

School feeding program



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What is hunger?



- Malnutrition
- Emaciation



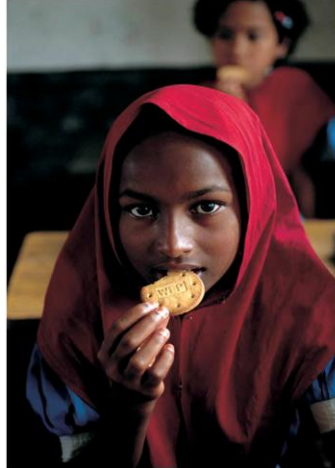
Malnutrition - When the intake of calories is insufficient or when there is a lack of nutrients, such as vitamins and minerals. Characterized by inadequate intake of protein, energy and micronutrients. Malnutrition goes hand in hand with infections and diseases.

Emaciation - Severe weight loss and acute malnutrition, often caused by starvation and disease as a result of disasters.

About hunger



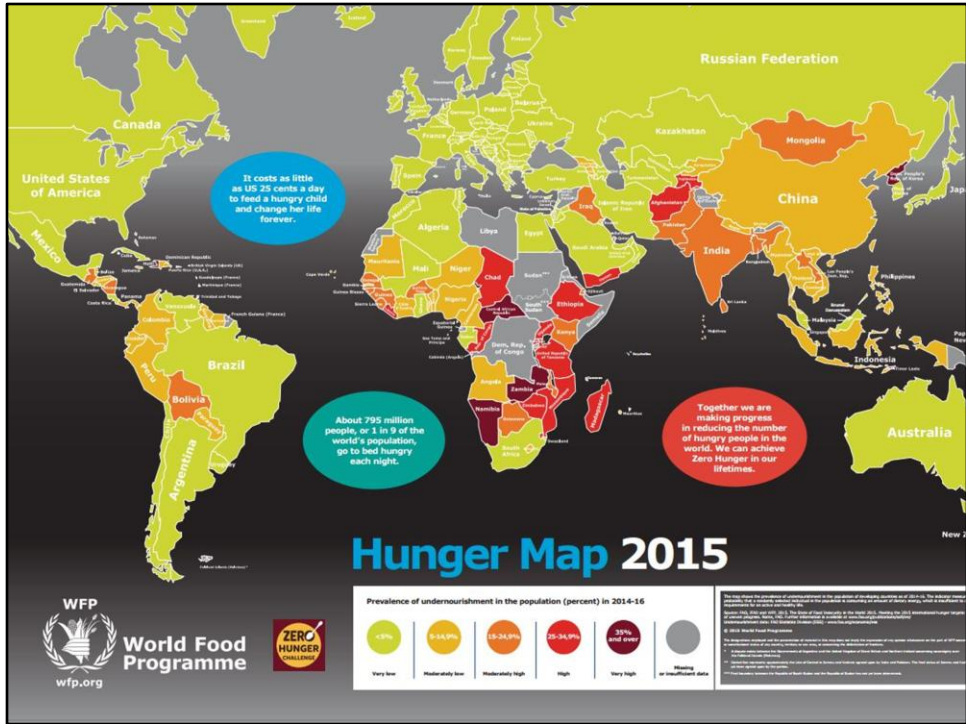
- The world's largest health risk.
- 795 million people go hungry today.
- Deaths among children - strongly linked to malnutrition.



The world's largest health risk - kills more people every year than AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis together.

One third of all deaths among children under five years in low-income countries is linked to malnutrition.

The first 1000 days following a child's birth is critical for the child's well-being, without adequate nutrition during this period the development of the child is hampered.



Education



- 96 million children in the world did not go to school in 1999.
- 57 million children do not go to school today.



Education is the key to development and poverty reduction. Still, there are some 57 million children of school age who are not in school. A common reason is that the family finances are too small and that the children instead have to work at the family farm or with domestic work.

Education



- As many girls as boys start school today. However, fewer girls than boys complete their education.
- Girls are not prioritized when poor families have to choose which child is to get access to education.



School Meals



Facts about School Meals



- 66 million children go hungry to school in low-income countries.
- When children get school meals:
 - it increases the number of children in school
 - it improves their learning outcomes.



Education for girls has a very positive impact on both the individual and society as a whole. Educated girls are healthier and marry later. If they have children in the future it also increases the chance of these children surviving and being healthy.

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- Giving girls an education affects an entire society positively and result in:
 - The risk for contracting HIV is halved.
 - Fewer children are born.
 - The risk that children starve is halved.
 - Chances of children attending school are doubled.

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The UN and School Meals



- A school meal costs 2 SEK.
- UN provides school meals to about 20 million children in 63 countries (2013).
- Over the last 45 years, 37 countries have taken over school meal programs that World Food Programme (WFP) started.



A school meal only costs 2 Swedish crowns, but the WFP estimates that for each crown invested in school food the country gets back at least three crowns due to better education of the population, leading to a better economy and income distribution as well as a boost for the local agricultural production.

During 2013, the UN:s WFP gave school meals to 20 million children in 63 countries (19.8 million to be precise).

The UN and School Meals



- Children receive breakfast, lunch or both.
- The food is cooked in the school, in the community or in the central kitchen.
- Particularly vulnerable children are given food rations to bring home to the family.



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About the School Meal project



- The school meal project supports the World Food Programme and their school meal programs in:

- Ethiopia
- DR Congo



The School Meal project in Ethiopia



- Chronic food insecurity in Tigray, located in northern Ethiopia.
- School feeding programs in 146 schools in the area.
- Reaches about 670,000 children in Ethiopia.

The Meara school in Ethiopia



Amdeanbesa, 13 years old



Amdeanbesa enrolled in school when he was ten years old and is now in third grade. Together with his two sisters and two brothers he gets school meals at the Meara school. His favorite subject is math and when he grows up he wants to become a doctor.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



1. **End poverty** in all its forms everywhere.
2. **End hunger**, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure **healthy lives** and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable **quality education** and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
5. Achieve **gender equality** and empower all women and girls.



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- Involve your School/Organisation/Company in the project
- Donate 50 kr by texting SKOLMAT to 72909 or swish to 123-9000795.



Thank you!

