

Oxfam Canada

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1963, Oxfam Canada is a non-profit international development organization that supports community programmes in food security, health, nutrition and democratic development with an emphasis on working with women. Oxfam Canada is one of the 12 Oxfam organizations around the world that form Oxfam International. Together they are working to tackle the root causes of poverty, social injustice and inequality. Oxfam Canada is an international development agency committed to the equitable distribution of wealth and power through fundamental social change. They work in relationships of solidarity and partnership to eradicate poverty, underdevelopment and powerlessness. Oxfam Canada is engaged in a development process which recognizes the imperative of social justice, a sustainable environment and the equality of all people.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty***

Oxfam Canada works with partner organizations in over 20 countries in Africa, Central and South America and the Caribbean to help people tackle the root causes of poverty, social injustice and inequality, creating self-reliant and sustainable communities. They also respond in times of emergency situations. At home, Oxfam educates people on issues of global poverty and advocates for positive changes in policies that directly affect the world's poor. Working in collaboration with other members of Oxfam International, Oxfam Canada responds to humanitarian crises around the world caused by environmental disaster and war with a strong emphasis on helping people rebuild and rehabilitate their communities. They also stress disaster prevention in their ongoing programmes.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

Oxfam Canada undertakes advocacy within Canada to promote policies that will enhance efforts at international development supports the national and international advocacy work of overseas partners, and participates via Oxfam International in advocacy related to international institutions such as the World Bank and the World Trade Organization.