

Oxfam Canada Projects Supported by Stamp Funds

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In 2015, we raised \$26,000, the most ever, and we are allocating the funds to Oxfam Canada's flagship project in Asia. On the back is a list of all the projects totalling over \$350,000 raised since the stamp programme began over 30 years ago. These particular projects were selected based on two criteria. First, they are meant to be broadly representative of the types of work Oxfam does in its main areas of interest. Second, we support worthy projects that have not had sufficient money earmarked specifically for them by other donors or allocated from general donation revenue.

In most cases, the stamp funds are only a small part of the total Oxfam Canada contribution, and many are funded by other organizations and governments as well. In this way the Oxfam Canada funds have a lot of leverage, being matched in some cases by two or more times as much money from other sources.

Asia (Regional) Ending Violence Against Women: \$26,000 (2016)

Violence against women and girls is rising rapidly across Asia. According to a 2013 study by the World Health Organization, nearly 38% of women in South and South-East Asia have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence. In Bangladesh, more than half the women will experience physical and/or sexual violence at the hands of their partners during their lifetime.

This takes a huge toll, and it is fracturing families and communities and stalling development across the region. Despite considerable progress in many countries to establish policies and programs to end violence, implementation has been slow. This gap is largely the result of deeply entrenched cultural values, attitudes and practices that are rooted in gender stereotypes and perpetuate exploitation, discrimination and violence against women and girls. There is compelling evidence that the most effective counter-strategies will engage a broad range of social actors, as well as institutional and political leaders, with a view to reducing the social acceptance of violence.

This new flagship global program for Oxfam Canada, called "Creating Spaces", aims to reduce violence against women and girls through coordinated prevention and response initiatives in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines. The total budget is \$20M, including a \$15M contribution from the Government of Canada and \$5M from Oxfam. In the next 5 years 2016-2021 we will work with 18 local partner organizations, including women's rights organizations, in each of the six countries to prevent violence by changing local norms and laws, responding to violence by providing women and girl survivors with services and economic opportunities, and strengthening collective efforts and learning across the region. The program will directly reach 245,000 women and girls across the six countries, have three main components:

- mobilize community leaders and young people to advance the rights of women and girls, and to challenge and change local laws and norms that help to perpetuate violence;
- empower women and girls affected by violence by providing access to support services and economic opportunities that allow them to thrive free of violence; and,
- strengthen networks and build strategic alliances of civil society organizations across the regional working to end violence and advance the rights of women and girls.

List of All Projects Supported by Stamp Funds to Date

ASIA	Creating Spaces – Reducing Violence Against Women	\$26,000	2016
ZIMBABWE	Reducing Vulnerability to HIV/AIDS	\$9000	2015
CUBA	Women's Empowerment Fund	\$9000	2015
ETHIOPIA	Microcredit for Women	\$15,000	2013
HORN OF AFRICA	Community Awareness	\$5,000	2013
PHILIPPINES	Typhoon Relief	\$2,000	2013
NICARAGUA	Helping Women Farmers Process and Market Farm Products	\$10,000	2012
GUATEMALA	Promoting rights and improving living conditions of the Maya Kaqchiquel	\$10,000	2012
EAST AFRICA	Famine Relief	\$20,000	2011
ZIMBABWE	Supporting Advocacy for Media Reforms	\$15,000	2010
ETHIOPIA	Supporting Secondary Education for Girls in Benishangul Gumuz	\$20,000	2009
CUBA	Gender Equality Pilot and Small Farmers	\$20,000	2008
ETHIOPIA	Asset Based Community Development in Oromia	\$15,000	2007
GUATEMALA	Women in the Maquila Industry	\$10,000	2004
SOUTH AFRICA	Masimanyane Womens' Support Centre HIV/AIDS Training	\$14,000	2003-4
EL SALVADOR	Earthquake Relief	\$10,000	2001
ZIMBABWE	Womens' AIDS Awareness	\$8,500	2000
NICARAGUA	Hurricane Mitch Relief	\$5,000	1999
ETHIOPIA	Day Care Centres for Degua Tembien	\$5,000	1998
PERU	Farm Improvement in Surco	\$10,000	1998-9
NAMIBIA	Integrated Rural Development in Okavango	\$10,000	1996
NICARAGUA	Rural Womens' Committee in Leon	\$5,000	1996
ERITREA	Zula Fisheries Community Development	\$10,000	1995-6
CUBA	Hurricane Reconstruction and Housing Renewal	\$5,000	1995
PERU	Rural Health and Community Development	\$9,000	1993
NAMIBIA & ZIMBABWE	Seeds and Water Development	\$8,000	1992
MOZAMBIQUE	Green Zone Agricultural Co-operatives	\$6,000	1991
St. VINCENT	Adult Literacy Classes	\$6,000	1991
EL SALVADOR	Integrated Community Health Care	\$6,000	1990
NAMIBIA	Bushmen Community Development	\$3,500	1990
CHILE	Womens Health Programme	\$3,500	1989
NICARAGUA	Hurricane Relief Fund	\$3,000	1988
MOZAMBIQUE	Assistance to Rural Co-operatives	\$4,000	1988
BOLIVIA	Rural Womens Health Project	\$4,000	1987
NICARAGUA	Fisheries Co-op Assistance	\$4,500	1987
ERITREA	Hand Pumps for Clean Water	\$4,000	1987
NICARAGUA	Farmers Technical Brigade	\$7,900	1986
CHILE	Rural Development on the Island of Chiloe	\$5,000	1986
ZIMBABWE	Mzingwane District Development Centre	\$5,000	1986
DOMINICA	Caye en Bouc Farmers' Co-operative	\$2,500	1984
Cash on hand 2016		\$2,000	
Total Raised to Date		\$352,400	2016