“What’s for dinner?” “I’m starving.” “There’s nothing here to eat.” They’re common phrases often uttered without thinking. The fact is, for many, “What’s for dinner” implies a choice of nutritious food. “I’m starving” translates to “I haven’t eaten in a few hours.” And while we may not have all ingredients to make tonight’s meal, our refrigerators and pantries are, by all accounts, well-stocked. Those are the good facts.

For some, these are the harsh realities: “What’s for dinner?” really means “Will there be any dinner?” And “I’m starving” means exactly that. Someone is starving.

Chronic hunger and undernutrition touch so many lives, impacting children’s ability to focus in school; workers’ productivity and contributions to economic growth; and senior citizens’ fight of infection, due to weakened immune systems.

Now, with Hunger grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions can be an even greater part of the solution. “Hunger is pervasive worldwide,” said Past Council Chair Eveline Chandra. “LCIF’s Hunger grants will support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centres, and similar facilities. We’re helping communities become stronger and healthier.”
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: Hunger-related challenges are urgent in this part of the world.

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

1 in 9 people is chronically hungry

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

2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food

Chances of food insecurity – 10% higher for women

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70% of deaths in Vanuatu can be linked to poor nutrition

~1 in 5

New Zealand children (19%) live in food-insecure households

~2%–3%

GDP losses in Indonesia due to stunting and malnutrition

>1 in 5

Australians have run out of food and been unable to buy more

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; 2The World Bank; 3Mayo Clinic; 4Foodbank; 5The Borgen Project; 6Ministry of Health; 7The World Bank; 8World Health Organization; 9WhyHunger; 10UNICEF; 11United Nations; grant limits subject to change