



Catalina Sanchez testifies during the trial of former Guatemalan military dictator Rios Montt in May 2013. Montt was on trial for genocide linked to the massacres of indigenous communities in the early 1980s. Trócaire's partners had fought for almost 30 years to prosecute Montt. Photo: Elena Hermosa



In January 2010 a massive earthquake struck Haiti, killing over 300,000 people and making 1.5 million people homeless. The disaster was the worst in the history of a country that has been ravaged by conflict and crisis. Two years after the earthquake struck, the ruins of the Cathedral in the centre of Port au Prince offered a reminder of the tragedy of that fateful morning. Photo: Eoghan Rice / Trocaire





Qersi is at a water point where young girls and children pump water out of a well and pump it into jerrycans. Long queues of jerrycans wait at the hand-pump water point. "When I carry jerry can full of water and walk to home it is tiresome for me. I can't say to my mother I don't want to fetch water because I have to do it as any other young girls of my village. It is the work I am expected to do everyday. I was born to work like this; this is why my mother has delivered me. We can't live without working like this.







A group of young friends in Barlonyo, northern Uganda, an area that is emerging from a brutal conflict. People in northern Uganda were forced to live in camps to escape fighting. Conditions in these camps were poor and the people struggled for survival. Now, with the conflict having ended, they are returning to their villages. The people of Barlonyo were the focus of the 2012 Trócaire Lenten campaign.

Photo: Alan Whelan / Trócaire










Melba Sintua in her kitchen in Cazuca, a slum outside Colombia's capital, Bogota. For 50 years Colombia has been marred by conflict between guerrilla groups and the army. Up to 4 million people have been forced from their homes. Many have resettled in urban shanty towns like Cazuca, where poverty is rife and they remain under threat. Photo: REUTERS/Eliana Aponte/Courtesy of alertnet.org





Israeli soldier searches boy's school bag in Hebron. The boy is a member of one of the few remaining Palestinian families to live in the old centre of Hebron. Palestinians who do not live in the old city are not allowed enter. Photo: Alan Whelan





Bishara Kitnige's son, only a few days old, clutches on to his mother's fingers at the Khalil hospital in Belet Xawa district, southern Somalia. Most Somali children are born in their homes and are only brought to hospital in emergency cases.

Photo: A. Gichigi





Millstreet Community school sleeps out to launch Trócaire's Lenten Campaign. Transition year students from Millstreet Community School, Cork, launched Trocaire's Lenten campaign on 5th March 2014 by spending the night under the stars outside St Patrick's Church in Millstreet, in a sponsored sleep out to raise funds for the overseas aid charity. The students braved the elements overnight and followed this with a 24 hour fast. Millstreet Community School has a long history of incredible support for Trócaire led by their school chaplain, John Magee.



A Syrian refugee woman sits in the half-built apartment block near Reyfoun, close to the border with Syria, that is now home to 50 families. The families fled Syria due to the war and are now living on a building site.

Photo: Patrick Nicholson / Caritas Internationalis





Hongsar Htaw (28) and Manoing Rot (26) from Mon State in southern Myanmar, members of a youth group that has undergone gender training to encourage women to become more involved in decision-making processes. Men like Manoing encourage women to get involved in local organisations and to participate in their communities.

Photo: Eoghan Rice / Trócaire







The genocide against the Tutsi people in Rwanda in 1994 was one of the most horrific chapters of the 20th century. In just 100 days up to one million people were killed, mostly members of the minority Tutsi ethnic group.





Josienne appeared on the Trócaire box in 2004. She lost her father and three siblings during the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. Genevieve, her mother, struggled to keep her family going after their terrible loss. But she joined a local women's group that's funded by Trócaire. She received a goat and was given seeds, and agricultural training.

With our help, Genevieve learned how to apply for a small loan. She has since set up a business selling sorghum that's used to make wine and beer. In 2003 she paid back her first loan, and borrowed €64 to open a small shop in her home, selling sugar and soap.

Photo by Gary Moore.



250 volunteers working in shifts at the Caritas Manila office to assemble aid packs for victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Each aid pack contains enough food for a family of five to last three days. (Photo: Eoghan Rice / Trócaire)

