



Mothers' UNION
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Our Overseas Development Work

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Mothers' Union is a vibrant network of 3.6 million people across the world, each serving their local community to encourage a better quality of life for all and an end to poverty.

Working at grassroots level through projects, trainings and advocacy work, Mothers' Union seeks to **empower, develop and uplift** people and their communities.

We believe in the right to hope, dignity and freedom for all regardless of **faith, race or nationality.**

An Introduction to Our Overseas Development Work

The majority of our overseas work is supported by the Mothers' Union Overseas Development Fund. This fund provides financial assistance towards training events, community development projects and operational expenses ensuring work is both sustainable and progressive.

Through the Overseas Development Fund we also provide salary and travel grants to our community development workers throughout 30 different countries across the globe. This includes, amongst many others: hundreds of isolated South Pacific Islands, Guyana, Myanmar and 27 of Africa's 53 countries. Through this dedicated network, **communities are encouraged and supported to lead and direct their own development.**



We are a group of people, working towards the same goal-
'To be a positive, life giving force'
(Mothers' Union in Johannesburg)

Local Mothers' Union groups provide the skills, knowledge, contacts and man-power to make things happen.

Mothers' Union **really is** lead at the grassroots level. All visions, ideas and implementation processes are devised and carried out by the very people they affect. This means the poorest and most marginalised people take back control over their own lives and development finding their own solutions and escape from the difficulties and challenges they face.

What we fund:

- Income generating & Community Development Projects
- Trainings and Conferences
- Office and Project Equipment
- Vehicles
- Advocacy Work
- Capacity training for workers



Examples of Our Work

The vast majority of our income comes from individual donations from our members across the world. Through a grants system awarded by a voluntary committee, the Overseas Development Fund supports communities, guided by Mothers' Union development workers and executives, to provide projects such as: **Fishing Projects** and **Bakeries** in the DR Congo, **Corn mills** and **Cafeterias** in Sudan and **Livestock Rearing** in Kenya. We also provide grants towards training events including **Peace & Reconciliation workshops** in Kenya and Sudan, **Traditional Birth Attendants** in Zambia, **Food & Nutrition** in Guyana, **Farming** and **Sustainable Livelihoods** in Tanzania, **HIV/AIDS** in Papua New Guinea, **Microfinance** and **Savings** in Myanmar and **Human Trafficking** in Madagascar and India.

Our Community Development Workers

There are almost 300 Mothers' Union Workers and Trainers working with grass-roots communities throughout the world. All are local women who speak the local language and understand their peoples' needs, culture and customs. They work tirelessly to uplift and develop their communities making sure everyone is represented and those most vulnerable and marginalised are given equal opportunities to grow and prosper.



Working with Mothers' Union

All applications must come from the local Mothers' Union, but we are increasingly working with project partners, so if you are interested in working with the Mothers' Union, get in touch with us at Central Mothers' Union or your local group to see what can happen.