

**'This is not about charity,
this is about justice.'** Bono

'Your investment has changed lives. God is using us to pass on life to people. Your giving and participation help us to incarnate Jesus in these difficult situations we are in. Invest in life for life!'

Sam Kisolo, director of Youth With a Mission (YWAM), a Christian Aid partner in Uganda

'The greatest weapon of mass destruction... is HIV/AIDS. It's wiping out people on a massive scale. Worldwide, 39 million people are living with HIV – mostly the poor. We must call upon the governments of the world to recognise that the responsibility of every wealthy nation is to respond to poor nations that are undergoing this tragedy... We in the church have the ability to change the direction of the wind...'

Tony Campolo

'I have just returned from Uganda and the people I met there, with their stories of hope, have had a profound effect on my life. Would you help Christian Aid and their partners by getting involved in the *Act Justly* appeal and support them in any way you can? Let's not forget the poor and the needy. Let's give of our money, our time, our prayers and together let's make a difference.'

Nancy Goudie, New Generation Music and Mission

'HIV/AIDS is one of the biggest threats facing our world today. The *Act Justly* appeal is a challenging resource to help local churches engage with the issues and support those fighting HIV/AIDS on the front lines. I commend it to you.'

Steve Chalke MBE, Founder Oasis Global and Faithworks

The appeal is one way for churches to respond to the call to act justly, through prayer and giving to Christian Aid's partner AIDS Care Education and Training (ACET) in Uganda. If this organisation becomes fully funded, any additional money raised will go to other Christian Aid partners who tackle HIV/AIDS in similar ways to ACET and Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Uganda.

How you can help

Pray

- for the people of Uganda
- for the organisations working with them to help them improve their lives.
- Use the ***Act Justly 2*** booklet, a set of six sessions for cells and small groups (see the Worship and Our response sections for ideas).

Act

- **Find out more** about Uganda and HIV/AIDS by visiting www.christianaid.org
- **Campaign** to tackle the injustices that cause poverty and promote the spread of HIV. Visit www.christianaid.org/campaigns or call 020 7523 2225 and ask for the latest *Take Action* containing more information and suggestions for straightforward actions you can take.
- **Encourage your cell/small group to use the *Act Justly 2* booklet**, containing six sessions for cells and small groups that explore how God calls us to live in an unjust world.

Call 020 7523 2225 or visit surefish.co.uk/actjustly to download or order *Act Justly* resources and register for the *Act Justly* mailing list.

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Give

- **First encourage your church to show session 1 of the *Act Justly* video** to the whole church to introduce the appeal, or book a speaker (contact 0207 523 2225).
- **Give generously** – as individuals or as a church.
- Organise or attend a **fundraising event** to support the appeal (see appeal pack for ideas).
- Your gift will make a real difference:
 - **£7** will train a community member in HIV/AIDS counselling; a community counsellor serves ten villages
 - **£13** will buy a goat to provide milk and a small income for a family
 - **£36** will buy a bicycle for a volunteer to make home visits to people living with HIV; volunteers make up to six visits a day
 - **£108** will run a mobile health clinic for six months

If your church is not collecting money for the appeal, please send your gift direct to Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT, quoting reference 05C2Z0001.

Act Justly appeal



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AIDS Care Education and Training (ACET)

Act Justly appeal

Every day, Nalyaka Doreen gets up at 5am, walks 20 minutes to fetch water and then digs the garden. She also looks after the family – four boys and two girls. As if that wasn’t enough, Nalyaka helps her neighbour, Julius Maruti, a widower with seven children, who is HIV-positive. Nalyaka also educates her community about HIV/AIDS, using drama and songs to get the message across.

Nalyaka lives in Uganda. And she is only 14.

Although she is still at school, Nalyaka is shouldering great responsibilities. Both her parents were left partially disabled by serious accidents, so she has to do much of the housework. Her older brothers bring some money into the family through occasional labouring jobs, but work is scarce.

Nalyaka Doreen



Nalyaka is a member of the Bukoto Development Association Youth Club, which is run by AIDS Care, Education and Training (ACET), and supported by Christian Aid. Julius, who is one of many local people the youth club helps, says: **‘When the [the people from the] youth club first came I was very ill and ready to die. They washed me and took me out, helping me to walk on my own again. They help me with my children and cook for me. They built my house as well. I am so grateful to these young people.’**

Nalyaka, a committed Christian, describes the message the youth club brings to the nearby villages. **‘We speak about how HIV spreads and how to prevent it. When we go to a community the people listen to our songs and see the drama, and then they think about changing the way they live. I feel happy when I see people changing their behaviour because of what we’ve done.’**

Nalyaka’s youth group raises awareness of HIV through drama, dance and song



In sub-Saharan Africa 25 million people are living with HIV, half a million of them in Uganda. HIV is reversing the benefits of decades of development work. Tackling HIV is a global priority and in Uganda ACET is on the frontline.

ACET works through youth clubs such as Nalyaka’s and with women’s groups. It has also found a creative way of reaching men – through their traditional local drinking clubs. Joseph Weyusya, a Pentecostal Christian, joins the groups of men sitting around large pots of the traditional local beer. Joseph is a charismatic speaker and easily leads the discussions onto sensitive subjects, such as sex and family relationships.

Uganda has succeeded in bringing down HIV-infection rates. It was the first country to receive debt relief, which is now being spent on improved healthcare, education and sanitation. However, poverty remains widespread, particularly in the north, which is suffering badly as a result of the conflict between the government and the Lord’s Resistance Army, a rebel group. More than 1.5 million people have been forced to leave their homes and live in crowded camps, with little food or security.

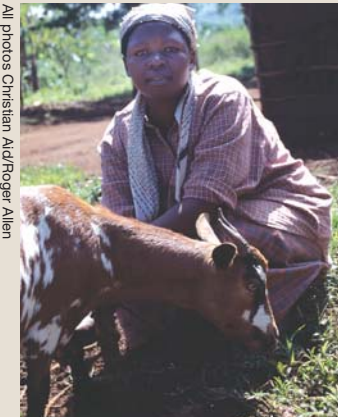
What does the lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Joseph Weyusya (centre, without a straw) discussing HIV issues at a local drinking club



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Amina Makoya is HIV-positive. ACET gave her a goat, which provides milk for her children and an income from selling its kids



The Act Justly appeal can be introduced to the whole church by showing the first session of the Act Justly video. The appeal accompanies the Act Justly 2 booklet, containing a set of six sessions for cells and small groups. Session 2 of the booklet and video focus on HIV and feature Nalyaka. All the Act Justly resources emphasise that social action alone is not enough: justice – tackling the root causes of poverty, such as debt and unjust trade – is also needed.

