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Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope you had a restful summer! I was fortunate to spend a little time in one of the most magical places in Aotearoa, the Hokianga, where there was blissfully little to do other than watch the tides and reflect. I got to contemplate on 2015 and how you are having a powerful and lasting impact on many people’s lives all around the world, and no less so in the Pacific. I can tell you that change is possible, real and happening now.

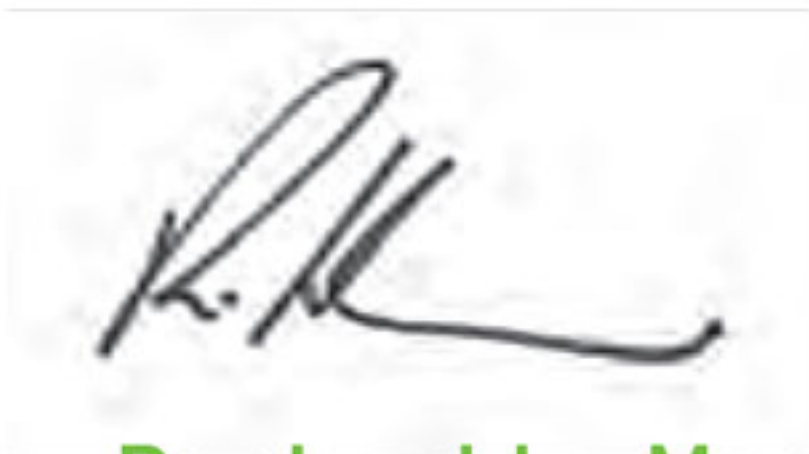
In this edition of *Te Iho*, we share the stories of people who, with a little hand up from you, have been able to earn new incomes, learn lifelong skills or forge new opportunities for themselves that will benefit their loved ones for generations to come. None of this work is truly possible without our supporters, Kiwis who cherish fairness and are passionate about justice. You can meet some of these people on

page five. We also take a look at the need to even up inequality — many of you have heard our call to end tax havens — thank you for speaking out against this injustice.

And thank you for also supporting Oxfam’s emergency work. The Pacific is having a tough time of it, with Cyclone Winston striking Fiji and Tonga in addition to the super-charged El Niño causing drought in Papua New Guinea. But your donations mean we are able to respond quickly, and effectively. Discover how your aid is helping communities in Papua New Guinea on page seven.

Recently, I was one among hundreds of Oxfam Trailwalker teams walking 100km in 36 hours or 50km in 18 hours in Whakatāne, the event’s new home. We received a gracious welcome from the town and iwi. The course was made much harder due to the very heavy rain. As I walked I thought this is how we truly challenge poverty — one step at a time, with persistence in the face of adversity.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. You make our work possible and I am proud to share our stories with you.



Rachael Le Mesurier  
Executive Director  
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**FRONT COVER:** Pauline Mokaya, 13, stands outside a Freshlife toilet in Mukuru, Kenya. In the world’s poorest countries, ill-health from poor water and sanitation is one of the most serious threats to human life. Often the solution is not complicated — the engineering requires just some know-how, a few materials and a bit of hard work. Your support ensures we can continue using sustainable solutions to provide people with access to safe water and sanitation.

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# INEQUALITY: LET'S EVEN IT UP

THE RICHEST  
**1%**

NOW OWN **MORE**  
**THAN** THE REST  
OF THE WORLD

**THE 62 RICHEST**

PEOPLE HAVE AS MUCH AS THE  
POOREST **3.6 BILLION**

**TAX HAVENS COST AFRICA**  
**\$21 BILLION** IN LOST  
TAX REVENUE **EACH YEAR**

THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR  
HAS SPIRALLED OUT OF CONTROL.

Oxfam's shocking new statistics show how a powerful minority has fixed the rules in their favour. Money the extremely rich funnel away into tax havens could be spent on healthcare, education, public services and vital infrastructure. Instead, they grow richer and the poorest people are left behind.



# HAVENS ABOVE

**SKEWED TAX SYSTEMS FAVOUR THE WEALTHY. JASON MYERS, OXFAM'S ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS DIRECTOR, MAKES THE CASE TO END TAX HAVENS.**

Large sums of money are protected by a labyrinth of tax rules that are open for easy exploitation. Offshore havens such as the Cayman Islands and Bermuda direct money from the real economy into the hands of the 1 per cent, while denying the 99 per cent their fair share.

Oxfam recently released shocking new statistics that illustrate how severe the global inequality crisis has become: 62 billionaires now have the same wealth as the poorest half of the planet.

Many are raising the alarm — including President Barack Obama and the IMF's Christine Lagarde — and things are starting to change. But not fast enough.

A year ago, Oxfam predicted that by 2016, the richest one per cent would have more wealth than the rest of the world combined. We were wrong. This disturbing milestone was actually passed in October 2015.

It's encouraging that all UN member states have agreed the Sustainable Development Goals, including specific goals to tackle inequality and poverty. Now come the hard yards — putting the goals into action requires us all to address underlying causes and challenge vested interests.



Tondo slum in Manila, Philippines  
PHOTO: Dewald Brand

Enter the tax havens. Although they are currently legal, they serve no social purpose. These jurisdictions — characterised by high levels of secrecy and low or no tax rates — fuel the rise in inequality.

Globally, it is estimated that a total of NZ\$11.4 trillion of individuals' wealth sits offshore. As tax revenue from wealthy companies and individuals disappears into this global network, governments are deprived of the resources they need to provide vital public services. They are left with two options: cut back on the essential spending needed to build healthy societies and economies; or make up the shortfall by levying higher taxes

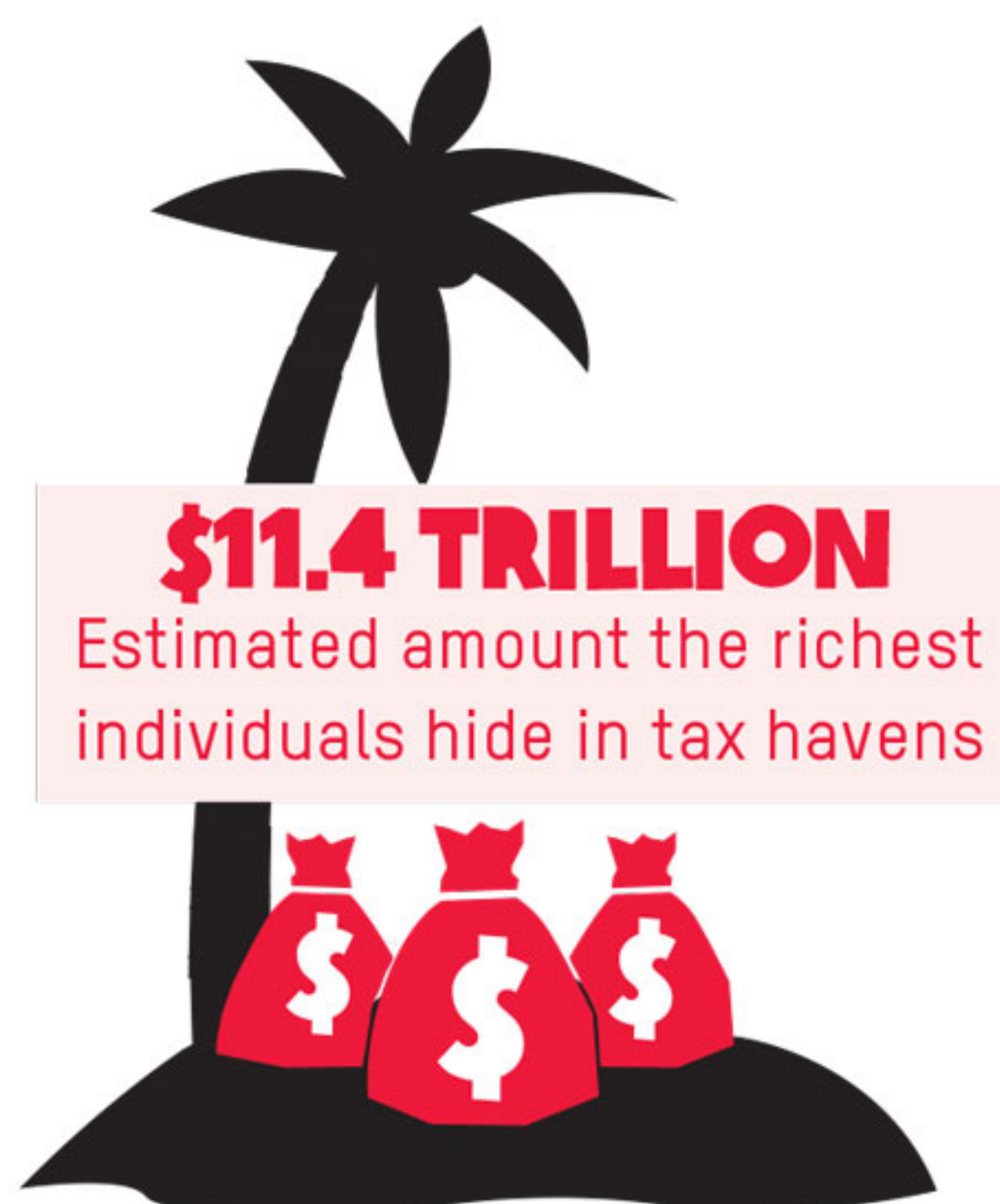
on those less wealthy. The result is that wealth is unfairly shifted upwards, and the inequality gap grows.

## 188 OF 201 LEADING COMPANIES HAVE A PRESENCE IN AT LEAST ONE TAX HAVEN

In 2010, 388 people had the same wealth as half the world. Now it's 62. If the trend continues to 2020, the number will shrink to just 11 people. We can no longer consign this to the "too hard" basket.

For the benefit of all their people, governments across the world need to commit to effective new tax reforms that end the race to the bottom on tax, as well as the secrecy around financial assets.

When enough people call for an end to injustice, the door to fairness opens. So join us. Thousands of New Zealanders like you have backed our call for tax reform. Our message will go straight to world leaders at the UN — let's show them Kiwis demand an end to injustice.







## # E V E N I T U P

### FOUR STEPS TO TAX JUSTICE

- 1** Adopt a more effective global approach against harmful taxation
- 2** Enforce corporate transparency
- 3** Establish a public register to clarify company ownership and assets
- 4** Establish a global tax body to ensure corporations pay their fair share

## TRUE COST OF TAX EVASION

### IRENE MUZUKIRA IS FROM ZAMBIA – ONE OF THE TEN FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD.

But most of the population are not seeing the benefits of this growth — poverty rates have increased while multinational companies benefit from low tax rates. Like 64 per cent of the country, Irene lives in extreme poverty.

Rural areas are extremely poor: there are very few jobs; health centres and schools are inadequate. In Chiawa

village, a group of women farmers are working with Oxfam to find hope and security in banana farming.

For Irene, the impact of inequality is clear. “Those who have been to school have access to so many things —including employment. They have access to education, so they can get jobs. People with a lot of money have things for their children to enjoy. For the poor — the masses — we don’t have anything.”

Countries like Zambia are losing vital tax revenue that could pay for better health centres and schools because multinational companies can hide vast profits in the secret global network of tax havens. The tax lost to Africa alone could be enough to pay for healthcare to save the lives of 4 million children and employ enough teachers to educate every child in Africa.



Photo: Abbie Trayler-Smith



Take action to end the era of tax havens: [act.oxfam.org](https://act.oxfam.org)



MEET SOME OF THE INSPIRING PEOPLE GIVING A HAND  
UP TO COMMUNITIES LIVING IN POVERTY. KIA ORA!



## ART FROM THE HEART

Artist, writer and Oxfam supporter Jacqueline Fahey has spent her life pushing back against inequality — and donating to Oxfam's Legacy Collection will ensure her quest for equality continues once she has gone.

Jacqueline's painting *'Listening to Verdi's Requiem'* is on permanent loan to Oxfam to be sold when she dies, with proceeds going directly to support Oxfam's work. The painting is Jacqueline's contribution to a 'living bequest' collection donated by Kiwi artist Michael Smither.

Why did Jacqueline choose Oxfam? "Because the money is more directly focused on the work," says Jacqueline, "I feel that makes it a very honourable outfit. I like how Pacific-orientated Oxfam is."

Jacqueline's art reflects her history of activism as well as her deep-rooted desire to challenge social injustice and discrimination. And what does she think today's biggest social issue is? "Inequality. We are not going to be at peace if we have a big gap between the rich and the poor."

The Oxfam Legacy Collection is just one way of leaving a gift to the next



**ABOVE:** Jacqueline Fahey and her painting *'Listening to Verdi's Requiem'*.

generation. Give our relationships team a call on **09 355 6500** to discuss legacy giving — no gift is too big or too small.



Would you like to raise funds or get involved  
with Oxfam? We'd love to hear from you!  
Email [oxfam@oxfam.org.nz](mailto:oxfam@oxfam.org.nz) or call **0800 600 700**



## FRONT LINE TO FREE TIME

One of Oxfam's humble heroes, Mark Easthope was inspired to become a regular volunteer after witnessing Oxfam's impact in the Pacific up close.

The Kiwi-born son of Samoan and Tongan parents, Mark first encountered Oxfam providing emergency relief in the aftermath of the 2009 tsunami that struck Samoa. It wasn't until years later that he heard about Oxfam New Zealand and made the connection with his first-hand experience.

"In Samoa I met an Oxfam staffer interacting with the locals and working to fix the water supply. I thought that's great," says Mark, "it's Oxfam looking at the bigger picture, and helping people to help themselves."

Mark has been volunteering at Oxfam for a year, working tirelessly behind the scenes to help keep the office running and costs down. With his unflagging enthusiasm for any and every task, Mark has become a vital member of the Oxfamily.

"I know my time here is valued — I'm so happy to be making a contribution to Oxfam's work."



# OXFAM TRAILWALKER



Whakatāne recently played host to our awesome Oxfam Trailwalker teams and support crew.

Participants in teams of four trekked through either a 50km or 100km route across some of the Bay of Plenty's stunning countryside, including Ōhope Beach. The warm welcome received from Whakatāne was fantastic. A huge thank you to Whakatāne District Council and the local community for their support.

Wet conditions made the 100km course a much tougher challenge. The fastest team across the 100km finish line were Whakatāne locals Woodchuckers, and fastest across the 50km line were another local team, We've Got the Power. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part — Oxfam salutes you all.



To donate to a team and see results and photos from the event visit [oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz](http://oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz)



PHOTOS: Artur Francisco

LEFT: Team We've Got the Power. ABOVE: Team Woodchuckers.

## YOU HAVE THE POWER!

**CHANGE  POWER**

**POWER  CHANGE**

You might not be able to flick a switch to end poverty and injustice, but you can help make a difference by switching power companies. Sign up your main home to Powershop and they'll contribute \$150 to Oxfam.

Powershop is all about change for the better and giving power back to the people, so we reckon they're a good fit for Oxfam supporters. Powershop is tops in customer service, you can buy power anytime it suits you and there are no late payment penalties or fixed term contracts. Plus you can pick up regular savings from their online shop or the Powershop smartphone app.

Powershop's online tracking tools also let you minimise your impact on the environment. See when and where you're using the most power – you might be surprised at how much you can save by making some changes around the house.

It's easy to change. Signing up to Powershop online only takes a few minutes. They even guarantee you'll save money over your current power company in your first year with them. So you really have nothing to lose!

**VISIT [OXFAM.ORG.NZ/POWERSHOP](http://OXFAM.ORG.NZ/POWERSHOP)**



# EL NIÑO DROUGHT



Local Oxfam staff distribute emergency supplies in the Highlands.  
**ALL PHOTOS:** Rodney Dekker

**“THE DRY SEASON IS ALREADY OUT OF CONTROL. THE SMALL RIVERS AND THE CREEKS HAVE ALL DRIED OUT.”**

Margaret Kondango is one of three million Papua New Guineans whose lives have been afflicted by the supercharged El Niño gripping the Pacific region.

Across the towering Highlands, lingering lowlands and scattered coastal islands, communities in Papua New Guinea are



Margaret Kondango

## SNAPSHOT: PNG



**Capital:** Port Moresby  
**Population:** 7.3 million  
**Languages:** Tok Pisin, English and 800+ local dialects

**40%** of people live on less than US\$1 a day

Just **33%** of rural people have access to improved water sources

Only **0.9%** of seats in PNG’s Parliament are held by women

**25%** of children never go to school

Sources: UNDP, World Bank, UN Women, UNICEF



The Highlands are rugged and remote

Celebrating new jerry cans





feeling the effects of water shortages and hunger brought on by a lethal combination of extreme erratic weather and outbreaks of pests. Rivers and creeks have dried up, forcing people to use alternative water sources, compromising their hygiene and causing diarrhoea, dysentery and typhoid.

In Wewak and other coastal areas along the north of the country, communities are experiencing very little rain, and access to food and drinking water is a real issue. The communities are relying on coconuts for food and fluids, but the continuing drought means the fruit is smaller, so they have to harvest even more than they typically do.

In the Highlands regions — which are remote and extremely difficult to access — child malnourishment has been reported and schools have been running for half days because of the heat and lack of drinking water. Long dry spells have been punctuated with torrential downpours but there is no relief in the rains, just flooding, landslides and the loss of precious topsoil. Very little water penetrates the parched earth and people struggle to store rainwater when they don't have storage containers. Crop failures from weevils

have reduced seed stocks — whilst they waited for their food to grow, families have been forced to ration meals to just one small piece of kaukau (sweet potato) once a day.

With the next dry season already looming, the outlook is bleak. But you are providing hope.

Oxfam has been working in Papua New Guinea since 1991, forming deep, enduring relationships with many communities, including Danbagl where Margaret lives. In addition to long-term development work, your ongoing support is helping people adapt to the shifting climate by improving water supply and storage systems, and providing farmers with training and support to maintain their gardens through severe drought.

Emergency donations from New Zealanders are paying for the distribution of jerry cans to store water, soap — which is essential for preventing the spread of disease — and information that will make a big difference in helping people to cope with the dry season. But with your continued support we can make even more of a difference.

"Before Oxfam came, many people in the community were sick," says Margaret.

"But now Oxfam is here, because they provided toilets and water and how to be hygienic, less people have gone to the hospital.

"I am very, very happy for Oxfam coming here. I just want to say that I'm very thankful."

## ► IMPACT

**18,900 PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED SOAP, JERRY CANS, AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND HEALTH INFORMATION.**

**RAINWATER COLLECTION AND PURIFICATION SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT KUNDIAWA HOSPITAL AND KEROWAGI HEALTH CENTRE.**

Vulnerable communities in Papua New Guinea continue to face the challenges of living with El Niño. With your help we can provide solutions like water storage, sanitation and training to help save lives.

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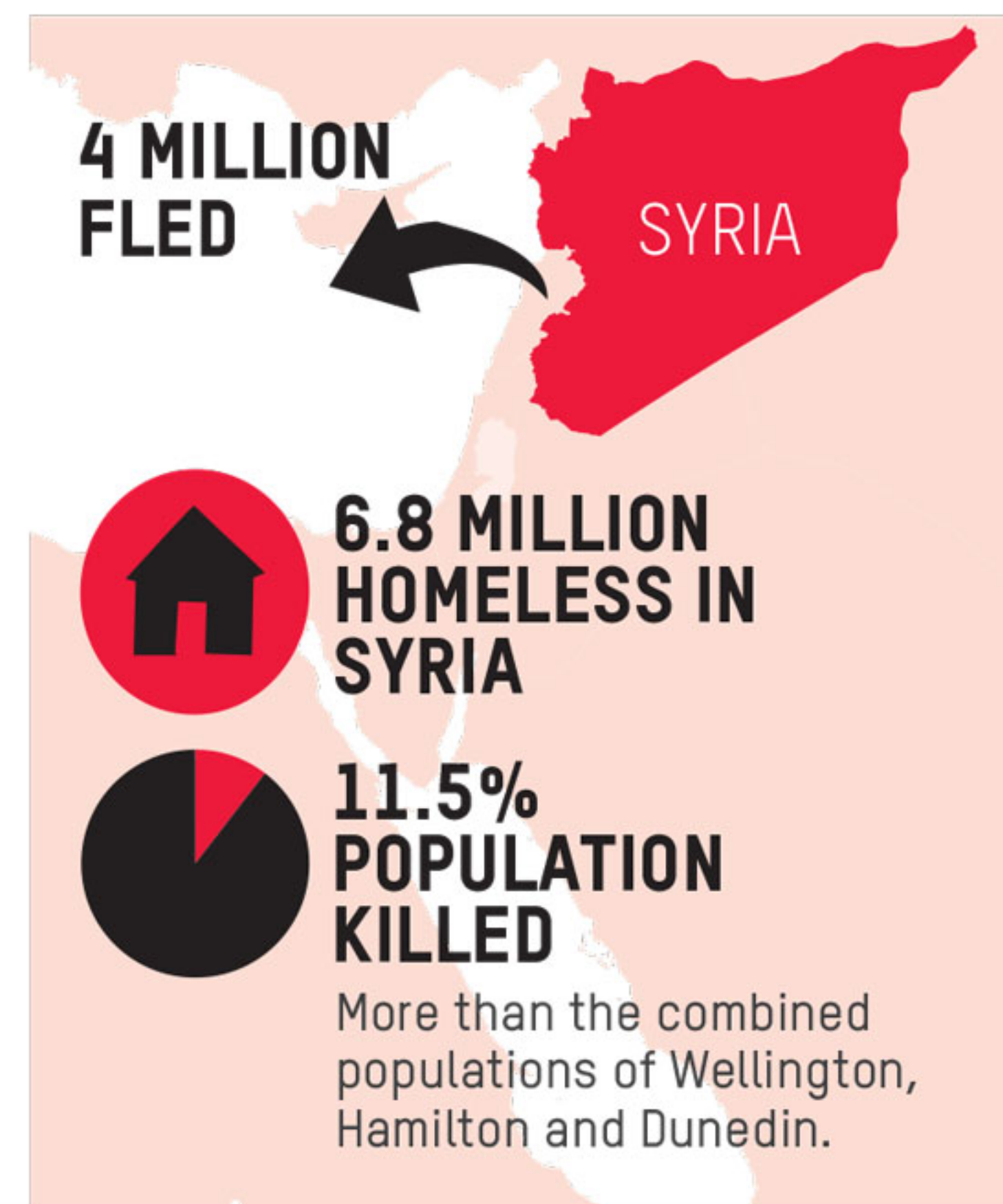


This work is kindly supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.





PHOTO: Pablo Tosco



# FIVE YEARS: NO MORE EXCUSES

**IN FIVE YEARS OF CONFLICT, 4 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO FLEE SYRIA AND NEARLY SEVEN MILLION ARE DISPLACED INSIDE SYRIA ITSELF. NEW ZEALAND IS USING ITS UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT FOR GOOD — OTHER NATIONS MUST FOLLOW SUIT.**

Syria has become the epicentre of the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Indiscriminate attacks on civilians, the blocking of urgently needed aid and the collapse of public services has prompted millions of people to flee the country or abandon their homes inside Syria. Despite the best efforts of the New Zealand Government, repeated UN resolutions have been passed and ignored. While civilian lives are being destroyed, a divided international community continues to act out of self-interest.

With your support, Oxfam is helping survivors of the conflict inside Syria and in refugee camps in surrounding countries. A new round of UN negotiations and increased political will offers a glimmer of hope to push

for policy changes which could improve Syrians' lives. But it is only through collective, concerted pressure that this hope will turn to reality. People from around the world are backing Oxfam's call for the UN Security Council to put Syrian lives above political interests. We must hold those responsible for global peace and security accountable.

Rachael Le Mesurier, Oxfam's Executive Director, says, "Syria is a battleground for competing regional and global interests. New Zealand must continue its good work in addressing civilian suffering — raising the issue of detentions for example — and using our influence on other nations to ensure that resolutions to provide humanitarian relief and protect civilians are enacted."

## OXFAM IS SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN JORDAN AND LEBANON WITH:

-  clean water
-  hygiene vouchers
-  relief supplies, such as stoves
-  toilets & shower blocks
-  accessing legal services



# SAVING LIVES IN NIGER

**YOUR DONATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT HARD TO WORK IN NIGER, A DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRY WHERE MALNUTRITION IS HOLDING YOUNG LIVES IN THE BALANCE.**

Binta's baby daughter, Fati began to show signs of sickness: "She had terrible stomach pains and fever."

Thanks to generous Oxfam supporters, Binta was spared the heartbreak of losing her child: "When she was sick, we were given medicines, special food, aquatabs (water purification tabs) and the hygiene kit and soap. If this had not been available I would have lost my daughter to the fever."

Donations to Oxfam's Niger appeal have enabled water points and toilets to be installed at malnutrition centres across Niger, supporting 15,000 mother-and-child couples over three years.

We're also distributing hygiene kits, along with training the community on how to prevent the spread of disease and keep kids healthy through good sanitation. Without these facilities, it's impossible to prevent or treat malnutrition properly.

You can continue to help other families like Binta's with a life-changing gift of \$35. Visit [oxfam.org.nz](http://oxfam.org.nz) to save lives now.

Thank you for supporting communities in Niger.



Binta and daughter. PHOTO: Abbie Trayler-Smith

## YEMEN CRISIS

It seems like a lifetime ago that people in Yemen woke up in the warmth of their homes, prepared breakfast, took their children to school and set off for work. Evenings used to be spent around the dinner table with family, friends or neighbours. But fighting and air strikes have destroyed this way of life.

Political unrest and violence have left Yemen in the midst of a massive humanitarian crisis. The country has already suffered a fuel crisis which brought the economy to the brink of collapse, deprived millions of people of clean water and caused food shortages. Rising hunger has left many families close to breaking point.

Nearly 2.4 million people have fled their homes in search of safety, and more than 21 million people are now in need of aid.

Aisha, 24 (right), lost her husband and a son to bombs. She worries endlessly about her children: "Are we going to

have enough to eat, are they sick, do they need anything? We sit by as if waiting for our turn to die like so many others before us."

Oxfam's humanitarian response in Yemen is supporting tens of thousands of people like Aisha with livestock and clean water. But more is needed to help people cope with this unfolding catastrophe. Oxfam is pushing for a permanent and immediate ceasefire, and ensuring people have access to essential food, fuel and medical supplies by the re-opening of air and sea routes.

PHOTO: Hind Aleryani





## EMERGENCY UPDATE

# CYCLONE WINSTON HITS HARD

**CYCLONE WINSTON UNLEASHED ITS FULL FURY ON FIJI, DEVASTATING VILLAGES, CROPS AND PEOPLE'S LIVES. YOUR DONATIONS ARE HELPING COMMUNITIES GET BACK ON THEIR FEET.**

in February, Cyclone Winston became the worst recorded storm to ever hit Fiji. Wind gusts up to 325kph destroyed entire villages, flooding low-lying areas and wiping out crops. The country is still struggling to get to grips with the destruction.

The Fijian Government has estimated up to 350,000 people are affected by the cyclone — about 40 per cent of the country's population. Your quick response to our appeal meant within days we had deployed humanitarian experts to work with the Fijian authorities.

Carlos Calderon, Oxfam's Pacific Humanitarian Manager, says, "We provided communities with life-saving water storage and equipment including buckets and Skyhydrants, which purify water for up to two years. These are vital as it could take a long time to restore local water infrastructure.

"Oxfam has worked with Fijian organisations to distribute 2,000 hygiene kits containing soap, a toothbrush and paste, sanitary pads, towels and a cup. These small saviours provide families that have lost everything with help to uphold their health and dignity. And we are committed to supporting communities with their long-term recovery. With your support, we are hoping to reach 20,000 people."



PHOTO: Adi Kautea Nacola

**ABOVE:** Cyclone Winston wreaked havoc, destroying homes.



**ABOVE:** Oxfam hygiene kits ready for distribution.

**Our Pacific neighbours need support — please #standwithfiji and help with a donation today. [oxfam.org.nz/winston](https://oxfam.org.nz/winston)**



PHOTO: Jo Moore

## KIWI COMPASSION

Oxfam would like to sincerely thank everyone who has already helped the people of Fiji.

A special mention goes to the pupils and teachers at Linwood Avenue School and Riccarton Primary School in Christchurch for their great fundraising efforts.

Thanks to acclaimed chef and Oxfam Ambassador Robert Oliver (pictured above) and Kiwi-Fijian lawyer Arti Chand. Their Fiji fundraiser cocktail evening in Wellington was attended by high-profile guests including Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae.

To all the chefs and organisers of the Flavours of Fiji fundraising event in Auckland's Cloud, we offer our gratitude. A delicious, four course meal was served with a side of great live Pacific entertainment.

Kia ora to Countdown and The Body Shop for holding collections in their stores nationwide, and Tip Top for the hugely popular facepainting booth at Auckland's Pasifika festival.



# BREAD, NOT BEER

**TIMOTHY VURIA, CHIEF OF BINU VILLAGE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, IS A CHANGED MAN. IN THE PAST, HE WOULD USE HIS STRENGTH TO HURT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. BUT THANKS TO FAMILY VIOLENCE WORKSHOPS, HE NOW USES HIS INFLUENCE TO CHANGE HIS COMMUNITY FOR THE BETTER.**



TIMOTHY VURIA

"We have this problem in our village — violence, drinking. Most people, especially men, hit their wives, hit their children.

"In the past, if [my children] hear me...coming home, and they say, 'Oh, our dad is coming back', they ran — for their life.

"In the night, they would run to the bush. They would go and hide there and sleep until...their mummy would go out there and find them and say, 'Okay, your daddy is calming down'. And they come home.

"Sometimes we would run out of money because most of the time, I used to drink with the money.

"Oxfam is already teaching us how to overcome all these problems...They come to train us — especially for family violence — so we know how to look after our family.

"This year, I'm changed. My children, now [when] I'm coming they have no fear, they smile...I'm coming home with a little bit of sugar, or chicken, meats, bread — not beer.

"That's why I'm happy. Because my children now, they are happy.

"When Oxfam came in, it changed us a lot. I want to say thank you for what Oxfam is doing. You start to change the community here."

"HE CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE. NOW WE LIVE IN PEACE"



LILIAN VURIA

"My husband has changed...He used to be a man who drinks a lot. But when we attended the programme, he changed his attitude. And I don't have to worry anymore. Now we live in peace.

"He sometimes came back and was violent at home. He destroyed the home, and with the family he got angry and violent. That doesn't have to happen anymore, we live happily now.

"So now people come to me when they have a problem. Since Oxfam has come, they gave me training and changed my life. And now I go out to other people and help them change their lives.

"I'd like to say thank you to Oxfam, for stopping violence against women and children".



# WINDOW ON THE WORLD



PHOTO: Sam Tarling



Pauline Mokaya, 13 stands outside a Freshlife toilet in Mukuru, Kenya.

## SUPERLOO!

“If I was president of Kenya I would change things for people who live normal lives like me. I would make sure they live in clean environments, and I would make sure they have Freshlife toilets. I would help them because we all have the same blood, we are all the same.”

Oxfam partner Sanergy installed Freshlife toilets to replace unsanitary pit latrines at Pauline’s school in the Mukuru informal settlement, Nairobi. Schools with Freshlife toilets in Mukuru have seen dramatically increased attendance, particularly of female students.

## BUDDING BUSINESS

Eating is considered a luxury where Bonheur lives, due to the country’s violent civil war, which left 90 per cent of the population surviving on just one meal a day.

After their father was killed, Bonheur and his brother Sylvanus learned how to make flower bouquets to sell, so they could buy food for their mother, younger brother and sister. Each bouquet sells for 2,000 francs which is enough to provide their family with a basic meal of meat and cassava. Oxfam is supporting displaced families with clean water, food vouchers and programmes to help people earn an income.



## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



Bonheur, covered with petals of unsold bouquets of the day.

PHOTO: Vincent Tremeau



## HERE'S HOW A LITTLE HAND UP CAN HELP LIFT PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY



PHOTO: Rodney Dekker

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Helen Tenwan washes her hands at a sanitation station in Sirumgoralo village, Papua New Guinea.

### WATER DIFFERENCE

Helen Tenwan's community suffered sickness from drinking dirty water — diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases meant frequent trips to the local health centre. But a community-led sanitation programme run by Oxfam's partner ATProjects has turned life around. New ventilated pit latrines, sanitation stations and hygiene workshops mean the village is healthier and happier.

Helen said: "Oxfam taught us why washing our hands is so important. It is easy to do and helps stop sickness in our village. We wash after the toilet, before cooking and many other times.

"Before Oxfam came here we didn't know why we needed to do these things, but in our village now everyone does it and things are better, cleaner."



TONGA

PHOTO: Kristian Fries

Piu Feti 30, a vanilla farmer from 'Eua.

### THE SCOOP ON VANILLA

An Oxfam-supported vanilla enterprise is flourishing in Tonga, supporting jobs and providing new incomes and opportunities for local youth.

Oxfam's Pacific Livelihoods Coordinator in Tonga, Lavinia Palei, said, "With your support we're now building a new vanilla facility where young people will process and package vanilla beans for export. The facility will provide jobs, boost local incomes and strengthen the industry in 'Eua — which despite being just an eight minute flight away from the main island

of Tongatapu, is a world away in terms of the opportunities available to its 5,000 residents. They live simply, off the land, or face the prospect of leaving home to find jobs in Nuku'alofa or further afield. Sustainable home-grown initiatives like this will reduce the number of youth leaving to find work, helping our community thrive."

Oxfam is supporting vanilla production in Tonga through a local partner organisation, Tonga National Youth Congress.



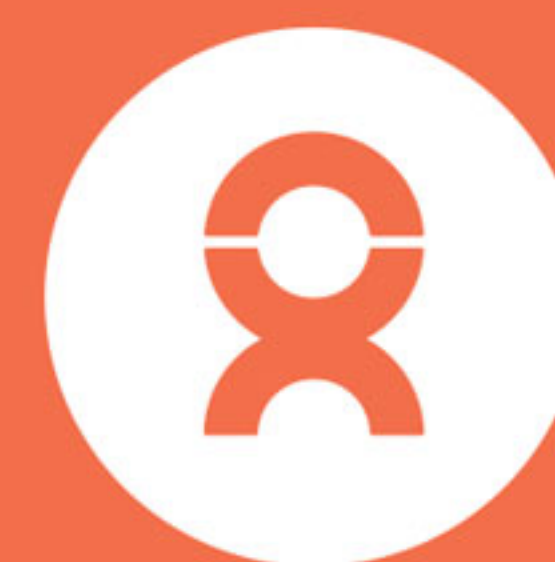


Reverend Suamalie Iosefa Naisali joins Oxfam supporters at the People's Climate March in Auckland. **PHOTO:** Artur Francisco

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