

The world has come a long way since the Millennium Development Goals were established in 2000. Over the last 15 years, we've seen extreme poverty halved. In 15 more, we think the world can end it for good. The UN agrees – and the newly launched Sustainable Development Goals reflect this, setting a target to end extreme poverty by 2030.

It's a big ambition and, if this year is anything to go by, it won't be without its challenges. This year has seen many large-scale humanitarian emergencies; some as a result of natural disasters, others fuelled by conflict. But whether it's an earthquake or flood, civil war or epidemic, there's always one constant – it's the poorest people who are hit the hardest.

Throughout 2015 Oxfam has been responding across the globe, bringing life-saving support to millions of affected people, and helping individuals and communities rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Our work is only possible thanks to the commitment and generosity of supporters like you. Thank you for standing with us this year. Thank you for making sure we could get help to people quickly when disaster struck. And, finally, thank you for continuing to believe in a world without poverty.

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF EBOLA

In a complex and unique emergency, Oxfam's response to the devastating outbreak of Ebola over the past year focussed on our greatest strengths; using our water, sanitation and hygiene expertise to support the operation of treatment centres, and engaging closely with populations at a community level. Through talking and listening to people, exploring their fears, and explaining the disease simply, we played a vital role in supporting the medical response and helping people better understand how to protect themselves and their communities.

Building relationships with medical partners, assessing where we could add the most value and have the greatest impact, and taking advantage of our existing areas of expertise, we were able to help over 1.3 million people, in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Mali.



Left: Protective clothing outside the Masiaka Community Care Centre, near Port Loko in Sierra Leone, where Oxfam provided water for the Ebola response.

Photo: Abbie Trayler-Smith / Oxfam

Right: Dhan Kumari Adhikari (32) from Dhading district, Nepal, scatters the rice seeds in her field, which she received from Oxfam and its partner, Small Farmers Agriculture Cooperative.

Photo: Jes Aznar / Oxfam



SAVING LIVES IN NEPAL

On 25th April a huge earthquake struck Nepal, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, bringing widespread destruction to one of the poorest countries in the world. Just over two weeks later, a second earthquake of similar magnitude struck. The earthquakes left hundreds of thousands of families without shelter and with the monsoon season fast-approaching.

With our initial emergency response we were able to reach **more than 445,000 people**, providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities, shelter and food. We are now supporting people's efforts to recover from the disaster, and have also been helping people regain their livelihoods. As we move into the recovery phase of the response, there is a focus on providing women with targeted support through counselling and referral services, strengthening existing women's groups, and empowering women through life skills training and activities to provide for themselves and their families.

YEMEN: A HIDDEN CONFLICT

Since an ongoing conflict escalated in March, the situation in Yemen has become critical. Deadly clashes and airstrikes have seen more than 5,500 people killed and 2.3 million people forced to flee their homes. Nearly 13 million people – around half the population – are desperately struggling to find enough food to eat. People have been left without clean water, and vital infrastructure including hospitals and schools has been destroyed.

As one of the few international NGOs in Yemen, Oxfam has so far been able to reach **in excess of 350,000** people with vital aid. We are currently increasing our operations with the aim of reaching 1 million people with emergency food and safe, clean water, and helping people stay healthy. Under incredibly stressful and dangerous circumstances, our dedicated staff and local partners are continuing to respond to the immense needs of a country that is being torn apart.



SYRIA AND THE REFUGEE CRISIS

With the growing refugee crisis in Europe, the protracted conflict in Syria has seen a much needed increase in the level of public and political attention this year. Oxfam has been working in the region since 2012, supporting refugees and host communities in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria itself. We have so far been able to help **over 1.6 million people** through our emergency response. From September, we also began offering assistance to refugees arriving in Greece, Italy and Serbia.

With the future of the conflict uncertain, and no end in sight, we are now looking beyond immediate aid to longer-term programmes, with the aim of helping people to find work and make a living. Refugees who once thought they would be able to return to Syria in a matter of months are now in need of more permanent solutions, and we have been advocating for a new approach by the international community, including Syria's neighbours; one which offers hope, safety and dignity to the millions of refugees, and gives them a chance to contribute to the societies and economies of their hosts.

Mohammad Naser, a father of 3 from Ghouta, near Damascus in Syria, collects drinking water from an Oxfam supplied water tank in Zaatari camp in Jordan, which is home to around 80,000 Syrian refugees.

Photo: Sam Tarling / Oxfam

SOUTH SUDAN ON THE BRINK

The conflict which erupted in Juba in mid-December 2013 quickly transformed into a national, political and ethnic crisis. Since then, about 1.6 million people have been internally displaced and over 600,000 have fled to Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda. Severe food shortages and disrupted livelihoods and markets have left 3.9 million people struggling to feed themselves and their families.

We have a dedicated team working across South Sudan to rebuild livelihoods and provide humanitarian assistance. We focus on water and sanitation provision and livelihoods support, while also working with partners on peace building and governance issues. Our humanitarian response has so far reached **almost 700,000 people**.



A Oxfam water distribution point at the Malakal IDP camp, South Sudan.

Photo: Simon Rawles / Oxfam

THANK YOU

At any given time, Oxfam is responding to an average of 25 emergencies around the world. We simply couldn't do it without you. This year, your support has made life better for people living in poverty. Thanks to you, they're facing next year with hope.