



# PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

**Name:** Church Leader’s Community Mobilisation Trip  
**Country:** Ethiopia  
**Partner:** IUDD of Kale Heywet Church  
**Places:** 11 Urban regions across Ethiopia

## COUNTRY INFORMATION:

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is a landlocked country situated at the Horn of Africa. With about 74 Million people it is the most populous country in sub-Saharan Africa.

Ethiopia is one of the oldest countries in the world; as Abyssinia its traditions and culture date back over 3,000 years. Converted during the fourth century AD, it was one of the earliest countries to officially adopt Christianity. Ethiopia is famous for its rock-hewn churches, for its Olympic distance athletes, for being the origin of the coffee bean, for the largest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Africa and last but not least for some of the highest and stunning places in Africa – such as the Simien Mountains.

Ethiopia is also one of the developing countries facing the greatest poverty: GNP per head is the lowest in the world, the overall literacy for adults in Ethiopia is 41%, over 50% of Ethiopia’s population is under 18, the Human Development Index (HDI) is the sixth lowest out of 175 countries and the Human Poverty Index is one of the highest in the world (91st out of 94 developing countries). Only 26.4% of women are literate and over 40% of women give birth before they



reach the age of 19.

The country’s economy is highly agriculture oriented, 85% of the population live in rural areas and the agricultural sector takes 47.5% of the GDP with 80 % of all exports being agricultural commodities; coffee, pulses and oilseeds. Other main export commodities are khat, gold, leather product and more recently, flowers.



## PARTNER INFORMATION:

**Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church**, with an 80 year history, 5 million members and about 7000 local churches, is the largest Evangelical church in the country. Ministering among local communities in urban and rural settings, where millions of people suffer from spiritual and material poverty has given the church her vision for holistic ministry, bringing about spiritual and socio-economic transformation. Now ministering to several millions of people, the development branch is highly involved in the following activities:

- Water and Sanitation
- Urban Development
- Rural Development
- HIV/ Aids crisis
- Capacity Building

The **IUDD (Integrated Urban Development Department)** was established as a ministry of the church with a purpose to deal with urban poverty in January 1992.

COUNTRY FACTS	
<b>Population:</b>	73.9 Million (2008)
<b>Capital:</b>	Addis Ababa
<b>Major languages:</b>	Amharic, Orominia, Tigrey
<b>No. languages:</b>	about 70 languages within 60 ethnic groups
<b>Major religions:</b>	Orthodox Christianity, Islam
<b>Life expectancy:</b>	42 years (2005, World Bank)
<b>% Living on less than \$2:</b>	nearly 80%
<b>% with food insecurity:</b>	over 50% (World Bank)
<b>Monetary unit:</b>	1 Ethiopian Birr (ETB) = 100
<b>Main exports:</b>	Coffee
<b>Per Capita Income:</b>	under US \$ 100 (World Bank)

IUDD has been working in several towns, through Self Help Groups, HIV & Aids projects, sanitation & health aspects and in social skill development. Beneficiaries can now afford food and education for their children and have gained influence in family and community decisions.

In Nazareth a housing project has been developed out of a successful SHG so that the women can, step by step, own their own small house instead of paying high rents.

### **CCMD – Church and Community Mobilization for Development**

IUDD, through the CCMD project, is now addressing the local churches' attitudes towards a holistic ministry, mobilising them to fulfil their mission of dealing with the whole person. So far local initiatives have included building a school and kindergarten, family planning, HIV & Aids work, infrastructure building and the projects also link with other EKHC programs.



The Self-Help-Groups are still a focus of IUDD's work but are now wherever

possible, the responsibility of the local churches, spreading this successful approach faster and reaching more people.

### **TRIP INFORMATION:**

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This trip will begin by flying in to Addis where you will be met by the Kale Heywet team.



changing work of the church; visiting projects across the 11 regions that Kale Heywet work in.

Depending on the numbers on the trip, the team may stay as one large group or may split up into smaller teams for the majority of your visit.

You will spend your time travelling around Ethiopia to see first hand the empowering, life

### **WHO IS IT FOR?**

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This trip is tailored for **Irish church leaders** who want to learn more about holistic mission.

The trip is also open to others who might be interested.

### **COST & FURTHER INFORMATION**

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The approximate cost (excluding flights) will be €1200. Please note that all costs are subject to change; this is



due to the variable nature of overseas travel expenses. This will include all food, accommodation, in country transport, insurance and pre trip orientation day.

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### **ABOUT TEARFUND**

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Our ten-year vision is to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches.

