

## Trócaire Lenten Fundraiser 2021

This year Trócaire's Lenten Campaign brings us to South Sudan, where we learn about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship, and solidarity.

### Meet Awut and Ajak



Awut and Ajak are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. These women lost their homes and loved ones to the conflict in South Sudan. They fled their villages with nothing but the clothes on their back, trekking through miles of dangerous bush land with no food or water for themselves or their children. Awut arrived in the community of Malek frightened but was welcomed with loving arms by her new neighbours.

Sometime later, Ajak returned to Malek after having been away with her husband who was a soldier. Here, in this remarkable community, people whose lives were brought together by pain and suffering are starting new lives based on love, friendship, and kindness. Every day remains a struggle for Awut and Ajak and their families. They struggle to earn money, grow food, and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges and obstacles for these amazing women, but they face these challenges together, with dignity and solidarity.

Each year since 1973, Trócaire has turned the compassion of the Irish people into life-changing support for some of the world's poorest people. By supporting Trócaire's Lenten Campaign we can hold the hand of the people of South Sudan. Our fundraising can make a real difference to the lives of the people most in need.

***This year's Lenten fundraiser aims to collectively cover the distance from Limerick to South Sudan of 6,241kms, commencing Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, and running over the six-week Lenten period.***

***You are invited to participate by either walking, running, or cycling the distance that is comfortable for you. This will be a Limerick Diocesan, as well as a Parish/Local Community initiative. A weekly log of distances covered within Parish/Local Community will be added to the Diocesan Total.***

***A GoFundMe Page has been set up for donations – [gf.me/u/zhfkrk](https://www.gofundme.com/u/zhfkrk)***

***Alternatively, Trócaire envelopes will be available at the back of the Cathedral. Our goal is to collectively raise €3000; all donations are welcome. Participants are encouraged to upload photos and tag on social media platforms using the hashtag #fromLimerickwithLove***