



Accompanying notes for Overview of CU presentation

Slide 2 Based in Hereford, Concern Universal is an international development organisation tackling poverty from the grassroots. We create opportunities for people around the world to improve their lives and shape their own futures. By building skills and connecting people at all levels in society, we help communities deliver practical solutions with long term impact.

Slide 4 Concern Universal works in 11 countries with over 60 partner organisations. We work in 5 key areas.

Slide 5 Key area 1: supporting people to have improved health.

884 million people in the world do not have access to safe water. This is roughly one in eight of the world's population. (WHO/UNICEF). Many of our projects focus on improving access to water.

As a result of our work in 2009/10:

500,000 people accessed safe water

448,563 people have improved sanitation and hygiene

972 water points provided or rehabilitated

417,783 people enabled to access healthcare

Slide 6 Key area 2: Supporting people to grow enough food for themselves and their families and helping people to have better jobs. For example: 50,000 rural people accessed financial services & started or grew their businesses (photo on left of women in Nigeria who took out a joint loan & bought a milling machine to process cassava) People now have jobs to earn their living, they also have greater skills and knowledge to grow food for their families and for selling (photo on right, a woman in Colombia who now has her own garden to grow supplementary vegetables for her family)

Slide 7 Key area 3: Helping people to know their rights and claim them. CU works alongside children, women and vulnerable groups so that they can claim their rights for basic health care, education, speaking out against child labour and exploitation. (Photo on left: children in Brazil able to now access books, did not have this opportunity in school – Education is a Right) (Photo on right: a girl speaks out against child labour in Kenya)

Slide 8 Key area 4: Improved skills. For example: Training adults who have missed out on an education so that they can read and write, signing their names on pay cheques, supporting children to learn and take part in art activities and sports.

Slide 9 Reducing vulnerability 68,000 people reduced their vulnerability to disaster risk. (Photo on left: children planting trees in Ghana to prevent soil erosion and make a difference to the impacts of climate change) (Photo on right: school children in Bangladesh learn first aid skills to help them in an emergency)

Slide 12 Advocating for a fairer and more sustainable world. For people, for good.