

Oxfam reveals global food firms' gaping ethical shortfalls (26 Feb 2013)

gaping [adj]

a gaping hole, wound, or mouth is very wide and open

shortfall [n]

the difference between the amount you have and the amount you need or expect

commitment [n]

a promise to do something or to behave in a particular

the hard work and loyalty that someone gives to an organization, activity etc

compile [vt]

to put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

transparency [n]

the quality of something, such as an excuse or a lie, that allows somebody to see the truth easily

the quality of something, such as glass, that allows you to see through it

ensure [vt, BE] = make sure

to make certain that something will happen properly

treatment [n]

a particular way of dealing with or talking about a subject

a process by which something is cleaned, protected etc

address [vt]

if you address a problem, you start trying to solve it

if you address remarks, complaints etc to someone, you say or write them directly to that person

acknowledge [vt]

to admit or accept that something is true or that a situation exists

if people acknowledge something, they recognize how good or important it is

shrouding < shroud [vt]

to cover or hide something

to keep information secret so that people do not know what really happened

predominantly [adv. = mostly, largely] < predominate [vi]

if one type of person or thing predominates in a group or area, there are more of this type than any other

to have the most importance or influence, or to be most easily noticed

revenue(s) [n]

money that a business or organization receives over a period of time, especially from selling goods or services

utmost [adj]

the greatest possible importance etc

plague [vt]

to cause pain, suffering, or trouble to someone, especially for a long period of time