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## The Global Food Crisis in Burkina Faso



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Burkina Faso is a landlocked French-speaking nation in West Africa with rich oral storytelling traditions. **It is also one of the poorest countries in the world.**

Ongoing violence since 2016 has left over two million Burkinabés displaced, and the most vulnerable families struggle to access basic infrastructure and resources like health and education.



## 2004

**PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN**

## Over 400

**LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS**

## Over 103,000

**CHILDREN SUPPORTED**

## Primary Diet

**INCLUDES SORGHUM, NUTS, RICE AND VEGETABLES**



**Burkina Faso is facing severe food insecurity and malnutrition in local children is worsening.**



## Comparing countries



**Australia**



**0.7% OF POPULATION**  
cannot afford a healthy diet

**2% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 have stunted growth\*

**642,500 PEOPLE**  
facing undernourishment



**Burkina Faso**



**80.1% OF POPULATION**  
cannot afford a healthy diet

**26% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 have stunted growth\*

**3.9 MILLION PEOPLE**  
facing severe food insecurity

*\*Stunting, based on a child's height and age, is a measure of chronic nutritional deficiency.  
Source: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), 2022*





## Hunger in a refugee camp

Their screams reached Marcel first. When he looked up from his farm work, he saw a crowd of terrified villagers—many dragging their children—racing towards him. Active shooters were fast approaching.

“It was hard to leave everything behind, but I had no other option,” says Marcel. “I abandoned my house, farm and goats to relocate my family.”

Marcel and his children now live in a small, makeshift shelter on the outskirts of a refugee camp in Burkina Faso. **They’ve escaped the violence but face a new threat: hunger.**

**“My biggest challenge is food security,” says Marcel.  
“The cost of a 100-kilogram bag of corn reached 37,300  
Francs—it used to be less than half that.”**

Runaway inflation and the loss of farming income are pushing Marcel’s family into severe poverty. Wennefangdé, his 14-year-old daughter, is grateful she is part of Compassion’s Child Sponsorship Program.

“I almost shed tears of joy when [the project director] brought a food basket,” says Wennefangdé. “I received 25 kilograms of rice and five litres of cooking oil for my family. **May God bless the church for their love and care.**”



# How is Compassion responding?

Compassion is leading a local-first response to the global food crisis through partnerships with over 8,500 local churches across four continents.

**Our church partners are responding in two ways:**



## **SHORT-TERM AID**

Meeting vulnerable families' immediate nutritional needs through the delivery of food packages.



## **LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS**

Equipping families with seeds, fertiliser, livestock and agricultural training to stop ongoing hunger.



**The local church has decades of established community trust and is best positioned to assist in this crisis—it has been there before, will be there during and will remain long after the crisis.**



# Answer hunger with hope

You can help ensure children and families in poverty have food to eat during the global food crisis.



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## **GIVE TODAY**

Your tax-deductible donation will help provide short-term aid and long-term solutions.

To give, visit [cmprsn.co/stophunger](https://cmprsn.co/stophunger) or scan the QR code.



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## **EXPLORE MORE**

Deepen your understanding of the global food crisis through our interactive website.

To learn more, visit [cmprsn.co/explore](https://cmprsn.co/explore) or scan the QR code.



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## **GET INVOLVED**

Take on the 345 Challenge to fundraise for children facing severe food insecurity.

To sign-up, visit [cmprsn.co/challenge](https://cmprsn.co/challenge) or scan the QR code.





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