



© UN Photo / Albert Gonzalez-Farman

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 nearly 800 million people who suffer from hunger worldwide, the vast majority in developing countries.

2 ZERO HUNGER



A profound change of the global food and agriculture system is needed to nourish today's **795 million** hungry and the additional **2 billion** people expected by **2050.**

Breakdown of hungry people by region in 2015 (est.)

US and Europe

14.7 million

Africa

232.5 million

Asia

511.7 million

Latin America and Caribbean

34.3 million

Oceania

1.4 million

With enough food to feed everyone on the planet, why are there so many hungry people?

Poor harvesting practices, as well as food wastage have contributed to food scarcity. Wars have also had a negative impact on the availability of food and have led to a destruction of the environment, which is critical to grow food.

Why should I care?

We all want our families to have enough food to eat that 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) to learn more, including more ways to take action!

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

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD