At ~20%, Africa has the highest prevalence of undernourishment

FEEDING BOTH BELLIES AND BRAINS

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 Lion helping manage the project locally. “Children were not receiving adequate food due to their families’ extreme poverty. With LCIF’s help, help from fellow Lions in Germany, food provided by the government, and local parents cooking, the children can now concentrate on learning.”

Through generosity from LCIF and Lions, children can now concentrate on learning.

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A Continent in Crisis

Just as it is for some children at Namibia’s Khomasdal Primary School, food scarcity, and other factors contributing to malnutrition, are evident at schools, dinner tables, and feeding centres throughout Africa. Adding to the negative impact is the economic toll malnutrition takes. Consider these sobering insights from the 2019 United Nations Food and Agriculture Report:

260 million people in Africa went hungry in 2018

In 2018, Africa and Asia accounted for more than 90% of all stunted children and all wasted children

AFRICA’S FOOD INSECURITY
2017

34% of those suffering from food insecurity globally live in Africa

Undernutrition is projected to reduce gross domestic product up to 11 percent in Africa and Asia

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

1 in 9 people was chronically hungry as of 2018

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

2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

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

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: 1,2,4,5 United Nations; 3 World Health Organization; 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.

Hunger is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.