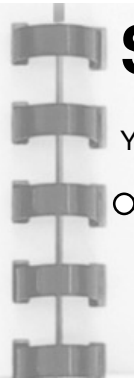


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OUR STORY: The changing climate is having a devastating effect on the Miskito Indians of central America, who live in wooden huts and subsist on crops planted on a few hectares of land and food hunted from the jungle and rivers. Already among the poorest and most marginalised groups in the country, they are now on the front line of this new threat. As well as badly reducing their rice crop, this year's drought meant the river levels were much lower than usual, affecting the communities' vital transport artery.



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OUR STORY: 90% of all products become waste within six months and every year 150, 000 people die.

At a glance, these facts might seem unrelated, but in fact their relationship is pretty strong and can be summed up in two words: climate change. Who would have thought that the impact of our obsession with new stuff leads to the loss of lives from the effects of climate change in the developing world?



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OUR STORY: Our consumption is taking climate change to another level; in turn, climate change is devastating the livelihoods of many rural poor people. "In the last three years we have experienced unpredictable floods. We plant but we can't harvest, it has never happened like this before", said Mom Mayas, a 47-year-old mother of six. Mrs Mom owns a small plot of land in Kratie, Cambodia, where her family has been cultivating rice for over a century.



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OUR STORY: If we are to see an end to poverty and suffering, then we have to stop the devastating effects of climate change, Oxfam works with the people of the Jamuna River in Bangladesh. They are at risk from the increasing amount of ice, which is melting from the Himalayas. They are used to coping with frequent flooding, with losing their homes as their sandbanks are submerged, rebuilding their lives over and over again. But the weather has become increasingly unpredictable in recent years, threatening their security, their livelihoods, and even their lives.



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OUR STORY:

No one really disputes that climate change is accelerated by consumption in wealthy nations. But no one really talks about the disproportionate effect of climate change on the lives of people living in poverty in developing countries. Between 1990 and 1998, 94% of the world's 568 major natural disasters, and more than 97% of all natural disaster-related deaths, were in developing countries. Consuming in a more ethical way can be a part of a life-saving process!



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OUR STORY: Every year, 17% of British fashion is recycled. This is great news for the vulnerable people across the world – but would be even better if it were double that!

Every extra bit of recycling means fewer greenhouse gases produced, lowering the threat of climate change and the threat to livelihoods and security in developing nations.

Oxfam is working hard to provide resources for those in poverty affected by climate change – but it is really important that every consumer does their bit too!



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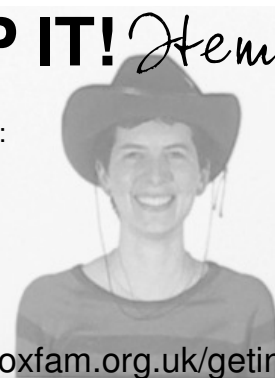


OUR STORY: Everyone you meet in Malawi is talking about climate change. And they are frightened. Some people say that the great lake that gave the little southern African country its name and provides half its protein will be gone in 20 years. Others know that the forest is disappearing – they see it happen, and they watch the relentless rise in price of the charcoal that most people use for fuel. Everyone knows that the three food crises that have hit the country this decade are in some way due to the changes they've all seen in the once-predictable Malawian weather.



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OUR STORY: "My name means 'born at a river' – but the river has been dry since April 2003," says Anna, who lives in Turkana, Kenya.

Turkana people are animal herders. They move their cattle, sheep and goats to follow the regions scarce rains. But droughts are becoming never-ending. People's way of life – which has been sustainable for many hundreds of years – is now under serious threat. Communities fear for their future.

"Past droughts in Turkana have been short," Anna explains. "The rains would return. But this drought never seems to finish."



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