

Oxfam announces internal investigation into misconduct by staff in Haiti

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(Port au Prince) - Oxfam has launched an internal investigation into allegations of misconduct against a small number of Oxfam Great Britain staff in Haiti. Staff members have been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation, which is expected to be completed by September.

Oxfam GB Chief Executive Barbara Stocking said, "Oxfam never tolerates misconduct by our aid workers. We will take forceful and immediate action pending the outcome of the investigation.

"We will continue our work with poor communities and be accountable to those who need assistance in Haiti," Stocking said.

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Notes to Editors:

1. Oxfam has been working in Haiti since 1978. Oxfam helped approximately 700,000 people during the first phase of the humanitarian response to the 2010 earthquake and has assisted more than 500,000 Haitians through its cholera response programme. Oxfam is engaged in Haiti in long-term development programmes, helping to improve Haitian people's livelihoods and build the capacity of local civil society.
2. Oxfam is an organisation of integrity with strong principles of governance, transparency and accountability. Oxfam GB published its first annual accountability report in 2007. All reports are available on <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/accounts/#accountability>
3. Oxfam GB has adopted the standards of both the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO) Accountability Charter, and is a member of the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership.

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