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Dear all at The Diocese of Blackburn,

Thank you so much for choosing to support TREE AID's work and communities across the drylands of Africa. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work and effort that went into raising £8,037, as part of the Bishop's Harvest Festival appeal in 2017.

The money raised will help support the set up of nutrition gardens. They offer a unique way of restoring trees to an area and providing a reliable source of food that's available the whole year round. I'd like to tell you a little about the sort of people the nutrition garden's will help.

Before joining a TREE AID project Fatimata Sinou (from Boulzoma, Burkina Faso) and her neighbours grew grains and beans but struggled to get by, there was just enough to feed their children, but they themselves often went hungry. In the dry season, when there was little food around, desperation led them to search for gold in the discarded dust of the open mines of Burkina Faso.

Things are now changing in Fatimata's village thanks to your support. The nutrition garden that the residents of Boulzoma have created means that the whole community will have food to eat all year round. Trees planted in the garden are hardy and thrive even when other trees and crops fail, particularly during the dry season. And each leaf is packed full of amazing nutrients.

After just two months of setting up the nutrition garden, the Moringa and Boobab trees both provide nutritious and vitamin-rich leaves. Some of the leaves are being harvested and shared between Fatimata's community to eat, and additional leaves will be sold to pay for medicine and schooling. Now villagers are busy planting other drought-hardy trees in the nutrition garden.

Thank you so much for the Diocese of Blackburn's support – it truly is a lifeline for women like Fatimata, and for communities across dryland Africa.

Regards

John Moffett - CEO

PS. If you have any questions about our work or the donation you've given please call our supporters team on 0117 909 6363 or email info@treeaid.org.uk.

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