

Ethiopia

Self-help groups (CCMD)

Partner: Kale Heywet Church

Amount required: £75,000 annually

tearfund



photo: A group meeting/Tearfund

CCMD is a church-based project working mainly with women from the poorest families in urban areas, who are often unable to provide for their children.

C is for Church (local churches)

C is for Community (in partnership with)

M is for Mobilisation (unlocking potential)

D is for Development (to transform lives)

Key activities

- **Envisioning local churches**
working with those who commit their time and resources.
- **Forming self-help groups**
visiting and selecting those most in need to start new groups.
- **Training and equipping**
developing saving and loan schemes to start businesses.
- **Developing support structures**
self-help groups help each other to access resources.
- **Education support**
training members on: literacy, HIV and AIDS, primary health, hygiene and sanitation.

Objectives of project:

CCMD Project supports local churches in organising people from poor families into self-help groups.

Once in the groups people learn to save money and take loans to start businesses.

Family welfare is transformed as income and hope grows.

Prayer points

- Praise for the thousands of lives being transformed
- Wisdom for those leading the project
- Continued restoration of relationships

Project impact

- 5,200 people involved in 297 self-help groups through the work of 19 local churches.
- Empowerment of women (95 per cent of those involved are women), transforming lives and improving family and community relationships.
- More than 15,000 children well fed and clothed, have access to health care and are going to school.
- 19 local churches showing the love of Christ to those in need, addressing poverty and transforming relationships.

Future plans

To increase the number of local churches involved in the work and help them to address other needs in the community.

To maintain the rapid growth in the number of self-help groups established and improve their ability to transform the lives of their members.