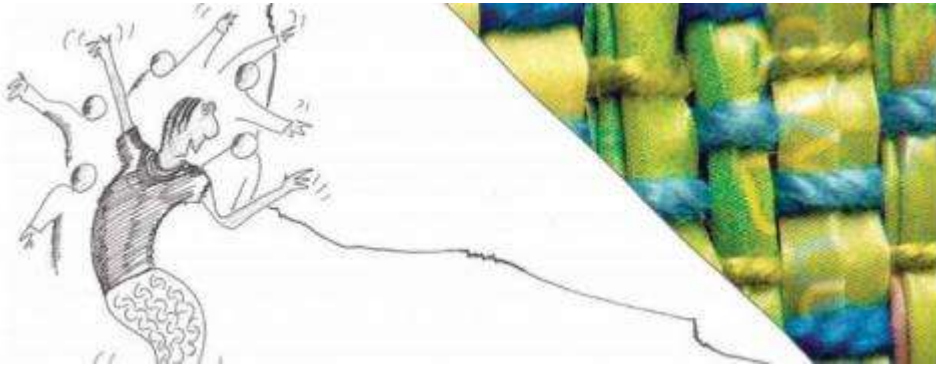


Awaken



Awaken is a Mothers' Union resource that takes individuals, families and communities on a journey of community transformation through literacy.

Awaken is a development of the *Church and Community Mobilisation Process* (CCMP) approach which helps churches and Mothers' Union groups develop their own potential to tackle issues of poverty using the resources they already have. The aim of CCMP is to bring about transformation for communities without constant reliance on external aid. However, from our experience of working in communities across the world, Mothers' Union has identified a potential barrier for those who are illiterate being able to fully participate in CCMP. This means large numbers of people still cannot benefit from the training or participate in the process and remain dependent upon external aid and resources.

Mothers' Union, working together with Tearfund and other partners, has developed the *Awaken* resource in order to combine the CCMP approach with our successful *Literacy & Financial Education Programme* methodology. In this way we hope to enable illiterate people to not only become literate, empowered individuals, but also to equip them to play a key role in shaping and changing their communities for the better.

The main Bible studies and activities from *Umoja* (a version of CCMP developed by Tearfund), have been included in the *Awaken* resource but have been restructured to make them accessible to illiterate groups. Part of the success of *Awaken* relies on the facilitator having a vision and passion for seeing individuals become literate whilst at the same time communicating the richness and value of the CCMP approach.

In 2013 the first pilot of *Awaken* was rolled out in DR Congo.