

# OXFAM IN INDONESIA

- Oxfam has worked in Indonesia since 1957.
- We have worked with the Indonesian government, private sector, local organisations and local communities to fight poverty.



## THE SITUATION

Indonesia is a vast and complex nation. 18% of people live in poverty. 42% of them live on \$2 a day; 7% live on \$1 a day. Indonesia is prone to man-made and natural disasters of all sizes. Despite recent democratisation and “big bang decentralisation”, growth and development are highly uneven, and women in particular have poor access to basic services, natural resources, and economic and political opportunities.

Indonesia has the potential to be a world leader in managing natural resources sustainably, fairly and responsibly.

## IN NUMBERS\*

**150,000**  
total people helped



Photo: Jim Holmes

## HOW OXFAM IS HELPING

We focus on empowering women to realise their rights; influencing people in power to reduce inequality and poverty; and building resilience to disasters.

Left: Zuhra turns small fish left to dry the traditional way in the sun. Oxfam works to help communities develop sustainable ways of making a living.

\*Direct beneficiary figures for the period 2010-11

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES IN EAST INDONESIA

We help strengthen communities in East Indonesia through analysis, activities and plans to mitigate against the risk of disasters; preparing emergency plans; and helping set up monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

At the village level, we help village administration, leading figures and community members to mitigate against the risks of disasters; analyse people's vulnerability and capacity to deal with disasters; support communities' to prepare action plans to minimise disaster risks; develop school-based disaster management; and strengthen local partners with disaster risk mitigation tools and support.



Volunteer Suwarti teaches a family about safe sanitation and hygiene practices in Nabire, Papua.

Photo: Jim Holmes

## RESTORING COASTAL LIVELIHOODS

We work to develop livelihoods based on coastal resources; to develop household-based businesses; to develop business groups' access to marketing for coastal commodities; to rehabilitate mangrove areas and develop good practices in order to enhance resources' sustainability so they can develop the coastal households' economies; and to develop the vulnerable men and women's capacity to participate in development planning at the village level.



Zafia received a small loan from Oxfam partner the Local Economic Institution to begin a seaweed cultivation business.

Photo: Suzi O'Keefe

## STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S ROLES

Through the "Raising Her Voice" project in the Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam and Papua regions, we work to strengthen women's roles in governance, by encouraging participation in development processes and in local government decision making.

We're working to build the capacity of

women living in poverty to participate in village development planning; training village governments to integrate gender equality into their poverty reduction programs; and strengthening the capacity of women groups' leadership.

## SUPPORTING VANILLA FARMERS

We're supporting 200 farmers to cultivate vanilla plants on their own land. We offer technical training on production, processing, business entrepreneurship, developing a business plan, and micro-enterprise development skills.

We're working to strengthen women's groups' capacity to farm vanilla; helping organise vanilla production groups; developing the marketing network for vanilla products; and developing market access for vanilla. Other crops such as coffee and sweet potatoes are also included.



## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN PAPUA

We aim to empower poor Papuan women, by increasing their participation in decision-making processes in RESPEK, the community-driven development programme. In this way they should be able to address their needs and benefit better from the programme.

We work to strengthen local government's ability to make RESPEK gender-sensitive; facilitate training for RESPEK's facilitators to integrate women's empowerment; and build local community awareness of the importance of women's participation in poverty-alleviation programmes.

## DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE RURAL LIFE

We promote the Desa Sejahtera (<http://desasejahtera.org/>) approach to reduce poverty at community level; we conduct specific research to inform local policy-making processes, to in turn improve poverty reduction programmes'

effectiveness; and we build vulnerable households' capacity to participate in Desa Sejahtera development.



Rohayah, member of Harapan Subur ('Growing Hopes') Farming Group, Tunda Island.

Photo: Suzi O'Keefe

## PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

We aim to improve Oxfam and partners' preparedness for disasters, and provide appropriate emergency responses – delivering timely and appropriate humanitarian interventions in districts of Indonesia unable to cope with the scale of the disaster. To increase the

effectiveness, speed and impact of an emergency intervention, we aim to strengthen existing partnerships and form new partnerships and alliances with key humanitarian actors, continue to develop our own capacity, and focus on logistics preparedness.

We work on emergency response during disasters in the form of food provision, health assistance, temporary shelter, and grants for income-generating activities to help the disaster victims recover.



Dani uses a 'tippy tap' to wash his hands during an Oxfam event to teach children about safe hygiene practices.

Photo: Jim Holmes