

OXFAM INTERNATIONAL, OXFAM EU OFFICE AND OXFAM'S WORK ON TAXATION

Oxfam International, formed in 1995, is a confederation of 19 interdependent organizations networked together in 90 countries with the purpose to help create lasting solutions to the injustice of poverty.

Oxfam is part of a global movement for change, empowering people to create a future that is secure, just, and free from poverty.

Oxfam's vision is a just world without poverty: a world in which people are valued and treated equally, enjoy their rights as full citizens and can influence decisions affecting their lives.

In 2018-19 Oxfam worked directly with 19.5 million people, 52% of whom are women and girls; it mobilized 3.1 million people and cooperated with 3,624 partners.

Oxfam addresses the roots of poverty and inequality engaging in different areas: fair taxation and provision of public services, humanitarian emergency, food security, climate change, gender justice and equal representation.

Oxfam International's European Union office in Brussels works to influence key decision-makers to ensure that EU policies affecting poor countries have a far reaching, positive impact on the lives of those most in need. Oxfam's work at EU level spans numerous policy areas including food security, climate change, fair taxation, development policy and finance, and the provision of humanitarian assistance to victims of conflicts and natural disasters. The EU office works together with Oxfam's nine European affiliates and offices in France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Sweden. We also join forces with allied NGOs and civil society organizations.

Oxfam started working on tax issues as early as 2000 and throughout the last 20 years has run campaign activities around tax justice and tax transparency, building on its experience in developing countries. The work on taxation is an important component of the campaign to fight extreme inequality and poverty. It aims at mobilizing domestic resources for developing countries, and for women and girls in particular. Oxfam believes that fiscal justice is crucial to its theory of change toward securing long-term funding to ensure all people can access quality services. Oxfam's work on taxation intends to bring more representation of developing countries in the international tax fora, and to defend the interest of citizens, in particular the poorest and women, in the design of national tax systems and international tax regulations.

At EU level, Oxfam has in last years raised attention on the effect of corporate tax avoidance on developing countries and the need to invest in progressive taxation in the EU developing cooperation. Oxfam EU office has been monitoring the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, proposing improvements to the current listing process; it has conducted studies on aggressive corporate tax practices and incentives in the EU Member States; it has built a position and fed the debate in the EU institutions about public Country by Country Reporting, taxation of the digital economy, the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base; it has conducted an analysis on the fairness component of the EU aid to Domestic Revenue Mobilization.