
Empower

Livelihood Development

We believe people have a right to make a living and provide for themselves and their family, so we help to empower them to do so.

It's very difficult to climb out of poverty alone, but when a community comes together, their many hands help to lift each other up. By providing communities with the resources and education to become self-supporting, it empowers them to find local long-term solutions to poverty.

One of our partners is World Concern in Sri Lanka. For a quarter of a century, much of Sri Lanka was shaped by the violence and hardship brought by their civil war. Tearfund became involved in the aftermath of this war, partnering with World Concern in the Wanni District of Northern Sri Lanka. The project brings Singhalese and Tamils together through farmer's cooperatives and children's groups, helping to diffuse long-held tensions.

Please pray for:

- Continued peace between the Singhalese and Tamil communities. That their children grow up together knowing only that they are friends and not enemies.
- That World Concern finds the right people to expand the dairy project into new areas. They are looking for 7,500 new participating farmers to engage in this project.
- God's guidance in selecting the 10,000 farmers to join the young farmers' clubs.

Give thanks for:

- Young farmers becoming empowered and self-sufficient with an increase in income, who can share their knowledge and skills with their neighbours. Where there was tension, there is now community development and support. The dairy project has been a great tool towards peacebuilding between Singhalese and Tamil communities.

Thank you for your prayers.