

OVERVIEW OF OXFAM IBIS INCLUSIVE PEACEBUILDING

Established as a programmatic area by the Board in March 2017, Oxfam IBIS Inclusive Peacebuilding supports activities in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Colombia, Ghana, Uganda, South Sudan, and Yemen.

Across each of these contexts, there is a focus on:

- i) ensure peace negotiations or implementation of peace deals involves and reflects the priorities of women, youth, and displaced persons (where relevant);
- ii) supporting women and youth-led peacebuilding initiatives at community level, so they play a lead role in mediating, resolving, or preventing violence.

Women, Peace, and Security

- Oxfam IBIS is actively engaged in the Danish National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, representing a broader civil society group in participating in the evaluation of the current plan, and also leading the planning of consultations to inform the next NAP (to be launched in 2020).
- This focus is also reflected in our country level work, which has an emphasis on supporting women's meaningful participation in high-level peace negotiations, as well as women's leadership of peacebuilding at community level.

Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger

- What started as a localized conflict in Mali in 2012 spread over the volatile borders to Niger and Burkina Faso. Far from only being a spill-over conflict, the extension of insecurity into Niger and Burkina Faso has illustrated the fragility of the region and particularly the neglected communities in border areas. In this context, Oxfam seeks to build and strengthen community-led peacebuilding efforts. Concretely, this takes shape in capacity training of women and youth groups for conflict resolution and mediation; supporting community peace forums and committees through technical and financial assistance; engaging and working with religious leaders.
- Taking into account the sub-regional nature of the conflict(s) unfolding, Oxfam also engages on regional level through: reflections and peer-to-peer exchanges on good practices of conflict resolution across the region, a regional conflict analysis and scenario exercise, building up exchanges with CSOs, traditional leaders and local authorities from the region with the goal of establishing/ linking up to a cross border dialogue.

Colombia

- With the implementation of the peace agreement putting an end to over 50 years of violence only lacking behind, Oxfam seeks to strengthen rural women's role in the implementation of the peace agreement, as well as

reconciling efforts between female ex-combats and the rural communities they are placed through the DDR camps. This includes: capacity support and alliance building on monitoring the peace agreement implementation, peacebuilding initiatives for peaceful co-existence through cultural activities and trust building, advocacy on implementation of gender aspect of the peace agreement (starting from August 2019).

Ghana

- With the instability from the Sahel beginning to impact Northern Ghana, Oxfam is supporting community-level peacebuilding focusing on:
 - i) addressing tribal/chieftaincy disputes which have over the years led to violence, which involves working with the National and Sub-national Peace Councils; and
 - ii) engaging with young people to lead peacebuilding activities in their own communities given growing instability.

Uganda

- Many of the ethnic divisions of the conflict in South Sudan are reproduced in South Sudanese refugee communities in Uganda. Recognizing this, Oxfam IBIS provides grants to refugee-led organizations to lead various peacebuilding activities (ranging from sports and cultural events bringing different ethnic groups together, to awareness-raising on the peace agreement, to support community mediators, etc).
- Through the DANIDA Innovation fund, Oxfam IBIS is working with the Unyoke Foundation to accompany a cohort of 13 young South Sudanese refugees to provide mentoring and seed-funding so they can take forward their own peacebuilding initiatives in their communities.

South Sudan

- Through the peace negotiation process (which concluded in September 2018), Oxfam advocated for and supported the involvement of South Sudanese civil society in the negotiation process. It also worked closely with the South Sudanese Civil Society Forum to ensure priorities and perspectives of broader civil society were channeled to the negotiation process.
- At sub-national level, Oxfam IBIS have supported community reconciliation processes bringing together conflicting communities. There has been a focus on ensuring women and young people are actively involved in these processes (as opposed to solely traditional male leaders). This has resulted in a more widely owned outcome of the process. It has also led to positive, unforeseen impacts, including reducing the number and severity of Sexual and Gender Based Violence incidences.

Yemen

- Oxfam is supporting women's participation in and around the peace negotiation process, as well as coalition building amongst women's organizations.