

Together we're **POWERFUL**

Harvest Factsheet

All you and your church need to know about the project you're supporting this Harvest.

Stand together with Aster this Harvest

Aster is a powerful woman. She lives in a village in rural Ethiopia.

Like many women in the global South, Aster can no longer rely solely on farming for an income. A changing and uncertain climate has meant drought and deforestation.

But Aster won't give up. She's standing together with her sisters and claiming a better future. You can stand with her too. This Harvest, will your church hold a collection, pray and speak out against climate change?

Thanks to EU match funding every euro or pound your church donates this Harvest will be worth 5 times more!



Aster used to carry firewood for hours every day before joining her women's group.

Women mean business

The project you're supporting this Harvest brings women like Aster together in community groups. Aster has opened a solar-powered shop with women in her village. She sells essentials such as water and soap.

This means Aster has access to money for school books and medical care for her children. Her husband is full of respect.

But Aster didn't always feel so strong. She used to walk miles every day collecting firewood. She faced an uncertain future.



Clean, sustainable energy at the solar shop means a reliable income for Aster and her sisters.

Thanks to you standing by her side, Aster has hope. She says: 'Before this project, any issue I faced, I had to solve alone. But coming together as a women's group, I got 17 sisters; another family.'

Your **€51** **£45** multiplied to **€255** **£225**

can train five women on starting up a business, learning leadership skills and saving for the future

Your **€85** **£75** multiplied to **€425** **£375**

can train five groups of women in using solar power to grow their businesses

Power at home

Agar, Aster's 11-year-old daughter, has more power now, too. There's never been electricity in this village before, so Agar had no light to do her homework. A new solar lamp has transformed her life. Agar is now thriving at school, and has big ambitions.

'Before, we used firewood so there was smoke affecting us. Now we are able to do our homework at any time and there is no problem with our eyes. I want to be a teacher and teach maths.'



Agar loves reading at home with her new solar lamp.

Your **€182**
£160 multiplied to **€910**
£800

can give 50 women solar lamps for their homes, helping their children do their homework

Your **€228**
£200 multiplied to **€1,140**
£1,000

can give five women solar power for their entire home, freeing them from collecting firewood so often



A solar panel on Aster's house.



Breaking the Barriers

Your gift this Harvest will give women the power to change their lives in Honduras, Malawi, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia. This is part of Christian Aid's 'Breaking the Barriers' programme.

In many ways, these countries are very different, but what they all have in common is the impact that climate change is having on our vulnerable neighbours. Your support this Harvest will help more women use sustainable energy to stand against climate change and lift themselves out of poverty.



The Big Shift

Every woman should have freedom over her own life. But climate change hits women and girls most in already fragile parts of the world. As stewards of God's creation, we can and must do something about it. Will you join us in speaking out?

Christian Aid's Big Shift campaign is calling on banks to stop investing in dirty fossil fuels. HSBC, one of the world's biggest banks, is choosing to pour millions of pounds into outdated non-renewable energy.

THE BIG SHIFT

**Big banks care what the public thinks.
Together, our voice is powerful.**

You can find out more about our latest climate change campaign actions by visiting christianaid.ie/climate

Use your voice to speak out on behalf of those most affected by climate change.



One body, one global community

'There are many members, yet one body in Christ. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.'
(1 Corinthians 12:20,26)

When we stand together as one body, we are powerful. Join us in rejoicing with Aster and other powerful women like her. Please invest in them and give generously this Harvest.

Your **€513**
£450 multiplied to **€2,565**
£2,250

can train 50 women with skills to help them power ahead with their own businesses

Please send your church's generous gift to:

- **ROI:**
Christian Aid,
Canal House,
Canal Road,
Dublin 6
- **NI:**
Christian Aid,
Linden House,
96 Beechill Road,
Belfast BT8 7QN
- donate online at caid.ie/harvest
- call **(ROI) 01 496 7040 (NI) 028 9064 8133.**

Don't forget! Every €1 or £1 your church gives will be worth €5 or £5 thanks to EU match funding for our Breaking the Barriers project*.

That's five times the number of lives you can help transform this Harvest.

'As a survival tool, we pray together, us women. We live for one another. We try to solve our problems together.'

Ari, a member of a women's group in Ethiopia.



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