

This year the school are supporting



**The coronavirus pandemic has pushed an estimated 120 million people into poverty. Most of these will have to wait until at least 2022 to receive their vaccine.**

These are people who rely on daily labour to earn an income. Yet strict lockdowns mean they've lost the only means they have to provide for their families. In countries like Nigeria and Ethiopia, the pandemic means that there's no longer any food on the table. As coronavirus cases continue to rise, millions more people are going hungry.

We refuse to let people living in poverty be left behind. As followers of Jesus, we are committed to following his example of caring for all people – 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40).

Recent conflict in Afghanistan has reportedly forced around 550,000 people from their homes. Having run for their lives with little more than the clothes on their backs, they are in urgent need of support.

Many people have remained in Afghanistan, while others have fled to neighbouring countries. Tearfund's local partners are on the ground and have provided life-saving relief packages to those in need. The packs include food and vital hygiene supplies such as soap and face masks.

They're also offering trauma support to people who have been affected by the horrific violence. The need is vast. Afghanistan is also experiencing its worst drought in decades, meaning food and water supplies are limited. And the coronavirus pandemic means that hospitals are already overstretched.

