



Working together to find lasting solutions to poverty and injustice

Oxfam Canada is dedicated to fighting poverty and injustice around the world. We believe that every individual is entitled to an income, an education, affordable health-care, protection from disasters and violence, equality of opportunity and the right to have a say in his or her own future. In short, Oxfam strives to further the rights of everyone to be secure, skilled, healthy, safe, equal and heard. We work with people in poor communities, with local partner organizations at home and abroad and with members, volunteers and financial supporters to make this a reality. Oxfam Canada is a member of Oxfam International, a federation of twelve, autonomous non-governmental organizations.



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Secure

Poor people often have a clear idea of what could help them to overcome their problems, but they lack the resources to put their ideas into practice. That's where Oxfam comes in – providing the necessary funding, training and support to get people started, whether they are farmers making a living off the land or workers striving for better working conditions and pay.

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Healthy

In poor countries, many people don't have proper medical care or access to basic health information that can help protect them. Many people die of illnesses that could have been prevented or treated. Oxfam helps people improve existing health services and promote health and hygiene in their own communities.

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Skilled

It's hard to change your life for the better when you don't know how to read or write. Yet today, millions of children are being denied their best chance to escape poverty; unable to go to school because it's miles away, or because their parents can't afford the fees. As illiterate adults, they probably won't earn enough to send their own children to school – so the cycle of poverty will continue. Oxfam's Education Now Campaign is part of a global movement to put pressure on world leaders to make education for every child a reality.

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Safe

Oxfam has a world-wide reputation for emergency relief work; providing among other things, shelter, clean water and sanitation services to people whose lives have been turned upside-down by conflict or natural disaster. Even more importantly, Oxfam puts long-term programmes in place to help people rebuild their lives and to prepare for and minimize the impact of future crises.

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Heard

Most poor people have little say in the decisions that affect their lives and virtually no power to change things. Oxfam helps people organize and gain the skills to speak out together, so that their views and needs are heard.

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Equal

Often the most vulnerable people are those who are oppressed within their own society. This might be because they are women or because of disability, ethnic or cultural identity. With support from Oxfam, people can begin to take control of their own lives and to challenge the negative views that keep them living in poverty.

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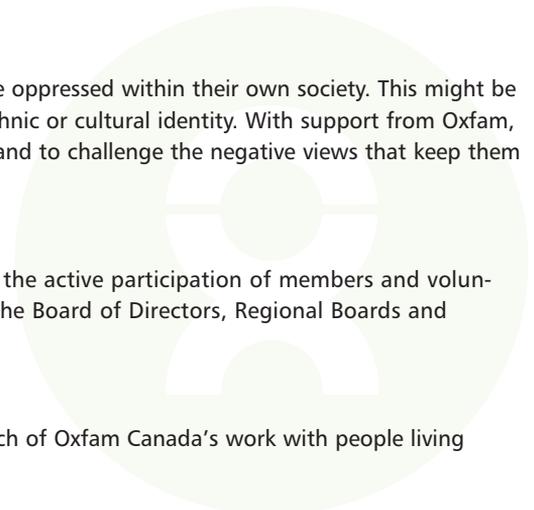
People

Oxfam Canada couldn't carry out its work without the active participation of members and volunteers across the country, many of whom serve on the Board of Directors, Regional Boards and local committees.

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Money

Without a reliable, long-term source of income, much of Oxfam Canada's work with people living in poverty would be impossible.



chair & executive director

In the fall of 2001, the United States led a war to topple the Taliban in Afghanistan and to destroy Al Qaeda. Oxfam Canada sent a fact-finding delegation to the region, to look at the humanitarian impact and to find ways to get food to millions of Afghans in the middle of a war zone. We raised over \$1,000,000 for the Afghanistan emergency – for short-term response and for reconstruction. All over Canada, individuals and groups expressed their solidarity with ordinary Afghan families – by pressing and selling apple juice from backyard apple harvests, by inviting the public to hear Carol Shields read from her recent work, by passing the hat in their class or their workplace.

As we write in the spring of 2003, the world's attention is on another war – this time in Iraq. Again, Oxfam Canada and sister Oxfams around the world are telling their governments that the cost in human lives, deprivation and suffering caused by war is simply too high. We fear that other crises like the food shortages in Southern Africa and in the Horn of Africa will fall out of the spotlight.

Fortunately, the work of Oxfam Canada and other agencies has better prepared local organizations and local governments to predict and withstand climatic catastrophes. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Brian Stewart, reporting on Ethiopia's capacity to cope with drought compared to 1985, noted that both the national grain storage facility and local preparedness meant there would be no mass migration and starvation as there was in the late 1980s.

Mr. Stewart interviewed staff-members of the Relief Society of Tigray (REST) who have been Oxfam partners for many years. Together, we've worked on environmental rehabilitation, water storage, and improved agricultural practices that have reduced the catastrophic impact of drought in the area. Oxfam's concern is that the hard-won gains in assets like livestock or equipment will be sold off during these hard times to make ends meet, and poor farmers and herders will suffer the

Rieky Stuart (front left) and Dick Evans (front right) were impressed by the success of Oxfam's Cuban partners in increasing vegetable production.



Karen Bernard

brunt of the setback. For these reasons, we are helping with re-stocking of livestock and providing seeds and tools in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Ethiopia.

At Oxfam, we also know that it is crucial to tackle policies and practices at the international level that perpetuate poverty. In the spring of 2002, Oxfam International launched a major report on the inequity of world trade, called *Rigged Rules and Double Standards*. It generated much attention, both supportive and critical, because it argued that if trade rules were fair, trade could help reduce poverty and inequity. It garnered support because the report is detailed and well-argued, and criticism because it does not unreservedly condemn globalization. The report provides the underpinning for our public campaigning and advocacy work to Make Trade Fair over the next few years – for better prices for farmers, for affordable essential medicines, for an end to agricultural dumping, for respect for workers' rights.

Inside Oxfam Canada, under the direction of our Board, we've increased member involvement in public education and campaigning, set up a stronger process for involving members and volunteers in policy development, re-organized and increased fundraising, and developed a rights-based programme framework called *Making Change* to guide our work over the next five years.

Recently, the two of us visited Oxfam Canada's Cuban partners. We were impressed with the capacities of our

partner organizations ACTAF (the Agricultural Technicians' Group) and ANAP (the National Association of Small Farmers) reflected in their impressive increase in vegetable production.

Equally impressive are the neighbourhood centres we have supported in Havana that help poor people organize to get access to water and other services. This being Cuba, they are vibrant community centres, bustling with volunteers who teach dance and music. The centres provide a welcome social gathering place for the elderly and other groups with special needs. These groups began with a process of collectively 'mapping' neighbourhood assets and deficiencies in order to mobilize people in the community and officials to address local needs.

Our visit reminded us that while Oxfam resources – our knowledge, our financial support, the solidarity of Canadians – may be a key catalyst, the essential ingredient for lasting change is the energy, spirit, hard work, and risk-taking of people committed to improving their own lives, those of their children and of their fellow citizens.

Throughout the year we continued our long-standing programming in the Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, and the Americas, as well as our public education work in Canada. Please read on to hear the story of how Canadians make a difference through Oxfam Canada.



Dick Evans, Chair



Rieky Stuart, Executive Director

The stories you are about to read in this Annual Report offer only a sampling of the scope of Oxfam Canada's work around the world. There are many more untold stories of day-to-day struggles, of small but significant successes, of

defiant, resilient and resourceful people and communities.

The partner organizations and projects listed are those where Oxfam Canada's funding exceeded \$10,000 (Canadian) in 2002. A green dot (•)

indicates large programmes that provided funding to a number of partner organizations. For these programmes, the project name and not the partner name(s) is noted. Project management, support and monitoring expenditures are not listed.

Everybody needs to make a living, to have enough money to feed his or her family and to cover other basic needs. Oxfam works with community and producer groups to help people develop sustainable livelihoods and campaigns to reform international trade so that poor producers get a fair deal.

“ Before I became a member of a women’s organization, (I was) a dull woman without a future. The death of the father of my children left us in the street. For my children and me it was hard to decide to take part in this project. They were small and had to stay alone to do their studies. It was a sacrifice for all of us. The decision we made was not wrong because I realized that my life wasn’t over yet, that the beginning of a new life was before me; the life of a businesswoman.”

– Mercedes Arias, Peru

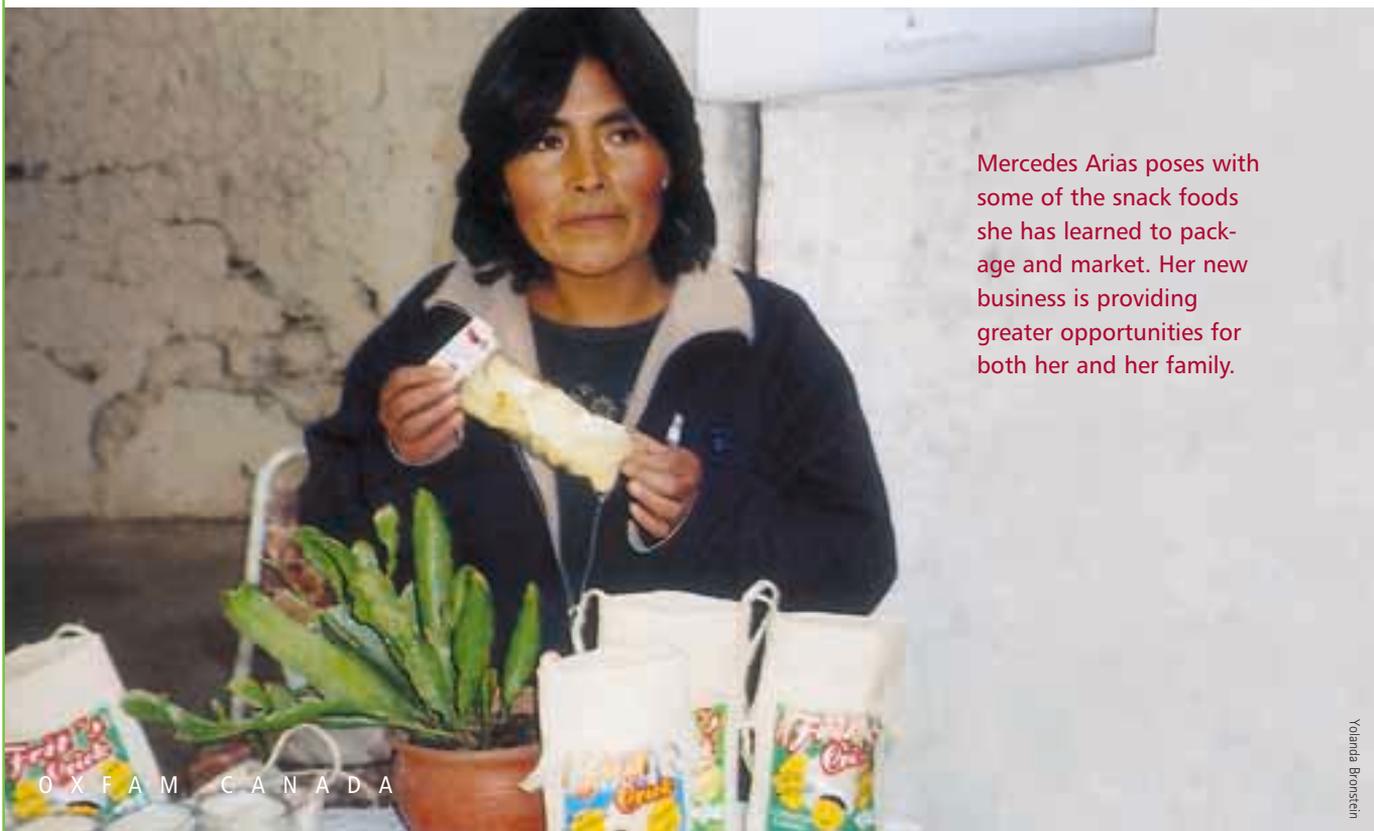
Earning a living

Mercedes Arias is one of many women who have benefited from the Food Technologies project conducted by the Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristan” in Peru and funded by Oxfam Canada.

Women in the towns of Cuzco, Huancayo and Tarapoto, have received technological training in food processing and in the management of their new businesses.

This kind of training is not often available to poor women in Peru.

They have improved their business skills and opened up new markets for their products. Some even mention with pride that they are able to sell their products in Lima, “a success for anyone from the provinces.”



Mercedes Arias poses with some of the snack foods she has learned to package and market. Her new business is providing greater opportunities for both her and her family.



Norma Pérez (left) and two other Guatemalan factory workers attend a workshop on how salaries and deductions are calculated so they can counsel other women about their pay.

Pushing the case for sweat-free clothes

Over the past year, Oxfam Canada has continued to push for the rights of garment workers and to campaign for changes to Canada's labeling law so that Canadians know the conditions under which the clothes they buy are produced.

In Central America, Oxfam continues working with the Women's Maquila Network. The Network is helping women in the Free Trade Zone factories across the region to develop common strategies to improve their working conditions. They've increased their capacity to document abuses and to propose improvements in the harsh work environments that are all too common in the Free Trade Zones.

An Oxfam partner organization, AMES (the Association of Women in Solidarity) in Guatemala, offers workshops for women on everything from worker's rights and how to protect them, to basic reproductive health and preventative health care.

Norma Pérez, 38, is married with four children. She has worked in the maquilas for 13 years in three different plants. She's one of many women who have benefited from AMES' workshops. "I came because a friend talked me into it. I came one Sunday and kept coming. The workshops have helped us value ourselves as women and as workers. When some other worker has a problem, I try to help her, and tell her what her rights are."

In Canada, Oxfam's 'No Sweat' Campaign helped lead to a number of success stories. In October, Toronto City Council unanimously approved a 'No Sweat' resolution that requires all uniforms, garments and apparel items worn by city workers be purchased from 'No Sweat' manufacturers. In Hamilton, McMaster University also adopted a 'No Sweat' purchasing policy, as has Memorial University in St. John's.

Training brings about many changes

For three years, Oxfam Canada has been supporting the Women's Association of Tigray in Ethiopia to help them improve the local food situation through training and opportunities for rural women. Women have learned skills such as pottery, bee keeping and sheep/goat rearing. Not only have the women involved been able to improve their incomes but they've also gained more respect in their communities. Participants in the programme told us that they now have money to spend on food and school-fees for their children and they are also able to invest in assets like livestock for when hard times come. They report speaking up more in public meetings and that this new "assertiveness" is changing how they are viewed at home and in the community.

Americas – Regional

Women’s Initiatives	\$19,369
Via Campesina	\$30,019

Canada

Make Trade Fair Campaign Launch	\$10,000
Oxfam Integrated Change Initiative	\$31,488

Chile

Education and Technology Centre	\$14,644
Hexagrama	\$18,598
Women and Work Programme	\$39,793
Workshop for Cultural Action	\$25,000

Cuba

NGO Strengthening Programme •	\$99,228
Joint Oxfams Food and Security Programme •	\$387,364

El Salvador

Campesina Women’s Committee	\$19,567
Coordination of Rural Women	\$19,991

Ethiopia

Capacity Building Fund	\$14,056
Hundee – Development Initiative	\$25,954
Kembatta Women’s Organization	\$19,944
Labour Poor Women-Headed Households Project	\$43,812
Pastoralist Concern Association	\$52,374
Pastoralist Forum	\$24,766
Relief Society of Tigray	
Degua Tembien Rural Development Programme	\$156,659
Ruba Lomine Rural Development Programme	\$1,209,027
Siquee	\$20,431
Oxfam Water Project	\$10,398
Women’s Association of Tigray	\$32,337

Guatemala

Association of Women in Solidarity	\$25,016
Breaking Boundaries, Building Alliances	\$20,693
Coordination of Cooperatives and NGOs	\$25,016

Guyana

Guyana Rice Producers’ Association	\$35,000
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Oxfam Canada supports organic demonstration gardens in Cuba.

Rieky Stuart

Eating better

Cuba suffers from a lack of fresh vegetables – essential for good health. Local markets now stock a range of lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes grown by local cooperatives and neighbourhood groups. Oxfam Canada has supported organic demonstration gardens and training in production and marketing through the Agricultural Technicians’ Group (ACTAF). We also support production cooperatives through the Small Farmers Association (ANAP). Even with yields in the thousands of tonnes, all the produce gets sold. Cooperative members are pleased with the return on their labour and their customers are satisfied to have affordable and nutritious vegetables.

Changing unfair rules

World trade could be a powerful force for reducing poverty – but instead it is increasing the gap between rich and poor. Prices paid for commodities such as tea, coffee and other basic goods have fallen dramatically over recent years. Growers often can't cover their production costs – or afford health care, education or enough food for their families.

Oxfam launched its high-profile international campaign to *Make Trade Fair* in April of 2002. The campaign captures the growing mood of public indignation at the injustice of the rules governing world trade, and gives people a chance to do something constructive about it.

The website, www.maketradefair.com, is the hub of the campaign, where people from all over the world are uniting to form a global community – a 'Big Noise' – to air their views on unfair trade practices and to demand reform.

Throughout 2003, the campaign will focus on the 25 million coffee growers affected by the dramatic drop in world coffee prices. Oxfam Canada volunteers have taken to the streets to help Canadians learn what they can do to help improve the situation for poor farmers.

Mozambique

Association of Livestock and Agricultural Technicians (ATAP)	\$39,406
Forum Mulher	\$12,462
National Farmers' Union	\$622,973
ATAP Sweet Potato and Cassava Project	\$39,812

Namibia

Centre for Research – Information – Action	\$49,178
Lihepurura – Kavango Trust	\$67,900
Namibia Development Trust	\$33,487
National Farmers' Union	\$12,637
Namibia Housing Action Group	\$17,324
Omaheke Health and Nutrition Programme	\$361,510
Omaheke Integrated Development Programme	\$273,397

Nicaragua

Federation of Women Farmers and Ranchers	\$49,153
National Federation of Cooperatives	\$42,361
Working and Unemployed Women's Movement	\$30,019

Peru

Flora Tristan Women's Centre	\$40,560
Institute for Occupational Health and Safety	\$50,000
Gender and Economy Group	\$15,600



Oxfam volunteers and staff take the message about the plight of poor coffee farmers to Parliament Hill.

healthy

AIDS is one of the biggest challenges we face today. 40 million people worldwide are living with HIV and AIDS – 28 million in Sub-Saharan Africa alone. AIDS undermines development and perpetuates poverty in communities.

The pandemic is radically reshaping society in Southern Africa. HIV/AIDS is decimating the most productive age groups in the economy. In Zimbabwe, it's estimated that 10–15% of all children have been orphaned by the disease. 45% of those caring for orphans are grandparents, often with no income of their own.

Responding to AIDS is essential to every aspect of Oxfam's work.



People take to the street in Omaheke, Namibia to launch an Oxfam funded, HIV/AIDS awareness programme.

Taking positive action

Oxfam Canada's approach to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa is to strengthen local AIDS support organizations, particularly those that:

- focus on women
- deliver HIV/AIDS prevention programmes
- provide services to people living with the disease, and
- advocate for change in government policies to respond to the crisis.

In Zimbabwe, Oxfam Canada has been working with a number of these organizations for over 12 years. They include the Matabeleland AIDS Council (MAC) and the Women and AIDS Support Network based in Harare which is one of the few AIDS support organizations devoted entirely to advocacy, education and support services for women in the country.

In eastern Namibia, Oxfam Canada funds the Omaheke Health Education Programme (OHEP) that supports HIV/AIDS education and has introduced new approaches to home-care for people living with AIDS. OHEP has also been instrumental in reducing the incidence of tuberculosis in the region.

Demonstrating a home-based, HIV/AIDS care kit in Namibia.



Oxfam Canada

Health before wealth campaign

The World Trade Organization (WTO) rules on patents inflate the price of vital medicines and puts them out of reach of poor people. Oxfam's 'Health before Wealth' petition was presented to the WTO conference in Doha, calling for reform to the rules. The thousands of names on the petition had an impact. At the end of the meeting, the WTO declared that global patent rules "do not and should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health". This is a major achievement for the campaign to make essential drugs available to the world's poorest people.

Afghanistan

Afghan Non-Governmental Organization Relief • \$250,000
Afghan BRAC \$150,000

Mozambique

Nutrition and Health Project • \$33,957

Namibia

Namibia Housing Action Group \$337,383
Omaheke Health Education Project \$20,366

South Africa

Joint Oxfam HIV/AIDS Programme \$24,188

Zimbabwe

Matabeleland AIDS Council \$25,000
Women and AIDS Support Network \$35,000

125 million children worldwide are denied an education; two-thirds of them are girls. Another 150 million children start primary school, but drop out before they have completed four years of study – the vast majority before they have learned how to read or write. World leaders have promised education for all the world’s children, but this promise has been broken time and time again. Now the need is even more urgent – there is no time to waste.

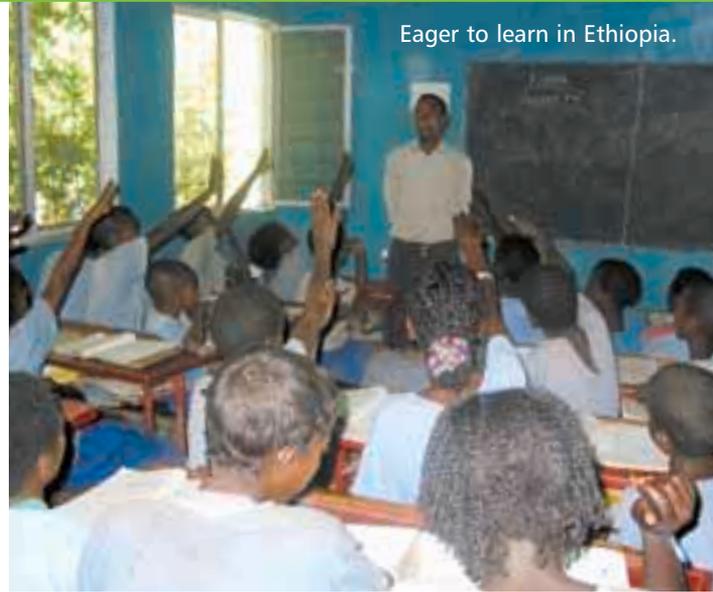
Education now

In 1990, world leaders made a promise. They pledged that every girl and boy would be attending school by the year 2000. It didn’t happen. Instead, world leaders made a new promise in 2000 – education for all by 2015. Oxfam International’s *Education Now* campaign has been working to ensure that this new promise is kept.

The last two years have seen steady progress for the campaign. In Canada, Oxfam gained the support of the Canadian Teachers’ Federation and a number of provincial teachers’ unions providing a broader base for our campaign messages and actions.

At 2001’s G8 Summit in Genoa, Italy, pressure from Oxfam and others resulted in the G8 agreeing to set up a task force charged with achieving universal primary education. The next key date in campaigners’ diaries was the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Annual Meetings in November that year. The outcome was disappointing. While there was plenty of talk about education, no concrete plans were made.

Tenacity finally paid off in April 2002 at the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings, when finance and development ministers backed an Education for All Action Plan – something that Oxfam has persistently



Eager to learn in Ethiopia.

Mina Dudley

demand. This plan sets out a framework for channeling money to developing countries that have sound education plans in place. The next challenge is to get world leaders to back the Plan with the funding needed to make it work.

At a press conference at the IMF/World Bank meetings, then Finance Minister Paul Martin stated, “Oxfam said going into Canada’s G-7/G-8 year, education should be made a priority. As a result of that, there has been a G-8 task force set up leading to the Kananaskis meetings in Alberta this June (2002).”

Mr. Martin’s assessment that Oxfam was instrumental in getting governmental and IMF/World Bank machinery to move forward on Education For All is not exaggerated, The World Bank’s action plan and the results of the G8 Task Force on Education are the world’s best bets yet to make good on the promise that no country with a viable plan to give all children a quality primary education will fail for lack of resources.

Canada

Education Now and Books for Bikes

\$17,971

When disaster strikes, Oxfam is there – whether we’re responding to conflict in Afghanistan, recurring drought in Ethiopia and Southern Africa or doing longer-term work to help people prepare for, and cope with, natural disasters. Our approach is consistent; involving the local community and working with our partners and other organizations in a coordinated effort.

Working for peace in Afghanistan

The war in Afghanistan was only one of a number of emergencies to which we responded during 2001-2002 – but it was the one that seemed to dominate our thoughts and actions through the winter. The crisis produced many unexpected challenges: to figure out an appropriate response that reflected legitimate concerns about terrorism in the world; to respond to a flood of requests for information from the media and the public; but most importantly to deliver assistance to the people of Afghanistan. Long before the bombing began, many people in the country were on the brink of starvation. Millions more were at risk if food couldn’t be distributed before the winter snows arrived.

The whole of Oxfam geared up to respond. Oxfam delivered food aid to remote communities, and supplied fresh water to refugee camps on the Pakistan border.

Oxfam Canada enlisted former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy, to go on a fact-finding mission to the region. Upon his return, he helped Oxfam

publicize the plight of Afghan people caught in the middle of the conflict.

Oxfam Canada offices across the country were inundated by requests from people who wanted to help, by holding small fundraising events in their churches, schools, community centres and workplaces.

However, as the spotlight of international media attention moved on, the work in Afghanistan was just beginning. Seeds were distributed and community seed-banks were set up to help small-scale farmers return to the land. Preventative health and vaccination programmes for livestock – the lifeblood of many rural communities – were established.

The future of Afghanistan remains uncertain, but Oxfam will continue to work with forward-thinking and resilient people in the country to bring about lasting benefits to local communities. *(Some Afghanistan projects are listed in the section, “Healthy.”)*

Oxfam set up water and sanitation systems for thousands of refugees during the war in Afghanistan.





Emergency action in Zimbabwe

“ We visited three primary school feeding programmes that reach over 1,000 students in total. The school’s staff could not emphasize enough the importance of the programmes in the children’s lives. Attendance at the schools had dropped by over 25% before the programmes started. Now over 99% of the students are attending school. Since there is little food in the villages, extended families are sending other children for food.”

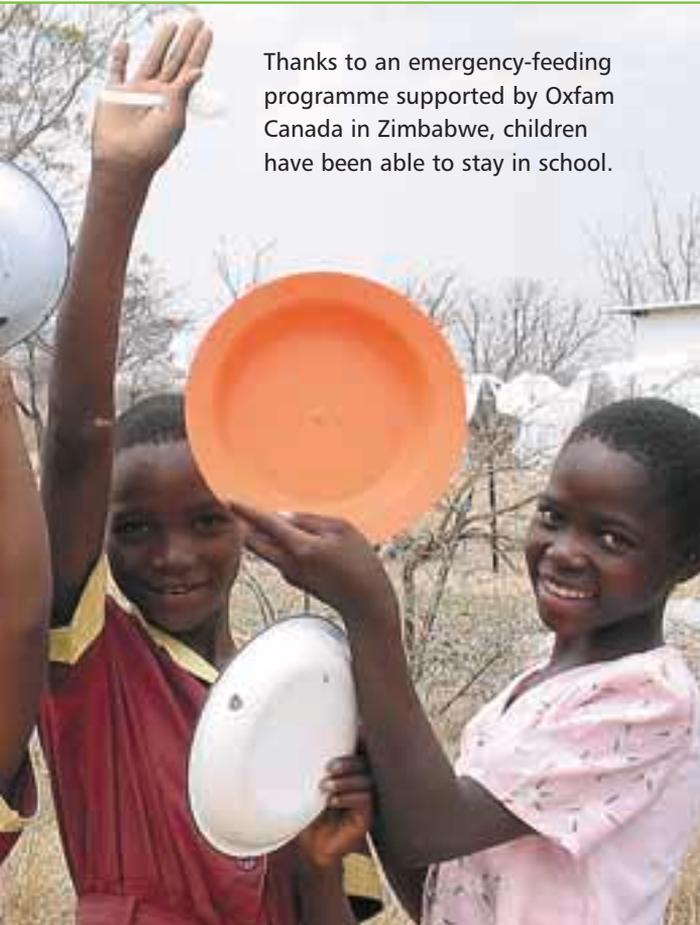
- Oxfam Canada volunteer, Ted Walsh, reports on an emergency school-feeding programme in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe

While Afghanistan was the emergency that seemed most in the news in 2002, there were many other emergency situations that required Oxfam Canada’s attention throughout the year. In Southern Africa, recurring drought, coupled with the devastation of

AIDS, led to a food crisis affecting almost 14 million people. In Zimbabwe, the country perhaps hardest hit, the situation was made even worse by ongoing political instability and conflict, with over seven million people facing extreme food shortages.

Oxfam Canada continues to work with our local partners to tackle the drastic shortage of food. Along with the school-feeding programme described above, Oxfam purchased 1230 metric tonnes of seed including sorghum, millet, groundnut, sugar beans, pumpkin and maize for distribution to 67,000 small-scale farmers in the southern part of the country.

We also supported the work of a network of Zimbabwean community organizations that monitored the distribution of food aid in hopes of curbing politically motivated abuse.



Thanks to an emergency-feeding programme supported by Oxfam Canada in Zimbabwe, children have been able to stay in school.

Jim Mackinnon

Preparing for disaster – overseas

In Nicaragua, Oxfam Canada supported the work of a local organization, the Humboldt Centre, in implementing an innovative disaster preparedness and prevention programme. The Centre worked closely with community members and municipal officials to carry out a local ‘risk mapping’ exercise that helped people gain an understanding of where the dangers lie in their communities and what resources are available to them in times of crisis. This exercise has helped people prepare for potential disasters like hurricanes by having plans in place for when the need arises.

Preparing for disaster – Oxfam Canada

Over the past few years, Oxfam Canada has taken a hard look at our own effectiveness in dealing with crisis situations. We’ve implemented a standing emergency response team that draws on staff from programmes, communications, advocacy, Canadian regional offices and fundraising. This has allowed us to improve our own preparedness and work more effectively in the field in a crisis while also engaging with government, the media and the Canadian public.

Afghanistan

Refugee, Water and Sanitation Programme	\$378,603
Afghanistan Emergency Response	\$102,877

Angola

Emergency Water and Sanitation Programme	\$421,983
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Cuba

Emergency ACTAF	\$40,669
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Ethiopia

Oxfam Emergency Response	\$50,353
Oxfam Water Project	\$30,020
Other Emergency Response	\$11,415

Mozambique

National Farmers’ Union Emergency Programme	\$85,257
National Farmers’ Union Zambezi Rehabilitation	\$119,214

Nicaragua

Humboldt Centre	\$161,883
National Federation of Cooperatives	\$44,524
Working and Unemployed Women’s Movement	\$95,943

Zimbabwe

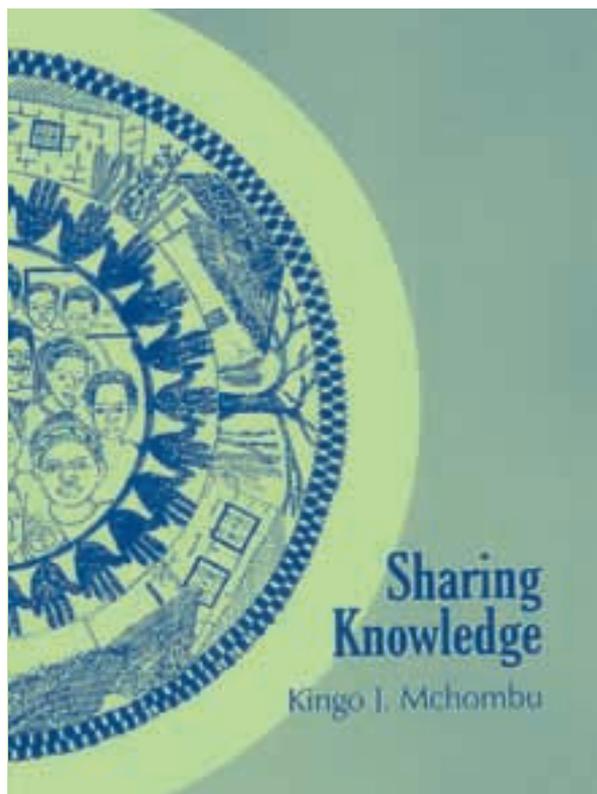
Zimbabwe Flood Response	\$11,164
Emergency Seeds Programme	\$786,699

Oxfam's experience of working with communities around the world has shown us that, if the root causes of poverty are to be tackled effectively, local people must be involved and take leadership in making and implementing the decisions which affect their lives. We believe that groups of citizens can organize themselves to ensure that the rights of even the poorest people are heard and taken into account by governments as well as by powerful institutions and corporations.

Sharing knowledge

“ No one can fully understand the meaning of knowledge and information without recognizing that they can be a double-edged sword. They can be used to empower the individual and the group. They can also be used to continue relations of power and control. When a ruling group uses information and knowledge to control (dominate) people, those people are led to despair, powerlessness and unsustainable lifestyles.”

– Dr. Kingo J. Mchombu, University of Namibia, from the Sharing Knowledge Handbook



The *Sharing Knowledge Handbook* (available for download at www.oxfam.ca) is just one of the resources and processes that have been put in place by Oxfam Canada's Horn of Africa Capacity Building Programme (HOACBP) to encourage and facilitate the growth of information-sharing within and between rural communities. We have seen many examples of people or communities who have come up with solutions to the problems they face, but too often there are no structures or systems to share these solutions with others.

Tsehay Wole, an Ethiopian woman, represented her organization at a symposium on how to set up a Community Resource Centre. The symposium helped give Tsehay and her colleagues the confidence to set up a broadcasting system of their own.

They went around to different schools in the district of Dire Dawa, and found five youths and two teachers who were willing to volunteer to collect information and organize and present programmes. Using equipment provided by HOACBP, they started broadcasting their programmes from the roof of a local building for one hour every weekday and on Saturdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm. They estimate their programmes reach 30,000 people.

Their programmes have covered everything from health issues (especially HIV/AIDS, and reproductive health), sport, culture, environment, science and technology. In addition they have poems, short stories and dramas.

They've built up relationships with different government departments and even have been provided with pre-recorded cassettes on different health issues directly from the regional Health Bureau.

Community action

In both Namibia and Cuba, Oxfam is one of the few international development organizations with enough local understanding and funding flexibility to support the coming together of community groups and institutions that are shaping the democratic futures of their countries. Often, Oxfam's support focuses on helping communities to move beyond passivity and government dependence to become more active in defining the problems that are affecting their living conditions and in working towards creative solutions.

In Cuba for instance, with Oxfam's support, the Group for the Integrated Development of the Capital (GDIC) has been running Neighbourhood Transformation Workshops. These workshops have succeeded in bringing together people in twenty low-income areas in Havana to create solutions to community problems. Oxfam Canada's support has facilitated ongoing professional development and basic resources for the workshops.

The community centres mentioned in the Chair and Executive Director's introduction to this report have been just one outcome of these organizing efforts.

Surviving violence, gaining a voice

For the past number of years, Oxfam Canada has benefited from a relationship with the famed circus troupe, Cirque du Soleil. In the summer of 2002, we were able to raise money for our programmes in conjunction with a Cirque performance in Toronto.

What many people don't know is that Oxfam Canada, Cirque du Soleil, and Alberta's Wild Rose Foundation have also funded a special initiative in Durban, South Africa, called the Survivors of Violence Youth Circus Project. The Project focused on youth between 16 and 25 from squatter settlements and street children
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Americas – Regional

Partner Advocacy	\$18,178
Partner Organizational Development	\$14,364

Canada

Canadian Advocacy and Action	\$40,496
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Cuba

Group for the Integrated Development of the Capital	\$10,000
Martin Luther King Centre	\$30,585
Joint Oxfams Food and Security Programme •	\$193,098
NGO Strengthening Programme •	\$199,599

Djibouti

ADEC- Youth Association	\$14,786
Bender Djedid – Organizational Development	\$20,681

Eastern Caribbean

Caribbean Association for Feminist Research Action	\$37,500
Caribbean Centre for Policy Development	\$62,000

Ethiopia

AAAPARO – Support for the Elderly Homeless	\$24,476
Association of Community Organizations of Dire Dawa	\$38,316
Capacity Building Fund	\$294,340
Community Radio Programme	\$61,691
Constitutional Audit	\$17,289
Gudina Tumsa Foundation	\$25,113
Guraghe People's Self-Help Association	\$23,044
Illubabor Community Library	\$91,003
Langano Encounter	\$60,721
Radio Harar	\$15,854
Research on Volunteerism in Ethiopia	\$47,387
Sidama Development Corporation	\$30,905
Society for the Advancement of Human Rights	\$14,615

Guatemala

Women's Sector	\$47,587
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Guyana

Amerindian People's Association	\$20,000
Guyana Rice Producers' Association	\$35,000

Mozambique

National Farmers' Union Strategic Planning \$31,500

Namibia

Namibia Housing Action Group \$29,188
 National Teacher's Union \$23,780
 Rise Namibia \$14,276
 Sister Namibia \$23,632

Somalia

HAVOYOCO and GAVO Youth Associations \$20,168
 Horn of Africa Relief and Development \$28,989
 Radio Galcayo \$19,469
 Somali Women Concern \$32,652
 Women, Law and Development \$34,495

South Africa

Kwazulu Natal Survivors of Violence Programme \$23,440

Sudan

Dar El Sal Women Association \$24,665
 KWCS Kebkaya Women's Charity \$25,559
 OWDS – OMJIMA Women Development Society \$24,830
 Sudanese Environment Society \$45,003

Zimbabwe

Amani Trust \$72,998
 Zimbabwe Election Monitoring \$81,521

between the ages of 5 and 12. All of these young people have experienced displacement, early childhood neglect and abuse.

The Circus project surpassed all initial expectations. Participants experienced reductions in traumatic stress and increased confidence and a sense of social identity. They developed the ability to handle conflict by non-violent means. Their new-found performance skills have even brought them an income and they've learned how to work with other children in circus activities.

Gaining a voice in Canada

The past year has seen a steady increase in the number of people, old and young, who have joined with Oxfam Canada as members, volunteers and local activists here in Canada. Not only are members expressing their views in the governance of the organization, but volunteers are also getting involved in the shaping of campaign messages and how we undertake our advocacy work at the community level.

At the G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, in June 2002, Oxfam Canada volunteers came together for a workshop on the Make Trade Fair Campaign and then took their messages to the streets of Calgary with a piece of street theatre in a bid to get world leaders to "Play Fair for Africa."

Leaders of the G8 nations get yellow-carded for their poor record on helping Africa.



Josh Bevens

In rich and poor countries alike, the poorest and most oppressed people are usually women, people with disabilities and ethnic or other minorities. Oxfam Canada has long had at the core of our programmes a particular emphasis on working with women to improve their lives; an approach that cuts across all of our work.

“They say ‘poor guy’ if the husband goes to jail, but nobody says ‘poor woman’ when she gets beaten up.”

– Comment from an exchange of women between two communities in El Salvador.

Tackling violence

Oxfam Canada is funding several organizations in Central America working with communities at the local level to eradicate violence against women. The Between the Volcanos Foundation of Omatepe Island (FEV) and the Rural Women’s Committee (CMR) in Nicaragua and the Campesina Women’s Committee (CMC) in El Salvador deal with specific issues affecting each of their communities but there are unfortunate similarities between the experiences of many women when it comes to violence.

The CMR has been working for over ten years in rural villages, developing a network of recognized ‘promoters’ who provide assistance and advice to women including training in how to access the justice system. The promoters are women who themselves have been victims of violence. The work of the FEV in this area has been more recent. They work with women and men, as well as educating young people on issues of violence.

The CMC has been offering advice and accompaniment to women victims of domestic violence for several years, but have only started to work on this issue in a systematic way in 2002 with funding from Oxfam Canada. They also provide training on the legal system and have trained women in several communities to be counsellors to other women.

As a woman at a recent meeting said, “I was married for 35 years and my husband took off; emptied the house. I went to the police and they said there was nothing they could do. I wish this group had existed then.”



Roxanne Murrell

In El Salvador, Oxfam works with the Campesina Women’s Committee to address issues of domestic violence and access to the justice system.

Canada

Women Build Africa \$4,000

Cuba

NGO Strengthening Programme • \$71,515

El Salvador

Campesina Women's Association \$17,905

Concertacion Feminista \$19,722

Women's Communal Association of Morazán \$25,016

Ethiopia

Pastoralist Concern Association of Ethiopia \$23,443

Guatemala

Red De La No Violencia \$25,548

Tierra Viva \$30,019

Mexico

Seminario Feminista \$16,297

Nicaragua

Between the Volcanoes Foundation (FEV) \$20,013

Joint Oxfam Programme \$35,172

Puntos de Encuentro \$29,953

Network of Women against Violence \$47,501

Rural Women's Committee \$30,019

Women and Rights Programme \$12,009

Peru

Ayacucho Coordinating Body for Work With Women \$16,000

Institute for Local Development \$27,491

South Africa

Agenda \$25,000

Built Environment Support Group \$25,000

Domestic Violence Assistance Programme \$20,000

Eastern Cape Agricultural Research Project \$30,000

Empilisweni AIDS Group \$26,675

FAMSA – Justice and Women (JAW) \$30,000

Gender and Development Consultancy \$24,000

Gender Advocacy Programme \$30,000

IDASA – Women's Budget Initiative \$29,560

Khanya College \$30,000

NISAA Training Workshop \$25,000

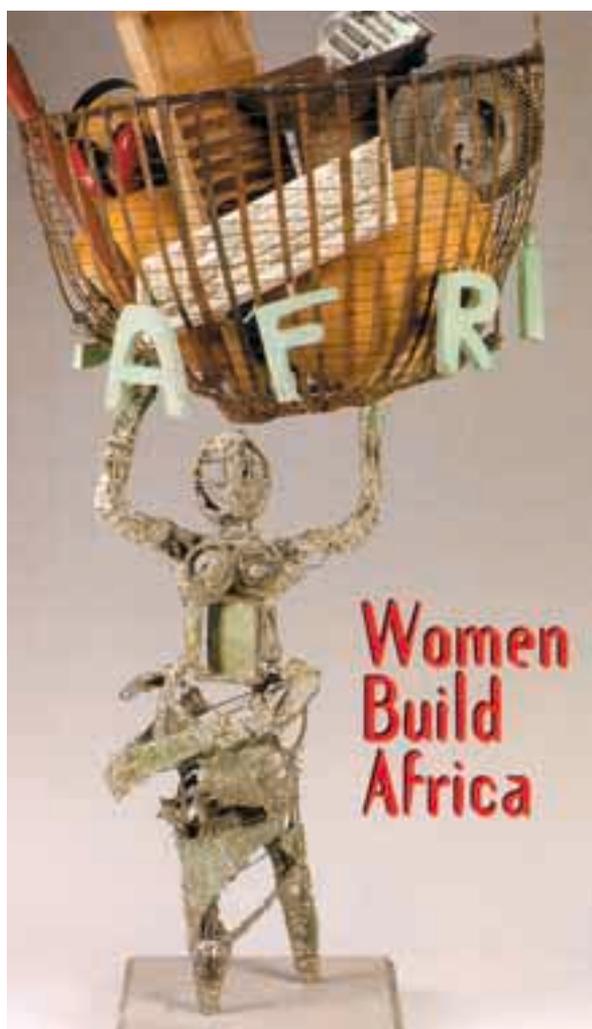
Partner Support and Monitoring \$11,629

Rape Crisis \$30,000

Social Trends \$13,098

Justice and women

Justice and Women (JAW) is a joint project of FAMSA (Family and Marriage Society of South Africa) and the Black Sash to help women in South Africa access the justice system and advocate for improved legislation and policies relating to welfare and domestic violence. Oxfam Canada has funded JAW's efforts in improving poor women's access to the courts through education, assisting individuals with claims and lobbying for women's rights, locally and nationally.



In 2002, Oxfam Canada supported the publication of the book *Women Build Africa*.



Taking Oxfam's message to the street in Toronto.

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

Oxfam Canada is incorporated under the laws of Canada.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	September 30	
	2002	2001
Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 3,134,401	\$ 2,296,523
Short-term investments	1,963,500	2,163,500
Accounts receivable	492,401	347,443
Prepaid expenses	122,311	71,752
	5,712,613	4,879,218
CAPITAL ASSETS	478,329	698,814
	\$ 6,190,942	\$ 5,578,032
Liabilities and Net Assets		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 587,748	\$ 245,111
Deferred revenue	3,571,942	3,574,932
	4,159,690	3,820,043
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	478,329	698,814
Endowments	84,638	94,402
Internally restricted	1,000,000	571,272
Unrestricted	468,285	393,501
	2,031,252	1,757,989
	\$ 6,190,942	\$ 5,578,032

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	Year Ended September 30	
	2002	2001
REVENUES		
Donations	\$ 5,145,357	\$ 4,584,206
Bequests	470,446	620,698
Grants and Contributions		
Canadian International Development Agency	6,012,869	7,070,031
Non-Government organizations	948,510	837,328
Other Oxfams	2,438,356	3,307,886
Other Governments	317,821	267,800
Interest and miscellaneous	285,545	229,841
	15,618,904	16,917,790
EXPENSES		
Operating		
Overseas projects	10,653,910	12,089,444
Domestic projects	99,848	134,468
Overseas project management	1,276,669	1,172,333
Education and public affairs	695,945	573,127
	12,726,372	13,969,372
Program support		
Administration	783,451	863,034
Fund raising	1,832,955	1,514,112
	2,616,406	2,377,146
	15,342,778	16,346,518
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 276,126	\$ 571,272

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

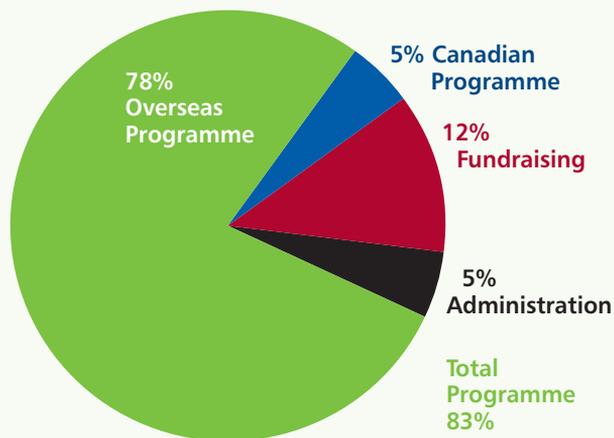
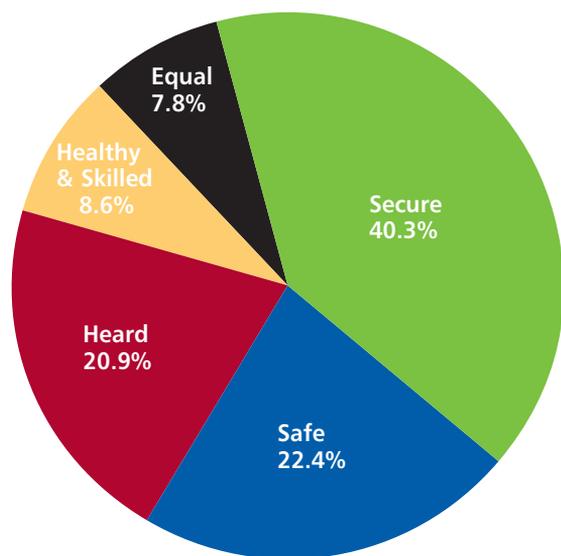
	Invested in capital assets	Endowments	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Year Ended September 30	
					2002	2001
Beginning balance	\$ 698,814	\$ 94,402	\$ 571,272	\$ 393,501	\$1,757,989	\$1,188,274
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(118,540)	—	—	394,666	276,126	571,272
Transfer from unrestricted	—	—	421,827	(421,827)	—	—
Decrease in endowments	—	(9,764)	—	—	(9,764)	(1,557)
Investment in capital assets	249,297	—	—	(249,297)	—	—
Interest on restricted funds	—	—	6,901	—	6,901	—
Disposal of capital assets	(351,242)	—	—	351,242	—	—
Ending balance	\$ 478,329	\$ 84,638	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 468,285	\$2,031,252	\$1,757,989

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Jim Mackinnon

Oxfam Canada spending by programme aim



Here's how your donations worked at Oxfam Canada in 2002

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

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