

#pennies4plastics

Lent
2019

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Summary:

Collect coins in recyclable jars to support Waste Aid's work in the Gambia. They are currently training people in Gunjur to transform plastic waste into valuable items. **After Easter send your contribution to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, where it will be match funded and sent on to Waste Aid.**

Waste Aid wish to replicate this training in other more impoverished parts of the country. This will enable the spread of recycling knowledge and skills via their long term partner, Women's Initiative the Gambia (WIG). Funds raised will go directly to helping WIG reach remote communities, where they will train more women, youths and people with disabilities in simple recycling skills.

The spread of this knowledge will help eliminate wasted dumping and burning, create jobs and protect the environment and people's health.

The Country:

The Gambia is the country with the smallest population in Africa. It is blessed with beautiful people, beaches, wildlife, markets and of course the River Gambia itself. It is a poor country, (*over half of the population live on less than one dollar a day*) but goods and services can be expensive because there is no economy of scale.

The Problem:

With no waste management provision in the town of Gunjur, people have no option currently other than to burn or dump their waste. It is commonplace, for example, for mothers to burn plastic waste as a cooking fuel. It sets alight easily, but produces black smoke that can harm the eyes, skin and respiratory system and lead to serious health problems, especially for children.

Meanwhile, dumped waste ends up on informal dumpsites where livestock can ingest it, leading to starvation and a premature and painful death.

If plastic is thrown into riverbeds or drainage channels, it can lead to flooding which contributes to the seasonal spike in water-borne and mosquito-borne diseases. Waste Aid hope that by teaching people the dangers of mismanaging waste, and providing positive alternatives, the town of Gunjur can become an exemplar in sustainable waste management.





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The Solution:

Waste Aid are facilitating a plastics recycling programme in the Gambia. The project will capture plastic waste from the coastal town of Gunjur and turn it into useful products to stop it reaching the ocean.

A training centre for plastic waste reprocessing and sustainable waste management, is currently being built, and will be run by a local partner organisation.

Detailed training in plastics recycling has already begun. Pierre Kamsouloum is overseeing the process of converting plastic waste into paving tiles, a process he developed in his home country of Cameroon. Over the two-year programme Waste Aid hopes to create lasting national demand for these tiles that do not require any cement or water in their manufacture. The tiles are more durable than concrete and can be sold at a lower price.



Church of Ireland Support for the Project:

Waste Aid does not wish to stop at Gunjur. Another element of the project will be to train local trainers in other areas. Longstanding Waste Aid partner Women's Initiative the Gambia will be learning how to teach plastic recycling skills to impoverished communities in other parts of the country. Women, Youths and People with Disabilities will be targeted for this training. Before the partnership with Waste Aid, the work of the WIG was limited, however they have achieved so much with so few resources. With our help, think of what else they can achieve!

Isatou Ceesay: The Recycling Queen of the Gambia:



The founder of the Women's Initiative the Gambia, Isatou Ceesay, has been dubbed the Recycling Queen of the Gambia. When she was a child she used a woven bag. When it broke she started using plastic bags along with all her peers, and plastic waste grew and grew. Although she was forced to drop out of school at a young age, she became passionate about the need to reduce that growing waste. She began the One Bag Movement and trained women to recycle plastic waste in order to generate income and reduce waste. Over 17 years her projects have reduced village waste and employed hundreds of West African women. When she was told about the Church of Ireland support she was so uplifted. Knowing that people care can really transform the work.



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How to Donate:

Funds donated for **#Pennies4Plastics** will be **MATCHED** by Bishops' Appeal and the RCB before being sent to Waste Aid.

1. Donate Online: <https://store.ireland.anglican.org/donations/the-bishops-appeal>.
(Choose **#Pennies4Plastics** in the donation field)

2. Give Through Your Bank:

Lodge directly into the Bishops' Appeal account. *Please note, that in order to acknowledge receipt of your donation, it is important that you state the parish or individual name in the lodgement narrative. Please use reference **#pennies4plastics**. To double check, you can email bishopsappeal@ireland.anglican.org with the specifications.*

Euro €

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Bank: Bank of Ireland, College Green

Account Number: 49839499

Sort Code: 90-00-17

IBAN: IE31 BOFI 9000 1749 8394 99

SWIFT Code: BOFIE2D

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Account Name: The Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland, Current Account

Account Number: 13098975

Sort Code: 90-21-27

Bank Name: Bank of Ireland

Address: Belfast City Branch, BT1 2BA

3. Give By Cheque:

Send a euro or sterling cheque, payable to Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal to:

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