

working with refugees: Oxfam's wash interventions & beyond

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Key Points

- Oxfam WASH approach globally & coverage of WASH in MENA
- Experiences from working on SWIM project in Gaza –
- Refugee Concerns: Need to work with host communities while servicing the refugees
- Fundraising for refugees relief causes
- Case Study - Solid Waste Management - learnings from Zatari camp project
- Way Ahead



Oxfam's Global WASH Strategy

GOAL

- Women, men and children affected by disaster and conflict will have access to appropriate and acceptable WASH services that enable them to mitigate public health risks in a dignified way

OBJECTIVES

1. More effective quality response and partnerships
2. Building resilience and DRR
3. Influencing others & thought leadership
4. Ensuring basic rights of women, men and children...
5. Acting as a broker to strengthen the capacity of states and civil society to meet their responsibilities to respond to disasters
6. Creating an enabling organisational environment



Oxfam's vision for WASH in Middle East and North Africa



Oxfam works in 11 countries in MENA region;

- Jordan, OPTI, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Yemen in **ME** &
- Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Turkey in **NA**

Promoting sustainable WASH approaches and appropriate technologies in communities affected by conflicts and climate concerns, along with policy initiatives for improved WASH governance and local leadership for reinforced resilience.

Oxfam's vision for WASH in Middle East and North Africa

Challenges

- Conflict & Climate change- simultaneously!
- Competition for scarce water resource
- Lack of legitimate WASH governance
- Emerging urban WASH needs
- Limited resources
- Local capacity drain

Opportunities

- Integrating Conflict Sensitivity & IWRM
- Advocacy for resource monitoring & reforms
- Strengthening WASH governance
- Capacity SHARING, for leveraging local leadership
- Encouraging technology innovations

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Encouraging technology innovations – SWIM in Gaza

Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Agriculture in Southern Gaza Strip

- Project Period: 3 Years
2017-2020
- Target Population:
- Partners: PEF, PARC
- Steer: PWA, CMWU,
MoH, MoA
- Expected Outputs
 1. Irrigating 200 Dunums
through reuse of treated WW
 2. Institutionalising WW reuse
through legal framework &
governance model...
 3. Establishing a monitoring &
verification system for
treatment and reuse of
wastewater
 4. Establishing a replicable
model for TWW reuse



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Challenges

- Resistance from few of the selected community due to unfounded fear regarding the WW reservoir
- Security situation: Carrier line passes along the border

Oxfam
acknowledges
SWIM support & is
satisfied with
collaboration

- Ways Ahead
- Mitigation measures adopted, project site shifted to Al Mawasi
- Level of acceptance measured
- RNA carried out- no need for reservoir, shorter carrier line.
- Farmers face water scarcity and see the significance of reuse of TWW
- Targets not changed, budget not increased, timeline remains same.



Working with refugees in MENA region

- Nearly 22.5million refugees around the world (out of 65.6 m forcibly displaced)
- MENA region hosts 26%... Turkey has 2.9m
- Conflict remains endemic in the MENA region
- Forced displacement endangers service provision, and social protection
- Access to scarce resources is a concern



Refugee crisis is not only humanitarian, but has economic, social, political and environmental impacts on places of origin and displacement.

Working with refugees in MENA region- Perceptions

- Refugees as;
 - ✓ cheap agricultural labour (e.g. Lebanon)
 - ❖ Competitors for scarce resource (e.g. sharing water in Jordan)
 - ❖ Challengers in small businesses (e.g. street vendors in Yemen)
 - ❖ Stressors on local infrastructure, already dilapidated (e.g. Iraq)
 - ❖ Contributors to increase in cost of living – particularly for the vulnerables amongst host communities



Working with refugees in MENA region- Perceptions Management

- ✓ Engage in inclusive, context & area-based planning
- ✓ Support improved service delivery
- ✓ Efforts to enhance skills and create opportunities (for youth)
- ✓ Create opportunities for socio-economic well-being, within the frame of the Host country laws – to ensure self reliance
- ✓ Improve dialogue between refugee elders and HC leaders / authorities
- ✓ Support for upgradation of civic infrastructure within host communities
- ✓ Advocacy with donors for supporting conjunctive work – refugees & HCs



Working with refugees in MENA region – Key Oxfam Interventions

- Provision of water-sanitation services and community engagement for hygiene promotion in the camps in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq
- Installing water tanks, rebuilding toilets and educating children on hygiene awareness and supplies in schools in camps
- Emergency food security and vulnerable livelihoods support (Saharawi refugees – Algeria, **SWM & Recycling - Zaatari**)
- Building local skills and experience, so communities can be in control of their own lives



Oxfam Believes in building **partnerships**-inclusive, accountable, empowering, based on openness, trust with respect, and equality.

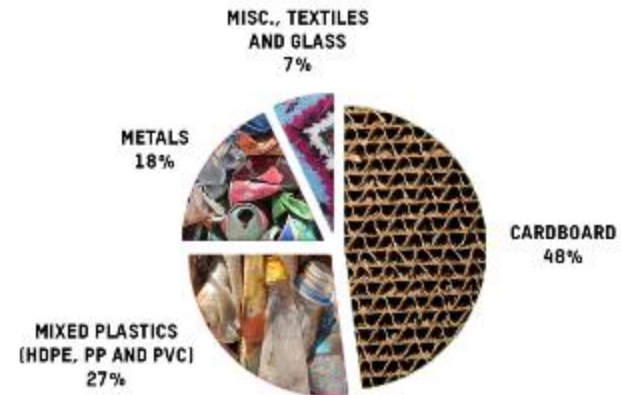
Oxfam NOVIB provides discretionary funds for Partners, working in OPTI



Case Study of Oxfam's work in Solid Waste Management- Zaatari, Jordan

Context / Concept/ Challenge

- **In Jordan** according to the World Bank, refugees constitute a third of the population (9.5 m in 2015).
- **Annual Municipal Waste Generation est. 2.7 million tons (About 5% of this is generated by Syrian refugees)**
- **By 2034, expected to double.**
- **In Jordan, 48% of MSW is landfilled (19% in Egypt and 70% in Lebanon), 45% is openly dumped and 7% is recycled.**



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Impact & Opportunities

- First project in Jordan – 95% camp HH participate
- Reduction in material brought to landfill
- Opportunities for skill building and livelihood for refugees
- Clean surroundings!
- Need to collect 3 times more SW to reach break even-opportunities within HCs exist



Cardboards are bailed, Plastic is pulverised, Iron torn / shredded, Glass is broken & land-filled



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Funding Opportunities for Refugee Relief work (WASH Focus)

Bureau of Population Refugees & Migration (BPRM)	Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)	Government of Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
<p>Humanitarian wing of USAID and OFDA</p> <p>Provides aid and sustainable solutions for refugees, victims of conflict and stateless people around the world,</p>	<p>Australian governments humanitarian aid program</p> <p>Believes in DRR, building resilience, social protection, empowerment of women & girls in refugee and HCs</p> <p>Supports Oxfam's SWM in Zaatari</p>	<p>Dutch support for work in humanitarian sector, including refugees, human rights issues</p> <p>Supports START Network – consortium of NGOs for Syrian refugees</p>
<p>https://www.state.gov/j/prm/</p>	<p>http://dfat.gov.au/aid/pages/australias-aid-program.aspx</p>	<p>https://www.government.nl/topics/grant-programmes/human-rights-fund</p>

Funding Opportunities for Refugee Relief work (WASH Focus)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GIZ	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations ECHO	Global Affairs Canada GAC
<p>Supports IDPs and refugees -medical and psychosocial care, Education, waste infrastructure or waste disposal, Cash for Work in refugee camps in Jordan and northern Iraq and host communities.</p> <p>Supports Oxfam's SWM</p>	<p>Lead providers of international aid to countries affected by conflict and natural disasters. – (> 10 billion Euros mobilised for Syria crisis) Immediate life saving, emergency humanitarian response, WASH, food, child protection, cash assistance, shelter, NFI...</p>	<p>Supporting human dignity by helping countries facing natural disasters, conflict or acute food insecurity.</p> <p>Works on refugee and host community issues</p> <p>Supports Oxfam's WASH Governance in Iraq, Lebanon</p>
<p>https://www.giz.de/en/our-services/55867.html</p>	<p>https://ec.europa.eu/echo/</p>	<p>http://international.gc.ca/</p>

Funding Opportunities for Refugee Relief work (WASH Focus)

Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation (SDC)	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
<p>Approachable donor, mostly development actor</p> <p>Works on refugee and host community issues</p>	<p>Engaged in administration of natural resources – Water Governance</p> <p>Believes in CSO partnerships</p>	<p>UN Refugee Agency – engaged in Advocacy, Cash based interventions, Education, Protection, Safeguarding, Public Health, Livelihoods, Shelter, Asylum...</p>
<p>https://www.eda.admin.ch/sdc</p>	<p>https://www.sida.se/English/</p>	<p>http://www.unhcr.org/uk/non-governmental-organizations.html</p>


Funding Opportunities for Refugee Relief work: Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Funding depends upon the phase, target group and the nature of interventions that the stakeholder wants to carry
- Partner's 'capacity' issues
- Track record of grants not available
- Effective MEAL system not in place at partner office

Opportunities

Local Partners are invaluable – bring in local knowledge & leadership

- Create an evidence base of 'body of work' with refugees
- Share on the national platform
- Establish effective MEAL
- Enter into consortia with  INGOs

Way Ahead : Transitioning from humanitarian to longer term WASH

