



Tearfund helps people to lift themselves out of poverty and injustice. Tearfund strives for a world in which everyone thrives. Inspired by God's love we are committed to eradicating poverty and injustice, everything that hinders people from thriving.

Our vision *is to see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential.*

Our mission *is to follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crisis and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to those living in poverty.*

We understand poverty to be rooted in broken relationships. Poverty is holistic: it is not just economic or physical but is also social, environmental and spiritual. Overcoming poverty requires a restoration of relationships: with self, God, others, and wider creation. Whole life transformation is evident where we see individuals and communities resilient to shocks and stresses; they are able to plan and implement solutions to address their own issues and those around them; and they have been able to move from striving and surviving, to a fuller sense of thriving. For deeper transformation to take place there needs to be a transformation of self, others, groups and societies. This takes place at the local, national and international levels.

We work through a network of local organisations and engage the local church where possible. Our approach is based on connecting with people's own possibilities for improving their standard of living regardless of their nationality, ethnic origin, gender or religion.

In the Netherlands we raise awareness among churches and Christians, encouraging them to stand up against poverty and injustice.

Tearfund Netherlands is part of the Tearfund family. The Tearfund family share common values in the fight against poverty and injustice, such as a shared Christian identity and the importance of the role of the Church in society, developing partnerships by working with and through local Christian organisations and pursuing excellence and accountability in all that we do.

Tearfund Netherlands was founded in 1973 and our headquarters is located in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Main Objectives

To achieve our vision, we have four main objectives. They are,

Churches mobilised

The Church is envisioned, empowered and equipped to play its role in transforming the poorest communities and changing society.

Communities transformed

Communities are resilient to shocks and stresses, working for peace and unity and contributing to a better future for themselves and others.

Emergency needs met

When crises and natural disasters hit, affecting community structures and mechanisms, we respond quickly to meet immediate needs.

Societies are transformed

Social, economic, political and environmental systems work for the well-being of all ensuring access to basic needs, equality and sustainable growth.

Areas of Expertise

Humanitarian Response

We respond quickly to disasters and crises. We focus on people who need help the most. From the outset of our assistance, we aim to work on building resilience. After the acute emergency relief phase our attention shifts to reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Community Development

We strive to build resilient communities. We support local communities in developing their community and environment using their own resources and relationships. We aim to equip them so that they are more self-reliant in the future.

Advocacy and Influencing

To achieve sustainable change it's important to influence governments, organisations, decision makers and public opinion. Through campaigns and lobbying we strive to influence at local, national and international level to tackle the root causes of poverty and injustice. We mobilize churches and civil society to be agents of change.

Within our work in humanitarian relief, community development and influencing and advocacy we focus on four corporate priorities:

Church & Community Transformation (CCT)

Tearfund Netherlands encourages Churches and Christian organisations to work together with their environment for the development of the community. This approach, **Church & Community Transformation (CCT)** is at the heart of what Tearfund Netherlands does. Through CCT we equip churches to help local communities identify needs and mobilise resources to bring about transformation.

Reconciled and peace-filled societies (RPS)

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Situations of violent conflict are the particular focus. We look to address both the impact and causes of that violence to bring sustainable peace. By reconciled we mean the restoration of relationships between those in conflict. Peace-filled expresses a longing for more than just the absence of direct physical violence. We draw on the biblical concept of shalom which encompasses justice and the ability to thrive. We talk about societies because it takes us beyond the local or community level and incorporates the idea of structural or societal level change.

Environmental & Economic Sustainability (EES)

Our vision is a world where every person's basic needs are met and all have the chance to flourish within environmental limits. We seek a restorative economy which aims to meet three key tests:

1. Everyone can meet their basic needs
2. The world lives within environmental limits
3. Inequality in its current extremes is no longer accepted – including both income inequality and wealth inequality at national and international level.

We are committed to a movement of people who stand for sustainability. We do this through awareness campaigns both in the Netherlands and internationally.

Crisis to Resilience (CtR)

Resilient, hope-filled communities equipped and empowered to prepare for and respond to the crises they face. Our approach to supporting people affected by disasters is holistic, with a focus on strengthening resilience. We support and accompany communities, local churches and partners to anticipate and prepare for crises as well as respond to them. We believe communities are best placed to identify their needs and capacities, and determine the solutions. Our work therefore focuses on the drive for responses to be locally led, and seeks to elevate the critical role and voice of faith actors in emergencies.

Geographical Spread and Expertise in Programming

We work across five geographical regions:

- Asia
- East, Mid and West Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East
- Southern and East Africa

We also work in other countries based upon needs and opportunities.

Tearfund Netherlands has 9 **focus** countries for long term development and disaster response.

They are:

- Nepal
- Bangladesh
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ethiopia
- South Sudan
- Haiti
- Syria
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

Budget figures

Income 2021 15.3 million Euro

Key donor awards Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands through Dutch Relief Alliance
ECHO, Private Donors, Churches and Foundations in the Netherlands

Main Value Adding Areas

Localisation: Tearfund is positioned to contribute to the localisation agenda through our work with churches and local partners.

Working with Faith Based Actors: we work through local faith based actors and advocate for the added value they bring to development cooperation.

Thematic expertise: Church and Community Mobilisation, Environmental and Economic Sustainability, Fragile States.

Significant Consortia Engagement with EU-cord members

Advocacy hub

Funding hub

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