

## **Christian charity empower mums across the globe this Mother's Day**

Compassion, through its Child Survival and Child Sponsorship Programme, empowers mothers around the globe to take control of their lives for the benefit of their families. This Mother's Day, Compassion is urging churches across the country to take positive steps to support mothers across the developing world.

Although women make up approximately half of the global population, they account for over 70 per cent of those living in extreme poverty. Women work two thirds of the world's working hours, but only earn one tenth of the world's income and own only one per cent of the world's property titles.

Mother's, like Lucy from Medina in Ghana, struggle to make a future for their family in a world that seems pitted against them. When Lucy gave birth to her sixth child, Grant, she was overwhelmed with the responsibility and she sought support from the local church, the Adonai Chapel. Grant was instantly registered as a Compassion sponsored child, and whilst this eased some of the burden from Lucy and provided the family with additional resources, when her husband died in 2008 life became an impossible struggle.

Through a micro-enterprise venture run in conjunction with Compassion and Opportunity International, Lucy was given a small loan with which she purchased vegetables and Tilapia to sell outside her home. "I have learnt other things through this loan. They gave us some training on how to save effectively. That saving spirit has become a part of me," says Lucy warmly. "No matter how small my sales for the week, I make sure I save something."

The programme has given Lucy back her freedom, independence and an opportunity to plan a positive, poverty-free future for her children.

**Compassion has produced a number of resources to be used by churches, house groups and individuals this Mother's Day, to raise awareness of the plight of mothers across the world. To take a look visit [compassionuk.org/mothersday](http://compassionuk.org/mothersday)**

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