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## OUR APRIL CHARITY

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### Tearfund

*Tearfund* is a Christian international development and humanitarian organisation with more than 50 years' experience. They work in over 50 countries worldwide, in partnership with communities, churches and local organisations, with the goal of ending extreme poverty.

*Tearfund* has three main ways of working:

- ▶ **Advocacy and influencing** : They seek to influence the global church and governments to bring about fair and just policies and structures at a local, national and global level.
- ▶ **Community development**: They work, where possible, through the local church, empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty.
- ▶ **Humanitarian response**: They respond to disasters and conflicts, always seeking to reach those in greatest need.

*Tearfund* equips the church to work with the local community, identifying needs and mobilising resources to bring about restoration and transformation.

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### Pastor Ngendahimana's story

*'This transformation is an answer to our prayers, it is the result of the training we had with Tearfund.'*

Pastor Ngendahimana, from Burundi, has seen first hand how Church and Community Transformation training can transform whole communities.



*Tearfund's* Church and Community Transformation training helped families in Pastor Ngendahimana's parish see how they could work together to make changes to transform their community.

Most families were relying on growing their own crops for food and income but struggling to meet their basic needs. People had to walk for miles to find clean water and the nearest medical centre was over three hours away.

*'We were able to look at our community and the way we live with new eyes, we could see the main challenges and what we needed to focus on'*

Together, the community decided to build a health centre and install pipes to bring clean water to the neighbourhood. People also started small businesses and found new and sustainable ways to make money.

*'Community transformation is visible, people have been doing individual projects to transform their lives'*

*Pastor Ngendahimana Sarthiel, Burundi*

### Turning faith into transformation

Around the world, conflict is rife, climate change is forcing millions from their homes, and one in ten people are still living in extreme poverty. This is not God's plan.

It's time for us – the global church – to practise what we pray. With your support, *Tearfund's* Church and Community Transformation training can help communities use their resources and skills to lift themselves out of poverty and fulfil their God-given potential.



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