

Tearfund Wales Manager *Makes Life Flow* In Pembrokeshire

1. Tearfund Wales Manager, Miriam Evans, visited Pembrokeshire recently encouraging local Tearfund volunteers to promote their campaign, and help *Make Life Flow* for people suffering due to poor water, hygiene and sanitation.

Tearfund's *Make Life Flow* campaign forms part of Tearfund's 10 year vision to see 50 million people released from material and spiritual poverty through a worldwide network of 100,000 churches.

Miriam Evans shared the shocking statistics of a problem that often goes unnoticed: "Tearfund's *Make life flow* campaign aims to help the 2.5 billion people who have no access to basic sanitation and the 900 million who lack access to clean water. 5,000 children per day die of diarrheal diseases. We need Pembrokeshire to help us end this injustice today."

These are not just figures, they are individuals struggling to survive. The *Make Life Flow* pack shows **Tearfund's partners working hard in the Ugandan village of Kigaze, bringing extraordinary changes to the lives of people like 13-year-old Stidia.**

Twice a day, Stidia walks a mile and a half down the steep, dangerous mountain path to a spring. Twice she carries 20 litres of water back up the mountain path. Adding to the struggle is constant intimidation by older boys. The threat of rape hovers. Her journey often makes her get into trouble because she is late for school. The Bible says: "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." but Stidia said "Actually I'm just fearful.". Without proper water and sanitation, all areas of life start to suffer.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. As part of the *Make life flow* campaign, Tearfund partners are training women to build water tanks to collect rainwater. As the tank in Stidia's garden fills up, so her life is filled up with hope. Tearfund's love in action triggers hope and faith, displacing people fears: "I feel so, so happy. I will not have to collect water. Water is a precious gift from God. I look forward to sharing my collected water with my neighbours." Stidia now says.

15 villages surrounding **Kigaze** are waiting for similar water tanks. Teaching about hygiene and water filtration systems is needed. Pembrokeshire can take action by joining Tearfund and calling on the government to end this injustice. Government targets for improving sanitation are currently 100 years off track.

"You'll survive 40 days without food, 3 days without water and 8 minutes without air. But how long can you go without faith, hope or love? Material and spiritual needs are best matched as one. Use the *Make Life Flow* pack to see how you can meet both in poor communities around the world today."said Miriam Evans.

The pack contains a DVD, a poster, various information booklets, gift forms and Tearfund *Act Fast* post cards to be completed and sent to the Prime Minister. Order your *Make Life Flow* pack and find out more from www.tearfund.org/makelifeflow , call 0845 355 8355.

Why not hold an event to raise funds/awareness and **check out local Tearfund *Make Life Flow* activities at: Broadhaven Carnival Saturday 8th August and Kilgetty's Summer Fete on 1st with Fairtrade stalls and fun games** . Together we can make a difference

