Stories of HOPE

Your support in action
For nearly six decades, Practical Action has worked alongside people to build a world that works better for everyone. Your support has been invaluable. Together, we’re tackling the challenges caused by the climate and environmental crises in innovative and practical ways.

This year, among our wide range of work, land has been reclaimed from the desert in Sudan to grow food for people trapped in a conflict zone. Refugees in Rwanda have learned sustainable farming techniques that have provided them with an income and fresh, healthy food. These are just two of examples of how we’re confronting the realities of our changing climate while also igniting hope, resilience, and positive change in the face of adversity.

In the pages that follow, you’ll meet some of the remarkable people we have had the privilege to work with this year. Their stories are a testament to what we can achieve when we come together, offering a glimpse into the brighter, more hopeful futures that are now within reach for many, thanks to the support of people like you.

On behalf of the people we work with, thank you.
During the last 12 months, we’ve worked with:

- **2.17M PEOPLE** living in poverty, and an additional
- **8.3M PEOPLE** through policy and practice changes, including
- **5.4M WOMEN**

In Nepal, Kamali is growing bountiful harvests with the sustainable farming skills she learned at our farmer field school.
Richard’s story
Rwanda

“When I arrived in Rwanda as a refugee from Burundi, life was tough. I had to rely on aid. Then I got the opportunity to use a small plot of land, but I didn’t have the farming skills to make an income from it.

Through Practical Action’s training, I learned to produce organic fertilisers and pesticides, reducing my costs and boosting harvests. I used techniques like mulching, composting, and growing flowers for pest control to improve the quality of my crops. I became an example for others in the community, showing them how good farming can also be low cost.

My income is set to treble this year. I’m optimistic about the future. I dream of returning to Burundi, taking this knowledge with me, not just to seek a job, but to create opportunities for others. With the education I’ve received, my family don’t have to worry about whether there will be enough food to eat, and my ambitions have grown. I hope to expand my farming and continue making a difference.”

Richard

“I’ve discovered the power of sustainable farming to change my life and the lives of others.”

1,150 refugee farmers like Richard received regenerative farming training in Rwanda
92,000 FARMERS are earning more money and have more reliable access to food for their communities, thanks to our farming work.

In Zimbabwe, soil depleted of nutrients and droughts are destroying crops. Our solar-powered irrigation systems mean farmers like Thubelihle can feed themselves and earn a living.
“I live in a community that’s often threatened by the floods from the Karnali River. Each year, we faced the heartbreak of seeing our homes and livelihoods washed away. But things have changed for the better. Thanks to a new insurance scheme introduced by Practical Action, our lives have transformed. After a flood, those insured receive their compensation promptly, allowing us to rebuild and recover swiftly.

We no longer live in constant fear of the floods. Instead, we can plan our futures, invest in our homes, and dream bigger for our children. The community’s spirit is stronger, and there’s a sense of hope in the air.

I’ve never been prouder to be part of this resilient community. With this newfound security, we’re forging ahead, optimistic about what the future holds.”

Tirtha’s story
Nepal

“HOPE BUILDS RESILIENCE

We no longer live in fear of the floods. With our new insurance, we’re building a hopeful future.”

Tirtha

5,000 businesses protected through innovative flood insurance in Nepal
211,000 people are better protected from extreme events like floods and landslides.

Floods frequently destroy crops and devastate livelihoods in Bangladesh. Innovative farming techniques mean farmers like Purnima can grow bountiful harvests, even on floodplains.
Sixteen schools in remote areas of Peru are thriving, thanks to your support. Four years ago they lacked basic services. They now have clean water, hygienic toilets, electricity and an internet connection.

Parents and teachers took the lead, looking after the new equipment and systems that brought power to their schools. When online learning became more important during the COVID-19 pandemic, we introduced learning apps in local languages, helping a further 225,000 children in other indigenous communities.

Students are now less likely to miss school due to illness, are achieving better results, and have digital skills that will prepare them for modern jobs and a future out of poverty. Teachers, equipped with new resources, are delivering more engaging lessons. With the completion of this project, a replicable model has emerged, promising a brighter, more inclusive educational future for children across Peru and beyond.
We’re not just lighting up schools; WE’RE IGNITING HOPE

“These children now have the education they need to get good jobs, support their families and inspire others in their community.”

Elvis – Parent

Pupils in remote regions of Peru are thriving, thanks to your support.

“Learning is the best!”
In Rwanda’s refugee camps, lives are on hold without light or electricity. With public lighting and home electricity powered by solar energy, people like Diamant can live in safety and create thriving businesses.
Since 2021, we’ve reached

5.5M PEOPLE
living in poverty,
and an additional

13.2M PEOPLE
through policy and
practice changes.

THANK YOU

Your support has helped make change possible and
built hope for people around the world.

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