



The Global Food Crisis



**Understanding the
Global Food Crisis and
How You Can Help**



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Our global neighbours are facing an unprecedented and life-threatening food crisis.

At least 345 million people worldwide are facing acute food insecurity—a 250 per cent increase since 2019. As food prices climb, so do hunger and malnutrition in young children.

“Our only chance of lifting millions of people out of hunger is to act together, urgently and with solidarity.”

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES, 2022

What is severe food insecurity?



WHEN A PERSON HASN'T EATEN FOR A DAY OR MORE.

In 2021, 923.7 million people around the world experienced severe food insecurity, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

Mild	Medium	Severe
Worry about ability to obtain food	Compromising quality and variety of food Reducing quantities, skipping meals	Experiencing hunger

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation: Food Insecurity Scale



Why is there a global food crisis?



CLIMATE

From droughts to hurricanes, extreme weather events have intensified food insecurity.



CONFLICT

The war in Ukraine has disrupted the world's access to wheat and fertiliser.



COSTS

Rising inflation means families in poverty spend more on less food.



COVID-19

Loss of work and isolation rules during the pandemic have crushed livelihoods.

Which countries are affected?

Rising food costs are being felt worldwide, but the World Food Programme (WFP) reports that there are 48 countries categorised as 'hunger hotspots'.

Nine of Compassion's program countries are experiencing severe food insecurity:





How are children in poverty affected?

Every 60 seconds, a child in poverty begins to suffer from severe wasting.

The impact of childhood malnutrition is catastrophic and has both short and long-term risks including:

- Growth stunting and wasting
- Poor academic performance and intellectual development
- Increased prevalence of attention deficit disorders
- Diabetes, cardiovascular problems and cancer later in life
- Child marriage, as girls are offered in exchange for dowries
- Child labour, as children leave school early to support their families
- Premature death



A severely undernourished child is up to 11 times more likely to die of common illnesses.

UNICEF, 2022



Rescued from hunger

Single mother Abiyot found it difficult to sleep most nights. Surrounded by her six children, she ached for the three who were missing — the three she had to give away because she was unable to provide for them. Her husband had abandoned the family, and she lost her job as a cook during the COVID-19 lockdowns in Ethiopia. “My heart was broken. Every door was shut in my face,” she says.

Many families know the heartbreak caused by rising food costs. But when Abiyot reached out to her local Compassion child development centre, she was overjoyed to receive immediate food supplies plus long-term assistance with her family’s grocery costs and rent.

“They have rescued my children from hunger,” says Abiyot.

**“I clearly see why God brought us to the church.
Where else would have I gone for help?”**



How is Compassion responding?

Compassion is leading a local-first response to the global food crisis through partnerships with over 8,500 local churches across four continents.

Our church partners are responding in two ways:



SHORT-TERM AID

Meeting vulnerable families' immediate nutritional needs through the delivery of food packages.



LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

Equipping families with seeds, fertiliser, livestock and agricultural training to stop ongoing hunger.



The local church has decades of established community trust and is best positioned to assist in this crisis—it has been there before, will be there during and will remain long after the crisis.



Answer hunger with hope

You can help ensure children and families in poverty have food to eat during the global food crisis.

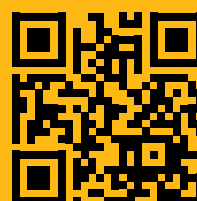


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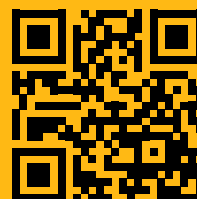


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EXPLORE MORE

Deepen your understanding of the global food crisis through our interactive website.

To learn more, visit cmprsn.co/explore or scan the QR code.



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GET INVOLVED

Take on the 345 Challenge to fundraise for children facing severe food insecurity.

To sign-up, visit cmprsn.co/challenge or scan the QR code.





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