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WHO WE ARE

We are a family-led, staff managed foundation.

# OUR MISSION

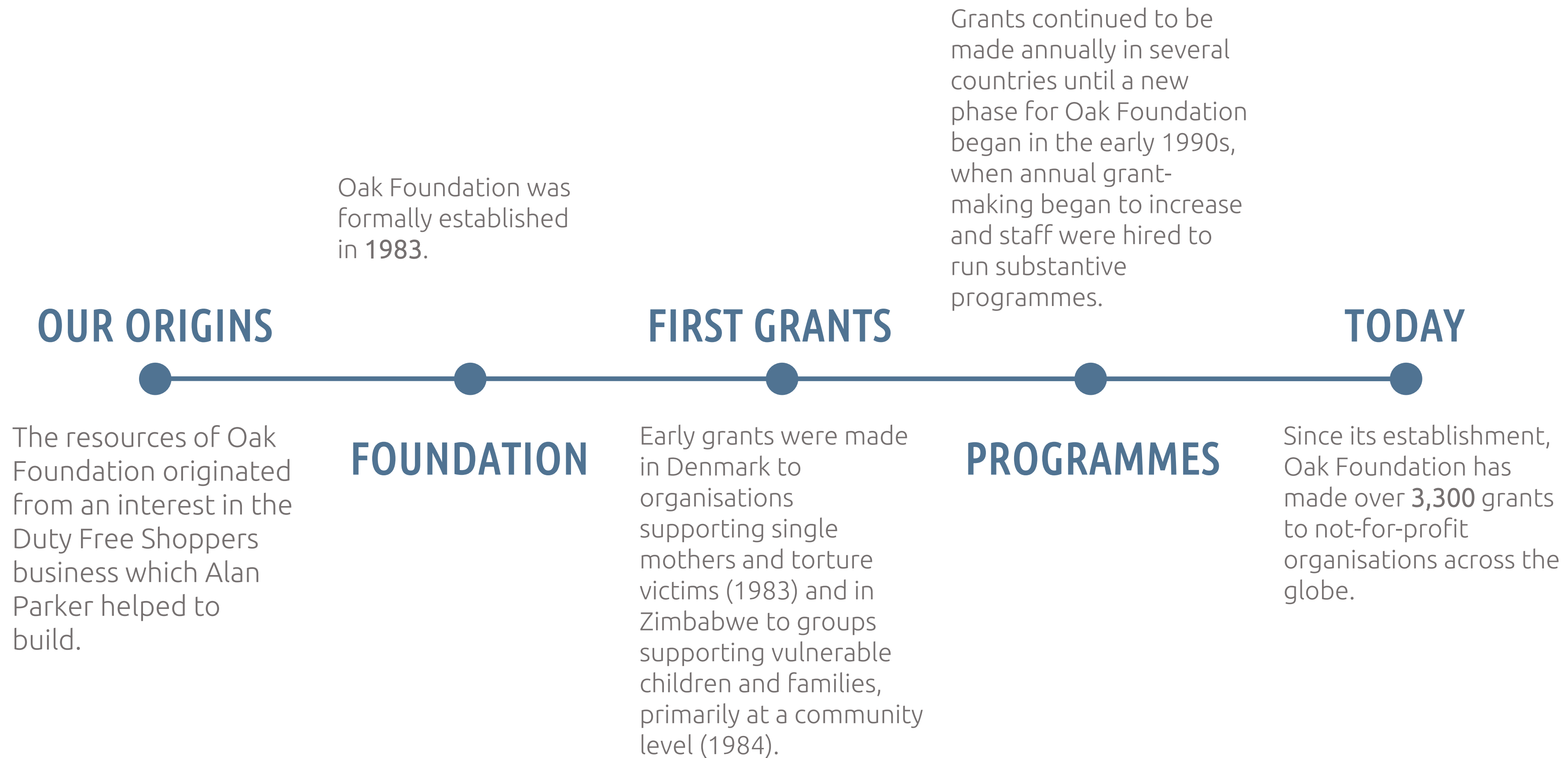
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Oak commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged.



# Our history

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# Where we are

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Oak has its main administrative office in Geneva, Switzerland and a presence in eight other countries: Belize, Bulgaria, Denmark, Ethiopia, India, the UK, the US and Zimbabwe.



We employ approximately 69 staff.

# Our grant-making in 2014

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We made **328**  
programme grants to  
**311** organisations in  
**45** countries;

The average grant  
size was USD  
**490,000.**

The size of grants  
varied between USD  
5,000 and  
USD 5.6 million.

Our grant-making  
totalled USD  
**170.78**  
million.

In addition, a Special  
Initiative grant was  
made to ClimateWorks  
Foundation for a total  
of USD **75** million.

# Our programmes

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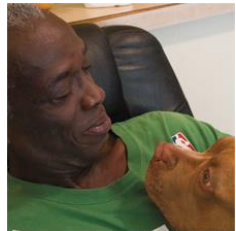
We have seven programme areas.



**Child Abuse:** We envision a world in which all children are protected from sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.



**Environment:** We aim to achieve a low-carbon global economy and the recovery of marine fisheries and habitats.



**Housing and Homelessness:** We focus on preventing homelessness by funding sustainable solutions that improve the economic and social wellbeing of the most marginalised youth, adults and families.



**International Human Rights:** We aim to protect the fundamental rights of all human beings, to hold violators to account and to empower those who defend them.



**Issues Affecting Women:** We envision a world where women have the rights, capacity and opportunity to experience safety from violence and to enjoy their full and equal human rights.



**Learning Differences:** We envision a world where students with learning differences are agents of their own learning success and are supported by educators and environments that expect, embrace and respond to diverse learner profiles.



**Special Interest Grants:** Recognising the need to remain flexible and seize opportunities, we provide funding to a range of programmes in health, humanitarian relief, education and the arts.

We have one joint programme:



**Joint India Programme:** We aim to improve the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised groups in West Bengal and Jharkhand.

We have two sister foundations:



**Oak Foundation Denmark:** We are a national grant-making organisation that aims to improve the daily lives of socially vulnerable and marginalised groups in Denmark and Greenland.



**Oak Zimbabwe Foundation:** We are a national grant-making organisation that aims to help maintain and develop Zimbabwean non-governmental social, health and education organisations.



# We support organisations that:

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- target root causes of problems;
- are replicable either within a sector or across geographical locations;
- include plans for long-term sustainability;
- have secured co-funding;
- strive to collaborate with like-minded organisations
- demonstrate good financial and organisational management; and
- value the participation of people (including children) and communities.

# Trends in our grant-making:

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- plan to keep staff at reasonable levels
- longer, bigger grants
- increasing number of core support grants
- use of re-granters
- increasing demand for capacity building
- significant policy work
- increasing interest in campaigns and new types of social movements
- increasing interest in cross-foundation work

# Our challenges

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Measuring our  
impact



Maintaining  
contact  
with/supporting  
smaller  
organisations



Choosing in  
which  
geographies  
to make  
grants



Balancing  
service  
delivery,  
policy and  
campaigns



Partnership &  
Collaboration