A YEAR OF COVID-19
HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

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Christopher Mortweet first learned about Oxfam in a Virginia Tech course called Morality and Justice 101. That was in 2009, and in the more than decade following, his affinity for Oxfam’s mission has only grown stronger.

“Oxfam’s work is absolutely essential, especially today when so many governments have abdicated their responsibilities to their own citizens and humankind around the world,” he says. “My monthly donations won’t save the world, ... but because I believe in the power of people, I know that others come together with me to enable this organization to go out and make a real difference in people’s lives.”

In the midst of the pandemic, injustice, inequality, and segregation are hard to ignore. Mortweet shares that when the big problems start to feel insurmountable, “instead of letting that make me feel powerless, I engage.”

The steady stream of support Oxfam receives from Mortweet and other sustainers helps us break down the underlying injustices contributing to these larger social issues.

**CHRISTOPHER MORTWEET**
**OXFAM AMERICA MONTHLY DONOR**

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DEAR FRIENDS,

It’s been more than a year since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and although we see positive signs that we are emerging from the worst of it, we still face challenges. It’s important to be optimistic while also acknowledging the work that lies ahead.

This issue of CloseUp looks at the past year of COVID-19: what Oxfam has done globally and here in the US to help more than 14 million people, while advocating for better policies that can mitigate the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on essential workers, women, and people of color. And as more and more US citizens access vaccines, we are calling for a People’s Vaccine that will also reach people in all countries.

It’s not too soon to start talking about a just recovery. We need to acknowledge the inequality, discrimination against women and minorities, and lack of government benefits for those losing their livelihoods. As we continue to address hunger and ensure people have clean water and soap to stop the spread of COVID-19, we also must look to longer-term solutions to ending the poverty that puts so many at risk.

You are part of the reason Oxfam is making a difference in the fight against COVID-19 and the social ills that threaten the survival of millions. Despite the impact of COVID-19 in your own lives, your generosity has helped Oxfam respond to the crisis and will make it possible for us to continue building a just recovery. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abby Maxman
President & CEO, Oxfam America

IN THE NEWS

Urging President Biden to commit to a People’s Vaccine, poultry workers on late-night TV, rising inequality during COVID-19, Oxfam’s Regift Revolution, Equality Can’t Wait

A YEAR OF COVID-19

In a year of pandemic, Oxfam reached more than 14 million people with a range of assistance and advocated for better policies for the most vulnerable. Here’s a month-by-month review of the past year.

AGRIBUSINESS FUELS CLIMATE CRISIS

Palm oil and cacao plantations are destroying the Amazon and are responsible for the release of greenhouse gases. In Peru, Oxfam has documented just how bad the effects are on the environment.

PIVOTING TOWARD PEACE IN YEMEN

A new White House administration introduces changes in policies to the war in Yemen. Oxfam supporters helped bring about bipartisan pressure to reconsider arms sales and prioritize peace talks.

UPDATE: 2020 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Great news! Thanks to you, we surpassed the fundraising goal for our 2020 year-end matching gift challenge campaign. This fund was established by an especially generous group of Oxfam supporters, with the goal of raising $500,000 to tackle the root causes of poverty and create a future that is fair for everyone. We so appreciate your generosity and support!

COVER: The COVID-19 pandemic required a response from Oxfam and our partners beyond our planned work for the past year as we helped address the additional public health and social challenges that emerged—all made possible by the commitment of our supporters. Cover photos: Brenda Acián/Intermón Oxfam; Sahar Elbachir/Oxfam; Aurelia Godej/Oxfam; Asma Jaffer; Emmanuel Museruka; Fabeha Monir/Oxfam; Ana Santos/Oxfam; Mario Niño/Oxfam; Samuel Turpin/Oxfam

We welcome your feedback. Please direct letters to editor@oxfamamerica.org.
IN SEARCH OF A PEOPLE’S VACCINE

Oxfam teamed up in January with the People’s Vaccine Alliance—a coalition of organizations and activists, such as Abigail Disney, Chelsea Clinton, and Ady Barkan—to urge President Biden to commit to a People’s Vaccine: one that is free, fair, and accessible to all. Our joint advocacy around the People’s Vaccine included a letter signed by coalition members and an op-ed authored by Vanessa Kerry and Oxfam CEO Abby Maxman for The Boston Globe. The campaign was featured in NPR, CNN, Reuters, CNBC, NBC, The Hill, ABC News, Associated Press, The New York Times, and The Washington Post.

Learn more about our campaign: oxf.am/closeup-peoplesvaccine

LATE NIGHT TV ON POULTRY WORKERS

The February 21 episode of HBO’s Last Week Tonight with John Oliver dove into working conditions in meatpacking plants and how the already unsafe workplaces have become deadly in the age of COVID-19. The episode drew on interview footage collected by Oxfam during our poultry worker justice campaign as well as research from our 2015 “Lives on the Line” report and 2016 “No Relief” report to illustrate the dangerous conditions poultry workers endure.

Watch the episode: oxf.am/closeup-poultry

SISTERS ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN

More than 50 Sisters on the Planet, Oxfam ambassadors who use their collective influence to shape policy debates, held their annual conference and lobbying days in February, focused on the impact of COVID-19 on women. They met virtually with dozens of members of Congress over two days to advocate for women—particularly women of color—who are bearing a disproportionate share of the pandemic burden in the US and globally. Activist and actress Alyssa Milano also met with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to discuss why COVID-19 relief must address growing gender inequalities. She highlighted the continuing need for a People’s Vaccine.

Read more about COVID-19’s impact on women: oxf.am/closeup-reliefbill

REGIFT REVOLUTION

During the holiday season, Oxfam partnered with actors, musicians, and influencers to reduce waste and encourage regifting. Participants in our Regift Revolution campaign included Aisha Tyler, Yvonne Strahovski, Margo Price, Simon Helberg and Jocelyn Towne, and the members of Lake Street Dive, among others. O, The Oprah Magazine highlighted the campaign in its “35 Gifts That Give Back So You Can Feel Extra Good About Swiping Your Credit Card” article: oxf.am/closeup-regift
RISING INEQUALITY AMID COVID-19

Oxfam published its annual inequality report in advance of January’s virtual World Economic Forum. The Inequality Virus details how the coronavirus pandemic is leading to rising inequality in almost every country at once. While millions of people have been forced into poverty, the wealthiest people and corporations among us are thriving. For example, the 10 richest men in the world have seen their combined wealth increase by half a trillion dollars since the pandemic began.

The report received extensive coverage from CNN, NPR, the Associated Press, CBS, The Washington Post, Reuters, CNBC, and USA Today, and was amplified on social media by a number of influential people, such as climate activist Greta Thunberg.

Read the report: oxf.am/closeup-inequality

ACCELERATING BLACK WOMEN’S POWER

In March, we were thrilled to learn that Oxfam and our coalition partners were named a finalist in the Equality Can’t Wait challenge, a philanthropic competition hosted by Pivotal Ventures, Melinda Gates’ investment and incubation company. Oxfam, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, the Mississippi Black Women’s Roundtable, and A Better Balance aim to increase the power and influence of Black women in the South.

“Black women have a longstanding history of powerful organizing in the United States,” said Gina Cummings, Oxfam’s vice president of alliances, advocacy, and policy. “The outcome of Georgia’s Senate elections clearly illustrates that Black women’s organizing can create profound changes within our nation’s systems.”

If our coalition is awarded the $10 million grant, we will leverage our collective resources at the grassroots, municipal, state, and national levels to expand the pipeline of Black women political leaders, achieve policy reforms on key issues—such as pay equity and paid leave policies—and raise awareness of the barriers to economic security for Black women. The winner will be announced in July.

Watch our application video: oxf.am/closeup-equalitycantwait

OXFAM HELPS REUNITE FAMILIES AT THE BORDER

Last year, Oxfam and our partners at the American Civil Liberties Union, Texas Civil Rights Project, and Center for Gender & Refugee Studies sued the Trump administration over its illegal expulsions of at least 13,000 unaccompanied children along the border under the false pretext of COVID-19. In November, a judge ruled in our favor, allowing thousands of kids to find safe haven and reunite with their families. We are continuing to fight to make sure the courts uphold the fundamental right of all people to seek asylum.

Read more: oxf.am/closeup-asylum

The Wealth of the 10 Richest Men Has Grown by Half a Trillion Since the Pandemic Began.

OXFAM
A YEAR OF COVID-19

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, OXFAM REACHED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THIS YEAR WITH LIFESAVING HELP. HERE’S A LOOK AT SOME OF THE WAYS YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND HOW WE’RE CONTINUING TO RESPOND TO THIS DEVASTATING CRISIS.

When the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic last March, Oxfam quickly mobilized to help vulnerable people, especially as ensuing restrictions limited their ability to work, secure food, or access health services. Over the year, we reached more than 14 million people—54 percent of them women—and advocated for better policies to help people survive and recover.

We carried out this work in collaboration with nearly 700 local organizations to provide food assistance, distribute hygiene items, and conduct public information campaigns. With local partners, we helped farmers and other small-business owners, and provided cash assistance to more than one million people, over half of them women.

You raised your voices with ours as we advocated for measures to head off hunger, reduce inequality, and expand no-cost access to vaccines for all people. In the US, you helped us assist key partners supporting immigrants, Black women, and unemployed workers survive while mobilizing voters to push political candidates to commit to fighting poverty.

Despite the difficulties this year has presented in your lives, you have been there for Oxfam and the people we serve. With your continued support, together we’ll keep advocating for the people suffering most acutely from this pandemic.

Laila (not her real name), 65, lives in a camp for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Oxfam and our partners provide soap, clean water, and toilets to 70,000 refugees in Bangladesh. Fabeha Monir/Oxfam
**MARCH 2020**

**A ‘META-CRISIS’**

The World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a pandemic. Oxfam begins to tackle the virus as a public health, humanitarian, economic, and gender injustice “meta-crisis.” We release “How to Confront the Coronavirus Catastrophe,” a global plan for action, and mobilize resources and partners in 56 countries to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene support to the most vulnerable.

**APRIL**

**LOCKDOWNS**

The pandemic reaches one million confirmed cases. Essential workers, including domestic helpers, street vendors, and daily wage laborers, receive no government assistance as lockdowns leave them without income. We estimate 500 million more people could be pushed into poverty; women are shouldering the burden. Oxfam India works with partners to provide hot meals and safety kits to migrant workers stranded with no money or food.

**JUNE**

**PAID SICK LEAVE**

In the US, Oxfam calls on Whole Foods and other supermarkets to provide paid sick leave and hazard pay for all workers, improve social distancing in stores, and ensure all workers have proper protective equipment and training.

**JULY**

**HUNGER VIRUS THREAT**

As lockdowns extend, the hunger crisis deepens. We sound the alarm in “The Hunger Virus: How COVID-19 is Fueling Hunger in a Hungry World.” We mobilize with partners to support people with food assistance, cash, and livelihoods, while advocating for social protections. Our research reveals that 17 of the top 25 most profitable US corporations are expected to make $85 billion more in 2020 than in previous years.
AUGUST
PANDEMIC TARGETS EXCLUDED GROUPS

Oxfam finds worrying trends in 30 countries: The politically marginalized, ethnic minorities, refugees, migrants, internally displaced people, LGBTQ+, and women are disproportionately affected by discriminatory and violent emergency measures. We also reveal the high COVID-19 death rate among indigenous peoples in Latin America where 45 million lives are at serious risk.

SEPTEMBER
BEST US STATES FOR WORKERS

As the second and third peaks of COVID-19 hit, Oxfam and partners respond with innovations such as refugee-designed hand-washing stations and a COVID-19 hotline with Somalian partner Shaqodoon. On Labor Day, Oxfam releases our annual “Best States to Work” index with a new twist: Which US states provide the best assistance to workers affected by the pandemic?

OCTOBER
FOOD WORKERS IN CRISIS

The pandemic deepens the almost permanent state of economic crisis for food workers who produce, pick, process, and pack our food. In the US, Oxfam and partners advocate for improved conditions for workers in poultry processing plants, a difficult occupation made worse by no paid sick leave.

DECEMBER
GLOBAL VACCINE SHORTAGE

With our advocacy partners, we warn that only one in 10 people across nearly 70 poor countries will get vaccinated against COVID-19 in 2021 unless governments and pharmaceutical companies produce enough vaccines. By contrast, wealthier nations have bought enough to vaccinate their entire populations nearly three times over by the end of 2021.

NOVEMBER
DEBT DENIES FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE

We help 1,000 health care experts urge governments to cancel debts so countries can devote funds to the pandemic and invest in health care. We deliver humanitarian aid in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala to those devastated by Hurricane Eta. Eta disproportionately impacts women and girls, who already have an immense workload due to the food crisis caused by drought and the effects of COVID-19.
Oxfam supporters are advocating for a People’s Vaccine that is free, fairly distributed, and available to everyone in the world. You contributed 122,000 signatures to a petition delivered to President Biden in January that included recommendations to ensure pharmaceutical companies forgo profits and patents on vaccines, so we can expand production, get everyone immunized faster, and help protect essential workers. The campaign continues; we plan to deliver another letter to the president that already has nearly 60,000 signatures. Add your name at oxf.am/closeup-peoplesvaccine.

In early 2021, Oxfam supporters urged President Biden and Congress to quickly pass legislation to mobilize funds for US citizens and others suffering through the pandemic. The $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act allocates funds for the US child-care industry, which helps facilitate women’s transition back into the workforce and supports childcare workers, who are disproportionately women of color. It also expands the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, which will lead to a drastic reduction in child poverty rates in the US. The act also commits $11 billion in foreign aid, which will help provide emergency food aid and address immediate global health needs, including access to immunizations and other aid.

Oxfam sounds the alarm at the virtual World Economic Forum: COVID-19 could increase economic inequality in almost every country at once. Our research reveals that the 1,000 richest people in the world recovered their COVID-19 losses within nine months, but it will take more than a decade for the world’s poorest to do so.
AN AGRIBUSINESS BOOM IN PERU FUELS THE CLIMATE CRISIS
Two concerns arise when people in Santa Clara de Uchunya share what they miss most about the recently cleared forest near their community.

The first is practical. The forest is a market and pharmacy, a place to gather food and medicinal plants, says Luisa Mori, a grandmother and leader in the ethnic Shipibo community. She remembers a day in 2015 when community members were chased out of the forest by a security guard working for an oil palm plantation company that claimed it had bought the land from the regional government.

"Where are we going to get our food; how are we going to feed our kids?" Mori now asks.

The second is more existential. For indigenous Shipibo and other native people displaced by industries that take over their land and cut down ancient forests, their forest territory is part of their identity, says Miguel Guimaraes, leader of the Federation of Native Communities of Ucayali. "A people without a territory is a people that will get lost in time," he says.

But there’s a third aspect to losing old forests like the Amazon in Peru: Forests store massive amounts of carbon, and when they are cut down, the carbon is released into the atmosphere and contributes to the greenhouse gases that are causing climate change.

But how much carbon? That’s the subject of a report we published in January. We looked at four regions of Peru in which 220,000 acres of forest were cleared to make way for oil palm plantations, and found that over the course of 20 years, 2,859,535 metric tons of climate-warming greenhouse gases were released into the atmosphere. Those emissions are equivalent to producing enough energy to meet the annual needs of more than four million households.

The study, titled Agribusiness Fueling the Climate Crisis in Peru, estimates that in the northern province of Loreto, large-scale cacao production on 5,458 acres since 2013 released 87,040 metric tons of greenhouse gases. This is roughly equivalent to the amount exhausted by 69,000 passenger vehicles in a year.

This is the first study in Peru that analyzes net carbon loss in forest areas cleared and replanted with oil palm and cacao trees. It estimates these cleared and replanted areas do not store nearly as much carbon as the old forest did. In fact, clearing and replanting creates an average net loss of 72 percent of stored carbon.

OIL PALM AND CACAO PLANTATIONS ARE DESTROYING FORESTS IN THE AMAZON, RESULTING IN MASSIVE CARBON EMISSIONS. BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, OXFAM CAN NOW QUANTIFY HOW MANY TONS, AND WE’RE USING THE DATA TO HELP COMMUNITIES CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS TO FORESTLANDS. CHRIS HUFSTADER REPORTS.
ABOVE LEFT: The cemetery in Panguana II, near the Amazon River in northern Peru, was conceded to a cacao plantation. The Peruvian Society for Environmental Rights (SPDA), with help from Oxfam, assisted the community in negotiating to keep the cemetery.

ABOVE RIGHT: Miguel Guimaraes (left) meets with community members in Santa Clara de Uchunya. He is the director of the Federation of Native Communities of Ucayali, which helps indigenous people defend their communal land rights.

Photos: Diego Perez/Oxfam

Oxfam will use the findings to encourage Peru’s government to help farming and indigenous communities preserve the primary-growth Amazon forest areas under their control, help them gain and retain legal title to these lands, and reduce further deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions.

PRESSURE FROM PALM OIL

Although palm oil represents less than 1 percent of Peru’s exports, production in Peru has risen quickly over the past 10 years. International firms are coming to Peru to grow the crop because major producing countries such as Indonesia and Malaysia have already lost a lot of forest areas. Demand for palm oil, used in a wide variety of food products, cosmetics, and even soap, will put more pressure on Peru’s forests.

As companies target forest areas in Peru, local officials ignore the native communities and small-scale farmers seeking land titles while agribusiness firms—many of them foreign-owned with deep pockets—can quickly acquire title to lands already claimed by others. And there is little enforcement of laws that prohibit the use of forestlands for agribusiness.

These corrupt land deals are sometimes accompanied by violent intimidation of local environmental, indigenous, and human rights defenders. “We’re subject to threats and attempts on our lives,” says Efer Silvano, a Shipibo leader in Santa Clara de Uchunya.

Clearing forests obviously has a significant global cost as it contributes to climate change, but in Peru there are also serious social costs. “It’s sad that they took our ancient territory,” Silvano says, explaining that local officials “don’t understand how we live” and prioritize the needs of large businesses over the basic rights of indigenous communities to hunt, fish, and gather food in the forest.

Santa Clara de Uchunya was recently granted a claim to 3,920 acres of land taken and cleared by an oil palm plantation called Ocho Sur. The community is claiming more land lost to the plantation and has brought its case to Peru’s highest court. The Federation of Native Communities of Ucayali, Oxfam’s partner, has been helping the community pursue its land claims.

In Loreto province, people near a cacao plantation are facing similar problems with their land claims—but they’re seeing some progress. A farming community called Panguana I secured a communal land title for an area near the Amazon River, and its neighbor Panguana II is on the verge of acquiring title to an area that includes a community cemetery within a land concession granted to a cacao plantation run by Tamshi SAC. Oxfam’s partner, the Peruvian Society for Environmental Rights, helped these communities obtain their titles, complying with all the legal procedures required by the local government.
Despite these indications of progress, areas affected by these types of agribusiness activities and unaccountable local officials continue to affect the forest and other resources on which farming and indigenous communities depend for their survival.

CLIMATE JUSTICE
Data from the new report will for the first time help Peru’s government understand the net effect of clearing forests for agribusiness. We’ll use our findings to open discussions with the Ministry of Environment as it considers policies that will help the country meet its commitments to the Paris Agreement and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030. In addition, Oxfam and our partners in Peru hope the report will help them pressure the Ministry of Agriculture to tighten its forest protection measures.

Our partners are also promoting the report’s findings in social media to raise awareness of the need to conserve forest resources and promote understanding of how clearing forests for large-scale agriculture affects greenhouse gas emissions.

Helping small-scale farmers and indigenous people protect their rights to land and to the resources they need to survive, and pushing for policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions are part of Oxfam’s global effort to fight climate change. Oxfam works with partners to elevate the voices and rights of the communities most vulnerable to climate change, and we encourage countries and companies responsible for the largest greenhouse gas emissions to take action by committing to reduce their own emissions and investing in efforts that help vulnerable communities adapt and thrive in the face of climate impacts.

“When we help indigenous communities defend their territories, we are also addressing the climate crisis,” says Clemence Abbes, Oxfam’s project officer in Peru. “By securing the territories of local communities and ensuring they can live sustainably on these lands, we protect the Amazon from further deforestation and limit releases of greenhouse gases.”

A CLOSER LOOK
Read more about how communities in Peru affected by oil palm and cacao plantations are securing their land titles: oxf.am/closeup-peru

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—MIGUEL GUIMARAES, LEADER OF THE FEDERATION OF NATIVE COMMUNITIES OF UCAYALI

ABOVE: Ethnic Shipibo men from Santa Clara de Uchunya walk to a nearby lake to fish. The community is claiming substantial areas of land recently taken over by a nearby oil palm plantation. Diego Perez/Oxfam
“OXFAM IS OUR FIRST AND GREATEST LOVE.”

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS STEPHEN AND JANE LAND

have supported Oxfam for almost 50 years, and have named Oxfam as a beneficiary of their retirement account. The ideals that attracted them to Oxfam in 1973—community self-reliance, local control, and social justice—remain the foundation of Oxfam’s work today. The Lands also appreciate Oxfam’s ability to speak truth to power. Stephen says, “Oxfam amplifies the voices of marginalized people. We can’t think of a better way to reflect our values.”

You can help Oxfam create lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and social injustice for future generations by joining Stephen and Jane in creating your own legacy by including a gift to Oxfam in your will or trust, or by naming Oxfam as a beneficiary of your retirement plan.

To learn more about how a gift in your will can change lives:

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▶ Visit oxf.am/closeup-legacy to download our free publication, My Gift to the World: My Legacy, My Life.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE US WOULD PRIORITIZE PEACE TALKS IN YEMEN INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTION. HERE’S HOW YOU HELPED ENCOURAGE THIS POLICY CHANGE—AND HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR WORK IN YEMEN.

President Biden announced in a major speech at the State Department in February that the US would no longer support offensive operations in the war in Yemen and would instead aggressively pursue a cease-fire and peace talks.

This is a substantial shift in US policy toward Yemen—and one that will have a major impact on the prospects for peace. Oxfam supporters played an important role in pushing the US government to seek an end to a war that has created the world’s largest humanitarian crisis.

Since 2015, the US has provided weapons, intelligence, and, for a time, mid-air refueling to Gulf allies fighting in the Yemen civil war. In some cases, airstrikes in Yemen using US-made weapons killed civilians (including 40 students in a bus in 2018) and destroyed water infrastructure and medical facilities.

Yemen’s population has suffered through multiple cholera outbreaks, massive displacement, and an economic crisis that has pushed up the price of food and other basic commodities. Nearly 80 percent of Yemenis need humanitarian assistance; many are struggling to survive in near-famine conditions.

Oxfam’s supporters have urged the US to stop fueling the war in Yemen by ending its role as a broker of weapons and instead acting as a broker of peace. In 2018 and 2019, you sent more than 25,000 emails to members of Congress and made more than a thousand phone calls. In the days leading up to the inauguration of President Biden, more than 6,800 supporters signed a letter urging the president to change Yemen policy in the first days of his administration. Oxfam delivered the letter to Biden administration officials the day before the inauguration.

“People who raised their voices on behalf of Yemenis were crucial to push our government to change course,” says Oxfam Humanitarian Lead Scott Paul. “In 2019 and 2020, we had bipartisan support to end arms sales to coalition members fighting in Yemen, and constituent voices were essential to keeping the pressure on our elected leaders. This is a huge accomplishment by Oxfam supporters, and we know we can count on them to continue to advocate for an end to the violence in Yemen.”

RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Since July 2015, Oxfam has helped more than three million people in Yemen. We’re providing cash to cover basic food needs, clean water, and sanitation supplies, and we’re repairing water systems. We’re also training community health volunteers to promote good hygiene and hand-washing to help people survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADVOCATING FOR PEACE

Oxfam is continuing to work in coalition with groups in the US and internationally to advocate for people who need humanitarian assistance—and for peace.

“International and Yemeni humanitarian organizations are still not saving as many lives as they could because of a lack of funding and unacceptable interference by the parties to the conflict,” says Paul. Yemen urgently needs peace talks, he says, which must include women at the negotiating table.

GET INVOLVED:
Join Oxfam’s e-community to get the latest information and tools you need to take action in Yemen: oxf.am/join

ABOVE: A woman walks through an area of Arish district in southeast Yemen where many buildings have been destroyed in air strikes. The war, now in its sixth year, has precipitated the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. Photo: Pablo Tosco
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