

# mary's meals

a simple solution  
to world hunger

*Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school.*

\$19.50 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year.

Our work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.

Every child deserves an education –and enough to eat.

## 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. Working together with those who share our vision, we believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realized.

## Our mission

Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life and different backgrounds. Our mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. We welcome all into the Mary's Meals family and we believe everyone has something important to contribute to the realization of our vision.

## The aims of Mary's Meals

The charity's constitution sets out the focus of our charitable activities as:

Mary's Meals, USA, Inc. ("MMUSA"), is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Florida corporation formed on May 14, 2008, to raise donations (i) to provide a daily meal in a place of education for children in the world's poorest communities; (ii) to occasionally provide relief for those suffering, in any part of the world, as a result of humanitarian crises, especially by providing care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children; and (iii) to raise awareness of poverty issues through education. MMUSA grants such donations at the discretion of its Board through Mary's Meals International, headquartered in Dalmally, Scotland, for specific projects in these poor communities. We are dedicated to our commitment to spend at least 93% of all funds received on these charitable activities.

## How we spend donations

**For every dollar you give to us, we spend a minimum of 93 cents on our charitable activities.**

As an organization working in some of the world's poorest communities, we're committed to keeping our running costs low to maximize the good we can do with the donations entrusted to us. At most, we spend just 7 cents of every dollar donated on governance and fundraising. This is only possible because most of our work is done by an army of dedicated volunteers in the US and in the countries where we work who carry out lots of little acts of love on our behalf. *Mary's Meals started life operating out of a tin shed. The shed still serves as our global headquarters to this day.*



“What's important to us is the hungry child. When there are hungry children in front of us today, we're going to feed them, and at the same time we're going to work on the solution to getting them fed in the long term, creating a global movement of people who believe in this vision.”

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals Founder and CEO

- Benin – Africa
- Ecuador – South America
- Ethiopia – Africa
- Haiti – South America
- India – Asia
- Kenya – Africa
- Lebanon – Middle East
- Liberia – Africa
- Madagascar – Africa
- Malawi – Africa
- Myanmar – Asia
- Romania – Europe
- South Sudan – Africa
- Syria – Middle East
- Thailand – Asia
- Uganda – Africa
- Zambia – Africa
- Zimbabwe—Africa

**Mary's Meals works  
in 18 countries across  
Africa, Asia, Latin America,  
Eastern Europe and the Caribbean.**

