



TEARFUND IRELAND
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IRELAND

We pay tribute to the amazing generosity and faithful fundraising endeavours of Tearfund Ireland supporters across the length and breadth of the country



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SYRIA

With 9 million people affected by the crisis, and 100,000 refugees registered daily, partners organisations in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan are working tirelessly to respond to possibly the worst refugee crisis in history



Photo: Andrew Philip/Tearfund

MYANMAR

Remote villages, accessible only by boat, are receiving agricultural support to get back on their feet and are implementing a series of initiatives to reduce their vulnerability to future disaster

PHILIPPINES

About 16 million people were affected by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. In partnership with local and international organisations, Tearfund Ireland has provided food, shelter and medicines, and supported livelihood regeneration and child protection initiatives



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CAMBODIA

Anti-trafficking programmes are keeping children safe, and at home, through a process that brings together churches and communities to find solutions to poverty



Photo: Kieran Dadds/Tearfund

ETHIOPIA

A growing network of Self Help Groups are bringing holistic transformation to members and non-members



Photo: Cally Spittle/Tearfund

MALAWI

Innovative care to pregnant women who are living with HIV with the aim of driving down the rate of transmission of HIV from mother to child



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Photo: Warren Alott/Tearfund

INDIA

Tackling poverty on the streets of India's megacity, Mumbai

HAITI

Providing educational opportunities to some of the most marginalised and stigmatised children in the country



Photo: Michelle James/Tearfund

Foreword from the Board Chairman



This year at Tearfund Ireland we supported those in greatest need across the world through our ongoing Development work and through our Humanitarian responses to two major crises, in Syria and the Philippines.

While we maintained our commitment to Development and Humanitarian projects in Africa and Asia, we felt compelled to continue responding to the thousands of people who found themselves fleeing their homes to escape the cruelty of conflict in Syria or living as displaced people and refugees in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. We also responded to the people of the Philippines who were left devastated by Typhoon Haiyan and grieving for lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

This year we can report yet again the very positive impact of our work. Despite the significant challenges faced, lives have been transformed and relationships, families and communities restored and strengthened. This was only possible through the generous and loyal support of our supporters, churches, donor partners and the Irish Government.

Our annual income was maintained at a similar level to the previous year, with a slight decrease of 1.6 per cent, which overall we are encouraged and thankful for. The impact of the economic recession is still felt and balancing support to humanitarian crises and our ongoing development work is a challenge. While we recognise these challenges for the year ahead, we are committed to doing all that we can to reach more of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people and communities.

In being careful stewards of donations and grant funding, we continue to maintain our track record of good governance and accountability. We have been able to keep our organisational costs low at 21 per cent of income (cost of generating funds 18 per cent, governance costs 3 per cent).

I would like to thank all Tearfund Ireland's staff, volunteers and advisers for their commitment and enthusiasm. I also thank and acknowledge all of our partners and particularly our local church partners, both in the countries we work in and here in Ireland. Through this unique grassroots partnership, Tearfund Ireland is a part of the transformation of the lives of many poor and marginalised people and communities.

At Tearfund Ireland we are proud of our track record in Development and Humanitarian responses. With the combined expertise and experience of our partners, we will continue to strive to reach those in greatest need in the world we live in today. This is only possible with the support of the Christian church in Ireland, our supporters, donors and the Irish Government. We will continue to face the challenge of the continued difficult economic climate and increase our resources to reach those in greatest need across the world.

Dr David Weakliam
Chairman
31 August 2014

David is a consultant in public health medicine with the Health Service Executive (HSE). He has worked in the area of international health since 1988, including 12 years working with Tearfund and other development agencies in Nepal, Liberia, Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo. Following his return to Ireland, he worked as a health adviser with Irish Aid, the government overseas aid programme, from 2003 to 2007.

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A message from the Chief Executive



The year was an eventful one for Tearfund Ireland.

We feel extremely blessed to have the support of all our partners – churches, individual supporters, volunteers, donors, the Irish Government and Irish Aid.

There were many highlights during the year. Of significant note are the outstanding results from our projects in Myanmar and Malawi. In Malawi, our partners began to implement the third year of the IMPACT project which aims to reduce HIV transmission from mother to child. We witnessed the reduction in this rate of transmission from 14 per cent to 5.9 per cent. More than 190 HIV-positive pregnant mothers and 160 pregnant couples were supported with counselling, and information on birth plans, good nutrition and the importance of adherence to specific antiretroviral drugs. Marriage counselling and training on parent to child transmission using an internally developed and revised training manual reached more than 6,000 people.

In Myanmar, landless farmers were left even more vulnerable after Cyclone Nargis hit in 2008. Now, thanks to our Myanmar Ayeyarwaddy project, farmers are flourishing and their resilience to future disasters has been strengthened.

This year we highlight projects in Cambodia, Uganda, Ethiopia, India and Haiti that have been building the capacity of vulnerable people and communities to work together to support themselves and their families. They have been focusing on meeting the needs of people in greatest need, through:

- self-help groups
- skills development and training
- programmes to prevent trafficking through education, and programmes to rescue and support people who are trafficked
- supporting children to transition well from orphanages back into families

You can read more about these projects in greater detail later in this report.

As our Chairperson has highlighted, we felt compelled to respond to two major humanitarian crises during the year – in Syria and in the Philippines. We had outstanding support from our supporters, churches and donors. Responding to these desperate situations is something we felt was extremely important as a Christian response to those in extreme need. In doing so, we had to manage our income to ensure that our ongoing development projects were adequately resourced.

With a growth in humanitarian crises across the world, myself and the Board are committed to ensuring that we manage both our humanitarian responses and development projects wisely and effectively.

During the year we continued to work closely with churches and supporters. We are consistently encouraged and humbled by the warm welcome we receive as we speak at churches and conferences, and attend the synod church leadership gatherings. Working together, we are hearing incredible stories of people whose lives are being restored and transformed.

Our desire is to grow our partnerships with churches across Ireland – that we would be of 'one mind and one spirit' in responding to the greatest needs across the world.

We finished this year with a thankful heart – encouraged and inspired to work more collectively to eradicate poverty and injustice, as we seek 'to act justly, show mercy and walk humbly with our God' (Micah 6:8). While a lot has been achieved through our work with our partners overseas, there remains so much more to do in the year ahead.

Finally, I sincerely thank the Board and staff team for their enduring and collective efforts in our work. I sincerely thank our church partners, supporters, volunteers, donors and the Irish Government for all your support in helping us to reach the poorest and most marginalised people across the world.

Thank you!

Sharan Kelly
Chief Executive

Our transformational work in 2013-2014

Once again, a major feature of the year was the incredible generosity of our supporters.

While the difficult economic situation in Ireland has continued to be acutely felt, our annual income maintained a similar level to the previous year. We saw unprecedented support for two major humanitarian crises: the conflict in Syria and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge the generosity, efforts and support of our supporters, church partners, volunteers, funders and collaborators. This has been a year where we continue to help transform the lives of people experiencing the devastating effects of poverty, injustice, conflict and natural disasters.

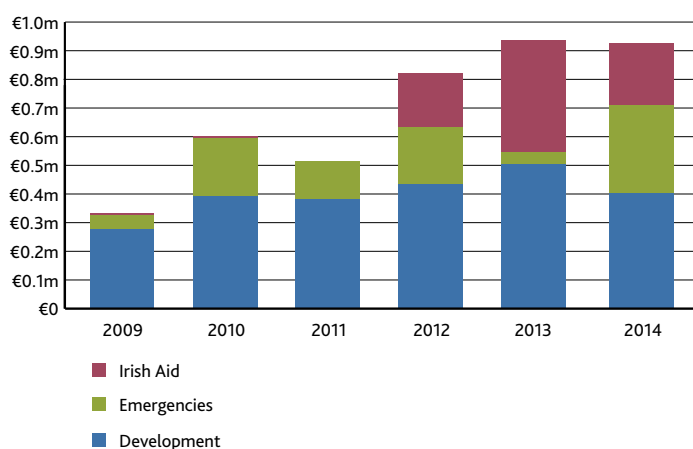
We continued to achieve positive outcomes across all programmes and projects through our collaboration with local partners in the countries we worked in, as well as

partnerships with Tearfund in the UK, Tear Netherlands, and Food for the Hungry, among others. Our collaboration with Irish Aid and the Church of Ireland's Bishops' Appeal continued throughout the year.

Organisational costs were slightly up on the previous year at 21 per cent. As Tearfund Ireland grows we continue to resource and equip the organisation to achieve our goals and manage resources effectively and efficiently. Good governance, transparency and accountability are key priorities for the organisation and given due consideration. We continue to support our capacity to build our income, so that we can reach more of the world's most poor and vulnerable. This involves continued investment in a strong staff team.

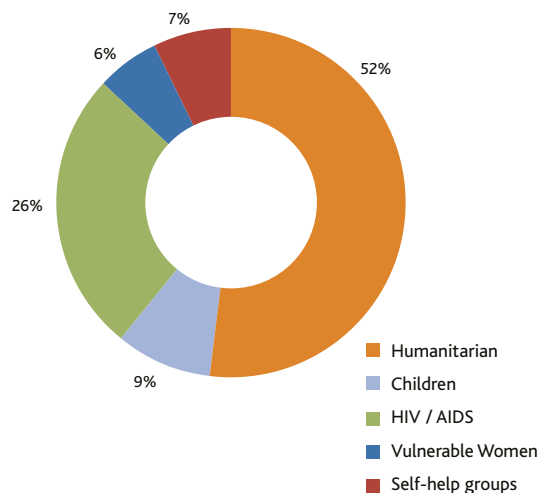
INCOME GROWTH

YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014
COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS



EXPENDITURE BY ISSUE

FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014



EXPENDITURE BY COUNTRY

FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014

Chart 1

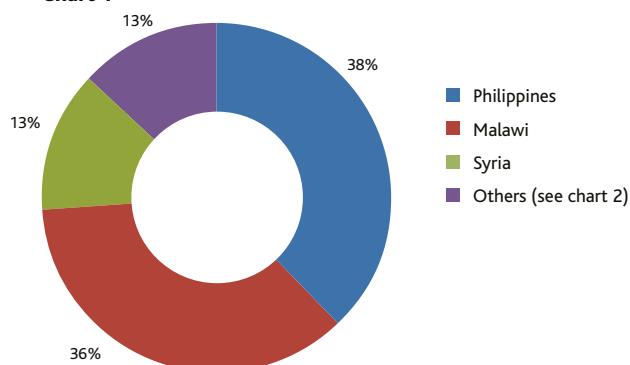
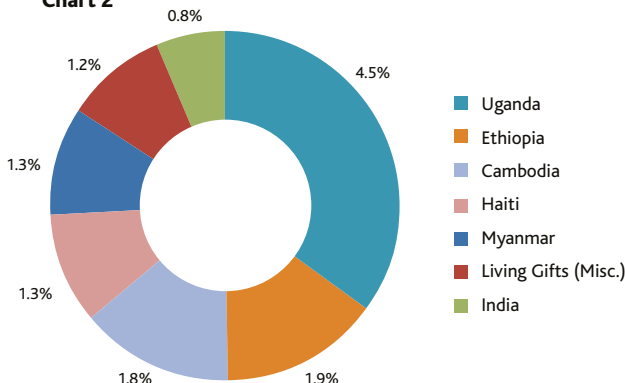


Chart 2



Development programmes

With the significant increase in disasters and conflicts during the year, we responded to two major humanitarian crises – the conflict in Syria and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. We also maintained our focus on projects and programmes that support forgotten children, vulnerable women and people living with HIV. We continued to work at grassroots levels through local churches and faith-based organisations who are best placed to work with the most vulnerable and marginalised in their communities. Supporting a process of identifying the needs, solutions and resources the local church has within themselves, ownership, empowerment and transformation are ensured in our long-term development programmes. Here are some highlights of our work on the ground during the year.

MALAWI

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

Irish Aid, Bishops' Appeal

CONNECTED CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Church Rathmines

RCCG Hosanna House Cavan

LOCAL PARTNERS

Livingstonia Synod AIDS Project (LISAP)

Evangelical Alliance Malawi (EAM)

CCAP Synod of Livingstonia Youth Department

In this desperately poor country of south-east Africa, the primary causes of death for women of reproductive age are diseases related to AIDS, and complications associated with pregnancy and childbearing. Tearfund Ireland's partners are bringing hope and practical help to women with HIV.

Before Tearfund Ireland's project in Malawi began, one in five children being born to HIV-infected mothers was starting their life with HIV – a death sentence at birth. And 4,600 women died every year due to pregnancy-related complications, with a third of these deaths attributed to HIV.

IMPACT stands for Improving Parent and Child Outcomes. Working with two local partner organisations in three marginalised districts of Malawi, IMPACT aims to halve the rate of HIV transmission from parent to child to seven per cent, through a network of church-based volunteers.

An innovative component of the programme is its 'Mother Buddies' scheme, mobilising HIV-positive women to support HIV positive women who are pregnant, alongside their husbands, by linking them to the nearest clinic.

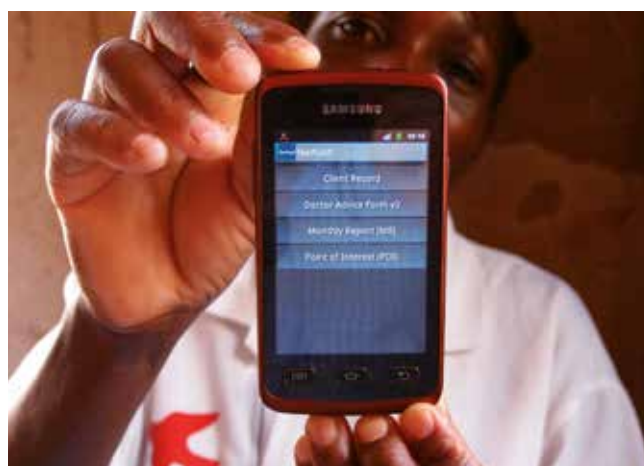
It was hailed as a 'best practice project' in an independent evaluation. A recent article in *The Guardian* newspaper quotes one of the Mother Buddies as saying:

'Since starting [the programme], all women have delivered HIV-negative babies, which has contributed to reducing child mortality in this area. [The programme has] also helped to mobilise men to support their wives. The number of women dying in childbirth has also dropped.'

Fanny Luwemba, Sandi village¹

KEY OUTCOMES

- The parent-to-child transmission rate has been reduced to 6%.
- EAM's Mother Buddies initiative supported 194 HIV-positive pregnant mothers and 160 pregnant couples with counselling, and information on birth plans, good nutrition and the importance of specific antiretroviral drugs.
- Within a six-month period, EAM tested 1,131 people in six mobile HIV testing and counselling campaigns in two districts – an increase of 293 people compared to the previous year.
- Within Mzimba district, 61% of pregnant women were accompanied to ante-natal clinics by their male partners.
- Marriage counselling and training on parent-to-child transmission reached more than 6,000 people.
- Vocational training in carpentry and tailoring was delivered to 20 direct beneficiaries, leading to an externally certified qualification.



MiHope means 'Mobile interactions bringing Hope'. The mobile phone-based system is a tool assisting Mother Buddies and other members of Tearfund Ireland's IMPACT programme to share information and collect data.

Its mobile instant messaging function enables 1,000 chat messages to be sent for the price of a single text message. This allows Mother Buddies across the country to stay in touch, share experiences and learn from each other.

The data collection tool links to the Ministry of Health, and guides the Mother Buddies on what questions to ask at each of their eight visits. All data collected is not just available on the phone but is also in a secure web portal – enhancing monitoring, analysis and evaluation.

¹ *The Guardian*, 18 August 2014 (<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2014/aug/18/maternal-mortality-poor-african-asian-women-dying>)

ETHIOPIA

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

A trust and foundation that wish to remain anonymous

LOCAL PARTNERS

Urban Development Department of the Kale Heywet Church

Almost 40 per cent of the population of Ethiopia still live below the poverty line of \$1.25 per day, and 77 per cent live on less than \$2 per day. Self-help groups facilitated by a Tearfund Ireland partner are bringing physical, economic, political, institutional, social and personal transformation.

The self-help groups coordinated by Tearfund partner Kale Heywet Church enable people from the poorest sectors of society to establish groups of 15–20 people with the aim of these groups promoting healthy relationships, setting up saving schemes and establishing bylaws.

'Self-help groups come together to do what they cannot do individually.'²

Figures coming out of an analysis commissioned by Tearfund Ireland demonstrate that these groups bring about some of the highest cost-benefit ratios that NGOs are witnessing in their development programmes.³

'As for my self-help group, we will be together forever'

Not long ago, Meseret, her husband and baby daughter were so poor the villagers thought they were beggars. Meseret was severely malnourished, and she struggled to breastfeed.

Thankfully she heard about a self-help group that her neighbours had formed with the church's help. The group was coming up with income-generating ideas and saving together.

'As I became involved, I started small business activities,' she said. 'My income and confidence started to grow. I was able to send my daughter to school. I built a small house and bought furniture. As for my self-help group, we will be together forever. We are sisters.'

KEY OUTCOMES

- Majority of SHG members are now able to have three meals a day and send their children to school.
- 90% of members have used the loans to expand the small business they started.
- 80% of women in the matured SHGs are now financially independent.
- Almost all group members have adopted a culture of saving, with 90% starting at savings of €0.25/week.
- Economic self-sufficiency is enabling those who were poor and marginalised to become independent and enjoy social relationships. They freely interact with others, build close and trusting relationships as well as offer support to one another in social and economic activities.
- Local governments are promoting the SHG approach within development circles.
- 93% of the older groups reach out to the wider community by visiting those who are sick, supporting orphans, protecting the environment and providing HIV prevention training.



Joining a self-help group in Ethiopia has helped Meseret work her way out poverty – and restored her hope.
Photo: Cally Spittle/Tearfund

^{2,3} Partnerships for change: A cost benefit analysis of self-help groups in Ethiopia – Executive Summary

CAMBODIA

PARTNERS

CONNECTED CHURCHES

Carrirohane Union of Parishes
Killeshandra Presbyterian Church

LOCAL PARTNERS

Cambodia Hope Organisation (CHO)
International Cooperation Cambodia (ICC)
M'lup Russey

Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in South-East Asia with 33 per cent of the population living below the poverty line and 12 per cent facing hunger and food insecurity. Parents are tempted to sell their children to traffickers, or place their children in orphanages, driven by the false hope that the children might get a better education away from home. Into this dark situation, Tearfund and its trafficking prevention work are bringing light and love.

Tearfund Ireland continues to work with M'lup Russey to provide children with the opportunity to avoid institutions, and instead grow up in a healthy family environment.

Tearfund Ireland also partners with CHO in the prevention of trafficking near the border with Thailand and with ICC in mobilising and enabling local churches to initiate small projects in their communities that alleviate poverty. This process is known as *Umoja*, based on the Swahili word for 'together', as it brings churches and community members together. Crucially the approach focuses on using local resources – which fosters a strong sense of local ownership in the projects, and makes them extremely cost effective. This year's report focuses on ICC and CHO:



Sok Vanny with his son. Photo: Tearfund

KEY OUTCOMES

ICC

- ICC has established itself as the lead agency for the *Umoja* approach in Cambodia and also supports three other organisations with 14 local churches that have just started the process.
- 29 churches and three communities have active local community and church-owned *Umoja* steering committees, while 17 new committees have been formed.
- 46 new project initiatives have been started using local resources. Participating churches have started to make contributions towards the costs of supporting the facilitators.

CHO

- Following anti-trafficking training and prevention of child abuse training to 1,365 people near the Thai border, communities now have a broader understanding of child abuse and trafficking and appreciate the importance of educating children and building their skills.
- The provision of vocational training for 20 young people, and agricultural training for 70 farming families along with the provision of seeds and tools, has led to increased family incomes.

'My family's livelihood has improved significantly'

'Before joining the *Umoja* programme, I worked two jobs, carrying soil and building houses as well as working in a factory. I suffered respiratory complications because of factory chemicals and medical bills strained my small income which was already insufficient to meet family needs.

'When Pastor Vannak told me and the church about *Umoja*, a programme to develop church and community, I decided to participate. After three months of challenging training, I started a chicken-raising project and joined a savings group project.

'My family's livelihood has improved significantly. I now earn some extra money, have invested in the Tailor Project and no longer face medical bills because I have regained good health.

'*Umoja* has taught me to have a good relationship with God, and I am particularly encouraged by John 6: 1-14, [where] Jesus feeds the five thousand. God will always provide for us.'

Sok Vanny, 31, facilitator in Pre Tachab.

INDIA

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

Bishops' Appeal

CONNECTED CHURCHES

Kilkenny Presbyterian Church

Midleton Evangelical Church

Maynooth Community Church

LOCAL PARTNERS

OASIS

Inter-Mission Care and Rehabilitation Society (IMCARES)

Eficor

Even though India is about to become a middle-income country, economic growth is uneven and 30 per cent of the world's poorest people call this country their home. Tearfund Ireland's projects focus on providing support to the most marginalised men, women and children in India's largest megacity, Mumbai.

In cooperation with local churches, IMCARES works on the streets and in the slums of Mumbai to bring hope and support to street children and families affected by HIV – many of whom are shunned by their own families, communities and society.

Our partner OASIS battles against human trafficking and sexual exploitation, focusing on supporting women and children who voluntarily leave Mumbai's red-light district.

Also this year, Tearfund Ireland has responded to flooding in Uttarakhand, but our main emphasis has remained focused on poverty-reduction work in urban areas.



A view over the Dharavi slum in Mumbai. Photo: Warren Allott/Tearfund

KEY OUTCOMES

- 33 women have left the red-light area and made informed choices to change their lifestyle and another 17 have been referred for rehabilitation.
- 100 children are experiencing positive change through tuition support, access to care facilities, sport and life skills training.
- Children are being rescued before they are sold to human traffickers.
- 629 people living on the streets and in shanty towns of Mumbai were given health education and 151 benefited from a medical camp.

HAITI

PARTNERS

CONNECTED CHURCHES

Open Arms Community Church (Newbridge)

LOCAL PARTNERS

Salem Baptist Church – Bellevue School

Haiti is currently the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Trapped in poverty, many poor Haitians find it challenging to feed and educate their children, and they feel forced to give them away as domestic servants. These servants become known as 'Restaveks' – a Creole word, derived from the French 'stay with', that has become a slur word for 'worthless'. Tearfund Ireland is providing education opportunities as part of a programme that brings dignity, respect and self-worth to people living on the edge.

Salem Baptist Church's Bellevue School has been established to offer free primary education within a safe environment, and Tearfund Ireland supports an afternoon programme with psychosocial support for those who are 'Restaveks' or from extremely marginalised backgrounds.



Children at Ecole Evangélique Bellevue Salem. Photo: Warren Allott/Tearfund

KEY OUTCOMES

- 97 girls and 44 boys receive primary education at Salem Baptist Church's Bellevue School. 75% of registered children attend classes regularly.
- School materials and equipment have been provided to the poorest 20 pupils attending Bellevue School.
- An additional two teachers have joined the teaching staff to focus on educational development.

Responses to humanitarian disasters

The work we started in the previous year to support the people of Syria continued with the primary focus of supporting the most vulnerable Internally Displaced People and refugees in surrounding countries. In November 2013, following the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, we felt compelled to deliver practical support to people who have lost family members, their homes and their livelihoods. Our programme in Myanmar, in response to Cyclone Nargis drew to an end in 2013-14. We were encouraged by the strong outcomes and the resilience to future disasters that has been developed.

FORGOTTEN EMERGENCIES – MYANMAR

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

Irish Aid – EHAF

LOCAL PARTNERS

World Concern Myanmar

Cyclone Nargis devastated the Ayeyarwady Delta, destroying 92 per cent of Labutta township's agricultural land, and reducing crop yield by 56 per cent. Tearfund Ireland has chosen to work in 30 of the poorest villages in Labutta township. Only accessible by boat, these villages have received little or no other external assistance.

Tearfund Ireland's partner focuses on rebuilding the social fabric of Labutta township, while reducing the impact of future disasters. It is working through village development committees (VDCs) and targeting both landless and landowners, as well as households with children under the age of five. So far 6,833 people – with an almost 50:50 ratio of women to men – have participated in the project.

Gender equality is promoted strongly by VDCs and community-based organisations. The programme considers the safety of women and girls especially in conducting training and prioritises them in the way the initiatives are organised.

KEY OUTCOMES

- 11 Rice Producer Groups (RPGs) including 80 landless households in collaboration with landowners achieved the restoration of 1,783 acres to paddy production and a crop yield increase of 46%. RPG yields are higher now than they have been at any point during the previous six years, and farmers now own their equipment and have paid off debts from before and after Cyclone Nargis.
- 61% of animal bank member households have passed on offspring to a secondary receiver. Embankments with a total measurement of 645,890 cu ft have been repaired.
- The Winter Crop Producer Groups (WCPGs) are making enough return to ensure the continuity of the approach. 74% of the 36 landowning and 79 landless WCPG members from five villages are able to identify membership benefits.
- 27 self-help groups (SHGs) have been formed and trained with a total of 204 members. They meet once a month and adhere to codes of governance, and 156 of these members are saving income on a monthly basis. SHGs are developing plans for running group-managed businesses and contributing to the education and health of the most vulnerable community members not in their SHGs.

'The water has become cleaner'

'I lived in this village of 50 families for about five years before Cyclone Nargis hit. Water was always a problem. For five months of the year, we experienced a domestic water crisis and for one month after the rainy season, drinking water was scarce. We travelled for three to four hours on motorboats to a muddy lake exposed to waste, which had no fencing and was shared by both humans and animals.

'Poor sewage disposal and a lack of suitable latrines resulted in at least seven cases of severe diarrhoea annually.

'In 2010, World Concern Myanmar [a Tearfund partner] came to our village and our desperate situation started to turn around. Forty latrines were added and we were all encouraged to use them. Broken roads were repaired and fences were erected around the lakes to prevent animal access and pollution. As a result the water became cleaner and clearer and more suitable for domestic purposes.'

Daw Hla Win Kyi – Farmer, Community Health Volunteer and Growth Monitoring team member



Daw Hla Win Kyi says villagers like her now have access to clean water.

PHILIPPINES

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

Bishops' Appeal

SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Churches around the country responded generously in the weeks following the Philippines disaster. Churches in Dublin, Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Kerry, Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath, Sligo, Tipperary, Wexford and Galway gave a specific focus to the situation in the Philippines and this led to various fundraising activities.

LOCAL PARTNERS

Philippines Children's Ministry Network
Food for the Hungry
Medair

Typhoon Haiyan, a category-five Super Typhoon, made landfall in central Philippines on 8 November 2013. Strong winds of up to 280km/h, and heavy rains, resulted in widespread flooding, landslides and extensive damage. It was calculated that 16 million people were affected, including 6 million children, while more than 1 million houses were either severely damaged or destroyed.

In partnership with local and international organisations, as well as local churches, Tearfund Ireland's response focuses on heavily affected Eastern and Western Samar, as well as Leyte. Initially starting with the distribution of food and non-food items, support was also provided through shelter, hygiene and health. The programme's work also led to the restoration of livelihoods, for example through the provision of agricultural

tools and fishing nets to fishermen. Debris was removed through cash-for-work schemes. Huge concerns for vulnerable children and unaccompanied minors led to child protection initiatives through the provision of Child Friendly Spaces.

KEY OUTCOMES

- 75,000 beneficiaries received initial emergency distributions between November 2013 and January 2014, including 4,077 tarpaulin and rope kits to provide emergency shelter for displaced families.
- 3,000 families received vegetable seeds in time for the planting season in December.
- In late November and December 2013 alone, 18 Child Friendly Spaces benefited 10,034 children – nearly four times the projected target.
- Child Friendly Spaces are ongoing in 15 barangays.
- 800 households are benefiting from a water system installed in their community.
- In participation with local communities, 600 demonstration houses were constructed in 16 districts.
- 225 individual household tool kits and 37 extra-large tarpaulins were distributed to schools with damaged roofs.
- 3 Dulag clinics were repaired and 3 others were replenished with Inter-agency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK drug kits).

Even in the initial emergency response phase, we were already thinking of the recovery phase. Our main question was, 'How will we help these vulnerable people truly recover?'

Manuel Jagourd, Tearfund partner Medair



About 300 survivors of Typhoon Haiyan will be rehoused on this site in Cadiz Viejo, Negros island. They were relocated from nearby Lacawon island, where only eight houses withstood the storm. Each family will have a newly built typhoon-resistant home, which comes complete with toilet. Photo: Tom Price/Integral Alliance

SYRIA

PARTNERS

KEY DONORS

Bishops' Appeal

CONNECTED CHURCHES

Bantry Christian Fellowship, MCF Community Church, Milford Mission Hall, Limerick Baptist Church, Grosvenor Rd Baptist Church, etc

LOCAL PARTNERS

Unnamed faith-based organisation, Syria
Heart for Lebanon, Lebanon
Vision Hope International (VHI), Jordan, etc

KEY OUTCOMES

To date, and across the region:

- 8,634 people have received food aid and 7,900 people have benefited from household items.
- 4,550 people have been assisted through cash-for-rent schemes.
- Trauma counselling was provided to 580 survivors and 272 children have increased access to education.

The conflict in Syria is now in its fourth year. This fluid, sectarian and political struggle has created what is possibly the worst refugee crisis in modern history. Nine million people are directly affected. Neighbouring countries are struggling to cope, as 100,000 new Syrian refugees are registered daily – half of them children. One in four people in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee. There is no end to the suffering in sight.

Tearfund Ireland and Tearfund UK joined hands to respond to the escalating political and humanitarian crisis in Syria in a joint appeal in February 2013. The overall response has enabled us to support seven partner organisations in Syria, Lebanon, as well as in Jordan.

The primary objective is to deliver humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable internally displaced people and refugees. Among other things, we focus on traumatised children, in a bid to meet educational needs in areas where these needs are not being met by other organisations.

The following three projects are examples of the response:

- Inside Syria, Tearfund's faith-based partner has distributed essential food and household items to 466 families (3,330 individuals).
- In Lebanon, Tearfund's partner provided food parcels and hygiene items to 335 families (2,680 individuals). In addition, 340 households (2,720 individuals) receive food and hygiene packs on a monthly basis, with 55 households receiving financial assistance through vouchers.
- In Jordan, two trauma education projects have been running for a couple of years to support families with traumatised children, or families who have lost at least one loved one as a result of the conflict. These projects provide safe environments for children aged four to seven and their parents, in locations where limited or no schooling is available. The kindergartens are attended by 100 children for five days a week.



Sabah and Azab with their sons Hakeem (8) and Tanim (3), and daughter Hasna (7) in Bekaa valley, Lebanon. They didn't have food for 10 days as they left Syria but now get monthly food parcels.
Photo: Sara Guy/Tearfund

Equipping churches across Ireland

Speaking at churches, Sunday schools and youth groups

Tearfund Ireland staff and speakers had a busy year speaking at churches and small groups all around Ireland about the choices facing impoverished communities in developing countries.

There were a number of specially themed Sunday school events at Grosvenor Road Baptist, Dun Laoghaire Evangelical Church, St Catherine's Thomas Street and Open Arms church in Newbridge and a visit to the Walking on Water (WOW) youth group at the Chinese Gospel Church in Lucan.

Tearfund Ireland was invited to speak about communicating development issues to children at the annual Building Blocks Sunday School conference and the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal Conference – both held in Dublin.

Church conferences and events

Tearfund Ireland attended church conferences throughout the year including Church of Ireland Synods: Limerick, Elphin and Ardagh, Cork Cloyne and Ross, Dublin and Glendalough and Cashel and Ossory.

Tearfund Ireland had stands at the international events: World Africa Day and Nepal Day, both held at Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park, Dublin.

Fashion Fever

Volunteers from Dun Laoghaire VEC turned a sale of donated clothes into a fashion fest at the Riasc Centre in Swords, offering shoppers a styling service and fashion advice.

Walks of Hope

Supporters from Kilgariffe Union of Parishes, Cork, and a group of 50 from the Dublin and Wicklow area participated in separate fundraising Walks of Hope in October. The Bray Head walk included child-friendly activities to explore life for children in Cambodia.

Visit of Sarah Chhin from Cambodia – joint event with Unicef

Minister for Trade and Development, Joe Costello TD, launched a Unicef report, *Partnering with Religious Communities for Children*, at a Tearfund Ireland-Unicef Ireland event which discussed how forging partnerships with faith-based organisations can advance the rights of children.

Sarah Chhin, who works for Tearfund partner M'Lup Russey in Cambodia, presented a case study that shows how a Unicef-Tearfund project offers vulnerable children an alternative to institutional care.

Tearfund Christmas craft fair

Churches and supporters in the Cork area made beautiful crafts and homemade Christmas gifts for sale at their annual Tearfund craft fair in Carrigrohane. This year the funds raised were in aid of vulnerable children in Cambodia.

On the airwaves and in the media

Spirit Radio broadcast a weekly Tearfund interview reaching an estimated 165,000 listeners. Features about Tearfund's work also appeared in Vox magazine.

Connected Churches

Churches in Ireland continue to develop relationships with churches in Cambodia, Haiti and Malawi through our Connected Church programme.



Another of our Connected Church congregations is Open Arms Church in Newbridge, Co. Kildare, who have been supporting Salem Baptist Church in Haiti since the devastating earthquake in 2010. John and Dina Baciu of Open Arms Church recently visited Haiti to meet some of the children able to go to school thanks to Open Arms' support.

Financial Report

In the year ending 31 March 2014, Tearfund Ireland's income was €918,749.

Statement of Financial Activities

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	Notes	Restricted funds €	Unrestricted funds €	2014 Total funds €	2013 Total funds €
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Grants and donations	2	219,500	589,353	808,853	882,002
Tax refunded		–	45,801	45,801	45,214
Gifts in kind		–	–	–	–
Other income		–	64,095	64,095	6,741
		219,500	699,249	918,749	933,957
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3&4	(266,988)	(517,590)	(784,578)	(695,498)
Cost of generating funds	4	(40,250)	(128,218)	(168,468)	(177,115)
Governance costs	4	(6,459)	(20,575)	(27,034)	(17,423)
Transfer to restricted from unrestricted funds		199,765	(199,765)	–	–
Total outgoing resources		(113,932)	(866,148)	(980,080)	(890,036)
Other interest receivable and similar income		–	1,973	1,973	3,439
Net income/outgoing resources					
– Continuing operations		105,568	(164,926)	(59,358)	47,360
Net income for the year		105,568	(164,926)	(59,358)	47,360

The statement of financial activities includes all gains or losses for the above two financial years.

It is the policy of Tearfund Ireland to distribute funds to specified projects as quickly as possible. Delays in aid projects occasionally arise which necessitate the holding back of remittances. At the year end all restricted reserves were committed in full to selected overseas projects.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 15 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by

Richard Barkley
Director

David Weakliam
Director

Balance Sheet

AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

	Notes	€	2014 €	€	2013 €
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		11,920		19,509
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	3,915		215,933	
Cash at bank		291,989		266,790	
		295,904		482,723	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(247,896)		(382,945)	
Net current assets			48,007		99,778
Total assets less current liabilities			59,927		119,287
Net assets			59,927		119,287
Reserves					
Unrestricted reserves			59,927		119,287
Net Funds	10		59,927		119,287

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Working together to transform lives

Tearfund Ireland once again extends its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of our loyal supporters, churches, volunteers and donors for their continued generous support to us in our efforts to eradicate poverty, fight injustice and respond to devastating humanitarian crises. Despite the fact that we are still living in difficult economic circumstances, your support has remained unwavering and certainly is an indication of the conviction and commitment to working together to bring about lasting transformation. Without your support we would certainly not have achieved all that we have in the past year. We extend a heartfelt thanks to you all!

We particularly thank our many volunteers – we are eternally grateful to you all and thank you for your support, prayers, commitment, skills, creativity, fundraising efforts and so much more. Thank you for continuing to inform your church community across the country of the work we are doing together and highlighting the issues facing the most vulnerable people in some of the world's poorest countries.

The results outlined in this report demonstrate the extent of transformation that has been achieved this year. Tearfund Ireland and our partners implement measures to provide both quantitative and qualitative information on the impact of our work. We have developed rigorous selection procedures and closely monitor the progress of projects with regular field visits conducted.

Criteria we use to evaluate our projects are:

Impact: What changes have occurred in people's lives? 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 of people and communities

You can make a significant investment in the transformation of lives and communities by becoming a major donor. This transformation is sustainable and has a strategic impact in the world's most marginalised, vulnerable and poor communities. We can help you identify a project that focuses on a particular issue or country that you feel passionately about.

You can invest in people by:

- Making a one-off donation or providing funding over a number of years
- Giving to a specific project
- Making a regular monthly donation

We also provide the opportunity for you to take a trip to meet our partners and see their work in action. We can provide regular reports showing how money is being used and the impact of your investment.

At Tearfund Ireland 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 nurture that potential.

Please contact our office on 01-878 3200 or email enquiries@tearfund.ie to discuss how you can invest in people and transform lives and communities.



Financial management and governance

Tearfund Ireland's income maintained similar levels to the previous year with just a slight decrease of 1.6 per cent, which, given the continuing economic challenges, was a positive result.

Our annual income was €918,749 and came primarily from our supporters and churches in the Republic of Ireland. We have built positive relationships with trusts and foundations in Ireland and grant-making organisations including the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal. We received the final tranche of funding of a three-year (2011–2014) block grant of €588,000 from the Irish Government through Irish Aid's

Civil Society Fund for our work to prevent the spread of HIV in Malawi. As a registered charity, we were able to reclaim €45,801 back in tax during the year.

Tearfund Ireland uses its finances effectively and maintains low organisational costs to ensure help reaches those in greatest 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. The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring organisational costs remain low while also investing in the continued development of the organisation.

Professional Standards

Tearfund Ireland believes in maintaining the highest standard of professionalism throughout our work.

Tearfund Ireland has signed up to a range of internationally recognised standards – because they enshrine our principles and our respect for the people we support.



Tearfund Ireland is a signatory to 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.'



Tearfund Ireland is 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.

Tearfund Ireland is a member of Dóchas, an umbrella body of Irish development organisations and signatories to the Code of Conduct on Images and Messages. We give names for dignity, but based on recommendation from local partners, we use changed names for security.



The Board of Directors resolved to adopt the ICTR Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising and confirmed that Tearfund Ireland is committed to complying with the Statement.

Professional Networks

Our Chief Executive, Sharan Kelly, continued to serve on the Board of Dóchas and was an active member of the Board throughout the year. Tearfund Ireland's involvement both as a member and Board Director of Dóchas provides Tearfund Ireland with the opportunity of keeping up to date on strategic national and global development issues. Through Board participation, working group involvement and membership of Dóchas, Tearfund Ireland contributed to Dóchas' work of influencing policy, political decision-making, best practice and developments within the Development and Humanitarian sectors.

Tearfund Ireland is an active member of EU-CORD, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) independent of any political, economic, social or religious authority. EU-CORD is an inter-denominational network of Christian relief and

development agencies, inspired by its Christian values to accomplish its work. This pan-European network has the intention of influencing a wide institutional arena and to increase each agency's programmatic effectiveness and funding opportunities through practical co-operation. All agencies retain full independence, working within their respective mandates.

In May 2014, our Chief Executive, Sharan Kelly, was elected to the EU-CORD Administrative Council as Vice-Chair. The strategic direction of EU-CORD is mandated by the General Assembly which meets twice a year. The General Assembly delegates oversight to the elected Administrative Council.



Structure, governance and management of the organisation

The Board of Directors, which meets at least five times a year, is responsible for the strategic direction of Tearfund Ireland – setting targets, signing off annual plans and budgets and reviewing the outcomes of the statutory audit. Directors are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and are selected based on criteria established in the Board's Terms of Reference. The Board 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. There are currently six serving directors. A Code of Corporate Governance (based on Dóchas code) guides the Board in its role, and the functioning of the Board is monitored against this. The Board delegates the operational management of the company to the Chief Executive.



In October 2013, the Board commenced a strategic review in preparation for its next Strategic Plan. A number of high-level meetings were held with Directors facilitated by an external consultant. This process continued with the staff team and planning commenced toward the end of the financial year. It is anticipated that the Strategic Plan for the next five years will be put to the Board for approval in the new financial year.

The Board undertook a governance review in February 2014 based on the Dóchas Corporate Governance Assessment Tool. The result of the assessment was that the Board had followed good governance of the organisation. Areas for future development were identified to further strengthen the organisation.

The Development Advisory Committee (DC), a sub-committee of the Board, ensured that Tearfund Ireland utilised and allocated its financial resources effectively and is following internationally recognised best practice in relief and development. The DC must have at least two Directors in its membership. The Board approves funding made available for grants and delegates authority to the DC for its decision on which projects are supported. The DC reports its decisions and actions to the Board in writing.

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), a sub-committee of the Board, led by the Treasurer ensured financial accountability and overseas effective management of funds. It continued to strengthen internal controls and procedures, by identifying risks and reporting to the Board.

The team was supported and strengthened during the year to support the ongoing work and growth of the organisation.

Future plans

The Board has, with the support of its Chief Executive, begun work on its next Strategic Plan, and this will be further developed and approved in the year ahead.

In the year ahead we will aim to:

- Approve our next five-year Strategic Plan – enabling us to respond to more people and communities in greatest need through a network of local churches and faith-based organisations
- Ensure the continued implementation of strategies to improve organisational capacity and efficiencies
- Increase our income through greater engagement with churches, supporters, donors and the Irish Government
- Ensure the success of our Irish Government-funded Civic Society Fund (CSF) Project in Malawi which will be entering its third and final year and as well as secure a further CSF Project
- Build on the success of our Irish Government-funded Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) project in Myanmar and secure a further project in response to the humanitarian crisis

Directors and other information

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