

In 2012, Oxfam appealed to the Hong Kong public for donations for three emergencies. Here is a brief report.

### China Floods

(As of 31 December 2012, we raised HK\$186,611; we spent HK\$2,358,069)

The flooding triggered by torrential rains across China has affected over 10 million people and left 650,000 in emergency evacuation, with hundreds of thousands of houses and crop fields damaged. Oxfam Hong Kong delivered relief supplies to meet the immediate needs of the residents severely affected by the recent floods in the impoverished provinces of Shaanxi and Guizhou after an onsite assessment.

#### Guizhou

- ➔ 69,960 kg of rice, 500 quilts, 82 sets of cooking utensils and hygiene kits for 4,500 people in Gudong Township, Pingtang County
- ➔ 60,500 kg of rice for 2,600 people in four villages in Wanshan District
- ➔ 22,500 kg of rice, 800 quilts for 2,300 people in eight villages in Zhangjiawan Township, Nayong County

#### Shaanxi

- ➔ 32,370 kg of rice, 4,314 kg of cooking oil, 875 quilts, 1,250 torches, 3,750 soaps and 1,250 mosquito repellents for 4,461 people in eight villages in three townships in Nanzheng County, Hanzhong City
- ➔ 44,000 kg of flour, 5,360 kg of rice, 3,260 kg of cooking oil, 1,066 quilts, 848 hygiene kits as well as sanitary items for 3,156 people in 65 villages in Jia County, Yulin City

### Yunnan Earthquake

(As of 31 December 2012, we raised HK\$1,262,559; we spent HK\$ 950,288)

An earthquake of 5.7 magnitude hit the border between Yiliang County, Yunnan and Weining County, Guizhou on 7 September 2012. In Yunnan, over 740,000 people were affected, more than 20,000 residential buildings toppled. Another 28,000 people were also affected in Weining County, Guizhou.

Within 72 hours after the quake, Oxfam staff from the Kunming and Guiyang offices set off to the worst hit area for an initial relief assessment. We worked with local government units to determine a response plan, and distributed relief supplies in two batches:

#### Yiliang County, Yunnan

- ➔ 2,000 quilts, over 1,028 pieces of waterproof fabrics to build temporary shelters, 1,760 mosquito nets and 1,000 hygiene kits for more than 10,000 people

#### Weining County, Guizhou

- ➔ 1,000 quilts for 1,000 people in 10 villages

To assist poor villagers in Yunnan to cope with the cold winter, Oxfam implemented a new relief project in January this year which included 300 yuan of cash relief each for 662 poor elderly people in six villages.



Flood survivors in Guizhou receiving quilts from Oxfam Hong Kong



Oxfam delivered durable waterproof fabric for earthquake affected people in Yunnan to make shelter

### Africa Food Crisis

(As of 31 December 2012, we raised HK\$3,540,951)

Since mid-2011, a major food crisis has been affecting millions of people in 10 countries in East and West Africa. Oxfam Hong Kong immediately carried out a joint-humanitarian project with other members of the international confederation Oxfam. In East Africa, Oxfam has implemented emergency and livelihood projects in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya to help more than 2.8 million people cope with the crisis, providing food, clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and cash-for-work programmes.

Last year, Oxfam’s relief efforts were extended to West Africa. We target to commit about HK\$280 million (in which HK\$9,564,444 was contributed by Oxfam Hong Kong) to the humanitarian effort.

We are assisting 1.8 million people in Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal through the crisis. Together with emergency relief, we are also supporting their livelihoods and assisting them to prevent, prepare and cope with future crises. Here is a brief report of our work in West Africa last year.

#### Burkina Faso

- ➔ Water and sanitation, cash relief, animal feed and livelihood support for 188,747 people
- ➔ We target to assist about 290,000 people

#### Chad

- ➔ Food, cash relief, cash-for-work, agricultural support, livestock health support such as vaccination, animal feed and public health promotion for 166,018 people in the most affected regions of Guéra, Sila and Bahr El Gazal
- ➔ We target to assist about 261,000 people
- ➔ Oxfam has been working in the country for over 45 years

#### Mali

- ➔ Emergency cash for food and water, water and sanitation and public health programmes for 45,968 people in Kayes and Gao
- ➔ Oxfam aims to reach 128,000 people across the country

#### Mauritania

- ➔ Animal feed, cash relief, drinking water and well rehabilitation for 45,046 people from the poorest families mainly around the Gorgol and Brakhna regions
- ➔ Water and sanitation to prevent water-borne diseases
- ➔ Emergency intervention with long-term development programmes such as the vegetable gardens which benefit 1,300 women

#### Niger

- ➔ Cash relief, cash-for-work and animal feed for 147,759 people in Agadez, Dosso, Tillabery, Maradi and Tahoua
- ➔ Developing water points and restoring cereal banks

#### Senegal

- ➔ Cash relief, cash-for-work, sanitary kits and hygiene promotion for 20,000 people
- ➔ Repairing community wells

#### Gambia

- ➔ Emergency cash for food and seeds as well as hygiene promotion for 10,000 people

Oxfam’s humanitarian programmes emphasise:

- ➔ Conducting assessments in the field before deciding what kind of assistance affected communities need most
- ➔ Responding in some of the poorest areas vulnerable to disaster
- ➔ Women, elderly and marginalised people are the main targets of assistance
- ➔ Emergency relief for immediate needs, livelihood support and disaster preparedness for long-term recovery
- ➔ Advocacy to governments about climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- ➔ Community participation, gender equality, transparency and accountability