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DEAR FRIENDS,

We are approaching the end of 2021—a year that brought many of us in the United States access to vaccines to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, this solution is not yet free and fairly distributed around the world. As we head into 2022, Oxfam will continue to fight for an accessible People's Vaccine so that everyone around the globe is one step closer to having the opportunity to thrive, not just survive.

This issue of *CloseUp* examines care work—both paid and unpaid. Before the pandemic, women around the world were spending three times as much time on unpaid care as men. The pandemic has only widened these chasms, with the bulk of care responsibility falling to women. That's why Oxfam and our partners focused this past year on advocating for legislation to invest in the child care industry and to expand the child tax credit for families. Our story on page 6 takes a look at Oxfam's gender action learning programming, which fights gender inequality by transforming norms on individual and community levels and creating pathways to rebalance household duties.

In this issue, we also look at our emergency response and commitment to offering lifesaving support. With your partnership, we have responded to humanitarian emergencies in Yemen, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Beirut, and Gaza—positively impacting communities made vulnerable by climate change, gender-based violence, exploitation, illness, and war.

Thank you for your confidence and continued support in 2022 and the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Abby Maxman
President & CEO, Oxfam America

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We are so excited to share that with your help and generosity, we were able to meet our \$500,000 summer matching gift challenge goal.

And thanks to an especially generous group of Oxfam supporters, we've launched a new year-end matching gift challenge to raise another \$500,000 by our December 31 fundraising deadline. To double the impact of your year-end giving (up to the fund's \$500,000 limit), please visit oxf.am/closeup-match.

COVER: Zibusiso and his wife, Sibongisiwe, wash dishes together in their family kitchen in Bubi District, Zimbabwe, as their daughter Charity (name changed for protection) looks on. *Aurelie Marrier D'Unienville/Oxfam*

We welcome your feedback. Please direct letters to editor@oxfamamerica.org.

IN THE NEWS

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FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO ASYLUM

In August, Oxfam—along with the ACLU, the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, RAICES, and the Texas Civil Rights Project—went back to court to challenge the Biden administration over Title 42, an obscure public health policy used to expel asylum-seekers from the US. The following month, a Washington, DC, court ruled that the policy is likely to be found illegal and in violation of longstanding refugee law. As of this printing, the Biden administration is fighting that ruling, asking a federal appeals court to allow Title 42 expulsions of families to continue.

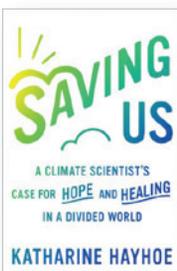
Oxfam's experts have been quoted widely, including by the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, NBC News, Reuters, *Politico*, *USA Today*, Telemundo, and Univision. On September 30, Noah Gottschalk, Oxfam America's global policy lead, appeared on *NBC Nightly News* to discuss the harmful policy.

Read more about Title 42: oxf.am/closeup-lawsuit



“ Seeking asylum is a human right, and we will continue fighting with our co-counsel to put an end to this harmful policy once and for all so that refugees can rebuild their lives in the US with dignity and humanity. ”

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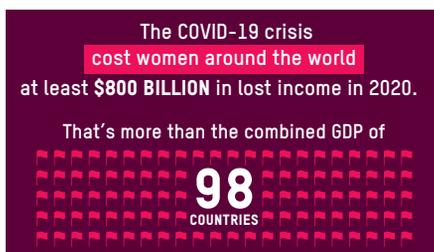
RECOMMENDED READING

Oxfam Sister on the Planet Ambassador Katharine Hayhoe tackles climate change in her recently published

book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. The chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy and distinguished professor at Texas Tech University demonstrates that climate change is much more than an environmental issue. It's an economic issue, a technology issue, a health issue—in short, a human issue.

Read an excerpt:

oxf.am/closeup-saving



WHAT COVID COST WOMEN

In April, Oxfam revealed that the COVID-19 crisis had cost women around the world at least \$800 billion in lost income in 2020, equivalent to more than the combined GDP of 98 countries. Globally, women lost more than 64 million jobs last year. This loss-of-income statistic received coverage in *Bloomberg*, CNN, Reuters, *MarketWatch*, NPR, *The Hill*, CNBC, *Forbes*, and *The New York Times*.

Learn more about our COVID-19 recovery work: oxf.am/closeup-covidrecovery

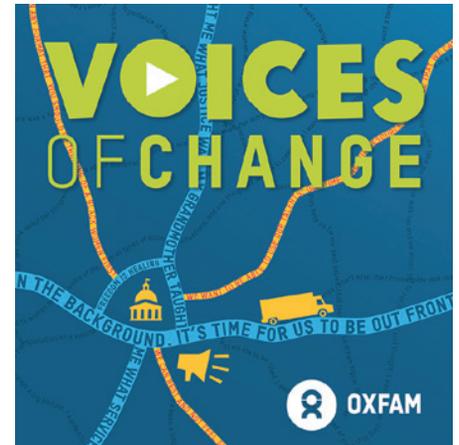


DUCHESS JOINS PUSH FOR PAID LEAVE

In an effort to secure national paid leave for all families, Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, teamed up with Oxfam, Paid Leave for All, and the Marshall Plan for Moms to send a moving letter to Congress. Guaranteed paid leave would be critical to families across the country, and has been a key part of our COVID recovery advocacy. The duchess's letter is part of a campaign to ensure that paid leave is included in the Build Back Better Act.

Read the letter:

oxf.am/closeup-meghan



NOW STREAMING

This fall, Oxfam launched *Voices of Change*, a new podcast about change from the perspective of the changemakers themselves. The first season highlights Black women in the Deep South, who share their stories in their own voices. Episode 1 focuses on longtime Oxfam partner Willie Jones, president and CEO of Dependable Source Corp., a workforce development center based in Jackson, Mississippi.

Listen to episode 1, “The Long Haul,” at oxf.am/closeup-voices

BEST AND WORST STATES (FOR WOMEN) TO WORK

In September, Oxfam released its annual index of best states to work—this year creating a *Best and Worst States for Working Women* report, as well as our traditional *Best and Worst States to Work in America* index.

Both examine three key areas. First, wage policies: To what degree are states mandating fair minimum wages for their workers? Second, worker protections: Are states taking proactive measures to treat workers with dignity and establish safe conditions? And third, the right to organize: Are workers free and able to form and join unions?

Oregon ranked first in both reports, while for the second year in a row, North Carolina ranked last. The findings were featured in *Axios*, *Fast Company*, *Fortune*, Bloomberg Radio, NPR, and *Forbes*.

View the Best and Worst States to Work interactive map: oxf.am/closeup-maps



STEPS TOWARD A PEOPLE'S VACCINE

For months, Oxfam has advocated alongside the People's Vaccine Alliance for a waiver of intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines to increase the global supply of vaccines. In May, the campaign celebrated a major victory when US Trade Representative Katherine Tai announced that the US government would support waiving intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines. Despite this progress, a handful of countries continue to resist a waiver, so Oxfam and our allies have continued to push for an equitably distributed vaccine that is available to everyone.

In September, Oxfam America President and CEO Abby Maxman participated in the White House COVID-19 Vaccine Summit, which included a video advocating for sharing technology and intellectual property. Oxfam's campaign efforts have been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Politico*, and *Forbes*, and by NPR, Reuters, CNBC, MSNBC, and the Associated Press.

Watch the video featuring Abby Maxman: oxf.am/closeup-vaccinesummit

CARE IN CRISIS

THE PANDEMIC HAS EXPOSED DEEP-ROOTED INEQUALITIES IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL UNPAID AND PAID CARE WORK, BUT IT HAS ALSO PRESENTED US WITH A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO FIX A BROKEN SYSTEM, WRITES ELIZABETH ENDARA.

Rochelle Wilcox, a child care director and advocate in New Orleans, Louisiana, thought things were starting to get back to normal as vaccinations began rolling out in the US last spring. However, with the Delta variant on the rise just as back-to-school time hit, she found her child care centers once again underfunded and understaffed.

“Women and children are always put on the back burner,” says Wilcox. “And in the child care industry it’s mostly Black women. Especially in Louisiana, the child care industry is heavily dominated by minority women. This is seen as women’s work. If there were more men in the field, we’d probably get more respect, but there aren’t.”

The child care industry in the US is at its breaking point, but this is just one piece of the puzzle. Around the world, women have been pushed to the brink as the inequalities in both paid and unpaid care work continue to present an enormous challenge.

Globally, women have always taken on the majority of care-related duties, but the pandemic has exacerbated this situation. On average, women around the world spend three times the number of hours on unpaid care work as men, and as women’s care duties grow, so does

their level of poverty. A UN report from earlier this year found that the pandemic is expected to push 18 percent more women than men between the ages of 25–34 into extreme poverty.

GREATER CARE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WOMEN

In the Philippines, women spend at least 13 hours a day on care-related tasks like fetching water, cooking, and getting their children ready for school. For Arlene Cinco, a mother in Tacloban City, Philippines, her level of care work, which has been worsened by the pandemic, is keeping her from making money for her family.

“It is so much harder now to take care of my family without a stable source of income,” says Cinco. “I wish that the pandemic ends soon, so that the classes can resume, and I can revive my small business.”

Seven out of the 13 hours spent by Filipino women on care work involves multi-tasking or juggling at least two activities at the same time. While the pandemic forced many men to stay home from work, the bulk of care responsibilities still fell on women.

In 2017, Oxfam Philippines launched a three-year women’s economic

empowerment and care project aimed at recognizing the importance of unpaid care work through “writeshops” that led to the drafting of the first template ordinance on unpaid care and domestic work in the country. As of March 2021, at least 28 local government units have enacted their respective ordinances on unpaid care, which commit the use of gender and development budgets specifically for care-related services, like daycare centers, roads to access community markets, and community laundry areas. Such ordinances are a huge step in the right direction in giving women like Cinco the support they deserve.

FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EARNING MONEY AND PAYING FOR CHILD CARE

In the US, the pandemic forced many child care centers to close for good, meaning not only are the majority women staff without jobs, but the mothers who relied on these centers are now without reliable care.

Crystal Downs, a mom in Marietta, Georgia, struggles with juggling her career and caring for her 3-year-old daughter. “I feel stuck,” she says. “The cost of child care is keeping our family trapped financially, but it’s the only way we can get work done.”



// If I have the time and opportunity, I want to work or have a small business. //

—RUTH, PHILIPPINES

Downs estimates that on average, she spends around 10 hours a day on care-related tasks, and like most two-parent families, around 10 percent of her family's household income is spent on child care. "It's a lose-lose situation," she says.

This crisis is why Oxfam is advocating along with partners like the Marshall Plan for Moms, MomsRising, and the National Women's Law Center for Congress to pass legislation that would invest billions of dollars into the child care industry and expand the child tax credit for families, so that child care workers and parents have the support they need.

SYSTEMIC CHANGE ON THE HORIZON

The long-term problem of care work demands long-term solutions. Whether we're talking about mothers taking on the bulk of unpaid care responsibilities at home or child care workers trying to grow

a career in an industry with low pay and no benefits, care work is essential and deserves to be treated as such.

"If we go back to care as it was pre-COVID, then we have failed," says Wilcox. "We need to think about the whole picture and how we can do policy around this. We need to start thinking of this as a community effort. We need systemic change."

A CLOSER LOOK 🔍

Learn more about the child care crisis and how we can build an infrastructure that supports parents and care workers: oxf.am/closeup-carework

ABOVE: Ruth (last name withheld for privacy reasons) is a mother of seven in Tacloban City, Philippines. She is proud to be a full-time caretaker, but care work leaves Ruth with no time to earn money working outside the home. *Jed Regala/Oxfam*



ROADMAP TO THE FUTURE

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
COUPLES IN RURAL
CAMBODIA LEARN TO
TALK, WORK TOGETHER,
ENVISION THE FUTURE,
AND IMPROVE THEIR
LIVES AND INCOME.
BY CHRIS HUFSTADER
AND SAVANN OEURM**

When Soeurn Lai Ei comes home from a district council meeting near her village in Kampong Thom province, in Cambodia, she frequently finds her husband, Neoun Heang, grilling fish for dinner.

“Sometimes, she arrives home very tired and hungry,” Heang says. “I feel very guilty if I am at home and do not help her with household chores, so now I cook for my wife.”

Heang is newly inclined to help around the house since participating in an Oxfam-funded training program designed to encourage couples to discuss their future together and to analyze family work roles. It’s part of an initiative to help women find more time to take on com-

munity leadership roles in a society more accustomed to seeing them at home.

The experience spurred Heang to do more at home in addition to his work farming and selling fish. He says their new life balance brings happiness to the family. “I see my wife is happy, and I am happy too.”

POVERTY AND CONFLICT

Lai Ei and Heang were married in 2005, and their respective families set them up with a little house and a Korean motorbike—a cheap model suited for a family starting out—and they started growing rice on a small farm. They had two boys (they are now 10 and 16). “We lived in a small house with a zinc roof,” Lai Ei says.



“We were very poor. When our children were young, they got sick very often. We had no real business other than farming.”

Heang says their farm sometimes did not produce enough rice to feed the family, and they lacked money to buy more. One day, he remembers when they had completely run out of food and money: “We had no food except an egg,” Heang recounts. “We cooked and ate only half of the egg with fish sauce.”

The stress of poverty led to unhappiness and conflict. Heang made decisions about how to spend what little money they earned without talking with Lai Ei. He bought alcohol and got drunk, and he gambled.

“My wife always said, ‘We are poor, and you spend money on alcohol. You don’t want to save the money for our children, and for us when we get older.’”

Once, he came home and hit Lai Ei. “I was very tired,” Heang says about those days in the past. “I thought she did not care about me, so I was angry with her.”

“I gave my husband freedom to decide what he wanted to do, because he is the man in the family,” Lai Ei recalls. “I respected him, and I was afraid of him.”

OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

The transition out of poverty and conflict started with some modest programs in the community carried out by Action for Development (AFD), a Cambodian organization working with support from Oxfam.

In 2008, Lai Ei joined a Saving for Change group—a village bank where she saved money and could get small loans. Lai Ei proved she was a strong leader, and her friends and neighbors had confidence in her. “In 2010, I was elected by women from 10 different communities to be the director of a women’s network for the district,” Lai Ei says proudly, standing outside her home with Heang.

These opportunities also created tensions in the household. “I was afraid of [Heang’s] jealousy,” Lai Ei says. “I always met with different people, including men. I thought it would make my husband sad and angry with me.”

SHARING THE WORKLOAD AT HOME

When Oxfam and AFD established Saving for Change groups in Kampong Thom and other parts of Cambodia, they encouraged women to lead the groups and to

take on other leadership roles in the community. With hundreds of thousands of members worldwide, Oxfam’s Saving for Change programs have been building resilience and helping women claim their power since 2005. Oxfam’s theory is that having women share decision-making power and introducing women’s perspectives into local government will help women influence more of the decisions that affect their lives.

In 2017, a few years after establishing the Saving for Change groups, Oxfam checked progress: a study conducted in 157 communities in four provinces of Cambodia showed that 16 percent of women involved in Saving for Change groups were using their savings and loans to start new businesses—but they actually had less time for leadership opportunities. More than 40 percent of them cited their domestic workload as the reason.

Lai Ei’s work on behalf of her community was added to her workload at home. It left her less time for the agricultural work she shared with Heang, but also for cooking, cleaning, and child care, which she did alone—part of a global trend that sees women doing three times more domestic work and child care than men, according to the Men Care Fatherhood Campaign.

Women were financing family rice farms with their Saving for Change group loans, and families reported more joint decision-making regarding agricultural work, one of the areas of shared labor. But there was very little sharing or joint decision-making related to domestic duties. Cooking, cleaning, and caring for children were almost entirely handled by women, including Lai Ei.

PHOTO: Neoun Heang (left) and Soeurn Lai Ei now share domestic duties like cooking, cleaning, and caring for children, leaving Lai Ei more time to work outside the home. *Savann Deurm/Oxfam*



TOP ROW, LEFT: Soeurn Lai Ei participates at a meeting, part of her job as a district councilor in Kampong Thom province. She is better able to make time for this job since her husband started sharing domestic duties at their home. She says that the fact that she can “fully participate in doing my job without my husband being angry and jealous” is also significant.

TOP ROW, RIGHT: Rebalancing the household workload and improving communication has helped Lai Ei and Heang change their relationship and increase their income.

ABOVE: A family in Kampong Thom province works on their Gender Road Map, a tool they use to plan for the future together.

RIGHT: Neoun Heang and Soeurn Lai Ei water trees at their family farm in Kampong Thom province. Their shared plan for the future involved establishing a cashew plantation and raising chickens, both of which are helping them earn more money.

PHOTOS: Savann Oeurm/Oxfam



DRAWING THE ROADMAP FOR THE FAMILY

AFD and another Oxfam partner called Sre Khmer worked with 144 families in Pursat and Kompong Thom provinces to consider ways to remedy this gender imbalance at home using a tool called the Gender Road Map, which guides couples to jointly plan the future for their family by literally drawing it on a diagram.

CHANGING THE COMPLEX, DEEP-ROOTED CULTURAL NORMS THAT LEAD TO GENDER INEQUALITY AND VIOLENCE IN CAMBODIA REQUIRES BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

“First, it trained us to design a family plan,” Lai Ei explains. Their plan involved house improvements, buying land to start cultivating cashew trees, and raising chickens.

The review of the current family situation prompted some major changes for Heang. “I learned she does a lot of difficult work. She goes out to do community work for long hours, while I was going out to drink alcohol. I was not helping her with household chores.”

Heang says he made some changes to share household responsibilities: “I stopped drinking with friends, and instead I use the time to cook for my wife and my kids. I started to look for a new business that can earn more money for my family.”

Lai Ei and Heang are achieving some of their goals: in 2020 they bought five

hectares (about 12.25 acres) of land for growing cashew trees, they bought chickens, and they have fixed up their home. Heang is also making money buying and selling fish, using capital borrowed from the Saving for Change group.

Lai Ei reports that the family finances have improved. She estimates their gross monthly income is nearly \$500 now, a decent income in rural Cambodia.

Lai Ei says the family is a lot happier and more stable now—and she says other couples who participated in the training have seen improvements as well. “They manage their time well, and husbands understand their [wives’] burdens and difficulties. Their relationship is better and they are happy. In every family, I can see that the violence against women has been reduced.”

Some of Lai Ei’s observations are borne out in an assessment conducted by Oxfam in 2020. A survey of 144 participants showed that more husbands and wives were making joint decisions in relation to crops and livestock. Participants reported that as they rebalanced the household workload, their improved ability to communicate was accompanied by a reduction in conflict and domestic violence and an average 63 percent increase in income, despite the pandemic.

Changing the complex, deep-rooted cultural norms that lead to gender inequality and violence in Cambodia requires building trust between men and women, says Oxfam’s Cambodia Head of Program Sophoan Phean. The Gender Road Map creates an “engaging and tailored process that leads to visible positive results.”

ACHIEVING BALANCE

Heang and Lai Ei water a tree with a hose outside their home, standing in the sun and laughing. Lai Ei looks at Heang and says, “I really enjoy how my husband has changed. It means I can fully participate in doing my job without my husband being angry and jealous.”

She reflects on the future they are building together. “Our children are growing up and going to school. My husband and I didn’t have much education, and that limited our perspectives in life, and caused domestic violence. We will try our best for our children to finish higher education so that they can come back to help the community, just like me.”

A CLOSER LOOK

Ending the injustice of poverty must include helping women defend their basic rights, earn a living, and live free from violence. Learn more at oxfam.org/closeup-genderjustice.

EMERGENCIES DON'T STOP DURING THE COVID CRISIS

AS OXFAM'S WORK WITH LOCAL PARTNERS TO HELP PEOPLE SURVIVE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES, WE ARE ALSO RESPONDING TO OTHER NEW AND ONGOING CRISES. HERE'S A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE EMERGENCY WORK YOUR SUPPORT MADE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR.

Since March 2020 Oxfam has worked with 694 partners to reach 14.33 million people in more than 60 countries and the US to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and support people's basic food needs and livelihoods. During this time, we also advocated for a mass-produced, fairly distributed coronavirus vaccine that is available to every individual, rich and poor alike: a People's Vaccine.

In India in April and May 2021 the Delta variant of the disease spread through the country, affecting our partners, Oxfam staff, and millions of others. Oxfam India was already providing cash, food, and hand-washing stations for migrant laborers stuck without money, housing, food, or transport options. As the Delta variant surged, Oxfam continued to provide food (more than half a million rations and food packs) and hygiene items to people, while also delivering medical equipment to more than 100 hospitals and health centers, including gas cylinders, beds, and protective equipment. We also advocated for the government to help migrant workers returning to home villages with no jobs,

and to reduce the vulnerability of women to domestic violence. Oxfam is active in 16 Indian states.

ONGOING EMERGENCIES

In the meantime, Oxfam has also continued its response to humanitarian emergencies all over the globe, work made even more difficult owing to increased costs, prevention measures that limit staff movements, and the threat of infection. More than half of the people Oxfam is helping are women and girls, who have been disproportionately affected by COVID.

YEMEN: Oxfam has assisted three million people affected by the war in Yemen since 2015, providing water and sanitation assistance, cash, and food. This past year, fighting in the area around Marib has displaced more than a million people (75 percent of whom are women and children), who now seek shelter in camps in areas prone to flooding and sandstorms. Oxfam has assisted 14,000 people, delivering cash to more than 2,000 families and desludging 55,000 liters of sewage from latrines each day.

ETHIOPIA: Since conflict broke out in the northern Tigray region in November 2020, Oxfam has been providing water, sanitation, and hygiene items to people displaced by fighting. Oxfam is calling on all parties to observe a cease-fire, prioritize the safety of civilians, re-establish public services, and grant aid agencies unconditional and safe access to help those at risk of severe hunger. So far, Oxfam and partners have reached more than 75,000 people, and plan to assist 400,000.

BANGLADESH: Since Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence came over the border from Myanmar in 2017, Oxfam and partners in Bangladesh have been assisting people living in extremely overcrowded conditions. Expanding on our mission to provide clean water and sanitation, Oxfam and its local partners stepped up hygiene promotion starting in 2020. We also produced clean water for more than 20,000 people who survived a fire in one section of the Kutupalong refugee camp in April 2021. When heavy rains in July flooded water treatment systems and latrines, Oxfam made repairs and distributed hygiene kits.

WORKING WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, OXFAM IS HELPING PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THESE HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES (2020–2021)

CONFLICT & DISPLACEMENT

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Burkina Faso
Central African Republic
Democratic Republic of Congo
Ethiopia
Iraq
South Sudan
Sudan
Syria
Yemen

STORMS & FLOODING

Bangladesh
Cambodia
Central America
India
Mozambique
Philippines
South Sudan
Vietnam

LOCUSTS

Ethiopia
Kenya
Somalia

EARTHQUAKE

Indonesia

DROUGHT

Central America
Ethiopia
Kenya
Somalia
Zimbabwe



SUDDEN EMERGENCIES

Oxfam and key local groups we collaborate with still must help people when conflict, storms, earthquakes, and other sudden disasters hit, even when assets and resources are already committed to long-term programs. Here are just a couple of examples:

BEIRUT: In August 2020, a warehouse storing ammonium nitrate in Beirut's port exploded and killed more than 200 people, injured 7,000, and displaced 300,000. Oxfam, already committed to assisting Syrian refugees and host communities in eastern Lebanon, turned to the capital city and recruited 11 new partner organizations to provide cash, food, reconstruction assistance, and other help for vulnerable disabled people, women, and LGBTQ people affected by the blast. Oxfam's partners continue to assist more than 10,000 people as they recover from the explosion amid the political and economic collapse in Lebanon.

GAZA: In May 2021 rocket attacks and shelling in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel led to widespread damage in Gaza. Bombing reduced entire apartment blocks to rubble, destroyed roads, knocked out water and power systems, and damaged clinics and schools. Nearly 450,000 people in Gaza needed humanitarian assistance, and more than 100,000 people were displaced. When it was safe enough to do so, Oxfam worked with local aid groups in Gaza to provide blankets and mattresses, hygiene items, and the chemicals needed to operate three sea water desalination plants that provide drinking water for 400,000 people. Oxfam also provided cash to farming families to help them restart their work, and we plan to repair water and sanitation systems at 19 schools.

These are just a few of the crises Oxfam is working on in collaboration with local groups. Contributions from people like you are making this work possible, and we thank you for your support.

TOP: Families seeking safety in Marib, Yemen, including Salem and his 6-year-old son, have had to flee fighting multiple times. *Kaff Media/Oxfam*

BOTTOM: An Oxfam volunteer hands out water purification tablets after heavy monsoon rains in southeast Bangladesh damaged Cox's Bazar refugee camps and displaced families. *Shaikh Ashraf Ali/Oxfam*

A CLOSER LOOK 🔍

Oxfam works with local organizations and governments to save lives in emergencies and reduce future disaster risks. Learn more at: oxfam.org/closeup-2021emergencies



// One of the main reasons I donate to Oxfam is that the organization does not simply respond to emergencies but works to help the affected people deal with the underlying problems. //

JOSEPH TRONOLONE
OXFAM LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER

In the 1980s, Joseph Tronolone came across a profile on Oxfam in *The New York Times* and was drawn to the organization's mission. He made his first gift to Oxfam in 1984 and has been consistently supporting our work for 25 years.

"I think it is critical to Oxfam's success that it works with partner organizations to empower its beneficiaries," says Tronolone. "I applaud that Oxfam makes very clear and strong political statements about the causes of poverty and injustice."

Tronolone joined the Legacy Circle by setting up a charitable gift annuity benefiting Oxfam in 2013. "I consider CGAs a win-win situation," he says. "The charity gets the full donation to use and the donor receives annual payments at an interest rate well beyond what is available elsewhere." Since then, he has set up three more CGAs.

"The problems the world faces are daunting, but Oxfam's successes validate my decisions to put Oxfam in my will and to make monthly donations," Tronolone says.

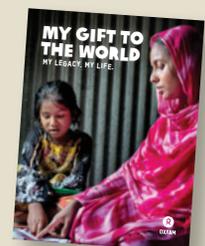
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**SYDNEY AND DAVID ATKINSON
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Sydney and David Atkinson have steadily contributed to Oxfam for the past three decades. They believe strongly in equality for all people, and—central to that philosophy—that no child should ever go hungry for lack of access to food. “We are fortunate to have ample resources to live opportunity-filled lives, and supporting Oxfam allows us to share those resources through an organization in which we have utmost confidence,” they say.

The couple share that it is Oxfam’s longevity and responsiveness to social change that has earned their loyalty. “We believe Oxfam approaches their mission with integrity and accountability. In addition to recognizing the need for immediate relief, we believe in the work of developing an infrastructure that allows individuals and families to support themselves with dignity.”

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