

In partnership

No one knows better what a community needs than the people who belong to it. That's why we partner with local groups; people who are already working hard to build a better future. In the Horn of Africa, our partners are making sure emergency supplies get to where they're needed most. And it's our partnership with you, our supporters, that makes all this work possible.

Barry Coates, Executive Director



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FRONT COVER: Collecting water at the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya where thousands of people arrive every day to escape drought and civil war in Somalia. Oxfam is there, providing people with the life-saving water, food and sanitation they desperately need to stay alive. PHOTO: JANNA HAMILTON/OXFAM

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Clean water saves lives





JANIE USSHER

Organic partnerships

Many growers in the Pacific have long used organic farming methods, but without official certification, they can't sell their produce as organic on the global market.

Oxfam has worked with Women in Business Development Inc (WIBDI) in Samoa for many years, developing organic farming as a way for rural families to improve incomes and to create jobs for young people. Now we're also working with Farm Support Association (FSA) in Vanuatu and the Tonga National Youth Congress. "It's exciting to be sharing knowledge, skills and experience in organics and fair trade with new partners. We're also strengthening these organisations by helping with strategic and financial planning, so the groups can work more efficiently," explains Oxfam's Dolores Devesi.

"With Oxfam's help, our finance and admin systems are now rolling along," says Peter Kaoh of FSA in Vanuatu. "That means I have more time to spend working with growers on technical issues and training."

Mano Lami from Siumu village in Samoa tells us: "Since becoming certified as organic, we get a much better price for our coconut oil. We used to rely on remittances from relatives overseas to pay our bills, but now we have money of our own."

Help more growers provide a better life for their families with an Oxfam Unwrapped gift of Organic Bananas. Visit www.oxfamunwrapped.org.nz



ABBIE TRAYLER-SMITH

Food for thought

Host an Oxfam Hunger Banquet and work with us towards a world where everyone has enough to eat, always. Oxfam Hunger Banquets, part of our GROW campaign, challenge the root causes of poverty and hunger and highlight the failings of our global food system. Let's fix it.

www.oxfam.org.nz/GROW

Pacific showcase

As world leaders gathered in Auckland last September for the Pacific Island Forum, we joined forces with our Pacific networks to allow civil society to engage with the Forum through events and discussions on climate change, agriculture, food security, trade, arms control and gender. It was a great chance to celebrate the work of Pacific communities and help create real opportunities for a better future.



RODNEY DEKKER



SIMON RAWLES

Land grabs

Demand for land in developing countries has soared in recent years as investors look for places to grow food for export, to grow biofuels, or to speculate on land and make an easy profit. Land grabs made by wealthy companies are forcing thousands of families off their land, leaving them homeless and penniless.

Find out more and take action against land grabs at www.oxfam.org.nz/landgrabs



CHRISPIN HUGHES

It's hip to be fair

Oxfam's Biggest Fair Break will be **the** social event during Fair Trade Fortnight 2012, May 5-20. Sign up to host a Fair Break, we'll send you a pack of great Fairtrade coffee, tea and chocolate, then you spread the word and raise funds to support producers in the developing world. Small choices make a big difference.

Sign up at www.oxfam.org.nz/fairtrade



ALUN McDONALD

Rescuing hope in the Horn of Africa

Large parts of the Horn of Africa are facing the world's worst food crisis. Oxfam is there, reaching more than 2.3 million people with life-saving water, basic sanitation and food.

A deadly mix of drought, poverty, rising food prices and lack of investment in small-scale agriculture has left almost 13 million people across Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya struggling to find anything to eat or drink.

Thanks to generous public support, we've dramatically scaled up our response providing water, toilets, hygiene education, emergency food and cash-for-work schemes. We're also buying up weak livestock, which means an income for their owners and food for the community. Across the region, we're aiming to reach more than three million people with our emergency response.

The scale of this crisis is hard to imagine. Faadomo Hirsi and her grandson in Somaliland (pictured

above) are wheeling their daily allowance of two 20-litre jerry cans of water back home. Faadomo tells us: "These two cans last us one day. We use the water for cooking, drinking, washing and for the animals. I had 20 goats, but now there are only five left. The price of food is always going up so now we eat less. You can feel the weight of the children getting less each month."

Somalia has been hardest hit. People already affected by civil conflict are now facing hunger and drought as well. With our local partners in Somalia we're providing clean water to 300,000 people in refugee camps and operating the country's largest therapeutic food programme for children and mothers, admitting 3000 malnourished children every week.

Beyond Somalia, there is a need for emergency food, water and sanitation for rural communities in Kenya and Ethiopia. Our team is building toilets, providing basic sanitation supplies and promoting good hygiene to help prevent disease. We're also helping communities find sustainable sources of water by drilling boreholes and improving traditional water harvesting systems. In the worst affected areas, we're trucking in emergency water supplies for thousands of people.

Our emergency response is saving lives right now, but we're also working to address the root causes of crises like this. We need to find long-term solutions to help people become more resilient to future drought and to build a better future where no one goes hungry.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent Horn of Africa appeal. Because of you, help is getting through and making a difference. To donate or to find out more about our emergency response, visit www.oxfam.org.nz/hornofafrica

Water for all

In rural Vanuatu, less than 50 per cent of the population has a reliable, safe water supply. We're working with the Vanuatu Rural Development and Training Centre Association to build rural training centres that include a clean water supply and toilets that the whole community can use.

"Before the new water tank was installed at the centre, people had to walk nearly three kilometres to the river to collect fresh water with buckets and then walk again back to their homes," says Jimmy Neire, Manager of the Nabil Training Centre. "The tank has made a big difference to our community."

Thanks to our Oxfam+me! supporters, more people now have access to life-saving water and sanitation. Find out more at www.oxfam.org.nz/oxfam+me



Think big, start small

Oxfam and its partner Hela Rural Women's Development Foundation is supporting a group of entrepreneurial women in Papua New Guinea to rear and sell their own chickens. As a result, they're able to financially support their families and communities.

Each woman is given a box of day-old chicks to rear. At eight weeks old they are sold as broilers for local people to eat. In the past, few people bought chicken meat as local hens were not good enough to eat. But now, the popularity of eating chicken means the women are guaranteed an income, and family diets are improved by much-needed protein.

"The women are using this income to buy clothing and food and to pay for school fees and medicines," says Tweedy Malagian, Oxfam Programme Coordinator in PNG.

You can help families in Papua New Guinea eat well and earn a better income with our Oxfam Unwrapped Chicks. Visit www.oxfamunwrapped.org.nz



JANE USSHER

Working for women

Of the 1.3 billion people living in extreme poverty worldwide, two-thirds are women and girls. That's why campaigning for gender equality is such a vital part of our work fighting poverty and injustice.

Oxfam's partner the Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM) has recently celebrated 25 years of hard work to give women in Fiji a greater voice in their communities.

"We provide programmes on women's rights, ending violence against women, family law and on women's employment and economic rights," says Virisila Buadromo of FWRM. "Our vision is for the women of Fiji to be free from all forms of discrimination and live in a healthy environment where democracy, good governance and human rights are enjoyed by all."

Find out more at www.oxfam.org.nz/fiji



JANE KEAM



Racing water

This coming March we're bringing the Oxfam Water Challenge to Taranaki as well as Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Wellington. Teams of four from the New Zealand Water Sector will take part in a fun-filled, beach relay race to raise money for World Water Day 2012. All the funds raised will help provide clean water, safe sanitation and hygiene education where they're needed most.

To find out more visit www.oxfam.org.nz/owc2012