

## Partners

Our partner organisation is the ISLAND Trust that works with tribal and other communities in the Nilgiri Hills of South India. Their projects focus on issues such as health, education, human rights and income generation.



Surveying tribal tea pickers in the Nilgiris.

An annual programme is developed after research to establish the most important issues affecting people in some of the remotest villages in the area. Plans, timetables and budgets are agreed and programmes are monitored to check that targets are being achieved.

Students and volunteers from the UK and other countries are encouraged to visit, help and learn about tribal communities.

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## Fund Raising

Tamwed is a registered charity with few costs in the UK. Funds raised by donations, events, and sales are spent on projects in India.



Colin and Maria Terry raised funds by a sponsored hike between schools where they talked to children about health issues.



Havoor School in the Nilgiris has linked with Calstock School in Cornwall.

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Field Worker Raju with Voluntary Community Animators and tribal villagers.

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## Tamwed

Tamwed was set up by volunteers in the UK to offer support to some of the most isolated and marginalised communities in rural South India and to build links between Tamil Nadu and the South West of England. Our aim is for those we work with to become self-sufficient; without reliance on outside support.

## Health, Diets and Farming



**Project Manager Palani in a tribal village discussing climate-resistant crops.**

Many tribal communities depend on farming for food and income. Health has deteriorated, largely as the result of a dependence on a poor diet that lacks variation and nutritional value. Anaemia is one of the most common health problems.

Nutritious and marketable crops that can withstand variations caused by climate change are being tested and the use of traditional medicinal plants is being re-established to complement other forms of treatment.

## Community Animators

Voluntary Community Animators are trained to work on health, education and other issues in the villages where they live. In this way communities are assisted to help themselves.



**ISLAND Trust CEO Alphonse Raj conducting training for Community Animators and Farmers Group leaders.**



**Clinics are arranged so that common ailments such as diabetes can be identified and treatment arranged.**

## Human Rights

Many tribal people are not aware of their rights to housing, education and other government support. Recent legislation has reinforced rights to their traditional land.



**Housing for some tribal people is not suitable for the extremes of weather.**

## Trade



**A coffee de-husker bought by Tamwed supporters. Tea, coffee and crafts are being produced to sell in the UK.**