



COVID-19, CLIMATE CHANGE & CONFLICT PUSHING COMMUNITIES TO THE BRINK

Famine – the worst possible hunger emergency – was almost a crisis of the past. There has been just one large-scale famine declared this century, and it was nearly a decade ago.

But now, hunger is rising again. Today, 41 million people living in 43 countries are on the brink of famine. Women, men, and children are being starved by a triple threat: the COVID-19 pandemic, climate shocks, and conflict.

Together, we have the power to confront this triple threat and prevent child deaths. For more than 40 years, with your support, our pioneering work treating and preventing hunger on the front lines has helped to cut the number of child deaths in half.

Action Against Hunger saves lives every day by treating malnourished children and their mothers, supporting livelihoods in the most vulnerable communities, and improving access to food, clean water, and healthcare.

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THIS FIGHT. PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO OUR LIFESAVING WORK IN THE FACE OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED TRIPLE THREAT.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION WITH US – BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.



COVID-19 & HUNGER

In some of the world's most vulnerable communities, COVID-19 infection rates are increasing as global vaccine rollout remains slow and inequitable. So far, less than 5% of Africa's population has been fully vaccinated.

Beyond the case numbers, the pandemic exacerbates existing crises. COVID-19's secondary impacts are pushing people deeper into poverty and hunger. Trade disruptions, movement restrictions, rising food prices, and deteriorating economies have made it harder for families to feed their children.

With your support, we are tackling the pandemic head on. Our teams improve access to clean water, promote good hygiene practices, and work in partnership to strengthen health systems. In Somalia, for example, the Ministry of Health relies on Action Against Hunger for support in delivering essential health services.

70%

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FACING HUNGER DUE TO ECONOMIC SHOCKS, MAINLY CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC



In India, we're helping to prevent the spread of the virus, provide emergency medical relief and food, and offer families nutrition guidance, mental health support.

When COVID-19 hit, we established quarantines and treatment hospitals in Mogadishu. Now, we are the lead non-profit supporting the national vaccine rollout.

At the same time, we keep our lifesaving programs going strong by working with community health workers, allowing us to reach more children in need. To support families threatened by hunger, we provide cash transfers, supply resources and training, and help women earn and save income.

Our adaptations have staying power. We are leading a study with USAID, UNICEF, and the CDC to monitor and analyze innovations and adaptations in nutrition treatment to improve programs in a post-pandemic world.



CLIMATE CHANGE & HUNGER

More than 80% of the world's hungriest people live in disaster-prone countries. Severe droughts, floods, storms, and other weather shocks limit people's capacity to produce food and earn income. These extreme weather events are growing in frequency and severity: the number of natural disasters today has nearly doubled since the 20th Century. And, while climate change impacts everyone, it takes a disproportionate toll on the poorest communities.

Action Against Hunger is helping families to cope with climate shocks and to build their resilience against future disasters. We are teaching farmers to grow drought-resistant crops and to cultivate their harvests using new techniques that use less water. Our agricultural approaches focus on

supporting local food producers, promoting local nutritious foods, and fostering sustainable local markets.

"THE FLOOD HAS ALREADY REACHED THIS HIGH LEVEL AND YET THE WATER IS STILL COMING AND COMING ALTHOUGH THE RAIN HAS STOPPED. THIS FLOOD COULD BE THE WORST I'VE SEEN IN MY LIFE. PEOPLE WILL DIE OF HUNGER." – Peter, Old Fangak, South Sudan.

We are also using technology to help herders navigate their new normal. Our first-of-its-kind Artificial Intelligence (AI) system provides "traffic alerts" using data collected on-the-ground and via satellites to help pastoralists in Africa's arid Sahel region find grazing land. Our AI analysis pushes updates to herders via radio and text messages, and we are constantly adapting the system in the face of new challenges, such as COVID-19.



86%

FAMILIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA'S DRY CORRIDOR REPORTED FOOD INSECURITY AFTER SEVERE DROUGHT AND HURRICANES





CONFLICT & HUNGER

Hunger is both a cause and consequence of conflict. An estimated 60% of the world's hungry people live in countries where there is an active conflict, and the majority of conflicts have their origins in disputes over food, water or the resources needed to produce them.

Conflict disrupts harvests, hampers the delivery of humanitarian aid, and forces families to flee their homes. In war, hunger and access to food are increasingly being used as a weapon, in violation of international humanitarian law. Around the world, targeted attacks on farm and grazing land and food storage facilities are growing in number.

Despite the challenges, Action Against Hunger provides lifesaving services and supplies in conflict-affected communities every day. In Yemen, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Afghanistan, and so many other fragile countries, our aid workers are on the front lines, treating malnourished children and their mothers, improving access to food and clean water to prevent hunger and disease, and providing mental health support.

Humanitarian workers – along with water sources and health centers – are increasingly under threat of attack. Action Against Hunger advocates to local, national, and international powers for greater protections for our staff and the communities we serve.



IN 2020, CONFLICT WAS
THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF
HUNGER FOR

99.1
MILLION

PEOPLE IN 23 COUNTRIES.



WHY ACTION AGAINST HUNGER?

While the triple threat of COVID-19, climate change, and conflict is an unprecedented challenge for many vulnerable communities, Action Against Hunger has a long history of saving lives in the most difficult contexts. We are the world's hunger specialist and leader in a global movement that aims to end life-threatening hunger for good within our lifetimes.

WE GO WHERE OTHERS DON'T

Our 8,300 staff - 95% of whom are local - across nearly 50 countries work in some of the world's most remote and difficult places. We are often the only health actor in hard-to-reach areas.

WE ARE A LEADER IN EFFECTIVE HUNGER TREATMENT AND PREVENTION MODELS

Action Against Hunger invented the first therapeutic formula to treat malnourished children and continuously deploys groundbreaking research to save lives.

WE ARE EVIDENCE-BASED

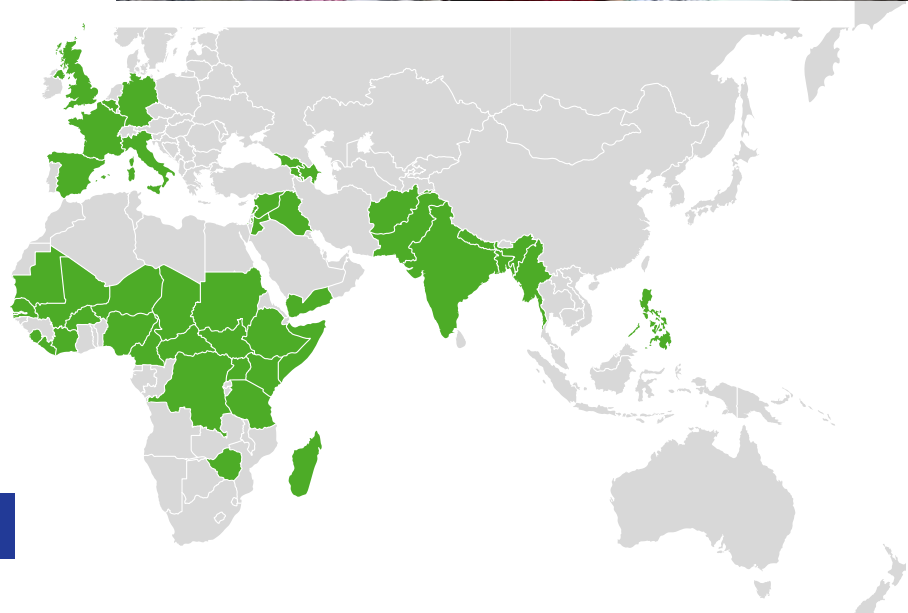
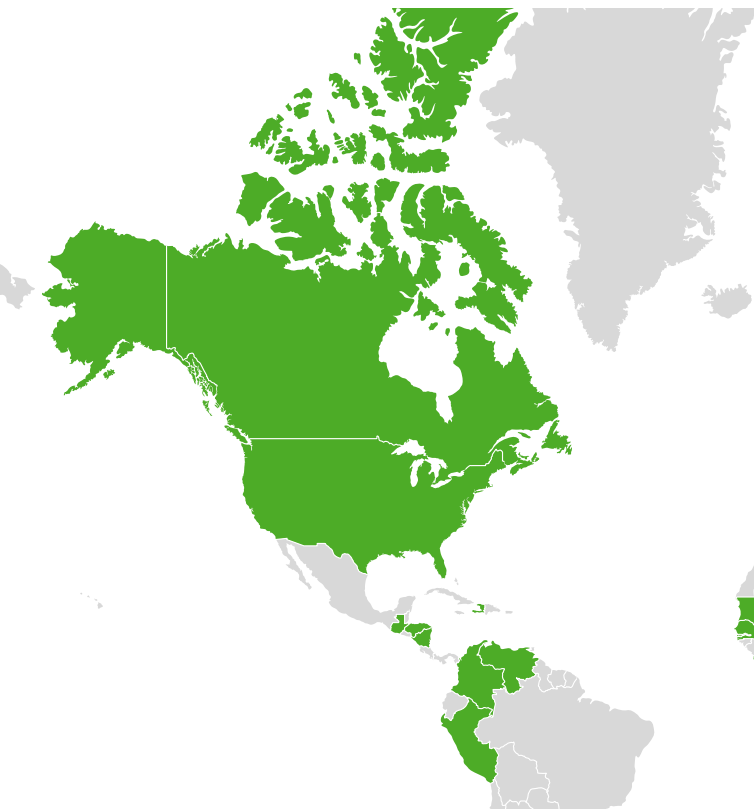
Our teams are constantly researching to discover innovative, data-driven approaches to treat and prevent hunger that are more efficient, localized, scalable, and sustainable. Last year alone, we carried out 73 research projects.

WE HAVE A TRACK RECORD THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

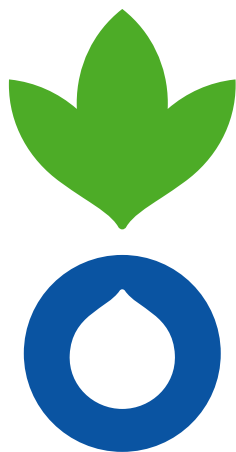
For more than 40 years, we have been supporting 25 million people annually to overcome unthinkable circumstances, with less than 5% overhead - practically unheard of in the humanitarian sector. We are proud to have received the top rating (4 star) from Charity Navigator for the past 15 years.

WE'RE NEVER OFF DUTY

Our emergency teams are on call 24 hours a day, on the front lines responding to manmade and natural emergencies, alongside families in dire need.



WHERE WE WORKED IN 2020



ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

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Action Against Hunger is leading a global movement to end hunger for everyone, for good.

We are a certified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, headquartered in New York, New York.
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