

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Oxfam International

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- Grower
 - Processor and/or Trader
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturer
 - Retailer and/or Wholesaler
 - Bank and/or Investor
 - Social and/or Development NGO
 - Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
 - Supply Chain Associate
 - Affiliate
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1.3 Membership number

7-0001-04-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Environmental and/or Conservation NGO

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Oxfam is an international confederation of 19 organizations networked together in more than 90 countries, as part of a global movement for change, to build a future free from the injustice of poverty. We work with others, including private sector, local civil society organisations and communities to ensure that poor people can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them.

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year?

Oxfam has taken a leadership role in the RSPO Board of Governors and the RT16 conference. Oxfam provided the co-lead of the Human Rights working group and the Smallholder Interim Group, as part of Oxfam's participation in the P&C Review. Furthermore, developing new best practice outside of the RSPO context, Oxfam has designed additional guidance for company-community partnerships, in 4 elements: Freedom of choice, Accountability, Improvement of benefits notably productivity, Respect for rights (FAIR). After its exit from Sumatera (following instructions by GoI on geographical priorities), Oxfam has undertaken a scoping study in Sulawesi to identify a new possible pilot location. In addition, Oxfam has embarked on palm oil relevant work in Latin America (Guatemala).

Moreover, Oxfam has been involved in the Netherlands agreement with the banking sector and government on addressing human rights in value chains, where the palm oil sector was taken up as a prominent example. As follow-up of that agreement Oxfam continues to work on HRD and impact investment (smallholders), both in relation to palm oil, with a number of Dutch Banks.

1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil*?

4%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

Yes

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Oxfam has been using funds provided by the Ford Foundation, David and Lucille Packard Foundation, the Netherlands Government, company Pepsico. In addition as co-financing it has used its Oxfam Novib own funds.

2. Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups.

2007

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.

2007

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

3.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.

Oxfam will continue its work in particular in the Human Rights Working Group. Depending the increased capacity at other Oxfam affiliates it considers to become active also at other working groups.

Increasingly, Oxfam expects to focus on land rights, smallholder inclusion and gender equality.

Moreover, Oxfam will proceed scoping of FAIR partnerships in Sulawesi and possibly Guatemala after the pilot project in Pelalawan had to be closed due to Indonesia government restrictions imposed (Sumatra is no longer geographical priority).

With regards to the FAIR company community partnerships the following broad timelines apply:

- Scoping in Sulawesi and Guatemala;
 - - Inception and implementation of Demonstration projects in Sulawesi and possibly Guatemala 2019-2023;
- Advisory services on sustainable palm oil to Oxfam country offices.
- Upscaling phase 2023-2030 (SDGs target date).
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4. Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**4.1 Regarding your organisation's operations and activities, do you have position statements and/or policies related to dealings in the palm oil industry that are in line with RSPO P&C? Select all relevant options.****4.1.A Water, land, energy and carbon footprints**

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4.1.B Land use rights

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4.1.C Ethical conduct and human rights

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4.1.E Stakeholder engagement

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4.1.F None of the above

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4.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

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5. Challenges

5.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- Others

Other:

Increasing attention needs to be given to human rights (including the protection of human rights defenders) and gender equality as well as related implementation, social auditing challenges, landscape approaches and responsible investment. These will have to become priority of the executive processes.

5.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

Other:

5.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

<https://www.oxfam.org/en/research/companies-spoke-did-their-suppliers-listen>