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About World Food Day

World Food Day is October 16th, an annual celebration that began in 1981 and is now recognized in 150 countries as a day for raising public awareness concerning global food issues. October 16th also marks the founding of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which took place in Quebec City in 1945. Every year, Oxfam Canada, as part of its ongoing work in promoting the right to a sustainable livelihood, produces educational materials, conducts workshops and holds public events to raise Canadians' awareness of global food security. A key objective of Oxfam Canada's World Food Day work is not only to increase awareness but engage Canadians in taking actions to reduce hunger and poverty locally and internationally.

About Oxfam Canada

Oxfam Canada is a non-profit international development organization committed to the equitable distribution of wealth and power through fundamental social change. Overseas, Oxfam works in solidarity with partner organizations to eradicate poverty, underdevelopment and powerlessness. In Canada, Oxfam works with volunteers and like-minded organizations to promote social change. Through advocacy campaigns and public education, Oxfam aims to raise public awareness and action on international development issues.

Oxfam Canada is a member of Oxfam International (OI). This global confederation was formed in 1995 to increase the effectiveness of individual Oxfams through collaboration in overseas programming and international advocacy. OI works in response to humanitarian needs in over 120 countries worldwide. There are currently 12 Oxfam members of OI.

Oxfam Canada, along with the other members of Oxfam International, focuses on 5 key aims:

- The right to a sustainable livelihood
- The right to basic social services
- The right to life and security
- The right to be heard
- The right to an identity



Oxfam Canada supports organic demonstration gardens in Cuba.

Together we are working to achieve real change at both the policy level (government, institutional etc.) and in practice through the work we do with partners on the ground.

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