For those fortunate to have ready access to abundant food and a well-equipped kitchen to prepare life-sustaining nourishment, it may be hard to fathom that not everyone does. Fortunately for children at Khomasdal Primary School in Namibia, Lions more than 12,000 km away recognized a need and stepped in to deliver relief.

With a grant of more than US$25,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) matching their own contributions, Lions in Germany facilitated construction and equipping of a hygienic, enclosed kitchen and storeroom in the school, primarily attended by children from economically challenged families. Also built was an open-air dining area where students visit with friends while recharging their brains through a nutritious lunch.

“The school’s kitchen was inadequate and unhygienic,” said one German Lion. “Lions’ kindness knows no borders. When we learned the children in Namibia were not receiving adequate food due to extreme poverty, we sought funding from our foundation. Service takes many forms. Lions from my country were happy to help from afar and create a healthier environment for the Namibian children.”
A Continent in Crisis

Just as it is for some in Africa, food scarcity, and other factors contributing to malnutrition, are evident at schools, dinner tables, and feeding centers throughout Europe.

8%
Europe’s population with severe or moderate food insecurity²

~1.3 million
UK residents age 65+ suffer from, or are at risk of, malnutrition⁴

THAT’S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, HUNGER LOOKS LIKE THIS:

1 in 9
people is chronically hungry⁶

2 billion
people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food⁹

50% of children
under age 5 have hidden hunger

25% of children are stunted due to lack of nutritious food¹⁰

At least

lack of essential nutrients⁸

2% of Eastern European children age 5 or younger, 22% are stunted, wasted, or overweight³

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HUNGER GRANTS
support school feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, etc.

US$10,000 - US$100,000

MATCHING GRANTS
fund construction and equipment costs

US$10,000 - US$100,000

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

LEO SERVICE GRANTS
fund Leo-led projects

US$1,500 - US$5,000

SOURCES/NOTE: ¹ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; ²UNICEF; ³foodfoundation.org; ⁴World Health Organization; ⁵WhyHunger; ⁶United Nations; grant limits subject to change.

LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

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