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UNSHAKABLE HOPE

IMPACT REPORT 2023

GLOBAL IMPACT

Your impact all over the world.

Message from Tearfund's Board Chair

My devotion this morning ended with a prayer that started “Satisfying God, it sometimes hurts to hope, and so I settle for less.” Yet, in a year like 2022, where would we be without our hope and trust in God?

News reports of wars, famine, inflation, political instability, natural disasters and continuing waves of Covid have been markedly lacking in hope. Often, in preparing for Tearfund Board meetings I have been heartbroken at reading the stories of communities where our partners are at work – seeing the devastating impact of famine, drought and war through the eyes of people for whom this is a daily reality.

And yet, I am reminded that this is what Tearfund does – we follow Jesus where the need is greatest. We follow Jesus to where he already is. Jesus is already alongside the broken, the hurting, the grieving and the hungry. What a privilege to be invited to join him, and when we do this we also experience hope. Hope as we read of lives transformed, hope as we see the impact of local churches at work in their communities, hope as we hear stories of joy and dancing. As you read this impact report, I hope you are as encouraged as I am.



Helen Reimer
Helen Reimer
Board Chair



126,837

Individuals are more
food secure



149,672

Individuals received
life-saving aid

298,254*

Total Lives changed in 2022

*Numbers may not add up exactly due to overlaps in programs.



Individuals Impacted by Country:

Ethiopia 150,546	Pakistan 3,423
Kenya 15,336	Haiti 8,025
Tanzania 8,718	Lebanon 28,069
DRC 9,650	Ukraine 21,566
South Sudan 39,400	Canada
India 4,620	First Nation 4,100
Sierra Leone 2,400	Liberia 2,400

Message from the CEO

Dear friend,

If it feels like this year had more emergencies than others it's because—it did.

The cover of this report is evidence of this. Week after week, month after month, newspaper headlines painted a picture of gloom and despair. From the war in Ukraine, to drought in the horn of Africa, to flooding in Pakistan. And it's only supposed to get worse.

In 2022 we were overwhelmed by the sheer number of disasters. But despite all the calamity around us, let me tell you one thing: **Our God is unshakable.** In him, we have unshakable hope!

It's because of this hope we press forward. When faced with uncertainty and pain, it's easy to become paralyzed. To become stuck in grief. But Christ shows us another way. These moments are when his power is most on display.

And that's what we saw this year. Taking your generosity, God has done tremendous things.

With your help, local churches have been equipped and empowered—going beyond their walls and transforming their communities. Families fleeing war have been fed and cared for; and farmers suffering from hunger have learned how to grow more food. Your gifts have empowered women to save, start new businesses and lead their families out of poverty. And your support has brought the message of Jesus and new life to many survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

I hope that this report encourages you and helps you see some of the amazing ways God is still working in the world. And that you would continue to strive after him, our rock and our hope.

Blessings,



Wayne
Wayne Johnson
Executive Director & CEO

YOU'RE HELPING PROVIDE **NEW HOPE**

We believe that the church is the centre of change. Through church-based community transformation, you're helping churches across East Africa and India tackle the immense physical and spiritual needs around them and bring lasting hope.

Reverend Christopher Ndambuki looks out from his pulpit to his hungry congregation.

"My wife and I sacrifice and share what we have. Though it is generally not enough for us."

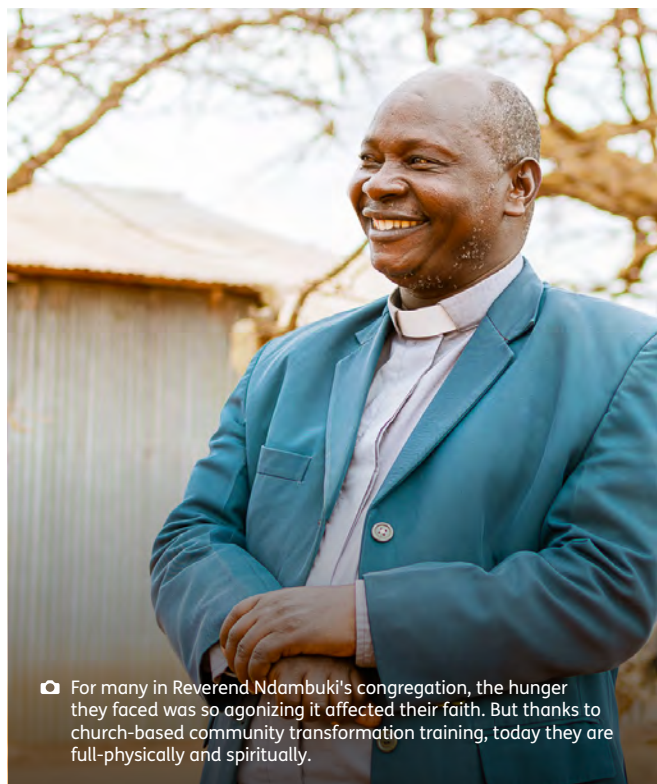
Reverend Ndambuki tells us of the many challenges his congregation has. How families go to sleep hungry, and even when they do attend church, they can't pay attention.

In this rural part of Kenya, drought has always been a part of life. But changes in the climate have exacerbated the problem. Families find it impossible to grow enough to eat. But in the midst of this, Eaglerise Baptist Church stands strong.

In 2021, Tearfund's Church partner, Fadhili, met up with Reverend Ndambuki and joined forces. Through church-based community transformation training, the church was better able to meet the immense needs around it.

"Together with Fadhili, we created several saving groups within the church. These groups have been extremely beneficial. Many families started kitchen gardens. New members have started all kinds of businesses such as selling vegetables and plans are doubling constantly."

"And not just members of the church. The groups have also encouraged others to join. Through this, church membership grew."



For many in Reverend Ndambuki's congregation, the hunger they faced was so agonizing it affected their faith. But thanks to church-based community transformation training, today they are full-physically and spiritually.

Although Reverend Ndambuki and his church still have many challenges they are empowered and working together towards change. Reverend Ndambuki continues to preach the gospel Sunday morning but now his congregation is full. Donors like you are helping it act as a shining light to all those who pass its doors.

From our Partners:

Why Church-based Development?

'Church-based community transformation is very important to the holistic transformation of the church itself. It places ministry in its true and balanced foundation - to love God and love your neighbour.'

In the last two years we've mobilized 52 churches and are seeing amazing results. Local churches have started building houses for non-believer widows, paying medical bills, and providing school materials for children. This has a huge impact: first in the lives of needy people, but also in the whole community. The remarkable fact is that these communities did it for themselves. They didn't wait for someone else from the outside.

Local church members started Bible studies and prayer to plan for reaching out to community members and it has brought excitement and new awakening in churches. When the church reaches out to the wider community, it becomes stronger.'

Bereket Tassew

Executive Director of Terepeza Development Association, Ethiopia



Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



144

local churches
empowered



48,680

congregants
mobilized



504

church projects
initiated



\$22,892

raised by local churches to
meet community needs for
the very 1st time!

YOU'RE HELPING BRING HUNGER TO A GRINDING HALT

Hunger won't have the last word. Although global hunger levels have been rising, you're helping us fight back. Through the introduction of drought-resistant crops, new farming methods, and innovative storage techniques, you're stopping hunger dead in its tracks.

“Clink... Clink... Clink, Clink, Clink...” goes the sound of rain on Mariam’s tin roof. The rains have come after 8 months of waiting.

“Our crops were attacked by pests and diseases. There was no rain and food was reducing. I usually would harvest a lot then store, but without rain we couldn’t replenish the food we used. I was very worried for my children...I couldn’t sleep.”

But thanks to donors like you, Mariam was provided a life-line. Through our local church partner, Mariam learned how to grow food that would survive in arid conditions. Through conservation agriculture techniques such as no-till planting, intercropping, and mulching, she was able to grow 3X more food than before. Moreover, thanks to PICS bags, she was able to preserve much more food than before—and for longer! This allowed her family to get through the drought much better than her neighbours.



“Thanks to Tearfund I am learning a lot. Thanks to the training my income is increasing and I have bought iron sheets for our house! In the future, I hope to grow further.”



Did you know?

That rot, mold, and pests can spoil up to 40% of crops stored traditionally!?

Thankfully, innovations like PICS bags are helping change this.

These low-cost, airtight bags keep pests out and freshness in; helping farmers dramatically reduce crop spoilage and improve income.



☑ Mariam loves to play with her little boy. A few years ago both suffered immense hunger and Mariam was very worried for her children "I couldn't sleep" she tells us. But thanks to you, training in new farming methods has led to full bellies and new possibilities.

Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



13,303

farmers were
trained



277

farmer field schools
were established



16,290

acres of farmland
were cultivated



that's

12,341

football fields!



126,837

people have better
access to food



Crop yields increased
a minimum of

58%



YOU'RE HELPING BREAK THE BONDS OF POVERTY

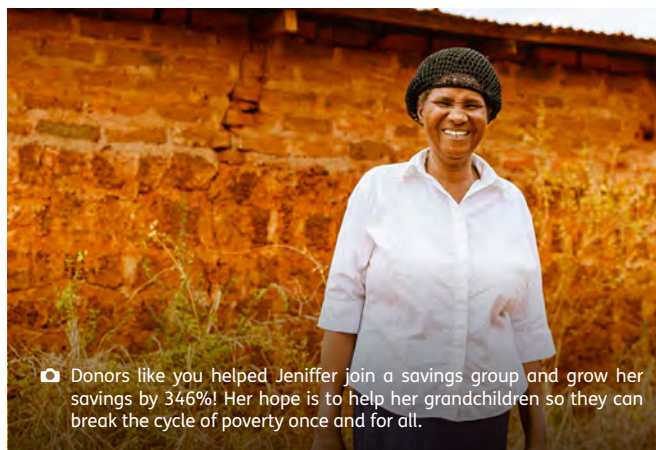
Saving groups, business training, and farmer cooperatives are all proven methods of helping families out of poverty. In 2022 you helped 11,870 families break the cycle of poverty using their own God-given skills and abilities. Now THAT'S something to celebrate.

Jeniffer's eyes grew wide. She couldn't believe it.

After only one year of participating in her savings group she held 9,000 shillings in her hand—a **return of 346%**. “I was ecstatic,” Jeniffer said. “I just didn’t believe it was possible.”

A few years ago, Jeniffer retired from her job in the city and moved to the village; and quickly ran into financial challenges. As an elderly woman, she didn’t have enough money to live on let alone take care of unexpected expenses as they arose. “I tried to plant and grow crops, but nothing would grow because there was no rain. It would sprout but then it withered and died. No one would help me,” she says.

Today, those are distant memories. With her savings and a loan from the group, Jeniffer was able to buy her first chicken. She was able to sell the eggs and bought vegetables for the entire week. Continuing with her savings group she learned how to make baskets for sale and bought her first cow. The cow gave birth and she was able to sell the calf! “Since gaining the cow, I have never bought milk.”



Although drought still ravages the area, the group has given Jeniffer alternative methods of income. “**My biggest hope is that my grandchildren complete their education and get employed,**” she says. “I don’t want them to live in hunger or go through what I’ve gone through.”



Incredible Impact!

Did you know that over the last 5 years a total of 1,283 saving groups have been formed? That's about 1 group formed every 34 hours! These groups create exponential impact. In fact, in 2022 alone, 512 new businesses and countless entrepreneurial ventures were started out of these groups!



Partner Voices

Impact of Saving Groups

'Village saving groups are a safe place to save money. They are low-cost, simple to manage, and serve as a first step for people to access more formal financial services. We have seen women who are now able to meet the needs of their children, buy farm inputs, and even rent land—all things they couldn't do before. This has led to a greater respect of women by their husbands and more shared decision making in the family. Tithes have even increased in the church and leaders testify that group social funds are helping people in need inside and outside the church.'



Jeannette Mutheho

Agricultural Program Manager,
Community of Baptist Churches in
Central Africa, DR Congo

Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



11,870

families participated in
saving groups



\$264,660

was collectively saved
in 2022 alone!



\$18,019

was saved in group social funds
— helping families in times of crisis
in and outside the group



100,416

individuals were
economically empowered



606

group initiatives
were started

YOU'RE HELPING RAISE CONFIDENCE IN **WOMEN & GIRLS**

It's amazing what a little bit of investment can do. Through Tearfund, you're investing in women—helping them take care of their families and take on leadership roles. The result? A series of new role models leading to a whole new generation of change-makers.

At the edge of her field, Leonie stands tall.

She carefully examines the crops being grown. She turns to us and says

“Before I was a simple farmer, but now I no longer go into the fields; I pay workers to go and work in my field.”

Forty-nine years old and a mother of eight, Leonie is an inspiration to many young girls in her village of Tinge Maboya, Democratic Republic of Congo. She grew up in extreme poverty nearly her entire life, but this all changed when one day her church started saving and loan groups.

“After I became aware of the project I decided to join and have never regretted this decision. We work together to help pay for school fees, medical care, and food. We get to do big projects with the small contributions we make weekly. I myself was able to pay my children's school fees, even for those who wanted to attend university.”

The group provided Leonie the confidence to take on greater challenges. Today, she is currently a trainer in the program, helping others escape poverty the way she did.

“As women, participating in this program allows us to regain confidence in our abilities, and show society that we too can contribute to the development of their society and families.”



Today, Leonie walks with confidence. Thanks to the training provided by donors like you, she has the confidence to take on greater challenges. Today she is currently a trainer in the program, helping others break the cycle of poverty.

Partner Voices

Sexual and Gender-based Violence and poverty in South Sudan

'There is a huge problem with Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in South Sudan and poverty is one of the leading contributing factors. Sometimes, a family is in such poverty that they are forced to send young girls to search for food, putting them at risk. Cultural norms often do not favour women as equals; women are unable to own property, control finances, or make decisions in the home.'



Tearfund Canada's Biblically-based SGBV trauma healing is vital. It not only helps women who have gone through abuse—helping them see themselves as Jesus does—but also seeks to change negative norms. Combined with saving groups, it is key to empowering women which is essential to the health of strong communities.

When women are empowered, children have better access to education, health and other services. We really appreciate all the wonderful donors who fund and support this important initiative.'

Angelo Ajiing Majak

Program Manager, ACDF, South Sudan

Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



93

church and community leaders have been trained as SGBV healing facilitators



27

healing groups were formed with a total of 313 members



15

new churches in South Sudan are implementing SGBV healing programs



Over half

of saving group participants are women, starting new businesses and becoming leaders in their communities

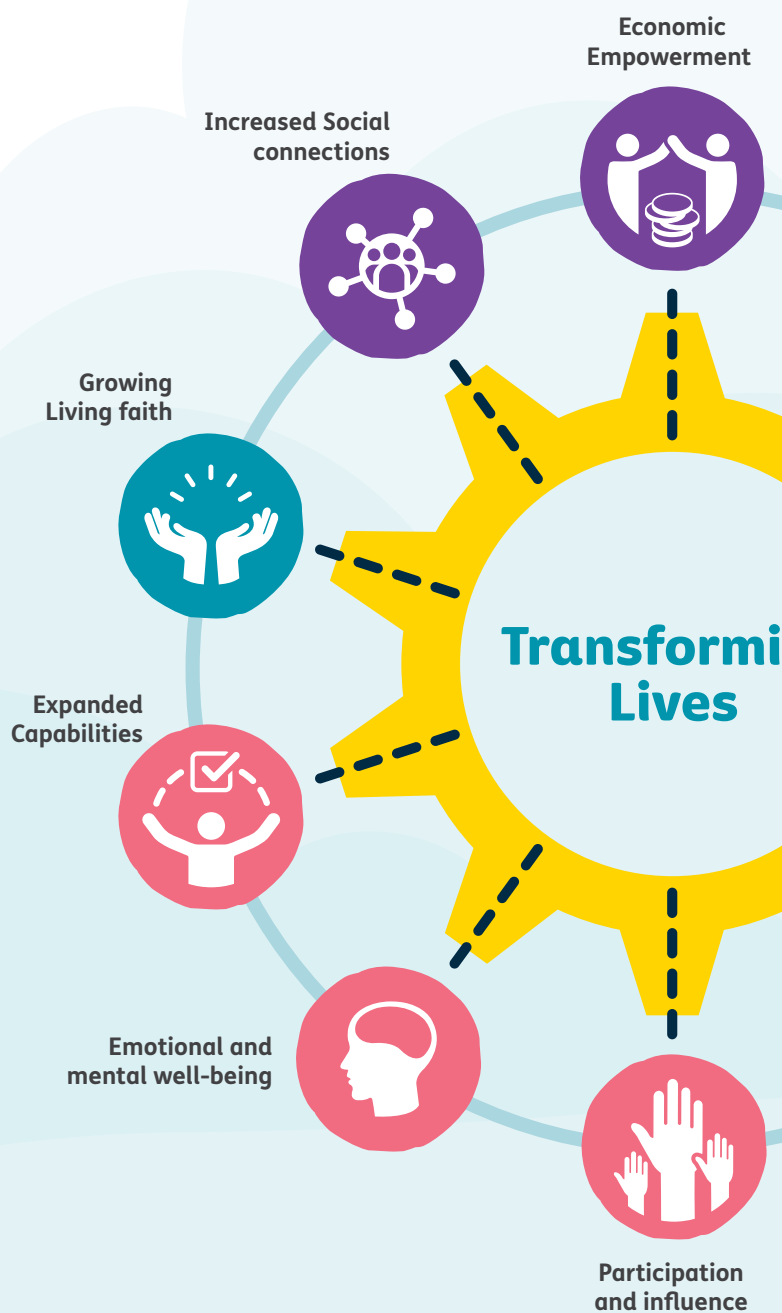
HOLISTIC CHANGE

New farming techniques, saving groups, church empowerment and more. Great on their own, but how do they all fit together?

We believe that poverty is a result of broken relationships caused when sin entered into the world. Sin leads to a broken relationship with God, then ourselves, other people, and creation.

Our development approach has been carefully designed to help address and restore these broken relationships which lie at the heart of poverty. Only by addressing each relationship can poverty truly be eliminated.

Tearfund's development approach impacts every area of a family's life.



RESTORING **Broken** RELATIONSHIPS



With God

After the fall our perfect relationship with God was broken. This in turn, affected all other aspects of life. Through Jesus, God made a way for this relationship to be restored. By working with, and through local churches, Tearfund works to restore this relationship that is at the root of poverty.

With Self

Insecurity, low self-esteem, pride—the way we view ourselves today has also been broken. We no longer view ourselves the way that God views us; as his image-bearers. Through programs that empower and focus on a person's unique God-given talents, Tearfund helps individuals realize their full potential and that they are loved by God.

With Others

Our broken relationship with others is at the root of problems such as conflict, exploitation, and inequality. We don't love our neighbours as ourselves and seek to elevate ourselves above others. Through church engagement, conflict resolution, and biblical gender training, we help break down the walls between people to build communities of justice and compassion.

With Creation

Lastly, our relationship with the very earth is broken. There is no longer an ease in nature's bounty or fruitfulness. Droughts, floods, and pests make farming difficult while over exploitation by humans has led to global problems such as climate change and the destruction of nature.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, **WE RUSH IN**

Coming off the cusp of the COVID pandemic, 2022 saw an unprecedented number of disasters. From massive flooding in Pakistan, to severe drought in the Horn of Africa, to the War in Ukraine, the need is greater now than ever before. These disasters affected the lives of hundreds of millions, resulting in hunger, migration, conflict, and untold suffering.

With your help, we were able to respond and distribute an unprecedented amount of aid. Because of you, many lives were saved.

“I woke up at 4 am... and I understood that the war had started.”

Lyunov tells us as she fights back tears. Living in the the Mykolayiv region of Ukraine, near Kherson, the war was on her doorstep before she knew it.

“At first, we tried to live in our village, believing everything would end quickly. But after a few weeks of bombing, it was not over so I left. And in June, a missile flew into my house.”

“I still cry every time I think about it. I invested my whole life in that home.”

In the months after, Lyubov didn't know how to live on. She lost hope. But thanks to donors like you, she has been able to receive a continuous delivery of emergency food as well as hygiene packages through our local partner, Integra.

Donors like you are also funding spiritual and psychological support programs for Lyubov and people like her. The local community in Novoukrainka is involved in the recovery process too. During our visit, the friendly chatting of Lyubov and her companions was occasionally interrupted by children's laughter.

As the people of Ukraine continue to hold on they are comforted that people like you are standing with them in the midst of calamity.



Lyunov's life was turned upside down when a missile hit her house. With no food and no where to go she started to lose hope. But thanks to you, Lyunov was provided with emergency food as well as spiritual and psychological support to help her get through this tragic event.

Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



149,672

people received
life-saving aid

Countries:

Haiti
Tigray, Ethiopia
Borena, Ethiopia
Aweil, South Sudan
Kajo Keiji, South Sudan
Lebanon
Ukraine
Pakistan



Over 2,862

tons of food was
distributed to
families in need



as
much
as

477

African
Elephants!



219

pallets of medicine
and medical supplies
were provided.



📌 Your donations helped provide emergency food to thousands of families suffering from drought in Ethiopia. Thanks to you, over 2,862 tons of food was distributed in 2022 - saving many lives.

YOU'RE HELPING FAMILIES ADAPT TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

As we talk with families in the places we work the message is clear: a changing climate is threatening their lives. They tell us that drought is more frequent. Storms more severe. And that they're scared for their future.

In 2022, donors like you helped families in the poorest places adapt to a changing climate. Through smart agriculture, water management, and tree planting you're helping provide families bearing the brunt of climate change a future of hope.

As we speak to Bizunesh we are curiously watched by a dozen Ethiopian children.

We are the entertainment of the day. They stand around with their bare feet on the reddish-brown soil speckled with small stones. To them, this is how life has always been. But Bizunesh, 40, remembers differently.

"The big problem here for us as a community is climate change," she tells us. "It is getting warmer and warmer to the point of affecting the lives of our cattle." Wiping away tears, she pauses. "Our cattle are dying."

In Ethiopia, as well as many other countries, climate change is becoming the leading contributing factor to poverty. Decades worth of positive results are being cancelled out in a couple of years. For the first time in decades, hunger is on the rise.

Through Tearfund, you're helping families adapt. "Only those who took the farming training had their crops survive the recent climate effects," Bizunesh says. The evidence is painfully visible. We view a farm using traditional farming methods next to one using



Warmer temperatures and drought led to the death of many of Bizunesh's cattle. Unfortunately, her story is not unique. Your support is helping poor farmers adapt to a changing climate so that they can continue their journey out of poverty.

conservation agriculture. Crops from the former are yellow and a foot high, while the latter is green and over 3 feet tall!

Although more needs to be done, adaptation techniques like these provide families living in poverty a fighting chance. Bizunesh is one of them. "I am so thankful. May God bless you! WE will be praying for you," she says as we leave.

The Church and Creation Care

In 2022 we surveyed nearly 750 millennial Christians on their views of creation care and the church. The results showed **90%** think that creation care is an important part of Christian discipleship. A further **72%** think that climate change is a serious threat and that Christians must act on it.

Impact by the Numbers

With your help...



115,879

trees were
planted



105

fuel efficient
stoves built



22

tree nurseries
started

From our Partners:

Impact of Climate Change

'Climate has become an anthem in Kenya, affecting virtually every aspect of life. Climate change has led to unreliable rainfall and decreased food production, resulting in low morale and many farmers moving to town to look for casual labour.

Furthermore, changes in climate and food production has led to an increase of school dropouts and absenteeism. Most parents either cannot afford the school fees anymore or need their children to help on the farm. In some cases, children have become breadwinners in their families. Most of the shallow wells have dried up and there has been livestock loss due to drought and famine.

Many families are starting to cut forests down to sell the wood and make more space for farming. The crime rate has skyrocketed and many turned to stealing to curb starvation. It has caused stress in the family, leading to family conflicts and break-ups due to the struggle to meet basic needs.'

Victor Mutinda

Program Manager, Fadhili Trust, Kenya



Thanks to training in climate-smart farming practices, you're helping families adapt to a changing climate and ensure they have enough food to feed their families into the next generation.

OUR PARTNERS

Our partners are essential to the success of our work. Local partners are embedded in their communities and have a deep understanding of the local culture, language, and needs. They also cost much less than sending expensive foreign staff abroad. Long after we're gone, they will still be there.

Our partners inspire us, strengthen us, and challenge us to do more. Without them, none of this would be possible.

LOCAL PARTNERS



SOME SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS



COLLABORATING PARTNERS



SUPPORTING DENOMINATIONS



Impact Conference 2022

In September 2022 leaders from our partners from around the world, as well as members of our staff, met in Ethiopia for a week of learning, fellowship, and prayer. With a mix of in-class and field learning, all participants learned best practices and innovative new ways to help increase the impact of our work on the poor. As one participant put it: **"I learned that each organization has its unique experience, unique situation, and unique skills, that they can bring to the table and this learning has helped us think of new ideas we hadn't before."**



"We are grateful for our partnership with Tearfund! Their holistic, Bible-based model for addressing the physical, spiritual, emotional and social aspects of poverty is really impressive. Like them, we strongly believe in the importance of working to equip and empower local churches and local leaders."



Peter Roebbelen
President, The Charis Foundation

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Tearfund Canada exists to provide relief and development assistance to the world's most oppressed, poor, and suffering people by partnering with churches and other Christian agencies and organizations.

We trust God for our finances. Our operations depend on the generosity of individuals, churches, foundations, businesses, as well as contracts from Global Affairs Canada and through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

	2022		2021	
Revenue	\$	Percentage	\$	Percentage
Private Donations	\$ 3,091,109	34.9%	\$ 2,734,288	36.7%
Government of Canada	\$ 1,478,081	16.7%	\$ 1,883,364	25.3%
Foodgrains Bank	\$ 4,275,802	48.3%	\$ 2,825,883	37.9%
Total Revenue	\$ 8,844,992		\$ 7,443,535	
Expenses				
Programs	\$ 8,326,005	88.8%	\$ 5,832,619	85.5%
Fundraising	\$ 758,723	8.1%	\$ 692,881	10.0%
Administration	\$ 292,653	3.1%	\$ 289,720	4.2%
Total Expenses	\$ 9,377,381	100%	\$ 6,815,220	100%
Surplus / Loss	\$ -532,389		\$ 628,315	

Audited financial statements are available upon request and on our website at: www.tearfund.ca/financial-integrity



Many 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.



Tearfund Canada subscribes to the Seal of Financial Accountability as a member of the Canadian Centre of Christian Charities (CCCC) and are subject to their requirements and recommendations pursuant to their annual review. Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Board, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.

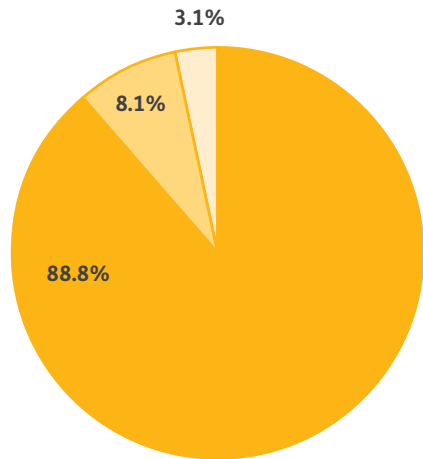
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In 2022 Tearfund Canada was designated as one of Canada's Top 100 Impact Charities by Charity Intelligence.

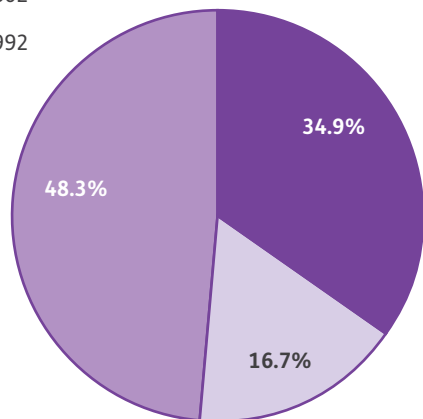
2022 Expenses

Programs	\$8,326,005
Fundraising	\$758,723
Admin	\$292,653
Total	\$9,377,381



2022 Revenue

Private donations	\$3,091,109
Gov't of Canada	\$1,478,081
CFGB	\$4,275,802
Total	\$8,844,992



Program Spend By Country

Canada	\$104,884	Sierra Leone	\$68,171
Colombia	\$76,690	South Sudan	\$2,552,501
DR Congo	\$319,806	Tanzania	\$203,780
Ethiopia	\$1,942,110	Ukraine	\$167,000
Haiti	\$40,000	Education	\$120,321
India	\$272,874	Program design, technical assistance, monitoring & evaluation	\$695,852
Kenya	\$229,621		
Lebanon	\$1,428,486		
Liberia	\$103,909	Total	\$8,326,005

Note: All figures are for FY 2022

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Tearfund Canada is led and governed by women and men who are passionate about seeing God glorified and an end to extreme poverty. Our board consists of individuals from different walks of life who possess varying skill sets and God-given gifts.

BOARD



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WHERE WE NEED TO IMPROVE

No organization is perfect and we are no exception. We believe that we're called by God to continuously improve in order to carry out our mission more effectively and help more people. Here's how:



Seeking God's Leading

As humans, we have a natural tendency to rely on our own plans and strength. As an organization we desire to seek God's leading more and more and rely on his wisdom in conducting all our work.



Better Program Integration

One of the core facets of our work is holistic development. Although many of our projects are already integrated, we desire to improve in this area. Our goal is to fully integrate food security, economic development, church mobilization, women's empowerment, and sustainability to ensure our projects are as effective as possible and meet the needs of the whole person: physical, emotional, social, and spiritual.



Investing more into Climate Adaptation

A changing climate is dramatically affecting our efforts to reduce poverty. We must do more to help those who are affected by climate change the most adapt in order to be able to face the challenges of the future.



Equipping the Canadian Church

The church in Canada is struggling. As we speak to many pastors across the country they tell us just how difficult things have been. In 2023 we want to do a better job of coming alongside churches as a trusted ministry partner that supports these shepherds and better equips congregations to live out their faith and calling.



Improving our Digital Capabilities

It's hard to believe that Tearfund Canada is entering its 53rd year! As a result, a lot of our communications and processes are paper-based. Although paper-based methods like direct mail will continue to be a part of our fundraising efforts, we desire to shift to digital as much as possible.



Growing regular donations

We receive many one-time donations from thousands of generous people who want to make a difference in times of emergency. Although this is needed and greatly appreciated, one of our challenges is to grow our ongoing, monthly donations. Not only do these donations help us run long-term projects that help families out of poverty, they provide the necessary funds to pay for organizational costs that make everything else possible.



PROJECTS IN 2023

At Tearfund, we are committed to working through and alongside nationally-led churches and their relief & development arms to be catalysts for sustainable change. As we look forward to 2023 and beyond, there are four key initiatives that we seek your partnership in.



1. Climate Adaptation Project

We are in the planning phase of two massive climate adaptation pilot projects aimed at helping thousands of farming families adapt to the effects of a changing climate. These groundbreaking projects will help families respond to increased challenges such as drought, food shortages and flash flooding. They will use nature-based solutions to help restore land degraded by clear-cutting and overutilization to protect against threats such as erosion and improve soil fertility. The lessons learned and the principles practiced will be implemented by all of our partners.



2. Second Herd of Buffalo

In late 2021 Tearfund helped facilitate the return of the buffalo to Cote First Nation in Saskatchewan for the first time in over 150 years. The herd has already grown 50%, with new calves born this year. This pilot project has exceeded all expectations – leading to beautiful friendships and newfound trust between Cote First Nation and local churches. We wish to continue this momentum to another First Nation to continue on this journey of reconciliation and display of Jesus' love. In late 2023 we seek to provide another starter herd of 22 Buffalo to another First Nation in Treaty 4 Territory.



3. Increased NEXUS Programming

How do we transition communities from displacement due to conflict and famine to resilience? Nexus programming is designed to do that. We currently have a large Nexus pilot project in South Sudan, helping families who have suffered from years of war and destruction rebuild their lives. We have learned so much. In addition to food assistance, families are starting to sow new farms and build local economies to escape poverty for good. In 2023 we plan on expanding this great work to more communities and regions for long-term change.



4. Northern Ethiopia (Tigray Recovery) program

With the truce in Ethiopia officially declared, much rebuilding must be done. Over 2023 (and beyond), we will work with our local church partner to help families rebuild what was lost in the war and help communities be restored.

tearfund Impact

A donor recently asked **Bereket Tassew**, Executive Director of Terepeza Development Association of Southern Ethiopia:

“What has been the impact of your partnership with Tearfund Canada been over the past 10 years?”

After a long pause he said,

‘...The partnership, friendship and working relationship between TDA and Tearfund Canada has transformed our organization. But more than that, it has transformed our whole region....

We were impoverished. The average farm is only one acre, supporting 6 or 7 family members. With climate change, rains have become erratic, our soil is depleted from overuse, and erosion affects everyone. Families often go half the year on only one meal a day.

In 2012, Tearfund helped us train 61 farmers in a new farming technology called conservation agriculture. We have now trained 41,000! That’s 41,000 families, and I estimate that every single one of them has trained at least one neighbour.

Food production has more than doubled. The soils have been revitalized. Trees are being replanted. The environment is healing. The government and other NGO’s come from all over Africa come to see the transformation.

We used to lose 30% or more of our crops to mice, pests, and mold. You helped us with new post-harvest storage and marketing using PICS bags. Farm families feed themselves for the whole year and have grain left over to sell.

Women were the poorest, with no hope or dignity. Over 31,000 are now part of Self-Help Savings Groups. They have confidence, hope and self-esteem. They pay their kid’s school fees, buy medicine, and improve their small homes. But best of all, they don’t worry anymore.

Tearfund’s Church and Community Training has helped churches serve the poorest in their communities. They are centres for transformational action...

Thank you, Canada... thank you Tearfund...

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