

End Global Hunger and Malnutrition

We believe that all people have the right to access healthy food regularly. Food is a necessity, and its scarcity shortens lives, hampers development and causes immeasurable loss of human potential.

As missionary disciples, we are called to respond to the needs of our global family members experiencing hunger and malnutrition. Our faith and values push us to work together to end these problems once and for all.

A GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

Communities across the world are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. Families are struggling to meet their food needs due to the effects of conflict, displacement, climate change, COVID-19 and rising costs. The numbers are staggering:

- More than **820 million** people worldwide do not have enough to eat.
- In East Africa, people are enduring the region's worst drought in 40 years. Compounded by political instability, conflict, COVID-19 and inflation, nearly **half of Somalia's population** needs humanitarian assistance. In Ethiopia's southern and southeastern regions, more than **8 million** people have been affected.
- Across the Sahel region, violent conflict has caused mass displacement, contributing to more than **5 million** people in need of emergency food assistance. Nearly **3 million** children are acutely malnourished.

- In Central America—particularly Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala—severe storms and recurrent drought brought on by climate change make it difficult for farmers to grow food and earn a living. Failed harvests, gang violence, chronic poverty and a lack of jobs have forced **tens of thousands of families** to migrate seeking basic necessities like safety and food.

A HUNGER-FREE FUTURE

Together—you, the communities we serve worldwide, and CRS—we can develop short- and long-term solutions to hunger.

By responding to immediate emergencies that keep people from accessing food—by supporting conservation programs and agricultural training that transform barren hillsides into productive farmland—by ensuring children receive the proper nutrition in their critical first thousand days of life: we can build a world in which all children, women and men can access the food they need to reach their full potential.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER

You and your community can make this vision a reality. Your voices—your talents and gifts—your prayers and support are needed to eliminate global hunger and poverty. This is your moment and your movement to build a world that benefits all people and upholds human dignity—**our planet and global family depend on it.**



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