel Street in Dublin's city centre and live online. Those attending in person will play a giant Global Goals board game and try out our djembe drums too! Workshops are curriculum linked.

Please use the booking link or QR code to book in so we can support your work for the Our World Irish Aid Awards.



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