

In March the PCC were able to make a donation of £400 to Traidcraft Exchange from the surplus made on the Fairtrade Stall.

The work you've helped fund includes:

**Supporting producers** affected by Traidcraft plc's downsizing through individually tailored projects, including assisting them in finding new buyers and diversifying their product ranges. Black Mamba from Eswatini (Swaziland) make spicy fair trade sauces and chutneys. They are being supported to sell 5,000 gift packs to the domestic and South African markets to replace the lost Traidcraft plc sales.

**Championing women in trade** - in the countries in which Traidcraft Exchange works, women face discrimination and exclusion daily. They work to equip women with the skills they need to get involved in trade so they can shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. In Kenya they are working with women vegetable farmers to narrow the gender gap between men and women in terms of production skills. By equipping women with the skills and knowledge they need to make a success of their farm, they are better prepared than ever to unleash their potential as successful entrepreneurs.

**Trade that doesn't cost the earth** - the poorest and most vulnerable suffer most from the impact of climate change and pollution, the people who have contributed least to the problem. In Odisha, India, Traidcraft Exchange supported smallholder cotton farmers to start growing organic cotton and grow a wider variety of other crops to improve soil quality and food production. In Jaipur, in the desert state of Rajasthan, they worked with artisan textile dyers to help them reduce their use of chemicals, recycle waste-water and improve their working conditions.

Two new projects are being launched this year and your continued support of the Fairtrade stall will help Traidcraft Exchange work with two vulnerable groups of people.

**A dignified living for people with disabilities in Tanzania** - two thirds of people with disabilities in Tanzania live in rural areas. Aside from the physical limitations they face, people with disabilities are commonly confronted with discrimination and abuse - making it extremely difficult for them to earn a living in an already challenging environment. Traidcraft Exchange's pioneering new venture aims to support people with disabilities to earn a good living through meaningful employment in sustainable coffee, cocoa and palm oil production; as well as fostering a greater understanding of disabilities in local communities to reduce stigma.

**Fighting forced labour in India and Bangladesh** - this project has three main aims. 1) To liberate men, women and children in forced and bonded labour. 2) To provide vulnerable communities with an alternative to forced labour by supporting them to earn a sustainable living. 3) To hold both national governments and private companies to account in the fight against modern slavery.

To find out more about the work of Traidcraft Exchange, including photographs from many of the projects, visit [www.traidcraft.org.uk](http://www.traidcraft.org.uk)

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