

# Your guide to delivering and collecting envelopes for Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May

Dear Collector,

Thank you so much for volunteering to support Christian Aid Week by collecting or delivering envelopes this May.

This guide includes some information about this year's Christian Aid Week with your collector badge and certificate of authority. Please read this document carefully.

**Please remember to take your badge and certificate with you when you volunteer for Christian Aid.** It should be worn at all times when delivering envelopes and when collecting donations on the doorstep or from any central collection points if you are taking part in a delivery-only collection. Fix it onto the upper front of your body.

All collectors must be 16 or older.

Alongside hundreds of volunteers across the UK, you raise millions and step out in love for our global neighbours in our joyful celebration of our determination to change the world. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

**Christian Aid Week Team**



Aline Nibogora with her bicycle in Makamba Province, Burundi.



# How will my collections help?

**Your collections will mean that families pushed to the brink can secure a better future.**

In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, pushing them to the edge of survival.

Aline Nibogora felt the full force of extreme poverty when an early marriage ended in abuse and violence. Separated from her six children, she was forced to sleep on the streets of Burundi. With no home, income or security, Aline was pushed to the brink of survival.

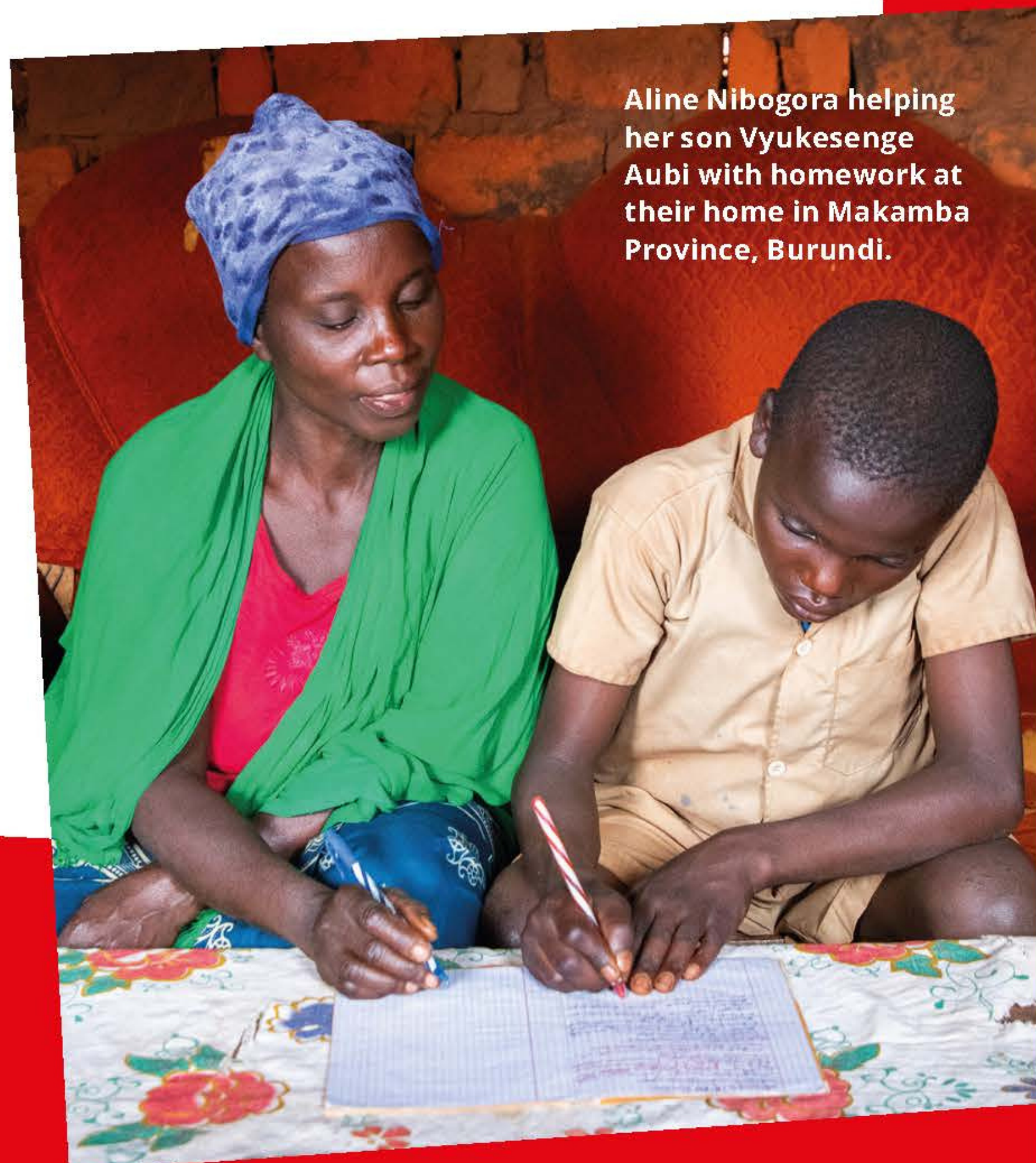
But Aline was determined to push back against the inhumanity of poverty: driven by hope, faith and the love of her children. And with a little help from Christian Aid, that's exactly what she did.

We provided vital training and support that meant Aline could nurture a small income. In time, this enabled her to buy and grow nutritious food, build a home to call her own, and return her children to her side.

Today, Aline lives peacefully on her own plot of land in a remote village in Makamba Province. She can afford food, clothes and essential healthcare for her family.

**'We pray together as we are still alive thanks to God's grace. God comforts you through troubled times and gives you hope for a better future.'** Aline Nibogora

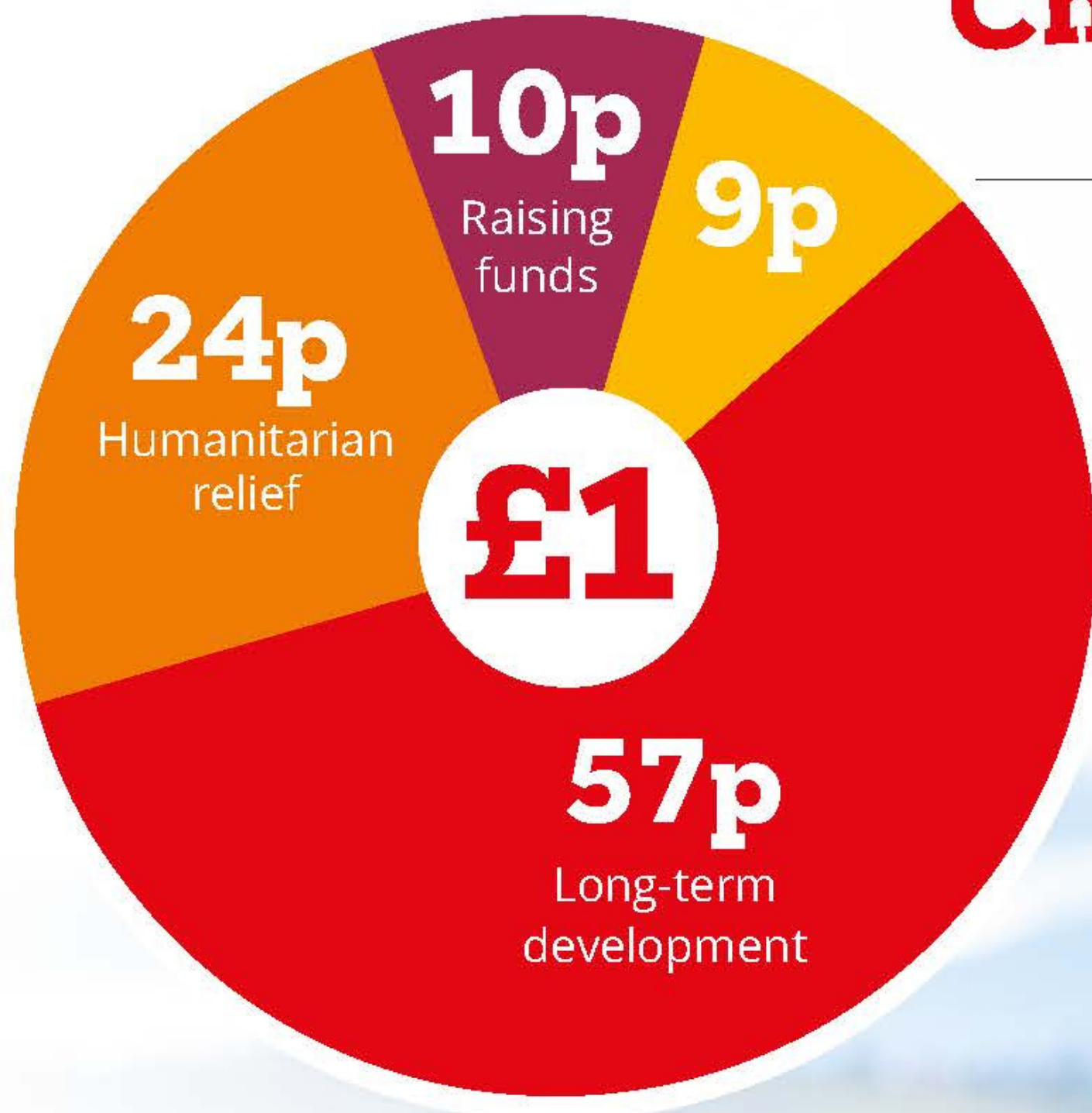
Your gift this Christian Aid Week will ensure, that like Aline, more people in Burundi get the skills and knowledge they need to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.



Aline Nibogora helping her son Vyukesenge Aubi with homework at their home in Makamba Province, Burundi.

**Thank you so much for the time and support you will generously give this May.**

# For every £1 you donate, Christian Aid Ireland spends...



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- For more than 75 years, we've worked tirelessly to end poverty worldwide.
- We work with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights to which they are entitled.
- We provide urgent, practical help in times of crisis and beyond.
- We stand with people of all faiths and none.
- We are the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland.
- Together, we hope to restore justice to our world and protect the future for our children and grandchildren.
- Every donation and every fundraising event helps us to eradicate poverty.

**Thank you.**

Aline grows beans, vegetables and corn to make nutritious meals for her children.

## New to collecting? Have a question?

You'll find answers to all your questions at [caweek.ie/collector](https://caweek.ie/collector)

# Collecting in your community

Whether you do delivery-only or collect the envelopes, your efforts this Christian Aid Week will help raise hundreds of thousands of pounds across Ireland, to support communities living in poverty around the world. House-to-house and delivery-only collections are the biggest act of Christian witness and celebration, and a wonderful way to reach out to your community and get to know your neighbours. Over the years, innovative supporters have found new ways to ask communities to support Christian Aid's fundraising. Read on to explore the best method to collect donations in your area.

## Classic house-to-house collections

- 1 Deliver the envelopes** as early in the week as you can.
- 2 Collect the envelopes**
  - Wear the attached badge prominently.
  - Call during the early evening. Please don't call at houses before 9am (Mon-Sat), 10am (Sun), or after 9pm.
  - Encourage people to fill in the Gift Aid form on their envelope to add 25% to their donation for free!
- 3** When you've finished collecting, **pass on the envelopes**, still sealed, to your Christian Aid Week organiser, along with your collector's badge.

Discover more tips and ideas at [caweek.ie/collector](http://caweek.ie/collector)

## Delivery-only collections

Delivery-only collections are a contact-free way of fundraising using our specially designed envelopes. They make fundraising easier and are useful for houses with 'no cold-calling' stickers or for streets where you struggle to get a collector. **For a successful delivery-only collection, follow these steps:**

- 1 Stamp, label or write** on your envelopes in advance of Christian Aid Week, so people know where to return them.
- 2 Deliver the envelopes** as early in the week as you can, wearing the attached badge.
- 3 If you've asked people to return envelopes directly to you, please pass these on**, still sealed, to your Christian Aid Week organiser, along with your collector's badge.

For more information about delivery only, visit [caweek.ie/DeliveryOnly](http://caweek.ie/DeliveryOnly)

# Staying safe and having fun

Safety guidelines are available online at [caweek.ie/safety](http://caweek.ie/safety). Please familiarise yourself with our advice to create a safe environment for all our volunteers and supporters. If you have any questions, please contact us using the details at [belfast@christian-aid.org](mailto:belfast@christian-aid.org)

Whether you're delivering or collecting this May, why not make it a social occasion? You could have a meal, cup of tea or informal get-together after the collection to celebrate your fundraising.

You must record the issuing and return of all materials connected with the collection, including the name and address of each collector as well as the number of collecting envelopes issued to them, or the identification number marked on the collecting box given to each collector.

## Maximise your delivery-only collection

- Make collecting social by arranging a meet-up afterwards for a cuppa or a take-away.
- Attach one of our editable delivery-only slips to your envelope and invite people to a church event. It's a great way to boost attendance at the church fair or coffee morning; encourages people to bring their donations back and helps your church connect with people locally.
- Arrange a local business to act as a drop off point for your collection.
- Do you have a church magazine or local mailing? Why not enclose an envelope and commission an article to tell people more about Christian Aid Week?

