



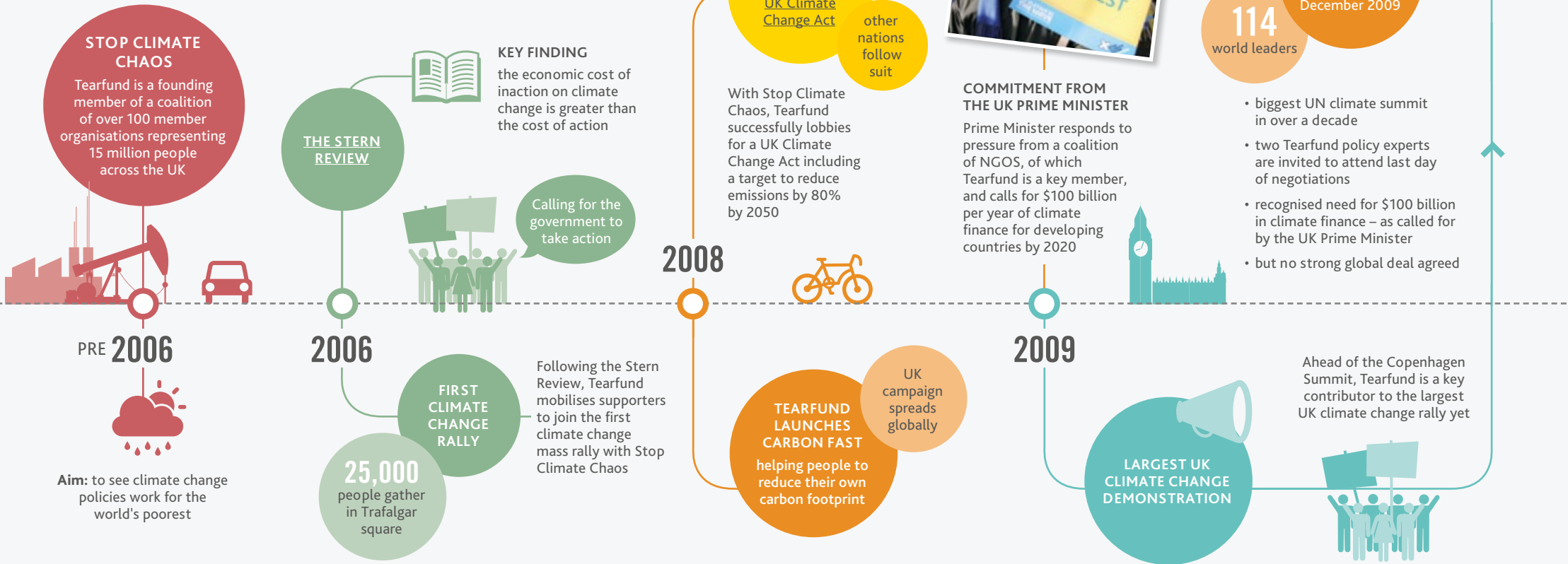
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# INSPIRING CHANGE

IMPACT & LEARNING REPORT 2017

*celebrating a 10-year vision*

# CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY HEADLINE MOMENTS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS



## RESTORING BALANCE TO OUR WORLD

Tearfund is committed to tackling the root causes of poverty, such as climate change, through advocacy. Climate change threatens the natural balance of the world. Tackling it is about both the environment and people. It's about securing a better life for future generations and communities today. Tearfund has been a pioneering voice telling decision-makers that the world's poorest communities need support to adapt to the effects of climate change and protection from greater impacts in the future.

In 1992, Tearfund became the first large international development NGO to work in this area, because of the effects being caused to its partners globally. Climate change has the potential to push over 100 million people back into poverty by 2030.<sup>79</sup> More frequent droughts and floods mean crops ruined, people going hungry, and children missing out on education.

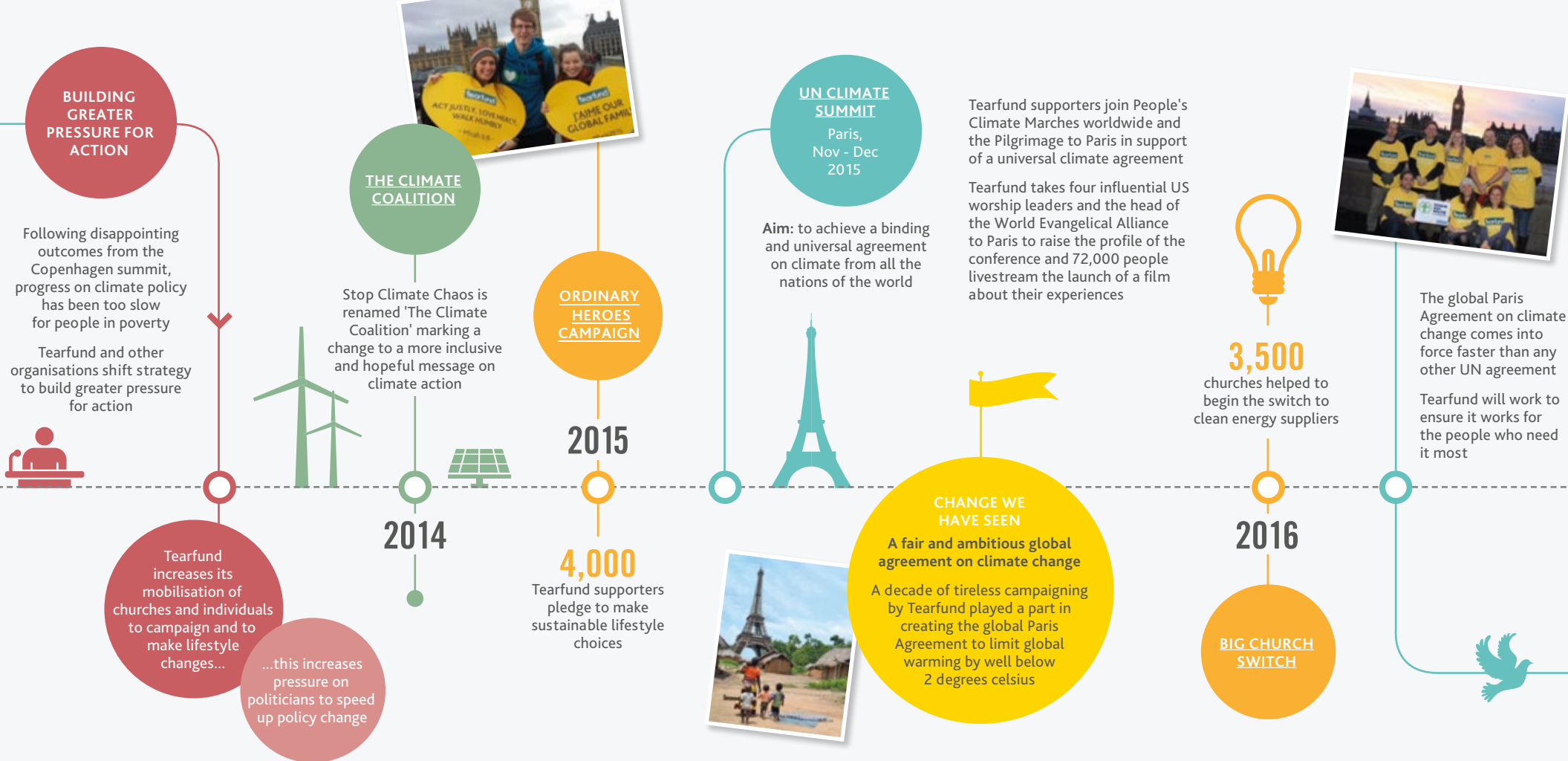
A global issue on the scale of climate change requires everyone to play their part. Tearfund has taken a collaborative approach, co-founding the

Stop Climate Chaos coalition in 2005. Tearfund brings something distinctive to coalitions, being recognised as a trusted voice on how climate change is impacting developing countries.

In 2009, the UK Prime Minister responded to pressure from a coalition – of which Tearfund was a key part – to call for US\$100 billion per year by 2020 to help developing countries adapt to climate change. The 2009 Copenhagen Climate Summit recognised this need; these resources will have a positive impact on millions.

Internationally, however, progress was slow and not ambitious enough. Tearfund recognised that more public action and mass mobilisation was needed. Over the last decade, thousands have been mobilised to join climate rallies and change their own lifestyles. When thousands of people match their advocacy with changes to their own lives, decision-makers listen.

In 2016, an ambitious and binding global climate agreement came into force. Tearfund will work to ensure it works for the people who need it most.



**GERRY'S STORY**

Part of Tearfund's advocacy work to see policies work for the world's poorest involves mobilising and supporting churches and individuals to campaign and make lifestyle changes.

Gerry Edwardson is one of the individuals who has journeyed with Tearfund in our campaign to bring about a more just and sustainable world.

Gerry joined one of Tearfund's 'Action Communities' where he was able to meet other like-minded people and learn skills to

live in a more fair and environmentally-friendly way. Gerry headed back to his church, Holy Trinity Northwood, convinced of the power of community to bring about change.

*'The Action Community is one of the most exciting things I have been involved with in recent years. The model for community has encouraged me to think wider and deeper and then develop my thoughts into actions.'*

With support from friends and a mentor from Tearfund, Gerry started mobilising and inspiring

his church to work towards becoming an Eco Church. This involves showing care for God's world in all aspects of church life, from looking after buildings and land, to engaging in the local community and in global campaigns.<sup>80</sup>

*'Lots of people have become involved – people on the very edge of the church have found their voice. As a church we have looked upwards and outwards.'*

Holy Trinity Northwood have held a Green Family Service, started a community garden, made bird

boxes and hedgehog homes, supported Tearfund's climate change campaigning and hosted a meeting with their local MP, the Minister of State for Climate Change, at their church. As a result the church recently achieved the Eco Church Bronze Award and they are now planning how they can develop their environmentally-friendly outlook in the future.

*'It has been a very great privilege to journey with Tearfund in their campaign to bring about a more just and sustainable world.'*

Photos (left to right): Jay Butcher, Robyn Boosey, Jack Wakefield, Corrie Sissons, Seamus Anderson/ Tearfund

## ANNEX A

## EVIDENCE LIST

The following is a list of significant evaluations and research used as evidence for this report. We have scored our evaluations against the Bond Evidence Principles to ensure quality in the evidence used. Only evidence that scored 40 or above was chosen to be included. The scores have been assessed and cross-checked by Tearfund's Impact and Effectiveness Team.

This list does not represent all the evidence used in the report – only the significant evaluations and research documents. The Impact Narratives were constructed by triangulating different sources of evidence, including project reports, annual reports, interviews and qualitative and observational knowledge from our teams and partners.

Country	Report title	Type	Date	Bond Evidence Principles score
Uganda	Participatory evaluation process implemented by PAG	Evaluation	2008	74
	Church and community mobilisation process by PAG, Soroti	Evaluation	2011	61
	Capacity enhancement project	Evaluation	2015	74
	<i>Bridging the gap</i>	Research Report	2016	77
	<i>Faithful and flourishing communities: The church's role in community transformation in Uganda</i>	Research Report	2016/17	83
Myanmar	Evaluation of the capacity building programme for Myanmar Baptist Convention	Evaluation	2008	48
	Cyclone Nargis evaluation report	Evaluation	2010	41
	Telling the story of Eden	Review Report	2014	68
	<i>Social Capital, Resilience and the Local Church</i>	Research Report	2014	82
	<i>Our Daughters' Voices</i>	Research Report	2016	69
Cambodia	Integrated rural community development programme	Evaluation	2006-2008	50
	Integrated rural community development programme	Evaluation	2012	53
Malawi	<i>Investing in communities: the benefits and costs of building food security in Malawi</i>	Research Report	2010	68
	Improving food security and livelihoods of rural households in Salima district, Malawi	Evaluation	2015	73
	Malawi: water and climate justice project	Evaluation	2015	61
	Enhancing water management project, Malawi	Evaluation	2016	52
	Khwamba sustainable livelihoods improvement project	Evaluation	2017	62
Nigeria	FCS Aid4Life programme	Evaluation	2012-2015	52
DRC	Faith-based coalition on holistic responses to HIV and gender in eastern DRC	Evaluation	2014	67
	Engaging faith groups in preventing sexual violence in conflict affected communities in DRC	Evaluation	2016	64
Haiti	Real time evaluation of Tearfund's Haiti earthquake response	Real Time Review	2010	42
	Disaster Management Team programme evaluation	Evaluation	2012	57
	Haiti mid-term learning review	Learning Review	2012	46
	Evaluation of the Umoja approach	Evaluation	2014	53
Middle East	Syria appeal real time review	Real Time Review	2013	66
	Emergency cash assistance for displaced households in northern Iraq	Evaluation	2016	73
	Evaluation of European refugee response 2015	Evaluation	2017	64



*'If another big drought hit, it wouldn't be like before, ample food would still be available within the community since some farmers have greatly increased their production and we have savings from previous years...we are much more secure now.'*

PARTICIPANT FROM TEARFUND'S DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAINING, MALAWI

## ANNEX B

## ABBREVIATIONS

**ANC** – Antenatal Care

**CA** – Conservation agriculture

**CAG** – Community Action Group

**CCM** – Church and community mobilisation

**CHO** – Cambodian Hope Organisation

**CTP** – Cash Transfer Programming

**DFID** – Department for International Development

**DRC** – Democratic Republic of Congo

**DRR** – Disaster risk reduction

**ICD** – Integrated Community Development programme

**MBC** – Myanmar Baptist Convention

**MCPP** – Malawi Church Partnership Programme

**MoH** – Ministry of Hope

**NGO** – Non-governmental organisation

**ODI** – Overseas Development Institute

**PAG** – Pentecostal Assemblies of God

**PSVI** – Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative

**QuIP** – Qualitative Impact Assessment Protocol

**SGBV** – Sexual and gender-based violence

**SHGs** – Self-help groups

**SWIFT** - Sustainable WASH In Fragile contexts

**TNE** – Theology Network Engagement

**WASH** – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**WHO** – World Health Organization

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