



## Ten facts you need to know about Hunger

1. 16 October is World Food Day, the honoring date of the founding of the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations in 1945.
2. The world produces enough food to feed everyone, yet, about 800 million people suffer from hunger. That is one in nine people. 60% of them are women.
3. About 80% of the world's extreme poor live in rural areas. Most of them depend on agriculture.
4. Hunger kills more people every year than malaria, tuberculosis and aids combined.
5. Around 45% of infant deaths are related to malnutrition.
6. The cost of malnutrition to the global economy is the equivalent of USD 3.5 trillion a year.
7. 1.9 billion people – more than a quarter of the world's population – are overweight.
8. One third of the food produced worldwide is lost or wasted.
9. The world will need to produce 60 percent more food by 2050 to feed a growing population.
10. No other sector is more sensitive to climate change than agriculture.

## About World Food Day

FAO celebrates World Food Day each year on 16 October to commemorate the founding of the Organization in 1945. Events are organized in over 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. These events promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.

World Food Day is a chance to show our commitment to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 – to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030.

It's also a day for us to celebrate the progress we have already made towards reaching #ZeroHunger.

## Why should we care about World Food Day and #ZeroHunger?

- The right to food is a basic human right.
- Investing in sustainable food systems and rural development means addressing some of the major global challenges - from feeding the world's growing population to protecting the global climate, and tackling some of the root causes of migration and displacement.
- Achieving the 17 SDGs cannot happen without ending hunger, and without having sustainable and resilient, climate-compatible agriculture and food systems that deliver for the people and the planet.
- Reaching #ZeroHunger is possible: out of the 129 countries monitored by FAO, 72 have already achieved the target of halving the proportion of people who suffer from hunger by 2015; over the past 20 years, the likelihood of a child dying before age five has been nearly cut in half, with about 17,000 children saved every day; extreme poverty rates have been cut in half since 1990.

**Source:** <http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/2017/about/en/>

