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DEAR FRIENDS,

We come to your mailboxes at a tumultuous time. As we finalized this issue of Closeup, we began seeing reports about the horrific killings of civilians in Israel on October 7. In mid-October, as I write this, violence is escalating across the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Israel, and the region, and more than 1 million Palestinian people were ordered to evacuate northern Gaza with nowhere safe to go. Conditions for civilians in Gaza are rapidly deteriorating as food, clean water, electricity, and fuel run out, and there are reports of increasing numbers of civilians killed. Oxfam is monitoring the unfolding situation closely and working with our teams and partners in the region to learn how best to support civilians affected by this devastating conflict, while also calling for de-escalation and prioritization of humanitarian access and aid.

In times like this, it is even more important for us to hold on to our sense of shared humanity and compassion. Let’s take a note from the songbook of Raye Zaragoza, an artist we interviewed in this issue, who encourages us to hold on to our feelings. “Don’t close your eyes when it’s frightening,” she implores us in the title song of her latest album, Hold That Spirit.

You’ll read more about Zaragoza in this issue as well as about climate activist Marinel Ubaldo, a young woman from the Philippines whom I had the honor to march alongside at the March to End Fossil Fuels in September. Ubaldo was instrumental in the passage of a landmark case in the Philippines that set a precedent for holding climate polluters accountable for human rights violations. We’ll also introduce you to the Caquetá Women’s Platform, a collective of women’s organizations devoted to protecting women’s rights and the future of the Amazon.

This issue is packed with stories from powerful women, including Hawo Are, a community health volunteer in a camp for internally displaced people in Qulogi, in the Somali Region of Ethiopia. Are—featured in our lead story about the hunger crisis in East Africa—and fellow community health volunteers work to raise awareness about women’s health and women’s rights within the camp. I hope you are as inspired by these women as I am.

Heading into the holiday season, when I give thanks for the opportunity to share nourishing meals in peace with my family, I am thinking of Are and millions of others like her who struggle to find food, water, and security for their own families. Your steadfast support helps women like Are, Ubaldo, and so many others lead real change in their own families. Your steadfast support helps women like her who struggle to find food, water, and security for their families. Oxfam and global activists march with thousands to demand climate justice.

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HOLDING GLOBAL LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE

Oxfam President and CEO Abby Maxman attended a number of gatherings at the 78th annual U.N. General Assembly (UNGA 78) in September, where international heads of state came together to discuss policies and progress toward sustainable development goals (SDGs). Following President Biden’s speech at UNGA 78, wherein he expressed the importance of climate action to prevent further environmental harm, we called on the Biden administration to make good on its promises and to protect communities most affected by climate change in an op-ed published by Inter Press Service. Oxfam also held a reception for climate activists, Oxfam America’s Sisters on the Planet Ambassadors, dignitaries from Club de Madrid, and public figures.

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CELEBRATING A NEW ERA

Oxfam, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and the Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable co-hosted two panels and a fireside chat at the third annual “Policy & Power: A New Era for Black Women” symposium at Essencefest this summer. These events brought together organizers and policymakers from across the nation to tackle issues such as climate justice, maternal health, and youth leadership—with a focus on Black women. Oxfam friends and public figures Elaine Welteroth and Elsa Majimbo joined us to envision an equitable future where Black women thrive.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM: oxf.am/closeup-essence

ABOVE: Members of the Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable convene at the symposium at EssenceFest. Partee Photography/Kayland Partee

HOW THE STATES STACK UP ON SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES

In advance of Labor Day, Oxfam America published its fifth Best States to Work Index. The report ranked all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C., on factors including state wages, working conditions, and rights to organize. As in past years, the report received extensive media coverage, including interviews with lead researcher Kaitlyn Henderson; mentions in an op-ed in Newsweek by Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota’s lieutenant governor; and an op-ed in the Clarion-Ledger by Vangela M. Wade, president and CEO of the Mississippi Center for Justice. The report also received coverage in Axios Seattle, El Diario Nueva York, The Washington Post, Houston Chronicle, The Sacramento Bee, and Forbes, and was featured on CNBC, MarketWatch, and KTLA.

SEE WHERE YOUR STATE RANKS: oxf.am/closeup-beststates23
As we went to print on October 20, the conflict between Israel and Hamas was continuing to escalate. People across Israel were taking shelter from rocket attacks, and families were coping with the deaths and abductions of loved ones. People in the Gaza Strip were living under heavy missile strikes with dwindling access to basic necessities, and at least 1 million people were forced to flee their homes after an evacuation order from Israeli Defense Forces. More than 2 million people—half of whom are children—face a terrifying future, where food and water are limited, basic services such as medical care and sanitation are unavailable, and nowhere is safe from violence.

Oxfam has long been active in promoting economic opportunities and protecting women from gender-based violence in Gaza. We have begun sending funds to help local partners in Gaza provide hygiene supplies and cash for food from the few supermarkets that remain open. We will respond more fully to the humanitarian needs when it’s safe to do so. We plan to:

- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene items
- Support the rehabilitation of water and wastewater networks
- Provide food and other essential household items
- Provide support to people living in or near emergency shelters

In the weeks and months ahead, Oxfam will continue to do everything possible to protect civilians, support the return of Israeli hostages, and call for an end to the violence that is devastating lives and communities across the region.

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RALLYING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

In September, Oxfam America launched Oxfam’s global climate justice campaign, Make Rich Polluters Pay!, during Climate Week in New York. We participated in the March to End Fossil Fuels, where more than 75,000 people were in attendance and where U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez spoke. Marinel Ubaldo, an activist from the Philippines, and Hilda Flavia Nakabuye, an activist from Uganda, joined us in demanding that we end the era of fossil fuels. Our appearance at the climate rally was featured in Semafor, AP News, Yahoo! News, The Washington Post, Daily Kos, and Modern Diplomacy.

READ MORE ABOUT THE MARCH ON PAGE 10 OF THIS ISSUE
Drought creates hunger crisis in East Africa
In Las Galool, a community in southern Ethiopia’s Somali Region, Shugri Mahdi’s children file into a makeshift shelter for their midday meal. Fathiya Ali Abdulahi, one of his wives, is cooking wheat in a pot over a wood fire. The smoke swirls around the kitchen, and she spoons portions into metal bowls for the four children. They share a glass of tea. Mahdi and his family came here five years ago to escape violent conflicts in the nearby Oromia region, where he and his mother and two wives grew maize and sorghum and raised animals. “When we lived there, we earned enough money to support the family,” Mahdi says. “We had everything we needed.” When they fled their home they had 30 goats and 15 cows, but nearly all of these animals have died due to drought and lack of pasture. “Right now I have no means to support the family,” Mahdi says, adding that they are living on assistance from the government of Ethiopia and Oxfam. Oxfam has provided the family with flour and other food, cash, soap and other hygiene items, as well as jerry cans for storing water. Abdulahi agrees with her husband. “It’s difficult to live here,” she says. “We get some assistance from the government, but it’s not enough.” In fact, on this day, the wheat she feeds her children was borrowed from a neighbor. “When I get more food from the government, I will pay back my neighbor,” Mahdi says.

CLIMATE CRISIS
Abdulahi and Mahdi are among the 31 million people affected by severe drought, an effect of climate change, in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya. In South Sudan, in addition to conflict, unusually heavy rains have washed away crops, precipitating a similar hunger crisis. Despite contributing the least to greenhouse gas emissions at the root of the climate crisis, people in East Africa are among those experiencing the worst impacts from climate change. Oxfam is working across these four countries in collaboration with local organizations, and intends to assist 1.89 million people with the following:

- Cash to help families buy food and meet other immediate needs
- Clean water, latrines, and hygiene items like soap and menstrual products
- Animal feed and veterinary assistance to help animals survive the drought
- Seeds, tools, and other equipment to help farmers plant crops and grow their own food
- Food
- Awareness-raising projects about women’s rights and measures communities can take to ensure women and girls are safe, and where to find services for survivors of violence
- Training to help community members resolve conflicts and reduce violence

GENDER DIMENSION TO CRISIS
When families lose their livestock and crops and must leave home in search of assistance, women carry a heavy burden to find food and water for their children and to care for sick relatives. Women-headed households are particularly vulnerable to hunger, violence, and disease. In a sprawling camp for 101,000 people (almost all women and children) displaced by conflict and drought in the Somali Region community of Qulogi, Hawo Are, a 35-year-old single mother, says it’s hard to find space to talk about public health. “If there’s a shortage of food, it’s hard to focus on women’s health problems,” she says.

Are is one of six community health volunteers (CHVs) trained by Oxfam in Qulogi. She and her colleagues explain to their neighbors why it is important to wash their hands, and other hygiene measures designed to help people avoid diseases.

PHOTO, OPPOSITE PAGE: A sorghum plant struggles to grow in a field in southern Ethiopia’s Somali Region. More than four years of scarce rainfall has created a massive hunger crisis across East Africa.
Petterik Wiggers/Oxfam
When Oxfam provided 6,000 “dignity kits” containing soap, underwear, and menstrual pads for women and girls, Are and her fellow health promoters faced a challenge. “At first women were scared to take them at all,” Are says, suggesting that accepting such assistance in a public setting was a problem. However, Are explains, women needed these kits. “When women were menstruating, they stayed at home, and girls did not go to school.”

Are and her CHV colleagues set about raising awareness of the rights of women and girls to these dignity kits, and she says that “now they are more aware and are willing to take them.”

She says women in Qulogi also are now generally more vocal, even about sensitive women’s health matters. “Mostly, men don’t live here,” Are says, “so when people ask us about our needs, women speak up.”

In other areas across the Somali Region, lack of water has serious implications for the safety of women and girls. As water becomes scarce, women and girls may have to walk longer distances to find it, making them more vulnerable to violence. The additional time and effort to find and carry water can also make it harder for girls to attend school.

Bringing water closer to the homes of families helps “minimize the risk to vulnerable people,” says Ayan Sharif, a gender advisor working for Oxfam in the Somali region. This is why Amina Mohammed Abdi, 35, is so enthusiastic about improvements made to a well two kilometers (1.2 miles) from her home in Göl’Anod. Oxfam installed a solar-powered pump and piped the water into her town, across the street from her home. “Mothers used to worry when girls would go to fetch water early in the morning in the dark; they felt unsafe,” Abdi says. Now she and her daughter can efficiently access as much water as they need safely.

**NO CERTAIN FUTURE**

In the middle of 2023, there was some rain in the Somali Region of Ethiopia, and more is in the forecast. In Las Galool, a little rain will not bring Shugri Mahdi’s livestock back to life, but he sees other opportunities.

“Since we are getting rain here, I want to get access to some land and plant sorghum,” he says.
For now, he and his wives are still struggling to find enough food for their children. He says he is committed to keeping his children in school while he works out a better future for them all. His eldest daughter, about 11 years old, says she wants to become a doctor.

Mahdi washes his feet, splashing water from a small container. He then kneels on an empty flour sack, and prays.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

Learn more about the East Africa hunger crisis and how you can help: [oxf.am/closeup-EastAfricaHungerCrisis](oxf.am/closeup-EastAfricaHungerCrisis)

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**EAST AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS**

- **26 MILLION PEOPLE** face crisis levels of food insecurity in South Sudan, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia.
- **13 MILLION LIVESTOCK** have died across East Africa due to lack of water and pasture. Previous experience shows it takes five years for a pastoralist family to rebuild its herd.
- **2 MILLION PEOPLE** have been displaced by drought in East Africa.
“I come from a campesino [farming] family, and my mother taught me to walk barefoot. She said ‘put down your roots and plant yourself like a tree where you were born and where you belong.’” says Magaly Belalcázar Ortega. “She taught us how to defend the land and water and trees.”

Belalcázar Ortega took her mother’s teachings to heart and added a dimension: defending the rights of women.

She lives in Colombia’s Amazonian department of Caquetá, where cattle ranching, mining, and coca production—as well as coca-eradication efforts—have devastated the rainforest. She is a member of the Caquetá Women’s Platform, a collective of women’s organizations devoted to protecting women’s rights and the environment.

“Previous governments have focused on extracting resources from the Amazon and on carrying out anti-drug policies that have been harmful to the environment,” Belalcázar Ortega says. The current administration has a more protective approach, but business interests are as committed as ever to turning a profit, and the losses mount.

The Amazon’s importance to the health and future of the planet can’t be overstated. Neither can its beauty, complexity, and vulnerability. The notion that it is there for the taking—that the quest for power and money trumps all—reflects traditional male attitudes, says Belalcázar Ortega. And so does the treatment of women who try to put a stop to the destruction.

“We have traveled to many parts of the Amazon, and nowhere have we found a woman with a chainsaw in her hands, cutting down trees, or spreading toxic chemicals on the land. … Most women here are interested in conserving the Amazon—its seeds, trees, water, and life. But women with these views can’t get to the table where decisions are made.”

PROTECTING TREES, RIVERS, AND THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Caquetá Women’s Platform consists of about 20 collectives that are pursuing a host of projects. Some focus on advocacy, some on assisting survivors of gender-based violence, some on helping women improve their incomes and financial independence—but all see their work as intimately connected to the fight to save the rainforest.

Oxfam has helped the platform to raise money for reforestation, water protection, and sustainable farming projects, and to share their experience and knowledge with other women’s organizations across the Amazonian region. To ensure the sustainability of the platform itself, Oxfam has also helped strengthen the member groups, offering support in project and financial management.

“Part of our work involves restoring damaged lands”—work that includes collecting and planting native seeds—says member Neruda Díaz Martínez.

On the advocacy front, says Belalcázar Ortega, “We make sure the experience and perspective of women and girls is taken into account in the design of public policy. When it comes to implementation, these considerations are usually ignored, so we have to keep fighting.”

After the peace process that ended the armed conflict between government and key guerrilla forces in 2016, each region of the country created an institution to continue the peace-building process. The platform was elected to the Caquetá Territorial Peace Council, where the group brings a women’s-rights perspective to the work.

“Building peace isn’t just about ending bloodshed,” says Belalcázar Ortega. “It’s also about ensuring that women have a voice and the right to shape the future.”
LIFE IN THE CROSSHAIRS
Activists who speak up for the rainforest or women’s rights not only struggle to get elected to office or appointed to commissions—they live in fear for their lives. In Colombia in 2022, 215 human rights and social leaders, including environmental activists, were murdered. It is the highest number in the history of a country that is considered one of the most dangerous in the world for activists.

“Because of our work, we are constantly receiving death threats,” says Mariela Álvarez España, a member and former coordinator of the platform. Belalcázar Ortega often represents the platform in public, but she is emphatic that she is simply a member. “Everything we accomplish in the platform is part of a collaborative effort,” she says. “Here, we don’t have any leaders, or rather, we are all leaders.”

But as a visible spokesperson, Belalcázar Ortega has to contend with her share of death threats. Managing the emotional and logistical implications of threats is an element of daily life.

“We monitor each other’s movements and remind each other not to go places alone,” says Díaz Martínez. “When someone doesn’t answer her phone, we go to her house.”

UNCUSHABLE
The forces confronting the defenders are daunting, and physical threats are not the only attacks the women are contending with.

“Now, our adversaries are trying to smear us with accusations of corruption,” says Belalcázar Ortega. But she understands the attacks are a reflection of the platform’s growing power.

“If they didn’t fear our influence,” she says, “they wouldn’t be trying to crush us.”

A CLOSER LOOK
Read more about our work to support partners in Colombia: oxf.am/closeup-colombia
On an unseasonably warm September afternoon at the start of Climate Week NYC, thousands of activists from all over the world gathered at the south end of Central Park, ready to march for climate justice. Oxfam staff, supporters, and partners joined the crowd, holding up signs that demanded an end to fossil fuels. As music broke out, the march began, and the crowd moved peacefully, but powerfully, through the bustling streets of New York City.

The march ended at the United Nations headquarters, where international leaders prepared to discuss sustainability goals at the 78th U.N. General Assembly. A podium sat outside the headquarters for speakers—including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez—to address the crowd. With so much buzz surrounding the march, she told The Guardian, it had become too big for her to ignore.

Oxfam was invited to attend the march by its organizer, Fridays for Future, a youth climate activism collaborative. The intent was to collectively urge the Biden administration, as well as other prominent leaders who were visiting for the U.N. General Assembly, to end the era of fossil fuels once and for all. Community leaders, religious leaders, Indigenous leaders, and climate leaders all walked side by side with moms pushing strollers, dads carrying daughters on their shoulders, and grandparents helping their grandkids hold up art installations.

One participant commented on the march, saying, “It meant a lot to see people of different generations coming from all over the place to march in solidarity with each other.”

ELEVATING THE VOICES OF CHANGE

Oxfam invited 26-year-old climate activist Marinel Ubaldo to march alongside us. After witnessing horrific climate disasters, like Typhoon Haiyan, while growing up in the Philippines, Ubaldo became a fierce opponent of climate change. In 2022, after working with other local activists for seven years, she helped convince the Philippines Commission on Human Rights (CHR) to investigate 47 of the world’s biggest international fossil fuel companies.

“There are just 100 … corporations fueling … climate change; 47 of them exist in the Philippines. So we sued them,” said Ubaldo. The CHR found that these companies breached people’s rights to life, food, water, sanitation, adequate housing, and self-determination.

As a result, this landmark case set a precedent that connects climate polluters to human rights violations. It has since inspired similar litigation in other areas of the world.

Now, Ubaldo is working toward her master’s in environmental management from Duke University while spending her spare time finding new ways to use her voice for climate justice. By walking together in this march, Oxfam’s goal was to send a message that we stand in solidarity with Ubaldo and everyone who is facing the worst effects of climate change, but receiving minimal support from the world’s highest emitters. We made it known that those affected by the climate crisis cannot be silenced and that their voices matter.

CALLING OUT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

As the end of the march neared, Oxfam marchers gathered around the stage where prominent speakers took to the podium. The lineup included celebrities like Kevin Bacon, Ethan Hawke, and Kyra Sedgwick; activists like Sharon Lavigne and former Irish President Mary Robinson; and Indigenous leaders like Chief Dwayne Perry. One by one, they called for President Biden to put an end
to oil and gas projects and to declare a climate emergency. Sixteen-year-old Helen Mancini, one of the organizers of the march, shared a powerful message: “There are tens of thousands of us out here with one simple message for Biden: You have the executive authority to end oil and gas expansion, and keep these fossil fuels in the ground.” Cheers from the crowd could be heard throughout the streets of Manhattan, making it nearly impossible to ignore the messages each speaker delivered.

**FURTHERING THE MESSAGE OF THE MARCH**

A few days after the march, Oxfam hosted a reception where Ubaldo was the guest of honor. This gave Oxfam partners and climate leaders the opportunity to hear directly from someone whose country has been severely impacted by climate change.

Oxfam also partnered with the People’s Vaccine Alliance to co-sponsor a panel at the U.N. General Assembly on the future of health rights. The panel discussed how the world’s response to future climate crises could be similar to its response to COVID-19 in that the highest-emitting countries may not act on their promises of support to the lowest-emitting countries even though those countries are impacted the most. The event was moderated by award-winning journalist Angela Oketch, and panelists included experts from Global Justice Now, 1DaySooner Africa, People’s Vaccine Alliance, and Oxfam.

**DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED BY CLIMATE DISASTERS**

While Oxfam has applauded the Biden administration for passing the climate-conscious Inflation Reduction Act, we also continue to call on the administration to do more, as one piece of legislation is not enough. It’s crucial to utilize moments like the U.N. General Assembly meeting and Climate Week to make our concerns heard. Oxfam’s sights are set on holding world leaders of the richest polluters accountable for the impact they’ve had on low-emitting countries that bear the brunt of climate disasters.

With COP28 upon us, and world leaders once again meeting to discuss the future of climate action, we continue to work with activists who have endured the worst of climate change and demand that the powerful countries and governments across the world put an end to fossil fuels.

**I didn’t want to ... wait for another disaster to strike and pray that I will survive or my family will survive the next day forward. I needed to do something. ... We needed to do something. Not just for this generation, but for the next generation.**

MARINEL UBALDO, CLIMATE ACTIVIST

**A CLOSER LOOK**

Learn more about the Biden administration’s impact on environmental laws and what Oxfam is doing to protect them: oxf.am/closeup-nepa
Oxfam has long partnered with supporters in the music industry to amplify our messages. Artist and activist Raye Zaragoza is one such collaborator. An ally in our work on gender justice, she has performed at online events in support of Oxfam and our partners.

Zaragoza released her third album, *Hold That Spirit*, this summer and embarked on her first headline tour. She’s also about to take on the role of Tiger Lily in the national tour of *Peter Pan* with a revised book by Indigenous playwright Larissa FastHorse. We caught up with Zaragoza on a break between shows to discuss the role music can play in activism.

**Oxfam:** Your new album contains themes of womanhood and feminism, and being free. Did you set out to write an album around those themes, or did it happen organically?

**ZARAGOZA:** *Hold That Spirit* is really about holding on to the spirit within when you’re having a difficult year. It was a huge year of growth for me and *Hold That Spirit* is about that.

**Oxfam:** Your songs address issues such as domestic violence, Indigenous rights, reproductive rights—all of which are heavy concepts. How do you balance the weight of creating music like this against just wanting to create a bop?

**ZARAGOZA:** A lot of my fans found me through *Fight for You*, my debut album, and many of the songs are about Standing Rock. ... When I write, I write how I feel that day, and sometimes those are songs that have a social justice nature. It’s just where my storytelling takes me, and sometimes that is political.

**Oxfam:** You’ve been very supportive of our gender work. How much does your activism informed your music?

**ZARAGOZA:** My form of activism is through storytelling. If I can tell stories that humanize these causes, through music, then maybe I can change minds, maybe I can grow minds, or maybe I can just provide comfort to people who feel similar and give them a song to wrap themselves up in like a blanket.

**Oxfam:** You’ve been cast to play Tiger Lily in a national production of *Peter Pan*. What does that mean to you as an Indigenous woman to take on this newly imagined role?

**ZARAGOZA:** When we get to rewrite these stories that are both nostalgic but also problematic, it’s really beautiful because it heals you and also scratches that bit of nostalgia. ... I’m excited to work on this so that little girls can have something empowered and changed to look up to.

**Oxfam:** What issues are speaking to you right now?

**ZARAGOZA:** I’m really passionate about the work [charitable organization] Calling All Crows is doing, changing the music industry to be a safer place. That’s top of mind as I’m touring. I’m always passionate about sharing Indigenous stories and [stories] of youth of color.

**A CLOSER LOOK**
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