

Honduras is one of the least developed countries in Central America, and Christian Aid has been working in Honduras since 1997.

*Commitment for Life* works in partnership with Christian Aid in Central America. Here, we work together with local communities so that they can prepare for disasters, protect what remains of the Honduran rainforest, support small rural businesses to thrive and grow, and advocate for tax reform.

In the early 2000's, Honduras was making steady progress towards poverty reduction. But a coup in June 2009 led to massive instability. Violence began to escalate particularly directed against women, journalists and human rights defenders. Land issues, economic inequality, corruption and political instability became factors blocking the path to progress, along with environmental and climate change issues.

Honduras has nearly 10,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. But testing is limited, and the public health system is operating under great strain. The centre of Honduras' epidemic has been in Cortes, but in recent weeks cases have surged around the capital of Tegucigalpa.

The Honduran President, a close ally of Donald Trump, has tested positive for COVID-19. It has been alleged that he has allowed the free movement of drugs to further his political career.

In spite of these many challenges, Christian Aid continues its work in Honduras, along with Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua. We work with around 25 partner organisations, from community-based groups to larger organisations operating across the region and beyond.

Our partners include indigenous communities, small farmers' associations, cooperative enterprises, redevelopment organisations, research institutions and faith-based organisations.

Our regional approach works because of the close economic, social and political ties between the four countries. This leads to coherent programming, links between partners and other allies across the region, and shared learning. Pic: Victor Garcia Unsplash

