

## A Call to Pray: October 2020

## Sustainable Development Goal 1: To end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030



More than 700 million people, or 10 per cent of the world population, live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 per day, struggling to fulfil the most basic needs like health, education, and access to water and sanitation, to name a few.

It is predicted that the COVID-19 pandemic will push an estimated 71 million additional people into extreme poverty, more than half of them being women and children.

Read: Luke 16: 19–31

**Pray:** that God will teach us how to share what we have with those who have little; that initiatives providing skills-training for income generation will prosper; that each person will have the opportunity to realize their potential and earn at least a living wage.

Let us know, by writing in the comments on our Facebook post, of initiatives in your Unit that are bringing hope to those who are suffering acute poverty.

## Pray for these, and thank God:

for agricultural training in DR Congo; for small business start-up and support in South Africa; for good quality seeds given to farmers in the Gambia; for skills training in beadwork and tailoring for women to generate an income and lift themselves out of poverty. for women in Nigeria responding to people in need through their 'Filling the Jar' initiative; for Ghanaian women providing skills training in production of yogurt, tie-and-dye clothes and bathing gel, and for guidance on Satellite TV installation and entrepreneurship.

To find out more about Goal 1 and other Sustainable Development Goals visit: http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment

## The World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women supports the Sustainable Development Goals.

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