OXFAM INTERNATIONAL EU ADVOCACY OFFICE

Oxfam is a global movement of people who are fighting injustice for a more equal world.

Oxfam is a confederation of 21 interdependent organizations which work across regions in 85 countries, with thousands of partners and allies, supporting communities to build better lives for themselves, build resilience and protect lives and livelihoods also in times of crisis.

We have a vision of a just and sustainable world, where people and the planet are at the center of our economy, women and girls live free from violence and discrimination, the climate crisis is contained and governance systems are inclusive and allow for those in power to be held to account. We believe in lasting solutions and impact. Therefore, we fight the inequalities that keep people locked in poverty and injustice, we tackle not the symptoms but the systems, we campaign for genuine, durable change and we are part of a global movement for social justice.

Oxfam addresses the roots of poverty and inequality engaging in different areas: unfair taxation and inequal access to public services, humanitarian needs, food insecurity, climate change, gender injustice and shrinking civic space.

<u>In 2022-23</u> Oxfam worked directly with 15.5 million people in its programs worldwide, and cooperating with more 2248 partner organisations.

The Oxfam International EU Advocacy office in Brussels works to influence the EU, so it contributes to the fight against inequality, and beats poverty and injustice. Oxfam's work at EU level spans numerous policy areas including tax, gender, food security, climate, development policy and finance, civic space and humanitarian action. The EU office works together with Oxfam's nine European affiliates and offices in Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Sweden. We also join forces with European and global NGOs and civil society organizations.

Oxfam started working on tax issues as early as 2000 and throughout the last 24 years has run advocacy and campaign activities around tax justice and tax transparency, building on its experience both in EU countries and in low- and middle-income countries outside the EU. Oxfam believes that fiscal justice is crucial to its theory of change toward reducing extreme inequality and securing long-term funding to ensure all people are able to access quality services.

At EU level, in the last years Oxfam has monitored the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, proposing improvements to the current listing process; it has built a position and feed the debate in the EU institutions about the EU minimum tax, the BEFIT, Unshell (shell companies directive), public Country by Country Reporting, the solidarity contribution; it has conducted analyses and contributed to the discussion around more progressive individual forms of taxation, including capital gain and wealth taxation.

At the global level, Oxfam has been actively engaging in the OECD/BEPS2 tax negotiations first, and most recently in tax negotiations at the UN and in the G20 discussions around taxation of the wealthiest individuals.

Last, Oxfam carries several projects and analyses on taxation in partner countries, and it is an active member of the Addis Tax Initiative, where we contribute to the work around progressivity of the tax systems and illicit financial flows.