

Oxfam America

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Who is Oxfam?



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WE SAVE LIVES IN DISASTERS

We provide immediate relief and we help local leaders design response and resilience plans so that their communities can weather current crises and the ones yet to come.

In Yemen, we are providing clean water to help fight cholera in the short term and long term, and we are advocating for an end to the conflict.



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WE CHALLENGE THE POWERFUL

Through our advocacy and campaigning work, we inspire the public to pressure the US government, companies, and others in power to change policies and practices that keep people in poverty.

With our **Behind the Brands** campaign, we challenged large food and beverage companies to use their influence to improve the lives of their food producers.



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WE BUILD LASTING SOLUTIONS

Working with local organizations, we help foster innovative solutions that transform communities for the long term.

Saving for Change, our flagship program, helps women save, start businesses, and supports community leadership.



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ACHIEVING A JUST WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY

We invest in four focus areas of work to achieve our mission.

HUMANITARIAN CRISES

When disasters strike, poor and vulnerable communities are often the hardest hit. Oxfam works with local leaders to rebuild livelihoods and stabilize communities, and to secure resources so communities are better prepared to withstand future crises.

LEFT: Carmen Villanueva, a community leader in San Juan, Puerto Rico, takes part in a water filter distribution. *Coco McCabe/Oxfam America*



POWER AND MONEY

Unequal distribution of power and information are root causes of poverty. Oxfam works to ensure money flows in developing countries from taxes, foreign aid, and natural resource revenues are transparent so that people can hold those in power accountable.

RIGHT: Activist Hector Berrios calls for a mining company to drop its case against the Salvadoran government. *James Rodríguez/Oxfam America*



FOOD SYSTEMS

Our planet produces enough food to feed us all. Yet more than 815 million people go to bed hungry. The ways we grow, process, and sell our food are unsustainable and unadaptable. That's why Oxfam and our partners are taking on local, national, and global food systems. We won't rest until everyone has access to healthy food.

LEFT: With training on the System of Rice Intensification, Duong Thi Thanh has become a leader in her village in Vietnam. *Savann Ouerm/Oxfam America*



GENDER JUSTICE

Women and girls make up the majority of the 1.2 billion people who live in extreme poverty. They tend to have fewer resources, rights, and opportunities to make life-shaping decisions than men do. And when emergencies strike, women are the worst affected. Ending injustice begins with equal rights, and Oxfam works with men and women to ensure women have power over every aspect of their lives.

RIGHT: In Mali, Oxfam helped villages recover after a food crisis by providing mothers and pregnant women with nutrition education and livelihoods training. *Tineke D'haese/Oxfam*



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Living Our Values



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WORKSPACES

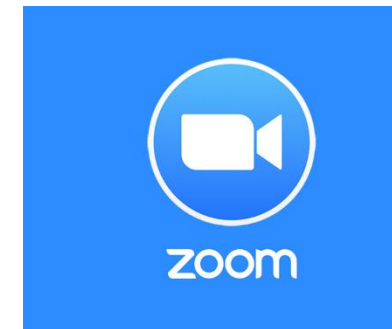
- Recycle and trash bin at each desk
- Printer default is black and white and two-sided
- Individual desk lights
- Black-out Friday's during the summer



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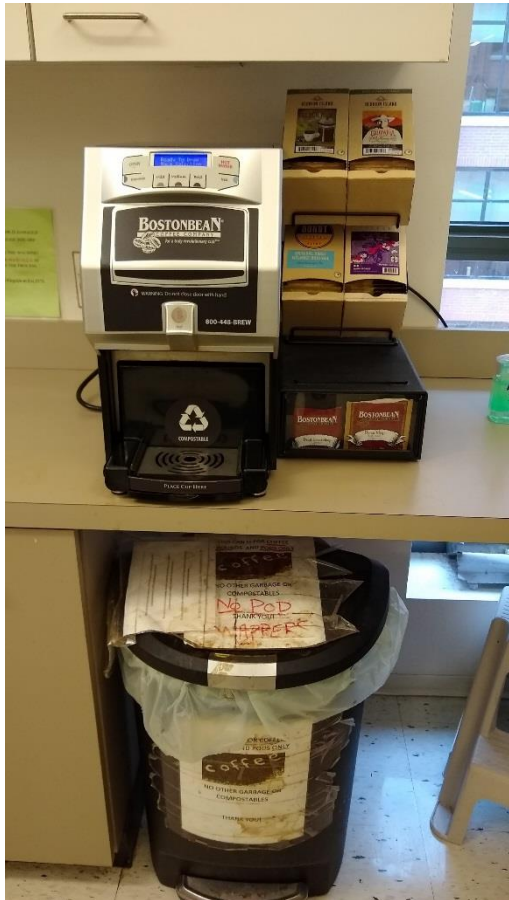
TECHNOLOGY



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KITCHEN



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- Water filtration system
- Dishes, cups, mugs, utensils available in the kitchen
- Dishwasher, microwaves and food prep area to bring lunches from home
- Don't purchase/order single use flatware, plates, bowls, etc.



PURCHASING



Challenges?



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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Technical Assistance from RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts
- Better signage & bins
- Composting
- Vermiculture
- Food donation program
- Conserving printer paper
- Sustainability Committee
- Staff trainings and education

Trash
When in doubt, throw it out!
It's better than trashing the recycling bin.

Plastic bags and cling wrap
Paper cups, stirrers & straws
Plastic utensils
Gloves and hair nets
Food-soiled materials
All Styrofoam cups and packaging
Chip bags and candy wrappers

NO
Cardboard, office paper
Empty bottles and cans
Food waste

Mixed Recycling

Empty Beverage Containers
Aluminum, steel, glass jars & bottles, plastic bottles & containers

Paper & Flat Cardboard

NO
Liquids, plastic bags, tissues/paper towels, Styrofoam, food-soiled materials

Food Scraps

COMPOST
All Food Scraps
Napkins & Paper Towels
Fruits, vegetables, dairy, bread, grains, meat & fish, bones & shells, eggs

NO
No gloves, plastic, wrappers, Styrofoam, or any other trash

 Think before you print.


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Thank you!



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