

Who are Tearfund?

To answer this, here are some extracts from their Annual Report 2019/20:

https://www.tearfund.org/about_us/annual_report/

Tearfund is a Christian relief and development agency committed to eradicating poverty.

Tearfund's call over the last 50 years has remained constant: to follow our biblical mandate to see people lifted out of material and spiritual poverty.

It has been three years since we chose to focus on three core areas, namely church and community transformation, fragile states, and environmental and economic sustainability...

Our vision is to see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential.

Our mission is to follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crises and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to people living in poverty.

Our values remain unchanged: we seek to be Christ-centred, compassionate, courageous, truthful and servant-hearted.

Tearfund are involved in emergency disaster relief, including helping 42,450 Rohingya refugees in the Cox's Bazaar Displacement camp in Bangladesh, and bringing relief to 204,750 victims of natural and man-made disasters in South Sudan.

They also work for long-term community transformation, as in the following examples:

'In Tanzania and Zambia, we're working with local churches to extend the household solar project and bring power to more homes, so families no longer have to spend money on kerosene for lamps, their health improves and they can work into the evening, generating more income.

In Burundi (East Africa): working with a local partner to provide Bible-based leadership development to young adults, with training which includes conflict transformation skills. More than 100 young people have signed up for an initial eight-hour course, with 34 committing to a year-long course, which runs alongside our Transforming Masculinities programme designed to change harmful practices and promote the equality of men and women.'

Finally, *Tearfund* are involved in campaigning on environmental issues, which have the biggest impact on poor people around the world.

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Examples of this are their 2019 Rubbish Campaign to put pressure on *Coca-Cola*, *Nestlé*, *PepsiCo* and *Unilever* to take responsibility for their plastic waste in poorer countries by reducing their use of single-use plastic and recycling it, and their 2020 Reboot Campaign, as part of the Climate Coalition, to encourage the UK Government to lead the world in delivering a healthier, greener, fairer recovery after the Coronavirus crisis.



How we can help

Be informed: Visit the *Tearfund* website and subscribe to regular updates.

Pray for their work.

Give financially – a one-off give (e.g. to an emergency appeal) is good, but a regular commitment helps long-term development work. Imaginative ways to give include: twinning your toilet or a tap or rubbish bin.

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Family worker fund – donation in memory of David and Iris Bryant

Many of you reading this will have been personally touched by David and Iris Bryant, who were active members of St Michael's and also very active as volunteers in the Sandhurst community, bringing people together and meeting practical needs. We wish to express our gratitude to their family for a generous donation in their memory towards the Family Worker Fund, which pays the salary of our Family Worker, Angela and enables her to support local families, the kind of work which David and Iris would have strongly supported.

The Family Worker Fund is still in need of funding, and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to make a one-off donation or a regular contribution.



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