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Dear Oxfam friends,

As the first rays of dawn break over the fields, Amei (name changed), a smallholder farmer, is already hard at work. Each day, she embarks on a long journey to fetch water, cultivates food for her family, gathers fuel, and looks after her children. The farmland she tirelessly works is vital for her family's sustenance. However, a sudden flood or prolonged drought can often wipe out the relentless efforts of Amei and other smallholder farmers.

Climate change affects us all, but women in developing countries feel the impacts the most. Whether it's reduced rainfall in Ethiopia and Kenya, rising sea levels in Bangladesh, or severe floods in Mainland China, women often bear the brunt. When clean water becomes scarce during a drought, or when crops are destroyed by floods, it's often up to women to find solutions.

Oxfam supports smallholder farmers, particularly women, in fighting climate change. We empower them in mitigation and adaptation actions and decision-making processes. We raise awareness of the critical role women play in tackling climate change and push for a greater international response to address gender inequality. By ensuring women's voices are heard and their needs met, we can create a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Every May, we host the Oxfam Rice Event in Hong Kong and Macau, which is one of Oxfam's signature events. Dressed in Oxfam T-shirts or volunteer jackets, our "green army" enthusiastically participates, rain or shine, to raise funds to support smallholder farmers around the world in improving their lives and combating climate change. Please visit our booths and buy a pack of Oxfam Rice to support this cause!

In Hong Kong, many elderly people struggle with limited or no income, making it difficult to cover essential expenses like housing, food, and healthcare. Oxfam Hong Kong addresses elderly poverty through various initiatives and advocacy efforts. We publish reports to highlight the issue and urge the government to improve retirement protection; we also support projects that enhance elderly lives. Please refer to this issue of Oxfam Express for more details.

Whether rain or shine, let us continue to join hands in helping more people fight against poverty and climate change!

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With warm regards, Michael Wong





I don't have a mom. She abandoned us when my twin brothers were just a few months old. My dad works in another city and visits every two months. We miss him a lot.

At home, my grandma takes care of us. I help with cooking, housework, and looking after my younger brothers. To encourage them to do their homework, I once told them dad would come back today. They eagerly finished their homework, but dad didn't return, and they cried in disappointment.

I like Chinese language but struggle with math. After school, I usually do homework or play with my cat. I don't have many happy memories, but I remember my sixth birthday fondly. My grandparents surprised me with a cake after working in the field all day.

My most treasured possession is a stuffed dog toy my dad gave me three years ago. He saw I didn't have any toys and bought it for me. I like it very much.

Thank you, dad. Ting Ting, 12 years old, Guizhou Province

Note: Left-behind children in rural China face many challenges and struggles, including limited access to educational resources and a lack of parental care, resulting in high dropout rates. Oxfam supports projects aimed at improving the educational conditions and psychological well-being of these children. We also assist disadvantaged families in establishing community support networks.

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR WOMEN SMALLHOLDER FARMER

DID YOU KNOW?

- Women comprise approximately 43% of the global agricultural labour force, but their representation in national and global climate negotiating bodies averages only around 33%.
- By 2050, climate change will push up to 158 million more women and girls into poverty.
- Women make up 80% of those displaced by extreme weather events.

Source: The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN Women, United Nations Environment Programme Climate change stands as one of the most pressing challenges of our era, threatening agricultural production and food security in developing countries, especially affecting women smallholder farmers who play a crucial role in agriculture.

Extreme weather, heatwaves, water scarcity, and pollution worsen health problems. Globally, the impact on women's health remains underestimated and insufficiently addressed.

Oxfam believes that women are agents of change and key players in mitigating and adapting to climate change. We support women in developing coping strategies to protect their homes, communities, and livelihoods, demonstrating resilience and leadership in the face of the climate crisis.



WHY ARE WOMEN MORE AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE?

1 Increased Workload

As resources become scarce, women and girls have to travel further and spend more time and effort to find water and fuel. They are often the last to receive food.

3 Economic Impact

Women in impoverished areas often have lower levels of education and limited access to infrastructure and market information, making them particularly vulnerable to weather events such as droughts and floods. This, in turn, affects their income and food security.

5 Limited Mobility and Decision-Making

Women's participation in climate change policy and decision-making is low, often leading to their needs being overlooked, limiting their ability to respond to climate change.

2 Health Risks

Climate change intensifies some natural disasters, which damage water and sanitation facilities and increase women's risk of waterborne diseases like cholera and dysentery. Women also face unequal access to clean water and sanitation after disasters.

Gender-Based Violence

Climate-related disasters increase the risks of conflict and social instability, heightening the vulnerability of women and girls to gender-based violence.

Displacement and Migration

Climate change can force families to migrate. Men often move to urban areas or other countries in search of employment, leaving women to manage households and land with insufficient support.

In the rural community of Cambilla in Eastern Samar, the Philippines, Editha Macawili works in her field in 43 degrees Celsius heat. The heat can be unbearable by 8 or 9 AM, forcing farmers in this part of the country to stop working in the sun. They used to work in the fields until noon.

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN PARTICIPATING IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Oxfam supports women in leadership roles within their communities to drive climate action. By providing training and resources, we help women become key agents of change in climate resilience and adaptation efforts.



The Development of Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Wangjinzhuang

Wangjinzhuang, a village in Hebei Province, has faced increasing agricultural challenges in recent years due to climate change. Water scarcity and prolonged droughts have become more frequent, making agricultural production increasingly unstable and vulnerable. This has caused villagers to gradually lose confidence in farming. Young people have left to work elsewhere, leaving women to drive climate adaptation efforts.

Oxfam Hong Kong supports villagers in addressing climate change through mitigation and adaptation, which include reducing greenhouse gas emissions and

enhancing community resilience. These measures are crucial for improving the community's ability to cope with climate change, promoting gender equality, and achieving sustainable development.

We also supported the establishment of the Wangjinzhuang Farmers' Seed Bank, which stores over 170 locally adapted varieties. This initiative ensures a stable crop supply even in extreme climates, enabling women farmers to maintain their livelihoods and food security.



The 2024 El Niño season has caused dry conditions and reduced rainfall across southern Africa, affecting over 100,000 farmers in Malawi with significant crop losses. Women smallholder farmers participate in farmer field schools implemented by 0xfam and partners, where they acquire new skills to address the food insecurity crisis exacerbated by El Niño.



Supporting Women in Disaster Risk Reduction

Oxfam has been supporting impoverished communities in their fight for climate justice. Our work includes publishing reports that reveal the impact of climate change on poor communities and calling for international action. We also advocate for governments to implement gender-responsive climate adaptation measures and ensure that women have a

voice in climate-related decision-making processes. Additionally, women play a key role in disaster risk reduction (DRR). Evidence shows that when women are involved in DRR, the outcomes are better for the entire community. Women's leadership and knowledge also contribute to more effective prevention, preparedness, and recovery efforts.

The Flood Project in Guizhou, Mainland China

In Lingchuan County, Guilin City, Guangxi, floods occur every rainy season, submerging farmland, vegetable gardens, and farmers' houses. In recent years, droughts have also struck due to climate change, severely affecting the safety and livelihoods of community members.

Oxfam Hong Kong supports villagers in strengthening their capability in disaster prevention and preparedness. The project prioritises the needs of vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children, and women, ensuring they receive the

support necessary to thrive and contribute to community resilience. We have supported 2,387 women and 184 girls to actively participate in developing and implementing community-based early warning systems.

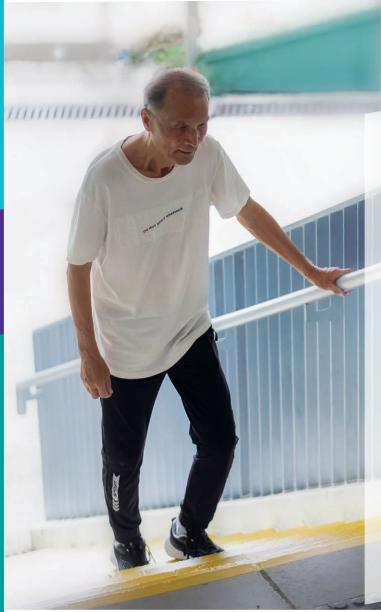
Through training and educational activities, the project has also helped more women realise their abilities and potential, encouraging them to actively participate in community development and disaster

management. One woman who participated in the training and drills said, "I attended training on emergency rescue methods, learned how to use a fire extinguisher, make a stretcher, and bandage wounds." Another woman said, "There are many elderly people left behind in our village, and many women farm and grow vegetables at home. We usually don't have the opportunity to learn emergency rescue skills. Participating in Oxfam's project has benefited me greatly and increased my confidence."





TACKLING ELDERLY POVERTY IN HONG KONG



According to 'Hong Kong Poverty Report 2024: Pathways Out of Adversity – Embracing Change Through Transformation' released by Oxfam Hong Kong, in the first quarter of 2024, more than 580,000 individuals aged 65 or above were living in poverty - a staggering 42.9 percent increase since 2019. The number of singleton and doubleton elderly poor households also reached 260,000. These figures highlight changes in Hong Kong's poor population structure following the pandemic. In view of the changes, the Hong Kong government has reserved a budget of HKD 77.4 billion for social security assistance, which includes the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme.

Oxfam Hong Kong addresses the issue of elderly poverty in Hong Kong. We urge the government to ensure that elderly individuals have access to adequate social security assistance and medical services. Additionally, we call on society to work together towards the goal of active ageing by creating an elder-friendly living environment. This includes leveraging technological and social innovations to meet the primary needs of elderly community members. Oxfam Hong Kong is committed to fostering a friendly environment to enhance the well-being and quality of life for elderly individuals.

FIGURES OF ELDERLY POVER



580,000 individuals aged 65 or above were living in poverty.



131,700 impoverished households of elderly singletons.



132,800

impoverished households of elderly doubletons.

Support the development of 'Targeted Poverty Alleviation' by re-evaluating the poverty line to gain a comprehensive understanding of poverty trends.

Promote active ageing by establishing a database to identify target groups, providing tailored support, and creating flexible job opportunities for able and willing elderly individuals.

Oxfam Hong Kong's Recommendations: Support more impactful social innovation projects by encouraging collaboration among government, businesses, and NGOs.

Leverage technological innovation to strengthen primary healthcare and enhance home care support for elders in need.

Dance-Based Fall Prevention for Economically Deprived Elderly

Falls are a major cause of injury for elderly people in Hong Kong, with 1 in 5 elderly individuals aged 65 and above experience a fall each year. Seniors living alone are particularly at risk, with 75% suffering injuries resulted from falls. Elderly living in poverty face an even higher risk due to a lack of healthcare support and poor household conditions.

However, local fall-prevention services are seriously insufficient. Elderly falls can lead to fractures, decreased self-care ability, reduced quality of life, and deteriorating health. Additionally, elderly individuals may have to wait at least two to three years for specialised services at public hospitals. Therefore, fall prevention is crucial for the health of the elderly.



Oxfam Hong Kong, in collaboration with a local partner, launched a pioneering fall prevention programme that combines movements with dance therapy to strengthen the muscle power and fall prevention ability of elderly individuals, promoting both physical and mental health. We also invite seniors to attend seminars to raise awareness of fall prevention.

■ Wai Heung (first one on the left)

We elders have a lot of free time, which often leads us to overthink and feel useless because our physical strength and abilities have greatly declined. We are afraid of falling. 77 – Wai Heung, 68 years old.

Wai Heung had suffered injuries and fractures from a fall, necessitating the replacement of both her hip joints. Post-surgery, her leg balance was inadequate, requiring her to use a cane for daily movement. Living alone, she is worried about falling again: "If I fall, medical expenses will increase my financial burden, and the lack of care will add to my psychological stress."

Wai Heung happily shared that the programme exceeded her expectations: "My leg strength and balance have improved significantly. In the single-leg stance test, my time increased



by two seconds on each leg. Dance therapy also helped me improve my concentration, calm my mind, and expand my social circle by meeting many new friends."

Leave A Legacy to Extent Love And Hope

Legacy giving allows you to allocate a portion or all of your estate to charitable organisations through your will. This act of generosity not only perpetuates your love but also creates a lasting, positive impact on society.

When is the best time to make a will?

The best time to make a will is **now**.

Regardless of your age, health, or financial situation, planning ahead and making a will can ensure that your wishes are respected and carried out. This can also reduce the stress and difficulty your family may face after your passing.





Why does Oxfam want me to make a legacy gift?

This is a sustainable and meaningful form of support.

Your legacy can help Oxfam continue its important work well into the future, improving the lives of many poor and vulnerable people around the world.

By making a legacy gift, you can ensure that your legacy continues to make a difference, bringing hope and change to those in need.

What are the functions/benefits of a will?

Regardless of the amount of assets you have, a will is important for everyone. It not only allows you to support your loved ones or organisations, but it also ensures that your closest friends and family clearly understand your wishes. This reduces the risk of disputes and helps them avoid unnecessary stress and costs.



Why Would People Support Oxfam through Legacy Giving?

Oxfam legacy giving supporters share their thoughts about why they are choosing to invest in the next generation of people fighting poverty and inequality around the world.





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I was born in the 1950s, and my family was very poor. I didn't have a childhood; at six years old, I started following my mother to work, and by twelve, I was finding jobs on my own. Today, I am very grateful to have the opportunity to help others. This has not come easily, and I hope that those who have the means or ability can lend a helping hand, so that people in need can see a glimmer of hope. "Ip Siu Kuen, Oxfam legacy giving donor



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人仍谓在复图中》 造座捐贈又是本署初心.——不受艳故所限 大部有需要的人. や感謝《遺善最樂》。

Heidi Yn

In 2005, I travelled to Kenya in Africa with friends. Although the safari was unforgettable, I was struck by the poverty of the local people. After returning to Hong Kong, I received an appeal letter from Oxfam Hong Kong, and at that moment, I wanted to contribute to those in need. Time flies; it has been almost 17 years. Like contributing a monthly donation, legacy giving is also guided by the same heartfelt desire to help those in need, regardless of race.

Oxfam has partnered with trusted lawyers to offer a complimentary will-writing service.





OXFAM RICE EVENT 2025

The Oxfam Rice Event is Oxfam Hong Kong (OHK)'s annual fundraising event. Since 1996, over a thousand companies, organisations, schools, and government institutions across Hong Kong and Macau, along with tens of thousands of volunteers, have supported this meaningful endeavour. The funds raised are used to support Oxfam's poverty alleviation and development programmes for communities living in poverty around the world, including efforts to address climate change challenges, improve livelihoods, and achieve long-term self-reliance.

The 2025 Oxfam Rice Event continues under the theme "Fight Climate Change. Empower Smallholder Farmers." The campaign will span multiple weekends across Hong Kong -May 10-11, 18, and 25 – with parallel events in Macau on May 24-25.

In an exciting collaboration, OHK has partnered with Medialink Group Limited to feature the classic British children's book Mr. Men Little Miss on rice bags and gift sets for the first time. The specially designed products are now available to buy.







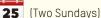






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