

**Your group can help vulnerable families cope with the changing climate, by giving them a lasting supply of clean water.**

No one should face uncertainty about where they will get clean water from. But our changing climate is making life even harder for the world's poorest people, who are already struggling to get the water they need.

**For Mouri and Julia, in Bangladesh, a changing climate means floods and contaminated drinking water**

Mouri picks up her container, and walks across cracked, barren earth to reach the pond. She scoops up the muddy water, knowing that it will probably make her family sick again. But she has no other choice. When Cyclone Aila hit Bangladesh, it flooded Mouri's village and contaminated their water source.

Families living in coastal Bangladesh are some of the most vulnerable in the world to our changing climate. That's why, with the help of groups like yours, we develop waterpoints and pipe networks that withstand floods. People can continue drinking clean water and stay safe and healthy. People like Julia.

Julia also drinks water from a pond, in an area where groundwater is contaminated with salt, iron and arsenic. But thanks to the pond sand filter we have installed, the water she collects is clean. This simple solution pumps the pond water through a series of chambers containing sand and gravel, making it safe to drink.



**Jars of Change**

**Lent Appeal 2021**



Since Cyclone Aila hit, Mouri has had no reliable source of clean water.



The water point in Julia's village has been built to withstand our changing climate. Her family and her community now have clean water whenever they need it.

**With your help, we can reach more people like Mouri, and get them the reliable source of clean water they need.**



**WaterAid**

### For Fatimata in Mali, a changing climate means longer dry seasons and unpredictable rain

Fatimata lives in Mali, one of the hottest countries in the world. Rain falls for just a few months a year, giving farmers a very short window to grow as many crops as they can. But dry seasons here are getting longer, and rain more unpredictable. As families wait for rains to arrive, food runs out.

Thanks to groups like yours, we are helping communities cope with limited water supplies and unpredictable rain. Not only do we build wells and water points, we show people how to make their water last all year.

By measuring rainfall and the depth of water in wells, Fatimata is now an expert in making the most of every drop – even in times of drought. The impact has been life changing. For the first time ever, Fatimata and her community can grow crops in the long dry season. In fact, they now have three harvests a year!

**“We buy soap to wash our children and their clothes.” – says Fatimata.  
“We also buy brooms to sweep up our houses and make them clean.  
We buy clothes for ourselves. All this was not possible before.”**



**“We will not stop talking about the importance of water. If there is no water, we can’t work.”**  
Fatimata, Kakounouso, Mali

### For Molia in Mozambique, a changing climate means severe droughts that make water sources dry out

Molia lives in Mozambique, a country highly vulnerable to cyclones, extreme droughts and flooding.

Before WaterAid constructed a water system in Molia’s community, the village’s only water source was 5km away, making the journey to collect water far too long and exhausting. When they discovered there’s water under the sand, Molia, together with three other women from the village, dug a hole to access it. Later these sand pits became the community’s main water source, with unprotected, dirty water making people ill.

Now, thanks to the support of groups like yours, we were able to build a solar-powered water system in Molia’s community, providing a reliable source of sustainable, clean drinking water.

**“My life has improved.” – says Molia. “I can pray on time, I wash my clothes and do light work. Lately, I have spent most of my time with my daughter.”**



The solar-powered water system provides sustainable, clean drinking water to Molia’s community.

### Your group can change everything for people affected by our changing climate

By giving something up this Lent, and collecting the money you save, your group can give people like Mouri clean, reliable water that withstands our changing climate. You can give families the ability to cope when droughts or floods hit. You can change dread and uncertainty into resilience and strength.

By joining other churches across the UK, and taking part in Jars of Change, you can help the most vulnerable people stay safe and healthy, whatever our changing climate brings.

