

Seven days that rocked Oxfam

Media stories →

The Times accuses Oxfam of covering up inquiry into whether its staff used sex workers in Haiti during a 2011 post-earthquake relief effort

Revelations of further abuse in Chad by Oxfam staff

The Observer publishes claims that women, believed to be sex workers, were invited for parties at the Oxfam team house

Oxfam whistle-blower revealed charity has faced multiple allegations, including alleged abuse of children by its volunteers and it emerged that Oxfam had not carried out criminal record checks on the 23000 volunteers who staff its 650 shops

Claims Oxfam director in Haiti scandal had been forced out of another UK charity for using prostitutes in Liberia

Oxfam director accused of hiring prostitutes while working in Haiti and Chad denies paying for sex, but admitted some “mistakes”

Oxfam admits rehiring aid worker it had sacked amid claims of prostitute use in Haiti

Claims that Oxfam staff send to the Philippines after a disaster spent weeks lounging around a pool with underage girls

Oxfam Chief executive accuses critics of ‘gunning’ for charity over Haiti sex scandal claims

Friday
9 February 2018

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday
16 February 2018

Oxfam denies covering up the scandal and confirmed an internal investigation was launched at the time

Secretary of State for International Development (DfID SoS) warns Oxfam risk losing c£30m of government funding. Oxfam challenged to explain why several people were either dismissed or allowed to resign after the investigation into the 2011 scandal, without public disclosure

Deputy chief executive Penny Lawrence resigns

CE and Chair meet DfID SoS for emergency meeting

European Commission threatens to withdraw £29million of funding

DfID SoS writes to all charities demanding they step up safeguarding procedures. DfID sets up unit to ‘urgently review’ safeguarding across the sector

Charity commission launches inquiry as concerned Oxfam might not have ‘fully and frankly disclosed’ all details about the allegations in Haiti

Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme threatens to stop children working in shops

Actor Minnie Driver steps down as ambassador

President of Haiti accuses charity of an ‘extremely serious violation of human dignity’

Former DfID SoS Priti Patel calls for Oxfam chief executive to stand down

Current DfID SoS says she will pull funding from any charity that fails to protect the vulnerable

Companies including Heathrow Airport, Visa, M&S and Innocent say they are reviewing partnerships

1200 people already cancelled monthly donations to Oxfam

Oxfam’s international executive director says charity will set up commission to investigate past and present allegations of exploitation by staff

Oxfam agrees to stop bidding for any new UK government funding until DfID is satisfied that ‘high standards’ are being enforced

Archbishop Desmond Tutu steps down as Oxfam ambassador

DfID SoS meets director general of National Crime Agency to discuss the growing scandal

Impact →

Oxfam apologies for behaviour of the nine workers alleged to be involved. Chief executive Mark Goldring admits there have been other incidents since 2011 but said nothing on the same scale took place