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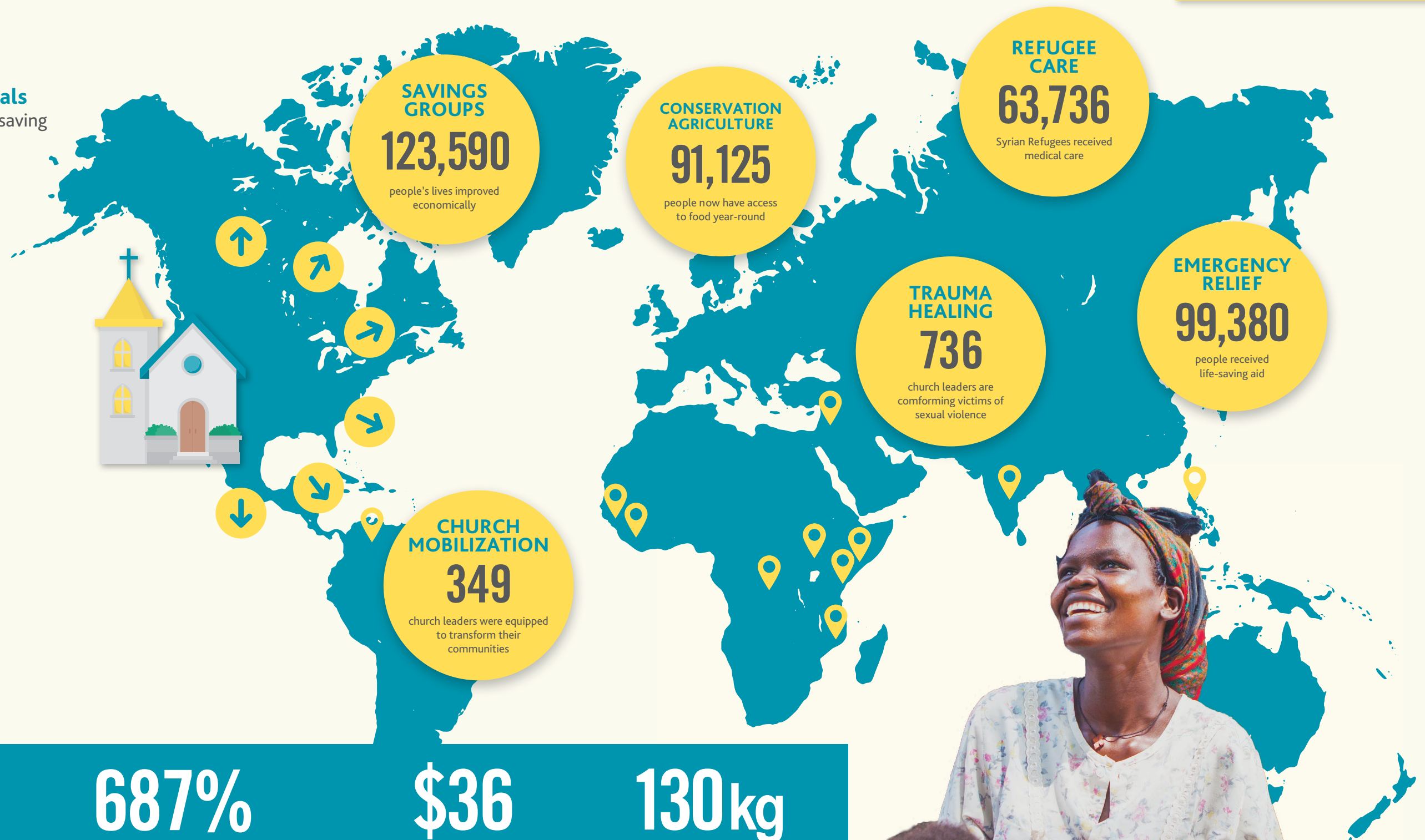
IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

319,994

TOTAL LIVES IMPACTED*

In 2019, over **319,000 individuals** across **11 countries** received life-saving aid or were lifted out of poverty:

DR Congo
Ethiopia
India
Kenya
Lebanon
Liberia
Malawi
Philippines
Sierra Leone
South Sudan
Tanzania



85%

women comprise 85% of **Savings Groups**

687%

average increase in family income after planting Taro with **conservation agriculture**

\$36

cost to train one savings group member

130kg

amount of grain and beans each family received in our **disaster response**

*Numbers may not add up. Refugee care and trauma healing included in emergency relief.

UNLEASING THE POWER OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Your gifts and prayers strengthened local churches in the world's poorest places, helping equip them to radically transform their communities.

Pastor Birhanu felt like something in his church was missing. Although excellent at preaching and teaching, his Ethiopian church struggled to make an impact on its community. He and the church leaders knew something had to change... but what?

Your gifts and prayers provided the answer.

When the leaders started participating in Tearfund's Bible studies their eyes grew wide. All at once, the lightbulbs switched on and excitement overflowed. Their view of the gospel expanded.

From speaking the gospel, to living it; they started to engage their community, learning about their needs and how to help. They discovered that people faced two big challenges: having enough food to eat, and the ability to save and access to loans.

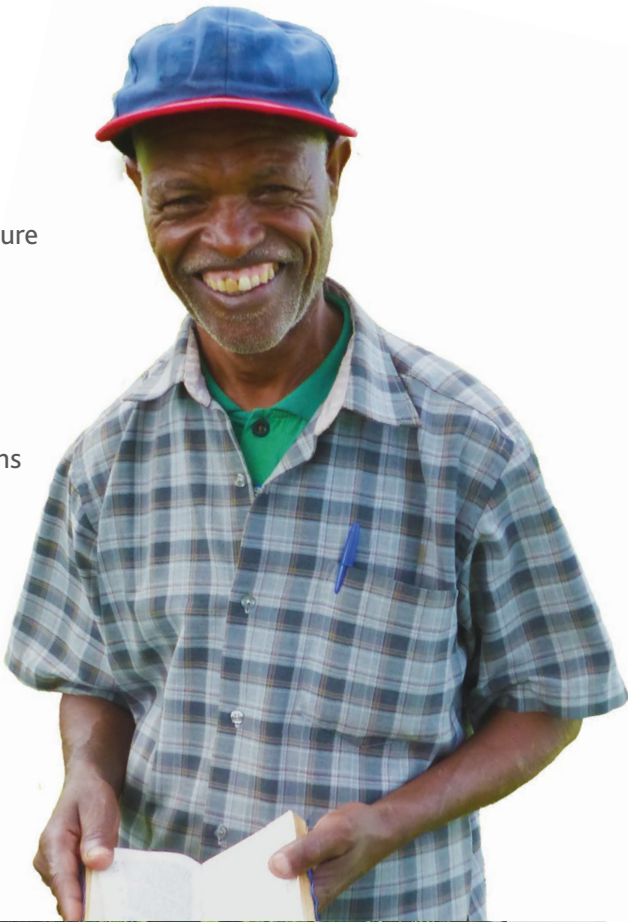
Your gifts helped the church to train the community in improved agriculture and establish four Self-Help groups. A change was seen within months:

"We grew more than ever, farmers could save some crops to sell at a higher price. They were able to buy more seeds for their farms. Even the offering at church increased!"

But it didn't stop there. The church sponsored six widows and two orphans in desperate need; providing them with food, clothing, and shelter. Neighbours of the church took notice. Many are now coming to church because of the love in action they see!

Thanks for helping us through this process, now in our community there is no one who is lonely, afraid, or hungry! May God bless you all!

-Pastor Birhanu



LOCAL CHURCHES ARE GOD'S WAY OF DOING THINGS

With Pastor Russ @ Ellerslie Road Baptist Church

"...We're always looking for partnerships that will help us be obedient to Jesus' commands of making disciples and loving our neighbours. The best way to do that is through the local church; it's God's way of working in the world!

Tearfund is a very powerful and tangible way we can strengthen churches in Ethiopia to transform their communities. Instead of handouts, we appreciate their approach of equipping churches and leaders to solve the challenges themselves.

The results are incredible! People can afford to eat and send their kids to school. We dream of what Ethiopia will look like in a generation once these children get educated and become professionals, pastors, and country leaders..."

The way Tearfund helps the poor with local churches is brilliant and right there with what we would hope to happen with Christian mission.

-Pastor Russ

STREAMS OF INCOME



Village Savings and Loans

"This project has changed our lives completely"

-Japhet

It was finally the day Japhet and his wife, Mary, had waited months for. 'Share out' – the day when the Village Savings Group graduated and members received their hard-earned savings. It was more money than their family had ever seen. A joyous celebration followed!

Throughout their lives, Japhet and Mary were crippled by poverty. They couldn't pay their children's school fees, hurting their future. And as farmers, poor rains meant agonizing hunger.

Three years ago, your gifts gave them the opportunity to join a Village Savings Group. After one year their children could go to school. They were able to buy a small generator, pump, and water pipes to start irrigating their farm. Their crops grew 4 times more than ever before.

This year, Japhet hopes to extend the water pipes to the market where so he can sell water to the community. "We're so thankful" they say together.

WOMEN CHANGING THE WORLD

In Ethiopia, deforestation, over-tilling, and changing weather patterns are washing away the soil. One savings group set out to change that. They set out to teach their village to practice biblical stewardship and restore the land. In July, they mobilized 1,000 women to plant over **15,000 trees in only 2 hours!**



Through Church-based Community Transformation, you can help equip and empower churches to be the catalyze for change in their community. [Learn more at www.tearfund.ca](http://www.tearfund.ca)

MARTHA, THE INNOVATION LADY



“In year one my yield grew 271%, In year two it grew 550%”

-Martha

With a farm smaller than a football field, Martha's family of seven often experienced terrible hunger.

Not anymore. Your generous gifts provided her with training in conservation agriculture and she is now called “the innovation lady” by her village.

Martha set new standards with her farm. She meticulously measured the distance between seeds and experimented with different combinations of intercropping to maximize yields. When we visited, she proudly showed us 13 test plots and began to teach us! She is so successful that her neighbours started copying her.

When asked what started all this, she replied, **“God made all these plants. I just am trying to figure out what God would do to get the most for my family.”**

We believe that everyone has the God-given potential to do amazing things. This new training was just the catalyst Martha needed to thrive.

THE JOY OF GIVING



“I cannot express how much this project has helped my family. We now eat well and my children have resumed going to school.”

-Garang

The smell of smoke filled Garang's nostrils and panic filled his heart. Before he had a chance to respond, Garang Luol was forced to watch his house be consumed by flame. It was one of the many that were destroyed in a fire that ravished his village.

It was another tragedy in a year where his crops failed due to erratic rains. With no home or food, he and his children moved in with their neighbours. But with so many mouths to feed, it meant no one had enough to eat.

This summer your donations provided a lifeline to thousands in South Sudan. Garang's family was one of the 1,330 most vulnerable selected to receive emergency food rations for 3 months until harvest. **During this period, not a single member of those families died from starvation.**

Although devastation has defined South Sudan for years, there is cause for celebration. There are small signs of hope as conditions slowly improve. With his immediate food concerns resolved, Garang has started a vegetable garden and has rebuilt his home. Many others are doing the same.

Thank you for your continued support for South Sudan. You have provided life-saving aid to thousands on this long path to recovery!

CELEBRATING TOGETHER



None of this would have been possible without your generous gifts and prayers.

Your donations make a life-long difference in the lives of so many throughout the world. Every time we visit a village and ask if there is anything they would like to tell people back in Canada, the response is always the same – “thank you.”

GIVING GOD WHAT IS HIS

Nadine and Warren, in their late 30s, have been generous donors of Tearfund for 11 years. As soon as they got married, they prayed and discussed how they should give back.

With a heart for empowerment, they were drawn to Tearfund's work in microfinance and savings groups. “I appreciate how the saving groups empower people to lift themselves out of poverty,” Warren says “we are able to have such incredible impact with so little.”

But that isn't the only reason. They also love how through Tearfund, they can equip the local church to be at the centre of change. “Giving out food is just a partial solution, it is essential but does not address the long-term spiritual and social problems in the community. We love that through local churches, Tearfund tackles both.” said Nadine.

For Nadine and Warren, giving isn't a nice thing to do, it is an act of obedience to God. They are so thankful for the many blessings that God has given them and know that everything they have is His. They are filled with joy when they see how God is using them to change lives.



“I often think that it is important to be faithful in the little things and God rewards that. His commandments aren't meant to burden us, but to give us joy.”

-Nadine

Following Jesus where the need is greatest in 2020

We feel so humbled to see the outflow of generosity and how God has used us to change lives in 2019. But there is still much more to be done. **View our priorities for 2020 on the back of the report.**



CELEBRATING MORE IN 2020

We can't believe how many lives have been changed in 2019 and how God poured out his blessings. But we're not done. Our vision is to see all people living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential.

1. CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND EQUIP LOCAL CHURCHES TO TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES.

In 2019 we trained over 349 church leaders to transform their communities and we want to dramatically expand that in 2020.

2. EMPOWER AND TRAIN MORE FAMILIES TO ESCAPE POVERTY USING THEIR GOD-GIVEN SKILLS AND RESOURCES.

Over the next year, we started exciting new projects that will help thousands of families lift themselves out of poverty. We're expanding our agriculture and savings work in Ethiopia and the DR Congo, starting a new agriculture project in Kenya, and improving our work in Tanzania.

3. PROVIDE RELIEF AND AID TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.

We are already responding to the massive Venezuelan Refugee Crisis and will continue to serve those in crisis in South Sudan. Our team is continuously improving processes to deliver better quality aid even faster.

Tearfund mobilizes God's Church in the very poorest places to unlock people's God-given power and potential – creating flourishing and resilient communities



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Several Tearfund Canada initiatives receive funding through the International Humanitarian Assistance program of Global Affairs Canada, which directs Canada's official international development and humanitarian assistance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Such projects build on significant support from Tearfund donors, giving individual and church donations a greatly amplified impact.

Tearfund Canada, adheres to the Core Humanitarian Standards as set out by the International Red Cross, as well as the SPHERE Humanitarian aid standards and Integral Alliance quality standards.

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