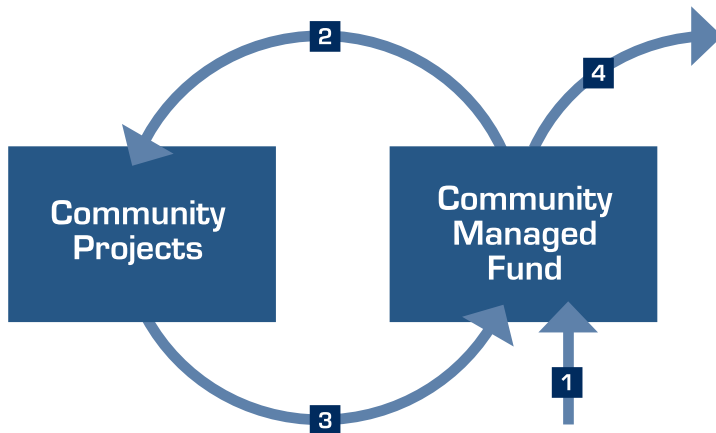


OUR AIMS

We work in partnership with rural communities and universities from some of the poorest countries of the world. We help to provide opportunities relevant to local agricultural needs that enable people and communities to find their own solutions to the complex problems they face and move towards self-sufficiency on their own terms.



HOW WE ACHIEVE IT

Each project is set up with the active participation of the community groups involved using the revolving-fund principle. This is a simple method of providing communities with access to affordable credit (1) to buy what they identify as being most needed (2). When they are able, they pay back the investment (3), enabling others to benefit through microcredit loans from the resulting new community fund (4).



OTHER BENEFITS

Our projects have other important benefits as, through our network of universities, academics become involved and large numbers of students base their studies on work carried out with farmers in the villages. This interaction of students with small farmers is of immense long-term importance.

GOAT PROJECTS IN CENTRAL JAVA PROVINCE, INDONESIA

Since 2001, projects have been set up in five villages. In consultation with local community groups pregnant goats were bought. Each recipient of the goats repays the loan by sharing the offspring from the first two pregnancies with the community group.

£1,500 - £2,000 would enable us to set up a similar project.



PADDLE TRACTORS IN LOMBOK ISLAND, INDONESIA

Farmers identified the need for a paddle tractor to speed up soil preparation before rice planting. The cost of the tractor was beyond the means of any individual farmer, so a paddle tractor was purchased for the community with a fee payable for its use. 40% of the fee is retained for running costs. The remaining 60% is used by the community to buy calves on a revolving-fund basis.

£1,000 would pay for the purchase of a paddle tractor.

PIG PROJECTS IN QUANGTRI PROVINCE, VIETNAM

In cooperation with local Women's Unions 3 pig projects were established between 2002 and 2004 with pregnant sows, on a revolving fund basis. Farmers who had been given the pregnant sows pay back about 1.2 times the value of the sow after 1 year.

£1,500 - £2,000 would enable us to set up a similar project.



DAIRY GOAT, AND CHICKEN PROJECTS IN NAKURU, KENYA

Near to the Rift Valley in Nakuru a dairy goat project was set up in 2004. Thirty five pregnant goats were provided at the outset of the project and this number has already doubled. Goats are very much in demand in Kenya, providing milk to improve nutrition. Any surplus is sold to boost the family's income.

£1,500 - £2,000 would enable us to set up a similar project.

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