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The Evangelical
Covenant Church
of Canada

Kernels Of
HOPE

ECCC CHURCHES
KERNELS OF HOPE
INDIVIDUALS
GROW PROJECTS

\$206,000

Spring 2020

THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF CANADA

Thank you! Through Tearfund Canada, you're strengthening churches, equipping farmers, and helping end extreme poverty.

Last year, you were part of a movement to strengthen God's church in the poorest places to bring physical and spiritual restoration to thousands. In the past year, your donations helped:

- Strengthen over 350 churches located in the poorest places on Earth
- Provided agriculture training to families, helping over 91,000 people grow enough to eat
- Teach families crop market management, equipping them to earn more income
- Restored lives by sharing the love of Christ

God is using His church to build his Kingdom on Earth – and you were a part of it. Thank you.



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PICS BAGS

Over the last year, your donations have allowed us to start an exciting new project to help Ethiopian farmers manage their crop sales in order to increase revenue and lift themselves out of poverty.

Conservation agriculture training has been an incredible success among Ethiopian farmers, allowing them to increase their yields by 100%-300%! Despite this success,

farmers continue to face challenges in the marketing, storage, and sale of their crop. After a long lean season, they are desperate to turn a portion of their harvest into cash. The massive sell-off causes crop prices to plummet diminishing the amount farmers receive for their hard work.

Furthermore, it is widely accepted that if stored, up to 30% of a farmer's harvest will be destroyed by pests and mold.

Your donations are empowering an innovative group of farmers to change this. Mobilized by Mesele Madebo (a local farming hero), Tearfund is working with 1,000 innovative farmers in 40 pilot farmer co-ops to address their market needs and improve storage options. Your support is providing them with access to low-cost storage bags (PICS bags) that have been proven to dramatically reduce post-harvest loss.

This exciting project will allow thousands of families earn more revenue and escape poverty.



Farmers in Ethiopia standing beside stored grain using PICS bags – an innovative new method of storage that protects their crops from wastage and allows them to sell at a higher price.

Following Jesus where the need is greatest

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WALKING IN THE SHOES OF OTHERS

"I have a bright future thanks to the support of my church" says Mr. Kebede Mena, a father of 9.

Mr. Mena has lived a difficult life as a single parent to 9 children. His home was never completed due to insufficient funds. The weak structure, made of grass and small wooden shards, has been crumbling ever since it was built. In an effort to gain a steady income to renovate the house, Mr. Kebede had signed a 15-year lease to rent out half of his land (approximately 0.25 hectares) for \$210 CDN per month. Even though he works as a daily labourer, this was not enough to pay for food and education for his children.

Last year, leaders from the local church participated in Tearfund's Church and Community Training Program. They participated in biblically-based training which included sessions on holistic mission, project design, and resource mobilization and learned that God has called them to reach the poor using the skills and resources he has given them.



Mr. Kebede Mena in front of his newly renovated home

The church came together to complete Mr. Mena's home beyond expectations. Mr. Mena said that before the renovation, rainwater used to seep into his house and would often make his family sick. Now he says that he lives in a "good house, with a roof of iron sheets to keep out the wind, rain, and sickness." The church also began to reclaim the rented land from the person leasing it, so that Mena's family would be able to grow enough food to feed themselves with leftovers to sell.

The Pastor of the Mena's church says that the training has "opened the eyes of the church to help them see and walk in the shoes of others, in both our church and local community."



Thank you for your generous support! So far the program has impacted over 300 people both within and outside local churches who participated in the training. You're part of a vision to see thousands of churches in the poorest places mobilized to transform their communities.

THANK YOU RAY BALOUN!

We are so thankful for partners like Ray who have such a compassionate heart for the poor. His dedicated faithfulness and electric personality has helped thousands escape from poverty and shine God's glory.



"It feels so right to help farmers in Ethiopia through Tearfund and the CFGB. We are doing the right things for the right reasons. Our Canadian Covenant connections through Kernels... helped connect Ethiopians to better farming practices through their local churches, and using government matching funds - I'd say it's a match made in Heaven! We can't help everyone but we are making a substantial difference in their physical and spiritual lives for these people generation after generation. We take something small as a seed every year and watch it grow! What could be better?!"

– Ray "The Grain Guy" Baloun

OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2020 ARE TO:

1. **Continue to strengthen and equip** local churches to transform their communities.
2. **Empower and train** more families to escape poverty using their God-given skills and resources.
3. **Provide relief and aid** to those who need it most.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

319,994

TOTAL LIVES IMPACTED*

In 2019, over **319,000 individuals** across **11 countries** received life-saving aid or were lifted out of poverty:

- DR Congo
- Ethiopia
- India
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Philippines
- Sierra Leone
- South Sudan
- Tanzania



85%

women comprise 85% of Savings Groups

687%

average increase in family income after planting Taro with conservation agriculture

\$36

cost to train one savings group member

130kg

amount of grain and beans each family received in our disaster response

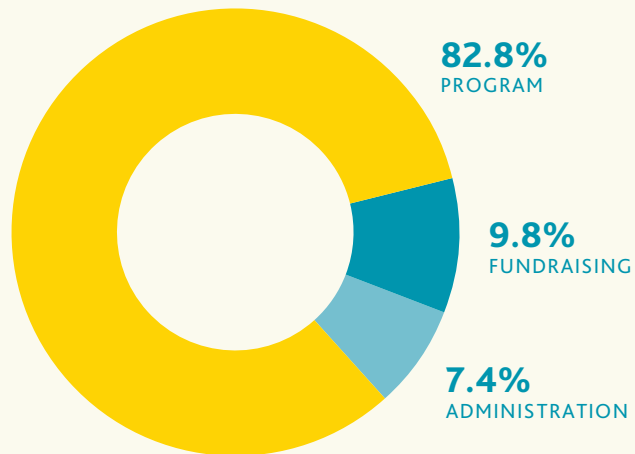
*Numbers may not add up. Refugee care and trauma healing included in emergency relief.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPACT

Tearfund Canada exists to provide relief and development assistance to the world's most oppressed, poor and suffering people by partnering with local churches and other Christian relief and development organizations.

We trust God with our finances. Funding is dependent on the generosity of individual donors, churches, foundations, businesses, as well as contracts from [Global Affairs Canada](#) and through the [Canadian Foodgrains bank](#).

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN (2019)



83% OF DONOR DOLLARS FUND PROGRAMS TO HELP THE WORLD'S POOR.

Audited financial statements are available upon request or on our website at: tearfund.ca/about-us

YOUR DONATIONS, MULTIPLIED



Global Affairs
Canada

Affaires mondiales
Canada

LEVERAGED 4:1

Thanks to our membership at the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), your donations have greater impact. In many cases, we are able to multiply your donation **2X**, **3X**, or even **4X** – allowing you to impact more lives around the world in the name of Christ.

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Tearfund Canada is part of the greater Tearfund family which seeks to end extreme poverty and display God's glory in over **50 countries** throughout the globe. Family country members include:

- Australia
- Belgium
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

A PROUD MEMBER OF THE 4C'S

Tearfund Canada subscribes to the Seal of Financial Accountability as a member of the **Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)** and are subject to the requirements and recommendations pursuant to their annual review. Spending of funds is confined to Board approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Board, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.

