



Stop Hunger, or how 93,000 volunteers act for a hunger-free world

More than numbers, these women and men embody Stop Hunger, its mission and commitment. They are members of the ecosystem of Sodexo, the founding partner of Stop Hunger. With 5 million meals distributed and USD 7.4 million collected, their role is tangible and their actions on the ground real.

The Stop Hunger Volunteer, a force for a hunger-free world

The story of Stop Hunger is that of its volunteers who put their values and skills at the service of communities and local NGOs. It began 22 years ago with a handful of Sodexo employees in the U.S.: they offered meals to schoolchildren from disadvantaged backgrounds who no longer had meals when their schools closed during holidays.

Today, supported by the unique ecosystem of the leading Quality of Life services Group - 460,000 employees, 100 million daily consumers, thousands of clients and suppliers - Stop Hunger is a global non-profit network, active in 53 countries. Its results, and even more the expertise shared by Sodexo experts with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), reflect our determination to eliminate hunger.

Support, organize and develop volunteering. How?

Since its inception in the U.S., Stop Hunger's volunteers have mobilized the Sodexo ecosystem through collective and local actions, such as the global volunteering campaign called Servathon, or the co-construction of long-term partnerships with NGOs such as in Romania, in consultation between World Vision, Sodexo and representatives of two municipalities.



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At the same time, to encourage employees to sign up for Stop Hunger, Sodexo has decided to offer a paid day of volunteering each year to its 460,000 employees in support of Stop Hunger. This measure will be implemented gradually through 2020. This day of volunteering will be carried out for the benefit of Stop Hunger local partner associations.

In terms of skills sponsorship, Stop Hunger's Your Engagement Advanced Hub (YEAH!) has already engaged 45 Sodexo experts in 270 days of solidarity missions in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. In Jordan, WFP can distribute 1 million additional free school lunches with more fresh produce, reducing purchases by 35%. In India, 8 central kitchens will be created, more than 6,900 school staff have been trained in food security and nearly 128,000 schoolchildren will benefit from free, healthy and balanced lunches. Twenty Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services experts also enabled WFP to create a unique, secure, locally printed, paper-based food voucher that was distributed three times faster at a fourth of the cost, including during emergencies.

What is Stop Hunger?

- **A global non-profit network that works for a hunger-free world**, supported by the unique ecosystem of Sodexo, its founding partner.
- **3 fields of intervention**: support to local communities in need, women empowerment and emergency assistance.
- **Partner of 1,200 local and international NGOs**, including the United Nations World Food Programme, the world's leading humanitarian organization fighting hunger.

2018 in figures

- **93,000 volunteers mobilized in 53 countries**
- **5 million meals distributed**, food assistance remaining vital in responding to emergencies
- **7.4 million US dollars collected and 100% invested** to co-build local and innovative programs, whether educational, agricultural or economic.



A hunger-free world is possible

Today, 1 in 9 people, or 821 million people, still suffer from hunger.

Hunger is not inevitable, but the result of internal conflict, natural and humanitarian disasters, speculation on agricultural property, scarcity or lack of access to water, and waste.

To enduringly end hunger in the world, the women empowerment is essential. If they had access to the same resources as men - education, training, finance, farmland, markets ... - we could feed up to 150 million additional people.