

Together, we raised over £9 million during Lent – an incredible amount. This will have a profound impact on the lives of thousands of the world's poorest men, women and children. We had been planning a £2m programme of work to reach 155,000 people and provide them with safe, clean drinking water, access to better sanitation and the knowledge and training to sustain them, their communities and their new resources. The £2m programme also included empowering women and girls to access decision making structures within their own communities.

But because of your unprecedented generosity, we are now able to scale up our work to reach many thousands more people in dire need.

Here are some examples of the impact of your giving:

*Before Lent, we planned to help 10,000 people in war-torn communities in Sri Lanka get access to water. **Because of your generosity, we will now reach 20,000 women, men and children – double the original amount.***

*We also wanted to provide 2,500 families in the Democratic Republic of Congo with drinking water. **Because of your generosity, we will now reach 4,000.***

*In Zimbabwe and Zambia, we had planned to reach over 15,000 people by building and repairing latrines in homes, schools and clinics, by constructing boreholes, some with solar powered pumps, and by training the community in good health and hygiene. **Because of your generosity, we can now reach over 15,000 more people and train community leaders, often women, to maintain and manage their new resources.***

It goes to show, regardless of tough times, as a community we can achieve great things when we stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers overseas.

We are currently discussing with the Government how much will be matched. We'll keep you updated.