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A profound change of the global food and agriculture system is needed to nourish today's **800 million** hungry +

the additional **2 billion** increase in global population expected by **2050**

## ZERO HUNGER: WHY IT MATTERS

### What's the goal here?

To end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

### Why?

Extreme hunger and malnutrition remains a barrier to sustainable development and creates a trap from which people cannot

easily escape. Hunger and malnutrition mean less productive individuals, who are more prone to disease and thus often unable to earn more and improve their livelihoods.

There are more than 800 million people who suffer from hunger worldwide, the vast majority in developing countries.

## How many people go hungry?

The number of people going hungry has increased since 2014. An estimated 821 million people were undernourished in 2017.

The prevalence of undernourishment has remained virtually unchanged in the past three years at a level slightly below 11 per cent.

This reversal in progress sends a clear warning that more must be done and urgently if the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger is to be achieved by 2030.

## Why are there so many hungry people?

Climate-induced shocks, civil insecurity and declining food production have all contributed to food scarcity and high food prices.

Investment in the agriculture sector is critical for reducing hunger and poverty, improving food security, creating employment and building resilience to disasters and shocks.

## Why should I care?

We all want our families to have enough food to eat what is safe and nutritious. A world with zero hunger can positively impact our economies, health, education, equality and social development.

It's a key piece of building a better future for everyone. Additionally, with hunger limiting human development, we will not be able to achieve the other sustainable development goals such as education, health and gender equality.

## How much will it cost to achieve zero hunger?

We will need an estimated additional \$267 billion per year on average to end world hunger by 2030. There will need to be investments in rural and urban areas and in social protection, so poor people have access to food and can improve their livelihoods.

## What can we do to help?

You can make changes in your own life—at home, at work and in the community—by supporting local farmers or markets and making sustainable food choices, supporting good nutrition for all, and fighting food waste.

You can also use your power as a consumer and voter, demanding businesses and governments make the choices and changes that will make Zero Hunger a reality. Join the conversation, whether on social media platforms or in your local communities.

You can join the Global Movement for Zero Hunger by joining the Zero Hunger Challenge ([www.zerohungerchallenge.org](http://www.zerohungerchallenge.org)) to learn more, including more ways to take action!

To find out more about Goal #2 and other Sustainable Development Goals, visit:

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