



UNIT 27: SUPPORT MATERIAL

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

There are many organisations such as OXFAM, The RED CROSS, Medicine Sans Frontiers etc. which are not sponsored by governments who enter difficult situations to provide relief in many various ways to the affected populations.

Because they are independent of governments they are usually much more acceptable to both sides in any conflict, but it does mean that they rely on voluntary contributions for their funding.

Look on the World Wide Web for Current details of the activities of these organisations.

Oxfam

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

Oxfam works with others to overcome poverty and suffering

WHAT IS IT?

Oxfam works internationally as part of a World wide movement to build a just and safer world.

It is an independent British registered charity with partners volunteers and staff of many nationalities.

It is responsible to those that support it and to those whom it seeks to help.

HOW DOES IT DO THIS?

The organisation seeks to be

Making a difference

Innovative

Collaborative

Accountable

Cost-Effective

HISTORY

Oxfam grew from the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief which met for the first time in 1942. It is now one of the best known non-governmental organisations in the world.

Oxfam GB is a development , relief, and campaigning organisation dedicated to finding lasting solutions to poverty and suffering around the world. It is motivated by the belief that each human being is entitled to a life of dignity and opportunity. It works with poor communities, local partners, volunteers, and supporters to help this become a reality.

More information can be found on

www.Oxfam.org.UK

The British Red Cross



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The British Red Cross has a mission to be the leading provider of emergency help to people in need anywhere in the world.

OVERSEAS

As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the British Red Cross assists in the aftermath of natural and manmade disasters, such as famine, earthquake and war.

It also helps local communities to better fight disease and hunger.

The British Red Cross is self-financing, and relies upon the generosity of donors and other supporters to carry out its work.

IN BRITAIN

It supports the statutory services at the scenes of major emergencies by providing first aid and welfare services to victims and their families.

The work is carried out by 80,000 volunteers, who maintain their skills by delivering services to vulnerable people in local communities.

They help the infirm on discharge from hospital, loaning medical equipment, and helping those separated from their families to be reunited.

