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South Sudan - Our partner Tearfund South Sudan and a local partner CEDS in Northern Bahr el Ghazal state have just completed a **food assistance project supporting 13,500 people**. Pray that we can extend the food assistance program during this lean season as well as provide seeds, tools and training on agriculture to reach the most vulnerable during this ongoing crisis.

East Africa - The annual planting season has just started in **Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya**. Please pray for good rains this year in these countries that have had several years of poor harvests. Pray also for countries in East Africa hosting the thousands of South Sudanese refugees.

Sierra Leone - A runoff vote for President has just been completed, and tallying of votes is taking place to confirm who **the next President** will be. Pray that whoever is elected will promote peace in this transition period and bring hope and prosperity to the country.

Lebanon - Praise God for a good meeting with Canadian government officials in Lebanon with important discussions on the effects of the Syrian war on Lebanon. May we continue to have the excellent support from the Government of Canada in assisting Syrian refugees living in the Bekaa Valley.

Bangladesh - Pray for the food security, health and future of over 650,000 **Rohingya refugees from Myanmar** living in temporary camps in southern Bangladesh. Pray for God's protection for refugees during the upcoming monsoon season in Bangladesh.

Liberia - Pray that data collection continues to go well for our partners, the **Association of Evangelicals of Liberia**, and that they are able to put together all the information for deciding on the next steps for our work in Liberia. Pray for God's leading as program staff visit in the spring.

Tanzania - Praise God that the Diocese of Central Tanzania has managed to mobilize 67 savings groups with 1,440 members, 71% being women. Most have become micro-entrepreneurs, and they are better able to take care of their children. Pray that Savings Groups will continue to prosper in their savings, small business activities, and community involvement despite the many challenges that they face.

Democratic Republic of Congo - Please continue to pray for the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, where violence has created a humanitarian crisis in several parts of this country, including the Kasai region. Pray especially for Tearfund's partner the Baptist Community of Central Africa, who is operating our agriculture and savings group project in Beni Territory, North Kivu, where periodic fighting is taking place. Churches play a big role in providing many of the services including health, education, and social in DRC, and we pray they bring hope.

India - Pray that our partners continue to bring good agriculture, health and financial development to the Saura people living in rocky hills, where it is difficult to make a living. Pray that God will bless the projects and allow the people to live productive lives.