



Securing a sustainable future

It is impossible to reflect on the year 2001 without calling to mind the horrific events of September 11th and their aftermath. It has certainly forced Oxfam staff and volunteers, like so many others, to reflect upon the state of the world's security and the relevance of our work within this new reality.

However, one thing we know without doubt is that long before September 11th, insecurity has been a daily reality for an enormous number of people in the world. For a start, there's the tremendous economic insecurity arising from over a billion people living on less than \$1 a day. The consequence of depending on such a meager income means that any change in circumstance – a family member's illness, the threat of war, a season without rain or a change in global market rules – can have a devastating impact. This is the reality that Oxfam and our partners respond to every day.

Our local partners are on the front lines of this struggle, helping farmers who lost everything

to flooding in Mozambique, women who are victims of AIDS in South Africa, communities without access to land in Guatemala, and rice growers who have lost their access to markets under new trade rules in Guyana. These are the truly heroic efforts that combat global insecurity and build hope for a better future by strengthening fundamental social and economic rights – rights like access to secure sources of food, clean water and basic social services, such as health and education.

More and more, it becomes clear that to advance Oxfam's agenda it is important that we continue to provide direct development assistance, and become even more active in the policy forums which determine how goods and services are traded around the world. A good example of this was the recent campaign *Cut the Cost*, in which Oxfam, working with other organizations, brought the issue of patent protection for pharmaceutical drugs to the World Trade Organization. We made a differ-

ence because the WTO determined that governments are free to take necessary measures to protect public health.

An important part of this process is continuing to strengthen Oxfam's influence as a dynamic and democratic organization in Canada. This past June, Oxfam Canada's National Assembly provided an opportunity for members and volunteers from across the country to hear directly from partners from Zimbabwe, Nicaragua and Ethiopia speak about the struggles in their countries, and the importance of Oxfam's support to their work on economic and social justice issues. It was an energetic and inspiring event that reaffirmed our direction as an international development organization.

I believe that Oxfam's role in the world has never been more relevant. The projects described in this report reflect the tremendous ingenuity and commitment of our partners and volunteers in Canada and overseas in addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. With the generous sup-



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port of our donors and members, we are working together to create a more secure and sustainable world – a world where every human being is entitled to a life of dignity and opportunity.

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Cassie Doyle
Chairperson of the Board
Oxfam Canada

Building global equity

At the Oxfam Canada National Assembly in June, Kumi Naidoo, the Executive Director of Civicus, the world alliance for citizen participation, updated the old saying: “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” Noting the fact that women fish too, Kumi asked, “What if there are no fish, the water is polluted, or the trade rules won’t allow you to sell your fish?” In many cases, that’s the situation our partners face.

Oxfam’s response is to continue to support partners in efforts to improve their own lives and those of their children. Oxfam does this through projects like the sustainable harvesting of a medicinal plant called Devil’s Claw in Namibia, through support for community ‘cereal banks’ in Ethiopia and through agricultural improvement loans for women farmers in Nicaragua. Oxfam supports Hundee’s work in Ethiopia to end girls’ abduction and forced marriage, work by partners in South Africa to make sure the justice system respects the legal

rights of poor women, and work in Peru to improve the value and marketability of goods women produce. Grassroots efforts all, each making an important contribution to enhancing the chances of a better life for the people they serve.

Oxfam is also committed to changing the larger global and national policies that undermine such grassroots efforts. Let me give a few examples:

- In the past year, Oxfam has continued to work with Canadian government representatives to the World Bank (from CIDA and Finance Canada) to ensure that more children have the right to basic education.
- Oxfam has joined with the Maquila Solidarity Network in Canada to press for federal factory-of-origin labeling on clothing sold in Canada, to make it easier to identify clothes made in sweatshop conditions. We are encouraging Canadian students and workers to press sports clubs, schools, businesses and municipalities to buy ‘clean clothes’ - that is

clothes made in factories that are safe, pay a fair wage, and protect workers from harassment and abuse.

- We have worked with other Oxfams on a campaign to make cheap drug imports available in poor countries to help the fight against AIDS, malaria and TB. On that front we were pleased when the WTO declared, at its Doha Qatar meeting last fall, that public health takes priority over patent rights. However, there is still a battle to win on the right to import (rather than just manufacture) cheap generic drugs.

We need to fight for global equity on many fronts. Oxfam’s challenge is to ensure our contribution is the most effective possible, and to make sure that the voices of our partners and our community of members and supporters in Canada inform where we put our energy. We are one of a large coalition of groups and individuals, all harnessing particular knowledge and skills to make the world a more equitable place. This report outlines how Oxfam



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has applied resources and energies in the past year to this common cause. We thank you for your support and contribution, and welcome your input on how best to apply our energy and resources in the future.

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Rieky Stuart
Executive Director
Oxfam Canada

Oxfam Canada Programmes, 2000-2001

The following section of the *Annual Report* lists major partners and projects funded by Oxfam Canada during the 2000-2001 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(s), is noted.

Africa Programme

Southern Africa

Oxfam Canada continues to work in this region with non-governmental and community-based organizations to build their capacity to deliver services to the poor and marginalized, and to address issues of inequality like violence against women. As well, Oxfam works with small-scale farmers to improve their food security through increased agricultural production and income-generating activities.

An increasingly important part of Oxfam Canada's work in Southern Africa involves addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Southern Africa currently has the highest rates of sero-positive incidence in the world. More and more, Oxfam-supported projects across the region are including an HIV/AIDS component, since all partners see the importance of addressing an issue that has such potential to undermine other development work and other progress. The 'project profiles' that follow present examples of the work and groups Oxfam is supporting in this area.

Angola

ADRA – Rural Development and Advocacy \$30,000

Mozambique

Nutrition and Health Programme • \$364,964

NGO Capacity-Building Programme

Joint Oxfam Advocacy Programme • \$27,000

National Farmers' Union \$58,735

NGO Small Projects Fund • \$86,046

Namibia

Lihepurura Kavango Trust \$63,977

Omaheke Health and Nutrition Programme \$511,954

Omaheke Integrated Development Programme \$246,272

NGO Capacity-Building Programme

Centre for Research, Information and Action for Development \$63,894

Namibia Housing Action Group \$78,849

Namibia Development Trust \$67,881

Namibian National Teachers' Union \$31,505

Sister Namibia \$25,550

Ben Hur Training Centre \$117,001

Namibia Community Based Tourism Association \$4,599

South Africa

Joint Oxfam HIV/AIDS Programme • \$275,812

Youth Programme • \$45,178

Gender and Development Programme

Centecow Leadership Training Group \$12,000

Iliitha Labantu \$17,000

Sexual Harassment Education Project \$18,000

Famsa – Justice and Women's Project \$24,000

Philisiszwe Assoc. for Development \$24,000

Domestic Violence Assistance Project \$21,816

Masisukumeni Women's Crisis Centre \$17,500

Khanya College \$20,000

Gender Education Training Network \$20,000

Development of Dynamic Women's Enterprises \$10,000

Masimanyane Women's Support Centre \$19,453

Centre for Study of Violence and Reconciliation \$21,000

GAD Partner Support \$42,228

Urban Community-Based Programme

Amaoti and Inanda Civic Associations \$16,600

Built Environment Support Group \$56,000

Zimbabwe

Amani Trust \$51,575

Elections Project \$11,673

Matabeleland AIDS Council \$30,000

Women and AIDS Support Network \$34,000

Zimbabwe Health and Nutrition Programme \$160,904



Zulu women celebrate in South Africa

South Africa

During 2001-2001, Oxfam Canada (with support from NOVIB, Oxfam in the Netherlands) helped 17 partners in South Africa, as part of its ongoing *Gender and Development Programme*. These partners support grassroots women's organizations in the sprawling informal settlements that surround South Africa's towns and cities and in remote rural areas where services of any kind are at a minimum. Their work includes organizational development, income-generation, capacity-building, training and counselling.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic is playing an increasingly important role in all of their work. South Africa has some of the highest rates of rape and violence against women in the world. Oxfam's partners deal directly with the subordinate role of women, which many believe is a root cause of the increasing spread of AIDS amongst young women in that country.

A small community-based organization in a rural area of Kwazulu Natal, the **Centecow Leadership Training Group**



Paul Weinberg

Oxfam Canada works with grassroots women's organizations in the informal settlements that surround South Africa's towns and cities where services are minimal.

(CLTG), conducts *Growing Girls Groups*. The groups involve 12-16 year old girls in four communities, and are essentially AIDS awareness programmes which include discussions on how girls can protect themselves from older men. The groups are well-attended and are unique in these remote communities. CLTG has also identified 14 satellite communities in the region, training two people in each to conduct AIDS awareness programmes

in areas not normally reached by the government health system.

In the Western Cape a small organization, **UMANYANO**, focuses on the training and capacity-building of women's community-based organizations (CBOs) working on HIV/AIDS in the informal settlements around Cape Town. In the African townships on the Cape Flats, 25-30% of all pregnant women are infected. There has been a high level of state denial of the crisis

and a singular lack of services in these areas. **UMANYANO** seeks to co-ordinate the churches and CBOs which are tackling the problem and offers them peer education training. They have also begun an initiative with single mothers who are often ostracized within their communities, training a number of them as peer educators and arranging multi-generational workshops to help these very young women to survive.



Namibia

As part of the Omaheke Integrated Development Programme in rural Namibia, Oxfam is working with a number of partners to improve the health of the general population in Omaheke – one of the poorest regions of Namibia – with particular attention paid to the most marginalized San (Bushmen) communities. The Omaheke region has one of the highest tuberculosis (TB) rates in Southern Africa, and Namibia is also one of the Southern African countries with the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS infection. This region is yet another example of the link that exists between TB and HIV/AIDS in

poor areas – another example of poverty and public health problems being synonymous.

The programme enhances the capacity of the Ministry of Health to deliver basic public health services to the dispersed rural communities. Established in September of 1999, it addresses the following four public health issues:

- the control and management of tuberculosis in the region;
- the prevention and management of sexually-transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS;
- the health of students in a number of specifically-identified schools; and,
- primary health care amongst three particularly-marginalized San communities.

Zimbabwe

In spite of the deteriorating political and economic situation in Zimbabwe in 2000-2001, Oxfam's partners struggle on. In a climate of increasing violence and intimidation, they are working on creative and practical ways to help people improve their lives. In terms of HIV/AIDS, Zimbabwe has one of the highest incidences in Southern Africa, so it is not a problem that can be left unattended.

Oxfam continues to work closely with the Matabeleland AIDS Council (MAC) and the Women and AIDS Support

Network (WASN), both Oxfam partners for over ten years. The two organizations have specific programmes that focus on youth – a key target audience for effective HIV/AIDS awareness programming – which include training peer educators, developing school materials on reproductive health, and creating an environment for girls in which they feel that they can take more control over their bodies and their lives. These youth programmes have helped improve communication between peers of the opposite sex.

Horn of Africa

Oxfam continues to strengthen emerging civil society in the Horn, both through support at the community and household levels, and through strengthening local partners' capacity to address issues of poverty and to advocate against inequality. Improving the lives of women is a primary focus of all Oxfam's work in the Horn.

In the past few years in Ethiopia, for example, there has been some success in raising the profile of women's issues at the national level. With Oxfam's support, the **Ethiopian Women Lawyers' Association's** bimonthly magazine, which has explored topics like 'Violence Against Women,' 'Ethiopia's New Family Law' and 'Women and Education,' is regularly distributed to policy makers.

Considerable work is being done also at the community level to change social attitudes toward women, their roles and their position in society. The starting point for this work has been to address women's practical needs (e.g., for food security, basic education and income generation potential) which, in turn, improves their status and gives them a voice in their communities. The project profile on page 8 provides an example from Southern Sudan of a network of women working to better themselves and their communities.



Promoting health in rural Namibia

Ethiopia

Oxfam Gender Project \$27,326

Oxfam Policy/Research/Networking Initiatives \$13,626

Pastoralist Concern Association Ethiopia \$70,357

Relief Society of Tigray (REST):

- Ruba Lomine Integrated Rural Development Programme, Phase II \$1,170,015
- Degua Tembien Integrated Rural Development Programme \$242,368
- Women-Headed Household Pilot Project \$2,135

Hundee – Cereal banks \$43,281

Sidama Development Corporation – Rural Credit and Community Development Programme \$44,946

Women's Association of Tigray \$25,010

Siiqee – Capacity building and horticulture \$23,774

Pastoralist Concern Association Ethiopia – Water Development \$274,140

Horn of Africa Capacity-Building Programme

Regional Symposia and Workshops \$84,654

NGO/CBO Small Projects \$58,913

Djibouti

Solidarité Feminine \$30,379

ADEC – Youth Association \$12,451

Ethiopia

Illubabor Community Library Network \$41,279

Sidama Development Corporation \$30,713

Radio Harar \$14,170

Association of Community-Based Organizations of Dire Dawa \$38,161

Ethiopian Public Health Association \$11,192

Guraghe People's Self-Help Development Association \$30,657

Community Justice Plan/Dire Dawa \$16,641

Research on Volunteerism in Ethiopia \$12,966

Somalia

HAVOYOCO and GAVO Youth Associations \$40,140

Horn of Africa Relief and Development \$18,702

Community Police Advisory Groups \$27,160

Radio Galcayo \$11,384

Somali Women Concern \$25,243

Somali Legal Resource Centre \$46,371

Sudan

Sudanese Development Association \$30,016

Women, Law and Development \$39,865

Sudanese Environment Conservation Society \$15,068

PROJECT PROFILE: SIIQEE



Truma Mengiste waters a tree seedling for a Siiqee-supported project.

Ethiopian women learning self-reliance

Siiqee is a young NGO working in Oromiya Region in Ethiopia to improve the self-reliance of destitute women. Siiqee believes that group and individual economic empowerment is critical for improved food security. Through Siiqee, a group of women have created a communal vegetable garden. This group's activities expanded

during the past year to include growing tree seedlings. Participation in the Siiqee project has also meant improved skills, greater options and more steady income for the women engaged in individual income-generating initiatives. Some of these women can now afford to send their children to school and visit a health clinic.



Working for Women in Southern Sudan

Constance Nako, the Yambio Women's Association Chairwoman, and Mary Biba, SPLM District Commissioner, travelled for five days (by foot, car, bus and plane) from a remote town called Yambio in southern Sudan, via Uganda, to meet in Addis Ababa with other men and women from across the Horn of Africa region. The two women represented the Yambio Women's Association (YWA), which is a network of 13 rural women's associations with an estimated 2,500 members from different ethnic and religious groups in Yambio County.

YWA supports the development of income-generating activities that help women meet the basic needs of their families. The Association also advocates for women's issues and rights at the County administration level. Both the YWA Co-operative Shop and Resource Centre, which are being strengthened through Oxfam's support, create employment for women and generate profits that are then re-invested in the services provided to rural women by the Association. Skills and literacy training are some of the key

services offered to the women and children served by this network.

Staff of Oxfam's Horn of Africa Capacity Building Programme (HOACBP) have been impressed by the spirit of self-reliance that guides the decisions of YWA's leadership, as the network works to expand in a manageable way and continues to provide relevant services to the women of Yambio County. The YWA is a good example of how small amounts of financial support can make a big difference to people's lives and livelihoods at the community level.

As for Constance and Mary, the symposium in Ethiopia was a chance to meet with representatives of similar women's organizations to discuss and learn about the formation and operation of other information resource centres at the community level. The main speaker was Dr. Kingo M'chombu, an African expert in the field of information, communications and indigenous knowledge. The YWA representatives came away with information on the role of community information resource centres, eventually

receiving a full manual; the kind of information and reference material relevant at the community level, how to manage these centres and information on new information and communication methods and technologies.

The symposium also gave them an opportunity to explore the challenges of self-reliance for women living in remote areas in the context of a liberation struggle (which in the case of Southern Sudan has been

ongoing for 40 years). Perhaps the most significant aspect of this meeting in terms of networking between community-based groups was in seeing women from Southern Sudan and Northern Sudan having a chance, informally, to discuss the war and its devastating impact on all Sudanese people.

Women from across the Horn of Africa come together to learn about operating community resource centres.



Danielle Valiquette

Americas Programme

In Latin America and the Caribbean, Oxfam continues its work to secure access to sustainable sources of food, and to improve the social and economic conditions of women. The projects profiled in this report look at some examples of the important work being undertaken by Oxfam's partners to support women, small producers and sound agricultural practices.

Americas – Regional

Women's Initiatives \$24,907

Partner Organizational Development \$15,726

Partner Advocacy \$27,797

Central America and Mexico – Regional

Via Campesina \$29,955

Women and Rights Programme \$187,219

El Salvador

Women's Communal Movement of Marazan \$37,730

Peasant Women's Central \$22,200

Guatemala

Association of Women in Solidarity \$33,704

Coordination of Cooperatives & NGOs \$19,960

Tierra Viva \$24,951

National Indigenous Farmers' Coordinating Organization \$19,960

PROJECT PROFILE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SMALL FARMERS

Promoting women in agriculture

Cuba is a country where food shortages are a chronic problem. Eighty percent of Cuba's population is urban, and there is a shortage of rural farmers willing to farm the land available. Oxfam's partner, the National Association of Small Farmers (ANAP), with 3,689 member co-operatives, is promoting the incorporation of women into agricultural work as one solution for this dilemma.

In the western province of Pinar del Rio, in a community known as La Leña, three greenhouses are going up to provide jobs designated for women. Some 60 women from the community will receive training in intensive farming techniques. Since salaries are linked to productivity, the greenhouses will give the women the opportunity to earn a higher income. A daycare centre is also being

built so that the children of the workers will receive good care while the mothers are at work.

Another project in Ciego de Avila province, co-funded by four Oxfams, is even more ambitious. It covers four municipalities, including 17 ANAP co-operatives, and is generating work for 227 local women through a combination of greenhouses, seedling nurseries and organic raised-bed gardens.

ANAP argues that this type of agricultural work appeals to women, since the conditions are not as grueling as in the open fields. This strategy seems to be working. Over the past two years, women's membership in ANAP has risen from 12% to 20%.

With Oxfam's help, women in Cuba are creating organic, raised-bed gardens.



Protecting the rights of working women

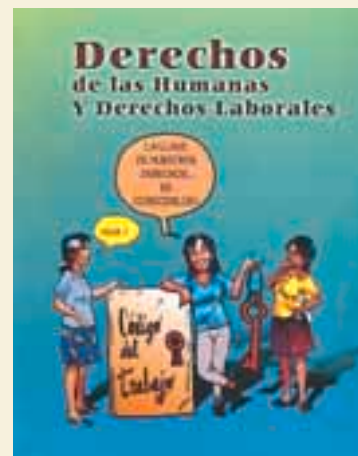
For several years, Oxfam has supported the Working and Unemployed Women's Movement (MEC) to improve conditions in the free trade zones of Nicaragua, where working conditions, particularly for women, have traditionally been terrible. MEC offers workshops on labour rights and women's rights, and provides legal support to women workers whose rights are not respected – e.g., unjust firing and layoffs with no severance pay are common complaints. As well, MEC continues to update its knowledge of plant working conditions by undertaking regular diagnostic studies of important issues like occupational health and safety practices.

MEC's hard work is paying off, with the approval of a National Code of Ethics and reforms to the Free Trade Zone law. However, there are still

many challenges. One arises from the spread of factories all over the country, which makes monitoring and responding to the needs of women even more difficult. MEC is currently expanding its programme of training volunteer 'promoters,' in order to be able to extend its work on women's rights in the labour force to other parts of the country.



Oxfam Canada's Executive Director Rieky Stuart meets with women in a factory in Nicaragua



Recent research carried out by MEC shows conditions are improving in some plants

Central America and Mexico – Regional (continued)

Nicaragua

Between the Volcanoes Foundation \$19,961

Working and Unemployed Women's Movement \$47,376

National Federation of Cooperatives \$29,942

Rural Women's Committee \$41,920

Federation of Women Farmers and Ranchers \$49,305

Points of Encounter \$34,262

Andean Region

Chile

Center for Regional Studies \$56,000

Women and Work Programme \$39,000

Cultural Action Group \$25,000

Education and Technology Centre \$15,000

Peru

Institute for Local Development \$31,661

Ayacucho Co-ordination for Work with Women \$15,000

Gender and Economy Group \$15,000

Institute for Occupational Health and Safety \$55,000

Cica Ayllu \$20,000

Flora Tristan Women's Centre \$20,000

Caribbean – Regional

Caribbean Association for Feminist Research Action \$35,000

Caribbean Centre for Policy Development \$39,500

Windward Islands Farmers' Association \$33,000

Cuba

Group for Integrated Development of the Capital \$40,656

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Centre \$72,731

NGO Strengthening Programme \$300,834

Joint Oxfams Food Security and Democratic Rights Programme \$448,921

Guyana

Amerindian Peoples' Association \$20,000

Guyana Rice Producers' Association \$15,000

Trinidad

Working Women for Social Progress \$20,000



Michelle Beveridge

PROJECT PROFILE: GUYANA RICE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Challenging the rice industry

Lillarshaur “Willy” Sewram has lived his whole life on Wakenaam Island, a rice-growing haven in Guyana. His family is one of many generations of Guyanese families that have depended on rice for food, as well as to bring in cash to cover costs for school, education and other basic needs.

As a former colony, Guyana had a preferential trading arrangement with the European Union, where much of their rice was exported. Then in 1996, with the Uruguay Round of the World Trade Organization, these benefits were eroded and Guyanese rice farmers found themselves competing with producers from the United States, who are already subsidized by their government. These developments have devastated the Guyanese rice industry.

“We see production falling,” says Dharamkumar Seeraj, General Secretary of

the Guyana Rice Producers' Association (GRPA), an Oxfam partner organization. “We see the industry unable to service its debt to the commercial banks. We see farmers going out of production. We see the breakup of farming families. We see cases of suicide.”

The GRPA is presently working with other rice industry members and government, looking at ways the rice industry can survive in an international marketplace. The GRPA is also providing domestic services to its rice farmer members, such as a rice research, extension services and a seed paddy project. The GRPA assisted Willy in converting his storage barn into a mill for rice farmers on Wakenaam Island. This meant Willy has shifted from being a rice farmer to a rice miller. “I had to do something,” he said, “Guyana is my country and I do not want to leave my country.”



Michelle Beveridge

With assistance from the GRPA and Oxfam, Lillarshaur “Willy” Sewram has converted his storage barn into a mill for rice farmers on Wakenaam Island.

Rediscovering nature's diversity

Oxfam's partner in the eighth region of Chile, the Center for Education and Technology (CET), is carrying out a project that recovers heritage floral species, native trees and vegetables that are in danger of being forgotten and lost forever.

Gardeners and farmers are brought together for workshops presented by all kinds of organizations, ranging from producer groups to parent-teacher associations, in order to share traditional knowledge and seeds. They come with their small bags of heritage seeds, and with traditional, little-known recipes and remedies to treat a variety of diseases and ailments. The workshop participants then take the seeds and information back

to others in their own groups. Due to these efforts, the metro bean, the huevil plant and the chilota potato, to name just a few species, have now been reintroduced into cultivation.

CET also conducts workshops for people who want to learn how to garden, since the general public is increasingly interested in these unique species and the produce is in high demand. The 'seed caretakers' resulting from this project have agreed that while they will sell the produce they grow, they will not sell the seeds. One such CET participant is Marta Painequeo, who grows vegetables, saves and shares seeds from her small piece of land in Monte Aguila, Yumbel County.

Canada Programme

Students, professors, lawyers and artists joined staff in undertaking Oxfam's education, campaign and advocacy programme in Canada in 2000/01. Some highlights included:

- Oxfam Canada initiated the 'No Sweat' campaign, aimed at engaging Canadians in challenging sweatshop abuses, and advocating for policy change at institutional and government levels.
- World Food Day continued to be a signature day for Oxfam, with events like feast or famine banquets and solidarity suppers taking place across the country. This period in the fall again proved a busy one, marked by media interviews, class presentations and workshops on the

Oxfam volunteers take part in Afrofest in Toronto

issue of food security. As a lead into Oxfam International's upcoming trade campaign, the focus of World Food Day 2001 was 'Food and Trade'.

- The Oxfam Canada National Assembly, held in Vancouver in June, brought together over 80 Oxfam members from across the country, as well as staff and representatives from three overseas partners, to discuss programming, share ideas, and plan the upcoming and ongoing work of the organization.

Canadian Programme

\$707,595*

* This figure includes money received from the NGO coalition Mines Action Canada to support the placement of 'Youth Mine Action Ambassadors' in the Halifax and St. John's regional offices. The YMAA programme is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.



Puntos in Saskatchewan

Ana Criquillon visited Saskatoon in June 2001. Ana is the director of Oxfam's partner **Puntos de Encuentro**, based in Managua, Nicaragua. Puntos is a feminist centre for education, research and communications, working toward eradicating unequal power relations and violence against women.

While in Saskatoon, Ana met with a number of women's organizations and gave a workshop on strategies for changing women's roles in mainstream culture. One afternoon was spent meeting with representatives of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated Colleges' Schools of Social Work and Indian Studies, who found many points of



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Ana Criquillon, director of Puntos in Managua, Nicaragua visits Saskatoon

similarity between the work of Puntos and their own efforts to promote models of social relations based on equality with students and the larger community.

All the groups were fascinated with the approach that Puntos uses for public education

around women's and gender issues: from a free bi-monthly bulletin, distributed by car, horse, bus and hand-to-hand throughout urban and rural Nicaragua; to a daily call-in radio programme for young people that addresses topics like AIDS,

abuse, birth control, the rights of the disabled and homosexuality. This program became so popular that Puntos expanded it into a regular TV show, in telenovella or 'soap opera' style, which is now broadcast on national television.

PROJECT PROFILE: CUT THE COSTS CAMPAIGN

Oxfam speaks out against patent injustice

On July 19th, Oxfam Canada and Oxfam-Québec held a press conference in Montreal to urge the pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, to reduce drug prices for impoverished countries. Board member, Sarah Kambites and Advocacy Co-ordinator, Mark Fried, explained how patent rules artificially raise the price of essential medicines. A meter-high Pfizer pill bottle with balloon 'caplets,' built by Ottawa volunteer Terry Newcombe, hung high above the podium to symbolize how manufacturers place drugs out of reach of the public in developing countries.



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Mark Fried, Oxfam Canada's Advocacy Coordinator, faces the media in Montreal

Emergency Response and Prevention Projects

The year 2000-01 was another busy period for Oxfam Canada and its partners, responding to the immediate and longer-term needs of people affected by catastrophes in many of the regions where we work.

Some programmes focused on reconstruction and rehabilitation (R&R) of livelihoods in communities affected by earlier disasters:

- support to people who continue to feel the effects of drought and war in Ethiopia and Eritrea
- continued reconstruction from the severe floods that hit Zimbabwe and Mozambique in February 2000
- a third year of reconstruction in Nicaraguan communities devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998

With support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Oxfam Canada invested in the longer term 'disaster preparedness' of local organizations and communities:

Oxfam helped people rebuild their homes after earthquakes hit El Salvador in January, 2001

- completion of a three-year programme to improve local capacities to respond to disasters in 11 countries/territories in the English-speaking Caribbean (through the organization, CARIPEDA)
- initiation of a similar programme to prepare for future disasters in Nicaragua, through the Humboldt Centre

Oxfam Canada also supported the work of local organizations and other Oxfams to respond to new emergencies that occurred during the year, including:

- housing reconstruction following the earthquake that struck El Salvador in January, 2001
- R&R in communities affected by flooding in March, 2001 in the Zambezi Valley of Mozambique

- R&R following the June, 2001 earthquake in southern Peru

All of Oxfam Canada's humanitarian interventions seek to combine immediate relief with longer term reconstruction and development, while at the same time addressing - through advocacy, awareness raising and policy dialogue - the broader political structures that contribute to people's vulnerability to disaster.



Roxanne Murrell

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

Eritrea Drought Response

Joint Oxfams Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
\$187,027

Ethiopia Drought Response

REST Supplementary Food Aid to Tigray
\$951,449

Pastoralist Concern Association \$51,622

Oxfam Emergency Response Programme
\$12,918

Mozambique 2000 and 2001 Floods Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Agricultural and Housing Rehabilitation Programmes:

General Union of Cooperatives (UGC) \$468,078

National Farmers' Union (UNAC) \$487,441

UNAC – Zambezi Valley Flood \$929,342

Zimbabwe 2000 Flood Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

ORAP and Zimbabwe Project Trust Reconstruction Programme \$402,302

Hurricane Mitch Follow-up in Nicaragua

Reconstruction of Communities, Year III
\$154,818

Earthquake Response

El Salvador

Joint Oxfam Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
\$90,909

Peasant Women's Central – Reconstruction
\$157,690

Peru

Reconstruction and Rehabilitation \$10,000

Disaster Preparedness

Caribbean

CARIPEDA \$39,360

Nicaragua

Humboldt Centre \$147,177

PROJECT PROFILE: MEC

Rebuilding after Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua

Cándida Morales is the mother of four. Her family was displaced by Hurricane Mitch and now lives in a new settlement, El Bosque. Oxfam funded the Working and Unemployed Women's Movement (MEC) to help the Morales and other families start again in a new community. MEC provided land for housing and farming, housing and credit for small businesses.

Oxfam Canada's response:

Cándida took out a small loan to start up a tortilla business. She is up early to start the fire, grind the corn and pat out the tortillas, so they are fresh and hot for breakfast. She was lucky, because in the beginning there were many workmen at a nearby housing project and she had lots of customers. Sales are down now, but she is paying off her loan and helping support her family.

On her plot of land, she grows corn, plantain, tomatoes, peppers and squash. This is an important source of cheap and nourishing food for her family. "We always get something from the garden. If I need a pepper, I can pick it. I don't have to buy it."



Roxanne Murrell

Cándida Morales making tortillas for her small business.

Rebuilding the agricultural sector in Mozambique after the floods

Mozambique was hit by two successive and devastating floods in the southern and central provinces of the country during 2000 and 2001. The region's agricultural sector was the most affected, and many rural families and small farmers lost all their belongings, their houses, their animals and the reserves of food and seeds that are so crucial for their basic needs.

Oxfam Canada, in close collaboration with other Oxfams, supported major agricultural rehabilitation programmes to help farmers re-launch production ... and their lives. These programmes included:

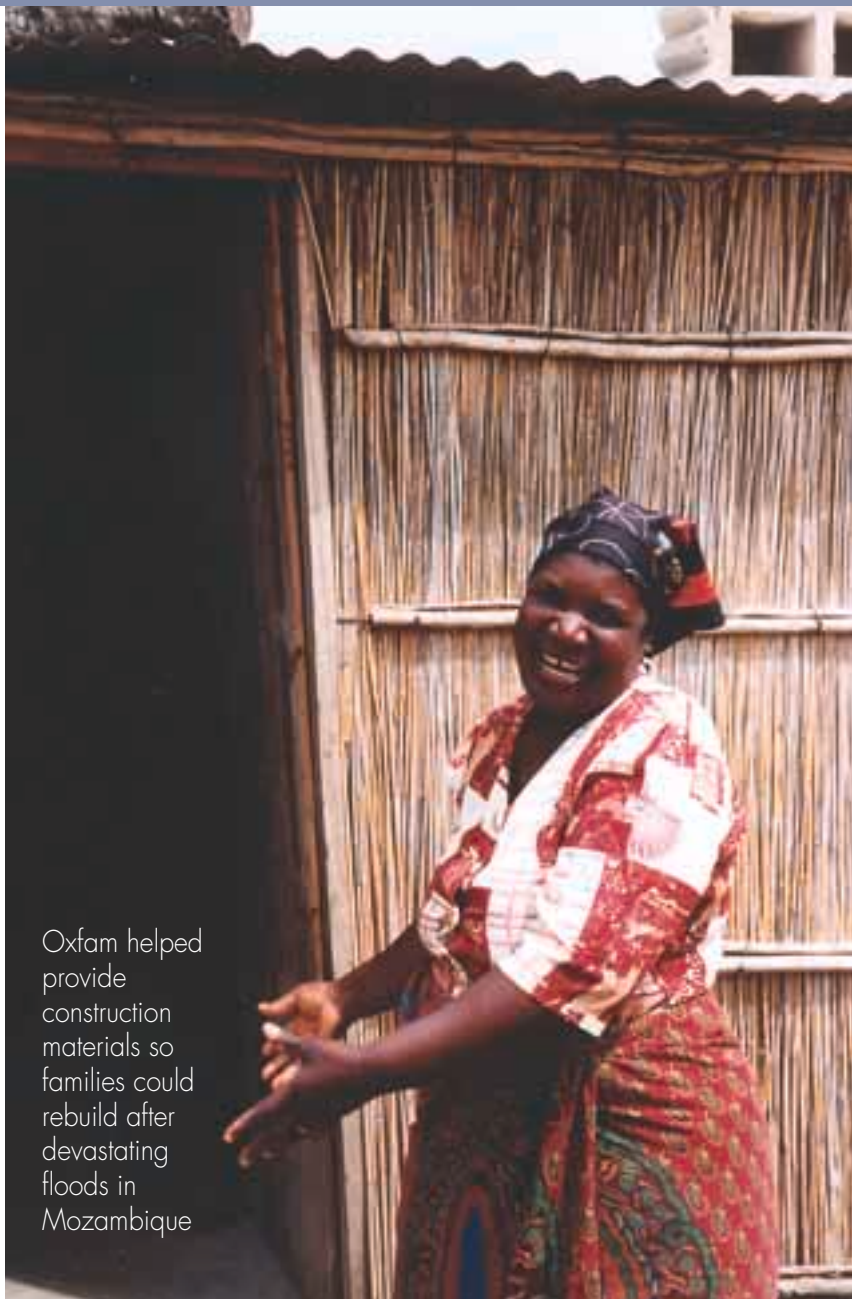
- distribution of seeds and agricultural tools
- distribution of construction materials to build houses in rural areas
- distribution of cattle to small breeders accompanied with veterinary training and assistance

- recuperation of damaged irrigation and drainage systems
- introduction of new varieties of Vitamin A rich sweet potatoes in flood-affected areas
- disaster preparedness activities with community organizations

For example, following the second period of flooding that occurred in late 2000 and the first quarter of 2001:

- seeds were distributed to 17,914 affected families in four districts in the Zambezi valley
- 180 families in nine districts were provided with 540 cattle, along with ploughs and spare parts
- in the Inkomati river valley, 12.7 km of primary irrigation and drainage ditches, and 15.6 km of secondary ditches were rehabilitated, benefiting roughly 1,650 members of co-operatives in that area

Oxfam helped provide construction materials so families could rebuild after devastating floods in Mozambique



Mark Fried

Our thanks

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We would also like to thank the many other organizations, foundations, businesses and individuals whose continuing commitment and support make Oxfam Canada's work possible.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the time and effort put in by our volunteers and Members across Canada. Without their tireless work, Oxfam Canada could not function. *Thank you.*

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 twelve Oxfams worldwide. With Oxfam International, we work on joint campaigns, for example *Education Now*, to raise awareness of issues, and to influence the policy of governments and institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations. By working together, we also feel we increase the impact and effectiveness of our individual programmes.

Our work is made possible by the financial contributions of over 50,000 individual and institutional donors across Canada.

For more information on Oxfam Canada's programmes and campaigns, and on the work of Oxfam International, please visit Oxfam's website at www.oxfam.ca.



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Statement of Financial Position

September 30

	2001	2000
Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,296,523	\$ 1,876,521
Short-term investments – Note B	2,163,500	1,164,221
Accounts receivable	347,443	907,860
Prepaid expenses	71,752	73,867
	4,879,218	4,022,469
CAPITAL ASSETS – Note C	698,814	734,354
	\$ 5,578,032	\$ 4,756,823
Liabilities and Net Assets		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 245,111	\$ 295,712
Deferred revenue – Note D	3,574,932	3,272,837
	3,820,043	3,568,549
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	698,814	734,354
Endowments	94,402	95,959
Internally restricted – Note E	571,272	–
Unrestricted	393,501	357,961
	1,757,989	1,188,274
	\$ 5,578,032	\$ 4,756,823

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year Ended September 30

	2001	2000
REVENUES		
Donations*	\$ 4,584,206	\$ 5,354,146
Bequests	620,698	824,784
Grants and Contributions		
Canadian International Development Agency	7,070,031	6,809,082
Non-Government organizations	837,328	608,857
Other Oxfams	3,307,886	3,354,879
Other Governments	267,800	566,984
Interest and miscellaneous	229,841	105,013
	16,917,790	17,623,745
EXPENSES		
Operating		
Overseas projects	12,089,444	12,252,518
Domestic projects	134,468	262,100
Overseas project management	1,172,333	1,298,359
Education and public affairs	573,127	513,348
	13,969,372	14,326,325
Program support		
Administration	863,034	804,198
Fundraising	1,514,112	1,434,993
	2,377,146	2,239,191
	16,346,518	16,565,516
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 571,272	\$ 1,058,229

* Includes donations designated for emergency response that vary from year to year.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Invested in capital assets	Endowments	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Year Ended September 30	
					2001	2000
Beginning balance	\$ 734,354	\$ 95,959	\$ –	\$ 357,961	\$ 1,188,274	\$ 121,534
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(131,770)	–	–	703,042	571,272	1,058,229
Transfer from unrestricted	–	–	571,272	(571,272)	–	–
Decrease in endowments	–	(1,557)	–	–	(1,557)	8,511
Investment in capital assets	160,767	–	–	(160,767)	–	–
Disposal of capital assets	(64,537)	–	–	64,537	–	–
Ending balance	\$ 698,814	\$ 94,402	\$ 571,272	\$ 393,501	\$ 1,757,989	\$ 1,188,274



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Oxfam Canada works with farmers in Guyana to help them improve their incomes.

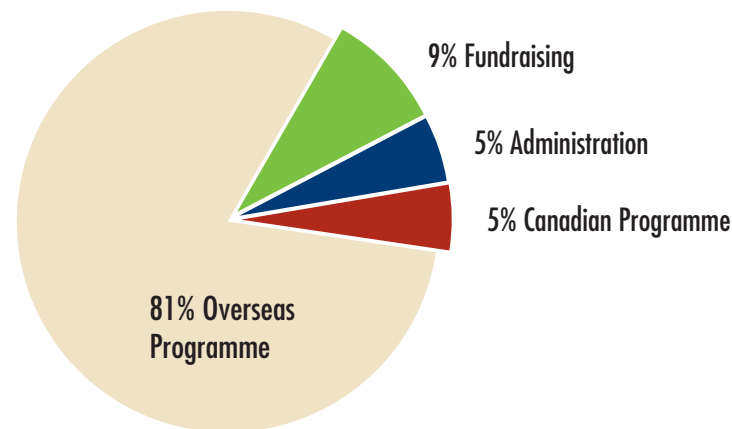
Here's how your donations worked at Oxfam Canada in 2001

Overseas Programme: Project support and funds for implementing, managing and monitoring work overseas.

Canadian Programme: Education, advocacy, outreach and linking issues at home and abroad.

Fundraising: Raising money, finding new donors, producing literature, receipting and responding to inquiries.

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Total Programme 86%

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(Right:)
Making the family's
new clothes in
South Africa.

(Front cover)
Learning new skills
and getting
organized in the
Horn of Africa.

