

Welcome!

Oxfam exists because poverty is unacceptable. We work in three ways: we respond to emergencies, saving lives and helping survivors recover; we work in 99 countries providing people with the skills and resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty; and we campaign to change unjust policies that cause poverty.

We hope this Oxfam Update will give you a flavour of this work.



Barry Coates, Executive Director



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It's almost that time of year again when people say "It's almost that time of year again".

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MARATHON PHOTOS

Up for a challenge?

We challenge you to take part in the most life-changing, team-building, foot-slogging, friendship-forming, group-hugging experience ever! Four people, one goal: 100km in 36 hours. Oxfam Trailwalker, April 9-10, 2011 in Taupo.

Only 300 team places available so reserve your team place today at www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz

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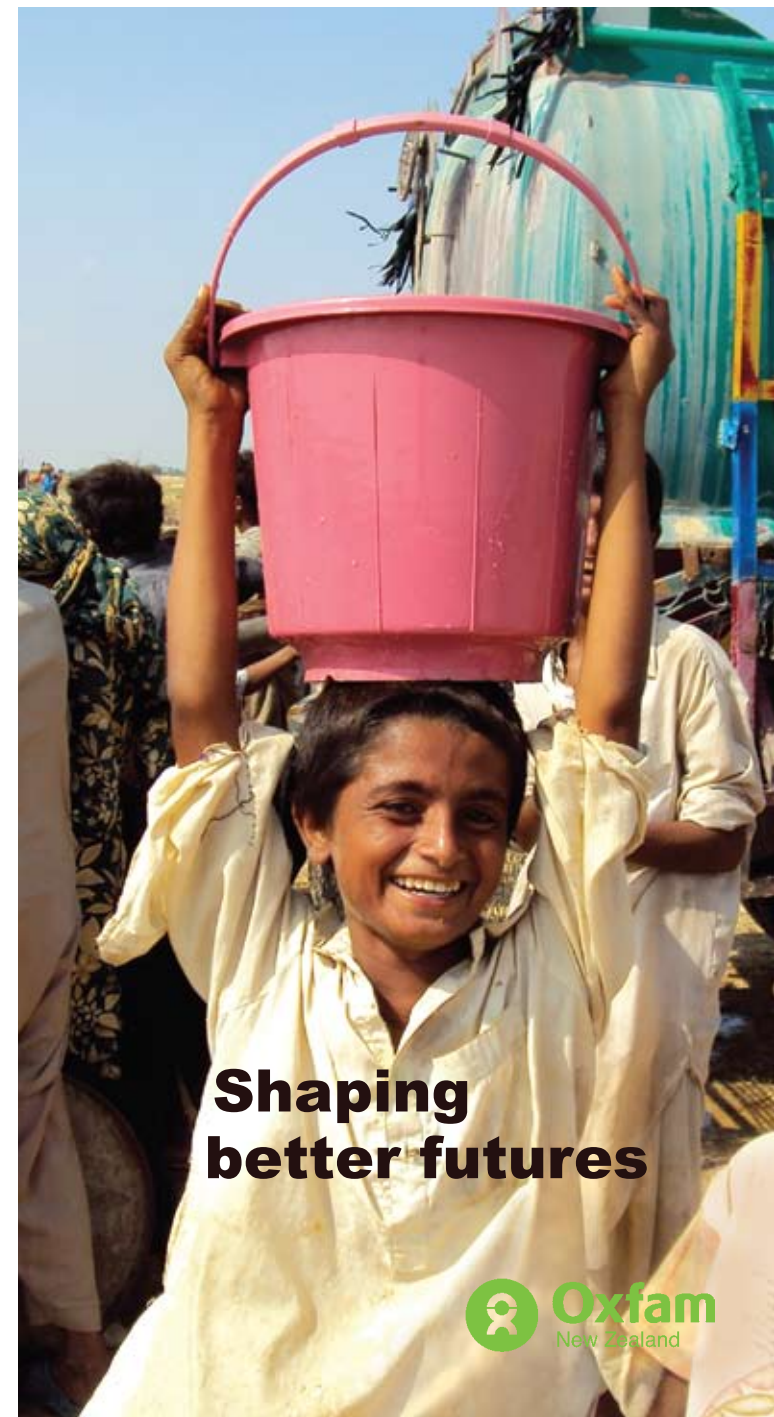
FRONT COVER: A boy carries his bucket full of water from the Oxfam tanker in Thatta, Sindh, Pakistan. After devastating floods hit the country in July, Oxfam has delivered aid to more than one million people in Pakistan. We are trucking water, installing water tanks, repairing wells and building toilets to help prevent the spread of water-borne diseases.

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Climate solutions

Thousands of New Zealanders took part in Oxfam's Wave of Change during the Global Week of Action on Climate Change in October – emailing John Key, joining events, planting trees and getting to work on climate solutions. Now we need our political leaders to do the same.

World leaders can protect food supplies, save lives and rejuvenate the climate talks in Cancun at the end of November by delivering on their promise to establish a new Global Climate Fund that enables poor communities to tackle the impacts of climate change.

We're asking the New Zealand Government to support the establishment of the new fund and to pay their fair share into it; to support innovative proposals to finance climate adaptation and mitigation such as the Robin Hood Tax; and to support a fair climate deal for the Pacific.

Do you want a fair deal on climate change? Add your voice now at www.oxfam.org.nz/takeaction



A bigger splash!

The Oxfam Water Challenge will be bigger and better than ever in March 2011 as we splash out into Wellington and Canterbury as well as Auckland and Tauranga. Teams of four take part in a fun-filled, Top Town-style relay to help raise money for Oxfam Water for Survival work. 27 teams have already signed up so get in quick!

Register your team today at www.oxfam.org.nz/owc2011



Deadly deals on our doorstep

Loopholes in New Zealand company law have allowed unscrupulous international arms brokers to drag our country into the deadly business of the illegal arms trade. Irresponsible arms transfers allow weapons to get into the wrong hands, fuelling conflict, armed violence and human rights violations. Oxfam is calling for an urgent global Arms Trade Treaty and effective international regulation.

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

New life

"My husband abandoned me for a younger wife and left me with nothing. I had no money to look after our children," says Genik in Indonesia.

Oxfam's partner in Indonesia, APIK NTB, provides legal help to women and children, victims of human trafficking and women who suffer from domestic violence or discrimination. We're also helping women like Genik, who would otherwise face the threat of impoverishment, to rebuild their lives and economic independence.

"APIK NTB's lawyers worked hard to help me get an alimony payment from my husband," says Genik. "They also gave me a small grant that I used to buy ducks. I've been breeding ducks and selling cooked, salted eggs. I'm now raising several goats as well and I can afford to send my daughter to college."

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent appeal to support APIK NTB and bought Oxfam Unwrapped gifts. You've made a world of difference to families like Genik's.



Fairtrade fun

Oxfam's Biggest Coffee Break 2011 will be taking place during Fair Trade Fortnight in May 2011. Let's see if we can make it the biggest and best ever!

Visit www.oxfam.org.nz/coffeebreak



ALIXANDRA FAZZINA/OXFAM

When disaster strikes, Oxfam is there.

“The water came very fast,” says Raiza, the mother of two young children in Shikarpur District, Pakistan. “We could only save our children and ourselves. We lost everything else – our home, our livestock.”

Like many people, Raiza and her family only have the clothes they are wearing.

“The children’s clothes get very dirty and there are a lot of flies here – I’m worried about my children’s health.”

The raging flood waters have finally receded but the problems have not. An estimated 20 million people have been affected by the floods, millions of homes have been destroyed and the damage to Pakistan’s infrastructure is immense. Oxfam is trucking clean water, digging and clearing wells, installing water tanks, repairing water pipes and distributing water purification sachets. We’re building emergency toilets and organising campaigns to clean up garbage and waste.

One of the first hygiene items that Oxfam distributes in an emergency is

the simple bar of soap. Each Oxfam hygiene kit distributed contains fifteen bars of soap for personal use and several bars of soap for washing clothes. Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrhoea, a serious health risk for children in any emergency.

In the last year, Oxfam has helped over a million people made homeless by the flooding in Pakistan as well as nearly 500,000 people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. We’ve also helped thousands of people in Samoa who lost their homes and means of earning a living following the tsunami.

We’re also helping thousands more people in emergencies around the globe, many of which rarely make the headlines here in New Zealand. The

crisis in Darfur, Sudan, for instance, is now into its sixth year and remains one of the world’s largest concentrations of human suffering. We’re helping more than half a million people who are living in overcrowded camps, providing water, sanitation and basic healthcare in the hope that one day they will be able to return to their homes.

Disasters can leave families devastated, with women, children, the elderly and the sick suffering the most. Because of the generous public support we receive, Oxfam can respond immediately to their basic needs – providing water, food, sanitation, shelter and healthcare.

When the worst is over, Oxfam helps people get back on their feet, giving them the support they need to rebuild their lives.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our disaster response work over the last year. Oxfam is there because of you. Find out more at www.oxfam.org.nz/emergencies



Bean machine

Deep in the remote, mountainous valleys of Papua, thousands of indigenous farmers are growing high-quality, organic coffee beans. Oxfam has set up a coffee enterprise, the Papua Arabica Marketing Enterprise, to help farmers get a better price for their coffee.

Despite the region's natural resources, Papua's two million indigenous inhabitants are among Indonesia's poorest.

Oxfam is supporting coffee growers with tools, technical advice on cultivating crops and access to markets. We've also provided simple peeling machines that remove the red skin from the coffee beans.

"Using the peeling machine saves a lot of time and means less waste so I can get more money for my beans," says coffee grower Siron Morip.

Oxfam has also set up a production facility for drying, sorting and roasting the beans. When roasted, the beans are sold for their unique taste and aroma to a niche market. This innovative enterprise recently won a national business award in Papua.

You can help a family in Papua improve their income with a practical Oxfam Unwrapped Gardener's Pack. Visit www.oxfamunwrapped.org.nz or call 0800 400 666.

Broken promises

Fighting poverty isn't just about ending hunger. It's also about providing basic rights and opportunities for all and the prevention of unnecessary deaths. Nearly 18,000 children die each year in the Pacific, many of them from preventable causes.

World leaders came together in September to discuss global poverty at the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Summit. The Summit was disappointing, with little in the way of concrete plans to meet the target of lifting millions of people out of poverty by 2015.

Oxfam calls on our government to play its part. We need to honour our pledge to give 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income in overseas development aid by 2015. Right now we give less than half of that. We can do better.

Read more at www.oxfam.org.nz/MDGs



JANE USSHER/OXFAM

Rice of life

"Our income has grown since forming the co-operative," says Dominicos Hale Mone, who lives on a small rice farm in Covalima, East Timor, with his four children and his grandchild. "Before, we barely had enough rice to feed our family. Now we have extra to sell and we've managed to fix up our tractor and buy new seeds. We're also fixing up our house and water supply. Next, we'll invest in nets and motors for our fishing boats."

Oxfam is supporting the Movimento Cooperativo Economico-Agricola, helping farmers access the skills, tools and markets they need to earn a decent living for their families.

You can help more families in East Timor work their way out of poverty. Call 0800 400 666 or visit www.oxfam.org.nz/oxfam+me



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Halving hunger

An incredible 925 million people in our world are hungry. Oxfam's report *Halving World Hunger* shows we can halve this number by 2015. We need to support poor food producers and provide safety nets for people who cannot produce or buy enough food to eat. It is possible. The only missing ingredient is the political will.

Read Oxfam reports at www.oxfam.org.nz/resources



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