

GROWING HOPE

A sustainable vegetable project to help the Western Saharan refugees to support themselves.

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Phase 3 project update

This is what your money and your support has achieved!

- The project has relocated to Laayoune camp.
- The project in the camps now has **secure ownership** of a large plot of growing land and a contract with the Polisario (the camps administration) to secure the future rights of the project.
- They have worked tirelessly to clear, secure and construct a new **well** that they now own and this will provide irrigation for the project.
- The **100 metre long polytunnel** is up and crops are growing (there will be 2 harvests this year). Additional land around the polytunnel is also being used to grow crops.
- Secure fencing is in place to secure the crops from the attention of goats.
- The project has rented **a vehicle** to help distribute produce across the camps.

After



Here is the well!

We will be growing a range of crops to supplement and improve the diet of families in the camps including, tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet peppers, lettuce, aubergines, mint, onions and potatoes.



Fundraisers 2022



The Big Ramble 2 October 2022



A massive thank you for all your generosity and commitment!

- Yard sale.
- Alex's marathons.
- The Belfast Music event.
- Donations, donations, donations!!!
- A second grant from Unicorn Grocery.



Manchester Peace walk September 2022

NEXT STEPS: We need to continue to raise funds to cover the cost of wages and to ensure we have the money to support the project as it develops and as it begins to cover its own wage and operational bill from the sale of some of the produce.

How can you help?

- Sign up for a small monthly standing order. If many give a little, it soon adds up. Information can be found in the donate section on our website.
- Contact us with your ideas for fundraising and to help raise awareness of the Western Saharan people.
- Visit our website to keep up to date with the project.

