

I invested £20...

Manila
invested
everything.

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The Living Partnership lets people raise themselves out of extreme poverty by the work of their own hands.

In many developing countries, people are in poverty and servitude because they cannot raise the funds to start a small business. If only they had enough money to buy tools and materials, they could begin the journey to independence.

The amounts involved seem tiny. Yet they are an enormous barrier to people trying to escape poverty and live life in dignity and happiness.

The Living Partnership is a way that you can finance individuals in the developing world. Microfinance, as it is called, has proved an extremely successful way of giving individuals and families the means to become independent.

It is not only effective, it respects the dignity of human beings. There are no handouts. Indeed, the self respect that microfinance engenders is reflected in the very high repayment rates, around 97%. And when the money is repaid it is recycled - so your donation benefits people for years to come.

That's why we call it a living partnership.

Please join the Living Partnership – you just need to contribute £20 per month. Manila and thousands of other people like her will do the rest.



Case Study

Geeta Devi

Geeta Devi lives in a small village in Rajasthan with two young children. She used to hire herself out, cooking and cleaning, earning less than 40p per day. It was not enough to get by.

Geeta took a small loan to buy bamboo and basket making tools. Every day, she makes four baskets, earning enough to feed her family and leaving a little over. In time, she hopes to send her children to school for the education that she never received.

Tzedek supports the charity that makes these loans possible, giving her and her family the best assurance of a brighter future.

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Abena Gyasi

Shea butter is used in both food and cosmetics. Many women in Ghana grind shea nuts by hand to produce the butter. It is physically demanding but offers a genuine hope of escaping poverty.

NDA, a local charity supported by Tzedek, provides small loans to enable women to buy the raw nuts. It trains them in business skills and supports them in forming co-operatives to get the best price for their produce.

Abena Gyasi is one of hundreds of women who has been helped by NDA. The shea butter she produces ends up in cosmetics around the world.

We fund NDA because she's worth it.

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