



HAITI PROGRESS REPORT 2014

On Jan. 12, 2010, a massive earthquake hit Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince, killing 220,000 people, injuring 300,000, and severely damaging great swaths of the city. While enormous challenges remain as the country continues its recovery, Oxfam is committed to helping Haitians and their government build a stronger, more resilient nation.

Following are some of the highlights of Oxfam's work in 2014.

ABOVE: Phervil St. Juste carries rice in Haiti's Artibonite Valley. *Shiloh Strong / Oxfam America*



WATER, SANITATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Along with facilitating public health awareness, Oxfam focused on building more permanent water delivery structures and on rehabilitating existing infrastructure, particularly in the Artibonite, North, Northeast, and West departments.

WE HAVE:

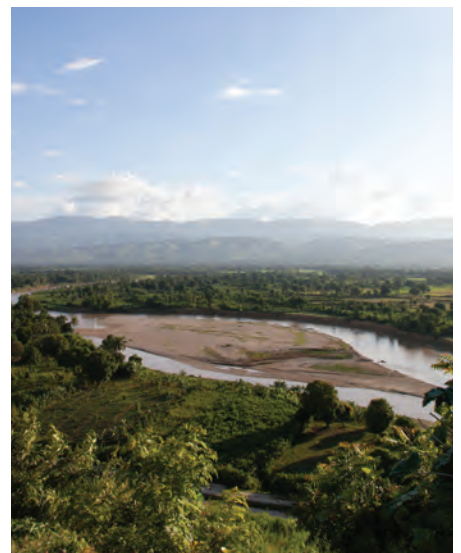
- Repaired and built new water systems and facilitated awareness-raising activities on how to prevent the spread of cholera and other waterborne diseases for more than 200,000 people in the communes of Cap Haitian (North Department) and Ouanaminthe (Northeast Department), and in the West Department in the metropolitan areas of Port-au-Prince including the areas of Léogâne, Grand Goâve, Petit Goâve, and Gressier.
- Equipped 12 out of the 17 water pumping stations in Port-au-Prince with water chlorination systems.
- Rehabilitated Artibonite valley irrigation channels to help rice farmers protect their land from floods.
- Protected irrigation ditches in Grand Goâve and Petit Goâve by building dry walls and dams.
- Repaired four health centers in three communes (Capotille, Ferrier, and Ouanaminthe) in the Northeast Department.
- Collaborated with local health authorities in the Northeast Department to identify pregnant and lactating women and malnourished children 10 years old and younger who were in need of immediate medical care, and referred cases of acute malnutrition to local health providers.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The earthquake left 1.5 million Haitians homeless, destroyed 105,000 homes and damaged 188,383, and created about 10 million cubic meters of rubble (350 million cubic feet). As Haitians rebuild their communities, Oxfam is working to help them strengthen their resilience and that of their government institutions in the face of future disasters.

WE HAVE:

- Enhanced the skills of 73,953 people in Capotille, Ferrier, Mont Organisé, and Ouanaminthe (four communes in the Northeast Department) and in the Croix-des-Bouquets commune (West Department) in disaster preparedness and response. In the same communes we also trained local emergency response teams, and supported contingency plans at the communal and family levels.
- Partnered with the Haitian government's disaster response agency at the local, communal, and departmental levels in the Artibonite, Northeast, Northwest, and West departments to improve communication systems, equipping communities with timely information on evacuation zones and early warning alerts so they stay safe in the event of a disaster.



The Artibonite River winds through Haiti's Artibonite Valley. *Shiloh Strong / Oxfam America*

EMPOWERING HAITIANS TO LEAD RECONSTRUCTION

Oxfam works with Haitian partners to influence government policies on agriculture, housing, and climate change, and to increase the dialogue between government leaders and their constituents.

WE HAVE:

- Collaborated with civil society organizations to advocate for a national housing plan.
- Undertaken advocacy activities in Washington, DC, and Haiti in partnership with Haitian farmers to boost the rice economy and revitalize rural areas.
- Worked with rice producers to participate in a national and international advocacy campaign asking for the Haitian government to invest more in agriculture.
- Produced the report *Climate Change Resilience: The Case of Haiti*, which organizations and Haitian universities used to persuade the government to integrate climate change adaptation in its development plans.
- Promoted increased interaction and cooperation between local authorities and civil society in the West and Artibonite departments to ensure community members participated in decision-making processes.
- Partnered with Haitian government officials in the West, Center, and Artibonite departments and with authorities from the Dominican Republic to improve the management of shared watershed basins.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

The majority of Oxfam's programs to support Haitians in their efforts to earn a living were concentrated in the Artibonite Department, West Department (metropolitan areas of Port-au-Prince), South Department (commune of Les Cayes), North Department (Cap Haitian commune), and Northeast Department (Ouanaminthe commune).

WE HAVE:

- Instructed 69,939 farmers on new agricultural techniques, including 1,000 who were trained in the System of Rice Intensification, a method that uses less seed, fertilizer, and water while producing higher yields.
- Constructed four cassava-processing centers, in the North and Northeast departments, where farmers can prepare products that are ready to eat and can be sold at the local market.
- Collaborated with 249 women and men from Carrefour Feuilles, a neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, to construct three large community urban gardens, and formed one farmer cooperative, providing community members with increased access to nutritious, locally produced food.
- Provided 2,000 coffee farmers in Les Cayes with technical assistance and training to boost their production.
- Supported 184 business owners in Port-au-Prince in the commercialization and marketing of agricultural products.
- Facilitated trainings for 85 women in Croix-des-Bouquets on accessing credit and on microfinancing opportunities to enhance their entrepreneurial skills, and provided 47 small business owners in Croix-des-Bouquets with cash grants to strengthen their businesses.
- Trained 25 youths in the Artibonite valley on the repair of agricultural machinery.

SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Oxfam's protection program focused on the area of Croix-des-Bouquets, where an increase in gender-based violence was reported following the relocation of earthquake survivors to this area. Additional protection activities were also integrated into programs in other parts of the country.

WE HAVE:

- Collaborated with six local partner organizations in six communes of the West Department (Carrefour, Croix-des-Bouquets, Cité Soleil, Delmas, Port-au-Prince, and Tabarre) to enhance legal, health care, and counseling services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence.
- Provided 296 camp residents facing eviction with a cash grant to help meet their needs.
- Supported the relocation of 5,547 Haitians from camps to safe neighborhoods and facilitated community activities such as town hall meetings where residents and local elected officials raised issues and solved problems.
- Implemented community awareness campaigns for 15,000 residents in the West Department to promote women's rights and gender equity.

HOW WAS THE MONEY SPENT?

Oxfam raised approximately \$106 million in earthquake response and recovery funds. As of December 2014, Oxfam had spent \$101.3 million on emergency relief and long-term development. Our programs focused on water, sanitation, and public health; disaster response and preparedness; reconstruction; economic development; and protection, which includes women's rights, gender equity, and the prevention of gender-based violence. We will use the remaining funds to build the capacity of local and national government agencies and to strengthen civil society.

IN 2014, OXFAM REACHED 594,310 HAITIANS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

SECTOR	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
Water, sanitation, and public health	300,259
Disaster response and preparedness	
Reconstruction	132,553
Economic development	87,510
Protection	73,988
TOTAL	594,310



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