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Discovery

Trip 2023 & 2024

What is it?

Tearfund's Discovery Team trips are a 10-day experience to help our Church leaders and donors to understand the humanitarian work we do. Throughout the 10 days, you'll be able to understand the countries we work in through the lens of the local population, the church, and our local partners.

Discovery Team 2023/2024

Kenya/Tanzania and Ethiopia

In 2023 and 2024, Tearfund will be leading several Discovery Team trips to Africa including Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia, where we have been working for decades, and are currently implementing major projects through our strong local partners and the church.

Participating in a Discover Team will provide you with the opportunity to witness first-hand the programs you support, you will gain an understanding of how through Tearfund's interventions, communities are transformed. But most importantly, you will see what God is doing through you and the lives you helped.

When will it be?



Kenya/Tanzania

17th to 27th of March 2023



Ethiopia

6th to 18th July 2023 and 4th to 16th July 2024
9th to 19th November 2023

**Dates are subject to small changes due to flight availability*

Why would one participate?

As part of an inspirational journey, the Discovery Team will provide each member with the opportunity to understand why TFCA does the work it does, and why working with the local community is important. It will help them understand where their financial support is going and how it is being used to support people across the world.

Traveling in non-tourist but local areas will provide a greater insight into what could be a bigger picture and create a greater comprehension of everything. It can help each person gain a deeper understanding and meaningful connection with other countries and cultures.

Ministry Opportunities: This is designed as a learning experience, not a ministry or service experience. However, there may be opportunities to share and minister among our Ethiopian, Kenyan, and Tanzanian brothers, and sisters.

Please be prepared for:

- One 3 to 10-minute short devotional, testimony, or explanation of favourite Bible verse (please inform team leader if you are not comfortable sharing)
- Prayer ministry for and with our fellow brothers and sisters
- Sharing the challenges and victories that you face in your day-to-day Christian journey

What will one gain from the Discovery Team?

Over the course of the trip, Discovery Team members will visit several communities in the visited countries, meeting local farmers, church leaders, and members of Tearfund's Self-Help and Saving Group projects.

You will learn about the importance of Conservation Agriculture, Saving Groups, Church Transformation, and how communities are transformed from our interventions.

The team will build relationships with our national partners in the country, the local communities, and truly understand the culture.

How does TFCA ensure the safety of the team?

Ensuring all guests are immunized

- Immunizations are mandatory
- Tearfund Canada will advise you on the immunization process.
- Each person will need to visit a health clinic before leaving where they will receive immunizations for yellow fever, hepatitis, typhoid, tetanus, and an antimalarial prescription. (The travel health clinic will also advise on what immunizations are needed).

Safe accommodation

- Accommodation will include guest houses, small hotels, or private homes – based on what's safest, available, and suitable.
- All rooms will have mosquito nets and access to appropriate showers.

Daily Debriefs

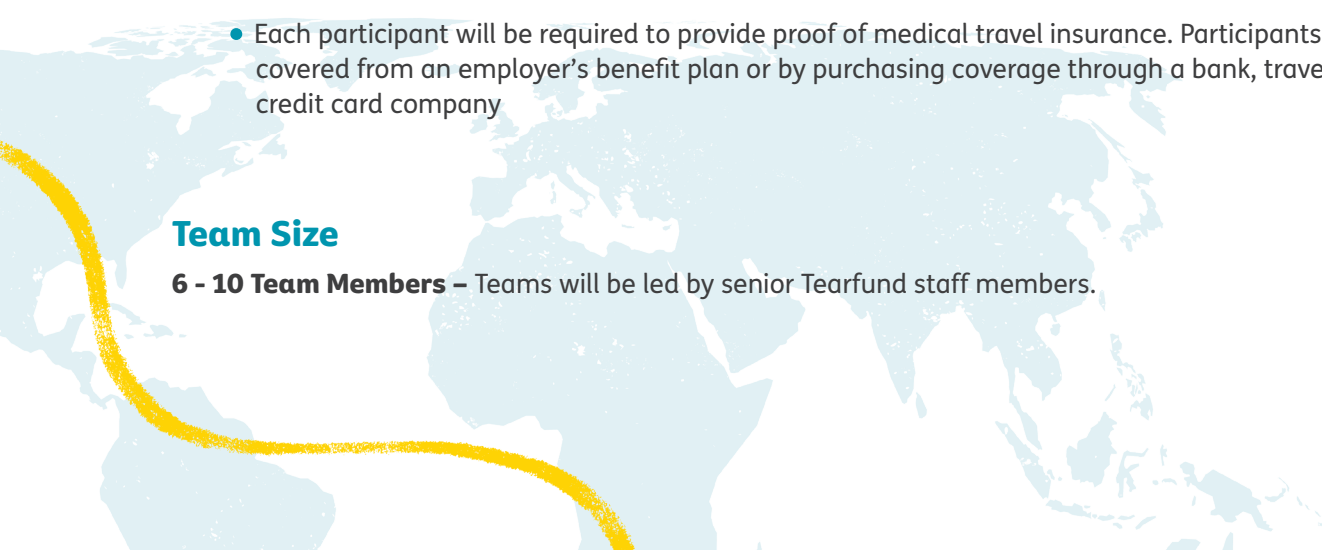
- Participants will have daily debriefs led by experienced team leaders to ensure maximum learning and a deeper understanding of the local cultural context.

Insurance

- Each participant will be required to provide proof of medical travel insurance. Participants can be covered from an employer's benefit plan or by purchasing coverage through a bank, travel agent or credit card company

Team Size

6 - 10 Team Members – Teams will be led by senior Tearfund staff members.



Pre-Departure Training

Pre- and post-departure training is designed and delivered to encourage personal growth, spiritual development, and cultural awareness. Pre-departure training will help equip participants to effectively relate cross-culturally and make a positive impact on hosts and national leaders.

It will include:

- Reading assignments (books and articles)
- Completing inventories/surveys
- Two 90-minute team meetings via Skype/Zoom
- Packing and travel tips
- Praying for the host country and its people

Cost

- \$4,000 all-inclusive cost. (All expenses are tax receiptable, participants may raise support)
- This cost includes airfare, accommodations, in-country food and transportation, and visas.
Note: immunizations and other pre-departure health costs are only included in this amount if coverage cannot be attained through the participant's personal benefit plan.
- The cost does not include travel health insurance, passports, and medications (recommended: anti malaria and dukoral)
- Upon confirmation, each participant will be required to sign a Release/Waiver Form
- If interested contact **Elaria** at efahmi@tearfund.ca or call **1-800-567-8190** to reserve your space

Leadership

Each Discovery Team experience is unique, but it is expected that training experiences will come from:

- Wayne Johnson – CEO
- Don Miller – Church Engagement Director
- Phil Reilly – National Director of Development & Mobilization

Re-entry Debrief

Two weeks after returning from your discovery trip there will be a debriefing to ensure maximum learning. This debrief will help to ensure that new learnings are integrated into your life experience.

If you have any questions about Discovery Teams or about the application process, please contact **Don Miller** – dmiller@tearfund.ca or at **(613) 371-6246**

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