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CRISIS IN SOMALIA

It's the driest season in 40 years.

For three seasons, now, the rains have failed — and it seems likely the people of Somalia will face a fourth season without the water they need to survive.

90% of Somalia is in a severe drought.

3.5 million people are already experiencing food insecurity. Millions more are at risk of going hungry by the beginning of next year.

Khadra Yusuf Saleban, a 48-year-old displaced woman now living in the Bali-Docol camp says, “I have many fears about [having no] water and food for my children and my parents. Our livestock is the backbone of our life. I lost it all in the last drought. Without water and food there will be death to our livestock and to our families, particularly children and elderly.”

Somalia is one of the most vulnerable countries on the planet. They've experienced more than 30 climate-related hazards in 30 years — including 12 droughts and 19 floods.

Now, climate change fueled drought, compounded by conflict, locusts and COVID-19 have Somalia in a humanitarian crisis.

As one of Oxfam's key supporters, you are already there on the ground with us. We've reached close to 185,000 of the most vulnerable people with clean water and sanitation, food, and rehabilitation programs. And we need to scale-up humanitarian assistance with donor support.

Aydrus Daar, with our local partner organization, WASDA, has this stark warning:

“I've been involved in droughts since 1991 and I have never seen a drought that has impacted people as badly as this one. ... In the 2011 drought

crisis, an estimated 50,000– 100,000 people lost their lives. Despite the warnings, the international humanitarian system did too little too late. We must make sure that history does not repeat itself.”

Thank you for helping us reach the people of Somalia. Your donations are making a difference. Together, we must do all we can to help. And we must call for urgent worldwide humanitarian support, before it's too late.



Pablo Tosco/Oxfam

BATTLING CLIMATE CHANGE: ADVOCACY AND ACTION

Action: Building Resiliency in the Face of a Changing Climate

In the village of Carangcang in the Philippines, our partner, Rice Watch Action Network (RWAN) is helping village leaders get started growing vegetables hydroponically — without soil.

Traditionally, plants rely on soil to obtain the nutrients they need to grow. And the health of the soil, of course, depends on the climate. With hydroponics, plants obtain these nutrients without soil or sunlight — so they are less vulnerable to changes in climate. They also require much less water to survive — some hydroponic systems save up to 90% of water — so it is a much more environmentally sustainable way to farm.

Lilia Godoy lives in Carangcang, which was devastated by Typhoon Goni in 2020. Many houses here have still not been rebuilt and climate change is bringing more severe typhoons, more frequently.

“Every time there is a typhoon, recovery takes at least three months,” explains Lilia.

“We work hard because not to do so would mean we lose a living.”

Oxfam and RWAN wanted to make sure that we came up with a sustainable response — one that would have a lasting impact on the farmers. With Oxfam’s funding, RWAN distributed seedlings, so that the community will have seeds — as well as the plants that will supply seeds to other farmers.



RWAN trained community members in hydroponic methods and business skills. The seedlings are transportable, so when typhoons do come, the nurseries can be quickly moved and stored in a safe place.

The approach has been very popular with the people of Carangcang. They supply seedlings to farmers in neighboring villages, and earn additional income by selling their seedlings online.

The truth is, as the climate crisis deepens, more and more villages like Carangcang will be affected. The time to invest in resilience-building projects like this is now — so that the people who have done the least to cause climate change don’t continue to shoulder its greatest burden.



BATTLING CLIMATE CHANGE: ADVOCACY AND ACTION

Rallying for Climate Justice



The world's poorest people are bearing the brunt of a climate crisis they've done little to create.

Oxfam supporters like you are dedicated to ensuring that climate change doesn't turn back the gains that women have fought so hard for.

That's why Oxfam is leading the call for climate justice. And a big part of that is sharing stories to raise awareness that we are not all affected equally. And that climate change is a life and death situation... right this very minute.

Stories like that of Nagham Sattouf, 19, a volunteer firefighter in Lebanon.

Nagham Sattouf is a third-year university student who volunteers as a firefighter in her village, Indaquit. She and another eight young women are the first female firefighters in their village.

"My first experience was the last wildfire that spread in the village at the end of July. We wanted to join the firefighting efforts, but we didn't know what to do. Our male colleagues encouraged us to join. Up in the forest, everyone supported and taught us what needs to be done.

Only one volunteer girl knew how to use the big hose. The remaining girls, we used the small fire extinguishers or the shovels.

In the end, it was my village that was on fire and it was heartbreaking. It was very overwhelming. We are all affected by the fire that happened ... the space where we had all our Scouts activities, spent our Sundays with our families, hikes, and a lot of other things. It all became memories. It all became ashes."

The time for climate justice is now. Please join us in solidarity with those facing the worst impacts of climate change, already. You can learn more here: www.oxfam.ca/what-we-do/issues-we-work-on/climate-justice





EMERGENCIES DON'T STOP. NEITHER DO WE.

Oxfam was active in eleven countries at war or in conflict last year. Eight countries attacked by storms and flooding. Five countries crippled by extreme droughts. One country shattered by an earthquake. And three countries assailed by locusts.

One of the reasons why your support is so important is that emergencies never stop. Natural disasters never take a rest. Not even for a devastating global pandemic.

Together with local partners, we battled on the frontlines to respond to emergencies, and respond to people's most basic needs — food, clean water, and secure livelihoods.

You'll remember that in India in April and May 2021, COVID-19 was ripping through the country, affecting millions of people including Oxfam staff and partners.

As the Delta variant surged, we distributed food and hygiene items to people. Our

supporters also paid for the delivery of medical equipment to more than 100 hospitals and health centers, including gas cylinders, beds, and protective equipment.

At the same time, we were helping protect displaced people in Yemen, Ethiopia and Bangladesh.

In one area of Yemen alone we desludged 55,000 liters of sewage from latrines each day!

And, thanks to you, we acted swiftly when disasters struck. In places like Beirut and Gaza.

During all this time, we joined forces with allies, advocating strongly for a People's Vaccine: a mass-produced, free and fairly distributed coronavirus vaccine to be made available to everyone, rich or poor.

We won't stop until everyone is protected.

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THE PRICE OF OUR CLOTHES

Tania is twenty-one. She lives and works in central Bangladesh.

She works six days a week, up to 13 hours a day, sewing elastic into pants made for global fashion brands.

If she doesn't reach her target — not sewing fast enough or finishing enough pants — she is verbally abused. She's forced to stay longer.

And she's denied her tiffin (a light meal) for overtime.

At the end of each day, Tania is exhausted. And she desperately misses the daughter she's working so hard for.

Oxfam is campaigning for living wages in the garment industry. We do it for women like Tania.

The fashion industry looks glamorous from the outside — but it's built on the backs of millions of women who live in poverty despite the relentless hours they toil. In Bangladesh, many women make as little as 60 cents per hour.

In their entire lives, they won't make what top fashion CEO's make in just four days.

Our calls for a living wage are based on this: the lowest wage paid to a full-time worker must be enough to cover a basic and dignified standard of living.

We're calling on Canadian companies to use their purchasing power to ensure that the women who make our clothes are treated fairly. That they are paid enough to lift themselves out of poverty.

And in the meantime, all Tania dreams about is saving up enough money so that she can buy a cow for her daughter. So that her daughter has a means of income. So that she can get an education, and have a brighter future.

You can help us demand a living wage and decent working conditions for women like Tania here www.oxfam.ca/what-she-makes. Thank you.



EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH LEGACY GIFTS



Van Williams is a loyal 30-year Oxfam supporter, he is a monthly donor and has kindly decided to make a gift in his Will. We couldn't do the work we do

without donors like Van by our side.

“By empowering women worldwide to take leadership roles, we can fundamentally shift the social and economic dynamic from competition for resources toward cooperation for sustainability. Please join me in working with Oxfam to support

this transition.” Van says. “I feel like one of the privileged who has been buffered from the excesses of concentrated wealth: income disparity, mass migrations, depleted resources and the ravages of climate change. The problems are systemic and require systemic solutions.”

“I value and support Oxfam’s goal of addressing these issues and more by supporting women working in their local communities to reduce oppression, poverty and marginalization.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will you can reach us by phone at **613-627-8634** or email giftplanning@oxfam.ca.

STAMPING OUT POVERTY

For 40 years, a team of dedicated volunteers have been helping Oxfam Canada raise money through the painstaking, precise peeling of postage stamps!

Bill Woodley has been leading Oxfam Canada’s stamp team for decades. Along with ten other volunteers, the team collects, sorts and sells stamps to collectors. They rely entirely on donations, primarily of modern stamps from companies, organizations and individuals, estates, or collector duplicates.

Recently, the team was thrilled to reach the milestone goal of \$500,000! It’s incredible to think of that amount of money raised on the sale of tiny little postage stamps – and the impact these funds have had in Oxfam projects around the world.

But really, it isn’t the stamps that have raised these crucial funds. It’s every minute and every



hour spent by this wonderful group of volunteers. And it’s a mighty sum that is making a real difference to the lives of the people and partners we work with.