



**Transform Aid**

INTERNATIONAL

For a world without poverty



**CHURCH  
PARTNERSHIPS**

# Welcome

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At Transform Aid International we're passionate about helping Australian churches deepen their understanding of God's heart for justice and His love for the poor. We are also committed to finding fresh ways to partner with you to engage your church congregation.



**Thank you for considering a partnership with Transform Aid International. A Church Partnership is an excellent way to encourage your congregation's heart for ending poverty and responding to God's call to be love in this world. Your Church Partnership will help make a lasting difference for real families in some of the world's poorest communities. Partner with Transform Aid International today and help us end poverty for good!**

As part of your partnership with Transform Aid International you will receive special resources to help champion your Church Partnership across the entire life of your church.

Watch your congregation's love for the world's poor grow along with their understanding of the injustice of poverty as you pray together, raise finances together and engage with the Transform Aid International projects you are supporting.

Transform Aid International sees human development as people and communities moving toward right relationship with God, one another and the earth. We believe any view of development that neglects any of these dimensions falls short of the full Biblical witness.

We also affirm that development is a multifaceted process that incorporates every dimension of life and involves civil society, business and government. This means it is impossible for any organisation to assume responsibility for the entire development process. Rather, groups must specialise. Transform Aid International chooses to specialise in helping communities lift themselves out of poverty. We do this by working with Christian partners, thereby strengthening their capacity to demonstrate the love of God to people living in poverty and building relationships through which faith may be shared.

# Connecting you with our Christian partners

A partnership to end poverty:



Your congregation's love for the world's poorest people will flourish as you commit to a partnership that's tailored to suit your church! We will work with you to align you with projects in need in various countries of the world.

Use your Church Partnership to support projects in Bangladesh, Nepal or Cambodia to be hope for people living in poverty.

## A whole of life church response

As Christians, our response to poverty is essential to our identity

At Transform Aid International, we are so grateful for the generous support of churches like your own. Without it, we would not be able to fund the breadth of poverty-ending work overseas that we are currently supporting... thank you!

We also believe that a Godly response to poverty means more than simply sending money to communities in need. That's why we want to help you build a Church Partnership that will encourage your congregation to live out a whole of life response to poverty.

A partnership with Transform Aid International will give your church family the opportunity to be open, vocal, generous and prayerful... and build a whole of life response to poverty that stretches far beyond the reach of financial giving.

**Be open:** Hear God's word. Learn about His heart for justice and His love for the poor.

**Be vocal:** Champion the work of your church's partnership throughout your wider community.

**Be generous:** Set and achieve generous targets as you raise funds for your partnership projects.

**Be prayerful:** Pray without ceasing for the families impacted by your partnership projects.

As Christians, our response to poverty is essential to our identity. Jesus teaches us that to love means to act. And by loving in these ways, we can help end poverty.

# Introduction to Church Partnerships

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We invest in community development in various countries because we believe that the greatest power for lasting change in poor communities rests with the communities themselves.

Your Church Partnership will support community-driven projects run by local Christian organisations. Transform Aid International chooses to work through local organisations because they are best placed to identify the unique challenges their communities could face when implementing projects.

Your generosity will provide real families with the support, resources, and training they need to form plans to address the root causes of their poverty... and put these plans into action in their community! It will help to put a human face on poverty and encourage your congregation to respond in a transformational way.

## How your Church Partnership works

Community development is one of the most effective ways to help bring about lasting change... not just for families, but for whole communities living in poverty!

Through your Church Partnership, your congregation will bless the lives of countless people for generations to come.

You will hear amazing stories of hope and transformation, but you'll also be touched by the great need in our world.

Your Church Partnership is sure to impact your congregation deeply and teach them how to respond to God's call to be love in new and meaningful ways.

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# Church Partnership Countries

Transform Aid International is currently offering Church Partnerships in three partner countries.

## NEPAL

Nepal is home to more than 80 ethnic groups who, between them, speak 123 languages. As a multiethnic country, Nepal is also a nation of minorities and marginalised groups. 25% of its population live on just \$1 a day.

Transform Aid International works in areas of Nepal where families are poor and greatly disadvantaged. Your support will allow our local partner organisations to work alongside these families, helping them to end poverty and prejudice in their communities.

Your generosity will support initiatives like:

- Training in livelihoods, to help families grow their income.
- Health and hygiene programs, to help stop the spread of disease.
- The formation of community groups, to help end discrimination and foster unity.

With the help of your Church Partnership, families in Nepal will bring about lasting change, not just for themselves, but for their whole community!

## CAMBODIA

The social fabric of Cambodia has been enduringly shaped by its experience of conflict.

The Khmer Rouge regime, which claimed power at the end of the Cambodian Civil War in 1975, was responsible for the deaths of more than two million people during its four-year reign.

The lasting legacies of this dark period in Cambodia's national history have

been poverty, and a deep-rooted distrust between its peoples.

Conflict, however small, works against cooperation and the important work of ending poverty.

With the help of your Church Partnership we will invest in projects that build lasting peace in Cambodia, in addition to supporting community development work.

# Church Partnership Countries continued

## BANGLADESH

Home to more than 160 million people, the South Asian nation of Bangladesh is the most densely populated country in the world. It is also one of the most disaster-prone nations.

Most families in Bangladesh live in rural areas, where the levels of poverty are higher and people are reliant on seasonal work.

With the help of your Church Partnership, our local partner organisations will work alongside families, helping them to build livelihoods and end poverty in their communities and families in Bangladesh will be able to meet their basic needs – like nutritional food, clothing, shelter, education, and healthcare.

**For more detailed information about the countries you can choose to partner with through your Church Partnership, please contact The TAI Director for Strategic Relations, Karen Wilson (page 8).**



# A Committed Partnership

## By choosing to partner with Transform Aid International, your church is agreeing to:

- Commit to a three-year Church Partnership.
- Give financially to meet agreed Church Partnership targets.
- Be open to learning about your partner country and the issues facing the communities you are helping to support.
- Be open to learning more about God's heart for justice and His love for the poor.
- Be vocal and speak out for the families your partnership supports who are overcoming injustice and poverty.
- Pray without ceasing for your partner country and your own partnership journey.
- Participate in overseas insight trips where possible.

## As your partner, Transform Aid International will:

- Monitor the projects you are supporting to ensure that your generosity makes the biggest impact possible.
- Give you annual updates on the work you are making possible in your partner country.
- Provide you with promotional tools to help you raise money for your Church partnership.
- Help you grow congregational involvement.
- Connect you with one of our team who will walk alongside you in this partnership.
- Provide advocacy information through supporting and resourcing a Catalyst Group.
- Facilitate overseas insight trips where possible.

### Commitment

Annual financial commitment	\$5,000 or more
Timeframe	3 Years

### Poverty-ending projects

Transform Aid International supporting and monitoring community projects in Bangladesh, Nepal or Cambodia	✓
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### Reporting back

Written Annual Report	✓
Annual Video Update	✓
Church promotional resources	✓

### Other areas of TAI to engage in

Insight Trips	✓
Catalyst (Advocacy)	✓
Child Sponsorship	✓
Disaster Action Fund	✓
Vulnerable Children Fund	✓
Big Hearted Gifts	✓

# Insight Trips

See the impact of your Church Partnership firsthand.



Insight trips are a wonderful way to gain a better understanding of how your generous support is being used to transform the lives of families living in poverty. And as a Church Partner, you may be able to send two or three representatives overseas to see the kinds of work supported by your generosity.

## On an Insight Trip, your representatives will:

- Learn what it means for a family to live in poverty.
- Hear amazing stories of how the work supported by your Church Partnership has helped to restore hope and dignity to the lives of parents who can now provide for their families!
- Gain a better understanding of how Transform Aid International works to make sure that your generous support is transforming the lives of families living in poverty.

### NICK SCOTT – SENIOR PASTOR OF MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH, 2017

I was very impressed with the integrity and effectiveness of the work... It has been a great experience for me to see this work first-hand. I would highly recommend others embrace such an opportunity.

### TONI REHRMANN – NORTHERN TERRITORY BAPTIST WOMEN'S DIRECTOR, 2018

To see first-hand the impact... in some of the poorest countries of the world, has helped me to understand how an individual's life can be transformed. You also get to see how the ripples of possibility and change inspire many others within their communities to work with them in bringing about transformation in their country as they are empowered to stand up together for what is good and right and just.

# Where to from here?

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You probably have more questions about Church Partnerships... and we'd love to answer them! Why not book a meeting with one of our staff today? It will give you the opportunity to find out how you can take your church on this journey of discipleship.

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