FOREWORD

I am continually inspired and moved by people’s resilience to withstand shocks and crises in their lives; to lift themselves out of poverty; and to build hope and confidence, relationships and assets. I am also inspired and moved by the way the church is stepping up to engage with local communities to bring transformation and restoration.

This year we have been looking back over our 10-year vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches. It has been a great opportunity for us to look at what has worked well, what we can scale up and focus on, and how we can improve the way we and our partners work with millions around the world. I want to thank our donors and supporters for your trust, generosity and sacrificial giving, which have contributed hugely to the remarkable impact we are seeing across the world.

Since 2006, when our strategy was launched, we have seen some notable global changes. Absolute economic poverty has reduced more in the last 50 years than in the previous 500 years, and life expectancy has dramatically increased. The number of people living in extreme poverty is set to fall below 10 per cent of the global population for the first time.

Within Tearfund, we’ve seen the continued growth of our church and community transformation work, including growing and multiplying the self-help group model, nurtured in Ethiopia (as featured in last year’s Impact Report), in other countries. We’ve responded directly to crises and events across the world to bring relief and hope to those displaced and affected. With partners we have been responding to sexual and gender-based violence, developed emerging work on peacebuilding, and helped communities affected by climate change to adapt and be resilient. Our global influencing and advocacy work seeks to mobilise the church and civil society to be agents of change, shifting public perception on key issues, and influencing leaders and decision-makers in both the church and public square. This has led us to speak into key issues including the restorative economy and the role of faith leaders in crisis response.

The greatest privilege of my role is the opportunity to meet communities and hear their stories of change. In Tanzania this year I saw church and community transformation in action. I visited a community where I met a Pamoja group holding its weekly meeting, collecting savings and debating the disbursement of the next loan. Pamoja in Swahili means ‘Together’ and it was clear to see this in the way the group was making decisions and relating to one another. In this one village over four hundred families have participated in such groups and seen real change. Houses now have leak-proof roofs, children go to schools and villagers eat three meals a day.

Another trip took me to Lebanon, where I heard many heart-breaking stories of those who have fled the crisis in Syria. People have lost livelihoods, homes and dignity. In Beirut I visited a church providing food vouchers and counselling to refugees crammed into half-finished buildings. Ninety per cent of the refugee children our partner meets have experienced some degree of trauma. The church is bringing hope, rebuilding lives and responding to the needs of the community.

I hope you will be inspired and encouraged by this report, in which we share insights and stories of impact from our 10-year journey and touch on our vision for the future: to see all 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. Development is much more than economic, and is rooted in whole-life transformation. Ultimately we are motivated by our passion to see the restoration of broken relationships, and the flourishing and transformation of individuals, communities and nations across the world.

Nigel Harris, CEO, Tearfund
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our third annual impact and learning report. This year we have ambitiously looked across our work over the past decade, as we come to the end of our current 10-year strategy period. As with previous years we have drawn together evidence of impact from a mixture of sources, staying true to our desire to learn, improve and adapt our work where required.

OUR 10-YEAR JOURNEY

In 2006, Tearfund set a vision to see 50 million people lifted out of material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 local churches by 2016. So what have we achieved and where have we been? Read on to be inspired by Tearfund’s journey of impact. In pursuit of our 10-year vision we have been working towards four main outcomes:

- **Churches envisioned:** The church is envisioned, empowered and equipped to play its part in the transformation of the poorest communities.
- **Communities developed:** The poorest communities are resilient to shocks and stresses, working for peace and unity, and contributing to better futures for themselves and others.
- **Policies changed:** Social, political, economic and environmental systems and policies work for the poorest communities, ensuring access to basic needs, reduced inequality and sustainable growth.
- **Disasters responded to:** Immediate needs are met when crises and natural disasters hit and community structures and mechanisms are affected.

The key approaches we use to work towards our outcomes are: community development, humanitarian response and advocacy. We have a distinctive partnership model that seeks to maximise the impact of our work and value for money. Our partners include grassroots communities and individuals, churches and local organisations. Where it is not possible to work through local partners, our operational teams respond to crisis situations.

Tearfund and its partners are committed to working with and empowering local communities, irrespective of grouping or religion, and our work is driven by where the need is greatest. We are also committed to learning and to resourcing our partners and the wider international sector. This enables replication, scale-up of ideas and good practice, and the upskilling of local capacity, which are all critical drivers of change.

One of the ways we do this is through Footsteps, our publication for grassroots development workers, which shares information, ideas and experiences from across the world.

THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

We view poverty as being complex, multi-faceted and the result of broken relationships. We focus not only on the economic and physical, but also the social, environmental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the poorest and the most vulnerable. The breakdown of systems (political, economic and social) also affects people’s abilities to live well and flourish. Understanding where the power lies and engaging it at its source is therefore critical if we are to see the transformation of negative relationships. Restored relationships and whole-life transformation of individuals, communities and nations are the changes we seek.

Tearfund has developed a framework called the LIGHT wheel to measure holistic community and personal transformation across nine dimensions (see diagram above) and to explore how external factors influence an individual’s and a community’s ability to live well. In this report we bring to life, through case studies and stories, how individuals, groups, communities and nations are seeing signs of transformation and progress across these dimensions.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Tearfund is strongly committed to supporting the church, at local, national and global levels, to see mission as holistic and to carry out its calling to serve those living in poverty. We believe that local churches are best placed to serve their communities. Transformation happens as the church develops and strengthens its vision for holistic mission and becomes an agent for change in the community. We call this ‘church and community transformation’. When the local church works with its local community to identify and respond to needs together, this is called ‘church and community mobilisation’ (CCM). On page 11 you can see a timeline of how the CCM approach has gone from a pilot to a global scale.
WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

154,000 local churches envisioned

32,000,000 people reached through community development work

300 local, national and international policies influenced and changed

13,000,000 people benefiting from our response to disasters

Kalpana uses the tap in the newly repaired gravity-fed water system in Bahungaun village, Nepal. Photo: Tom Price/Tearfund
10 YEARS OF GLOBAL WORK

**Emergencies Timeline**

These are some of the significant disasters and crises Tearfund has responded to over the last 10 years (dates indicate when Tearfund began responding).

**2008**
- Cyclone Nargis, Myanmar
- Conflict, Democratic Republic of Congo

**2010**
- Earthquake, Haiti
- Flooding, Pakistan

**2011**
- Food Crisis, East Africa
- Conflict, Sudan & South Sudan

**2013**
- Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines
- Conflict, Syria

**2014**
- Conflict, Iraq
- Ebola, Sierra Leone & Liberia
- Conflict, Central African Republic

**2015**
- Earthquake, Nepal

**2016**
- Hurricane Matthew, Haiti
- Conflict, Yemen

**KEY 10-YEAR STATISTICS**

- 80 countries worked in
- 700 partners worked with
- 41 countries implementing the CCM process
- £700M raised
REPORT OVERVIEW

This special 10-year edition looks at the work of Tearfund and its partners in eight places that we have been working in since 2006: Uganda, Myanmar, Malawi, Cambodia, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Haiti and the Middle East.

The eight places in the report have been chosen to showcase key areas of our work across the geographic areas and contexts we work in. The quality of the evidence has also been taken into account. This is only a snapshot of what we do. For more information on other areas of our work and previous impact and learning reports, please explore the Tearfund Learn website (formerly known as TILZ) - www.tearfund.org/learn.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Each chapter is focused on one place, showcasing a selection of Tearfund’s work over the last 10 years, demonstrating the impact we have and how we have developed and adapted our work as contexts and needs have changed.

Each chapter includes:

- a description of the context between 2006 and 2016, including: demographics, poverty levels (Human Development Index), fragility (Fragile States Index) (see boxes on the right for more details), and the key reasons for Tearfund’s and its partners’ response
- an overview of Tearfund’s work between 2006 and 2016 and how we have been working to achieve our four main outcomes
- a description and timeline of key events over the last 10 years including: significant events, interventions, outputs and changes seen (note: timeline dates indicate when the event or response began)
- a case study and personal stories delving deeper into one area of work from the timeline

In addition, there is a timeline showing the journey of our advocacy work on climate change and the environment, at the local, national and international level, over the past 10 years. This timeline shares what we have learned, our influence and our impact in this area.

METHODOLOGY

The evidence of impact comes from evaluations, research studies, and observational and qualitative evidence over the 10 year period. The data in this report has been verified with our country and technical teams. The quality of the significant evaluations and research reports used has been assessed against the Bond Evidence Principles – see Annex A.

NOTES

All data and evidence included in this report was correct at the time of publishing. The reach data provided against our corporate outcomes and vision statement is to demonstrate the scale of Tearfund’s work. The figures represent those churches and individuals who have been reached through the work of Tearfund and our partners in the countries in which we work. This data is taken from internal monitoring systems across the organisation and is based on a number of assumptions. Where possible, double counting of data has been factored in and the data does not include those indirectly reached through our advocacy work. Many of our partners receive additional support from other donors and partners. In this report we include evidence of where Tearfund has made a direct financial contribution, provision of resources and support to partners.

For the protection of beneficiaries included in this report, some names have been changed in the personal stories.

Conversion between £ and US$ has been calculated using the exchange rate on 14 June, 2017 (£1 = US$1.27).

The Human Development Index (HDI)
The HDI is a composite statistic of life expectancy, education, and per capita income indicators, which are used to rank countries into very high, medium and low levels of human development (0 being the lowest and 1 the highest).³

The Fragile States Index
The Fragile States Index is based on 12 indicators that measure state fragility in pre-conflict, active conflict and post-conflict situations. By highlighting vulnerabilities that contribute to the risk of state fragility, the Index makes political risk assessment and early warning of conflict accessible to policymakers, field practitioners and the wider public (1st being the most fragile and 178th the most stable).⁴
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
SBGV – 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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Following Jesus where the need is greatest