

LEAD THE WAY ON HUNGER: **Nourish the World's Most Vulnerable People**

Food is a necessity. Its scarcity shortens lives, hampers development and causes immeasurable loss of human potential. The numbers are staggering. One in nine people worldwide do not have enough to eat. Many lack access to enough nutritious food. Each year, nearly 3 million undernourished children under age 5 die from illnesses that healthier kids recover from. Of those who survive, 1 in 4 do not grow or develop as they should. Globally, the number of children who face a lifetime of developmental challenges caused by malnutrition exceeds 149 million—that's more than twice the number of all children in the United States.

WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY?

As a Church, we believe that all people have the right to regular access to healthy food. As missionary disciples, we are compelled to respond to the needs of the hungry.

For more than 75 years through CRS, Catholics in the United States have led the way in supporting short- and long-term solutions to hunger.

Together, we respond to immediate emergencies that keep people from accessing food. We prevent hunger and malnutrition from developing in



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the first place. Land management and conservation programs transform barren hillsides into productive farmland. Nutrition is delivered to children in their critical first thousand days of life. Agricultural training increases food production and income. CRS programs help prevent and end hunger.

There's more work to be done.

For every *cause* of too little food, there are proven *solutions* that can alleviate suffering or prevent the crisis from ever occurring.

Lead the way in supporting the world's hungry.

The need is great. The solutions are proven. Your opportunity to lead is unprecedented.

YOU CAN LEAD IN 3 WAYS:

1. ADVOCATE by writing, calling or visiting with members of Congress to:

- Increase funding for global nutrition and other programs to prevent and end hunger.
- Pass the Global Child Thrive Act to help children reach their God-given potential.
- Address our changing climate and the needs of our one human family.

2. DONATE your time and resources to:

- Help support and increase CRS' life-changing hunger solutions around the world.
- Compel others to take part in and support our work overseas.
- Organize and publicize a community fundraiser.

3. INSPIRE and motivate others to:

- Pray for our vulnerable brothers and sisters as a community.
- Stand with and advocate for the world's hungry.
- Learn about hunger and its solutions and educate community members on the issue.

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