



Harvest of hope

Anok's Story

Anok Kon and her family have been facing the dual challenges of droughts and floods, made worse by the climate crisis. She's responded by training with Christian Aid's partners to grow climate resilient crops.



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Anok Kon is a farmer living in the Aguat area of South Sudan. For the majority of South Sudanese families life is extremely tough. One in ten children die before their fifth birthday. Most families, particularly in rural areas, don't have access to sanitation and don't have reliable sources of clean drinking water.

Anok lives with her husband Deng and their seven children. The family rely on farming for their food and income. In recent years they have faced the dual challenge of drought and flooding. The situation has been made worse by the effects of the climate crisis. The floods have been especially devastating, washing away crops, destroying farm land, inundating homes and killing cattle.

Anok told Christian Aid that **'life was so difficult'** in the last few years: **'the continuous flooding has led to the destruction of harvests leaving many farmers unable to provide for their families.'** Flooding also increases the spread of disease as water supplies become contaminated. Anok says her children have suffered illness because of this.

With support from Christian Aid's partners, Anok and her community have been able to develop methods to grow more climate resilient crops. They can now grow a greater variety of vegetables during the dry season and are learning water saving irrigation methods to combat drought. Christian Aid's partners have also worked with Anok's community to construct a dyke that will divert flood water away from villages and farmland.

Anok chairs her local women's group and looks for opportunities to collaborate with her neighbours. She is growing a wide range of produce including pumpkin, okra, onions and beans and is now keeping chickens. She uses the income she makes to pay for her children's school fees. Her ambition is for her children to be able to go to university one day.

What can you do this harvest to support Anok in making her hope a reality? Every commitment to fundraise, act and pray can make a difference to your global neighbours.



Anok feeding her chickens.

A Harvest Prayer

Creator God, you give life and light to the world.

We rejoice together in the wonder and the fullness of your creation.

We give thanks for small seeds that flourish into great trees and bear fruit in abundance.

We delight in the gifts of nature and the hope that a good harvest can bring.

Loving God, you know our sorrows and our failings.

We have cut down what was flourishing.

We have consumed and destroyed what was given to us to nurture.

We repent our wrongdoing and ask you to guide us in the ways of righteousness.

Living God, you call upon us to sow peace, grow faith, and tend to one another in love.

Plant in us a commitment to pursue that call. Strengthen our hope as we seek together the coming of your kingdom on earth.

Amen.