

# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Dear Schools,

We hope your school year has started well. We are so excited to be launching this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal!

## What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe.

**To take part just complete the attached order form or order online at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)**  
(our resources and leaflets are free of charge)

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Every Christmas Shoebox brings so much joy, love and hope. Often these shoeboxes are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they deliver is incredible. Every Shoebox Counts!

## For Secondary Schools:

Our website, [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie) has loads of **free**, student lead, curriculum based resources for you to download.

## Downloadable Resources:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Gaisce guide & YSI guide
- Stories & more



Complete the attached form to order your leaflets (1 per person needed) and posters or order them online at [TeamHope.ie](http://TeamHope.ie)

Please do follow us on social media and share your students amazing efforts!

Many thanks

**Rachel Browne, Education Coordinator, Team Hope**

# Secondary School-Christmas Shoebox Appeal-Lesson Guide

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## Resource List

- Our promotional video
- PowerPoint presentation
- Gaisce guide
- YSI guide
- Stories
- Crafts

## How to Take part with your class/school:

1. Watch the Christmas Shoebox Appeal video on [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie) (approx. 3 mins)
2. • Use the PowerPoint presentation on [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie) to explain the Christmas Shoebox Appeal to students.
  - Discuss what items can go into a Christmas Shoebox Appeal
  - Allow students to react to the wonderful stories of children receiving shoeboxes
3. Use the resources to take part as part of you TY/ CSPE/ YSI/ Gaisce projects
4. Watch more videos from your video links resource to learn about & discuss the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.
5. Order leaflets (1 per person) & posters from [TeamHope.ie](http://TeamHope.ie) / (01) 2940222

## How to build a shoebox:

1. Wrap a box
2. Decide who your gift is for, a girl or boy aged between 2 – 14.
3. Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4 W's list (online and in downloadable resource pack)
4. Add €5 to help us get your box to a child. (Online/cash) & stick on an elastic band to secure the box
5. Arrange a collection (we'll give you your local team's contact details)

## Guidance note for teachers:

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal resources deal with the issue of poverty and so should be discussed sensitively in line with the Intercultural Education in the Post-primary School: Guidelines for Schools. These guidelines promote '*representing diversity as a normal part of Irish life and human existence ensuring that representations of minority groups do not focus on the spectacular or colourful events, as this may lead to stereotyping and may run counter to the aim of representing diversity as normal ensuring that all children irrespective of their colour, ethnic group, or ability can feel at home and represented within the school*'.

In line with this, our resources seek to increase students' awareness of global development but also emphasise the diverse and prevalent nature of poverty which can and does impact people of all ethnic groups or abilities. The stories which accompany the Christmas Shoebox Appeal highlight the positive impact of a shoebox on children of all backgrounds and illustrate the examples of our local partners who are changing the societies in which they live and work. Team Hope recognises poverty here in Ireland and does not want any child/family to be put under pressure to produce a Christmas Shoebox.

If you have any further queries about how to sensitively address issues arising from this material please feel free to contact us **(01) 2940222** [info@teamhope.ie](mailto:info@teamhope.ie)

We are so grateful for your support for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and we hope your students love taking part.

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL ORDER FORM 2023

**How to order:**



Order online:

Leaflets and posters can be ordered at [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)



By post:

Complete the form below and return to: [info@teamhope.ie](mailto:info@teamhope.ie) or post to  
*Team Hope, 5 Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue,  
Dublin 18, D18 CF67*

ORDER BY POST:	QUANTITY or TICK
SHOEBOX LEAFLETS (You'll need 1 per student)	
A4 POSTER	
A3 POSTER	

<b>A SPEAKER for my school</b> (We will send you contact details for your local coordinator)	Yes / No
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Name: .....

School Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email:	
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**GDPR:** Please tick the adjacent box if you would like to be kept up to date with information on the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Team Hope's other work. You will always have the option to unsubscribe at any time.



**Free downloadable resources at [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)**

<b>Secondary school resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PowerPoint Presentation</li> <li>• TY Entrepreneurship Module</li> <li>• Gaisce Guide</li> <li>• Young Social Innovators Guide</li> <li>• Stories</li> <li>• Videos</li> </ul>
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# THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

## WRITE

Pens/Pencils  
Crayons  
Paper/Copy Books  
Colouring Books  
Markers  
Sharpeners  
Erasers



## WASH

Soap (wrapped)  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Facecloth



## WEAR

Socks  
Underwear  
Flip Flops  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves



## WOW

Cuddly Toy  
Skipping rope/Yo-yo  
Sweets (in date until April next year)  
Musical Instrument  
Sunglasses  
Toy Car  
Doll  
Ball



### WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:

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# STORIES



## Katya in Albania

Katya's mum was so excited that her little girl could have a Shoebox. She said "I can't afford buying her toys so this is very special for her. Thank you to everyone who brought these gifts for the children in Albania".

## Anya and Vasya in Transnistria

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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Stories



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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Gaisce Guide

### Who is Team Hope?

TEAM HOPE is an Irish, Christian development aid charity, working with children, their families and communities across Africa and Eastern Europe.

[www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)



### What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal sends shoebox gifts from Ireland to children in need across Africa and Eastern Europe. These may be the only gifts they receive and every single box brings hope, love and joy!

### What is Gaisce?

Gaisce – The President’s Award is a self-development programme that encourages you to find your passion, get active and make a difference in your community!

Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15-25 to dream big and realise their potential. By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on exciting personal, physical and community challenges and develop new skills and new friendships.



[www.Gaisce.ie](http://www.Gaisce.ie)

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## Gaisce Challenge Areas:

1. Community Involvement
2. Personal Skill
3. Physical Recreation
4. Adventure Journey

## Working with **Team Hope** for Community Involvement & Personal Skill:

### Community Involvement

Community Involvement is all about making a difference to other people's lives. Everyone is unique and has something they can contribute to make their community a better place. It feels good to help, it's fun, and you often make new friends too!

### Personal Skill

Personal Skill gives you the chance to develop a new skill or interests. Working on a particular skill helps to boost your self esteem, develop other practical and social skills, and learn how to set and rise to a challenge.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Make shoeboxes, help other to get involved and help out at your local Christmas Shoebox Appeal checking centre to help us to get boxes ready to travel to their new homes!

This Appeal is so rewarding and will help you to meet new people and develop new skills.

Contact us for your local team info.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Public speaking: Prepare a talk to give to the other class groups on your school to tell them how to get involved in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Organisation skills: Coordinate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal at your school

Media/Marketing: Create a video/poster campaign to get your school involved!

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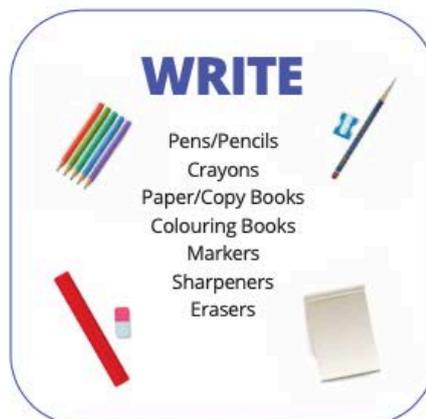
## Gaisce Bronze Award Community Involvement timetable for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal

<b>Week 1</b>	Launch Week: Order materials from Team Hope and ask if you can speak to different classes about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal
<b>Week 2</b>	Put up posters and plan your talks to classes. Use the DVD & website to get the information you need or get in touch with us.
<b>Week 3</b>	Designate an area to collect boxes & speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 4</b>	Speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 5</b>	Speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	Arrange with local coordinator for boxes to be collected.
<b>Week 7</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 8</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 9</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 10</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 11</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 12</b>	Prepare a presentation to report back to classes/community.
<b>Week 13</b>	Present & reflect. What have you learned? What would you do differently if you did it again? What could Team Hope do differently? What was your favourite part? Where do you feel you had the most skills to offer? Send us your notes so we can learn too!

## How to make a Christmas Shoebox

1. Wrap a regular sized shoebox. Wrap the box and lid separately (you may use a hinged shoebox or similar size plastic container).
2. Put the sticker from your leaflet (or print one from [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)) and tick the age group and gender. Stick it on the top right hand corner of your shoebox.
3. Fill your shoebox – using items from the 4 W's list. Please only include items that are new or items you would be happy to receive yourself.
4. Include €5 in the envelope of your leaflet (or any envelope) and put it inside your shoebox. Or you can donate it online.

5. Close the shoebox with an elastic band but don't seal it with tape as we have to check each box for custom purposes. Then drop it off by November 9th at one of our 400+ national drop off points! If you have more than 50 boxes please call us and one of our volunteers will collect them!



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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Stories

### Gabi in Romania

Gabi is five years old and she ran out when she saw the shoeboxes coming! She has 6 brothers and sisters and they live in a home without running water or electricity. She was so excited to see the shoebox, her first and only gift for the year. She fell in love with a stuffed animal toy and kept hugging it. She loved the markers too!



### Leonel in Burkina Faso

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## Pictures from Ukraine





## Young Social Innovators project

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### What is the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal sends shoebox gifts from Ireland to children in areas of poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe.

Christmas Shoeboxes help to bring joy to children and they also provide things that they need like copy book and pencils for school and warm clothes. When Team Hope's partners in each country deliver Christmas Shoeboxes they meet people living in poverty and are able to help them in other ways.

Read the stories at [www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)

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### What is **Young Social Innovator**?

YSI is a youth-lead, team based, action focused program.

Split into a **Senior Program** and **Junior Program**, young people identify social issues of concern to them, explore them, and come up with relevant actions and responses.



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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal action project

1. Have your school send shoeboxes to as many children as possible
  - Contact us/visit [teamhope.ie](http://teamhope.ie) to order a leaflet for every student and some posters & resources
  - Ideas: Visit classes/organise an event/make a video to tell everyone  
Ask people to bring in shoeboxes made up  
Ask people to bring in one item each and make shoeboxes up in school together



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2. Create teams. E.g. marketing, logistics, creative, etc. needed to make your project happen.
3. Research the issues around poverty in the countries that the Christmas Shoeboxes go to. (Poverty, Food insecurity, Lack of clean water, Climate change, Gender inequality...) This can be done as part of the **TY Transition Unit: Development Issues: Poverty.**
4. Join the YSI tour and Speak Out!
5. Celebrate during #YSIweek
6. Enter the all-Ireland YSI Awards

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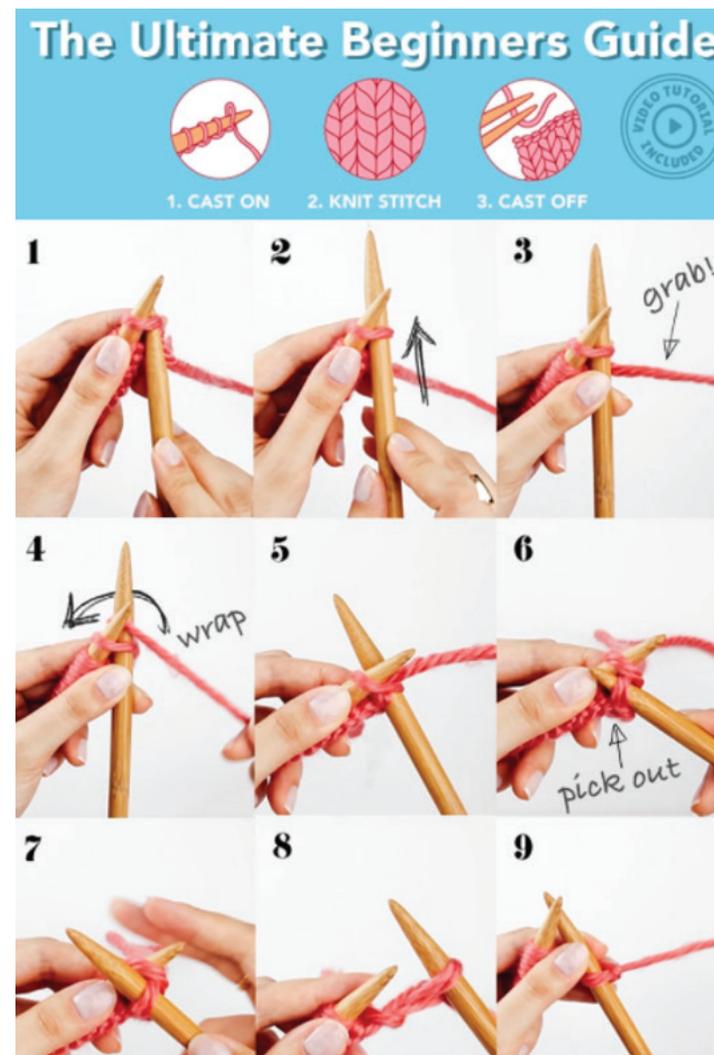
Resources needed: Wool, knitting needles, internet/tutorial access

Knitted items are perfect for Christmas Shoeboxes and a perfect way for you to practice your skills too!

These ideas and more are all on our **Pinterest page**: [www.pinterest.ie/hope4344/](http://www.pinterest.ie/hope4344/)

- Shoebox Knitting ideas:**
- Easy hats: <https://pin.it/7mv1p6B>  
<https://pin.it/32x0bZc>
  - Baby mittens: <https://pin.it/1ChT4DY>
  - Beginner Scarf: <https://pin.it/5sQpxlc>
  - Finger puppets: <https://pin.it/55aQZYc>
  - Easy bear: <https://pin.it/54WqCmN>
  - Arm knitting tutorial: <https://pin.it/3bD9I4C>

- Knitting tutorial:** <https://pin.it/1pMPobB>  
<https://sheepandstitch.com/how-to-knit/>



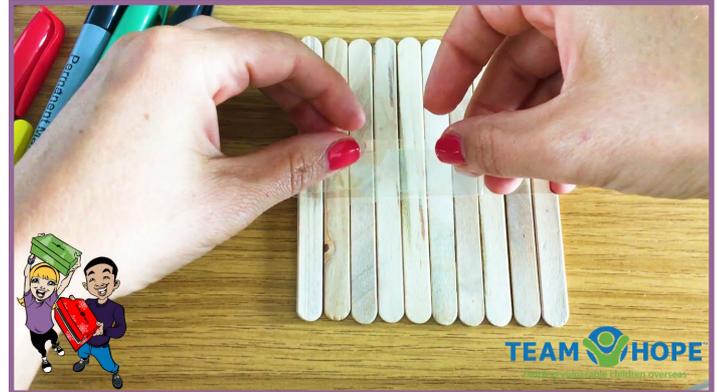
# Christmas Shoebox Crafts

# Lollipop Sticks



Line up 10 lollipop

Type to enter text



Stick to table with



Draw whatever you like



Colour in or leave for the child who will receive it to colour in!



Play!

Full videos on our Youtube & Facebook!

# Christmas Shoebox Craft

# T-Shirt Bags



Turn inside out and make cuts 3cm deep, 2cm apart



Double knot front fringes with back fringes



Cut off arms



Cut off neck





# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



**SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

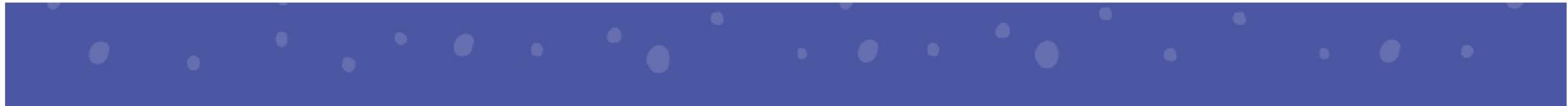




# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



- Every year people in Ireland send Christmas Shoebox gifts to children affected by **poverty**.
- Christmas Shoeboxes are gifts that help to bring joy to children and they also give **things that they need** like copy book and pencils for school and warm clothes.





# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



**Poverty** is where a person doesn't have and can't get enough money for their basic needs like food, shelter (a home) and education (school). Poverty can be caused by wars, climate change, people not having enough rights and inequality.





# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



Through our **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** we recognised many struggles faced by the communities we visited. With this knowledge, we have been able to work with our partners to help in the most needed ways in each country.



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# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



- Let's break the record
- Get your school & community involved
- Be the change you want to see





# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



- Keep count of how many Christmas Shoeboxes your school has made to show everyone how well they're doing!
- Fundraise to build more Shoeboxes!
- Follow us on Instagram & let us know how you're getting on!



# How to make a Christmas Shoebox

- Get a shoebox!
- Wrap it
- Put in the presents
- Add €5
- Drop it off at school/Dealz



# What to put in your Christmas Shoebox

- **WRITE:** Some things to write with
- **WASH:** Some things to wash with
- **WEAR:** Some things to wash with
- **WOW!** Some things to make a child say 'wow'!
- **€5** (or give this online at [TeamHope.ie](https://www.TeamHope.ie))

# Some things to **WRITE** with

## **WRITE**



Pens/Pencils

Crayons

Paper/Copy Books

Colouring Books

Markers

Sharpeners

Erasers



# Some things to WASH with

## WASH



Soap (wrapped)

Hairbrush

Comb

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Facecloth



# Some things to WEAR

## WEAR



Socks



Underwear

Flip Flops

Hat

Scarf

Gloves



Some things make  
the child who  
receives your  
Christmas Shoebox  
say WOW!

**WOW**



Cuddly Toy

Skipping rope/Yo-yo

Sweets (in date until 04/22)

Musical Instrument

Sunglasses

Toy Car

Doll

Ball



## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

These are the items we CAN'T send

What NOT to  
put in your  
Christmas  
Shoebox

**Liquids**



Shampoo    Drinks    Bubbles

**Food**  
(except for sweets!)



Chocolate    Perishables    Tins

**Books with words**



**Large clothing**



That takes up too much space

**Dangerous items**



Sharp things    Breakables    Medicines

**Scary toys**



Halloween toys    Snakes    Masks

War toys

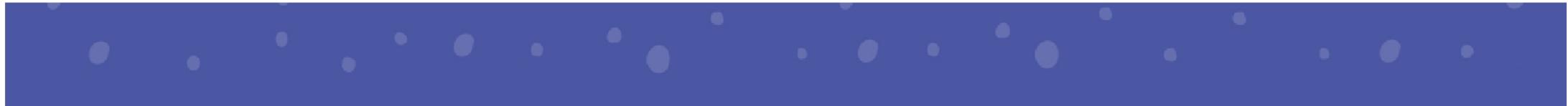
Help us out by not adding these items to your Christmas Shoebox, we hate to take anything out of your thoughtful gifts!

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Your shoebox gift will be given into the hands of a child in need, irrespective of their race, religion, ethnicity or background. The only criteria for receiving a shoebox is the need of the child.

**Thank you for making a difference !**





## Team Hope's other projects

Poverty and hunger affect millions of people across the world. Team Hope seeks to provide help to children living in poverty through working with their families and communities to bring lasting change. We work with communities to build real change for a brighter future.





## Team Hope's other projects

- Supply clean water
- Provide healthcare
- Generate income for those living in poverty
- Care for those with HIV/AIDS
- Provide education
- Help communities in need



## Agnes in Kenya

“Before I got water I had many problems. We tried to cut trees to make charcoal and had to travel far to the towns to sell it,”

“After we got water it has changed my life”





## Kella in Burundi

“ I did not know how to do the activity that can give me money. I was only farming and this activity cannot satisfy all the needs in the family. But thanks to the teachings that I have just received, I will participate in the village savings and loan association ...and my family’s living conditions will be improved.”