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LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR

It has been my pleasure to take up the role of Chair of the Board this year and I am looking forward to working closely with the Chief Executive and the Board.

Tearfund Ireland completed an exciting year in transforming the lives of some of the poorest people around the world – and, to help us do this, we have seen a 107 per cent growth in income despite the recession.

This year, Tearfund Ireland has focused its support on people living with HIV and those affected by emergencies. Our common vision and close partnership with Tearfund in the UK means that we benefit from their 40 years of experience and expertise in holistic development. Having worked with a Tearfund partner in Nepal for many years, I have seen how our partners' work tackles the root causes of poverty and marginalisation.

I am pleased that the Irish government, through Irish Aid, has been supportive of our work and has provided significant funding to both Tearfund Ireland and Tearfund in the UK. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of the Minister for Overseas Development and all the hardworking officials of Irish Aid. We also thank the many organisations and

individuals who have invested in our work and enabled us to make a sustainable difference in the lives of people affected by HIV.

I would like to thank all Tearfund Ireland's staff, volunteers and advisors for their commitment and enthusiasm. This has enabled us to engage with churches across Ireland and keep our administration costs low. I would also like to thank the Board members for their expertise and oversight, which is a great support to the staff of Tearfund Ireland. Tearfund Ireland has made enormous progress this year in becoming a stand-alone charity. We have strengthened our financial systems and organisational governance to ensure that our finances are used accountably and effectively. By doing so, we continue to bring lasting transformation to the most vulnerable and marginalised people on earth.



Dr David Weakliam
Chairperson

Dr David Weakliam is a consultant in public health medicine with the Health Service Executive (HSE). He previously worked for 18 years in the area of international health as health advisor to Irish Aid and in Nepal, Liberia, Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Front cover: In following Jesus' example, Tearfund is bringing hope and demonstrating love through a network of global churches. Caroline Irby/Tearfund

Left: Abandoned by his alcoholic mother, Peah – who has cerebral palsy – could not speak or walk when Cambodian partner Little Conquerors first met him. Thanks to their support, Peah attends a school for children with disabilities and receives physiotherapy. Photo: Reuben Coulter/Tearfund

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TEARFUND IRELAND VISION

Vibrant communities where the most vulnerable and marginalised people lead fulfilled lives as they are valued, included and empowered.

Mission statement

We seek to transform the position of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in their communities by engaging the local church and other partners.

Objective 1

Enabling the local church and other partners to transform the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised people through the provision of resources and the strengthening of their capacity.

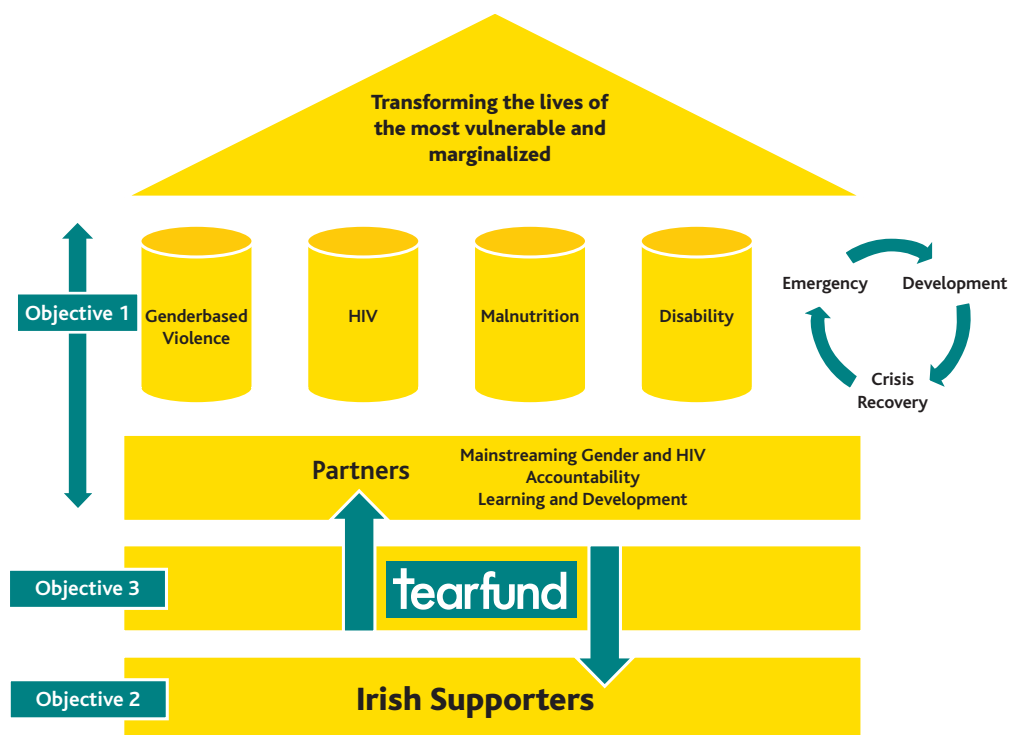
Objective 2

To inspire, equip and mobilise churches and the wider community in Ireland to engage in social justice and development.

Objective 3

To increase Tearfund Ireland's financial and organisational capacity and strengthen accountability to fulfil objectives 1 and 2.

Tearfund Ireland is committed to contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This has been a challenging year for the world but an encouraging one for Tearfund Ireland as we have seen the sustainable impact of our investment in development work by churches and Christian organisations in some of the poorest places on earth.

'An additional 55 to 90 million people will be trapped in extreme poverty in 2009 due to the worldwide recession'

World Bank.

The current financial crisis has impacted all of us but it has been most devastating for the poorest people worldwide as food prices have soared, trade has decreased and jobs have been lost. The real gross domestic product (GDP) growth in Africa is expected to decline to around 2.8 per cent and Asia's to 2.7 per cent from 4.9 per cent in 2009. It's predicted that an additional 55 to 90 million people will be trapped in extreme poverty in 2009 due to the worldwide recession. The number of chronically hungry people is expected to climb to over 1 billion this year, reversing gains in fighting malnutrition. This makes the need to invest in agriculture especially urgent.

The current global financial and economic crisis, if not immediately addressed, may result in failure by many countries, particularly in Africa, to attain the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

'Development is only meaningful if it is inclusive and sustainable,' Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The good news is that this year we have been able to:

- help 130,000 people living with HIV through church-based HIV prevention and care programmes
- reach 80,000 people in desperate need through emergency responses in four countries
- inspire and equip more than 50 churches in Ireland to engage with issues of social development and justice.

'Religion can be a force for good or bad in African development but it cannot be ignored'.

World Health Organisation.

Tearfund Ireland's vision is for vibrant communities to be established where the most vulnerable and marginalised people lead fulfilled lives as they are valued, included and empowered. There is a growing recognition in international development that churches and faith-based organisations play a critical role in addressing the underlying causes of poverty and strengthening civil society. A recent WHO report stated that *'Religion can be a force for good or bad in African development but it can't be ignored.'* Tearfund's 40 years of experience has clearly shown us the value of working with, and through, local churches to achieve sustainable holistic development. Tearfund Ireland has developed a

Strategic Plan (2009 – 2013) which outlines how this vision will be outworked and how our organisational capacity will be enhanced.

In the coming year we will continue to develop the capacity of local partners to provide a holistic response to the HIV pandemic and will prioritise work with vulnerable children. There are an estimated 300 million children worldwide that are affected by extreme poverty, HIV and conflict. These children are subjected to violence, exploitation and abuse. By addressing the root causes of vulnerability and assisting children at risk through a holistic church-based approach, we can prevent these children from being marginalised.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together we can make a difference.

Reuben Coulter
Chief Executive

After life-changing visits to Africa and South America, Reuben chose a career in development. On completion of an MSc in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Reuben worked for Tearfund as a manager in temporary camps in Darfur and then helped rebuild communities in Liberia after the civil war. On returning to Ireland, Reuben worked for GOAL as an operations manager, supporting programmes in Sudan, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also served as a founder director of Tearfund Ireland. Reuben became Chief Executive of Tearfund Ireland in August 2008.

'An additional 55 to 90 million people will be trapped in extreme poverty in 2009 due to the worldwide recession'

¹ Commission for Africa (2005) Our Common Interest. London



Nearly 33 million people around the world are living with HIV, and more than 15 million children have been orphaned by AIDS. Addressing HIV is an urgent priority for Tearfund, whose local church partners tackle a range of issues at the grass roots: supporting vulnerable women and children, ending stigma and discrimination, and mobilising church volunteers to care for people living with HIV. Photo: Marcus Perkins/Tearfund.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

Measuring our impact and sustainability

Giving money to charity is an investment. At Tearfund we believe that we should be able to demonstrate the results of our work and show how we are making a difference. However, in our line of work, results are hard to measure. When we talk about a 'transformed life', what does it mean? In measuring the impact of our work we endeavour to provide both quantitative and qualitative information. We have developed rigorous

partner selection procedures and closely monitor the progress of our partners on a regular basis with financial and narrative reports. Field visits to our partners are conducted regularly to evaluate the projects.

The criteria we use to evaluate our projects are:

- Impact – What changes have occurred in the lives of the people? Have the underlying causes of the problem been dealt with?
- Effectiveness – Have the objectives of the project been achieved?
- Efficiency – Were the resources used as wisely as possible?
- Sustainability – Will the impact last beyond the span of this project?
- Relevance – Did the project address the most critical needs of the people?

INVESTING IN TRANSFORMATION

Becoming a major donor is an opportunity to invest in transforming lives and to strategically impact development work in a community.

We can help you identify a project that focuses on a particular issue, or which

is based in a country that you feel passionate about. You can choose to make a one-off donation or provide funding over a number of years. Giving to a specific project enables you to engage closely with a partner and its beneficiaries in the developing world. Trips to meet partners and see work in action are sometimes feasible.

Regular detailed reports showing how your money has been used and the impact of your investment can also be provided. At Tearfund, we know that extreme poverty can take away people's choices, but it can't take away their ability or potential. With your help, we can support that potential.

Contact our office at 01 497 5285 or email reuben.coulter@tearfund.ie to discuss how you can invest in transformation.

OBJECTIVE 1

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES – HIV

'The HIV pandemic continues to grow. In 2007 alone an estimated 2.7 million people were newly infected with HIV and an estimated 2 million died of AIDS-related illnesses'

UNAIDS 2008

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO HIV – EXPERT PATIENTS

HEAL Africa provides antiretroviral (ARV) treatment for children living with HIV, mostly orphans. It is currently pioneering an innovative scheme to ensure people with HIV take their medication properly, in the form of 'expert patients'. These are women who are living with HIV themselves and have undergone treatment at hospital. As volunteers, they go and visit the guardians of the orphans, teaching them about living with HIV, checking that the children are well cared for and

that they are taking the medication. Since they are living with HIV themselves, they understand all the issues involved and can provide advice and encouragement.

Twice a month they have meetings at HEAL Africa to discuss any problems. Many of the families do not want a doctor or nurse from the hospital to visit them at home, because their neighbours might then suspect they are affected by HIV, and they fear the stigma. Since the 'expert patients' are members of the community, they are able to visit without arousing suspicion.

Faith, who was infected by HIV when she was raped during the civil war in Liberia, says 'AIDS is not what kills you, it's the stigma and discrimination. When people push you away, you die before your time.' The 'expert patients' are able to make an enormous difference in the lives of children affected by HIV by reducing stigma and providing spiritual and material support.

Case study from HEAL Africa, a Tearfund partner in Democratic Republic of Congo

Our partners' work this year has improved the lives of tens of thousands of people affected by HIV. The country breakdown (detailed below) indicates the total number of people reached through our projects in a particular country.

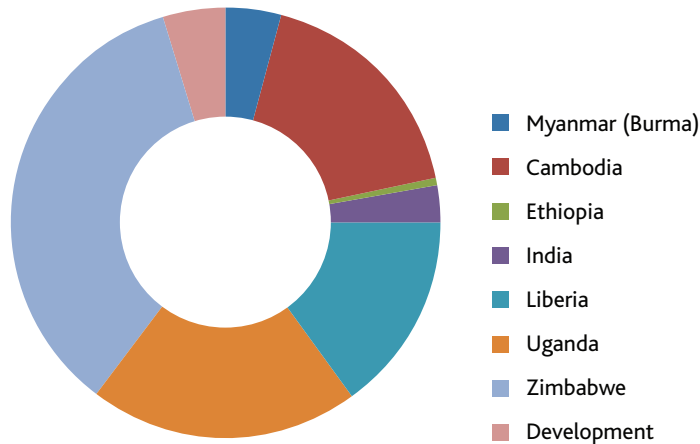
Projects are often jointly funded by a number of donors working together and these results reflect our combined efforts. Tearfund Ireland works through partnership mechanisms established by Tearfund in the UK.

In northern Burkina Faso, West Africa, Tearfund partner Credo's supplementary feeding programme for mothers and young children helps to bridge the annual 'hunger gap' when food supplies run out.
Photo: Layton Thompson/Tearfund.



EXPENDITURE BY COUNTRY

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008



COUNTRY PROFILES

CAMBODIA

Area **181,000 sq km**
 Population **14 m**
 GDP per Capita **US\$440**
 Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **98**
 Life Expectancy **58**
 Living with HIV and AIDS **2.6%**
 Literacy Rate **73.6%**
 Access to safe water **41%**
 Human Development Rank **131** (out of 177)
 Global Hunger Rank **100**

Problem

East Asia is facing the fastest-growing AIDS epidemic in the world, according to UNAIDS. Cambodia was hit early on by the disease and still has one of the highest HIV infection rates in all of Asia. Overall prevalence rates are still relatively high, with 2.6 per cent of the population infected (UNAIDS). However, the disease is spreading quickly beyond the high risk populations to rural areas where little outreach concerning HIV has occurred. Though Cambodia has seen fewer HIV infections in recent years, the epidemic continues to threaten the country.

Partner

World Relief Cambodia.

Project

To help the poorest people in Cambodia become healthy and transformed individuals who become agents of positive change so that their families, communities and country are in turn strengthened and transformed particularly in relation to HIV.

Key achievements

- 40,000 children and 15,000 teenagers meet in bi-monthly health clubs across five provinces to address issues of sexuality, HIV awareness and prevention
- 2,500 new volunteers in the community are actively involved with HIV awareness and compassionate care for those affected by AIDS
- 600 churches implement holistic approaches by giving of time and resources and compassionate support to people living with HIV and their families in their communities.

ZIMBABWE

Area **390,000 sq km**

Population **13.1 m**

GDP per Capita **US\$259**

Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **81**

Life Expectancy **40.9**

Living with HIV and AIDS **20.1%**

Literacy Rate **89.4%**

Access to safe water **81%**

Human Development Rank **151** (out of 177)

Global Hunger Rank **93**

Problem

Increasing poverty during the past decade is largely the result of political decisions that have directly impacted the poorest in society, allied with the impact of HIV upon households which is now at 20 per cent. Zimbabwe has the highest orphan per capita rate in the world due to high death rates in adults. More than three-quarters of children orphaned in Zimbabwe are as a result of AIDS. With the breakdown of state-provided services, including education and health, the burden of care falls upon local communities. With the installation of a new unity government in Zimbabwe, it is hoped that the political situation and the lives of ordinary people can improve.

Partner

ZOE (Zimbabwe Orphans through Extended Hands), ACET Zimbabwe.

Project

Facilitation of church-based care for orphans and vulnerable children living in communities affected by HIV and AIDS

Key achievements

- More than 2,230 churches are being trained to care for orphans in their community
- 63,000 AIDS-affected orphans received a home visit from a volunteer three times a month to ensure their well-being
- 400 families were supported with income generating activities; including provision of livestock, skills training and micro credit
- More than 3,000 orphans and vulnerable children attended children's clubs weekly where they learned basic health messages and received nutritional support
- More than 140 children received regular medical care through paramedics.

UGANDA

Area **241,000 sq km**

Population **28.9 m**

GDP per Capita **US\$303**

Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **79**

Life Expectancy **49.7**

Living with HIV and AIDS **6.7%**

Literacy Rate **66.8%**

Access to safe water **60%**

Human Development Rank **154** (out of 177)

Global Hunger Rank **78**

Problem

Uganda has made enormous strides in recent years and has seen an end to the civil war in northern Uganda, economic recovery/growth and increasing democracy at local levels. However, many large-scale problems remain. It is estimated that 1 million people in Uganda are now infected with the HIV virus – nearly one in seven of the adult population. This has left more than 1 million children orphaned by AIDS throughout Uganda. Girls are particularly vulnerable to being infected with HIV (six times more likely than boys) due to relationships with older men.

Partner

The AIDS Intervention Programme (TAIP).

Project

Sowing seeds of hope – A community-based HIV response.

Key achievements

- 1,600 people living with HIV were helped with improved nutrition and home-based care
- 220 churches over the past year received support and training with the development of Support Action Groups in each church to provide material and spiritual care to people living with HIV. Each church has an average of 100 members
- Five HIV organisations have been established by church groups to better support people living with HIV in their community.

LIBERIA

Area **111,000 sq km**

Population **3.44 m**

GDP per Capita **n/a**

Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **157**

Life Expectancy **44.7**

Living with HIV and AIDS **2-5%**

Literacy Rate **51.9%**

Access to safe water **61%**

Human Development Rank **n/a**

Global Hunger Rank **113**

Problem

The prolonged civil war left most of the population more vulnerable to HIV. Since the detection of the first case of HIV in Liberia in 1986, the prevalence of HIV has increased at an exponential rate and is estimated to be 1.6%. HIV is still seen as a taboo subject to some and little has been done to curb this pandemic, especially at the local level. The civil conflict of recent decades has led to the breakdown of social norms and traditions.

Partner

Tearfund UK Disaster Management Team, Association of Evangelical's in Liberia (AEL).

Project

To provide effective HIV activities within the Tearfund disaster management team strategy to reduce the target communities vulnerability towards HIV and help people better cope with the effects of AIDS (partly funded by the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal)

Key achievements

- 740 school students were trained on issues of sexuality, HIV awareness and prevention
- 45 teachers were trained to run youth and child-focused health clubs
- 60 local church leaders were trained to address HIV in their communities
- 6,776 people were educated about HIV and AIDS through workshops and informal sessions.

This project was handed over to AEL in December 2008 and Tearfund's disaster management team departed from Liberia. Tearfund Ireland has phased out support of the Liberia country programme as it does not fit with our geographical priorities.



In Malawi, the stigma surrounding HIV is a huge problem. Tearfund partner Eagles is working hard to overcome these prejudices. The church also helps mothers like Esther with practical support, providing access to HIV medicines and clean water.
Photo: Marcus Perkins/Tearfund

ETHIOPIA

Area **1,104,000 sq km**

Population **79 m**

GDP per Capita **US\$157**

Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **109**

Life Expectancy **51.8**

Living with HIV and AIDS **0.9-3.5%**

Literacy Rate **35.9%**

Access to safe water **22%**

Human Development Rank **169** (out of 177)

Global Hunger Rank **114**

MALAWI

Area **118,000 sq km**

Population **13.2 m**

GDP per Capita **US\$161**

Infant Mortality (per thousand births) **79**

Life Expectancy **46.3**

Living with HIV and AIDS **14.1%**

Literacy Rate **64.1%**

Access to safe water **73%**

Human Development Rank **164** (out of 177)

Global Hunger Rank **91**

Multi-Country Irish Aid Project

Supporting a more effective Church and Community based response to HIV and AIDS in four countries in Africa (Ethiopia & Malawi)².

Problem

Despite significantly increased government awareness, action and donor responses, far too few people have access to HIV prevention, care and support services in Ethiopia, Malawi, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The churches' response to HIV and AIDS is often small scale (compared to the inherent potential), ad hoc and unsustainable. While there is growing evidence of the link between some emergencies and HIV prevalence, little is known about the potential to reduce vulnerability of such fragile communities to HIV.

Partners

In Ethiopia, four national church partners: Meserete Kristos Church, Ethiopian Guenet Church, Ethiopian Full Gospel Believers Church, and Wolaitte Kale Heywet Church; in Malawi, the four members of the AIDS consortium established in 2004 with assistance from Tearfund are: The Livingstonia Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Scripture Union of Malawi, Evangelical Association of Malawi, and the Students Christian Organisation of Malawi. These partners are working through a consortium-type approach.

Key achievements

This project only began in late 2008 and the first report is due to be submitted in August 2009. Anecdotal accounts from the countries indicate that the project is making good progress.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMMES

This year we were able to support responses to the emergencies in India, Myanmar (Burma) and DRC and impact more than 80,000 lives. Tearfund also invested in improving disaster risk reduction in communities to enable them to prepare for, and respond to, disasters – and save lives when disaster strikes.

INDIA

Problem

The Indian government declared the flooding in July and August 2008, which was caused by Nepal's biggest river bursting its banks and changing direction, 'a national calamity'. More than 3 million people in the state of Bihar were affected and the majority of these were extremely poor rural farmers whose meagre resources have been depleted.

Partners

Eficor, Discipleship Centre and the Emmanuel Hospital Association.

Key achievements

- More than 5,000 people were fed through community kitchens set up at temporary centres.

- Four child care centres provided ongoing support to 1,500 children who were traumatised by the flooding. These centres offer a safe environment where youngsters not only receive food and shelter but the restoration of a normal childhood through age-graded learning and play activities.

²This project was supported by Irish Aid Civil Society Section through Tearfund UK. It is a multi-annual block grant and €700,000 was received in year ended 31st March 2009.

MYANMAR (BURMA)

Problem

Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar (Burma) on 2 May 2008 with winds of 120mph and torrential rain. Due to lack of warning and preparation, the country was severely affected. The United Nations has estimated that 140,000 people died, 2.4 million people were severely affected and 80,000 were displaced by this

cyclone. Over 50 per cent of schools and nearly 75 per cent of health facilities in the affected areas were destroyed or badly damaged. Relief efforts were slowed for political reasons as Myanmar's government initially declined external aid.

Partners

Tearfund's church linked partners cannot be named for security reasons.

Key achievements

- Provision of food, clean water, medical supplies and shelter to more than 10,000 people.
- Ongoing rehabilitation of homes, schools, hospitals and other community buildings.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Problem

The Democratic Republic of Congo³ has experienced political turmoil and conflict throughout its short history. The most recent war, beginning in 1998, devastated the country and involved seven foreign armies. Despite the signing of peace accords in 2003, fighting continued in the eastern provinces of the country, particularly North Kivu.

In eastern Congo, the prevalence and intensity of rape and other sexual violence is described as the worst in the world. In November 2008, intense fighting in North Kivu displaced more than 100,000 people. However, the arrest of the militia leader Laurent Nkunda early this year has already yielded peace dividends; a peace treaty with the government was signed in March 2009.

Partner

HEAL Africa.

Key achievements

- Relief aid to 75,000 people included the provision of tarpaulin shelters for homes, free medical treatment, household items, blankets, baby's and children's clothing.
- Physical, emotional and spiritual care was offered to hundreds of women affected by violence in the provincial capital of Goma.

³Response to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo began in December 2008. Funds were transferred financial year beginning 1st April 2009 and hence do not appear in these accounts.



Tearfund helps people all over the world to deal with the aftermath of emergencies and prepare for future disasters. We support the local church so it can respond quickly to the immediate needs in their community. Where the scale of the emergency is beyond their capacity, we send disaster response teams of engineers, nutritionists, doctors and project managers to bring relief. Photo: Geoff Crawford/Tearfund

OBJECTIVE 2

INSPIRING AND EQUIPPING – DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

At Tearfund, we believe that Christians in Ireland have an important role to play in development, at local and international level, and we provide support for faith-based development education. We have a crucial role to play in increasing understanding within the Irish church about development issues and the underlying causes of poverty in the world. Our aim is to actively engage people with these issues. Irish Aid, the Irish Government's overseas aid department, supported this programme with a grant to 'engage the Irish Christians in social development and justice issues in Ireland and overseas, with a focus on HIV and AIDS'. Using these funds, Tearfund Ireland has partnered with ACET, an Irish HIV charity, to conduct joint research, planning and implementation in this area. Tearfund Ireland and ACET have developed strong relationships with both indigenous and migrant-led churches in Ireland and is working alongside them to support people affected by HIV in their congregations. The findings from this programme will enable us to develop a long-term development education strategy.

ADDRESSING HIV IN IRELAND

'There is a great deal of ignorance about HIV,' said Pastor Kuyebi as he reflected on the various journeys of church members from Africa to Ireland. After completing the Tearfund survey on attitudes to HIV among church leaders, he contacted our partner ACET to share about HIV with the congregation of Christ Apostolic Church in Blanchardstown, Dublin. More than 40 members of the congregation attended and discussed stigma, transmission of HIV and issues such as testing and treatment. Afterwards, Pastor Kuyebi said, 'We really learnt a lot. Thank you so much.'

Key achievements

- More than 50 churches took part in commemorating World AIDS Day during their services on 30 November by using video and other resources provided by Tearfund and ACET
- A survey investigating the attitudes of church leaders has been conducted; results were made available in July 2009
- A strategy is being developed to engage migrant churches in development education, particularly in relation to HIV
- A train-the-trainer workshop was held with 14 people from around Ireland to train them to lead a *Just People* Bible study course with their church or youth groups.
- A Global Poverty Prayer Week was held in February 2008 involving an estimated 30 churches across the country
- Six supporter events with more than 250 people took place in Cavan, Drogheda, Letterkenny, Dublin, Cork and Limerick in May 2008. The head the HIV unit for Tearfund in the UK spoke about the global AIDS crisis
- Two youth groups enrolled to visit Tearfund's partners in Uganda and Peru in the summer of 2009.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

We believe in maintaining the highest standard of professionalism throughout our work. We've signed up to a range of internationally recognised standards – because they enshrine our principles of respecting the people we support.



Tearfund is signatory of the **Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief**. This means that our *'aid is given regardless of the race, creed, or nationality of the recipients and without adverse distinction of any kind. Aid priorities are calculated on the basis of need alone'*.



We are committed to the high technical quality of our projects as laid out in the **Sphere Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response** and the **Humanitarian Accountability Partnership**.



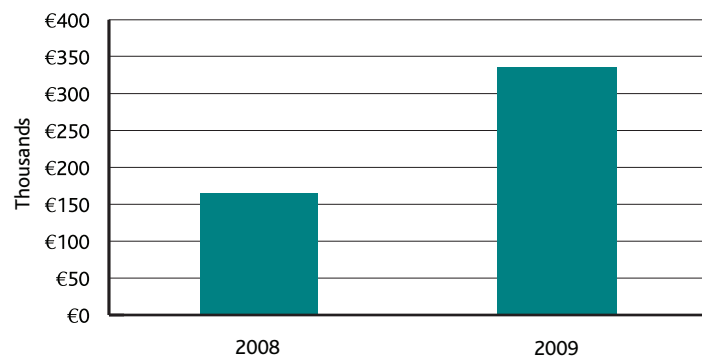
We are also participants in **Dóchas**, an umbrella body of Irish development charities, and part of the **Viva Network**, a global movement of Christians which has 81 network initiatives in 48 countries, helping 1.2 million children.

FINANCIAL REPORT⁴

This year, despite the economic crisis, Tearfund Ireland increased its income by 107 per cent over the income raised in the previous year by Tearfund in the Republic of Ireland⁵. In the year ending 31 March 2009, Tearfund on the island of Ireland generated a total of €6,033,266 income. €4,998,666 of this was voluntary income raised by Tearfund in Northern Ireland, €700,000 was a grant from Irish Aid to Tearfund⁶ and €334,600 was raised by Tearfund Ireland in the Republic of Ireland.

INCOME GROWTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009



⁴ Tearfund Ireland audit was conducted by Lewis & Co. in accordance with standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board in Ireland and the United Kingdom and approved by the Board. Full audited accounts can be obtained on request.

⁵ In the year ending 31st March 2008 Tearfund raised €161,597 from supporters in the Republic of Ireland (RoI). However Tearfund Ireland's audited accounts for that year only show an income of €12,095, because the regular income stream from standing orders and other sources was in the process of being transferred from Tearfund UK to Tearfund Ireland. Income received by Tearfund UK from RoI for the year ended 31st March 2008 was €149,862. (GBP€ 189,199 conversion at historical exchange rate 31st March 2008 of 0.7920885926).

⁶ The following is given for management information purposes only. The income from Northern Ireland belongs to Tearfund UK and does not form part of the statutory accounts of Tearfund Ireland.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	€	€
Income		
Donations – General	179,121	
Donations – Restricted	107,979	
Trust & Foundation Grants	31,500	
Irish aid development grant	16,000	
	<hr/>	334,600
Resources Expended		
Charitable Activities		(190,632)
Cost of generating funds		(34,510)
Administrative Costs		(44,564)
Governance Costs		(6,134)
Operating Surplus		<hr/> 58,760
Other interest receivable		1,111
Bank Interest payable		<hr/> (1,160)
		58,711
Retained Surplus brought forward		10,475
Retained Surplus carried forward		69,186

BALANCE SHEET

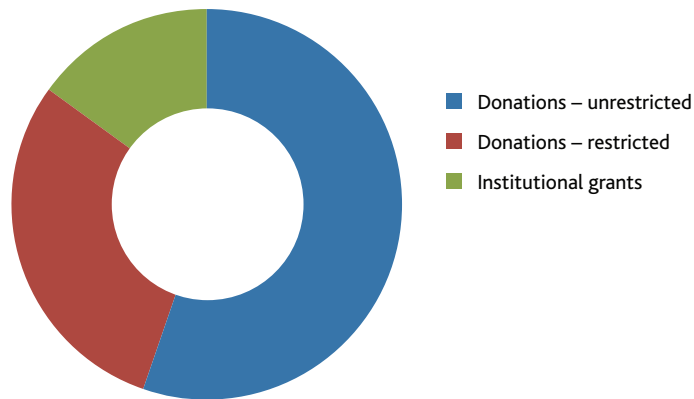
AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	€	€
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		2,064
Current Assets		
Debtors	400	
Cash at bank and in hand	92,131	
	<u>92,531</u>	
Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year	(25,409)	
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Net current assets		67,122
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>69,186</u>
Creditors		
Amounts falling due after more than one year		–
Net Assets		69,186
Reserves		
Surplus – Unrestricted		69,186
Unrestricted funds		69,186

Extracts from audited account

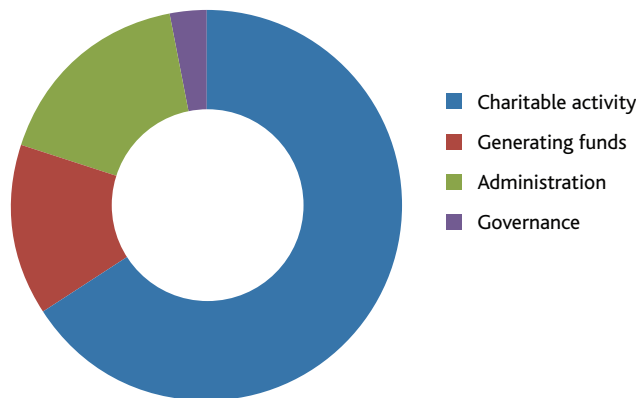
INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009



EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009



The majority of Tearfund Ireland's income came from generous supporters and churches in the Republic of Ireland. Tearfund Ireland's partnership with Irish Aid, the overseas aid department of the Irish government, continues to develop. Tearfund Ireland received its first direct grant from the Irish government of €20,000 for development education. Tearfund in the UK received a three-year block grant of €700,000 per year from the Irish government for its work on HIV in Ethiopia and Malawi. The Irish government has cut Irish Aid's budget by 24 per cent in the past year and is unlikely to be able to provide additional

grants in the next financial year. Tearfund Ireland has built relationships with trusts and foundations in Ireland and grants were received from organisations including the Church of Ireland's Bishops Appeal and Electric Aid.

Tearfund Ireland uses its finances effectively and maintains low administration costs in order to ensure help reaches those in need. This is made possible through the support of enthusiastic volunteers who raise funds, pray, work in our office and share our vision with others. Administration costs in our first year of operations were

higher than normal due to the establishment of financial systems and facility set-up costs. The Board is committed to reducing these costs over the next financial year and expects to see a high return on investment. Tearfund Ireland is building cash reserves of three to six months' expenditure. As a registered charity, Tearfund Ireland is able to reclaim tax on annual donations greater than €250 from PAYE employees. Tearfund Ireland will reclaim tax for financial year ending 31 March 2009 in the next financial year.

Structure, governance and management of organisation

The Board of Directors, who meet at least five times per year, are responsible for ultimate strategic decisions. Directors are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The directors may also appoint a director to serve until the next Annual General Meeting, at which time he or she would cease to hold office but would be eligible for election. A Code of Corporate Governance was approved in 2008 to help guide the Board in their role and against which the functioning of the Board will be monitored. Dr David Weakliam was appointed as Chair of the Board in March 2009. He has extensive experience in international development as a medical doctor in Nepal and health advisor to Irish Aid. Additional directors will be appointed in the upcoming year to supplement the current Board of Directors.

FUTURE PLANS

In the coming financial year our principal objectives are:

HIV

HIV disproportionately impacts the poorest and most vulnerable people, Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 67 per cent of all people living with HIV and 72 per cent of AIDS-related deaths. In addition to the physical impact, those affected by HIV are often met with additional social barriers such as stigma and marginalisation. The role of faith-based

organisations (FBOs) in responding to HIV is widely recognised as having growing significance. We will continue to develop on-the-ground networks between local churches and other partners who are uniquely positioned to influence values and behaviours and mobilise communities. Tearfund recognises that comprehensive responses spanning prevention, treatment, care and support and impact mitigation are required to address the vast needs presented by HIV. A pilot study into the provision of palliative care will be conducted in Tanzania and, if successful, it will be rolled out across Tearfund programmes.

Vulnerable children

Tearfund Ireland has made working with vulnerable children a priority. These are children who are affected by poverty, disaster, armed conflict or abuse. These children include orphans, unaccompanied minors, working children, street children, sexually-exploited children and children orphaned by AIDS. In particular, the number of orphans worldwide is growing rapidly; an estimated 25 million children will have lost one or both parents to AIDS by 2010. Sustainable responses are needed to address this crisis. The focus of our work will be in the urban centres of South East Asia. By addressing the root causes of vulnerability and assisting children at risk through an holistic community-based approach we can prevent these children from being marginalised.

Emergency response

We will continue to respond to emergencies as and when they occur. Our work with Tearfund in the UK takes a comprehensive approach to disasters, through community-based disaster risk reduction activities; advocacy at the policy level in highlighting the needs of the most vulnerable people, especially in the light of climate variability; establishing a global network of disaster management partners; and responding to disaster events both through partners and operationally.

Inspiring and equipping

We will build on research conducted in 2008/2009 and develop an evidence-based development education strategy to mobilise churches in Ireland to engage in development. We will continue to roll out resources developed by Tearfund in the UK and provide training for leaders. Strategic partnerships with similar organisations will be sought to enable us to maximise our influence.

DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Graham Fairbairn *(outgoing Chairperson – resigned March 2009)*

Sheila MacDougald *(resigned October 2008)*

Kate O’Ceallaigh

David McCabe *(Treasurer)*

Richard Philips

Dr David Weakliam *(incoming Chairperson – appointed March 2009)*

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