



# ACTION AGAINST HUNGER

## THE IMPACT WE'RE MAKING TOGETHER

### CORE SERVICES

In 2018, our programs reached more than **21 million people**.



**NUTRITION  
& HEALTH**



**WATER, SANITATION  
& HYGIENE**



**FOOD SECURITY  
& LIVELIHOODS**



**MENTAL HEALTH  
& CARE PRACTICES**

Since joining Action Against Hunger in May 2019, I have witnessed our life-changing impact firsthand in communities and in the global fight against hunger. Each day, our incredible staff bring energy, dedication, and expertise to saving lives. When I visited our programs in Uganda, I saw this in Peter, a refugee from South Sudan who started as a volunteer and is now a full-time team member. His skills were impressive, but what I remember most about him is the passion in his voice when he spoke about helping his neighbors transform their lives.

Peter's neighbors are fellow refugees like Lucy, who started a business after Action Against Hunger taught her how to grow mushrooms. Lucy's entrepreneurial spirit is remarkable, but what inspired me was her tremendous joy in being able to make a better life for her family. She takes pride in paying for school fees, building her mother a more stable home, and saving for the future.

In Uganda and around the world, our scale-up has helped 4.4 million severely malnourished children receive lifesaving treatment. Our community-based nutrition programs treated nearly double the number of malnourished children than the year before—an achievement that would not be possible without you. Thank you.

For 40 years, we have been relentlessly preventing, treating, advocating, innovating, and fighting for a world free from hunger. Inside, you will find stories about the impact we're making with your support—I hope you enjoy reading them.

Together, we are creating a better way to deal with hunger. For everyone. For good.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dr. Charles Owubah, CEO

# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

## SOMALIA



In Somalia, our teams taught 1,500 mothers how to spot malnutrition in their children using a simple tool: the color-coded Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) band.

When cases are found, children are referred to the local Action Against Hunger Health and Nutrition Center for treatment – the earlier a case is found, the easier it is for a malnourished child to recover.

As the project was implemented, our staff noticed that not just mothers, but fathers, too, were taking their children's measurements.

"I shared with my husband what we learned, and he wanted to learn how

to use the MUAC tape. I took him through the process," says one mother named Kafiyo.

"As fathers, it is our duty to know the health status of our children. I have four children under five years old, and I make it my responsibility to check all of them weekly," says her husband, Abdullahi Omar, as he proudly shows off his MUAC band.

Already, our nutrition teams in the area have seen promising results: "It has made our work easier. Parents take the lead in measuring their children, which helps them to quickly see the first signs of malnutrition," says Abdirahman, an Action Against Hunger Community Health Worker.



Photo: Fardosa Hussein for Action Against Hunger, Somalia



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## NIGERIA



Photo: Sébastien Duijndam for Action Against Hunger, Nigeria

The conflict-driven humanitarian crisis in Nigeria's North East is one of the world's ten most severe crises. More than one million children under five years old are acutely malnourished. In 2018, Action Against Hunger reached **3.4 million people** in the affected areas with our lifesaving programs.

We screened and treated severely malnourished children; we helped more people to earn an income and to feed their families through cash and vouchers; we improved access to clean water, safe sanitation, and hygiene services; and our mother-to-mother and father-to-father care groups helped displaced parents.

# EAST AFRICA DROUGHT

Photo: Toby Madden for Action Against Hunger, Ethiopia

**“WITHOUT RELIEF,  
FAMILIES WILL  
FACE A SERIOUS  
SCARCITY OF FOOD  
AND NUTRITION.”**

—Hajir Maalim, Regional Director  
for Action Against Hunger’s  
programs in the Horn and East Africa

Most of the water points near Tesso Qelo, a village in Borena, Ethiopia, are dry. Each day, Gordo walks three hours to collect water for her family. Her husband, Garbicha, does the same search with their cattle: each day, he herds the family’s cows in a quest for water that takes hours.

“This situation is very serious. Although we have grass now, if there is no water, our cattle will also die,” Garbicha told our staff.

Gordo added: “And if they die, what will we live on?”

As Ethiopia experiences its second severe drought in the last three

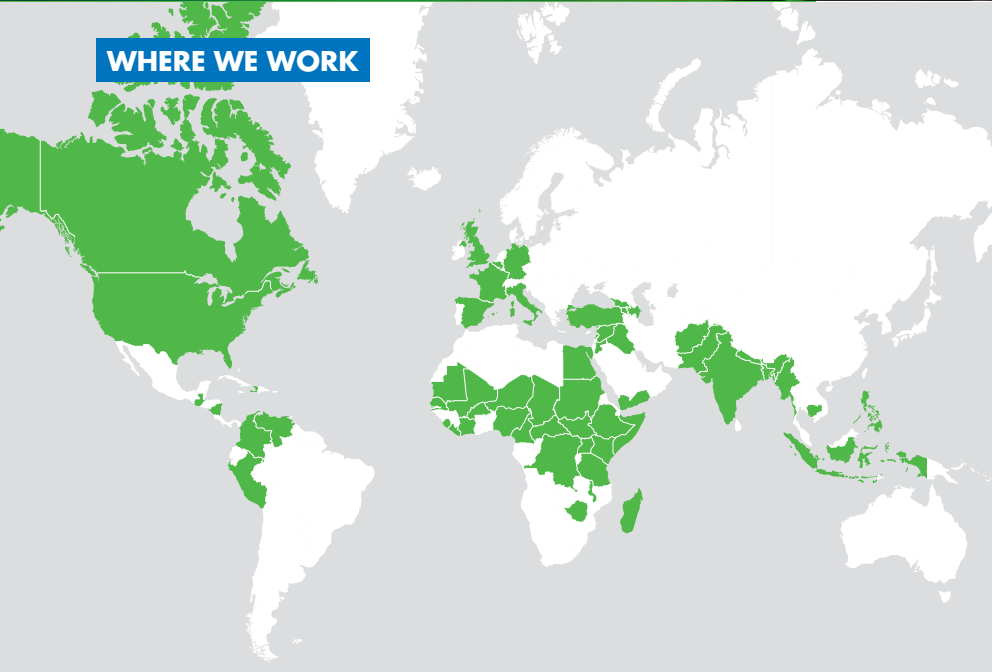
years, 3.5 million of the country’s children suffer from life-threatening malnutrition. In Somalia, farmers and herders struggle to live through the driest rainy season in decades. Food prices in Kenya continue to rise, driven up by failed harvests.

Severe drought across East Africa has caused a worsening hunger crisis. Action Against Hunger’s teams throughout the region are helping communities survive the drought by treating malnourished children, improving access to clean water and safe sanitation, supporting livelihoods and food security, and more.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ACTION AGAINST HUNGER.



## WHERE WE WORK



## OUR IMPACT

93 cents of every dollar goes directly to fund our high-impact programs. For 13 years running, Charity Navigator awarded us 4 stars—its highest ranking, earned by the top 1% of nonprofits.



## JOIN US IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

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