



World Development Appeal 2022

An opportunity to support individuals and families who have been forced to flee their home

There are a number of projects around the world that have been supported by the World Development Appeal 2022. Each project has focussed on work with those who have been displaced: often by conflict, changes to climate or economic crisis. Many have provided both short term emergency support as well as long-term development support in the form of skills training or livelihood support.

Because of security concerns some details of these projects remain confidential.

Lebanon



The 2022 appeal supported a number of projects across Lebanon - with the focus on supporting those displaced both internally and from other nations, primarily those fleeing the Syrian conflict. Approximately 1 in 4 people living in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee: numbering around 1.5 million people.

Tearfund worked with a number of partners, including PCI's long term partner LSESD (The Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development) - a faith based organisation that seeks to empower the church and serve Arab communities. The support from various partners included 'emergency' provision: food, shelter and provision of blankets and heaters for the winter. However, the focus is always on long term change. Projects supported communities with a large refugee population to work together, in peace, to help all those in need. Projects supported business

development and income generation models to help people rebuild lives and livelihoods. Other projects focussed on children and young people - especially those who had experienced trauma.

The World Development Appeal donated over £135,000 to Tearfund's work in Lebanon which will have impacted the lives of many thousand people. One such person is Fatima (name changed). Fatima and her family moved from Aleppo in Syria to Lebanon to find safety during the Syrian conflict. After spending two years in Lebanon, her husband had to go back to Syria, and from there moved to another country. He has since lost his job, and things only worsened. Fatima is currently looking after her six children, aged nine to sixteen, on her own. Despite the immense challenges, Fatima found a glimmer of hope at a local church. Whenever they could, the church stepped in, providing fresh vegetables, food parcels, or hygiene products to the family. Last winter, they gave fuel for heating during the harsh winter. Fatima explains: 'It is very cold here; we all sleep in one room on the mattresses near the heater.'

She continues: **'I wish everyone was like the people at the church. I have never met in my life anyone that has the mercy and compassion that these Christians have. What I see in this church, I have never seen in my community or my family'**.

Fatima's story is a testament to how local churches can alleviate hardship. They provided not just material aid, but also a sense of hope. They shared God's goodness.

Please continue to pray for those impacted by conflict in Lebanon. Continue to pray for peace in the region, and for Tearfund's staff and partners who live and serve there on a daily basis.

Syria



After over a decade of conflict, more than 7.2 million Syrians remain internally displaced in their own country. Poverty and unemployment are widespread, with 70 percent of the population needing humanitarian aid (UNHCR, 2024). Tearfund's partner working in Syria supports those worst impacted by the violence: through psychological support, group therapy and counselling. Over 800 people took part in either group therapy or individual trauma support sessions with trained psychologists. Over 2500 children took part in child-centred support: including music therapy sessions, tutoring and home visits. 900 women and young people were supported with vocational training, including literacy, skills development and business start up support. The skills development included traditional skills such as

sewing and cooking as well as computer literacy and image design. Finally, a local community space was redeveloped to provide a safe and comfortable space for those using the facility.

The World Development Appeal donated over £10,000 to Tearfund's work in Syria.
(Because of security concerns, some details of this project remain confidential.)

Please continue to pray for the most vulnerable in Syria. Pray for Tearfund staff and partners working in the region. Pray for a miraculous peace and long-term stability.

Uganda



The West Nile region of North West Uganda is a place that many have come to call home. Many people here have sought refuge and asylum from countries like South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Of those seeking refuge, many live in informal settlements, like Bidibidi, where almost 200,000 people have been welcomed and have found shelter. Tearfund works with local faith-based agency *Here is Life*, who work in partnership with local churches. They began a program to support both host and refugee communities in the region aiming to bring healing, peace and an escape from poverty.

Communities are facing significant challenges. Natural resources have become scarce. Lifegiving water, land and the trees which protect vital ecosystems and offer fuel for day-to-day cooking, are all under pressure. A population swollen with refugees means even stone isn't as readily available to build houses. The tension is tangible, with the strain around resources creating conflict between host communities and the refugees who have moved to find safety.

Many people in the region felt there was another obstacle. Themselves. In communities like these, where lack is so prevalent, low self-esteem and self-belief are common. Your support has made a difference. It has equipped churches to enable people to discover the skills and resources that God has given them and how these can be used to drive change.

Omute, who took part in Tearfund's Transforming Communities Training through his local church, led the way. He discovered that most children did not attend nursery. Instead, they went straight into primary school, which was having a knock-on effect on their studies. So, Omute and his group started a local nursery.

The changes did not stop there. Another group decided that they wanted to build a church. In the sixty-year history of the church, they had never had a building but

realised they had the local resources to construct one. Omute went on to build a house for his family with a kitchen and a washroom. He also built guest quarters, which he could use to earn extra income. This meant he was able to start paying the school fees for his children. And he also planted 50 eucalyptus trees for the local church to benefit from.

From a place of lack, a lot was changing.

The World Development Appeal donated over £25,000 to Tearfund's work in North West Uganda.

Please continue to pray for Tearfund's work in Uganda, and for those who have fled violence in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Give thanks for the local church in the region. Pray especially for communities in the North West that have been impacted by drought throughout 2024.

Columbia



As of October 2022, an estimated 2.9 million people from Venezuela had relocated to Colombia. Venezuela is engulfed in a political and economic crisis, and households are living lives overshadowed by anguish and fear caused by extreme inflation, food and medicine shortages and uncertainties for the future. Tearfund's partner, the New Beginnings Foundation, working with the local church, supports those who have fled to communities in Columbia. They have established a Community Kitchen as a way to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. The kitchen provides daily nutritious meals for over 130 children. From there, they have provided a range of holistic services including children's support and education, livelihood and skills training for dozens of young people and parents. The vision is to serve children and families in informal settlements, ensuring that no child is left behind.

The World Development Appeal donated £30,000 to Tearfund's work with displaced people in Columbia.

Please continue to pray for the work of Tearfund in Columbia, and those families that are most vulnerable to crises and instability. Give thanks for our local partner and the local church - they are seeking to love and serve their neighbour in the name of Jesus.

Thank you



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