

Bringing hope to a hungry world

Mary's Meals sets up school feeding projects in countries where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Our idea is a simple one that works

- We provide one daily meal in a place of learning in order to attract chronically poor children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.
- Mary's Meals began by feeding just 200 children in Malawi in 2002. Today we are feeding more than ONE MILLION children every school day across four continents.
- Wherever Mary's Meals are served, there is a rise in school enrolment, attendance and attainment.

With 61 million children still out of school and many more chronically hungry, our work is only just beginning.

We work extremely hard to keep our running costs low and to ensure that at least 93% of donations goes directly on our charitable activities.



It costs £13.90 / €15.60 / \$19.50 to feed a child for a whole SCHOOL YEAR



A fruit of Medjugorje

The work of Mary's Meals grew out of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where the Virgin Mary has been appearing since 1981.

In 1992, the MacFarlane-Barrow family launched an appeal to help the people of war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina.

They did this from their home in Argyll, Scotland: Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer, a Catholic retreat centre that they had been inspired to open after a family pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1983.

Donations of food, clothing, blankets and medicine flooded in, and the first batch of aid was delivered to refugee camps near Medjugorje.

The family was overwhelmed by the generous response of the public, and what was meant to be a one-off delivery of aid developed into a rapidly-growing international charitable organisation.

Those involved in the first Mary's Meals projects were all people whose lives had been changed by pilgrimages to Medjugorje and chose, therefore, to name the organisation in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus. We consist of, respect and reach out to people of all faiths and none.



Little acts of love

The Mary's Meals campaign was born in 2002 when Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When Magnus asked her eldest son Edward what his dreams were in life, he replied simply...

...“I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day.”

That moment was a key part of the inspiration that led to the founding of Mary's Meals.

Today, around the world, millions of children miss school because of poverty. Instead of getting an education, they are working in fields, begging on street corners or scavenging among the garbage to survive. Millions more attend school so hungry that they are not able to concentrate and learn.

But, thanks to generous supporters of Mary's Meals, more than ONE MILLION children – across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean – are today sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, learning how to read and write. These young people can become the men and women who will lift their communities out of poverty and end their reliance on aid.

Most of our work – both in countries where we raise funds and in communities where we deliver our school meals – is done by an army of volunteers, who carry out lots of little acts of love on behalf of Mary's Meals.

Counting on support from across the globe, Mary's Meals has registered affiliate organisations in Austria, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as international fundraising groups in Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates.





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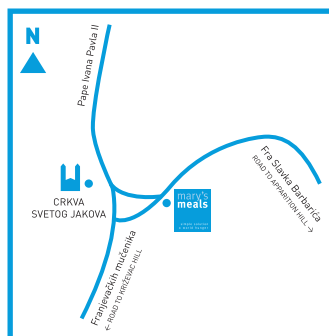
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Our vision

Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need share with those who lack even the most basic things.

Visit us or get in touch



You will receive a very warm welcome at our information centre in Medjugorje, near to the Church of St James:

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There, you can meet our team, learn more about our work, arrange a testimony for your pilgrimage group or pick up some of our key resources, including our award-winning films – Generation Hope and Child 31 – and our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow's bestselling book, The Shed That Fed A Million Children.



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"If you cannot feed a hundred
people, then feed just one."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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