



# Famine action letter

With 45 million people on the brink of famine, Action Against Hunger is joining NGOs calling on world leaders to take urgent action.

By Action Against Hunger

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Dear world leaders,

It is over six months since the UN warned that famine risk is soaring globally. We – a group of 120 NGOs from around the world – are at a loss that since then the crisis has only worsened. There has been a 370% rise in people experiencing catastrophic levels of hunger since April and now a staggering 45 million people are at extreme risk – on the brink of famine. These numbers do not tell the whole story. Behind them are people suffering immensely from a crisis that we can prevent. What will it take for this situation to change?

The promises of the G7's Famine Prevention Compact issued in May have not yet been met. It is clear that, since then, the situation has only deteriorated. Grand gestures do not fill empty stomachs. As the UN Secretary General has recently alerted, less than half the funding needed to stave off famine in six countries of highest concern (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Southern Madagascar, north-east Nigeria, South Sudan, Yemen) has been received to date. Meanwhile, some Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs) are less than 20% funded.

The number of people at risk, and associated costs, are escalating, rising from \$6.6bn needed to support 41 million people at risk of famine a few months ago, to \$7bn needed to feed the 45 million people at risk across 43 countries, now. As basic food needs go unmet, humanitarian crises are escalating. One in 33 people worldwide are now in need of humanitarian assistance and one in ten people has malnutrition. The gap between needs and humanitarian funding is stark in some of the most vulnerable regions.

Conflict, the climate crisis, economic shocks and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic are set to push more people into crisis level hunger and malnutrition in 2022. Conflict in particular is escalating globally, forcing families to flee their homes and lose their livelihoods. The hunger and malnutrition this is causing disproportionately affects women and girls putting them at increased risk of extreme hunger and gender-based violence.

In conflict settings, supporting peacebuilding and conflict prevention is also crucial. Further, it is time that political commitments made to uphold international law, safeguard people's human rights and secure access to aid are acted upon. All parties to a conflict must facilitate humanitarian access, protect civilians and desist from using starvation as a method of warfare. Obstacles, such as sanctions and access denial, to humanitarian action are severely compounding a crisis that cannot be healed with money alone.

We have watched the number of people in need rise in 2021. We call on World Leaders to take the urgent action desperately needed now to reverse this trend in 2022.

From

## International NGOs

Action Against Hunger	Global
CARE International	Global
Christian Aid	Global
Concern Worldwide	Global
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Global
International Medical Corps	Global
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Global
Islamic Relief Worldwide	Global
Mercy Corps	Global
Norwegian Refugee Council	Global
Oxfam International	Global
Plan International	Global
Save the Children	Global
World Vision International	Global
INTERSOS	Global

Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA)	Afghanistan
Qatar Red Crescent Society Afghanistan - Office	Afghanistan
Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA)	Afghanistan
La Chaîne de l'Espoir	Afghanistan
Organization for Community Coordination and Development	Afghanistan
Organization for people's Health in action (OPHA)	Afghanistan

Shuhada Organization	Afghanistan
Aid Vision	Country
Caritas Développement Kalemie-Kirungu	Democratic Republic of Congo
Action Commune pour le Développement ONG ACD	Democratic Republic of Congo
Action pour l'Encadrement des filles mères désœuvrées	Democratic Republic of Congo
ADRA	Democratic Republic of Congo
Amour et Avenir du Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo
APPRONA (Appui aux Projets pour la Protection de la Nature)	Democratic Republic of Congo
Armee de Salut	Democratic Republic of Congo
Association des agriculteurs sans frontières	Democratic Republic of Congo
Association des Jeunes Cultivateurs et Eleveurs pour le développement au Kivu	Democratic Republic of Congo
AVSD	Democratic Republic of Congo
BUREAU OECUMENIQUE	Democratic Republic

D'APPUI AU DEVELOPPEMENT "BOAD"	Democratic Republic of Congo
Bureau Œcuménique d'Appui au Développement "BOAD"	Democratic Republic of Congo
Caritas Développement Tshumbe	Democratic Republic of Congo
Caritas International Belgique	Democratic Republic of Congo
Carrefour des Agriculteurs, Pêcheurs et Eleveurs "CAPE3"	Democratic Republic of Congo
Centre d'encadrement des personnes imprimees	Democratic Republic of Congo
Centre Oecuménique pour la Promotion du Monde Rural	Democratic Republic of Congo
Comité pour le Développement et Assistance Humanitaire (CODEVAH)	Democratic Republic of Congo
Consortium des Organisations Humanitaires Pour la Paix du Sud Kivu	Democratic Republic of Congo
Cooperative Tunngana	Democratic Republic of Congo
Coordination Nationale des Conviviums de Slow Food en RD Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo
CS Savoir Vivre	Democratic Republic of Congo

Direction Hygiène et Salubrité Publique	Democratic Republic of Congo
Environnement Sans Frontières asbl	Democratic Republic of Congo
Espoir Plus	Democratic Republic of Congo
Food Security Cluster	Democratic Republic of Congo
Foyer de Lutte Contre la Malnutrition	Democratic Republic of Congo
Joseph NDAMBU	Democratic Republic of Congo
Lutte Nationale Contre La Pauvrete (LUNACOP)	Democratic Republic of Congo
Paix et Développement de la Femme et de l'enfant	Democratic Republic of Congo
Prodecom (projet de développement la communion fraternelle)	Democratic Republic of Congo
Regroupement des Acteurs pour le Développement de Base	Democratic Republic of Congo
Réseau d'Investissement pour le Développement Intégral (RIDI)	Democratic Republic of Congo
Solidarite Pour L'encadrement et Lutte Contre La Pauvrete	Democratic Republic of Congo
ITADI ASRI	Democratic Republic

UNEP	of Congo
Union pour la Promotion/Protection, la Défense des Droits Humains et de l'Environnement-UPDDHE	Democratic Republic of Congo
Youth Engaged for Development and Social Progress	Democratic Republic of Congo
Youth for Development and Peace	Democratic Republic of Congo
Caritas Développement Uvira	Democratic Republic of Congo
ADSSE	Democratic Republic of Congo
UN OCHA Middle East and North Africa	Egypt
Finn Church Aid	Finland
Finnish Development NGOs – Fingo	Finland
Secours Islamique France	France
Solidarités International	France
ADRA Germany	Germany
COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale	Italy

Jordan Health Aid Society International	Jordan
Jordan paramedic society	Jordan
ADRA SOMALIA	Kenya
Refugee Consortium of Kenya	Kenya
slessor	Kenya
Cesvi	Kenya/Somalia
Middle East Council of churches	Lebanon
Conseil des Agriculteurs, des Pêcheurs et des Eleveurs "CAPE	Mbuji-Mayi/Kasaï Oriental
FHI 360	Nigeria
iMMAP	Nigeria
Jesuit Refugee Service	Nigeria
Norwegian Refugee Council	Nigeria
SOS Children's Villages	Nigeria
Women for Women International	Nigeria



Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network	Occupied Palestinian Territory
New World Hope Organization (NWHO)	Pakistan
Society for Human Rights & Prisoners aid	Pakistan
Groupes des Jeunes pour le Developpement Communautaire	République Démocratique du Congo
ACTion In Semi Arid Lands ( ASAL)	Somalia
Actionaid international somaliland	Somalia
Development Action Network	Somalia
FCA Somalia Country Office	Somalia
Gargaar Relief and Development Organization (GREDO)	Somalia
Horn International Relief & Development Organization (HIRDO)	Somalia
Juba Foundation	Somalia
QRCS	Somalia
Shabelle Community Development	Somalia

Organization	
SOLO	Somalia
Somali NGO Consortium	Somalia
Sustainable Development & Peace-building Initiatives (SYPD)	Somalia
Trocaire	Somalia
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)	Somalia
World Concern Development Organisation	Somalia
Zamzam Foundation	Somalia
FAWE Somalia	Somalia
Humanitarian Translation for Somalia	Somalia and Kenya
Wasds	Somalia/Kenya
Mada Women Development SS	South Sudan
Al-Sham Humanitarian Foundation	Turkey
Hand in Hand for Aid and Development	Turkey

Horan Foundation	Turkey
Action For Humanity	UK
Hand in Hand for Aid and Development	UK
Church World Service	USA
ADO	Yemen
ADRA	Yemen
Bilding Foundation For Development	Yemen
Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF)	Yemen
Tamdeen Youth Foundation	Yemen
ZOA	Yemen





## National and local NGOs

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