



Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 2 Targets:

- 2.1) By 2030, **end hunger** and **ensure access** by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, **to safe, nutritious and sufficient food** all year round.
- 2.2) By 2030, **end all forms of malnutrition**, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and **address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons**.
- 2.3) By 2030, **double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers**, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through **secure and equal access to land, other productive resources** and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- 2.4) By 2030, **ensure sustainable food production systems** and **implement resilient agricultural practices** that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.
- 2.5) By 2020, **maintain the genetic diversity of seeds**, cultivated **plants** and farmed and domesticated **animals** and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels, and promote access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed.
- 2.a) **Increase investment**, including through enhanced international cooperation, **in rural infrastructure, agricultural research** and extension services, **technology development** and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries.
- 2.b) Correct and **prevent trade restrictions and distortions in world agricultural markets**, including through the parallel elimination of all forms of agricultural export subsidies and all export measures with equivalent effect, in accordance with the mandate of the Doha Development Round.
- 2.c) Adopt measures to **ensure the proper functioning of food commodity markets** and their derivatives and facilitate timely access to market information, including on food reserves, in order to help limit extreme food price volatility.

See further resources on goal 2 and hunger on page 4.

Take action toward achieving goal 2

Take action locally:

- **Congregational actions:** *Engage members of your congregation in action either through volunteering, advocacy, exercises, or wider congregational changes.*
 - **Organize a volunteer trip or a fundraiser or canned goods drive for your local food bank.** Find your closest food bank in the U.S. [here](#), and in Canada [here](#).
 - **Support your local farmer's market or Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program** in keeping with target 2.3. Form a taskforce within your congregation to source all produce for coffee hour, events, and fundraisers from a local farms.
 - Find your local farmer's market in the U.S. [here](#), in Canada [here](#).
 - **Play [Free Rice](#)** with your youth group or with a group at your congregation. For each answer you get right, **10** grains of rice are donated to the [UN World Food Program](#).
 - Raise awareness of the website by advertising it in your congregational newsletter, or organize an ongoing competition between congregation members or groups for the largest amount of rice raised in a given amount of time.
 - **Hold a Hunger Banquet at your congregation** as a demonstration of economic inequality and food insecurity across the world. Have a suggested donation at the door and/or for food sales to raise money for a food security-related NGO of your choice (some suggestions below). Use this [planning kit](#) from Oxfam America for guidance.
 - **Hold a workshop at your congregation on lowering food waste.** Use this [list of ways to lower personal food waste](#) as a guide, or pass around this [infographic tip sheet](#). Take and share this [quiz](#) to look at your own food waste levels.
- **Petitions:** *Sign the following petitions advocating for to eliminate hunger and increase food security in the U.S. and Canada. Collect signatures at your congregation by book a table during coffee hour.*
 - **[Urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture to stand up for the rights of small farmers](#)** and ensure greater equity in agricultural resource distribution by finalizing the [GIPSA rules](#).
 - **Take the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Food Steward Pledge](#)** and commit to reducing wasted food and hunger in the U.S. Use these [pledge action steps](#) as a guide in taking action to lower food waste.
 - **[Support the proposed Food Recovery Act](#)**, which aims to lower food waste and hunger in the U.S. by incentivizing farmers (through tax breaks) to donate their unsellable produce to food donation centers.
 - **[Urge the U.S. government not to make budget cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#).**
- **Films for screening:** *Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on hunger in the U.S. and Canada at your congregation.*
 - **[A Place at the Table](#)**- A documentary about food insecurity in the United States. It explores the impacts of poverty on hunger, limitations of federal food assistance and the health impacts of an inexpensive diet.

- [**Hunger in America**](#)- A documentary on the state of the hunger epidemic in the U.S., the demographics most vulnerable to hunger, and inequality in nutrition between socioeconomic groups.
 - [**Just Eat It!**](#)- A documentary on the quantity of food wasted by farms, supermarkets, and consumers in North America, and its consequences for farmers and food security at large.
 - Use this [educational curriculum](#) to help plan pre and post-film discussion.
 - [**Under Contract**](#)- A documentary that explores the monopoly that 5 chicken companies hold over the poultry market, and its impact on the lives of small chicken farmers and their access to agricultural resources.
- **Book club reads:** *Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on hunger in the U.S. and Canada.*
 - [**Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of the Plenty**](#)- Mark Winne explores economic inequality and its effect on access to healthy, nutritious food in the United States.
 - [**All You Can Eat: How Hungry is America?**](#)- Joel Berg analyzes the state of the hunger epidemic in the U.S. and calls the government, the media, and citizens to take action.
 - [**American Wasteland: How America Throws Away Nearly Half its Food \(and What We Can Do About It\)**](#) – Jonathan Bloom looks at the American culture of excess and the quantities of food wasted at each level of the food chain from field to market, making a call to action to lower food waste and address food disparities in the U.S.
 - **NGOs working toward the cause:** *Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working to reduce hunger in the U.S. and Canada.*
 - [**Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA**](#): A U.S.-based NGO that aims to cultivate a market that is sustainable and socially just for small family farms by providing funding and resources for small farms, and advocating for public reforms to protect farmer's rights.
 - [**Center for Food Safety**](#): A U.S. NGO that advocates for safe, sustainable, and environmentally sound agricultural systems through close government monitoring for violations of agricultural laws.
 - [**Feeding America**](#): A network of food banks in the U.S. that provide food relief to low-income families using surplus food from farmers and manufacturers.

Take action internationally:

- **Petitions:** *Sign the following petitions advocating for eliminating hunger and increasing food security across the globe. Collect signatures at your congregation by book a table during coffee hour.*
 - [**Support food aid reform**](#) to provide government funding for humanitarian groups (CARE and World Food Program USA) that will make the U.S.' international food aid programs more efficient and effective.
 - [**Call on global leaders \(Group of 7\)**](#) to make the political and financial commitment to **help 500 million people** worldwide become **hunger free**.
 - [**Tweet to the U.S. government**](#) to celebrate the passage of the [Global Food Security Act](#) in April, 2016, which maintains the U.S.' role as a global leader in ensuring greater food security to developing communities across the world.

- **Films for screening:** *Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on hunger across the world at your congregation.*
 - [***Ending Hunger Now***](#): A Ted Talk by Josette Sheeran, head of the UN World Food Programme, on inequality in food security between nations and solutions to address it.
 - [***Thought for Food***](#): A documentary telling the stories of five teams of university students across the world as they develop strategies to address global food insecurity for the international competition [***Thought for Food***](#).
 - [***We Feed the World***](#): A documentary on the global production of food, juxtaposing the overproduction of food in developed nations and the hunger epidemic in developing nations.

- **Book club reads:** *Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on hunger across the world.*
 - [***The Global Hunger Crisis: Tackling Food Insecurity in Developing Countries***](#)- Majda Bne Saad identifies the causes of global hunger in the political and economic system, arguing for a food revolution to address it.
 - [***The No-Nonsense Guide to World Food***](#)- Wayne Roberts looks at the different elements of food scarcity in a globalized market, and effective ways to address it.
 - [***Waste: Uncovering the Global Food Scandal***](#)- Tristram Stuart takes an investigative look at the vast amounts of food that is thrown away by farmers, manufacturers, supermarkets, and consumers, and its implications on hunger worldwide.
 - **Screen [**Tristram Stuart's Ted Talk on global food waste**](#)** in combination with discussion of his book.

- **NGOs working toward the cause:** *Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working to reduce hunger and ensure food security across the world.*
 - [***The Hunger Project***](#): An international NGO that works to end hunger by empowering women and mobilizing communities in developing nations to self-reliant action through workshops and education programs.
 - [***UN World Food Programme***](#): The world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger by providing school meals, food aid, and cash programs to communities in countries facing famine.
 - [***Feedback Global***](#): An international NGO that campaigns to end food waste at every level of the food production pyramid through advocacy work, community mobilization, and food production system investigations.

Further resources on goal 2 and hunger worldwide:

- **Goal 2 Targets and related publications.**
- [**UN facts and figures**](#) on hunger and food security.
- [**Global Goals images**](#) and infographics relating to Goal 2.
- [**UN Zero Hunger Challenge brochure**](#): An infographic on the stakeholders involved in achieving Zero Hunger by 2030.
- [**World Food Programme's Hunger Map**](#): Explore hunger levels in each country of the world.