

Starfish Project



At Holy Trinity we are engaged in supporting a food, health and education project in Swaziland which we know as the Starfish Project.

Swaziland is a tiny country, but has the highest incidence of HIV/Aids in the world and the effects of this are catastrophic. In addition to hunger caused by drought and failed harvests, people face extreme poverty and illness in a country lacking in the infrastructure to provide basic support and medical services for most of the people.

Children and old people are particularly vulnerable. There are thousands of children orphaned or left vulnerable by the effects of HIV/Aids. Their parents have died mainly through Aids related illnesses. As a result Swaziland has many Grandmothers looking after grandchildren. Where there are no adults in a family, children as young as 10 years old are struggling to look after younger siblings.

Since 2007, the Starfish Project has been able to provide money on a regular basis to buy food supplies, medicines and clinic visits for the children in a number of small villages.

We are helping by sending money

- to buy useful equipment like wheel barrows, which give teenagers a chance to earn money by moving things from A to B
- to pay for schooling
- to pay for food for orphans and vulnerable children and simple home comforts for a housebound Granny
- to help pay for medicines and other essentials for terminally ill people who are at home with little or no support
- to help establish and support income generating projects - especially for women whose lives and families are affected by HIV and Aids

Although so poor and so tired by the struggle to survive, the people in Swaziland are generous, welcoming and remain optimistic. The children are

bright, interested and eager to learn. Finding continuous funding is challenging
- finding new ways to raise funds is equally so.