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**ACT FOR PEACE**



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## AN UPDATE ON YOUR PEACEMAIL



If you receive emails from us, you may have noticed our new e-newsletter 'PeaceMail – Your Moment of Peace' which will be sent every two months. We are so excited to have this opportunity to share more stories from the field so you can learn more about the difference that your support is making.

With this change, you will no longer receive PeaceMail via post each month, from July. By sending updates through our e-newsletter we can improve our sustainability, a principle that is important to us as an organisation.

If you aren't receiving communications from us by email, or if you have any questions or any concerns, please contact our team on 1800 025 101 or email info@actforpeace.org.au We'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your continued care and support to help create a world where everyone has a safe place to belong.

### YOUR SUPPORT IS MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE:

Last month, Act for Peace Partners like you came together and raised **\$38,358.32** to support people just like Amelia and her family, who are uprooted from their homes by conflict or disaster. Thank you.

Act for Peace gratefully acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



**PLEASE PRAY:** • For families around the world like Amelia's who are forced from their homes due to drought or conflict.

- For continued support and resources for Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, so they can continue to support and train more people in conservation farming.
- For unity and reconciliation in a country suffering from deep division and social fragmentation.



Dear friends,

My name is Amelia and I have three children. My family makes a living by growing vegetables and this allows us to survive.

In our village, we help each other. If someone is lacking food, we share what we have so that we don't die of hunger.

I didn't always live in this village; we left our previous home because there were a lot of droughts, and we only had a small piece of land. I thought it would be better to move so at least my family would be fed.

When I was young, it would rain a lot and we had a bumper harvest. Then things changed. When we moved, we didn't have any money for transport, so we carried all our belongings on our heads and our backs.

In our new village we learned about conservation farming through Christian Care and they taught us how to successfully grow crops. They shared with me that when you make planting stations, this allows the water to accumulate. The crops then grow really well!

Christian Care also taught us how to rear chickens. When there are plenty, you can sell them and send your children to school, buy food to eat, and purchase clothes to wear.

Christian Care is supporting us through other projects, they are helping us rehabilitate the wetlands. We have a group of fish at the wetlands, and we now also make a living by selling the fish. I use the money to buy materials that I need in my home.

I've found that if I follow what I have learnt from Christian Care, I won't struggle. But, if I do my own thing, it will fail, and I will have to start over and move from one place to another.

I joined Christian Care for my children. I now show them how to dig planting stations and use conservation farming to grow crops.

I hope that my children will have good jobs and be well fed. If they have good jobs, they can support their families and themselves.

Christian Care is wonderful, and we have learnt a lot. We can see that there is a difference and going forward we will do even better than what we started with.

Thank you,

*Amelia*

