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***“I’m so excited for the work Harvest Hope Africa are doing and want to be a part of making that impact possible”***

**DONOR**

# **BRINGING** *Hope* **TODAY**

***Harvest Hope Africa equips, transforms, and empowers disadvantaged people in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania.***

***We relieve poverty through education and training.***

## **THIS YEAR WE HAVE:**

### ***Democratic Republic of Congo***

- ◆ Continued sewing and business training programs
- ◆ Graduated our third intake of students
- ◆ Resourced a co-operative with mentorship, quality equipment and rented premises for our graduating students to start their own business
- ◆ Received our fourth intake of students
- ◆ Provided food and clean water to vulnerable people

## **WE SUPPORT**

- ◆ A Primary School in a remote part of Tanzania
- ◆ Sewing and business training program in the Democratic Republic of Congo for young victims of sexual violence
- ◆ A co-operative graduate program for students to begin their own sewing business

### ***Tanzania***

- ◆ Provided salaries for teachers
- ◆ Provided further training for teachers
- ◆ Resourced the school with teaching and learning materials
- ◆ Provided a clean water source for the students and teachers at school
- ◆ Built a new toilet block
- ◆ Supported an entrepreneurship program for vulnerable mothers of the students





# *Economic* **INDEPENDENCE GAINED**



# Our STORY

*Harvest Hope Africa provides opportunities to build hope for vulnerable people. Patrick and Rebecca, founders and directors, are passionate about bringing restoration and transformation.*



Having lived and worked in Africa for many years, they bring significant knowledge and experience. Now based in Australia, they established Harvest Hope Africa in

2019, to facilitate others joining the journey of providing opportunities for vulnerable people.

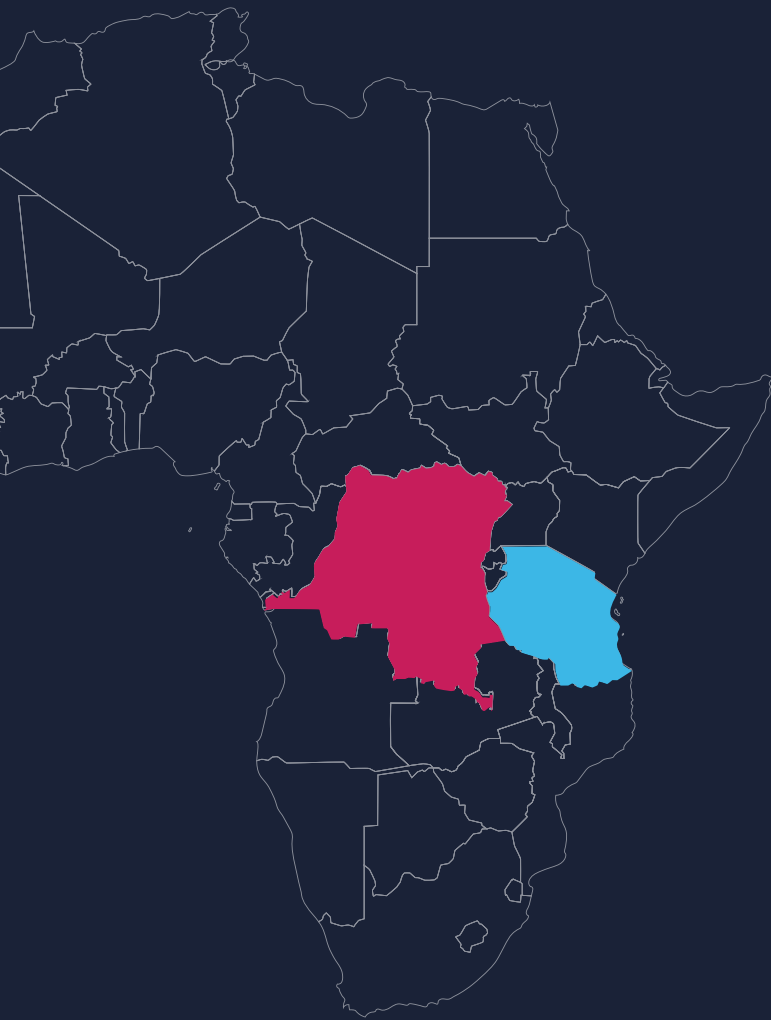
Born and raised in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Patrick witnessed the country's long history of conflict, political upheaval and instability growing up. As an adult, he lived and worked in multiple

countries in Africa. An ardent believer in the power of individual action, Patrick looks to give people who are struggling today the belief in a better tomorrow. Patrick focused his work in 1990–2012 on training leaders and working with charities to bring reconciliation and hope. He spent six years supporting the recovery of communities post the Rwandan Genocide. Patrick's formal training includes community development and education, and he fluently speaks many African languages.

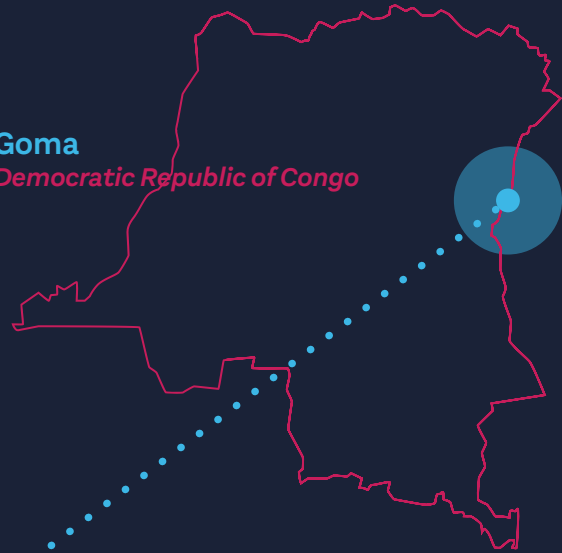
As a child, growing up in Australia, Rebecca was inspired by the work of charities providing support, and promised herself that one day, she would enable transformative change in the lives of people who needed it in Africa. Patrick met Rebecca in Tanzania, where she lived and worked as a teacher trainer for nine years. During her time in Tanzania, Rebecca travelled to many African countries and through local connections and personal experience, developed a deep understanding of the needs of impoverished people in Africa. Rebecca's formal training is in education, with over 15 years of educational leadership experience.

In 2012, Patrick and Rebecca moved to Australia with their children. Their local African connections led to Harvest Hope Africa's areas of commitment. Donations to Harvest Hope Africa fund capacity-building initiatives. These programs enable the individual to become self-sufficient, thereby creating sustainable change for the individual and their community and enabling Harvest Hope Africa to maximise their reach and impact.





**Goma**  
*Democratic Republic of Congo*



**Masai**  
*Tanzania*



*Patrick and Rebecca have been deeply moved by the encouragement, assistance and of course, donations, provided by their supporters in Australia and around the world.*

In the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, Harvest Hope Africa's projects are in the eastern city of **Goma**, which has faced long standing civil war. Amongst many of the innocent victims are girls and young women. Their opportunities to access education have been affected and tragically, the experience of sexual violence has been far too common. This often leaves girls and young women alone and desperate. Alongside a locally registered charity, Harvest Hope Africa invests in training-based programs to provide a better future for these young women and their babies.

Harvest Hope Africa also works in an isolated **Masai area of Tanzania near Arusha**, where accessing quality education nearby is not possible. The families of the school live in traditional housing in the Longido district, with access to employment, health services and clean water, difficult. The school was founded with a vision to empower the community and improve quality of life by making education accessible.



# HOW We Work

*Our team are highly committed, with a range of expertise and significant leadership experience in Africa and Australia.*

We work co-operatively with registered charities in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania, to ensure transparency and accountability, drawing on strong local knowledge and expertise.

Our programs director and project managers on the ground in Africa, bring decades of leadership experience. Our Africa programs director, Gentil Kasongo, has a master's degree in human rights, a law degree and many years experience in the Great Lakes Region as a consultant in issues of justice and human rights. Gentil works closely with Patrick to supervise our two project managers; Daniel Kalimbiro, in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Julius Rukyaa, in Tanzania. Gentil and Patrick work directly with the project managers to design projects, give clear directions regarding expenditure of finances and operational guidance. Rebecca works with Patrick and the project managers to ensure due diligence is followed as well as providing educational and leadership advice.



**Patrick Lubilanji**  
CEO

**Gentil Kasongo**  
Programs Director



**Julius Rukyaa**  
Project Manager, Tanzania



**Daniel Kalimbiro**  
Project Manager, DRC



**Rebecca Lubilanji**  
COO



# STRUCTURE

Harvest Hope Africa is Company Limited by Guarantee, with a Constitution that defines the organisation’s mission, purposes, and powers.

Harvest Hope Africa is registered with Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) as a Public Benevolent Institution and is accountable to the ACNC’s External Conduct Standards. The standards cover:



- ◆ Activities and control of resources (including funds)
- ◆ Annual review of overseas activities and record keeping
- ◆ Anti-fraud and anti-corruption
- ◆ Protection of vulnerable individuals

*Harvest Hope Africa has Deductible Gift Receipt status, granted by the Australian Taxation Office, making donations over \$2 tax deductible.*

Harvest Hope Africa is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors. The board comprises of 6 members, each with their own international aid experience and complementary professional skills.



**Sindhu Sundarakumar**  
*Board Chair*



**Pascar Chitsaka**  
*Deputy Board Chair*



**Denis Zimba**  
*Treasurer*



**Patrick Lubilanji**  
*Director*



**Rebecca Lubilanji**  
*Secretary, Public Officer*



**Eugene Tshibangu**  
*Director*





# STRATEGIC Growth

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Harvest Hope Africa made remarkable achievements this fiscal year. This would not have been possible without the commitment from our board, donors, and management in the field in Africa.

I would like to thank Patrick Lubilanji, for the foundational work he did in his tenure as Board Chair. His vision for Harvest Hope Africa is inspiring and he laid the foundation well for others to join the work. I was thrilled to take

- ***Harvest Hope Africa is a young organization with strong foundations. We continue to see growth despite the economic challenges that surround us. The programs we run have proven successful, our team is growing, and our budget continues to grow.***

the position of Board Chair in the second quarter of this fiscal year, knowing the work of Harvest Hope Africa is not only significant, but transformative for the lives of many.

Harvest Hope Africa is a young organization with strong foundations. We have continued to see real growth this last fiscal year despite the economic challenges that

surround us. The programs we run have proven successful, our team is growing, and our budget continues to grow.

As a Board, we set an ambitious target for financial income in 2021-2022 to allow us to achieve all we planned for both our Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania projects. I am pleased to report that due to our committed donors, we not only hit that target, but surpassed it. I acknowledge our Board for their hard work and determination to carry out the vision. The team worked tirelessly with our partners in Australia and in Africa to achieve education and transformation.

Because of the generosity of our supporters and volunteers we have provided the help necessary to begin to transform lives, with women and children experiencing restoration. The Board is thrilled with the impact and growth in 2021-2022, and confident this has placed us well to continue to provide hope for the people we are serving in the coming year.

**Sindhu Sundarakumar**  
*Board Chair*



• *Harvest Hope Africa is a young*  
• *charity with a significant future. We*  
• *are experiencing remarkable growth*  
• *which is facilitating transformation*  
• *for vulnerable people.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Once again, I am proud to report that our operations over 2021-2022 have been extremely successful. We have continued to see growth in both finances and impact.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the 30 students enrolled in our sewing program graduated in February. We then facilitated their successful transition to various workplaces. I congratulate each student for the immense courage demonstrated throughout their study. They are now in position to begin their own businesses and provide for their young families.

Our sewing training program has seen significant growth in enrollments. We were thrilled to accept our third cohort of students into the program. This cohort of 42 young women is the biggest cohort we have accepted to date. Previously graduated students have become ambassadors of our program. Thanks to their witness of the benefits of our program and their professional contributions to their local community, the wider community have seen the benefits of our training. As a result, we are finding there is a high demand for our programs and have upscaled our work.

The Congolese government have seen the importance of our work and approved our training program as a recognised government training course. As a result, our students have the option to sit national exams and be provided with a government certificate of training.

Our sewing co-operative continues in Congo as a safe place for our graduating students to work and begin their own business should they wish to stay in Goma. We provide a rented premises, mentorship and quality equipment to use. Our members have increased visibility through the co-operative and are working to grow their businesses, despite the continued difficulties the pandemic brought them earlier in the financial year.

In Tanzania we have focused our efforts on supporting an isolated primary school that provides education for around 60 vulnerable children in Masailand. Prior to our support, the school had an extremely basic infrastructure, with volunteers and almost no resources.







We supported the school in Tanzania to provide salaries and further training for teachers, access to clean water on site, food, a new toilet block and teaching and learning resources. We have resourced an attached training centre for vulnerable mothers of the students, where they gain entrepreneurship training.

***I particularly want to highlight our team of volunteers on the ground who work tirelessly to ensure our projects are implemented.***

We honour these volunteers and are thankful. Our team of volunteers in Africa display unwavering commitment to our students and the programs that support their transformation. In particular, I welcome Gentil Kasongo to our team, as our African Programs Director. Gentil comes with a wealth of training in human rights and law, and experience in these fields. He is based in Burundi and well placed to support me to lead our team in Africa.

Meanwhile, in Australia it has been an opportunity to strengthen ties between our volunteer and donor community to our projects in Africa, and provide new ways for our local community to be a part of the impact of our work. You can read more about these initiatives in our highlights section of our report. We are so grateful for our Australian community; for those who have helped with fundraising events and made one-off or regular donations. Lives are being transformed because of our growing and faithful donor community.

Harvest Hope Africa is a young charity with a significant future. We look forward to continuing the remarkable growth and transformation for vulnerable people we have seen this year into our next fiscal year.

**Patrick Lubilanji**  
CEO





**IN THE**

*Spotlight*





*It has been a year of significant growth, in terms of the people we have assisted through our projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania.*

*We thank you all for being a part of this.*



# Highlights

## IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

### *Sewing Training Program, Goma*

This year our third intake of students graduated! What a huge achievement for our students; teenage girls with a background of sexual violence and consequential babies, who displayed great courage as they progressed through our sewing training program. This achievement did not come without its struggles. These young women continue to battle trauma and look after their babies, when they themselves are still maturing. **30 young women managed to learn a new trade and eventually, pass their exams.** Their commitment and resilience meant they graduated, celebrating a year of learning and increased independence.



- ***My life has been completely transformed. Before this training I had no hope for me or my baby. Now I have a skill and I can provide for my family. I can feed by baby and pay for the things we need to survive.***
- ***PRECIOUS, STUDENT***

• *I now know how to make a wide range of clothing and I am confident with my sewing. I can even make school uniforms. Everyone needs clothes, this is a great business*

• **CO-OPERATIVE MEMBER**

Graduating students were invited to join our **co-operative program**. This facility is especially helpful for students who live in and around Goma, where they can access continued mentorship, professional feedback, quality equipment and a safe place to work as they build their business.







• **The meal provided  
helps me to think  
clearly while I learn  
and my hunger  
pains go away.**

• **STUDENT**

**We acknowledge our food program was one of the best things we introduced last financial year.**

Our students were struggling to feed themselves, and as a result struggling to breastfeed their babies. We realised it was time for us to intervene. We introduced a food program for our students where they would come together at lunch time to eat a nutritious meal. As a result, attendance improved, student focus and learning improved and we agreed, this program was here to stay. We have continued to run this food program this financial year, with equal success. This makes sure our students are guaranteed a nutritious meal each day.

**“The food program has been one of the best things we have done. Students are now well placed to focus well during class and learn new concepts.”**

**DANIEL KALIMBIRO**  
Project Manager

***We also received our fourth intake of 42 young women, the biggest cohort we have received to date.***

Our program is gaining great attention in the local community, and it is clear there is a high demand for our programs. We have upscaled our work to cater for this need and interest.

The Congolese government have seen the importance of our work and approved our training program as a recognised government training option. As a result, our students have the option to sit national exams and be provided with a government certificate of training. So far, all students are taking up this provision.



***You will learn more than how to sew through this program, you will learn to believe in yourself again.***

***PAST STUDENT***





# Psychological Therapy

**To support our students' wellbeing development, we offer psychological therapy.**

Students come with significant background trauma. Our psychologist, Norbert, comes once a week and is available to students who would like to have 1:1 sessions. We have prioritised this service for the younger students and those who have suffered more complex trauma.

Norbert also runs group sessions for the students focusing on common wellbeing issues. This year we have invited host families to be involved in special therapy sessions so they can learn how to be of greater support to our students in their home environment.

• **Having someone to talk to about what I have suffered is a gift I have never been given before. I can now move on and make a future of my life.**

• **MICHELINE, STUDENT**



# Lives Transformed

We have a small group of students highlighted with leadership potential whom we have sponsored to attend university. They are progressing well and we are so proud of their determination and success to date.



## ELIZABETH

*Elizabeth now in her second year of a 3 year fashion diploma.*

She showed particular talent in our first intake of students. Elizabeth entered the program because she came from an extremely poor family that could not afford to send her to school. Her trainers expressed she had real talent and suggested we send her to university. What a success story.



## JACQUES

*Jacques is someone Patrick met on a past trip to Congo.*

At the age of 3, during the civil war, Jacques was orphaned. The perpetrators of his parent's death were successful in attacking Jacques with machetes, which he survived with major scarring. He has been in the same orphanage his entire life. We were able to offer Jacques a scholarship to study Community Development. He is moving into his last year before his big placement.



## 'KATERINE'

*Finally, we have Katerine (pseudonym). Katerine has been with us for many years.*

We originally met her as an 11 year old orphan with aids who wound up at the rape crisis centre. Patrick and Rebecca agreed to find her a host family and send her back to school. After many years of support and medical intervention, Katerine is now well and has graduated high school. Her host family report that she now smiles like they have never seen before. Katerine has a dream to study medicine so she can help others just like she was helped. We are making this dream come true.





# Highlights

## IN TANZANIA

### Ebeneza Primary School

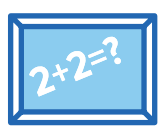
We have connected with a *remote Primary School* in the Longido region of Tanzania. Our families are from the Masai tribe, living in traditional housing in nearby villages. Without this independent primary school, founded by our Tanzanian project manager, Julius Rukyaa, these students would walk hours to reach the closest school. The school takes students in their first year of schooling and has two classes of around 60 students.



### OUR FOCUS OF SUPPORT HAS BEEN TO:



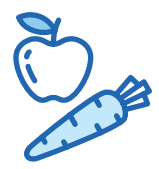
Provide consistent salaries for teachers and support staff



Provide teaching and learning resources



Offer further training to teachers



Introduce a food program for the students



Provide access to clean water





### Teacher Training Programs

We have involved Joshua Teachers' Training College, a reputable Tanzanian teacher training college, established by The Joshua Foundation, whom our own founder, Rebecca Lubilanji worked for at the time.

Our teachers have attended intensive teacher training programs, learning strategies to teach literacy and manage student behaviour. Mentors from the College also make regular visits to the Primary School to provide feedback and advice.

- ***I am thrilled with the progress made this year. Our children are learning, and their parents are very happy with their academic developments.***

- ***They are learning to read, this is not something our families take for granted.***

- ***JULIUS RUKYAA,***  
• ***Tanzanian Project Manager***

### Food Program

Part of the strategy to improve the health, wellbeing and learning of both students and staff, has been to introduce a *food program*. What a success this has been! Over the year, we have observed student's nutrition improve, and joy build. This is an essential building block to learning.

- ***Our families struggle to feed their children. Thanks to our food program, our students' physical and mental health has improved.***

- ***FIELD EDUCATOR***

### Entrepreneurship Training Program

We provide an Entrepreneurship Training Program to support vulnerable mothers of the school community who have been abandoned or widowed.

The women learn basic business and entrepreneurship skills as well as specific skills, including sewing or soap making. The women also learn about issues of health, including hygiene. This is a small program with significant potential to make an enormous impact in the lives of many more families in need.





- ***We are so encouraged by the work you are doing in Africa. We want to be a part of this and know that by giving regularly, it helps you to plan well and produce impact.***
- **GRAHAM AND JILL, DONORS**

## Highlights IN AUSTRALIA

***We are so thankful for our community, who encourage us, provide financial support, and volunteer.***

It is because of their donation of time and talents that we have sent increased funds to our projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania. Without this commitment, we would not have achieved the reported impact in the last 12 months.

We are thrilled with the number of new donors who have decided to become a part of our work this year. It has been so wonderful to have them as a part of our team.

- ***I love that you partner with locals to lead your projects well, I am committed to financially supporting this.***
- **VIVIAN, DONOR**

It has also been a blessing for some one-time donors to decide to give regularly. This allows us to budget well and plan for improved programs.





**BUILDING** *Capacity*







**GREENROOM**  
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*We'd like to thank our business sponsor*

**Greenroom Strategic**

*whose sponsorship enabled us to make significant inroads into our programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

*Without their commitment and generosity, we would not be where we are today.*

*“It is our privilege as a business to champion the great and lasting work of Harvest Hope Africa. Over 2 years of affiliation we’ve observed organisational values diligently at work to bring transformation to countless lives. Resolute in their commitment to make meaningful change, GREENROOM STRATEGIC is proud to be in partnership with Harvest Hope Africa.”*

**BEN, CEO AND FOUNDER OF GREENROOM STRATEGIC**

# FUNDRAISING *Events*

## THIS YEAR WE HAVE RUN SEVERAL SMALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN CANBERRA.

### *Our Bunnings BBQ's raised over \$9,000.*

We love these events because not only do they allow us to raise much needed funds, but our volunteers gather as a community, spending time giving to a shared vision. We love this! We are thankful for their generous donation of time to help make a difference in the lives of others.

### *We have also launched Lolendo Collections this year.*

A social enterprise that provides another avenue for our local community to be a part of the impact of our work.

Through Lolendo Collections we make both local and global impact, promoting culture for an equitable world. We promote culture locally through our African inspired, handmade, quality, and unique products. The sale of these items creates reliable, and profitable revenue streams to support the work of Harvest Hope Africa, creating positive local and global social change.



*Lolendo*  
COLLECTIONS





# THE YEAR Ahead

## IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The success and value of our programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo have proven apparent. Our priority in the year ahead will be to:

- ◆ Continue the *food program* throughout the course
- ◆ Provide *psychological therapy* for the first 6 months of each intake of students
- ◆ Continue to *train students* from the fourth intake
- ◆ Provide *sewing kits* to all graduating students
- ◆ Continue to provide mentoring and resources to the participants of the *sewing co-operative*



Continue the food program



Continue to train students

## IN TANZANIA

The Primary School in Tanzania has a plethora of opportunities. Our priority will be to:

- ◆ Provide *further toilets* for staff and students.
- ◆ Continue to provide regular wages for staff
- ◆ Add further playground equipment
- ◆ Begin an environmental development program. This involves *planting avocado trees*. They will not only increase shade for the students during the extremely hot, dry summers, they will also provide fruit for the children to eat and a source of revenue for the school.
- ◆ Focus on other capital building projects, including *updating the kitchen* and adding a *second classroom*



Toilets to update



more playground equipment



Another classroom like this







Lives  
**TRANSFORMED**





- *In giving financially to Harvest*
- *Hope Africa, I know my donation*
- *is making a difference and helping*
- *transform people's lives.*
- **DONOR**

# Every **DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

What an incredibly exciting time for Harvest Hope Africa. We have been overwhelmed with the support from our community of supporters, allowing us to take significant steps forward to transform the lives of those in remote communities of Africa.

This fiscal year we raised finances beyond our target and thank our donors for making that possible. As a result, we met our regular commitments, and provided further support to our programs in Africa.

As a start-up charity, the work is done solely by volunteers. Ongoing administration costs are kept to a minimum, and these costs are covered by select donors who have agreed to do so. This has allowed 100% of all other donations to go to the field.

To our committed donors, on behalf of our board and all the vulnerable people we help, I express our overwhelming gratitude. Our donors have stood by us in our early years, believed in the programs and financially given. We honor and thank you.

**Denis Zimba**  
*Treasurer*



# HOW YOU CAN *Help*

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*Invite us to come and speak at your community group*



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