

## **Discover the real India – October/ November trip 2011**

You are invited to join Tearfund Ireland on a visit to India in autumn 2011 to see the work of the local churches and our partners in the slums of Mumbai. This trip will be a journey of learning and discovery and will help you better understand the lives of people living in the slums, the causes of poverty and how the local church can bring real transformation in their lives.

We believe that the best way to make a lasting difference is by addressing the underlying causes of poverty and injustice. By working through the local church our impact is magnified and becomes sustainable.

### **During the trip there will be an opportunity to:**

- Experience the impact of poverty first hand
- Gain a greater understanding of our strategic Christian response to development and the effectiveness of working through the local church
- Gain an understanding of the issues of HIV, children living and working on the streets and human trafficking and how these can be tackled
- Explore ways you could support the partner's work in the future

**Provisional Dates:** 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

**Duration:** 8 days (approx)

**Cost:** €1,500 (approx)

### **Our work in India**

Our partners are doing incredible work in the slums of Mumbai. The visit will include:



### **Inter Mission Care and Rehabilitation Society (IMCARES)**

IMCARES have pioneered holistic ministry on the pavements of Mumbai and in the slums over the past 12 years and working with street children and families affected by HIV. There are many people suffering from HIV & AIDS and are left in a destitute condition in the slums and even on the pavements. They are shunned by their own families, community and society, all within Mumbai. IMCARES supports them

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practically, helps them to defend their rights, such as freedom from sexual abuse, discrimination from the community and police and to restore their dignity.

### **Oasis India**

Oasis India focuses on motivating and equipping churches to respond to the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and preventing child trafficking and exploitation. They are involved in tracing and rescuing trafficked women and children, forming a prevention network to report cases of trafficking, providing holistic care to women and children who have been trafficked and increasing convictions of traffickers by supporting women/children in testifying against their traffickers.

### **ACT**

ACT equip and motivate churches within the Mumbai area to be agents of transformation within their community by assisting them in developing community based programmes including balwadis, adult literacy programmes, self help groups and assistance to those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

### **Country information**



India is one of the poorest countries in Asia. Although wealth and sophistication abound in the business communities of India's great cities, many of the country's 1 billion people live in absolute poverty. The caste system still pervades all religious and social structures. With a population of over 1027 million, India accounts for 19% of all live births and 27% of all maternal deaths, malnutrition of the under 5 years is 52%. Over 5 million people are living with HIV and AIDS in India. The country is in danger of the rapid spread of the disease if prevention methods are not increased. The government formed a National AIDS Control Programme, and has significantly increased its response over the last decade.

**If you are interested in receiving an application form or would like to find out more please contact Christine in the office at 01-8783200 or email [enquiries@tearfund.ie](mailto:enquiries@tearfund.ie)**

Please return application form to us by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

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