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## Alleviating poverty: a step forward



Photo: Peter Lindell

I am delighted to be writing to donors and friends once more to thank you for your ongoing and generous support of Oxfam's work over the past year. Because of your assistance, we are able to fund the many projects outlined in this report - all of which have as their fundamental goal the alleviation of poverty and the creation of a world where all people live in peace and dignity.

Some of our work results in very tangible benefits as you will see as you read further, making a

real difference in the lives of poor people. Other work involves more "behind the scenes" education and advocacy for systemic change in the policies and practices of powerful institutions. I'm happy to report that in conjunction with Oxfam International and the Jubilee 2000 Initiative, some of this work is contributing to important policy shifts at the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF). These shifts, if implemented, can drastically reduce poverty in many of the poorest and most deeply-indebted countries of the world.

We are part of a growing movement to press the IMF and World Bank to acknowledge that their economic policies and debt-relief programmes have not worked in terms of alleviating poverty in Third World countries. Now, as a result of global pressure from Oxfam and others, these institutions have agreed to tie debt relief with poverty alleviation programmes. A significant percentage of debt service payments being made by the poorest countries can now be

"converted" to spending on poverty alleviation. In addition, the World Bank and IMF have agreed to include Southern civil society organizations in the development and monitoring of these programmes.

This is an important step forward, but implementation is slow and we will continue to press both the World Bank and the IMF to live up to their commitments.

Oxfam International has also argued that one of the priorities for poverty alleviation spending in the South should be basic education. This is a fulcrum which positively affects other social indicators - the better-educated can better provide for themselves in terms of food, health care and livelihoods. They are better equipped to speak for their rights. Oxfam International's Education Now Campaign demands a firm commitment from the governments of the world, especially the wealthy, to facilitate the process of achieving universal basic education for all by 2015.

With help from teachers' unions across Canada, we have

waged this campaign to build a groundswell of support that can be expressed directly to elected officials. We have welcomed and appreciated the participation of many of our donors in this and other campaigns. With your support, we will keep working to change the global structures and policies which result in terrible poverty for so many of the world's people. We will continue to support people who are working hard to build healthy communities and lives based on sustainability, justice, dignity and hope.

*Marion Dewar*  
Chairperson of the Board  
Oxfam Canada

## Oxfam makes a difference



Photo: Peter Lindell

I joined the Oxfam Canada team just three short months after Hurricane Mitch devastated much of Central America. For me it was a privilege to be part of an organization committed to the relief and reconstruction efforts and to witness the determination of partners to rebuild.

Oxfam donors and volunteers responded generously. Students spontaneously passed the hat in schools and universities to collect donations. Artisans donated crafts

to be raffled. Donors responded to our appeals for assistance so that by year-end we had received almost \$1 million for relief and reconstruction work.

Over the past year, Oxfam Canada supported Central American organizations that pressured their governments and the international community to ensure that help went to the poorest - those least capable of rebuilding their lives without some assistance. Oxfam also worked with others to press for debt relief for Nicaragua and Honduras.

When I visited Nicaragua about fifteen months after the hurricane hit, I saw houses that had been built for people whose homes had been destroyed - houses built in Tipitapa by one of our partners. I witnessed the celebrations as the deeds were handed over. I met people in León who received seeds, tools, emergency shelter and counseling thanks to your support. In a poor neighborhood just outside Guatemala City, our funds built a wall to divert floodwater from a

school. The community's contribution to building the wall generated additional government money to improve the school.

However, we can't create development just by providing flood walls, housing or seeds and tools - and not even just by teaching people to grow their own food or catch their own fish. The situation is much more challenging and complex - as our Nicaraguan partners realized. Structural change is needed to create a more just and equitable global economy, one that allows all citizens of the world to live in dignity and health. We need to work for fair rules in international trade; for governments that respond to the needs of all their citizens, women and men, poor as well as rich and for ways to help people to know their rights and to hold the powerful accountable.

After a year as Oxfam's Executive Director, I have learned that when you support Oxfam Canada you support a thoughtful, hardworking, strategic and ethical organization that strives to make the best possible use of every

human and financial resource that our individual and institutional supporters contribute. We aim to make a positive difference in the lives of poor people in communities where we work - and to build a fairer world. Working together with our Southern partners, with our Canadian supporters, and with the international Oxfam family, we strive to meet these goals.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rieky Stuart'.

*Rieky Stuart*  
Executive Director  
Oxfam Canada

## About the Programmes

The following section of the *Annual Report* lists major partners and projects funded by Oxfam Canada during the 1998-99 fiscal year. A green dot (●) indicates large programmes that provide funding to a number of partner organizations. For these programmes, the project name, and not the partner name, is noted.

## Africa Programme

### Southern Africa

A priority focus in this region is to increase access to a secure source of food by small-scale farmers, primarily women. Oxfam works with local non-government organizations (NGOs) and community based organizations to strengthen their capacity to deliver services that meet the concrete needs of poor and marginalised people as well as bring about policy change within local government to promote greater justice and equality. Oxfam also works with indigenous AIDS service NGOs that work primarily with women, helping to strengthen their capacity to educate and advocate around AIDS-related concerns.

#### Mozambique

Mozambique Nutrition and Health Programme ●  
\$1,076,987

#### NGO Capacity-Building Programme

Cooperation Canada-Mozambique \$10,000  
Joint Oxfam Advocacy Programme \$23,213  
National Peasants' Union \$29,853

#### Namibia

Lihepurura Kavango Trust \$256,119  
Namibia Community-Based Tourism Association ●  
\$28,230  
Omaheke Health Education Programme  
\$302,353  
Omaheke Integrated Development Programme ●  
\$446,354

#### NGO Capacity-Building Programme

Namibia Action Housing Group \$38,675  
Namibia Development Trust \$12,746  
Namibian National Teachers' Union \$57,129  
Sister Namibia \$22,941

### South Africa

#### Gender and Development Programme

Agenda Magazine \$17,214  
Centocow \$18,802  
Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation \$28,859  
Development of Dynamic Women's Enterprises \$33,654  
Domestic Violence Assistance Programme \$24,071  
Famsa – Justice and Women Project \$27,978  
Gender Education and Training Network \$30,708  
Ilitha Labanthu \$25,070  
Khanya College \$25,615  
Masimanyane Women's Support Centre \$27,682  
Masisikumeni \$21,360  
Philisiszwe Associations for Development \$33,699  
Rape Crisis \$25,070  
Rural Women's Movement \$19,740  
Umanyano Lwezizukulwana \$28,356  
Women's Budget \$39,480  
Women's Health Project \$25,070

#### Urban Community-Based Development Programme

Amaoti Civic Association \$10,028  
Built Environment Support Group \$54,485  
Housing Association of East London \$81,880  
Inanda Civic Association \$13,109  
KwaZulu Natal Peace-Building Programme ●  
\$192,143  
Umzamo \$38,000

### Zimbabwe

Amani Trust \$24,000  
Matabeleland AIDS Council \$30,000  
Women and AIDS Support Network \$34,000  
Zimbabwe Nutrition and Health Programme ●  
\$964,833

## Project Profile

### Zimbabwe Nutrition and Health Programme

In the Binga District of Zimbabwe, one of the driest and poorest in the country, Oxfam Canada, in partnership with the Organization of Rural Associations for Progress (ORAP) and the Dabane Trust, has embarked upon one of five initiatives that make up the Rural Livelihoods Programme. It's an initiative that builds on the time-tested traditions of the past!

During the 1980s, farmers had been encouraged by the government to switch from drought-tolerant “small grains” to maize which was to be grown as a cash crop for sale in the cities where the demand and price for maize was high. Many farmers, including those living in drought-prone areas, switched to maize... with a series of disastrous results. As part of the Rural Livelihood Programme, the more sustainable small grains – crops like sorghum and a new, more drought-resistant variety of millet known locally as Okashana – have been re-introduced by ORAP and Dabane into Siachilaba, Binga District where some 4,000 people live in six villages.

Local farmers decided to plant the newly-introduced sorghum and millet and, when asked about the results, were eager to respond. At a community meeting, Joe Munkuli was one of the first to stand and introduce himself. “The new millet is good,” he said. “It's shorter than our variety of millet. And because it is



Trevor Davies

Drought resistant grains like millet and sorghum have been reintroduced in the Binga District of Zimbabwe.

fast-ripening, we can avoid the usual problem of birds eating the grain before we can harvest.”

Another farmer, Esta Mudimba, was quick to add, “I have already harvested and started to eat the millet. I have no other reserve of food left, so I am already

drying and eating the millet. Without this fast-growing millet, I would not have any food.”

Okashana has a thinner stem than the older variety and a short head, but because of more intense grain formation, a larger amount of grain is collected from

each plant. Because it is drought-resistant and ripens nearly a month earlier than the older variety, this coming-together of the old and the new in Binga District can mean the difference between parched and productive fields – between starvation and enough to eat.

## Project Profile

### Health Education in Omaheke



Paul Weinberg

Magdalena Gamgawases is one of ten community-based resource people in the Omaheke village of Drimiopsis, in Namibia. The team, made up of six women and four men, takes responsibility for providing health education to the entire village. Magdalena visits with each household

in her section of the village to ensure that everyone is feeling well. She conducts educational meetings where she tutors community members using four specially-designed health books. Each book deals with a specific topic: diarrhea, malaria, tuberculosis and sexually-transmitted diseases.

Magdalena Gamgawases works for the Oxfam Canada-managed Omaheke Health Education Programme in central Namibia. Oxfam collaborates on this programme with the Namibian Ministry of Health and a British NGO, Health Unlimited, to provide health training to marginalised groups in rural communities.

Magdalena goes through each picture book and explains each disease carefully. She discusses symptoms – for example, how one might recognize the signs of tuberculosis, a disease which is epidemic in Omaheke and closely associated with AIDS. She also outlines the transmission of the various diseases and the progress of symptoms.

Magdalena finds her work very rewarding. “I’ve noticed we’ve had fewer deaths and funerals. People come and see me even though I don’t give out medicines and can only advise people on what to do. Sometimes they have to go to the clinic which they hate because it’s expensive and far away. Sometimes, though,” she concludes, on a lighter note, “I can bring the nurse to *them!*”

## Horn of Africa

Oxfam works with communities and households to increase access to secure and sustainable sources of food and livelihood. Oxfam also helps to strengthen the capacity of partner organizations to participate in sustainable development processes that address issues of poverty and inequality.

### Ethiopia

Amhara Women’s Development Assoc.	\$14,522
CODE Ethiopia	\$24,972
Degua Tembien development programme	\$145,981
Ethiopian Women Lawyers’ Assoc.	\$24,793
Hundee	\$60,519
Illubabor Community Library	\$14,540
Oxfam Gender Training Manual	\$10,763
Pastoralist Concern Assoc., Ethiopia	\$19,941
Radio Harar	\$43,185
REST, Daycare Sustainability	\$22,372
Ruba Lomine Integrated Rural Development Programme	\$1,368,325
Sidama Development Corporation	\$150,418
Solidarité Feminine	\$54,815

### Kenya

Nairobi Encounter	\$19,028
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### Somalia

GAVO/Youth Organizations	\$22,433
Horn of Africa Relief and Development	\$14,471

### Sudan

Sudanese Development Association	\$12,035
Sudanese Environment Society	\$40,142
South Sudan Law Society	\$23,578
Women, Law and Development	\$14,213
Yambio Women’s Association	\$13,086

# Project Profiles

## Ethiopia



Andrea Lindores

A woman makes a weekly payment for the loan her group received from PCAE.

### Credit at Work in Ethiopia

The Pastoralist Concern Association (PCAE), is an Oxfam partner NGO working in the rural, southeast Somali region of Ethiopia.

Many poor women in Filtu town used to beg local shopkeepers to borrow sugar or tea which they would then sell to townsfolk or to pastoralists. At the end of the day, the women would pay back the shopkeeper, and the profit, perhaps 30 cents, would be used to feed their families. Then the cycle would start again the following day. To respond constructively to this wearying pattern, PCAE established the Group Guarantee Revolving Fund (GGRF) which lends between \$20 and \$200 to poor women to develop small businesses like teashops, butcher shops and restaurants. Also, the women are able

to attend PCAE-run literacy and numeracy classes to learn to manage their new businesses better.

PCAE is overwhelmed by the success of this pilot project. Instead of begging, Filtu women now earn their own money by running sustainable businesses. With this new independence, businesses are expanding, incomes are growing and the women are able to feed their children with greater security and often build their own traditional houses. Thanks to the classes, they can read the loan agreements and sign their own names. Now able to calculate and track their income and expenses, they can make liberating decisions – for example, how much of their profits to re-invest in the business and how much to keep as family savings.

### Relief Society of Tigray

Young children in Degua Tembien in the Tigray region of Ethiopia spend half a day at the community-managed rural daycare centre learning to read and write. In a region where few girls attend school, it's significant that fifty percent of the children attending the daycare are girls. The fathers have also become involved in their children's education as they help out around the school doing maintenance and repairs. The daycare programme relieves

mothers from childcare responsibilities for part of the day so that they can pursue other productive activities. The daycare centre is part of an integrated development programme implemented by the Relief Society of Tigray (REST) to improve local capacity for promoting food and health security. REST and community member are working together to explore ways to make the daycare centres financially self-sufficient.



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Children are learning to read and write in Tigray, Ethiopia.

# Americas Programme

Oxfam works with farmers, particularly women, to increase access to secure and sustainable sources of food and livelihood. Support is provided to civil society organizations that work on issues of poverty and inequality with a particular focus on the needs of women.

## Central America – Regional

Joint Oxfam Food Security Programme • \$29,730

Via Campesina \$30,399

Women and Rights • \$53,254

## Nicaragua

Between Volcanoes Foundation \$25,023

Farmer to Farmer \$25,027

Maria Elena Cuadra Women's Movement \$37,437

Nicaraguan Rural Women Producers' Federation \$37,637

National Federation of Cooperatives \$20,419

Points of Encounter \$25,023

Rural Women's Committee \$25,024

## El Salvador

Democratic Farmers' Association \$30,401

Morazan Communal Women's Movement \$20,266

## Guatemala

Living Land Women's Organization \$20,267

Majawil Indigenous Organization \$20,267

National Indigenous Farmers' Coordinating Body \$15,041

NGO-Cooperatives Coordinating Body \$15,041

Women in Solidarity Association \$15,199

## Andean Regional

Joint Oxfam Food Security and Democratic Rights Programme • \$20,000

## Chile

Chilean Agro-ecology Movement \$30,000

Regional Studies Centre \$54,000

Women and Work Programme \$39,000

Yela Women's Centre \$10,000

## Peru

Ayacucho Community Development Coordination \$23,500

Coordination of Organizations that Work with Women in Ayacucho \$15,000

Institute for Local Development \$20,000

Occupational Health Institute \$55,850

Women and Structural Adjustment \$14,650



Photos: Elizabeth Ballard



Thanks to the generous support of thousands of Canadians, Oxfam was able to help many communities rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Mitch in Central America. In Guatemala, Oxfam donors helped provide the supplies to build a retaining wall around a local school to prevent future flooding and erosion.



## Project Profile

### Rebuilding in the Andes



Mark Friedl

**N**arcisa Ibarra Bellido, is rebuilding her life. Like nearly half of the 600,000 people displaced by Peru's war with Shining Path guerrillas, she is back home after fifteen years spent as a refugee. But she returned to nothing but bare earth in her village of Millpo, an

hours walk from the nearest town high in the Andean mountains.

Last year, Oxfam Canada provided seeds, tools and credit so that Narcisa and her neighbours could begin farming again. They raised chickens, grew vegetables and traditional grains

Narcisa Ibarra Bellido has returned to her village high in Peru's Andean mountains after fifteen years spent as a refugee.

like quinoa and kiwicha as well as ancient varieties of potato.

"Now we eat better, have meat and eggs and vegetables in our diet and our children are healthier."

Narcisa is a member of the Mothers' Club which is a stronger group than it used to be since Oxfam helped with leadership training, citizen's rights and self-esteem. "Now we women speak up," Narcisa said. "And we aren't afraid to hold office."

"These communities were torn apart," explains Lourdes Sanchez, an outreach worker for Oxfam's local partner. "Their world was shattered and survival is their main concern. If we can help them survive, and at the same time work toward stronger leadership and organization, they'll build democracy from the ground up."

In 1999 Oxfam's food security program in Peru's province of Ayacucho assisted five villages of returnees at a cost of \$20,000.

## Caribbean Programme – Regional

Capacity-Building and Partner Support Programme \$29,577

Caribbean Assoc. for Feminist Research and Action \$20,000

Caribbean Centre for Policy Development \$20,000

Caribbean Feminist Research Organization \$20,000

Joint Oxfam Food Security and Democratic Rights Programme • \$25,000

Partner Advocacy and Response Programme \$26,404

Women and Programme Leadership \$29,933

Windward Island Farmers' Association \$30,000

## Guyana

Amerindian Peoples' Association \$20,500

Guyana Rice Producers' Association \$15,000

Women Across Differences \$12,500

## Trinidad

Women Working for Social Progress \$20,000

## Cuba

Cuba Housing Reconstruction and Rehabilitation \$49,043

Cuba NGO Capacity-Building • \$213,775

Joint Oxfam Food Security and Democratic Rights Programme • \$913,158

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Centre \$44,053

## Project Profile

### Maria Elena Cuadra Women's Movement (MEC)

MEC, a longstanding Oxfam Canada partner in Nicaragua, received funds given in response to the devastation left by Hurricane Mitch in November, 1998. An autonomous women's organization, MEC works with marginalised urban women providing training and education in both traditional and non-traditional trades, on gender issues and on the development of organizational and leadership skills. A source of much-needed credit as well, MEC has approximately 7,000 members, many of whom are single mothers and maquila workers struggling to provide for their families in extremely difficult economic conditions.

MEC's post-Hurricane Mitch reconstruction and rehabilitation work was carried out in Posoltega, Estelí and Tipitapa. In Tipitapa, 120 families lost their houses and household goods when Lake Managua, Lake Nicaragua and the Tipitapa River overflowed their banks. Community members created construction brigades to build homes on land provided by the municipality. With 35 houses built, the community also developed planning and organization skills and useful experience in community mobilization.



Villagers in Tipitapa, Nicaragua, who were left homeless after Hurricane Mitch, receive the deeds to their new homes.

Photos: Elizabeth Ballard

# Canada Programme

Hundreds of volunteers help deliver Oxfam's education and advocacy work in Canada, work which in 1998-99 focused on Oxfam's Basic Human Rights and Education Now campaigns. Food security initiatives have continued with the production and distribution of Oxfam's sixth World Food Day Kit to high schools across the country. Advocacy work has also included the issues of third world debt forgiveness and fair trade.

Canadian Education in Food Security and Democratic Rights \$274,420



## Project Profile

Oxfam International's Education Now Campaign, supported nationally by the Canadian Federation of Students, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation, has involved hundreds of volunteers working along with Oxfam Canada's six regional programmers.

One of the most popular tools used in the campaign is the giant Education Now floor game (pictured here), which is loosely based on Snakes and Ladders. In the traditional game, players move forward and back, and up and down, depending on the square they land in. The new game works the same way – for example, on square 22, "You can't afford school supplies," – you must move back four squares...

## Education Now in action



School children in Newfoundland join Oxfam's campaign for Education Now.

Oxfam continues to place a high priority on working with youth. Growing numbers of young people are forming Oxfam clubs in high schools and on university campuses across the country, including new groups in St. John's, Fredericton, London and Vancouver.

In 1998-99, staff, volunteers, local committees and the youth clubs were very active on many fronts, in particular, in raising money and awareness to deal with the aftermath of Central America's Hurricane Mitch.

## Project Profile

### Disaster preparedness in the Caribbean



Oxfam Canada

Oxfam Canada works with the Caribbean People's Development Agency (CARIPEDA) on a disaster-preparedness programme in the Eastern Caribbean, in an archipelago of small islands that is environmentally and economically vulnerable. Disaster management is the main development priority in this area because of its relative lack of infrastructure and the potential for destruction during the June to November hurricane season. The programme is designed to train trainers who then teach community leaders emergency preparedness, the particular dangers of hurricane hazards and appropriate response measures.

One of the areas where the programme has been imple-

mented is on the windward side of St. Vincent. This area is particularly vulnerable as houses and other buildings are not built to resist tropical storms and the government has paid scant attention to the needs of the indigenous Carib communities.

Local Disaster Preparedness Committees have been created to train community members in first aid, basic household preparedness, search and rescue, communications systems and divisions of responsibility. These people then train other community members - as a consequence, communities in this region are now much better prepared for the unpredictable events of the hurricane and storm season.

## Emergency Response and Prevention Projects

*Many of the following projects were funded in collaboration with other Oxfams.*

### Nicaragua

- Centre for International Studies \$10,021
- Community-Based Rehabilitation and Reconstruction • \$300,000
- Committee of Rural Women \$19,597
- Emergency Relief ACS Foundation \$90,000
- Farmer to Farmer \$45,991
- Maria Elena Cuadra Women's Movement \$61,593
- National Federation of Cooperatives \$76,651
- Nicaraguan Rural Women Producers' Federation \$55,683

### Honduras

- CEPRODEL (Honduran Emergency Coordinating Body) \$30,775

### Guatemala

- Women in Solidarity Association \$30,691

### Caribbean

- CARIPEDA Disaster Preparedness • \$215,952

### Albania

- LINJA Counselling Centre for Women and Girls \$20,000

### Albania and Macedonia

- Water, Sanitation and Community Support for Kosovar Refugees \$20,000

### Rwanda

- Kitchens and Latrines for Vulnerable People \$13,400
- Programme in Byumba to Strengthen Local Capacities for Peace, Food Security and Community Development \$60,800
- Water System and Desks for the New School in Mwulire \$19,260
- Water System for the Town of Ntungwa \$46,000

### Other Emergency Response

- North Korea \$8,756
- Congo \$6,261
- Colombia \$2,785
- Bangladesh \$8,000
- Other Emergencies \$2,774



Brian Atkinson

## Oxfam Canada: A Snapshot

Oxfam Canada, founded in 1963, is an international development agency working with over 100 partner organizations in Africa and the Americas.

We work with partners to tackle the root causes of poverty, injustice and inequality, helping to create self-reliant and sustainable communities.

In Canada, Oxfam works on development education, advocacy, public awareness and building a constituency of support for our work.

Oxfam Canada is a member of Oxfam International, an alliance of the 11 Oxfams worldwide. With Oxfam International, we

work on joint campaigns to raise awareness of issues and to influence the policy of institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. We're also increasing the impact and effectiveness of our programmes by working together.

Our work is made possible by the financial contributions of over 60,000 donors, 7,000 of whom contribute through our monthly giving programme, SharePlan.

For more information on Oxfam's programmes, our campaigns and on Oxfam International, please visit Oxfam's website at [www.oxfam.ca](http://www.oxfam.ca).

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## Statement of Financial Position

September 30

	1999	1998
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,264,485	\$ 1,115,010
Short-term investments	1,248,418	1,744,636
Accounts receivable	396,305	352,584
Note receivable	—	1,362,000
Prepaid expenses	73,593	122,090
	<b>2,982,801</b>	<b>4,696,320</b>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>771,869</b>	<b>846,943</b>
	<b>\$ 3,754,670</b>	<b>\$ 5,543,263</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 613,843	\$ 470,872
Deferred revenue	3,019,293	4,889,354
	<b>3,633,136</b>	<b>5,360,226</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets	771,869	846,943
Endowments	87,448	65,177
Unrestricted	(737,783)	(729,083)
	<b>121,534</b>	<b>183,037</b>
	<b>\$ 3,754,670</b>	<b>\$ 5,543,263</b>

## Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year Ended September 30

	1999	1998
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Donations	\$ 5,155,380	\$ 4,483,583
Bequests	684,726	286,358
<b>Grants and Contributions</b>		
Canadian International		
Development Agency	7,536,959	5,443,561
Non-Government organizations	442,680	515,902
Other Oxfams	1,318,742	691,005
Other Governments	340,868	292,588
Interest and miscellaneous	137,072	62,247
	<b>15,616,427</b>	<b>11,775,244</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operating</b>		
Overseas projects	10,405,154	7,429,005
Domestic projects	274,421	260,989
Overseas project management	1,338,911	1,258,756
Education and public affairs	775,589	753,240
	<b>12,794,075</b>	<b>9,701,990</b>
<b>Program support</b>		
Administration	882,488	804,935
Fund raising	2,023,638	1,745,668
	<b>2,906,126</b>	<b>2,550,603</b>
	<b>15,700,201</b>	<b>12,252,593</b>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER ITEM</b>	<b>(83,774)</b>	<b>(477,349)</b>
Other item	—	(489,268)
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (83,774)</b>	<b>\$ (966,617)</b>

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## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended September 30

	Invested in capital assets	Endowments	Unrestricted	1999	1998
Beginning balance	\$ 846,943	\$ 65,177	\$ (729,083)	\$ 183,037	\$ 1,149,654
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses	(127,861)	–	44,087	(83,774)	(966,617)
Increase in endowments	–	22,271	–	22,271	–
Investment in capital assets	52,787	–	(52,787)	–	–
Ending balance	\$ 771,869	\$ 87,448	\$ (737,783)	\$ 121,534	\$ 183,037

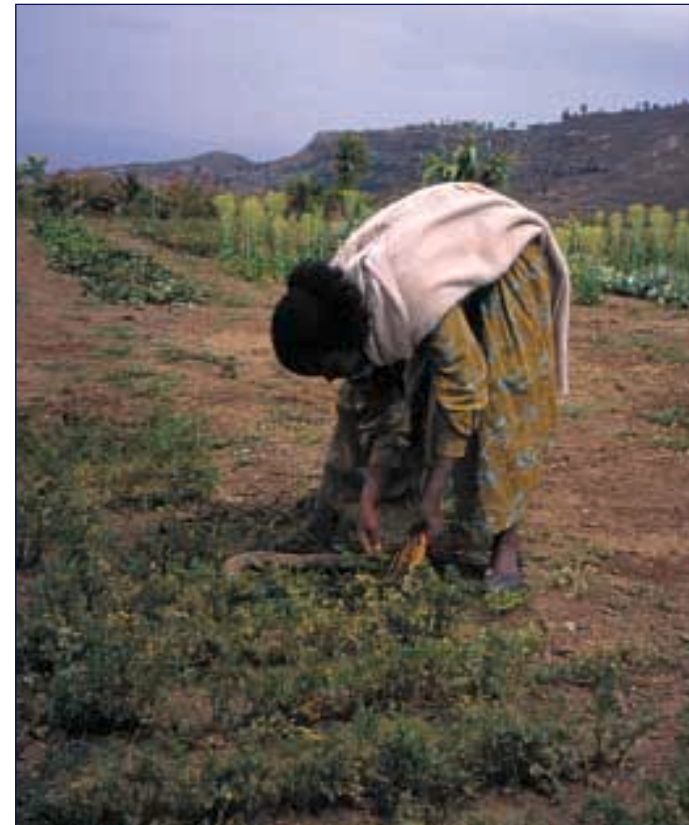
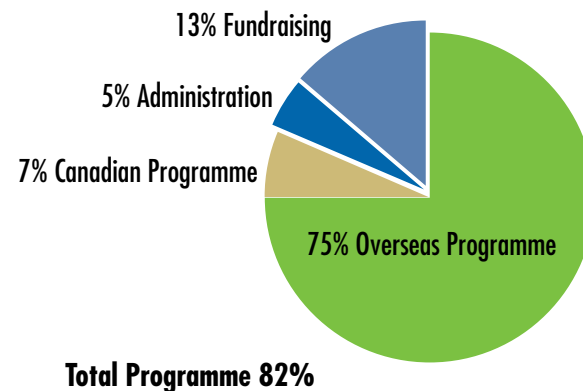
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Improving the local diet is an important goal of Oxfam's partner, the Relief Society of Tigray (REST). Natural and man-made catastrophes over the years have harmed the environment and made communities vulnerable to famine. Thousands of trees (including fruit trees) have been planted and terraces have been constructed to help prevent further soil erosion. Over the past few years, villagers have also started planting and harvesting vegetables, resulting in a major improvement in local nutrition, and the surplus is sold for income.

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