



Oxfam International  
Youth Partnerships

**APPLICATION FORM**  
2010-2013

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# WHAT IS OIYP?

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) is a global network of young people working with their communities to create positive, equitable and sustainable change. If you are working with your community to create a positive future then you can apply to be a part of the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Between 2010 and 2013, you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding and to talk and exchange with other young people from around the world. You will be able to use these opportunities to support your work with your community.

Your participation in OIYP will start in March 2010. **If selected, you must be available to attend an event in November 2010 in New Delhi, India.**

## WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

*Are you a young person who cares about what is happening in your community? Are you committed to working with others to overcome injustices? Do you want to learn from other young people working with their communities all around the world?*

If you answered YES to these questions, would you consider applying to be a member of the OIYP?

OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups. It is open to young people with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. We aim to recruit equal numbers of young men and women. We have a strong focus on the participation of Indigenous young people and those marginalised in their communities.

## APPLY TO BE PART OF OIYP

To apply, fill in the attached application form or download one from [www.oiyf.oxfam.org](http://www.oiyf.oxfam.org). See next pages for more information, instructions and selection criteria.

To apply you must be:  
aged between 18 and 25 as at 1 October, 2010  
speak fluent English or Spanish

Your application will be assessed against selection criteria. Applications close on **31 December 2009**.

“ I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS BECOMING ONE OF THE CRUCIAL ISSUES, IN MY COMMUNITY THE ISSUE HAS BEEN GROWING WHEN IT COMES TO INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND TRIBAL CULTURES. ”

OIYP Action Partner,  
PAKISTAN

# WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING FOR OXFAM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS (OIYP)?

## 1. How are participants selected?

Oxfam selects 300 young people according to selection criteria. OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups. It is open to young people with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. We aim to recruit equal numbers of men and women. We have a strong focus on the participation of Indigenous young people and those marginalised in their communities.

### Selection Criteria for OIYP 2010 - 2013

#### Eligibility

- » Age: 18-25 at 1 October 2010
- » Speak English or Spanish
- » Not previously a participant with OIYP (an Action Partner)
- » Available to attend an 8 day event in November 2010, in New Delhi, India

#### Core Selection Criteria

- » Commitment to finding new ways of creating change
- » Evidence of commitment to positive, equitable and sustainable change
- » Ability to explain your own understanding of the issues you are working on
- » A commitment to personal reflection and developing self-awareness
- » Community or organisational support

#### Diversity Criteria

- » 50/50 males and females from a diversity of communities and countries.
- » We are looking for people working on a diversity of issues affecting young people

Our selection process involves:

- » Checking applications for eligibility
- » Assessment based on selection criteria
- » Review of short-listed applications by selection panels with regional knowledge

If you want more information about selection write to [oiyp2010applications@oxfam.org.au](mailto:oiyp2010applications@oxfam.org.au)

Past participants have been from 150 countries and have worked with their communities in many different ways:

- » A young man in the Solomon Islands set up a drama group with unemployed young people to communicate about HIV/AIDS with other young people.
- » A young woman from Mexico worked with mothers of disappeared and murdered women to achieve justice.
- » A young man from Ghana supported small scale farms in his community.
- » A young woman from Cambodia worked with garment workers to campaign for better labour conditions.

Young people in the OIYP network create change in partnership with others in their communities.

## 2. When will I know if I've been selected?

Oxfam will be in contact in March 2010 to advise you if you have been selected for OIYP.

## 3. What will happen if I am selected?

If you are selected, you will join the OIYP network as an OIYP 'Action Partner'. Between 2010 and 2013 you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and exchange with other young people from across the world. There will be three stages to your involvement in Oxfam International Youth Partnerships.

### A) Getting to know each other: March – August 2010

Your participation in OIYP will start in March 2010 when you are selected. From March until August 2010, you will have the first opportunities to get to know and to learn from other young people in the OIYP network. During this time Oxfam will be in contact with you to learn more about you and your community. Oxfam will also give you more information on Oxfam and OIYP.

At this point you will also be informed of how OIYP will support you to attend the Kaleidoscope event in November 2010. All participants will be required to do some fundraising. There is a limited scholarship pool which will be allocated and Oxfam will provide support letters and training on fundraising.

### B) Coming together – Kaleidoscope 2010 (November 2010 New Delhi, India)

To be selected as an Action Partner, you must be available to attend an 8 day event in November 2010 in New Delhi, India. At this event, you will meet other Action Partners and Oxfam staff, discuss issues affecting your community, build skills, share ideas and experiences, celebrate and plan future action in your community.

### C) Learning and working with others for change – November 2010-2013

After OIYP Kaleidoscope 2010 you will continue to learn and develop through opportunities provided by Oxfam and through exchange with other young people in OIYP.

Over the three years, opportunities for learning, networking and taking action will arise that will be relevant to you and what you are doing with your community. You can choose which activities to participate in. You are not required to engage with the OIYP for a set amount of time each week, month or year. You are simply encouraged to contribute your experiences, draw support from the network as you need it, and continue to work with others in your community.

These opportunities will include skills-based training relevant to your work, discussions and exchanges with young people on issues that are relevant to your work in your community.

Examples of past opportunities include:

- » Gender Learning Group: Two young women from Papua New Guinea wrote to others in the OIYP network asking them to create a 'gender learning group' to exchange their stories and resources on gender through postal mail. This group has discussed and shared experiences on gender issues over a year. For many, gender is now a major aspect of their work in their communities. A young woman from Mexico worked with mothers of disappeared and murdered women to achieve justice.
- » Project Management Skills: OIYP facilitates online and distance education around key skills like project management. Through online discussion participants share their experiences and gain new skills on project planning, project implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation.

## 4. How do I apply?

You can apply by sending your application with your letter(s) of support from community members or organisations before December 31st 2009 by email, fax or mail.

If you are handwriting this application and there is not enough space in the boxes to write your answers, you can attach additional sheets of paper. Responses that exceed the word limit will not be considered.



# APPLICATION FORM

## OIYP 2010-2013

### SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

Last / Family Name:  First / Given Names:

If the name you would like to be called by is different from the name given above, please write your preferred name here:

What Gender are you?  What is your age?

What is your date of birth?  
You must be between 18 and 25 years old as at 1 October 2010  DD / MM / YY

Are you available to attend OIYP Kaleidoscope 2010, an event in November 2010 in New Delhi, India? Yes  No

#### Communication and Contact Details

What is the best way for Oxfam to contact you?  
Please tick one. Please note that the use of phone contact will be prioritised in favour of Applicants without access to E-mail.

Email  Phone   
Fax  Mail

Email Address Primary

Email Address Secondary

Fax Number (Include all codes)

Phone Number Daytime: (Include all codes)

Phone Number Evening: (Include all codes)

Mobile Number Daytime: (Include all codes)

What is the best time of day for Oxfam to phone you?

Street Address

Street No. and Name:

City:  State:

Country:  Post / Zip Code:



Postal Address (If different from previous. All correspondence will be sent to this address)

Street No. and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Post / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Which language(s) do you speak? Please indicate level of proficiency by ticking the appropriate box:

- |            |          |                          |                |                          |                 |                          |            |                          |
|------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1. English | fluently | <input type="checkbox"/> | conversational | <input type="checkbox"/> | with difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> | not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Spanish | fluently | <input type="checkbox"/> | conversational | <input type="checkbox"/> | with difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> | not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. _____   | fluently | <input type="checkbox"/> | conversational | <input type="checkbox"/> | with difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> |            |                          |
| 4. _____   | fluently | <input type="checkbox"/> | conversational | <input type="checkbox"/> | with difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> |            |                          |

In which language would you prefer to receive information from OIYP?

English  Spanish

How did you find out about OIYP?

- OIYP website  Past OIYP Participant (Action Partner)  OIYP email
- Other website, please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Oxfam office, please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Other email, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

OIYP Mentor and Motivator, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Media  Local organisation, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your access to communications and technology

Where do you have access?

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| Post / Mail | none | <input type="checkbox"/> | daily | <input type="checkbox"/> | weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> | home | <input type="checkbox"/> | work | <input type="checkbox"/> | school | <input type="checkbox"/> | other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Telephone   | none | <input type="checkbox"/> | daily | <input type="checkbox"/> | weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> | home | <input type="checkbox"/> | work | <input type="checkbox"/> | school | <input type="checkbox"/> | other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Internet    | none | <input type="checkbox"/> | daily | <input type="checkbox"/> | weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> | home | <input type="checkbox"/> | work | <input type="checkbox"/> | school | <input type="checkbox"/> | other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Computer    | none | <input type="checkbox"/> | daily | <input type="checkbox"/> | weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> | home | <input type="checkbox"/> | work | <input type="checkbox"/> | school | <input type="checkbox"/> | other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

How much does it cost you?

Internet per hour (amount and currency) \_\_\_\_\_

Computer use per hour (amount and currency) \_\_\_\_\_

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**More Information on where you are from**

What is your country of citizenship?  
(As it appears on your passport)

In what country will you spend most time over the next three years? If this answer is different from above, could you explain why?

In what country were you born?

Would you describe yourself as belonging to a particular Indigenous or ethnic group?  
If yes, please name (e.g. Maori, Inuit etc)

No

Yes

Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

Urban  Rural

Which best describes the place where you lived two years ago?

Urban  Rural

Have you ever traveled outside of your community? (This is not a requirement for selection)

Never  Once only

2-5 times  More than 5 times

Have you ever traveled outside of your country? (This is not a requirement for selection)

Never  Once only

2-5 times  More than 5 times

Where have you traveled to? Please list country and purpose of your trip there for up to three trips.

Country 1  Tourism  Visiting friends/family  Study  Business

Asylum  Conference, specify

Other, specify

Country 2  Tourism  Visiting friends/family  Study  Business

Asylum  Conference, specify

Other, specify

Country 3  Tourism  Visiting friends/family  Study  Business

Asylum  Conference, specify

Other, specify

**Education**

OIYP encourages young people with all levels of education to participate. You do not need a high level of education to be part of OIYP.

Have you ever attended school? Yes  No

How many years did you attend school (in total)?

What is the highest level of school you have completed?

Primary  Secondary  College  Univeristy

Are you currently studying? Yes  No

If yes, at what level of school are you currently studying?

Primary  Secondary  College  Univeristy

Please describe your field of study

### Community & Organisational Support

Letter of support: *Please provide 1-2 letter(s) of support with this application.*

*These letters should demonstrate that you have the support of your organisation or your community.*

*The letter should include information about your personal values or commitment to social justice and*

*your community involvement. These letters should be from someone who can verify your commitment*

*to positive, equitable and sustainable change and the support from your community. The letter must*

*also include the writer's name, their position in your community and their contact details, including a*

*phone number and email address. If possible, the letter should be on letterhead.*

### Your Organisation

Do you work with an organisation? Yes  No

If yes, please answer the following questions.

What is the name of the organisation?

What is the aim of the organisation?

Is this a religious organisation / affiliated with a church? Yes  No

How many paid staff does the organisation employ?

Is your organisation a current partner of Oxfam? Yes, specify

(This is not a requirement for selection) No

What is the annual budget of the organisation?

What is your position in this organisation?

Volunteer (unpaid)  Paid Staff  Other, specify

Name of contact person in this organisation:

(eg your supervisor)

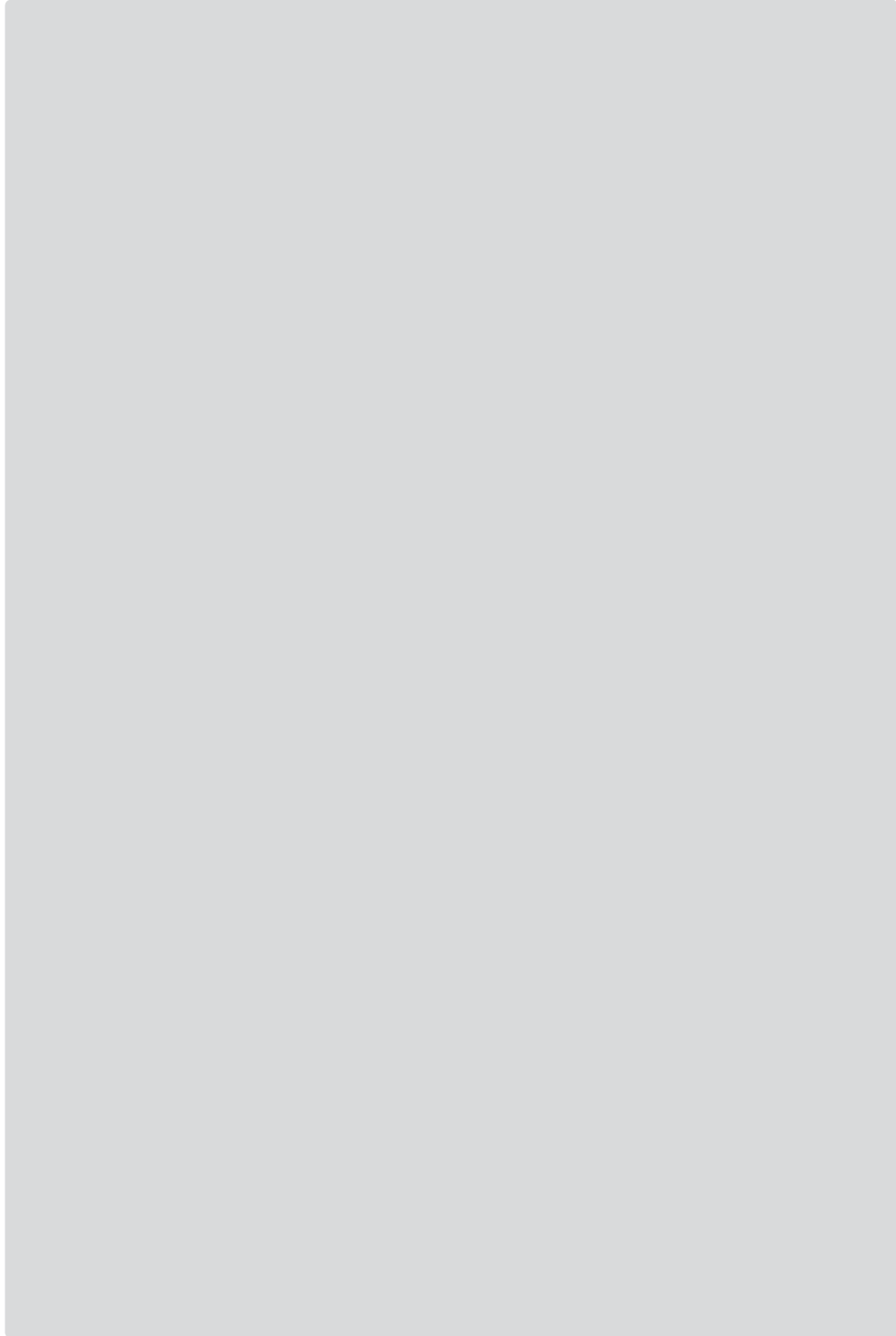
Email Address  Phone number

Organisational postal address

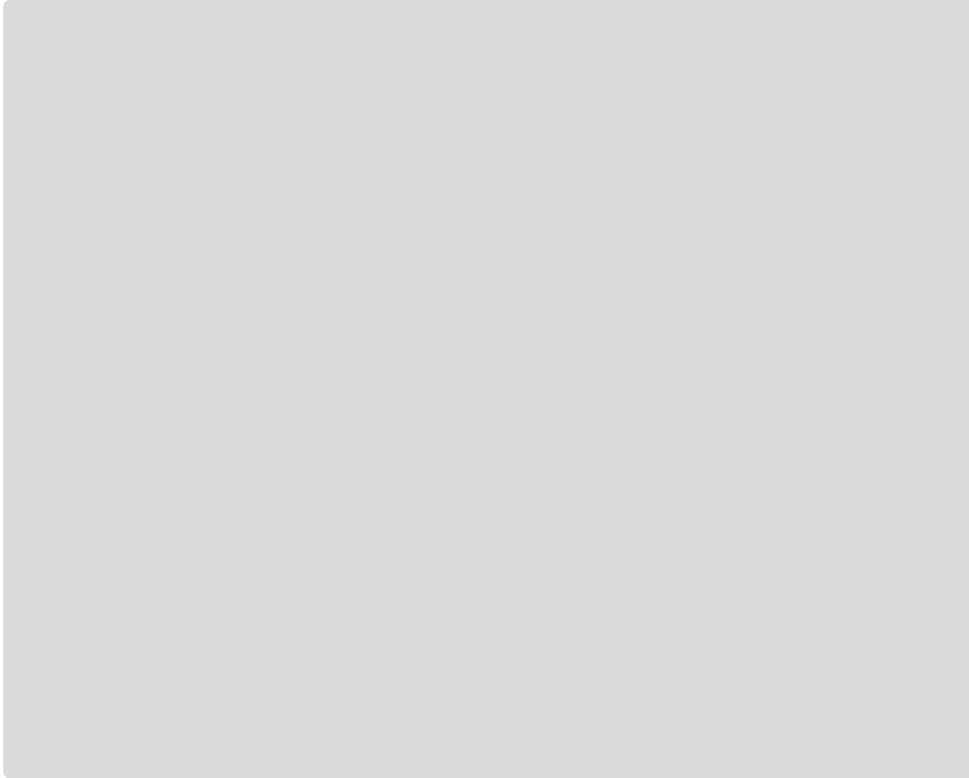
## **SECTION 2: YOU, YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE...**

**IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE TO FIT YOUR  
ANSWERS, PLEASE ATTACH A SEPERATE SHEET**

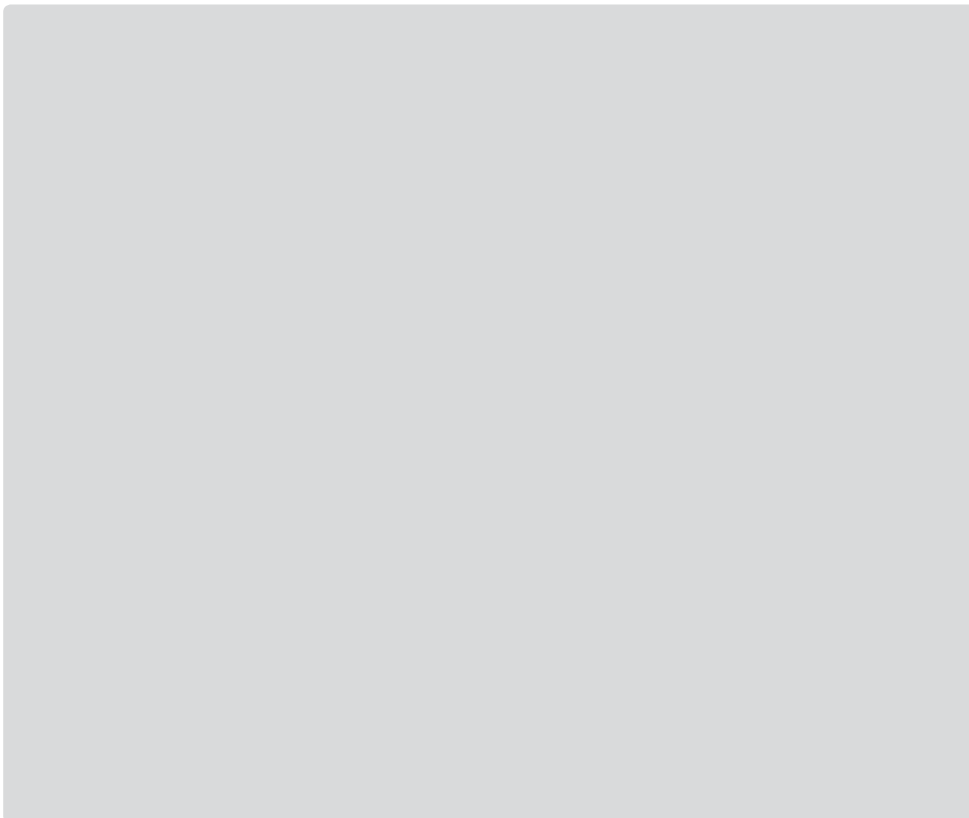
1. How would you describe your culture and the community you live in? What are you most proud of in your community? (250 words maximum)



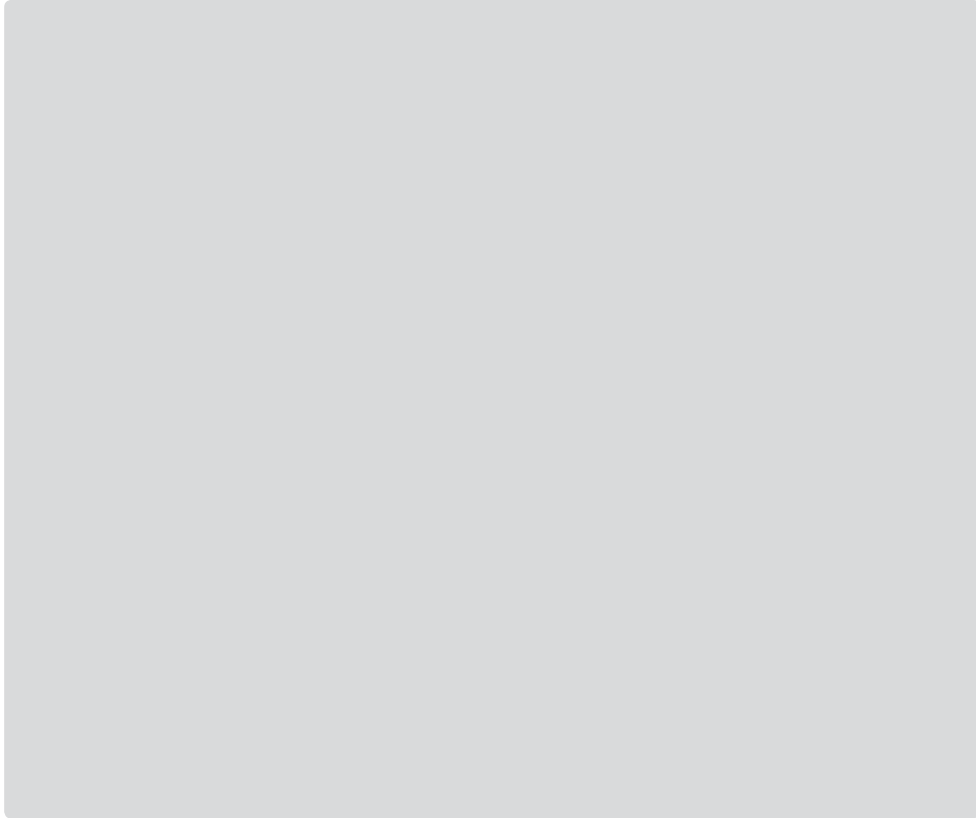
2. Through telling a story, describes the challenges and frustrations you face in your community. (200 words maximum)



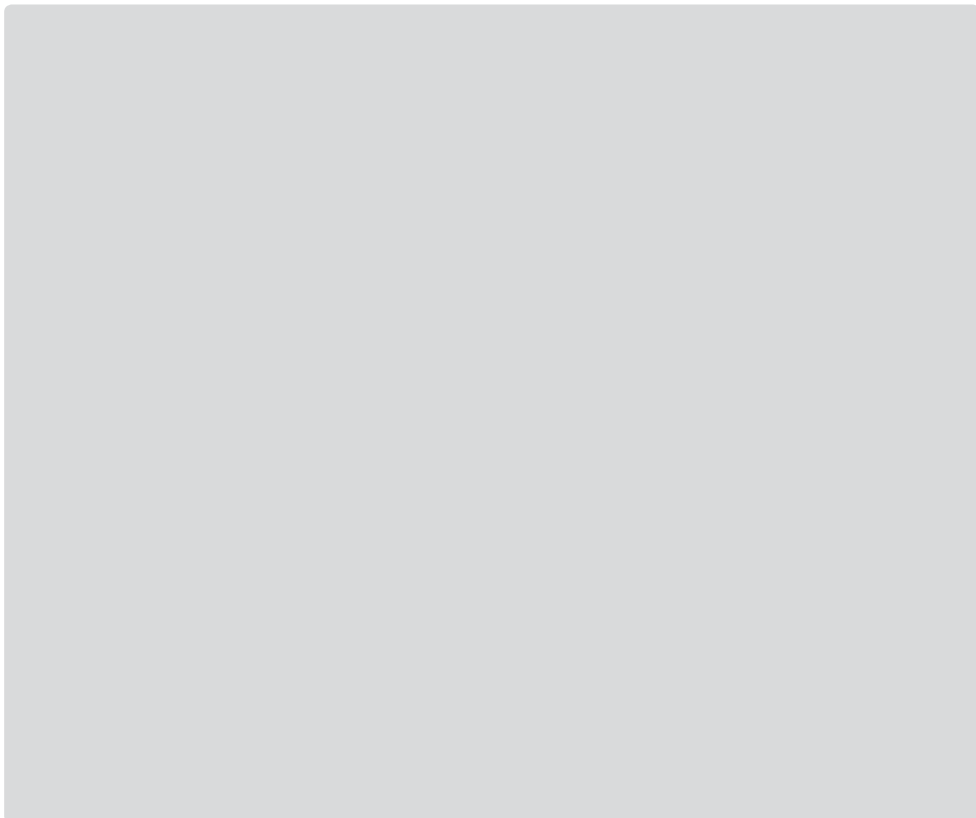
3. Imagine a perfect world...now describe yourself and what you see around you in your community. (200 words maximum)



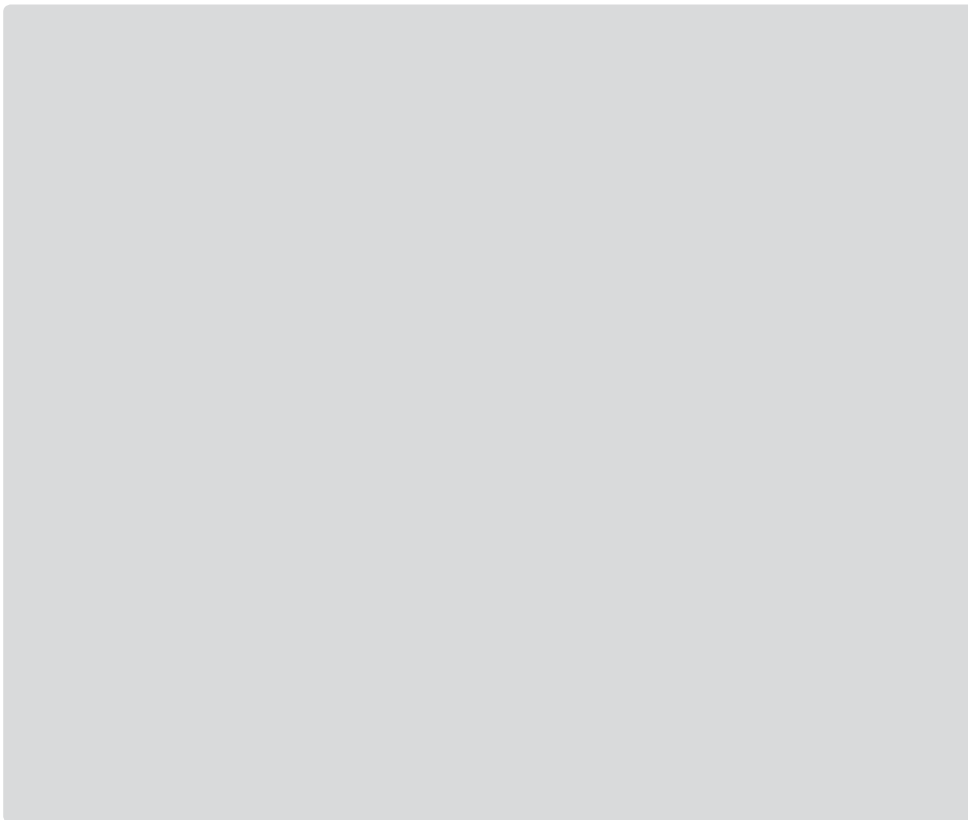
3a. What are you currently doing to contribute to your vision. (200 words maximum)



3b. Who are you doing this with (e.g. other people in your community or organisations)? (200 words maximum)



3c. Can you describe a time when your plans were challenged? How did you manage this challenge? (200 words maximum)



4. Oxfam's vision is of a fair world in which people control their own lives, their basic rights are achieved and the environment is sustained. Through working with communities and partners, Oxfam aims to attain this vision through the following change goals:

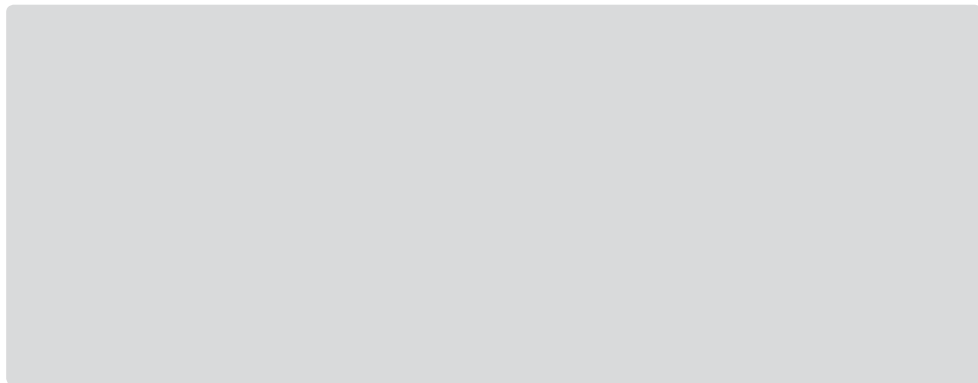
- i. Economic Justice: More women and men will realize their right to secure and sustainable livelihoods
- ii. Essential Services: The millennium Development Goals and targets on essential services will be achieved and people living in poverty, especially women and girls, will realize their rights to accessible and affordable healthcare, education, water and sanitation
- iii. Rights in Crisis: All women and men in human crises will be assured both the protection and assistance they require, regardless of whom or where they are or how they're affected, in a manner consistent with their human rights.
- iv. Gender Justice: more women will gain power over their lives and live free from violence through changes in attitudes, ideas and beliefs about gender relations; and increased levels of women's active engagement and critical leadership in institutions, decision-making and change processes.

a. Which of the above is most relevant to what you are working towards? (Please tick one above)

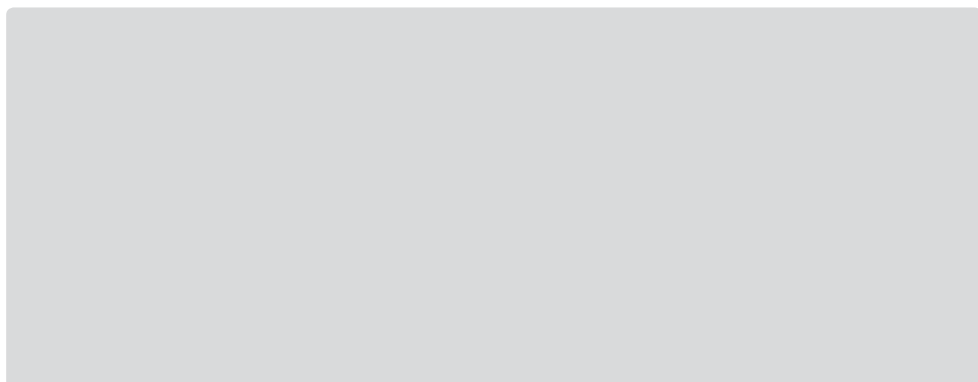
b. Describe how this issue affects people's lives in your community. Who, in your community, is most affected by this issue and why? (200 words maximum)



c. What other issues are people in your community concerned about? (minimum 100 words)



5a. What might stop your community from achieving this vision? (100 words maximum)



b. How will you work with other people in your community or other stakeholders to overcome these challenges? (100 words maximum)

c. Why do you want to participate in the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships? (200 words maximum)

**Permission to use your responses:**

Do you give permission to OIYP to use your responses in this application form for research or publicity?      Yes       No

Note: We will never publish your contact details without your consent. Declining permission will not affect your selection for OIYP.

I,  (your name) declare that everything in this application is true and correct.

Signature       Date





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## CHECKLIST

Before sending this into OIYP check that you have:

- Completed **all** questions in the application form
- Attached 1-2 letters of support from your organisation or community members

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Send your completed application and letters of support before **31 Dec 2009** to:

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships

Email: [oiyp2010applications@oxfam.org.au](mailto:oiyp2010applications@oxfam.org.au)

Fax: +612 9280 3426

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Strawberry Hills  
NSW 2012  
Australia

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Phone: +612 8204 3900

Fax: +612 9280 3426

Web: [www.oiyp.oxfam.org](http://www.oiyp.oxfam.org)

## NOTIFICATION

You will receive communications 2 times from OIYP:

1. An email or fax confirmation within 2 weeks of OIYP receiving your application.
2. You will be notified in March 2010 if you have been selected for OIYP.

## PASS THIS ON!

Please pass this information or application form onto other young people in your community who might be interested in OIYP.

You can download application forms from [www.oiyp.oxfam.org](http://www.oiyp.oxfam.org).