



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21



OXFAM
IBIS

TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE

2020/21 was a challenging year because of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it had on economies, the social fabric and the vulnerable people that we are working with.

The pandemic led to the eruption of multiple simultaneous crises and affected Oxfam IBIS's strategies and plans for the fight against inequality and injustice.

More than anything, the pandemic exposed how unequal and unfair the world is. While the richest have seen their fortunes grow by billions, millions of people were pushed into poverty. While Western governments secured all the available vaccines for themselves – and stubbornly protected the corporate patents of the pharmaceutical companies – most people in the developing world could only dream of being vaccinated.

OXFAM IBIS is part of a global movement of people working together to end inequality and injustice. We strive towards an equal future by:

- Fighting for democracy and economic and social justice.
- Protecting the universal right to quality education
- Supporting efforts for conflict reduction and peace-building
- Giving humanitarian and emergency aid to people suffering from disasters or war.



Inequality like this is what locks people into poverty and marginalization. Inequality like this is what we at Oxfam IBIS are fighting to change.

Despite the challenges, this year we have been able to progress in the fight against inequality. Donors and partners acted quickly and flexibly to adapt to the altered conditions. So, we were able to support millions of people throughout the COVID-19 crisis – we helped fight the spread of the virus, we protected the most vulnerable from the economic and social consequences of lockdown and disrupted economies, and we ensured some continuation of education for vulnerable children throughout the world.

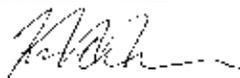
Last year saw projects and programmes implemented in 25 countries across Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. We

partnered with 214 local organizations, groups and networks and our efforts made a difference for nearly 700,000 people around the world. **Truly, it has been a year of crisis and challenges but also a year to show us what we can achieve together.**

Thank you to everyone working with us towards an equal future.




CHRISTIAN DAMHOLT
Chairman


KRISTIAN WEISE
Generalsekretær

WHY I SUPPORT OXFAM IBIS



” THROUGH OXFAM IBIS, I CAN SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE IN LATIN AMERICA – THESE INCREDIBLY BRAVE PEOPLE HAVE MY UTMOST ADMIRATION AND RESPECT.

ANTONIO JIMENO,
OXFAM IBIS VOLUNTEER



” VOLUNTEERING FOR OXFAM IBIS GIVES ME A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LATIN AMERICA AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS REGION. I ALSO SHARE THE OXFAM IBIS VISION OF FIGHTING INEQUALITY AND WISH TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE.

CRISTINA NYANGAI SIIGER,
OXFAM IBIS MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER



” I LIKE THE ORGANIZATION’S FOCUS ON SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND GENDER EQUALITY. AND I PARTICULARLY LIKE HOW OXFAM IBIS RELATES TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN A VERY EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE WAY.

EMILY ENDERSEN,
OXFAM IBIS MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER



” AS A TEACHER I HAVE USED OXFAM IBIS’S TEACHING MATERIALS SEVERAL TIMES. I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION’S WORK WITHIN EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY AID AND THE OVERALL WORK AGAINST INEQUALITY.

VIBEKE KRIEGBAUM,
OXFAM IBIS MEMBER

YOUR SUPPORT BENEFITTED:

MORE THAN
25M

PEOPLE WORLDWIDE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF OXFAM

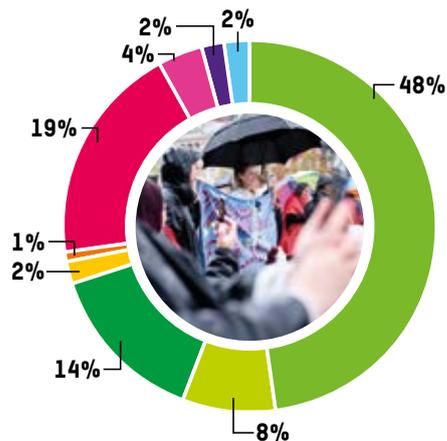
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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS IN THEIR FIGHT FOR CHANGE

695,239

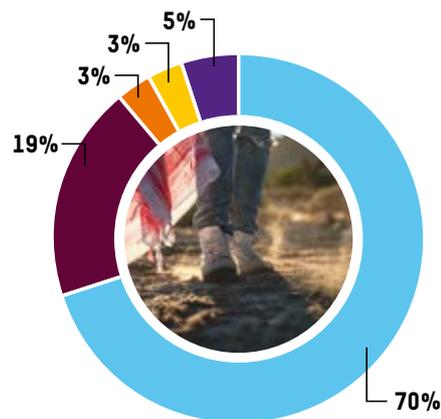
PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM OXFAM IBIS'S PROGRAMMATIC WORK

THE FUNDING CAME FROM:

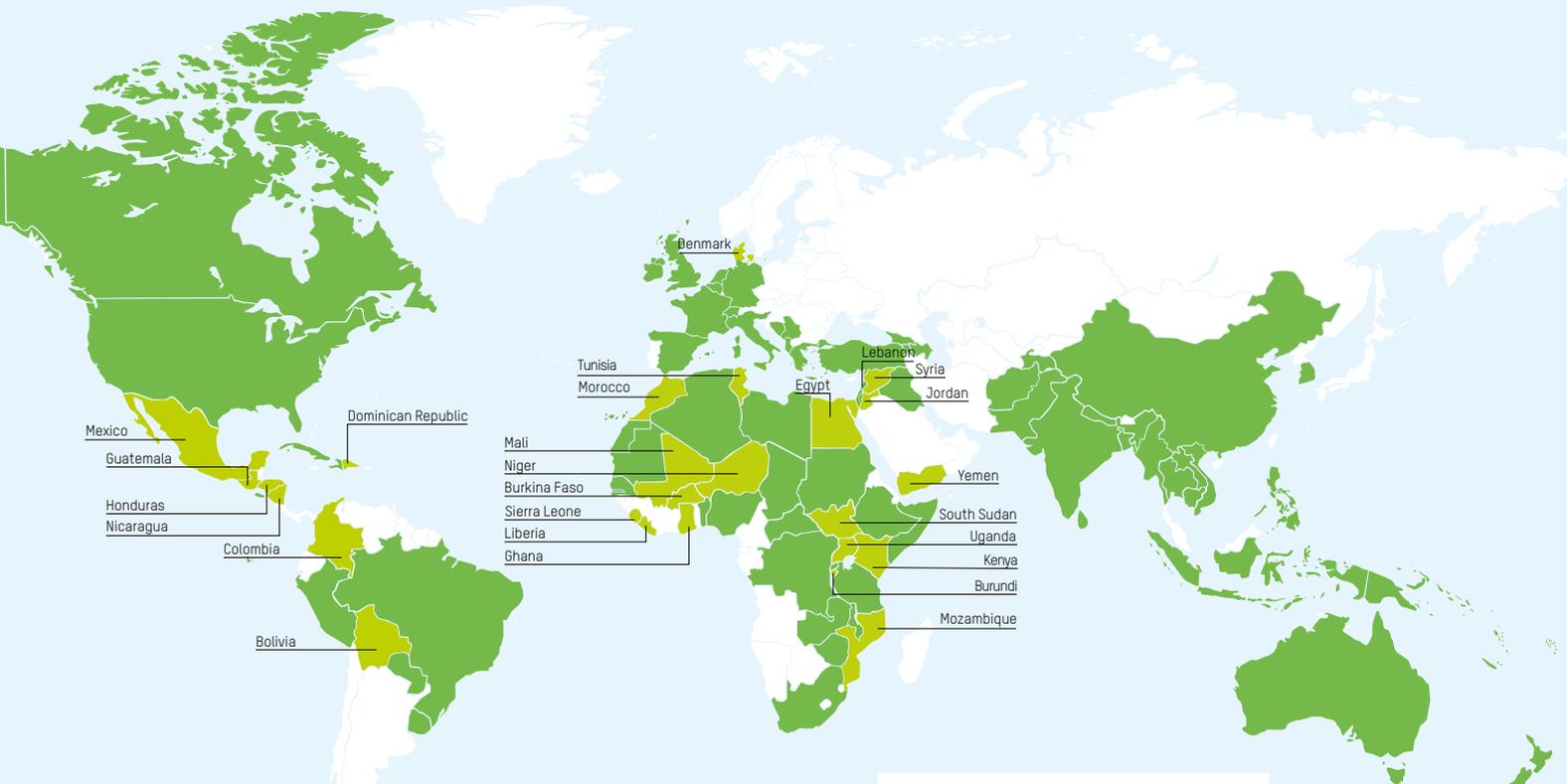


- Danida and the Danish Foreign Ministry
- Global Partnership for Education
- EU
- Sweden
- Luxembourg
- Spain
- Foundations
- Fundraising and campaigns
- Members and supporters

THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON:



- Long-term development aid and advocacy
- Humanitarian assistance
- Fundraising
- Informing the public about development work and global issues
- Administration



OXFAM IBIS'S TOTAL TURNOVER:

DKK 235,442,802

(From 1.4.2020 to 31.12.2020)



Countries where Oxfam International is active (86)



Countries where Oxfam IBIS is engaged (26)



FOR THESE REFUGEE CHILDREN, SCHOOL IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO LEARN – FOR THEM IT IS A PLACE OF SAFETY AND A SYMBOL OF HOPE.

Every day during the lockdown, teacher Jennifer Cynthia Akongo and her colleagues packed chalk and books on their bikes and traveled to teach their students in their homes. This initiative allowed vulnerable children and youth to continue their education and keep their hope of a better future alive.

QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL

ENSURING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE VERY CORE OF OXFAM IBIS. QUALITY EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO FIGHT INEQUALITY AND POVERTY AND SHAPE A BETTER LIFE.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has sadly led to an unprecedented and devastating global breakdown of education, with millions of children losing months of learning. This long hiatus, and the poverty and uncertainty that have followed the pandemic, increase the risk that a high number of vulnerable children – especially girls – will ultimately miss their chance of an education. This would be a tragic setback in the fight for education for all.

To minimize the damage, Oxfam IBIS and its partners have worked hard to secure alternative education opportunities for the vulnerable students. Our advocacy secured the political will and necessary resources to reopen schools quickly and safely. We also supported the huge effort from our partners to prevent dropouts and reintegrate vulnerable children into the education system. And in the aftermath of the pandemic peak, we argued against solving the subsequent financial challenges by cutting the budgets for education as these were already very tight in many of the world's middle- and low-income countries.

THIS YEAR WE SUPPORTED:

1 QUALITY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

For the first time in Niger, West Africa, girls' enrolment reached the same level as boys'. **Girls' academic performance has increased, and the number of girls who drop out has gone down.**

This achievement was mainly due to continuous efforts from our partners to convince parents and the local community to educate their girls and to raise teachers' awareness of equality in the classroom.

A similar improvement was seen in Colombia, Latin America, where Oxfam IBIS has supported the introduction of comprehensive sexual education in schools belonging to the country's indigenous Wauju people. With this support, we have reached 4,000 students and their teachers with knowledge about equality, and sexual and reproductive rights.

2 PROTECTION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION BUDGETS

Funding is a cornerstone of the drive towards quality education for all. **With thorough analysis, powerful campaigns and skilled advocacy, our partners persuaded the Government of Mozambique not to solve the economic crisis by cutting the budget for education.** Similarly, one of our partners, The Uganda Teachers' Union, prevented the Ugandan government from demanding that schools return all government funds received in the lockdown period. These funds were needed to pay teachers, secure alternative education and prepare the schools for a safe reopening.

3 IMPROVEMENTS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH

In recent years, Oxfam IBIS has worked with youth organizations and networks in West Africa, supporting them in improving technical and vocational education throughout the region. This year, these organizations and networks achieved a breakthrough as they attracted public attention and secured the political will to prioritize vocational training. **This success was recognized in an invitation from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) asking representatives from the youth organizations to advise them on strengthening vocational and technical education.**

Last year,
138,857
people benefited from
our work for quality
education





ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



A GREAT VICTORY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED FOR ALL THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND ACTIVISTS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES COMBATING POWERFUL COMPANIES AND A WEALTHY ELITE IN THEIR PURSUIT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Blas Sierra is a community leader of the El Rocio community in Colombia, Latin America. For decades he has been among those fighting the injustices and atrocities committed by the companies running the giant coal mine El Cerrejón. This year was a turning point because the UN finally listened to and upheld the complaints. The UN called on the Colombian government to halt mining while the full truth about the companies' destruction of nature and severe human rights violations are investigated.

IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST INEQUALITY AND TO PROTECT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF EVERYONE, CIVIL SOCIETY PLAYS A KEY ROLE. STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ENSURES A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER AND RESOURCES. THEREFORE, OXFAM IBIS IS WORKING TO SUPPORT AND BUILD CAPACITY AMONG CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

This year, there was an increased focus on indigenous peoples' organizations, organizations fighting for women's rights and the more loosely organized youth movements.

The last year has been challenging for civil society with the pandemic lockdown preventing meetings, rallies, demonstrations and other core activities that allow civil society organizations to function and influence. At the same time, we have

seen many governments place further restrictions on civil society – limiting the ability of civil society organizations to act and persecuting individuals who dare to speak up.

Despite the many setbacks for democracy, we have also experienced a momentum for change caused by the revelation of the violent injustices that mar the world and were made more apparent by the pandemic.

Our partners seized new opportunities to engage people and push for change, for example, on tax evasion and capital flight, protection of girls' and women's rights and the unfair distribution of vital goods such as health equipment and vaccines.

Oxfam IBIS has supported these initiatives and, in general, worked to strengthen the voice and influence of civil society while paying special attention to the protection of those whose lives have been endangered by their activism.

Last year,
104,098
people benefited from our work on democracy and social- and economic justice

THIS YEAR WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO:

1 PROTECTING COLOMBIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Colombia is the most dangerous country in the world for human rights activists, and the pandemic made it worse by forcing activists to stay in their homes, unable to move and cut off from the people who would normally shield them from harm. In alliance with our partners, Oxfam IBIS helped the most endangered to safety while supporting their organizations to continue fighting for justice and peace.

2 COMBATING RAPE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN LIBERIA

Rape and violence against women are rampant in Liberia, West Africa. But this year, with the support of Oxfam IBIS, among others, the country's feminist movement persuaded the president to adopt a national plan to combat rape and set aside a significant budget to protect women's rights.

3 IMPROVING TAX SYSTEMS IN WEST AFRICA

As part of an alliance of 50 organizations, we advocated for and succeeded in pushing ECOWAS to expand its legal framework on tax collection. This change will increase member states' opportunities to improve their tax systems and raise more taxes from multinational companies, for example, to pay for health, education, and infrastructure.

4 CREATING DIGNIFIED EMPLOYMENT FOR MIDDLE EASTERN YOUTH

Very high levels of unemployment in North Africa and the Middle East mean that many young people are trapped in poverty and marginalization. As part of the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme, Oxfam IBIS's partners have helped create job opportunities for almost 2,500 people, despite the pandemic, while thousands of other young men and women have received training in entrepreneurship and are well on their way to establishing their own businesses.



PEACE-BUILDING



FOR PEACE TO LAST, FORMER ENEMIES MUST LEARN TO COOPERATE AND TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE. I TRULY HOPE WE WILL SUCCEED.

For 27 years, Marinelly fought as a soldier for the Colombian guerrilla-army FARC. Since the peace agreement was signed, she has been living in a camp for former combatants and tries her best to support peace by encouraging and facilitating cooperation between former enemies – the ex-soldiers on one side and members of the local community on the other.



PEACE AND SAFETY ARE WHAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD CRAVE MOST. PEACE IS ALSO CRUCIAL FOR LASTING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN EDUCATION, DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

Three years ago, Oxfam IBIS decided to make peacebuilding a priority in our work, focusing on creating a solid foundation for lasting and inclusive peace.

This year, we have supported peacebuilding in 11 countries and worked with individuals and organizations to combat the root causes of conflict, strengthen dialogue and build social cohesion between people.

In the spring of 2020, when the pandemic began, Oxfam IBIS actively backed the UN call for a global ceasefire, as peace and cooperation is needed more than ever to tackle the consequences of the global pandemic.

Oxfam IBIS supported 33 peace initiatives working with youth and women, including those in Burkina Faso, Colombia, Yemen and South Sudan.

WE CONTRIBUTED TO:

1 TRAINING OF PEACE ACTIVISTS IN SOUTH SUDAN AND UGANDA

The civil war in South Sudan has led to millions of people to be displaced within South Sudan or fleeing to neighbouring Uganda. In both places we have supported and trained young peace activists. **These individuals now lead work to resolve conflicts and address injustices** through dialogue and mediation to build a foundation for lasting peace in their communities.

2 THE INCLUSION OF WOMEN IN PEACE-BUILDING

Four years after the signing of the peace agreement between the Colombian government and the guerilla group FARC, the implementation of the peace process is painfully slow.

Oxfam IBIS supports the women-led organization ASODEMUC that aims to hold both parties accountable to the peace agreement and promotes women's participation in the peace process. This contributes to a more inclusive peace and reconciliation effort.

3 NETWORKING BETWEEN YOUTH

In the conflict-ridden Sahel region, demands of young people are often overlooked in efforts for peace as they have limited space to participate and influence due to patriarchal structures and harmful social norms. **Earlier this year, together with our local partner, Oxfam IBIS supported an online forum for youth to share ideas openly and freely, mobilize support for each other and develop joint demands, with 125 youth participating.** It is expected that the platform will ensure stronger networking and shared campaigns with larger impact.

Last year,
26,134
people were part of
our peacebuilding
activities





WE ENSURED THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE VIRUS REACHED THE MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES, GIVING THEM KNOWLEDGE AND THE MEANS TO PREVENT THEMSELVES FROM FALLING ILL.

With reliable information and the hygiene kits distributed by Oxfam IBIS's partners when Covid-19 hit in South Sudan, even the poorest families could help prevent the spread of the virus and at the same time counter the rumours and mistrust that can easily spread and reignite unresolved conflicts. Oxfam IBIS also provided relief to victims of violence and supported a safe return for students when schools reopened.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

SYRIA, LEBANON, YEMEN, BURKINA FASO, MALI, SOUTH SUDAN AND PART OF UGANDA ARE AREAS MARRED BY MAJOR AND PROTRACTED HUMANITARIAN CRISES. LAST YEAR, OXFAM IBIS SUPPORTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN NEED.

Some people are living as refugees or are host to refugees in neighboring countries, others displaced or crisis-affected in their own country. Others again are suffering from extreme poverty or the harsh consequences of climate change.

The arrival of COVID-19 increased the difficulties for those who were already vulnerable. The pandemic increased the need for food, medicine, clean water, sanitation and knowledge about hygiene but also the need to access to alternative education for children and youth.

Oxfam IBIS contributed both short-term emergency relief and long-term humanitarian assistance to support the most vulnerable populations to meet their basic needs, be empowered and live more dignified lives. This year, we focused on advocacy to ensure that people's influence, dignity and basic rights are protected during crises.

THIS YEAR WE SUPPORTED:

1 VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN KENYA WITH EMERGENCY CASH

To protect the most vulnerable when the pandemic hit Kenya and caused a wide-spread lockdown, Oxfam IBIS distributed **emergency aid in the form of cash to nearly 8,000 families living in the deepest poverty** in the slum areas outside the major city, Mumbasa.

Another 2,500 women, who were particularly vulnerable or victims of abuse, received special help and support.

Last year,
394,944
people in need received
help from Oxfam IBIS

2 VICTIMS OF POVERTY AND CATASTROPHE IN LEBANON

One of the most severe economic crises of modern times is unfolding right now in Lebanon, causing extreme poverty among both the Lebanese people and the country's large refugee population. **This year, Oxfam IBIS provided basic necessities and legal services for the most vulnerable. We also helped establish employment opportunities for both the Lebanese people and refugees to help them fight poverty and marginalization.**

After a huge explosion destroyed large parts of the capital city, Beirut, we supported with emergency relief – housing, health care and basic necessities.

3 WEST AFRICAN CHILDREN IN NEED OF EDUCATION

In addition to poverty and climate change, the Gao region of Mali in West Africa has, for years, been torn by conflict that has severely affected the education of the children. Oxfam IBIS's partners have worked to mobilize the local community to defend the children's right to education. They also helped with the reconstruction of classrooms and provided teaching materials to schools. **These efforts resulted in hundreds of boys and girls returning to school where specially trained teachers offered accelerated learning and the chance to catch up on the schooling they had missed.**



TOGETHER WE ALSO:

LEARNED FROM LEADING FEMINISTS ABOUT "A FEMINIST FUTURE"

The event series "Feminist Talks" attracted large audiences to both live and digital conversations hosted by significant feminists from around the world. The dialogues addressed themes like women's unpaid care work, violence against women, non-western feminism and the link between feminism and the protection of the environment.

Together with members and supporters, we took a step closer to understanding how we can create a feminist future – a world without discrimination, racism, sexism and repression.



INITIATED DEBATE ABOUT VACCINE HOARDING BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Before the first vaccines were even approved, it became clear that the distribution of these life-saving treatments would be anything but fair. Developed countries quickly monopolised the vaccine supply with pre-orders and acquisitions. As part of an international alliance, Oxfam IBIS has fought to draw attention to this extreme inequality and injustice and push the Danish government to favour a waiver of intellectual property rights protections (TRIPS) to allow more companies to produce vaccines and to secure vaccines for all.

SAW OUR VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZE FOR CHANGE

Although the year was marked by the cancellation of many events, exciting things were happening among Oxfam IBIS's volunteers.

The Latin American volunteer groups in Copenhagen, Aarhus and Aalborg work to raise interest in Latin America. This year they attracted a large audience to digital editions of the Spanish school, to a mini version of the yearly Latin American Festival and to three successful Latin America Talks.

Also notable were the developments among the volunteers in the tax group. In January, Region Zealand joined the list of Danish municipalities and regions that have signed Oxfam IBIS's charter against tax evasion. They are actively avoiding working with companies that use tax heavens. The list now has 14 municipalities and two regions, largely due to the work of the volunteers.





PUBLISHED 100,000 EDITIONS OF THE READING ROCKET

This book, published by Oxfam IBIS, is the most widely used book in Danish schools. Again this year, the book and the supplementary online teaching material gave students in most Danish schools the opportunity to learn about global issues and an children's everyday lives in other parts of the world.

Find the book at
www.heleverdeniskole.dk

SAW SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FROM "EDUCATION OUT LOUD"

The world's largest fund for advocacy in education is funded by the Global Partnership for Education and is managed by Oxfam IBIS. The purpose is to support, strengthen and unite civil society so that it is active and influential in shaping education policies to better meet the needs of communities worldwide. The fund was launched last year, and the grantees have already shown significant results in many of the 60 countries where they are active.

Read more at
www.educationoutloud.org



PARTNERED WITH FOUNDATIONS AND DONORS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In all corners of the world, we have seen our colleagues and partners working hard to mitigate the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been followed by economic, health and educational crises. Our work in this field was partly made possible because of support from the Novo Nordisk Foundation. The foundation is already our partner in creating jobs and reducing poverty in Jordan, and this year it granted extra funds that ensured a safe reopening of schools in Syria and emergency aid for vulnerable persons in Burkina Faso.

A long-term donor, the Hempel Foundation, is supporting our work to increase gender equality and secure quality education for indigenous people in Guatemala and Bolivia. This year they made extra donations to help the children and their families through the COVID-19 pandemic and help them return to school. Thank you to both foundations.

We also thank Bygma Fonden and the Erik Thunes Legat, who have supported our relief work in Syria, and our attempts to offer children and youth in South Sudan affected by conflict a chance of a better future.

We also owe thanks to the other foundations that have made important contributions. Not least we are grateful for the support from our major donors, including Danida, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Danish-Arab Partnership Programme), the European Union, the Global Partnership for Education and the Swedish Development Agency (Sida).



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