

HUMANITARIAN

WHERE WE WORK

Oxfam predominantly works in Rakhine and Kachin States, where communities have been displaced from their homes due to both armed conflict and natural disasters. In Rakhine, Oxfam works in Sittwe, Kyauk Phyu and Kyauk Taw, both in camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and in villages, providing humanitarian assistance to those displaced by violence. In Kachin, Oxfam works with local partners to reach communities living in remote hard-to-access areas, who have often been displaced multiple times due to ongoing conflict. We also work in areas of the country, such as Ayeyarwaddy Region, affected by seasonal flooding, cyclones and other natural disasters.



THE CHALLENGE WE ARE FACING

In Myanmar, a complex combination of vulnerability to natural disasters, armed conflict, displacement and statelessness has created a challenging humanitarian environment. Many displaced people in Myanmar live in camps where they lack access to livelihoods and in some cases do not have freedom of movement. Within camps most IDPs are reliant on humanitarian agencies for basic necessities such as water, food and shelter. The humanitarian situation in Myanmar was exacerbated in 2017, with a major refugee crisis which has seen an outpouring of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Rakhine State across the border into Bangladesh. In Kachin, where over 90,000 people have been displaced by escalating armed conflict, there is increasingly restricted humanitarian access and new displacement of IDPs in very hard to reach areas. The protracted and complex nature of these conflicts, decreasing donor funds and limited and remote access requires innovative and more sustainable solutions.

According to the Global Climate Risk Index, Myanmar is also the third most vulnerable country in the world to the impacts of climate change. At the same time, natural disasters are increasing in frequency and severity, and now severely affect 25% of Myanmar's population.



Maru Kai Htang from Sut Ngai Tawng IDP camp,
Photo by: David Hempenstall/ Oxfam

THE CHANGE WE WANT

We want to see women, men, girls & boys affected by conflict and natural disaster in Myanmar realize their rights to timely, appropriate assistance and protection. We want to see local humanitarian actors taking the lead in ensuring vulnerable communities become more able to cope with natural disasters and conflict. We also want to ensure that those affected by disaster both understand their rights, get access to basic services and can contribute to long term solutions to the challenges they face.



Food Distribution in Mali Yang camp, Kachin. Photo by: Oxfam

THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO REACH

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) displaced from their homes or living in humanitarian camps as a result of the ongoing conflict in Rakhine and Kachin; flood and seasonally disaster affected communities across the country and in the Ayeyarwaddy region - which is heavily affected by seasonal weather patterns, in particular.

WHAT WE DO

Oxfam provides life-saving assistance to communities affected by disasters. We provide clean water and hygiene kits, construct toilets and develop water supply systems which drastically minimize the prevalence of disease. We distribute food and cash to displaced communities who are not able to access livelihood or employment opportunities. Alongside this humanitarian assistance, Oxfam explores and tests new ways of solving these challenges that are community and market driven. We also work to strengthen the capacity of communities, local organisations and institutions to prepare for and respond to disasters when they happen. Oxfam works with key humanitarian stakeholders and the Government, advocating for humanitarian access, protection of civilians and safe, dignified and voluntary returns in Rakhine and Kachin.

OUR PARTNERS

14 local CSOs and national NGOs, and 3 international organisations

Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC); Metta Development Foundation (Metta); Youth Strength Association (YSA); Bridging Rural Integrated Development and Grassroot Empowerment (BRIDGE); Kachin Development Group (KDG); Kachin Relief and Development Committee (KRDC); Kachin Women Association (KWA), Karuna Mission Social Solidarity (KMSS); Nyein (Shalom) Foundation, Wunpawng Ninghtoi (WPN); Community Empowerment and Resilience Association (CERA); Ah Lan Dan; Pan Daing Shin; Danish Refugee Council; Solidarites International; Plan International

OUR DONORS

ECHO; Humanitarian Assistance and Resilience Programme (HARP) Facility (DFID); UNICEF; Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF); Start Fund; Oxfam Novib; Oxfam Australia; and Oxfam Quebec