

# The power of partnership



International  
development

It's all about working alongside people. It's all about enabling them to break the cycle of poverty. It's all about improving life of the whole community. And you're a part of this transformation.

## Fishing for a Families Future

**D**ue to the generous support from you and people like you, the Turkana project taking place in Kenya West, is just completing its second year, after a successful first year running. For us, fishing is a sport, or hobby. But what if it was a way of life? A way out of poverty, a way to feed your family and your way to earn a living? This is what fishing means for 30 local communities in Turkana.

Thanks to you, we are working with local fishermen to improve their fishing methods. In partnership with locals, we have set up Beach Management Units (BMUs), for training in, best net size, what the size regulations for fish are, so that food and income is possible for years to come.

Women in the community have also received training on how to properly clean fish and keep them to prevent the spread of disease so children and families do not get sick.

Much of the work's progress is tied to villagers training and continuing to give people better ways of fishing. Rather than single floating logs as rafts, fishing with fibreglass boats means community members work together and are able to feed their family.

Thanks to your generous support you are helping to, make families in Turkana healthier, put food on the table and provide money for family's to support themselves!



Log rafts used by fishermen for fishing as they don't have access to boats



Local fishermen at work

## My Inspirational Visit to Pakistan

In a remote village in Pakistan people are making the most of what they have, most of the families have cows, goats and some sheep. These are a great source of income for these families, as well as the community in general which your donations have made possible – thank you!

When I visited Pakistan at the beginning of the year, my heart was so moved by the determination of people to have their own dignity and worth. I met a man who could not work with cows or grow crops because he was born with a deformity to one of his legs. He had to use a crutch to get around. So what could this man do?

He found that he had a great skill in the fine and delicate handiwork needed for beading and embroidery. He was trained by a master in the trade. He now earns money for his family by sitting and creating beautiful clothing with exquisite details. His clothing is now in such high demand that the garments can only be purchased by order. These skills are being passed onto the next generation with young girls being trained in beading and embroidery. The community is benefitting so much from this craft and I am thankful for the part that our SAID supporters have played in this.

**Julie Alley**, Director  
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Delicate handiwork is needed to make the beautiful garments.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK?**

We'll be launching our 2015 Salvos Gifts Catalogue in October so keep your eyes peeled for it hitting your letterbox! It's full of great Christmas gift ideas to give your loved ones.

## Restoring Harmony in India

The Rainforest Mountains of Odisha in India are a vast expanse of unspoilt natural rainforest. In August 2008, the peaceful mountains became a place of hostility. Home to Hindu and Christian villagers, religious conflict flared. Many Christian community members lost their homes, their livelihood, and for some, the greatest loss of all, the lives of loved ones.

Tension, mistrust and discrimination divided the two communities. The Salvation Army in India recognised the urgent need to build harmony and partnered with The Salvation Army Eastern Territory to achieve this. With your help this project is improving the income and education of both local Christian and Hindu women and bringing harmony back to the whole community.

### What was achieved:

- Literacy classes for women and men to learn to read and write in Hindi and English.
- Community-based banking and loans co-operatives (known as Self Help Groups).

- Small business training in goats. Goats provide milk for a family to drink; they breed to give the family more goats, and are even sold to pay for school fees and vital healthcare.

### The people of Odisha are so grateful for your support,

*"We are very grateful to The Salvation Army and the partners in Australia. This is a very good program for our community, allowing women to learn how to read and write. Before, the women had to rely on breaking stones into gravel to have an income. Now we have received these goats and we will make the most of this opportunity."*

Due to your generous support, this project has now been running for three years, a milestone to celebrate! Some 100 women and their families are direct beneficiaries through your donation to our Salvos Gifts Catalogue. Without your support, restoring unity to the community would not have been possible. Yet, we need your continued support to run this project in 2015!

Hindu and Christian women now harmoniously participate in cultural activities together.

