Hunger

820 million people+ don’t have enough to eat

STEMMING CHILDREN’S HUNGER IN INDIA

Around the world, and here at home, too many people wake up and go to bed hungry each day. Children are especially vulnerable to food insecurity – nearly 47 million of India’s children, four in 10, don’t meet their full potential because of chronic undernutrition or stunting². With assistance from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions are creating lasting change, putting in place regular access to nutritious and sufficient food.

Lions in India were among the first to inquire about grant funding supporting hunger initiatives. Throughout Kerala, Lions plan to use a LCIF Hunger grant to upgrade 80 Anganwadi centre kitchens. Hunger grants can also be applied toward food bank construction, school-based feeding program expansion, feeding centre establishment, and other projects designed to abate chronic hunger challenges.

The United Nations predicts more than two billion people will be malnourished by 2050⁳. “There are more than 200,000 Lions in India,” said Past International Director A. P. Singh. “We must act now to take advantage of LCIF Hunger grants and engage our compassionate hearts in service. With LCIF, we can support those struggling with a basic human need, food.”

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Hunger...a Complicated Challenge

Despite sufficient global food production, chronic hunger remains a chronic problem. Political and economic instability, rising food and energy prices, and climate change all contribute to this sad truth: India’s hunger-related challenges are urgent.

Hunger is increasing steadily. LCIF, funding Lions’ global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

**#1**
India is home to the world’s largest undernourished population
194.4M or 14.5% of population

**India’s children under age 5:**
~21% underweight
~38% stunted

**Economic growth reduced ~8% by malnutrition**
due to reduced schooling, cognitive impairments, compromised adult labour productivity, increased healthcare costs

**THAT’S INDIA. GLOBALLY, HUNGER LOOKS LIKE THIS:**

1 in 9 people is chronically hungry

At least 50% of children under age 5 have hidden hunger
lack of essential nutrients

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**HUNGER GRANTS**
support school feeding programs, food banks, feeding centres, 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:**
1Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; 2India FoodBanking Network; 3The Hindu BusinessLine; 4World Health Organization; 5WhyHunger; 6UNICEF; 7United Nations; grant limits subject to change