

Friends of Sacred Heart and St Margaret

Supporting International Development Projects

Our remit

Introduction

People in need are our brothers and sisters in Christ regardless of ethnicity, circumstances, religious belief, no belief, or 'labels' of any kind. Friends of Sacred Heart and St Margaret (FoSHSM) was established in December 2005. It is part of what the parish does to work internationally with people within their own communities.

Our aim

We aim to assist people to help themselves to overcome poverty, discrimination and abuse by providing long-term financial support for projects. We fundraise to support people with health, education, employment and human rights projects. 100% of the money raised goes to the projects.

Examples:

- **Water boreholes** in five towns in Nigeria.
- Care and support for **people affected by HIV and leprosy** in India.
- **Further education and work-skills training** for young people in India.
- **Self-employment skills** in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Northern India.
- *Support for **women who have been trafficked*** and abused: Yangon, Myanmar (Burma).

- **School furniture, equipment and classrooms** in Nigeria and Uganda.
- Support for people affected by **mental health difficulties** living on the streets in Katmandu, Nepal.

How we do it

- Regular meetings of FoSHSM. The group is open to all parishioners – we encourage new members and new project proposals.
- We have an application process to consider potential projects. Projects are delivered by voluntary, non-governmental, religious, or not-for-profit organisations.
- Fundraising and allocation of monies
- Projects provide written feedback and photos to show how funding has helped.
- The FoSHSM boxes at the back of both churches is a source of regular income. Tax payers: please Gift Aid giving using the white envelopes. £1 becomes £1.25; £5 becomes £6.25. Friends of Sacred Heart and St Margaret gratefully receive one-off personal donations and bequests too.
- The parish accountant records income and expenditure.
- Review: ongoing checks to ensure that we are meeting our aims.

For more information

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