



Please pray for food justice, and support food relief programs that share the love of Christ.

Today more than 41 million people are one step away from starvation. More than 40 nations around the world are facing a hunger emergency or worse. The last time the world faced a catastrophe of this scale – the 2011 Somalia famine – 260,000 people died. Half of them were children. But now, the hunger crisis has gone global.

Hunger Statistics

- The global hunger crisis is being driven by conflict, climate change, and the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that has left people even further behind.
- As many as 811 million people worldwide go to bed hungry each night.
- Global hunger increased by 25% in 2020.
- Hunger increased in **all regions in the world**. Asia has the largest total number of hungry people, but Africa has the highest percentage of its total population.
- By 2030, projections are that 656.8 million people will be hungry. This is 6% higher than the number of hungry people in 2015, the year 193 governments committed to zero hunger in the context of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in 2015.
- 3 billion people (40% of the world's population) could not afford healthy diets in 2020.
- An estimated 14 million children under the age of five worldwide suffer from severe acute malnutrition, also known as severe wasting, yet only 25% of acutely malnourished children have access to life-saving treatment.
- Food insecurity is a leading cause of wasting in children, and malnutrition is the main underlying cause of 45% of all preventable deaths of children under five years old. Children who suffer from wasting are 11 times more likely to die than well-nourished children.
- Conflict is a cause and consequence of hunger. In 2020, conflict was the primary driver of acute hunger crises for 99.1 million people in 23 countries.
- There is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone on the planet.

ERDO Statistics

- ERDO is the humanitarian agency of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
- Since 1983, ERDO has reached people with emergency food and the love of Jesus Christ.
- Many of ERDO's food programs receive matched funds from the Canadian Government.
- In October 2021, ERDO was again awarded as one of the Top 100 Charities in Canada by Charity Intelligence.

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