26.3 MILLION. That’s how many people Action Against Hunger reached with lifesaving assistance last year—the most ever in our history. We were able to achieve this because of you. As one of our most generous supporters, you are right alongside our teams, helping to create a world where every life is well-nourished.

As hunger rises due to conflict, climate catastrophes, food shortages, and other crises, more families than ever before are in need of our services and we’re doing all we can to be there for them. Despite the long road ahead of us, I am filled with hope and gratitude. Every day, I see and hear the ways our staff go above and beyond—and how your support equips them with the resources to do so.

Inside, you will find stories about our collective impact in 2021 and the difference you’ve made—I hope you enjoy reading them. Together, we are creating a better way to deal with hunger. For everyone. For good.

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Dr. Charles Owubah, Chief Executive Officer

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Unaudited results as of August 2022
Photo: Medina and her 18-month-old daughter Munira inside their home. Photo © Peter Caton for Action Against Hunger, Ethiopia
UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

KENYA

"Before Action Against Hunger found us, we were still having many cases of malnutrition," explains Rose Chepochonyil [pictured right], a community health volunteer in the village of Kapkitony, northwestern Kenya. "But we are now able to screen our own children for malnutrition."

With a simple tool known as the mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) band, Action Against Hunger gives mothers the power to identify malnutrition in their children privately at home, without the need for a health professional or a visit to the health center.

As a member of her local mother-to-mother support group, Rose has learned a lot about health and nutrition for herself and her children from Action Against Hunger. Now, she teaches other mothers in her community how to wrap the color-coded MUAC band around their children's arms to check their nutrition status: green means their child is well-nourished, while yellow and red indicate moderate and severe acute malnutrition. With a yellow or red measurement, the mother can see that her child needs treatment.

"I feel very proud," says Rose. "Before I had to go from house to house, but now that has been reduced, because women are now able to screen their children at their home without having other neighbors see that their child is malnourished."

Not every community has a health facility nearby. Some women have to walk for hours or spend badly-needed funds on transportation to reach a health center. With Rose's teachings, mothers can save time and money by checking their children at home. With Action Against Hunger's support, community health volunteers like Rose are improving the health and wellbeing of families across this region of Kenya.

BANGLADESH

Shilpi Khatun [pictured left] lives in the village of Gobindapur, Bangladesh, with her husband and three sons. The family lives close to the river, and each year the waters creep higher as the impacts of climate change become part of everyday life. Frequent flooding washes away income opportunities, possessions, and hope.

Action Against Hunger and our partners are helping families like Shilpi's adapt. We're teaching people new skills and offering business training, as well as supporting them to increase their food production at home by using climate-resilient farming methods. This dual action plan ensures that families can access nutritious food either from their gardens or with their income.

With a small investment of 3020 Taka - $35 - from Action Against Hunger and Soneva Foundation, Shilpi and her husband started growing vegetables on their land, and then expanded their garden to plant fruit and trees as well. "We can now provide for our children," Shilpi says. "We feel proud. We want to continue working for our children for a better tomorrow."

Photo: Fabeha Monir for Action Against Hunger, Bangladesh
Nearly 20 million people are facing the effects of a deadly drought across Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia. Hunger is rising as livestock die, livelihoods are lost, and food and water become more difficult to access. In Somalia alone, we have already treated more than 20,000 children with severe acute malnutrition this year – an 86% increase compared to last year. Your support has enabled our teams to take urgent action. We’re providing nutritious food and clean water to the families that need it most, treating malnourished children, providing health centers with vital food and medicines, repairing key local services like waterpoints, and delivering emergency cash transfers to help families cope.

“This does not have enough medicine, beds, or funds to serve every child in need.”

Ahmed Khalif, Country Director, Somalia

More than 6 million refugees have fled the war in Ukraine and another 8 million people are displaced within the country. Without a political resolution in sight, humanitarian needs continue to grow. Action Against Hunger is in Ukraine and neighboring countries delivering necessities like food, water, and medicines to refugees, distributing cash assistance and providing mental health support.

When a major earthquake hit in June, Action Against Hunger rapidly deployed an emergency response team and provided cash assistance to people in affected areas. Since 1995, we’ve provided urgent hunger treatment to malnourished children and helped communities access safe drinking water in Afghanistan. Today, 24 million Afghans need humanitarian assistance.
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OUR IMPACT

91 cents of every dollar you give goes directly to fund our high-impact programs. For 15 years running, Charity Navigator has awarded us 4 stars—its highest ranking, earned by the top 1% of nonprofits.

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