

Background

This non governmental organisation originally established during the Second World War works on a global scale to help those who have been deeply affected by poverty.

One of their main objectives is to empower people with the knowledge of their human rights and to fight inequality between wealthy and poor, and also between men and women.

The Effects of Poverty

Poverty is not only the inability to provide the basic necessities. Poverty is a crisis that affects many aspects of one's life such as:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Mental Health
- Sanitary Water
- Adequate Nutrition



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Oxfam and Poverty

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Statistics

In 2017, Oxfam raised a total of **£409 million**, of which £176 million came from the government. The rest of this money came purely from donations and sales in shops (BBC, 2018).

Between 2016 - 2017 Oxfam set up **over 500 water points** in countries that have been affected by famish (Oxfam, 2019).

Oxfam have run a number of projects aimed at women and girls to encourage them to fight for their rights within the communities and within their governments. as a result of this, the organisation has helped **millions** of women in developing countries.

Raising Her Voice

Gender justice is one of the most promoted objectives within Oxfam.

The organisation believes that equality within men and women, especially in developing countries is the answer to reducing the wealth gap due to accessibility to education and better employment opportunities.

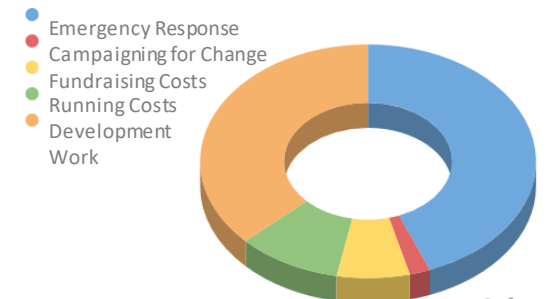


Keeping Their Promise?

Oxfam have been heavily criticized in the media for running the organisation in a corrupt and unethical manner.

There have been a number of reports describing numerous scandals involving staff members exchanging sexual favours for money with female members of the public of the countries that they claim to help and 'empower'.

How Oxfam Spend Their Money



Oxfam (2018)

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