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## THREE INNOVATIONS FOR POOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS

Felicia takes care of not only her two children, but also a solar powered borehole in Kpatua, Ghana, which is supported by Oxfam. The borehole irrigates farmlands in the surrounding area, making it possible for farmers in Kpatua to farm all year round.



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## Message from the Acting Director of Fundraising

Dear Oxfam friends,

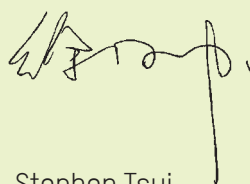
If you were living on less than US\$2 a day, what would you do to improve your life? That's a real question for people struggling with poverty today. At Oxfam, we're constantly thinking of how we can beat poverty - a problem which hinders people from reaching their potential as human beings.

There's no single right answer, of course, and poverty looks different in different places. The thing is, beating poverty requires collaboration and innovation - not just money. It requires partnerships, and innovative and practical ways that promote changes and sustainability at individual, community, and policy levels. Having communities identify their own problems then work together to find solutions is crucial.

In this issue of Oxfam Express, you'll read about three innovations that Oxfam uses and adapts to help communities beat poverty. You'll meet smallholder farmers who work together to use resources, share knowledge, and build solidarity to affect positive change. You'll also read the story of one of our colleagues who has been with Oxfam for 30 years!

As you read this, Oxfam is continuing to help communities affected by disaster around the globe, and assisting people to recover from disaster and conflicts. Please consider an additional donation to Oxfam, so we can carry out our work and be ready to respond to the next disaster.

With warm regards,



Stephen Tsui  
Acting Director of Fundraising



Photo: Ricky Wong/Oxfam



Wang Defang, 64, a smallholder farmer in Beichuan, Sichuan Province, China, carries the vegetables she is going to sell.

Many villages in Beichuan are built on high mountains and in deep valleys. Poor transportation and communication networks have made it difficult for farmers to escape poverty. Oxfam has supported farmers to build roads which help reduce the time and cost they need to spend on transporting their grain and vegetables to the market.

# FARMING BEATS POVERTY!



## SMALLHOLDER FARMERS ARE PEOPLE WHO:

- Own small plots of land on which they grow subsistence crops and one or two cash crops relying almost exclusively on family labour.
- Produce nearly 70 per cent of all food for us and represent the majority of the poorest and hungriest people on earth.
- Mostly reside in the suburbs of developing countries.



## CHALLENGES SMALLHOLDER FARMERS FACE:

- Limited access to productive assets (land, water and capital) due to unfair allocation of resources, and unjust systems.
- Lack of efficient farming tools.
- Poor infrastructure and transportation.
- Increasing production cost such as the price of seeds and fertilisers.
- The absence of supportive policies.
- Most of the buyers are large companies, which dominate the market; smallholder farmers can only accept the terms of the acquisition.
- The impacts of climate change, which make smallholder farmers very vulnerable to crop failure.



Over the years, Oxfam has been helping poor smallholder farmers across the globe deal with these challenges through an inspirational combination of ingenious poverty-beating projects and ideas, together with highly-effective training and influential lobbying work at every level of government.

# THREE INNOVATIONS FOR POOR FARMERS

At Oxfam, we're always looking for innovative and sustainable ways to help smallholder farmers to overcome poverty.



## 1 WORMS IN THE TOILET IS NOT A BAD IDEA!



Photo: Tommy Trenchard/Oxfam

Around 4.5 billion people worldwide still don't have access to proper sanitation, and those that do still require a lot of water and electricity to keep their toilet clean. That's why Oxfam came up with a solution: using faeces-eating worms to compost waste into a fantastic fertiliser, providing farmers with some much-needed nutrients for their soil.

Mary Isabel, who lives in Buzzi Qaurter in Monrovia, Liberia, said, 'I use the wastes from the toilet to fertilise my vegetables garden, particularly during the dry season. I sell what I grow and we eat some.'

The produce from her garden is helping the next generation, too. 'Some of my children are going to school. The money from selling the vegetables helps pay school fee and whatever they need to go to school,' said Mary.

The tiger worm toilets were first tested out in dozens of households in the poorest areas in Liberia; they have since been scaled up and installed in refugee camps in Ethiopia and Myanmar.

## BRINGING MOBILE PHONES TO MORE WOMEN

Vansy, a farmer from Kampong Tong, Cambodia, is on her pink phone with a trader to arrange to have her produce collected. Speaking about the phones Oxfam provided women farmers in rural Cambodia, Vansy proudly said, 'With the mobile phone, we can buy bigger plots of land, sell more vegetables, save money and gain access to vital farming information such as weather forecast and market prices for our crops. Before, we were not in an equal position as the men in selling the crops. The mobile phones have improved our lives and brought us to an equal footing as the men.'

At Oxfam, we use digital technologies to improve the effectiveness of our work. In November 2018, Oxfam launched 'BlocRice', a programme that aims to empower rice farmers in Cambodia to increase their negotiation power for better price of their produces. The initiative uses digital contracts between rice farmers in agricultural cooperatives, exporters in Cambodia, and buyers in the Netherlands. These digital contracts are tools for social and economic empowerment.



Photo: Simon Rawles/Oxfam

## OTHER MEANS TO HELP SMALLHOLDER FARMERS EARN MORE INCOME:

- Drought-tolerant crops and quality seeds
- Water and irrigation systems
- Life-changing tools and training
- Farmer groups, village saving groups, self-help groups and farmers' cooperatives.
- Small livestock to diversify income
- Diversification of crops to reduce risk



Could microhydro-power bring sustainable energy to remote villages around the world? That's the question that comes immediately to mind after seeing what has been possible in the Nepalese village of Jayathala.

Until recently, Jayathala village in Darchula District, Nepal, had no electricity at all, which led to a host of other problems. Villagers burned firewood to cook and for light. The consumption of firewood led to deforestation and soil erosion; children's eyesight also worsened after studying under dim lighting for so long.

Now, those challenges are a thing of the past thanks to an innovative multi-purpose microhydro-power plant built by Oxfam. The project created a canal which is used both as an irrigation canal as well as a head-race canal for the microhydro-power plant, bringing electricity to 54 households.

The electricity has opened new avenues for development. For instance, with easy access to irrigable water, more fields can now be irrigated. The entire project was also led by local women who are not only actively involved in the operation and maintenance of the system but also in fund management and providing guidance on the scheme to the community.

The women, who used to spend hours collecting firewood, now use rice cookers and invest the extra time they have in income generation activities.

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## LIGHTING REMOTE VILLAGES



Women help operate the microhydro-power plant in the Nepalese village of Jayathala.



A villager collecting water from a solar powered borehole in Ghana. This stunning solar-powered water pump project is changing the lives of 300 poor families. Oxfam aims to use this model to lobby the government to adopt it in the poorest communities across the country so that people can have clean and safe water to use and irrigate their farms.

## TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

By advocating for policy changes at the national and international levels, we can tackle the root causes of poverty and inequality.

Oxfam actively conducts policy research, advocacy and public education work to promote pro-poor social and economic development models. We also lobby governments, international institutions and business corporations to implement fair policies on land rights and agricultural issues, taxation, trade, health care, education, and housing. We call on governments to allocate better resources to support smallholder farmers to cope with the impacts of climate change.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP SMALLHOLDER FARMERS BEAT POVERTY

➔ Buy Fair Trade: Use your consumer power to make a difference. Fair Trade farmers get extra funding for community projects and decide how best to invest the money.

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Oxfam partners can enjoy a 10% discount on selected products

➔ Support Oxfam Rice Event 2019!  
There will be around 200 stalls across Hong Kong and Macau.



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# FIGHT INEQUALITY, BEAT POVERTY



Last year, the poorest half of the world became 11 per cent poorer, while billionaires' fortunes increased 12 per cent, or US\$2.5 billion every day.

In January 2019, Oxfam released a new report 'Public Good or Private Wealth' which revealed that the gap between the richest and poorest people is growing at a worrying rate.

While people at the top get more influence, opportunities and power, the poorest people miss out on the basics they need, like schools, jobs and health care. Every day, 262 million children cannot go to school and almost 10,000 people will die because they cannot access health care.

## HOW CAN THIS BE CHANGED?

Rising inequality is preventing us from beating poverty for good – but it doesn't have to be this way. There is enough wealth in the world to provide everyone with a fair chance in life. With supporters and allies around the world, Oxfam challenges governments to make the choice for a more equal world and a more human economy – one in which no girl or boy is out of school and in which nobody is dying for lack of access to medicines or doctors.

We demand:

- The richest companies and individuals to pay their fair share of tax
- Free public services, like schools and hospitals, for everyone
- Decent work, living wages and an end to the gender pay gap



Chhatiya with her baby son Raju Kumar, at their house in Kaushal Nagar, Patna, Bihar, India.

## WHO ARE THE WINNERS AND LOSERS?

Chhatiya and her family live on the US\$2 per day that her husband makes as a labourer. Due to a lack of services at her primary health care centre when her fourth child, Raju Kumar, was born, he faced difficulties after birth and was referred to a private clinic.

Unable to pay the clinic's fees, Chhatiya and her husband had to take out a loan that they now struggle to pay back.

Chhatiya's story is not unique. Every day those who cannot afford basic services, such as proper health care and education, face life or death decisions.



Sumanchala, an Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM) takes a heartbeat reading for a pregnant woman at Phulwarishariff primary health clinic in Patna, Bihar state, India. Universal health, education and other public services reduce the gap between the rich and poor, and between women and men.

# INEQUALITY IN HONG KONG IS ALARMING

The disparity between the rich and poor in Hong Kong is appalling. According to the 'Hong Kong Inequality Report' which was released by Oxfam Hong Kong last September, the number of poor households has reached 530,000, of which 300,000 are working poor households; further, over 1.3 million people live in poverty.

Oxfam is calling on the government to make progressive policy changes to address poverty, build a human economy and reduce inequality by increasing recurrent expenditure by HK\$36.7 billion. The government should spend this on public services to benefit citizens and paying their outsourced workers a living wage. We also urge the government to improve labour protection and benefits by reviewing the minimum wage annually, putting more resources into pre-primary education and providing enrichment courses in all Hong Kong kindergartens to provide non-Chinese speaking students with greater support.

We also launched a campaign entitled 'Fair the Sheep: Advocacy and Public Education Activities'. Through a series of talks, community visits and publications, we aimed to raise public awareness about inequality in Hong Kong.

## WONG'S STORY

In Hong Kong today, one in three senior citizens is poor. Wong, who is 65 and lives alone, had worked in public hospitals for 30 years. Now, after retirement, she lives on a pension of just a hair more than HK\$2,000 a month and can't even afford to rent a subdivided flat. She has scavenged discarded items in Sheung Shui for more than four years, and slept in McDonald's for a year; she also slept on the streets. 'I just want to scavenge more cardboard to earn some money to buy a meal,' she said.

Wong, a poor working senior, is pushing a trolley with the cardboard she scavenged to the government's headquarters with Fair the Sheep\*.

\*Fair the Sheep is a character created by Oxfam to raise awareness about inequality in Hong Kong.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

We invite you to get involved personally and get the message out. To your family. To your friends. On social media and wherever else you can.

To learn more, please visit our website: [www.oxfam.org.hk/en/globalinequality.aspx](http://www.oxfam.org.hk/en/globalinequality.aspx)



# HUMANITARIAN WORK REPORT

With the help of generous people like you, between April 2018 and February 2019, Oxfam Hong Kong allocated HK\$12 million to implement emergency and rehabilitation projects in seven countries across the globe. These included humanitarian responses, recovery efforts, disaster prevention work and humanitarian advocacy campaigns. Here is a brief report on three of our emergency projects. Thank you for your continued support!

## INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

### The situation

A powerful 7.5-magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit Central Indonesia on 28 September 2018, affecting 1.5 million people, and leaving 300,000 people homeless. Survivors were in dire need of emergency food, clean water and sanitation, healthcare and medical supplies.



Irma Zain, a survivor from Palu, receives emergency shelter from Oxfam.

### Oxfam's response

Oxfam is currently working in Sigi, Palu and Donggala district. We reached 128,819 people within the first three months. And our target is to reach 500,000 people in a year.



**11.2 M** litres of water made available



**1,361** sarongs (the local clothing) distributed



**678** tarpaulins distributed



**67** water distribution points set up



**22,304** hygiene kits distributed



**1,542** children learnt about hygiene



**2,929** households joined cash for work scheme

## SOUTHERN INDIA FLOODS

### The situation

In July 2018, torrential rains triggered landslides and floods in various parts of India. Kerala, a southern Indian state, faced the worst floods in a century. Over 1.5 million people were affected, and more than 1 million people were displaced.

### Oxfam's response

Oxfam put its experience and expertise on WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) into action in Kerala. We made the personal hygiene and sanitation of women and girls a top priority. With the support of generous individual donors and the Hong Kong SAR's Disaster Relief Fund, we provided:

- WASH facilities, e.g. we repaired wells, promoted public health and provided life-saving information/training to 8,000 households (approximately 40,000 people).
- Household kits and hygiene kits (including mosquito nets, bed sheets, solar-powered lanterns, household water filters, and personal hygiene items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) to more than 9,940 families (approximately 49,700 people).



Oxfam staff and volunteers demonstrate the use of sodium dichloroisocyanurate (NADCC) tablets for water purification in the relief camp in Wayanad district's Kariyambadi colony, Kerala, India.



Placing wells on a higher platform can reduce the risk of water sources being polluted by flood water during the next monsoon season.



# EAST AFRICA FOOD CRISIS

In East Africa, countries like South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya have been threatened by a severe food crisis. More than 15 million people across these four countries are starving.

## The situation

- 15.5 million people are in need of humanitarian aid
- 10.3 million people face food insecurity
- 5.4 million people displaced
- Categorised by the UN as the world's third biggest humanitarian crisis



Horn of Africa



## Oxfam's response



**1,926,658** people received clean and safe water



**589,919** people received public health and hygiene services



**280,854** people received emergency cash to buy food



**3,224,356** animals were vaccinated and received treatment



Photo: Kieran Doherty / Oxfam

Oxfam builds wells and ponds, and drills boreholes; we also improve irrigation systems to reduce communities' vulnerability to disasters.



Photo: Allan Ditching / Oxfam

Oxfam provides safe and clean water to drought-affected people in East Africa. We also set up water committees to manage natural resources, work with communities, local authorities and governments to prepare and implement drought risk management plans.

## ONCE A PASTORALIST, NOW A FARMER

“ I used to be a pastoralist. The pastoralist life is very difficult. I wanted to quit the pastoralist life and become a farmer. Last year, we received agricultural training and support of seeds to set us off. Without these tools and support, we would be waiting for the rain. Now, we have a well, we can get water anytime, and we have a lot of crops. We really appreciate Oxfam for your help. ”

Hassana, 60, from Ethiopia.



Photo: Kieran Doherty / Oxfam

# WONDER GIRL Cecilia 'Ah Miu' Au Yeung



Ah Miu has been working at Oxfam Hong Kong for 30 years!

Thirty years ago, a young woman entered Oxfam Hong Kong's office (at that time in Tai Kok Tsui) and started a new chapter of her life. It was her first job, a job which has enabled her to live on her own instead of depending on government aid. Thirty years have passed, and she remains committed to her work. She is Cecilia Auyeung, usually called 'Ah Miu'. Ah Miu is the longest-serving employee at the Oxfam office. Her name means 'wonder'.

Poliomyelitis has confined Ah Miu to a wheelchair, and except for her left arm, her body is paralysed. Her father died when she was very young, and she was raised by her mother and grandmother, two beloved people who have now passed away. Oxfam has been a lifeline for Ah Miu. 'I had depended on my mum my whole life, so when she died, I felt very lost. Then I realised that I must learn to take care of myself,' she recalled.

Every day, Ah Miu takes care of Oxfam's reception area like the expert she is. All visitors to Oxfam's office and every person telephoning the general line are greeted by her with friendliness. She always seems to smile as the lift doors open to the reception. There she sits, always with composure, even when she is answering enquiries on the phone and working on several things at once.

Has she ever encountered any difficult people or situation? Ah Miu smiles, 'As a "frontline" staff member, I meet people from all walks of life every day. Most of the time, they require me to answer their enquiry instantly which is quite challenging.' Whenever she comes across a difficult situation though, she uses her 'weapons' – her big smile, helpfulness and patience.

When asked about unforgettable memories at Oxfam, Ah Miu recalls, 'Every time there is an appeal or a big event like the Oxfam Trailwalker, I am very

busy with phone calls and enquiries. Although work is tiring during these times, I am always moved by people's generous donations, and the liveliness and dynamism within the organisation. This gives me a warm feeling of being in a big family.'

Ah Miu enjoys life and work: 'The job means a lot to someone with a disability. Without it, I would feel useless.' She loves Oxfam's principle of helping people help themselves because it also applies to her. She keeps empowering herself by studying different subjects. 'Oxfam has extended its development work to many parts of the world. The organisation is expanding, so is its structure and so we need to maximise our efficiency. I have to equip myself to grow with Oxfam,' she said.

Outside of office hours, Ah Miu enjoys surfing the internet and watching television. 'I also enjoy hanging out with friends,' she said with a smile.



Ah Miu and a volunteer at the Oxfam Tai Kok Tsui office at the 1990s. Ah Miu said, 'It is a blessing to be able to help people help themselves. It is also a blessing to befriend kind and interesting people who share the same mission of changing the world for the better.'

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Oxfam Lai See Donation campaign 2019 has come to an end. Altogether, 66 kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong and Macau joined the event this year and raised near HK\$750,000. Thank you for your participation.

#### HONG KONG

**Donation Awards (Kindergarten Group):**  
**Champion:** Rosaryhill School Kindergarten  
**1st Runner-up:** S.K.H. Holy Trinity Church Tsang Shiu Tim Kindergarten  
**2nd Runner-up:** Hong Kong Baptist University - Kindergarten

**Donation Awards (Primary Group):**  
**Champion:** PLK Choi Kai Yau School  
**1st Runner-up:** St. Francis of Assisi's English Primary School  
**2nd Runner-up:** Marymount Primary School

**Donation Awards (Secondary Group):**  
**Champion:** Ying Via College  
**1st Runner-up:** Sha Tin Government Secondary School  
**2nd Runner-up:** Heung To Secondary School (TKO)

**Highest Participation Rate Awards:**  
**Kindergarten:** Assembly of God Union Church Kindergarten  
**Primary School:** St Patrick's School  
**Secondary School:** Heung To Secondary School (TKO)

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Semple Memorial Secondary School  
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St Paul's Secondary School  
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Yan Tak Catholic Primary School  
Yin Wing Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten  
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Yue Tin Court Yiu Wing Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten  
Yuen Long Public Secondary School  
Yuk Yin School

**Participating Schools in Macau:**  
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### Fair the Sheep advocacy and public education activities

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Oxfam Ambassador: Mr. Liu Wai Hung

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## WAITING FOR THE FLOWERS TO BLOOM

He Lifu (centre) with other children at the summer camp.

Name: He Lifu

Age: 11

Country: Mile County, Yunnan Province, China



### Life challenge:

Lifu was brought up in grinding poverty, and he experienced considerable hardship and adversity during his childhood. His father – a smallholder farmer and migrant worker – was the only breadwinner of the family, but died of illness last year. Lifu’s mother is mentally disabled, and his grandparents are people who have recovered from leprosy. His mother remarried so as to feed herself and her son. Lifu feels like he cannot fit in with his new family, and often feels lonely and sad.

### Most unforgettable experience:

Joining a summer camp\* in Kunming in August 2018. ‘That was the first time I went to Kunming. During the first few days, I was shy and not willing to mingle with others because I felt uncomfortable in a new environment. The volunteer teachers at the camp were very kind and caring. They invited me to help them organise the activities and workshops which were designed for us. I was happy that I could be of help to others. The teachers also took us to visit Kunming Airlines Company and Kunming Changshui International Airport – this was the first time I saw an airplane in real life! The aircraft engineers showed us how a plane was made. One of the engineers told us that he was also from a rural village. He studied hard and became an engineer. I was encouraged by his story!’

### My dream:

‘I used to think that when I turned 16, I would drop out of school to become a worker. I wanted to earn money to support myself and my mother. But after the summer camp, I have changed my mind. I will work hard in my studies. I like playing basketball. I want to become a basketball star!’

\*The Waiting for Flowers to Bloom summer camp project aims to accompany disadvantaged children through summer camps, winter camps, and a homecoming programme. This is done as a way to supplement their family and school education and help bring about wholistic improvements in areas like health, self-confidence and positive thinking; it even encourages creativity. The project was supported by Oxfam. Fifty children from various counties in Yunnan participated.

**Donor trip to Gansu, China**

We would like to invite you to travel to Gansu with us. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about Oxfam's work firsthand, and meet project participants to see how their lives have improved.



**Date:** 16 - 22 June 2019

**Number of partners:** 8

**Price:** HK\$9,000 per person (this includes transportation and accommodation; refunds will be made if a balance remains after deducting the actual charges)

**Requirements:** Oxfam Partners who are willing to share their observations from the trip with Oxfam supporters and the general public.

Please return the form below to us by 24 May 2019. We will contact successful applicants by 31 May 2019.

**Parent-child Exploration Activity: Without a Home in the World – Exploring War and Conflict**

Every day, millions of people around the world experience war and conflict. How much do you know about the suffering and challenges faced by people living in countries plagued by war, about the loss of family, friends and homes? Through different experiential and participatory activities, people joining Oxfam's workshop, Without a Home in the World, will have a chance to experience how children's lives are affected.

- Date** : 15 June 2019 (Saturday)
- Venue** : Oxfam Hong Kong Interactive Education Centre, 9/F China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point
- Time** : 2:30 - 5:30 pm
- Target** : For parents and their children (aged 6 or above).
- Fee** : HK\$180 / pair (we count a parent and a child as a pair; the fee is non-refundable)
- Quota** : 10 pairs
- Language:** Cantonese

- Please arrive at 2:20 pm.
- Participants will be asked to sit on the floor. Please remove your shoes before entering the centre.



**Meet our local partner: Food rescues with People Service Centre**

At present, there are 800 million people living in hunger but at the same time one-third of the food that is produced is wasted. This experiential learning activity will help participants better understand the link between environmental protection and poverty as they rescue vegetables, fruits and bread at Shek Kip Mei Market and redistribute them to those in need in the area. Participants will have the opportunity to directly speak with residents and learn about their living conditions. The event is co-organised by Oxfam and People Service Centre.

- Date** : 10 August 2019 (Saturday)
- Time** : 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Place** : Shek Kip Mei Market
- Target** : Adults and children aged 6 or above
- Fee** : HK\$80 / person (non-refundable)
- Quota** : 16 people
- Meeting point and time:** 5:45 pm at Shek Kip Mei MTR Exit A

You and your friends are invited!



**Oxfam Donor Activities – Reply Form**

Please fill in and send the form to Oxfam Hong Kong, 17/F China United Centre, 28 Marble Road, North Point, Hong Kong. Please write 'Donor Activities' on the envelope. For enquiries, please contact us by phone:

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor No. (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tick  the box(es) beside the activity/activities you would like to join.

- Donor trip to Gansu, China:** (16 - 22 June, 2019)
- Parent-child activity: Without a Home in the World – Exploring War and Conflict** (15 June 2019, Saturday)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

- Meet our local partner: Food rescue with People Service Centre** (10 August 2019, Saturday)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

