

BóVine

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2024



2023 and 2024 Achievements

- In November 2023 we shipped 36 in-calf heifers to impoverished families in Kosovo.
- In Year 2 of our partnership in Rwanda our training workshops reached 399 participants and benefited a further 2,000 people.
- In 2024 we have provided funding to a goat project in Albania; a farm project in Tanzania; beekeeping in Zambia and emergency aid for humanitarian relief in Gaza.

Bóthar is an organisation committed to providing sustainable agricultural solutions and empowering communities worldwide. By focusing on practices that preserve the environment and promote resilience, Bóthar embodies a holistic approach to addressing climate change.

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Welcome to our Autumn 2024 BóVine Newsletter



We take this opportunity to share important updates as Bóthar changes and adapts to better achieve our mission.

At Bóthar we have implemented cost-saving measures that will allow us to focus on what truly matters –enhancing our impact on the lives of farm families across the world.

Our recent move from Clare Street to a more streamlined location in Castletroy reflects our commitment to efficiency while maintaining our strong presence in our hometown, Limerick.

In this edition of BóVine we introduce Ailish O'Reilly, a talented Galway native, as our interim CEO. Ailish brings fresh insights and vision to our leadership team as we continue our rebuild.

We know communication is essential. We are dedicated to keeping our donors informed and engaged. In 2024 we have increased our outreach through radio, newspaper, Facebook, Instagram. We have a stand at the National Ploughing Championship 2024.

Change is challenging, but it is vital for Bóthar in order to continue making a positive impact both in Ireland and around the world. Your support has transformed the lives of over 130,000 recipients across the globe.

Our commitment to rebuilding Bóthar is more than just a project; it is a chance to contribute to a brighter future for communities around the world. We embrace the opportunity to make a difference today. We are profoundly grateful for your generosity and belief in our mission.

Commitment to the Survivors of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda



2024 is the poignant 30th year commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. We at Bóthar, in partnership with Ripple Effect, reaffirm our dedication to empowering the survivors and revitalising their communities. Our journey in Rwanda began in 1998, and since then, we have worked hand-

in-hand with AVEGA (Association des Veuves du Genocide) to deliver sustainable initiatives that uplift and support those affected by this tragic history.

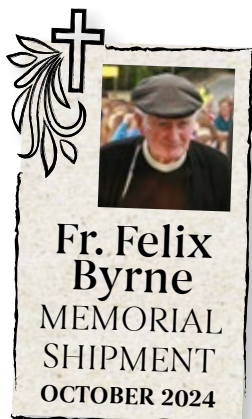
Over the past two years alone, our joint efforts with Ripple Effect have reached 399 participants, creating a ripple of change that benefits nearly 2,000 individuals. With a focus on inclusivity, we've engaged 243 women, 41 individuals with disabilities, and 16 youth, equipping them with vital skills in farm planning, animal husbandry, and sustainable agricultural practices. This holistic approach not only strengthens families but also the very fabric of society.

Support a gift of a Family Farm or Global Village, and help us write the next chapter of resilience and renewal in Rwanda.

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on **www.bothar.ie**



A Commemorative Shipment to Kosovo



This autumn our supporters group in County Wexford is gearing up for a special shipment of 30 in-calf heifers to Kosovo, honouring the memory of Fr. Felix Byrne of Monaseed. Known for his deep passion for farming and unwavering support for our community, this shipment stands as a testament to Fr. Byrne's legacy.



A matching shipment of 30 in-calf heifers will be shipped from Roscrea in the same month. Both shipments are bound for Kosovo. At Bóthar, we believe in the power of agriculture to transform lives and create lasting change through sustainable farming practices.

Our partners in Kosovo, the incredible team at Mëshquerra, have expressed their heartfelt gratitude for this opportunity. Through the Passing-On programme, families in Kosovo will not only receive

support but also join the ranks of future donors, creating a legacy of generosity and empowerment.

The heifers have been donated by farmers all over Ireland. Their owners/herdkeepers are preparing them for shipment. We invite you to be a part of this heartwarming initiative by donating to the cost of shipment. Your contribution could transform lives and help build a brighter future.

Sponsor an in-calf heifer
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In 2019, an in-calf heifer named Lara arrived from Ireland to her new home with Nekib and Teuta in Kosovo. Since then, Lara has thrived, producing five calves—four bull calves and one delightful heifer calf. The heifer calf became part of the Pass On programme.

Lara's contributions to the family include the income generated from her milk, cheese, and yogurt which has become a vital financial lifeline, supporting a family of six and enhancing their quality of life.

A new home for Lara

Through the Bóthar project and our Kosovo partners, Meshqerra, Lara's adoption has paved the way for improved farm management practices and increased income. This in turn has led to better nutrition and health for the entire family and then a second family in their community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who plays a part in making projects like this possible.

Your support is crucial in ensuring that Bóthar can continue to change lives and create sustainable futures.

Malawi's Journey of Independence with Bóthar

MALAWI

Malawi marked 60 years of independence on Saturday, 6th July 2024. At Bóthar, we are proud to continue our partnership that has flourished for nearly two decades.

Since opening a dedicated dairy plant in 2005, Bóthar has impacted the lives of countless families. Our success story is encapsulated in the village of Msonthi, where 30 families received Bóthar cows, transforming their livelihoods. Rebecca and her family—once living in a leaky, one-room house, now thrive in a sturdy brick home thanks to the sustainable income from their dairy cows.

In 2022 and 2023 Bóthar, alongside our dedicated partners, provided essential emergency response and clean water solutions in areas affected by two cyclone events.

In 2025 we aim to further enhance the quality of life and water with our partner the Small Scale Livestock Livelihood Program (SSLLP), which is seeking a grant to extend clean water access to 800 households in northern Malawi. Safe drinking water will curb waterborne diseases, reliable water



supply will bolster food security for local households, and significantly reduce the time women and girls spend fetching water—empowering them to pursue education and other opportunities.

Purchase a gift of a Water System to donate to a grant fund for Malawi on www.bothar.ie



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MALAWI

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ZIMBABWE



The Bóthar Christmas gifts certainly make a sweet difference! Thanks to the generous donations collected during the 2023 festive season, Bóthar and our partners Ripple Effect and the Zambian Rainbow Development Foundation (ZRDF) are transforming lives across Zambia.

With your help, 100 farmers—including 26 women—are transforming their potential with new skills and knowledge. Additionally, 21 farmers will receive expert technical support for their honey harvests, and each farmer will be equipped with 5 new beehives tailored to support their growth. Bóthar prioritises empowering women in our programs, believing that equitable and meaningful participation in agriculture fosters stronger families and communities. Your support through a Honey Bee gift is changing lives.

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Emergency Response

Emergency response is a necessary consideration in Bóthar's mission. It is a stark reality faced by rural communities we work with; communities that often lack the necessary resilience to endure the impacts of natural disasters, pandemics, or conflict. It is our commitment to ensuring that those in need are not left behind.

In 2023 we responded to a post cyclone emergency in Malawi.

In 2024 we chose to extend our support to the people of Gaza. The generosity of you, our donors, in response to this emergency was heartening. The funds raised during this campaign were channelled through an agency that has been fully endorsed by the Irish government, assuring transparency and accountability. 100% of the donations received were allocated directly. In May 2024, we sent €40,092.50 to assist those affected in Gaza. We will make a second smaller contribution in December as funds continue to arrive in response to our Easter Appeal.



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