



**Nominations are open!**

## **2019 Women Stop Hunger Award**

### **Empowering women empowers humanity.**

By giving women the same resources as men, we will build a hunger-free world and a better future for all.

We know women are the most effective at overcoming hunger. Yet 70% of hunger's victims are women. Why?

While women are almost 50% of the world's population, less than 50% are employed, and one in five girls is denied an education.

However, we know that the more they are educated, the higher their income: an additional year of primary school translates into 10-20% additional salary and an additional year of secondary education to 25% or more. We also know women entrusted with the family budget spend up to 90% of their income on food, health and education of their families, compared with only 30-40% by men. For these reasons, women's economic equality and empowerment represent an opportunity for the world ... to eliminate hunger and to provide considerable economic progress for all: for example, India – the world's seventh-ranked economic power where this is a quarter of the planet's humans who suffer from hunger - would increase its GDP by 16% while that of sub-Saharan Africa would rise by 12%, by 2025.

### **STOP HUNGER, PRIORITY ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

More than half of the progress made in the fight against hunger over the last 25 years is due to the improvement in women's social status. As rural women make up almost half of the world's agricultural labor force, we could feed up to 150 million more people by educating, training and giving women more resources (land, finance, equipment, markets ...) for a better agricultural yield.



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## THE WOMEN STOP HUNGER AWARDS

In order to highlight the role of women in the fight against hunger and to encourage exemplary and enduring anti-hunger initiatives in local communities, Stop Hunger is launching its third international edition of the "Women Stop Hunger Awards."

Only women can be nominated; a candidate may submit an application for herself or on behalf of a group or community of women.

The awards will be presented on March 12, 2019 during the annual Stop Hunger Donors' Evening in Paris. The winners agree to participate in this event; their travel expenses to participate in the dinner are covered and each award will be accompanied by a donation of up to € 10,000 from Stop Hunger.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The winners will be selected by Stop Hunger according to several criteria:

- Having implemented since at least 6 months a women's empowerment initiative to reduce hunger in their community that goes beyond food aid (not just food distribution)
- The initiative seeks to help those most in need in the community, with a measurable impact on beneficiaries
- The beneficiaries must be mostly underprivileged women or girls
- The approach presents a new idea or an innovative idea that has not yet been widely implemented and looks promising for the future
- The initiative can be implemented in other communities.

## HOW TO NOMINATE?

- Complete the attached application form. You can also attach five pages of supporting documents to support your application.
- Send the application to [WomenStopHunger@stop-hunger.org](mailto:WomenStopHunger@stop-hunger.org)
- Applications must be sent by August 31, 2018.
- Important: in agreeing to the submission of their application, candidates must commit to attend the awards ceremony if they are selected. Travel costs are paid by Stop Hunger.



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### ABOUT STOP HUNGER

Stop Hunger is a global network of non-profit organizations, working for a hunger-free world for more than 20 years and sharing with its founding partner, Sodexo, the same hope for quality of life for all.

Stop Hunger relies on the commitment and strength of a unique ecosystem - 427,000 employees, 100 million daily consumers and thousands of Sodexo clients, shareholders and suppliers - mobilized by three complementary means: volunteering, fundraising and advocacy.

Thanks to financial support from Sodexo, 100% of donations made to Stop Hunger go directly to funding activities in three fields of intervention:

1. Support to local communities in need,
  2. Empowering women as the most effective way to eliminate hunger in communities,
  3. Emergency assistance in response to climate and humanitarian disasters,
- in relying on international partnerships such as the World Food Programme and 1,200 local NGOs.

While food aid remains vital to confronting hunger and saving lives on a daily basis, Stop Hunger also seeks to enable those in need to permanently escape hunger:

- 1- By developing food self-sufficiency,
- 2- By facilitating access to training, education and employment, to produce sustainably, to have a healthy diet and to live a dignified and active life.

Stop Hunger makes women empowerment a priority because empowering women is the most direct way to end hunger. For example, in 2016-17, more than \$ 1 million was invested by Stop Hunger in programs to support women or women's groups.

#### 2017 key figures

Stop Hunger mobilizes 82,000 volunteers in 41 countries, distributes more than 6 million meals and raises nearly US \$ 6.3 million to fund and co-develop long-term, local and innovative programs, whether educational, agricultural or economic.