

Useful Gifts

Catalogue 2023-24

Meaningful and sustainable
poverty-fighting gifts
for any occasion!

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Useful Gifts are the easy, meaningful and sustainable poverty-fighting gifts for any occasion.



*And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.*

– Micah 6:8

Every gift in the world's most Useful Gift catalogue makes a real difference: for the giver, the receiver, and most of all, for people in communities impacted by poverty and injustice.

These gifts don't create waste: they bring life. They don't just put a smile on the faces of the people who receive them: they help whole communities to access what they need to address local problems with sustainable solutions.

Through Useful Gifts, you can further the work of our courageous Christian partners around the world.

Gifts shared in love become gifts that grow hope, harvest change and transform the world:

A chicken or goat means an ongoing source of income.

Access to education shapes leaders of tomorrow.

Nutrition for children sets up stronger futures.

Empowered women lead to flourishing communities.

Tearfund's Useful Gifts represent real change that creates a better world for all.

Tearfund works in partnership with local Christian agencies to end poverty, challenge inequality and build sustainable communities. Following Jesus, we go where the need is greatest, acting with courage to tackle injustice so that all may experience fullness of life.

To find out more about Tearfund, how and where we work and how you can be part of working towards a more just and compassionate world, visit tearfund.org.au

How Useful Gifts work:

1 Choose a Useful Gift

Every gift in this catalogue celebrates real stories of transformation, representing Tearfund's work around the world.

2 Receive your card

You'll receive a printed card (or go online to choose a digital option) for your loved one explaining their gift and the impact it makes.

3 Make an impact

By giving a Useful Gift, you're supporting the life-changing work of Tearfund's Christian partners as they help people overcome poverty and injustice.

Visit usefulgifts.org to find out more about how Useful Gifts work.



The real-life impact of Useful Gifts

In a remote region of northern Laos, families face the highest infant mortality rates in the country. But by supporting mothers like Cher Sa (pictured) with antenatal care, nutrition education and access to health services, Tearfund's Christian partner World Renew Laos is helping families overcome the obstacles that threaten their babies' health and survival. Cher Sa has seen her son enjoy a strong start to life, describing his birth as "free of concern", and she now actively encourages other expectant mothers with the knowledge and resources that have made a life-giving difference to her family.

Empower a family with the gift of Healthy Mums & Babies (see page 8). Cher Sa's story, featured on this card, is a real example of the type of work that the gift of Healthy Mums & Babies supports. This gift, along with other Useful Gifts that support health initiatives, collectively help to fund the health-focused projects of Tearfund's partners around the world.

Ready to order?

Head to page 15 for three easy ways to order your Useful Gifts.



Gifts that are low in cost, but make a big impact

New this year!

Where It's Needed Most \$15



Tearfund partners with local Christian agencies who understand the needs of their communities, and are in the best position to develop sustainable responses that can break the cycle of poverty. This gift helps our partners to support communities in some of the world's hardest places, whatever they may be facing.

“With what I learned ... my children eat well every day.”

Hundreds of families in southern Mozambique are enjoying nourishing meals from their own patch, with enough produce left so that they can also sell some to generate an income. Tearfund's local partner, the Christian Network Against HIV and Aids in Mozambique, provides farmers with seeds and tools, as well as training in a method of farming called conservation agriculture, which leads to improved soil and better yields.

Joana, one of the farmers involved in the project, says: “With what I learned, I am now able to buy crockery for my house, my children eat well every day and I do business with the produce from my field of production.”

Help a farmer, and their garden, to thrive by giving the gift of Seeds & Tools!



Best Seller!

Chickens \$5



Help provide training and supplies for a family to raise chickens that will produce nutritious eggs to eat and provide a source of income, too.

Health & Nutrition \$5



Many children around the world are undernourished and suffer from preventable diseases. Provide children and families with access to effective health care, and nutrition and hygiene education to keep them strong.

Early Learning \$5



The gift of early learning supports children from marginalised backgrounds who struggle in school without solid foundations for learning. Pre-school helps children prepare to thrive, and this gift provides opportunities to socialise, build confidence and start learning.

Seeds & Tools \$10



Help set a family up for gardening success! With training, seeds and the right tools, a family can get thriving vegie patches going, providing them with healthy food to eat and share.

Teacher Training \$10



Without sufficient resources and training, teachers can struggle to nurture their students. Empower a teacher with training and support so that they can unlock the potential of their students and create confident communities.

New this year!

Girls' Education \$15



Whole communities benefit when girls are educated. But in many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education. Tearfund's partners raise awareness of the value of girls' education and train and support teachers, empowering girls to pursue learning with confidence.

Life-changing gifts for every budget

New this year!

Support a First Nations Leader \$20



With this gift, you'll help train First Nations community leaders to work with families in their communities and support positive change. Supporting training in culturally appropriate techniques to address and heal from conflict and trauma, this gift will equip these leaders to be better able to support people to live in healthy families and communities.

Best Seller!

Safe Water \$25



Clean, safe water is essential for a healthy life, but more than two billion people lack safe water at home. This gift helps people access life-giving clean water and reduces preventable diseases.

Good Food \$25



Food insecurity is on the rise globally, and it has so many impacts on people's health and overall wellbeing. This gift empowers farmers with training, resources and support so that they can grow nutritious food for themselves and their communities.

Adult Literacy \$25



Many adults facing poverty never had the chance to complete their schooling. This gift helps adults access rights, build confidence and enjoy new possibilities through literacy skills and learning opportunities.

"Educating these ladies has given me confidence ..."

Achieving a basic education is a key step towards fullness of life, but many adults in communities affected by poverty didn't have the opportunity for an education when they were younger. In Sindh province in rural Pakistan, Tearfund's partner the Diocese of Hyderabad runs literacy classes for adults, and trains local people like Aman (pictured), who is in secondary school and helps her mother run female adult literacy classes in their village.

Another woman, Tulsi, says that running adult literacy classes has given her a new perspective. "Educating these ladies has given me confidence to share my opinion with the people in the village."

Unlock educational opportunities by giving the gift of Adult Literacy.

Disability Access \$30



Poverty can compound challenges for people living with disabilities. Support from people around them can make a huge difference. This gift supports people living with disabilities, and their loved ones, to enjoy meaningful opportunities, restored relationships and avenues to contribute to community transformation.

New this year!

Combat Climate Change \$35



The poorest people in the world contribute the least to climate change, yet they are often hardest hit by its consequences. Support Tearfund's partners who work with vulnerable communities as they build resilience to a changing climate, and contribute to Tearfund's climate justice advocacy work in Australia.

Buy your gifts online here!



A gift that's an investment for the future

Best Seller!

Toilet
\$70



Not only do toilets improve hygiene, they also provide safety, dignity and better health outcomes for everyone. Whether a school toilet block or a household latrine, this gift helps lead to healthier, empowered communities.

Stronger, healthier communities

Tearfund's partners run a range of projects that improve the health of people living in poor and marginalised communities. These include delivery of health services in the form of direct care or medicine, as well as health training in areas like midwifery, disabilities and general health. Ajak, pictured, is part of a mobile health outreach team run by Tearfund's partner ACROSS in South Sudan. Her work involves going into communities and vaccinating children and pregnant mothers, providing health education on the importance of immunisations for under fives and pregnant women, and mobilising people to attend health education sessions.



Promote wellbeing through the gift of Community Health.

Healthy Mums & Babies
\$50



Poverty creates many challenges for mums and babies. Help them overcome these hurdles and thrive, with a gift that supports pre- and post-natal care, volunteer birth attendants and health education.

Women's Empowerment
\$50



Lasting transformation happens when women are supported, connected and empowered. This gift impacts individual women, their families and communities through Self-Help Groups, training and income-generation activities.

Best Seller!

Goat
\$50



A gift of a goat will empower a family with a new source of nutrition and income! As well as providing milk and manure fertiliser, goats can be bred and passed on to other families, sharing the benefits throughout the community.

Business Kick- Starter
\$60



Without a stable source of income, families can struggle under the burden of poverty. Help secure a livelihood and improve social participation by kick-starting a small business through a support network, training in new skills and access to a loan.

Community Health
\$70



These children have good reason to smile: along with their families and neighbours, they're enjoying transformed hope and health. Empower vulnerable communities to overcome health challenges with access to life-giving care and services.

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Give a gift
that keeps
giving!

New
this year!

Hunger
Response
\$150



Conflict, climate shocks and the impacts of COVID-19 are driving increased rates of hunger around the world. This gift supports our partners as they work to restore health, livelihoods and hope in communities hardest hit by hunger and food insecurity.

This new water source “is great for us... we feel really good about it”.

Tearfund’s partners work with communities to provide safe water for drinking, washing and watering vegetables. In western Zimbabwe, where low rainfall and inhospitable land make farming a challenge, Tearfund’s local Christian partner HEFO has helped a community to sink a borehole, and around 2000 head of cattle now come each day to get water. The borehole saves people time, as they no longer have to walk to the river for water, and there is less illness as the water quality is better. Two villagers, Florence and Lady (pictured), say the new borehole “is great for us... we feel really good about it”.

Strengthen health and livelihoods through the generous gift of a Well!



Community
School Class
\$100



Accessing education can be a huge challenge when students face barriers such as living in remote communities, conflict and lack of resources. This gift helps create brighter futures for students in difficult contexts through access to schooling.

Mental
Health Care
\$100



The impacts of poverty and conflict can affect mental wellbeing. A network of care and support helps people as they navigate their mental health journey. This gift connects people with mental illness and their families with trained support workers and access to psychiatric services.

Climate
Resilience
\$250



Tackling climate change offers a profound opportunity to create better lives for people. This gift helps people living in poverty to meet the challenges of a changing climate, and empowers Australian Christians to speak up and act for a more sustainable future.

Hope in
Hard Places
\$490



Support life-giving work in some of the world’s most complex environments. This gift supports Christian partners who work courageously and tirelessly for hope and transformation in communities where people face the extremes of poverty and injustice.

Social
Enterprise
\$990



Help unlock new opportunities for people facing poverty and marginalisation through entrepreneurship and social enterprises. This gift helps Christian enterprises access training, seed funding and opportunities for entrepreneurs in developing countries to build viable social enterprises with a positive impact.

Well
\$1900



When a reliable source of water isn’t available, health and livelihoods are held back. A safe and sustainable source of water, and the training and resources to maintain it, can make all the difference for an entire village.

Gifts that Support Community

Village Package
\$5000

Learn more



Help bring joyful transformation to an entire community! The gift of a Village Package directly contributes to a community supported by one of Tearfund's Christian partners, helping to fund a range of development activities like Self-Help Groups centred on literacy, savings schemes and livelihood skills, safe water and sanitation

projects, sustainable agricultural training and gender and human rights training for men and women.

When you give the gift of a Village Package, you'll receive a certificate and project outline, detailing the village and project where your support is making a difference for people facing the challenges of poverty.

Fundraise for **tearfund** Run a Useful Gifts Shop

If you love to buy and give Useful Gifts, share the joy by running a Useful Gifts Shop in your community.

We'll post you everything you need to represent the work of Tearfund around the world at your church, school or workplace.

Useful Gifts are great all year round, so why not run a shop and help bring transformative change to communities around the world?

To find out more and to register visit tearfund.link/23gcug or call 1800 244 986



"It gives our people joy to know that we are making a difference."

- Lorna, UG Shop Operator for over 20 years

Pictured above:
Useful Gifts Shop in 2022.

Help bring **hope** to **hard places** with a monthly gift



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Be part of a community of passionate Christians dedicated to renewal, transformation and the restoration of hope in hard places across the globe.

Restorers are at the heart of Tearfund's work around the world. It's their regular, faithful support that allows us to invest in renewal, forge long-term partnerships with frontline workers and communities in need, and deliver lasting change for the people we serve.

Join Tearfund Restorers – give monthly and bring hope to the hard places.

tearfund.org.au/restorers

Learn more about Restorers here



How does the Useful Gifts Catalogue work?

When you purchase a Useful Gift, you contribute to sustainable, long-term development projects run by Tearfund and our overseas and Australian partners, or to community education and advocacy work in Australia.

Your purchase of a specific gift is representative of the type of community development work done by our partners, which enables people and communities to become self-sufficient and is not given on a one-off basis. For example, if you buy the Chickens gift, you are supporting an overall sustainable food and livelihoods program through which communities are provided with the skills and tools to transform their lives through better agriculture techniques, training and resources.

Want to know more?

Visit usefulgifts.org to read Frequently Asked Questions about the Useful Gifts Catalogue and project stories about each gift at work.

Find out more here!



Buying your gift: it's easy!

You can order your Useful Gifts by post, online or over the phone:

Post: Complete the form on the back of this catalogue. You'll receive a printed card for each gift you order (unless you indicate your preference not to receive printed cards), and receipt, in the mail. You

can pay by cheque, money order or credit card. Mail your form to Tearfund, PO Box 110, Forest Hill VIC 3131.

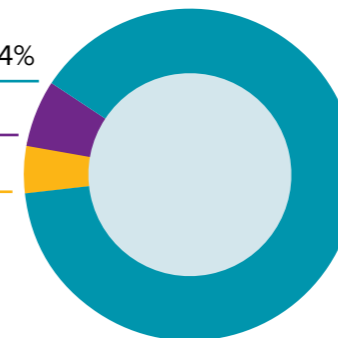
Online: Use the online shop and checkout at usefulgifts.org. You can choose to receive a printed card, a PDF to download and print, an e-card, or no card. You'll receive a receipt by email.

Phone: Call our friendly team on 1800 244 986 (toll free) and order over the phone.

Each Useful Gifts card has a picture of the gift, some information about it and a project story from one of our partners sharing about the gift in action. There's plenty of space inside to write a message if you're giving the card to someone else.

Where the money goes:

Projects & Community Education 84%
Fundraising 10%
Administration 6%



2021/22 Financial Year. Visit tearfund.org.au for more information.

To find out more about Tearfund and our partners' work, visit tearfund.org.au

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A	Chickens	5		
B	Health & Nutrition	5		
C	Early Learning	5		
D	Seeds & Tools	10		
E	Teacher Training	10		
F	Girls' Education	15		
WNM	Where It's Needed Most	15		
FN	Support a First Nations Leader	20		
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H	Good Food	25		
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N	Women's Empowerment	50		
O	Goat	50		
P	Business Kick-Starter	60		
Q	Community Health	70		
R	Toilet	70		
S	Community School Class	100		
T	Mental Health Care	100		
U	Hunger Response	150		
V	Climate Resilience	250		
W	Hope in Hard Places	490		
X	Social Enterprise	990		
Y	Well	1900		
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This appeal closes on 30 September 2024. Donations received after that date will be directed towards comparable items in Tearfund's 2024-2025 Useful Gifts Catalogue. Any gift purchased on a recurring gift basis will go to a similar gift or sector after the appeal date.

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