



Tearfund Ireland Annual Report

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Welcome from Chair of Board

I am delighted to welcome you to this year's annual report.



intersect across these pillars, as is demonstrated throughout this Annual Report.

In this financial year the world witnessed intensifying conflicts and protracted crises. And, with multiple geo-political shocks, most governments across the world have reduced their funding for aid and overseas development assistance. We welcome the Irish Government's commitment to continue, not reduce, its funding for overseas development and we remain focused on delivering transformative impact for the thousands of people we are privileged to walk alongside.

Tearfund Ireland's largest development project continues to be the self-help groups in Ethiopia which is made possible through the support of Irish Aid, a division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and we wish to thank them for their partnership through the Civil Society Fund. We are also grateful for the continued partnership of Tearfund Australia and Cedar Fund for their continued collaboration and funding in this programme. We also want to thank Bishops' Appeal for their funding to several projects through the year. We are delighted to have formed a new partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and extend our thanks for their generosity through the 2025 World Development Appeal.

We have continued funding development work in Lebanon to provide education and child-safe spaces for refugees. We have also continued funding to help children remain with their families in Cambodia. All of this funding to international projects requires much activity to inform, inspire, and invite the participation of supporters and churches across Ireland. Which is also set out within the pages of this annual report

Although there have been many humanitarian crises around the world, Tearfund Ireland has responded in places where we could contribute most effectively through trusted local partners. This reporting period Tearfund Ireland continued to support those impacted by the ongoing crises in the Middle East, raised funds to assist in a humanitarian response for those impacted by the earthquake in Myanmar, and provided funding to support an entire village impacted by landslides in Ethiopia.

Our total spend on charitable activities was €931,069 against an income of €1,165,777. Costs of generating funds amounted to €187,702 (16%). Our overall expenditure on charitable activities decreased by 1.5%.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has continued to support Tearfund Ireland through prayer, financial support, and messages of encouragement. I want to thank the staff for all their work and my fellow Directors for their dedication to Tearfund Ireland. I also wish to thank all our local partners for their commitment and ongoing efforts to transform their communities.

Paraic O'Toole
Chairperson

June 2026

Paraic O'Toole is the CEO of software company Automsoft and co-founder and CEO of Greenstream, a company using artificial intelligence to increase renewable energy availability on the planet. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Environment Programme GEMS/Water, a former Chairman of the Marketing Institute of Ireland, and a director of a number of technology companies. He lives in Kiltarnan in Dublin with his wife Susan and two sons, spending his spare time looking after and enjoying his horses.

Forward from CEO

Welcome to our annual report for the financial year 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026.



All of us in Tearfund Ireland feel privileged to work in partnership with you, our supporters, and our local implementing partners around the world. Committed to our Christian ethos, we trust God for provision as we pursue our vision to see flourishing communities that are free from poverty and injustice.

The context in which we operate has continued a rapid pace of change. Global needs have increased exponentially, but with most governments around the world reducing their funding for overseas development and aid, the challenges facing the world's vulnerable are stark. Conflict, erratic weather, natural disasters, extreme poverty, and disease are forcing people to make difficult choices.

A farmer, no longer able to feed his family because the rains do not fall, and the soil has become infertile, risks everything to trial a new composting approach. A mother whose neighbourhood became a war zone, was forced to flee with her toddler at a moment's notice or risk being killed, now struggling to provide for her children as a refugee. A parent so overwhelmed by poverty that she considered placing her children in an orphanage to give them a better life, is now being supported by her community to keep the family together.

Each of these examples are real people. Each person represents thousands just like them. Each one is experiencing transformation thanks to the funding you provide to Tearfund Ireland.

Our largest project is the Self Help Group project in Ethiopia, which is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Tearfund Australia, CEDAR Fund, as well as many of our supporters. This report provides information on this project and our development work in Lebanon, and Cambodia.

Our humanitarian responses have supported those impacted by conflict in the Middle East, earthquake in Myanmar, and landslides in Ethiopia. Significant progress has been made through our advocacy and awareness raising about the importance of helping children remain in families.

At the start of this year we launched a new strategy which has provided clear direction and a guide for our activities. As a result, we recruited a new member of staff to help us better engage with churches and build alliances with organisations working with young adults.

We have continued strengthening the organisation's capacity. A key success was revamping our website and continued efforts to increase our fundraising capabilities.

All this activity and impact is made possible through you – our supporters, churches, and donors. Thank you for your prayers, awareness raising, encouragement, and financial giving. We truly view our relationship with you as a partnership. Thank you for walking alongside us as we walk alongside our local implementing partners.

Finally, we are grateful to the Lord for his goodness and provision. In our longing to see flourishing communities that are free from poverty and injustice, we will continue collaborating with key partners so vulnerable people can overcome poverty, withstand crises, and transform their communities.

We hope you are encouraged by all the Lord is doing through your partnership with Tearfund Ireland.

Sean Copeland

June 2026

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

Luke 10:27

Strategy and Ethos

Who We Are

Tearfund Ireland is a Christian international development and relief organisation committed to the transformation of vulnerable communities in specific regions around the world. Utilising quality development interventions and humanitarian relief in emergencies, we work in relationship with local partners to assist people in transforming their communities. As a Christian organisation, we resource the Church in Ireland, to practically demonstrate their faith by engaging in sustainable development, pursuing biblical justice and advocating on behalf of the world's marginalised.

Vision

Flourishing communities free from poverty and injustice.

Mission

To collaborate with key partners so vulnerable individuals can overcome poverty, withstand crises, and transform their communities.

Core Values

These values guide us toward this mission and direct our interactions:

Christ-Centred:

We are a Christian organisation, endeavouring to live our faith through loving our global neighbour and assisting others in doing likewise.

Relational:

We recognise that through healthy, trusting relationships, we can collaborate more effectively, clarify misunderstandings, and strive for mutually agreed results.

Justice Minded:

We believe in a world where poverty and injustice no longer have influence. Based on our understanding of faith, hope and love, and the dignity of every individual, we pursue justice for all people.

Excellence:

We always strive for our best. We undertake quality development approaches, operating best-practice, maintaining high standards with professionalism and integrity.

 **'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'**

Habakkuk 2:14

Strategic Objectives

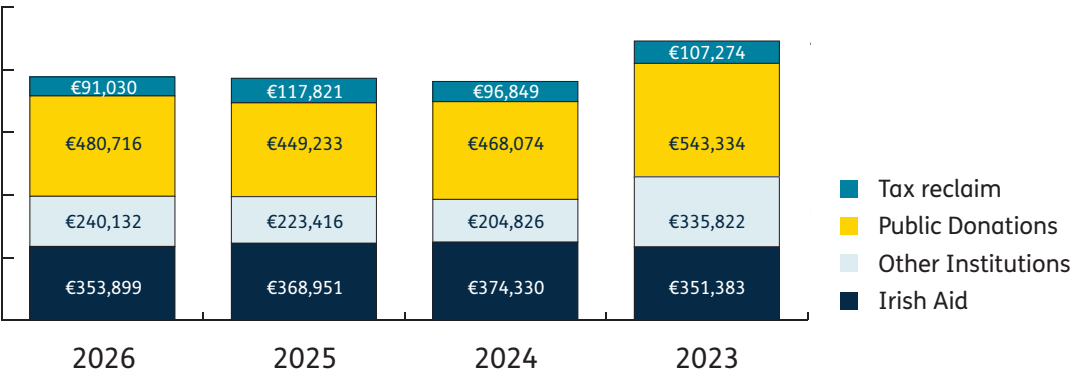
1. Alongside local partners and the church, support the vulnerable and marginalised to transform their lives through meaningful partnerships and increased provision of resources.
2. Deepen relationships with churches to envision, equip and mobilise the Christian community and the Irish public to engage in justice, humanitarian response, and sustainable development internationally.
3. Advocate with and on behalf of the world's marginalised and vulnerable.
4. Grow and strengthen organisational resources, technical expertise, skills and capacity.

Strategic Pillars

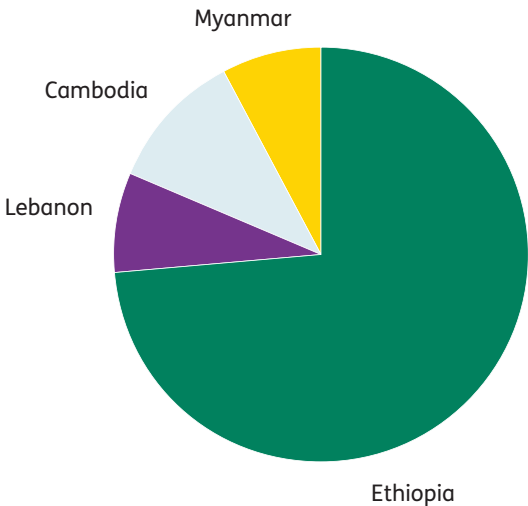
These pillars represent the over-arching themes and provide a framework for our strategic objectives, goals, and activities.



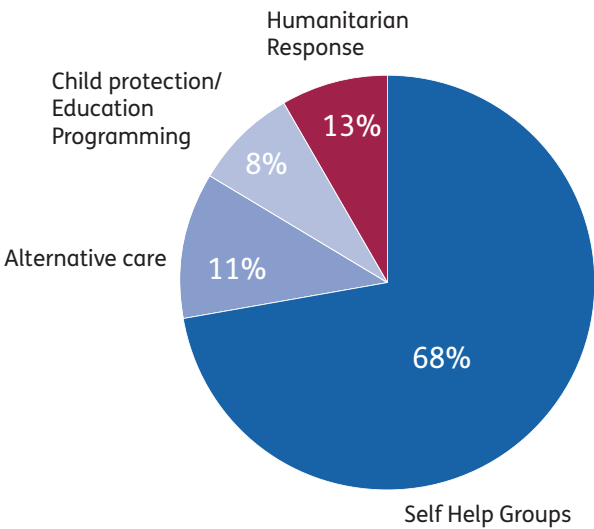
Income Source Year by Year



Grant Transfers to Project Countries



Grants by Thematic Work



Goal 1: Alongside local partners and the church, support the vulnerable and marginalised to transform their lives through meaningful partnerships and increased provision of resources

Community development

We focus on community-based development which contributes to holistic transformation. Alongside local partners who implement sustainable development interventions, improve resilience, increase agency for the marginalised, and build institutions, we also collaborate for organisational strengthening and learning.



Ethiopia

In Ethiopia our Self Help Group project is a holistic approach enabling vulnerable individuals to overcome poverty, and build resilience. Working alongside three implementing partner organisations, we are privileged to see thousands of people transforming their families and communities through this proven and effective development approach.

Project: Overcoming poverty, resilient livelihood, advocacy and peacebuilding

The project timeline runs from September – August and does not directly correlate with our financial year. This annual report covers the project period running from 1 September 2024 – 31st August 2025, which is the final year of a three-year project cycle. During this reporting period, the staff team successfully applied for funding for a new three-year project to run from 1st September 2025 – 31st August 2028.

Self Help Groups

The Self Help Group (SHG) approach enables vulnerable women (there are some SHGs that cater for men) to participate in trainings which help them increase their ability to increase their income, feed their family, and grow in esteem.

- 126 SHGs newly established (each SHG involves 12-15 people)
- 1,035 SHGs from previous project cycles, continue to receive support
- A total of 10,338 group members (89% women) involved in these SHGs.

The SHG approach also facilitates trainings in climate mitigating agriculture, business development, and other key development initiatives.

Conservation Agriculture (CA) and Sustainable Organic Agriculture (SOA)

Daily life is a struggle for rural families unable to grow crops because of erratic weather patterns and infertile soil. But CA and SOA methodologies are transforming the lives of subsistence farmers who are achieving more than 50% increase in yield.

- Sustainable Organic Agriculture (SOA): 760 urban individuals (60% women) trained. 78% successfully increased their household nutrition by incorporating vegetables into their diets with 64.7% eating vegetables at least twice a week, enhancing household nutrition.
- Conservation Agriculture (CA): 961 rural individuals (43% women) trained. Methods included minimum tillage, permanent soil cover, use of organic fertiliser (vermicompost), and crop diversification, to enable sustainable farming, improve crop yields, and increase seed production by enhancing soil health and fertility and avoid environmentally harmful practices.

Vermiculture

This creative intervention was introduced by one of our partners and is proving extremely successful, being adopted by other partner organisations, and even the regional government departments and agricultural science research facilities.

- Partners trained a total of 422 members (41% women) in vermiculture with 78% adopting the practice
- 200 vermiculture farmers produced 123 quintals (12,300 kg) of compost enriching 4.6 hectares of farmland. One farmer can produce up to 61.5 kg of compost.
- Stephen's Green is 8.9 hectares, meaning 200 farmers could cover 50% of Stephen's Green with their compost!
- The growing demand for worms, has created a new business opportunity and income stream. Seeing the demand for worms, over 200 SHG women started a worm farm, selling the worms for 150-200ETB (appr 1 EUR) per kilogram.
- The Oromia Regional Government has integrated vermicomposting into its agricultural development plan. Two Vermicompost Centres, managed by CLAs, have been established in Meta Wolkite district, to promote vermicompost adoption and generate additional income for SHG members



Photo: Arba displaying his worm compost. Credit: Freda Owens, Tearfund Ireland.

Business Development Training

Partners identify women in the SHGs who demonstrate particular skills in growing their micro business. This training provides additional resourcing and support to help these women grow their businesses even further.

- Business skills training enabled 1,075 individuals to launch, diversify, or expand their micro enterprise.
- (for MKC): 85% of the SHG members are engaged in new income generation activities

Macadamia Trees

- 393 new seedlings were distributed and planted

Wellbeing:

With this project period an independent consultant carried out a formal review of the SHG project and found that the project is having "a profound and transformative impact"

- 99.7% of women project participants reported increased well-being as a result of their SHG involvement
- 97.4% of women reported increased financial independence.
- 94.4% of SHG members across the project, reported increased civic participation, self-confidence, and self-worth through their membership.

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

Women Empowerment:

Women are often marginalised in society, so our project is designed to empower women and girls.

- 347 Young Female Leaders (YFL) were trained in Business Development, psychosocial support, and wise investment practices.
- YFLs act as mentor to SHG women and support the SHG institutions.

Church and Community Transformation:

Much of our work is done through local partners, the majority of whom are the development arm of a national denominational church. However, the Church and Community Transform approach (CCT), equips local churches to work alongside their neighbours and community officials for the transformation of the entire community.

- 66 local churches were trained on CCT with 92% adopting the approach
- As a result, local churches looked for ways to support those in their communities. Some examples include: providing start-up capital for 19 SHG members, construction of three houses (using iron-sheeting), paid school fees for 58 students, provided cash support for 191 community members, and established a revolving fund which enabled 47 individuals to start new ways of creating income.

Partner Capacity

Working with local partners is not only a key element of our project implementation, but it is a fundamental aspect of our approach to international development. Within our SHG project we build mechanisms for joint learning, feedback, and strengthening capacity.

- Partner Forum is an annual meeting in which partners share learnings, work toward continuous improvement, and support one another relationally and professionally.

Revitalised SHGs

Outside the CSF project, this is a smaller project in which one of our partners revitalised SHGs in the Somali Region of Ethiopia. Another development organisation had withdrawn funding for its SHG project in that region, but our partners became aware of the need and asked us to assist in re-establishing the SHG approach for the people in this region of great need.

Solely funded by supporters of Tearfund Ireland, this project has established 61 SHGs involving (1,030 women).

Minister of State, Neale Richmond, Visits Tearfund Ireland Project in Ethiopia

In February Tearfund Ireland staff in Ethiopia were honoured to welcome Neale Richmond Minister of State with responsibility for International Development and Diaspora. The Minister, visited the six women of the Yitawok Federal Level Association, the highest level of leadership with the Self Help Group structure. The women shared how their efforts benefit their local community and the women within the SHG infrastructure. They also demonstrated the various products crafted and sold by the women within the SHGs. Joining the Minister were Irish Ambassador to Ethiopia, Olivia Leslie, and Director General of Irish Aid, Michael Gaffey.

 Photo: Minister of State Neale Richmond and Irish Ambassador to Ethiopia Olivia Leslie with members of the Yitawok Federal Level Association, highest level of the Self Help Groups.



Lebanon

Since 2014 Tearfund Ireland has supported our partner in Lebanon as they resource local churches to support the needs of refugee families in Lebanon.

Three learning centres which reached 613 children with basic education and 83 adult women for literacy classes.

A total of 4,400 chanklish (a traditional local dairy product) packs were distributed in February 2026, including 3,000 packs in the Bekaa governorate and 1,400 packs in the Akkar governorate. 5,423 people benefitted from the support (50% children under the age of 18yrs).

Cambodia

M'lup Russey Organization in partnership with Tearfund Ireland—strengthened child protection systems and community awareness across Siem Reap, Takeo, Battambang, and surrounding provinces.

Key achievements include improved Alternative Care support, with children safely placed in foster and kinship care, strengthened reintegration processes, and close collaboration with the Department of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth and partner organizations.

Youth empowerment efforts provided work experience, life skills training, and vocational support for care leavers and youth club members across 19 clubs. Community based initiatives—such as income generation support for seven families caring for orphaned or vulnerable children (OVC), Role Model counselling for 16 vulnerable children, and the

active involvement of 13 Key Community People groups—helped enhance family resilience, reduce risks of separation, and promote safer environments for children.

Churchbased child and youth groups played an essential role in spreading knowledge on child protection, online safety, child rights, and community responsibility, reaching hundreds of students and families.

- Three church networks established to strengthen child protection in the community
- 16 Role Models supported 16 OVCs
- Seven OVC families (28 people) received income generation support
- 93 people (teachers, child council & child group members, Education Officer, WCCC and local authorities) received training on Strong Family Lessons
- 380 children and youth received life skill training
- Eight youth (Five care leavers) were provided with vocational training
- Eight children were placed in foster care under MRO's Every Family Counts (EFC) model
- Five children were supported to stay with their relatives instead of entering institutional care
- Seven children and youth were supported to reintegrate into family and community life
- 333 children and youth across 19 Youth Clubs were engaged in education, recreational activities, leadership development, and community participation



Photo: Community Facilitators for a Cambodian Self Help Group in Prek Sromoaeh village. Credit: Sean Copeland.

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’

Jeremiah 29:11

Humanitarian

Our overall aim is to reduce need for humanitarian aid and intervention. When disasters strike, we leverage resources for appropriate locally led responses aligned with the Core Humanitarian Standards.

The year was marked by global aid cuts, geo-political conflicts, and erratic weather events. The interconnectedness between conflict, and climate related crises have tragic consequences for the world's most vulnerable people.

Lebanon

People across the Middle East continue to be impacted by geo-political conflict. In Lebanon, the conflict between the government of Israel and Hezbollah has caused damage to homes, civil infrastructure, and displacement of people in southern Lebanon as well as areas in Beirut and the Bekka Valley. Tearfund Ireland raised funds so our partners could respond to the humanitarian needs of over one million displaced people. Funding contributed to the provision of shelters, mattresses and blankets, hygiene kits, and psycho-social supports for children.

Myanmar Earthquake Response

Tearfund Ireland supporters responded to the emergency in Myanmar and we were able to provide funding to Tearfund Australia who have implementing partners in Myanmar.

- Two mobile clinic teams were successfully set up and operating with one medical doctor, two nurses, and one clinic assistant
- Medical treatments were provided to a total of 2,044 patients
- Medicines and equipment were provided to three locally established charity and religious clinics

- 11 latrines were constructed
- 3 water purification systems were installed in 2 townships
- 159 water tanks were distributed to 159 most needy households in a township
- Multi-purpose cash assistance was distributed to 106 households
- 5 transitional shelters were constructed, benefiting 126 earthquake-affected people

Ethiopian Landslide Response

In November 2025 an entire village was destroyed by a landslide following unusually heavy rains. 14 individuals lost their lives and 400 families lost their homes and livelihoods. The regional government tasked four local development organisations to build civil infrastructure and resettle the community in a nearby flatland. One of our partners was assigned the task of constructing a medical facility.

- Construction of a Maternal and Child Health facility including seven functional rooms: waiting room, examination room, delivery room, postnatal care room, laboratory, pharmacy, and store
- The facility was completed in March 2026.



Photo left: Food distribution to those impacted by the Myanmar earthquake. Right: Preparing supplies for distribution to those impacted by the Myanmar earthquake. Credit: World Concern Myanmar.

Goal 2: Deepen relationships with churches to envision, equip and mobilise the Christian community and the Irish public to engage in justice, humanitarian response, and sustainable development internationally

Irish churches and supporters are at the heart of who we are and all we do, so we work hard throughout the year to connect them with all that God makes possible through their partnership, generosity and prayers.

Conferences and Events

This year we hosted stands at Church of Ireland Diocesan Synods across the country and other church conferences including the CCI MVMNT conference and Kinfire to meet our supporters and share what their support has been making possible.

We were delighted to be invited to join the Church of Ireland tent at the National Ploughing Championships in September where we chatted to hundreds of people through the week about the work of our partners. More than 200 people signed up to receive regular updates from Tearfund Ireland.

Prayer Events

Prayer is foundational to the work of Tearfund Ireland and our partners, so we were delighted that the number of supporters partnering with us in prayer continued to grow during the year with an additional 90 people signing up to receive the monthly prayer bulletin. In addition, a small group regularly joined us to pray in our monthly online prayer gathering.

Two special prayer events were held in collaboration with 24/7 Prayer Ireland during the year, a well-attended prayer night for the Middle East in June 2025 and an online prayer gathering focused on global justice issues during 24/7 Prayer Ireland's Global Prayer Week in September 2025.

Fundraising and Engagement Events

5-a-Side Church Blitz

In June 2025 our fourth annual 5-a-side football competition was held. This year 10 churches entered teams and with churches eyeing the top prize, the friendly rivalries are fierce. This was the fourth year for the event which provides churches the opportunity to invite men from within and around their congregation for a day of competitive football and supporting the work of Tearfund Ireland.

Digital Campaigns

Small But Mighty

'Small But Mighty' is a campaign to encourage people that no matter how small, God can use anything in a mighty way. The message demonstrated how small things such as worms or small amounts of money made a difference in the lives of farmers and Self Help Group members in Ethiopia. Our focus was on encouraging donors to begin financial donations, no matter how small, and watch how God can use it. The campaign ran from spring 2025 to late autumn, with four emails and more than 40 social media posts: €8,330 was raised through 37 donors.

Living Gifts

In 2025, our revamped Living Gifts provided tangible ways to support our current programmes. The Living Gifts offering is a printed card explaining the gift so donors can send the card to loved ones to provide information about how the gift will benefit people receiving support from Tearfund Ireland partners. In two emails and 15 social media posts, we secured €1,205 through 20 donors.

Easter and Christmas Appeals

Each year, our Christmas and Easter appeals are the two of our strongest fundraising activities. Using both direct mail and digital campaigns, we shared stories from two different programmes. For Easter, we focused on Mihret, a Self Help Group member who started out selling roadside products and now runs her own coffee shop with employees and is a respected businesswoman in the community. And for Christmas, we shared about the plight of the refugee and the parallel narrative of Mary and Joseph leading up to Jesus' birth at Christmas. This emphasised the struggles experienced by people who are displaced from their homes when seeking safety, and how many of our projects support vulnerable people in these circumstances.

Churches

Church Talks

Tearfund Ireland team members travelled the length and breadth of the country to meet supporting churches and bring updates about our work during the year. Covering all four provinces, we spoke at more than twenty-five churches and groups during the year.

Church Representative review & interviews

In line with our new strategy to deepen relationships with churches and grow our network of supporters, we held learning conversations with several long term Tearfund Ireland Church Representatives. These committed friends provided valuable input and reflections that are feeding into our plans to strengthen how we relate with and resource supporting churches.

Attracting Young Adults

Much of our focus is on how we can build new relationships with young adults. We are listening to views of many to explore how our work with churches can facilitate this. We are also building collaborative alliances with other organisations working with young adults.

Strategic Alliances

Opportunities for collaboration with Scripture Union were established, with agreement to host workshops across camps in 2026, engaging groups from teenagers to adults. We were also invited to contribute to the Chaplains and Religion Teachers Retreat, providing an opportunity to share about our work and showcase the Before You Finish Breakfast resource.

New relationships were also developed with university Christian Unions (CU), including Trinity College, as well as CUs in Maynooth and UCD. These connections have created opportunities for collaboration, including participation in Global Conversation events, fundraising initiatives, and invitations to speak at weekly gatherings. These partnerships represent an important step in strengthening engagement with students and young adults while building awareness of our work among emerging Christian leaders.

Communications

2025 Winter Tear Times

Tear Times is an annually printed publication which includes a variety of articles, news updates, and prayer points about the work undertaking by Tearfund Ireland over the previous year. *Tear Times* is posted to supporters each autumn and also promotes our annual Christmas appeal. In 2025 *Tear Times* helped raise €12,000 through 75 donations.

Lent Devotionals

In 2025, we trialled a new approach with our Lenten devotionals. Focusing on a Self Help Group participant, Mihret, each week we shared a portion of her journey through the SHG. This approach, and Mihret's journey connected with people. Sending the Lent Devotional to an average of 1,495 each week the campaign had an average open rate of 34.6% over the five weeks of Lent.

This series was not used as a fundraiser but through its content, a local social enterprise decided to partner with Tearfund Ireland. The business is helping to fund the costs of Business Development Training provided to some of the Self Help Group participants in Ethiopia. This is the training that Mihret received, which enabled her to significantly grow her business.

Newsletter – Monthly Updates

Our monthly update email is our most popular engagement tool. This monthly digital newsletter provides an overview of the programmatic activities, news, and events. During the reporting period, 11 monthly email newsletters were sent. Totalling more than 16,000 emails received which is a 21% increase over the previous reporting year.

Website

Our website is an important channel for sharing stories and practical information. In 2024/2025, we reached more than 13,000 unique visitors, with an increase of 5.48% for direct traffic to our site.

The three most-read landing pages were:

1. Rethinking How we Care
2. June 2025 Monthly Update
3. Small But Mighty

Social Media

In 2025-2026, the reach of social media channels continues to grow steadily every year. Our focus on investing more on Facebook and Instagram allowed us to engage more people than the previous year.

Facebook

- 2,508 followers (up 4.11%)
- Reach 36,676 (up 180.31%)

Instagram

- 930 followers (up 8.01%)
- Reach 35,534 (up 220.1%)

Blog Articles

Blog articles are written to highlight key thematic areas of our work, or to address more complex issues and context in which we work. The most viewed post during the year is titled 'Starving or Being Starved', in which the CEO discusses the historical aspects of famine and relates it with the impact of aid blockades affecting people in Gaza.

Spirit Radio

Through our partnership with Spirit Radio, we are invited on air for a monthly interview on the weekday morning show to discuss project updates, stories of impact, and upcoming events. Our monthly slot allows Tearfund Ireland the opportunity to reach Spirit Radio's half a million weekly listeners, with over half of those in 25-44 age range.

Following Minister Richmond's visit to the project in Ethiopia, he joined Sean Copeland on Spirit Radio to speak about the Irish Government's commitment to international development and the positive impact Irish Aid funding is having on people in Ethiopia through the work of Tearfund Ireland.

📷 Photo: Tearfund Ireland CEO Sean Copeland and Minister of State Neale Richmond visit Spirit Radio to share about their time and experience in Ethiopia and the importance of Irish Aid. Credit: Nick Lee.



'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.'

Proverbs 31:8

Goal 3: Advocate with and on behalf of the world's marginalised and vulnerable

We advocate with, and on behalf of, our partners and the communities they serve, amplifying their calls for justice. We also utilise development education methodologies and research to enhance our advocacy and awareness raising initiatives.

Children Belong in Families

This is a key theme of our work that cuts across development and advocacy initiatives. Historically, orphanages have played a role in caring for vulnerable children. However, driven by decades of research and the voices of those who grew up in institutional care, we now know there are much better ways to care for vulnerable children.

Tearfund Ireland continued to co-convene the Comhlámh End Orphanage Volunteering working group this year, working with other organisations to raise awareness of the harmful impact of volunteering in orphanages. During the year we engaged with stakeholders to push for Ireland to sign the UK initiated Global Charter on Care Reform. Ireland has now signed up and we have achieved provisional agreement for a global commitment to be included as one of the 5 that are required of signatory countries (the other 4 will be domestic).

We also collaborated with the Homecoming Project UK and Ireland to raise awareness amongst Christians and churches of the negative effect institutional care has on child development and wellbeing.

Global Citizenship Education and Development Education

This year we were successful in accessing Irish Aid project funding for 2025/26. This enabled us to facilitate workshops on key global issues including exploring poverty, refugees and migration, voluntourism, and volunteering in orphanages.

The Irish Aid funding also provided the opportunity to host a conference in March 2026. Titled, 'Who is my Neighbour? Lessons from the Church in Lebanon', the conference explored how churches engage with refugees in the Middle East and nearer to home. Although keynote speaker Sophie Nasrallah from our partner MERATH in Lebanon was unable to travel due to the conflict in the Middle East, she was able to join the conference remotely. Pastor Nick Park (EAI) and advocate Elizabeth Zion also joined us to bring their insights. More than 50 people attended the conference and each person indicated they learned something new and have committed to take an action as a result of their learning.

'Who is my Neighbour? Lessons from the Church in Lebanon', the conference explored how churches engage with refugees in the Middle East and nearer to home.

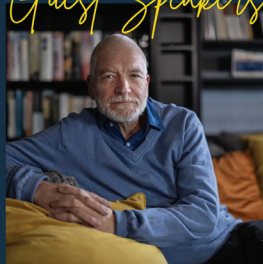
WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Lessons from the Church in Lebanon

What can the Church in Lebanon teach us about justice, empathy, and welcoming the other?



Sophie Nasrallah,
Communications Manager,
MERATH Lebanon



Guest Speakers
Nick Park,
Executive Director,
EAI



Elizabeth Zion,
Family reunification
advocate



Saturday 21st March
Swords Baptist Church
9.30am-1.00pm



Global Conversations

Global conversations are facilitated online conversations between Tearfund Ireland supporters and international subject matter experts working in development and advocacy roles. Tearfund Ireland hosted three global conversations during the year. In particular conversations were facilitated in partnership with MERATH, Lebanon exploring the subject of refugees and migration.

Work with Schools

Educate Together invited Tearfund Ireland to participate in two events to showcase our work to end the practice of volunteering in orphanages. These events were the annual Educate Together Global Citizenship Student event attended by over 100 students and 15 teachers. The second event was a Resource Fair held as part of an Educate Together Education for Sustainable Development Conference for school principals.

Resources Developed

In response to a request from the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) we wrote and produced 'Before you Finished Breakfast' a series of six Assembly talks for schools based on Global Justice themes. The resource has been welcomed by school chaplains and teachers with more than 200 copies distributed during the year.

World Wise Schools

Tearfund Ireland is now officially listed as a facilitator on the World Wise Global Schools (WWGS) website, highlighting the issue of visiting and volunteering in orphanages.

Guest Lecture (University)

Once again Tearfund Ireland were invited to present a guest lecture to Tourism and International Development students at TU Dublin on the issue of voluntourism and volunteering in orphanages. This is the fourth year that we have guest lectured at TU Dublin.

Youth organisations

Girls Friendly Society (GFS)

Building the capacity of youth leaders to bring global citizenship education into their ongoing youth work practice is key to Tearfund Ireland's work. This year, the Girl's Friendly Society (GFS) approached Tearfund Ireland to support them as they applied for their own funding for Global Citizenship Education work on the issue of Climate Justice within GFS groups.

Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD)

Tearfund Ireland facilitated a GCE workshop hosted by CIYD for Chaplains on how to get the most out of the new 'Before you Finished Breakfast' Assembly talk resource.

Caring for Children Overseas Survey

During the year Tearfund Ireland carried out research to learn more about how churches and Christians in Ireland support vulnerable children overseas. Key findings include:

- About €14million goes from Ireland every year to support orphanages and residential care institutions.
- Half of Christians in Ireland have donated to family or community-based projects in the past year and one third have financially supported orphanages in the same period.
- Overall, 75% of respondents to the survey consider donating to orphanages important.

A report on the results of the survey will be published in June 2026.



'Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.'

Amos 5:24

Goal 4: Grow and strengthen organisational resources, technical expertise, skills and capacity

We prioritise a healthy organisational culture. We intentionally nurture our Christian ethos and live our values while striving to be a results-focused, adaptable, and cohesive team.

Strategy

In April 2025, a strategic plan for the period 2025 – 2030 was launched. This strategy reaffirms Tearfund Ireland's identity as a Christian organisation, articulates the vision, mission, and goals, and provides clear direction while allowing for adaptability, which is critical given the macro-environmental and geo-political context in which we operate.

In addition to the explanation of the strategic goals set out in this report, the strategic enablers provide a helpful articulation of how we go about achieving the strategic objectives.

Strategic Enablers

Within the strategic pillars these enablers are the key elements of how we'll achieve our objectives.

Localisation: Partner-Led projects

We are committed to localisation. Working alongside local partners who implement quality development and humanitarian interventions, we strive for equitable, meaningful, mutually beneficial partnerships to achieve holistic transformation in their communities.

Irish Church and Christian Community

We are Christians working in the development and humanitarian sector. Through trusted relationships we enable the Christian community in Ireland to demonstrate love for their global neighbour and compassion for the marginalised through quality practices. We also build relationships with like-minded people who may have a different, or no, expression of faith.

Tearfund Family

We are committed to strengthening the collaborative potential of working with the worldwide family of Tearfund organisations who share a common identity, values, quality standards and ways of working.

Strategic Alliances

We purposefully align with other organisations around a common purpose to add value and achieve greater impact.

Values-led

We are intentionally values driven. Committed to our ethos, sustained by our faith, and motivated by hope, we endeavour to model integrity, justice, compassion, adaptability, learning and excellence in our work.

At the same time, we continually strengthen the organisational resources, expertise, skills, and capacity to achieve our mission.

Strategic Aims and Plans for Future:

Four strategic pillars provide clarity on the parameters of our work and the strategic enablers articulate the ways in which we seek to achieve the strategic objectives. Key aims for the first phase of the strategic period are:

Increase and Diversify Income Streams: This is an important strategic aim which the organisation is constantly reviewing for stability and effective growth. We are increasing our fundraising initiatives, major donor strategies, and developing new partnerships with businesses, churches, and denominational bodies.

Church Relationships and Resourcing: Tearfund Ireland intentionally works alongside the Irish Church. We will deepen relationships and create resources to assist the Church in its understanding and outworking of biblical justice in international contexts. The recruitment of a new staff member enables us to be more effective in our church relationships and, at the same time, expand our capability to produce resources for the Church.

Supporter Engagement and Participation: We consistently review our events, communications, and digital strategies to inform, inspire, and invite supporters into deeper engagement more effectively. The initial aim was achieved with the launch of the revamped website in spring 2026. This new website is easier to use, clarifies our messaging, and makes it easier for supporters to engage and access resources.

Attract Young Adults as Engaged Supporters: While valuing and honouring the strong, committed support base from an older age demographic, Tearfund Ireland recognise our need to connect and retain young adults as vibrant, engaged supporters. Recruitment of new staff in autumn 2025 was the initial step toward this aim.

Succession Planning: For the Board and key staff positions as appropriate.

Operational Systems: We will revise our supporter database and donation processing systems to simplify and improve the day-to-day procedures and interaction with supporters.

Cohesive Team: For a small team, it is essential that we relate well and collaborate effectively. The team have revised our schedule and type of meetings to improve our use of time, keep one another informed, and structure our work-streams.

The nature of our work can sometimes raise issues for which the staff benefit from additional support, which are available. Another means of care, and a reflection of our ethos, is our organisational commitment to prayer which remains central to our weekly rhythms. A dedicated prayer meeting occurs once a week. The weekly staff meeting includes a brief devotional and prayer. We have monthly prayer gathering with supporters, and we have regular prayer gatherings with partners, the Tearfund Family, and other organisations.

Trustees' Report

Employees and Volunteers

The work of Tearfund Ireland relies on the commitment of its valued staff, who represent the mission and values of the organisation.

During the period the organisation said goodbye to two colleagues who had been part of the Tearfund Ireland team for several years. Each made significant contributions to the organisation, and their colleagues, and we are grateful for their time with us.

Tearfund Ireland also appreciates the support of staff from other organisations within the Tearfund Family. In particular, the board wish to express appreciation to Tearfund Australia, for facilitating the secondment of a senior member of its staff, Phil Lindsay, who provided maternity cover for Tearfund Ireland from January to December 2025. The organisation was richly blessed by our experience with Phil.

Another significant development toward the organisation's strategic aims was the recruitment of Ella Switzer who is already making great strides in helping improve how we engage with churches, supporters, and young adults.

Considerable and vital support has been given to Tearfund Ireland by more than 50 volunteers throughout the Republic of Ireland. Their help is at the heart of Tearfund Ireland's work: they bring life to the organisation and help it to operate effectively. The many roles they undertake include serving on committees, praying, campaigning, acting within their local churches and communities, and fundraising. This volunteer network is a distinctive aspect of Tearfund Ireland's approach, and the board is very grateful for their commitment and contribution.

Income

Tearfund Ireland's income for the financial year ended March 2026 increased slightly compared with the previous year. This is a result of an increase in public donations during the reporting period.

Tearfund Ireland continues to deepen its partnerships with Irish Aid, peer organisations, and other institutional donors toward providing restricted resources to build its overseas development & humanitarian programmes. At the same time, Tearfund Ireland continues pursuing unrestricted funding from individuals, churches, and businesses to broaden its reach, build its capacity, while providing individuals and churches an opportunity to participate in the work. A key element of the Marketing, Communications and Fundraising strategy is to grow the regular giving stream from churches and individuals to ensure financial sustainability.

Tearfund Ireland places priority on building strong, collaborative relationships with members of the Tearfund Family. From those relationships, Tearfund Australia and Cedar Fund have continued their generous funding and partnership in our Self-Help Group programme in Ethiopia. Apart from the Irish Aid funded project, a partnership with Tearfund Canada enabled our continued participation in the conservation agriculture project (SCASI). Additionally, in two separate regions in Ethiopia, Tearfund Ireland continued the re-establishment of Self-Help Groups that other INGOs were no longer able to support.

The Irish Government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, continues to be the company's largest donor. Irish Aid's Civil Society Funding enables the company to carry out the programme in Ethiopia and the Development Education grants facilitate the creation of resources to engage the Irish public in global citizenship education. Tearfund Ireland also received generous grants from the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's World Development Appeal, as well as a grant from a private Christian Trust, all of which have significantly contributed to our development projects and humanitarian relief efforts.

Tearfund Ireland, a registered charity, prioritises the tax reclaim and was able to reclaim €91,030 from the Revenue Commissioners under the Charitable Donations Scheme. The board wish to thank all supporters who have signed their CHY forms, enabling the organisation to benefit from this tax reclaim scheme.

Tearfund Ireland uses its finances effectively to ensure funds are used in support of the organisation's charitable aims. This is enhanced through the support of committed volunteers who raise funds, pray, serve on our Board, its committees, and share our vision with others. The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring administration costs remain low while also investing in the continued development of the organisation. Administration and governance costs have been spread across direct charitable expenditure, and costs of generating funds.

Reserves Policy

The Directors consider that maintaining Tearfund Ireland's cash reserves at a minimum level of 6 months' expenditure including staff costs, running costs and liabilities, and an annual review of internal controls and risks, will provide Tearfund Ireland with adequate risk assurance and sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. This reserves level was maintained during the reporting period. Led by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board, this strategy and reserve levels are monitored quarterly.

The Board has achieved its aim to establish an emergency reserve fund which would enable Tearfund Ireland to respond quickly to humanitarian emergencies as they arise. During this reporting period the Rapid Response Fund was established. Holding €20,000, this fund will enable the organisation to quickly disperse funding to support an emergency response without needing to wait for funding from a public appeal.

Similarly, in line with international best practice, the Board established a Partner Capacity Building Fund. Holding €10,000 this fund will enable the organisation to provide support for capacity requirements of local partners. Both funds are set out by the Board's policy.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors have overall responsibility for Tearfund Ireland's system of internal controls. Such a system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against errors or frauds. The external auditors present their report to the board of directors on an annual basis. A comprehensive register of the risks faced by Tearfund Ireland is maintained and reviewed regularly. Risks are identified at three major levels, global, organisational and partner/beneficiary level.

The Board also recognise that the nature of some of Tearfund Ireland's work requires active acceptance and management of some risks when undertaking activities to achieve the objectives of the charity. Fraud is a major issue in many countries where Tearfund Ireland operates. As a result, Tearfund Ireland recognises fraud as one of the major risks that must be managed. All potential frauds or other irregularities are required to be reported to the Board, which maintains a register of the irregularities, actions taken and results.

Risk Management

Tearfund Ireland's risk register identifies the major strategic, financial, security, reputational, and operational risks and how those risks are managed. The directors are satisfied that systems are in place to monitor, manage, and mitigate Tearfund Ireland's exposure to major risks. This includes the Audit and Risk Committee carrying out regular reviews of its Risk Register during each financial year and an annual review by the Board. Significant or material items are brought to the Board appropriately where necessary by the Audit and Risk Committee.

The top five risks and their respective mitigation measures are summarised below.

Risk	Mitigation Measures
Reputational risk or loss of credibility	Commitment to Christian ethos and values. Strong code of conduct and professional ethics with commitment to high professional & quality standards. Compliant with Charities Regulator Governance Code, Dóchas Charter, SORP financial standards; CHS, and Tearfund Family Reputational Standards. Strong relationships with like-minded partners. Effective Board, good governance systems. Proactive engagement with donors, partners, churches & supporters; effective communications and media plans. Continued CSF partnership with Irish Aid.
Finances: Limited Funding, Misappropriation or Fraud	Comprehensive financial and risk management policies reviewed regularly. General reserves maintained at a level of 6 months expenditure. Monthly review of management accounts (including cash flow) by relevant staff; Strong ARC involvement and oversight. Income & fundraising strategy in place and monitored. Screening of individuals and organisations to mitigate against money laundering and/or fund flows to individuals linked with terrorist organisations. In changing geo-political environment, continue telling stories of impact; benefits of Aid and Development work even if conflicts exist. Target fundraising; Create resources for support base to build perspective around justice and compassion.
Weakened or ineffective partner relationships	Collaborate with high-capacity partners, most shared with Tearfund Family members. Partner agreements and covenants held with regular assessments carried out. Annual project audits carried out by external auditor. Ethiopian staff have good knowledge of Partner organisation and individuals. Financial monitoring visits and MEAL processes conducted. Dublin staff maintain oversight and conduct monitoring visits of Ethiopian office and partners. Regular interactions and capacity strengthening initiatives.
Programmes no longer relevant, effective, or achieving intended outcomes	Board monitor progress against Strategy and annual plans; Development Committee maintains strategic advisory role. Strong collaborative relationships with implementing partners. Strong reporting criteria and open dialogue with Institutional Donors and Co-Funders. Good opportunities for knowledge sharing across sector, alliances, and Tearfund Family relationships. Self-assessed to Core Humanitarian Standard.
Safety and well-being of all staff and volunteers	Committed to safety and security of staff. Health & Safety and Security in Travel policies & procedures. Training in First Aid and Fire Safety. Insurance policy covers all staff travelling. In-country security practices followed. Workplace culture that promotes staff wellbeing. Hybrid working in place. Governance committee oversight. HR expertise by external service provider.

Quality Standards and Codes of Conduct

Tearfund Ireland believes in maintaining the highest standards of professionalism throughout our work. Tearfund Ireland adheres to best practice and codes of conduct across its development programmes and communication methods. The programmes policy includes targeting thematic areas of poverty alleviation, gender, food security, conflict, vulnerable children, and climate mitigation responses, through approaches that support community transformation. To ensure these standards are followed, with suitable processes for review, reporting, and financial control, the organisation has established a compliance framework incorporating the standards of the CHS Alliance, the Tearfund Family Reputational Standards, and the Charities Regulator's Charities Governance Code.

A member of the CHS Alliance, Tearfund Ireland continues to monitor its policies and practices against the Core Humanitarian Standard. Measuring well against the standard, the staff are undertaking actions to drive further improvement in the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian activity.

Participation in the Tearfund Family requires adherence to a comprehensive set of Reputational Standards designed to ensure an appropriate quality standard across the worldwide family of Tearfund organisations. During the reporting period the Tearfund Family has committed to further enhancements of the reputational standards which will be a requirement for all members by April 2027.

Tearfund Ireland is a signatory of the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief. This means that all our activities are carried out regardless of the race, creed, or nationality of the recipients and without adverse distinction of any kind. Aid priorities are calculated based on need of those impacted, the organisation's ability to raise funds to address the need, and relationship with partners able to implement the response.

Tearfund Ireland is committed to maintain our projects to international standards as laid out in the Sphere Humanitarian Charter, Minimum Standards in Disaster Response. Tearfund Ireland is a member of Dóchas, the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations and signatory to the Dóchas Charter. Tearfund Ireland is compliant with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public and affirms its compliance with the Charities Governance Code.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Board of Directors met four times during the reporting period, and are responsible for ultimate strategic decisions, setting targets, signing off on annual plans and budgets and reviewing the outcomes of the statutory audit. The Board ensures high standards of governance, accountability, transparency, financial oversight and, ultimately, the achievement of strategic and programmatic goals. A Code of Corporate Governance guides the Board in its role, and the functioning of the Board is monitored against this.

Directors are selected based on criteria established in the Board Terms of Reference and are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The directors may also co-opt a director to serve until the next Annual General Meeting, at which time he or she would cease to hold office but would be eligible for election. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The operational management of the company is delegated by the Board to the Chief Executive Officer. Tearfund Ireland operates a comprehensive planning and budgeting process with an annual budget approved by the board of directors. Significant changes are subject to specific approval.

Resource planning includes financial, human, and operational resources required to achieve the strategy. Key principles underpinning resource allocation include matching expenditure to designated and restricted income resources and maintaining a diversity of income to achieve an appropriate balance of sources. Allocations for expenditure are managed to agreed targeted levels as a proportion of total costs. Those costs include staffing, fixed overheads, cost of generating funds, governance, and charitable activities, including direct granting to projects and programmes. The Board tasks the staff with developing annual plans and budgets to achieve the desired outcomes in line with the overall strategy. Annual plans and budgets are approved by the Board. Progress in achieving objectives is monitored.

The Development Committee, a committee of the Board, met on three occasions during the reporting period. In addition to formal meetings, members of the Committee gave support to the International Programmes Manager in the review of programmes policy, strategic planning, partner capacity strengthening, guidance in localisation, and support with the rapidly changing humanitarian context. The membership of the Development Committee includes two directors and three external members. At the end of the period, two external volunteers indicated their intention to resign and the Board is seeking new members for the Development Committee.

The Development Committee assists the Board in ensuring Tearfund Ireland follows internationally recognised best practice in development and humanitarian work, utilising and allocating its financial resources effectively and in accordance with the vision, policy, criteria, and guidelines established by the Board. The Board approves funding available for grants and delegates to the Development Committee the assessment of new partners and projects for submission to the Board for approval. The Development Committee reports its decisions and actions to the board in writing. Its Terms of Reference are approved by the Board.

The Audit and Risk Committee, a committee of the Board, met on four occasions during the reporting period. In addition, members of the Committee gave support to the Finance Manager in the development of financial reports and strengthening internal procedures and controls. The committee's membership includes two directors and two external members. The Committee reviews, monitors and reports on the financial position and results compared with the budget on a continuing basis. Forward cash projections and forecasts are considered at each meeting and are reported to the Board. The Committee is also responsible for strengthening internal controls and procedures, identifying future risks, and ensuring financial accountability and effective management of funds.

The Governance Committee, a committee of the board, met on four occasions during the reporting period. In addition, members of the committee gave support to the organisation in the development of policy and ongoing review of existing policies. Its membership includes two directors with attendance of the CEO. The committee supports the Board by reviewing legislation and best practice in governance to develop organisational policies which support the operational and corporate function of Tearfund Ireland. The committee also assists the continuing development of the Board through regular evaluations, effectiveness reviews, succession planning, and Board renewal. Within the reporting period the governance committee progressed the findings of an effectiveness review carried out by an external consultancy. As a result, the Board has begun succession planning, recruiting for new directors and committee members.

During the financial period Tearfund Ireland undertook a review of organisational policies which resulted in updating key organisational policies. In addition, staff undertake annual training in key policy areas.

Tearfund Ireland is a company limited by guarantee registered with the Companies Registration Office and is registered as a charity with the Charities Regulator. It is in full compliance with the Charities Act and is compliant with the Charities Governance Code. Tear Times is a magazine circulated regularly in paper form and by email to supporters and donors. It covers results achieved and details the various partner associations and projects worked with during the period and how lives and communities have and are being transformed. Audited Accounts, which are adopted by members at the AGM and published on our website, provide details of income from public donations and grants and how this income is expensed to fund our vital work and run the organisation.

Strategic Alliances

The Tearfund Family

Tearfund Ireland is one of nine independent organisations around the world that share the Tearfund name and common brand. Other organisations which are members of the Tearfund Family are in: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. This relational network of the Tearfund Family enables strengthened collaboration, improved efficiencies with shared partners, and cross-organisational capacity building.

Irish Emergency Alliance

Tearfund Ireland, along with Action Aid, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Plan, Self-Help Africa, Trócaire, and World Vision are members of the Irish Emergency Alliance (IEA). This alliance of Irish NGOs was established to enable the Irish public to respond to humanitarian disasters and emergencies through a single charitable entity. Each member agency contributes to the operation of the alliance through staff time, expertise, and membership fees. During this appeal period the IEA raised funds to support those impacted by the earthquake in Myanmar.

Integral Alliance

The Integral is a global alliance of 22 Christian humanitarian organisations that respond together when disasters strike. Integral Alliance members follow agreed joint disaster response process, strategically combining programming, fundraising, and communications resources to ensure a rapid, quality response for implementing partners. Tearfund Ireland is pleased to be a member of Integral Alliance.

Strategic Networks

Dóchas

The umbrella group for Irish development and humanitarian organisations is a networking, learning, and advocacy body. Tearfund Ireland participates in several working groups within Dóchas and Sean Copeland Chaired the meetings of the Small Members Group during the reporting period. We appreciate the opportunities for learning, collaboration, and joint communications within Dóchas.

Comhlámh

The umbrella network of returned development workers in Ireland. The Comhlámh Code of Good Practice¹ in International Volunteering is internationally recognised. Emma Lynch co-convenes the Comhlámh End Orphanage Volunteering Working Group to bring recommendations to the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice on the issue of the harm caused by volunteering in orphanages. This year Emma Lynch partnered with Comhlámh to deliver workshops to educators and students in schools and universities, raising awareness and fostering critical thinking about the issue of volunteering in orphanages.

IDEA (The Irish Development Education Association)

The national network for Development Education in Ireland and a leading voice for the sector. Tearfund Ireland participates in IDEA working groups, trainings, networking events, and annually completes an audit of our work as members of the IDEA Code of Good Practice in Development Education. This year Emma Lynch facilitated a group learning session for IDEA members on how to explore the issue of volunteering in orphanages using creative, interactive approaches.

The Homecoming Project

Homecoming is a coalition of organisations committed to the belief that children thrive in families. Homecoming aims to inspire and equip the Church (Britain and Ireland) to support family strengthening, reunification, kinship care, fostering, and local adoption as a healthier alternative to orphanages in their overseas engagements. Emma Lynch is on Homecoming's Leadership Council.

The Association of Mission Societies (AMS)

AMS brings together Mission Agencies to serve Church of Ireland parishes as they engage in global mission. AMS members work together to see mission at the heart of the Church and as the outworking of faith and discipleship. During the period, Emma Lynch served as an AMS representative on the Church of Ireland Council for Mission and spoke at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute Chapel on the subject of engaging in mission.

Micah Global

Micah Global is an international network of Christians who participate in God's holistic mission through their work in the development, relief, and advocacy sectors. Micah Global members carry a vision of a flourishing creation in which people are living life to the full, free from poverty, injustice, and conflict – at peace with God, nature, and one another, as intended and enabled by Jesus Christ.

¹ <https://comhlamh.org/code-of-good-practice/>

Statement of Financial Activities

Including Income and Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Unrestricted Funds 2026 €	Restricted Funds 2026 €	Total Funds 2026 €	Unrestricted Funds 2025 €	Restricted Funds 2025 €	Total Funds 2025 €
Income from:						
Donations and Legacies	571,361	594,031	1,165,392	566,784	592,637	1,159,421
Other Income	385		385	524		524
Total Income	571,746	594,031	1,165,777	567,308	592,637	1,159,945
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	141,092	46,610	187,702	157,126	31,156	188,282
Charitable Activities:						
International Programmes	241,107	444,668	685,775	203,060	484,535	687,595
Social Justice Development	94,105	118,168	212,273	93,570	143,466	237,036
Advocacy and Policy	14,639	18,382	33,021	8,156	12,044	20,200
Total Charitable Expenditure	349,851	581,218	931,069	304,786	640,045	944,831
Total Expenditure	490,943	627,828	1,118,771	461,912	671,201	1,133,113
Net incoming/outcoming resources before transfers	80,803	(33,797)	47,006	105,396	(78,564)	26,832
Gross transfers between funds	(74,412)	74,412	0	(71,369)	71,369	0
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year			0			0
Net movement in Funds	6,391	40,615	47,006	34,027	(7,195)	26,832
Fund Balances at 1 April 2025	240,646	113,125	353,771	206,619	120,320	326,939
Fund Balances at 31 March 2026	247,037	153,740	400,777	240,646	113,125	353,771

Financial statements are extracted from the company's audited financial statements.

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2026

	2026 €	2025 €
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2,645	4,488
Current assets		
Debtors	70,654	59,554
Cash at bank and in hand	521,997	456,461
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	592,651 (194,519)	516,015 (166,732)
Net Current assets	398,132	349,283
Total assets less current liabilities	400,777	353,771
Funds:		
Restricted funds	153,740	113,125
Unrestricted funds	247,037	240,646
	400,777	353,771

The financial information within this annual report was derived from the company's Financial Statements, audited by ACM & A Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, and approved by the board on 30th June 2026.

Paraic O'Toole (Chair)
Director

Richard Barkley (Secretary)
Director

A complete set of Financial Statements, including Notes, are available on the Tearfund Ireland website.

Director and Company Information

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Vice-Chairperson	Sharon Morrow
Secretary	Richard Barkley (Hon Treasurer)
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Tearfund Ireland is an independent Irish Christian development and humanitarian relief organisation incorporated in 2000 and operational since 2008 with its offices in Dublin, Ireland. Tearfund Ireland is a company registered in Ireland (No: 323619). The Company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital; the liability of each member in the event of the Company being wound up is €10. The Company is exempt from including the word "Limited" in its name by virtue of Section 971 of the Companies Act 2014.

Tearfund Ireland is a registered charity (CRA 20021337). The Company has been granted charitable status by the Revenue Commissioners under reference CHY 8600.



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