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Photo Credit: Caroline Leal/Oxfam

Lauren in Syria in September of 2025.

YOUR GENEROSITY ON THE GROUND IN SYRIA:

AN UPDATE FROM LAUREN

In September, I stood in front of a water tower in Syria, thinking of the 20,000 people who now have safe, reliable water thanks to supporters like you.

I was in Hama, a region hit hard by the earthquake that struck Syria and Turkiye in 2023.

The outpouring of generosity from supporters like you let Oxfam mobilize immediately.

With your help, we trucked in emergency water provisions. We built water and hygiene stations in shelters, public buildings and schools. And we went to work restoring water supply and distribution systems.

Now, this water tower stands as a symbol of hope. It's a life-changing project that provides families with safe, reliable water piped directly into their homes.

In Damascus, I was able to visit a bakery that provides food for tens of thousands of people in the community, day in and day out.

It was damaged during the war, and with your donations we have been helping get it back up and running.

Now it's a lifeline for the people here, providing employment as well as food security.

Finally, in the Nashabia area, I visited a farm school where Oxfam and partners provided farming techniques, training and knowledge-sharing, especially for women.

During the long war, many women lost their husbands and are now the sole heads of their households.

With your help, they are gaining the skills and the confidence to sustain their families and to build a brighter future for their children.

Your support has been felt across Syria, and these are just a few examples of what solidarity truly looks like. It was an honour seeing the impact you've had.

Thank you for your support!

"IT FEELS LIKE THE WORLD HAS TURNED ITS BACK."



Oxfam staff speaking to Achol Ring (also pictured below), about the importance of sanitation to prevent diseases.

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Those are the words of Shabnam Baloch, Oxfam's South Sudan Country Director.

He was speaking from Renk, one of the country's most densely populated and vulnerable towns.

Nearly 1,000 people in need arrive at transit centres each day here. Yet, due to massive aid cuts, Oxfam is being forced to scale our operations down drastically — just when people need us the most.

"These aid cuts are catastrophic for the millions of people grappling with extreme hunger and disease. We are now confronted with the heartbreaking reality of having to scale back our humanitarian response. And in Renk, potentially having to close entirely. It is as though the world is turning its back on those who need help the most, at the very moment when their survival hangs in the balance."

Thanks to your support, Oxfam continues to respond with emergency cash, latrine and water systems and training for community mobilizers to support and connect survivors to services.



Photo Credit: Philip Makaka/Oxfam

HERE IS THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025...

Nabatanzi Stella, a member of a youth group, weeds the pop-up gardens in Kitintale, Kampala.

14.6 MILLION

people around the world benefited directly from our programs in 2024-2025, **50%** of them were women and girls

WINS FOR WOMEN IN NIGERIA

Photo credit: Dinovate Solutions/Oxfam



"The teachings stuck tremendously. I never knew I was in the dark," states Ibrahim Musa, pictured with his wife Grace Ibrahim, both received trainings implemented by Oxfam and local partners.

In Northeast Nigeria, a decade of war has left families living in fear, loss and uncertainty.

Women, girls and people living with disabilities have become particularly vulnerable.

War deepens inequalities that already exist. Women and girls are often the victims of violence and sexual assault.

They become more and more excluded from roles in leadership and decision-making. Stripped of opportunities they may have had.

But with your help, in the heart of Northeast Nigeria, a quiet revolution is taking place.

Programs created by Oxfam and local partners have created 37 new women leaders, including on traditional councils. Your gifts support women's economic empowerment — training them in business, providing time-saving machines to free them from domestic labour, and advocating until 25 women were allocated farmland.

At home, men are sharing more of the work traditionally seen as women's work, and joining their wives in calling for equality.

And with their children watching, this quiet, powerful change will last for generations to come.

2,394
PARTNERS
around the world, **82%** of them were involved in Humanitarian projects

1,397
ORGANIZATIONS
received financial support from Oxfam

530
PARTNERSHIPS
with Women's Rights Organizations

4.7
MILLION
took action in campaigns for social change



JOIN RYO IN HIS VISION FOR A FAIRER WORLD

We are thrilled to announce that Ryo Nakane has joined Oxfam Canada as our Legacy Giving Specialist.

Ryo originally started work with Oxfam nearly eight years ago, as one of our amazing team of street canvassers.

Ryo met and spoke with hundreds of Canadians about Oxfam's work, seeing firsthand how much our supporters care about creating a fairer, more equal world.

"Now, as the father of an 18-month-old, parenthood has made me think deeply about the world I want to leave behind. How our values and hopes for justice can live on through the choices we make today."

That vision is what inspired Ryo to focus on legacy giving.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a meaningful way of ensuring that your values live on, touching the lives of countless people in the future.

If you'd like to speak to Ryo confidentially about this powerful way of supporting Oxfam, contact him at ryo.nakane@oxfam.org or 1-613-292-2687.

UPDATE FROM GAZA

100 days into the ceasefire, Gazans are still being deliberately deprived of water.

But along with our partners and in the face of enormous challenges, Oxfam staff are working around the clock to restore vital water wells.

Sometimes this means sifting through the rubble to salvage and repurpose damaged materials like sheet metal.

So far, with your life-saving donations, we have restored wells in Gaza City and Khan Younis, giving 156,000 people a safe and sustainable water supply.

We are working on a further eight wells and two water pumping stations. They will provide continuous fresh water for 175,000 more people.

Wassem Mushtaha, Oxfam Gaza Response lead, has this message for Oxfam supporters,

"So much more could have been achieved if our efforts had not been undermined at every turn — which continues to this day. We will keep finding a way to reach people in need. As humanitarians, we can never give up trying to save lives."

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Oxfam staff Ihab stands in Gaza City after the ceasefire has been declared.