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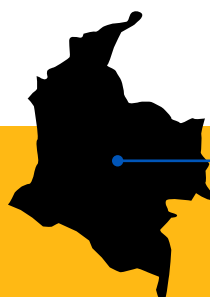
The Global Food Crisis
in Colombia

Compassion®
Releasing children from poverty
in Jesus' name

Colombia

Colombia's diverse landscape has everything from snow-capped volcanoes to sprawling savannas. For the past 50 years, internal conflict has seen at least five million Colombians displaced by violence. **Nearly half the population live in poverty** as a result, and vulnerable Colombian children struggle to access safe shelter, medical care and education.

BOGOTÁ

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PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN

Over 300

LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS

Over 95,000

CHILDREN SUPPORTED

Primary Diet

INCLUDES POTATO, CHICKEN, BEANS AND FRUIT

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Colombia is facing severe food insecurity and malnutrition in local children is worsening.

Comparing countries

Australia

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0.7% OF POPULATION
cannot afford a healthy diet

2% OF CHILDREN
under 5 have stunted growth*

642,500 PEOPLE
facing undernourishment

Colombia

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26.5% OF POPULATION
cannot afford a healthy diet

11% OF CHILDREN
under 5 have stunted growth*

7.3 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

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Going to bed hungry

As the sun sets over the sand dunes of La Guajira, Marina tells her six children to go to bed. It's their dinnertime and the family haven't eaten all day. But they each know the truth—there isn't anything to eat. And the sooner they fall asleep, the sooner they'll be distracted from their growling stomachs.

Marina is the sole income earner for her family. She picks up extra work wherever she can, washing dishes and cleaning homes. No matter how hard Marina works, it seems impossible to keep up with rising food prices. At the start of 2022, half a kilogram of meat cost her 9,500 pesos. By the end of the year, the same amount cost more than double that, and meat was pushed well out of her budget.

"In the past, I was sometimes able to buy some fish or meat for my children," says Marina. "But now, I feel sad because I cannot give them enough food. I feel helpless."

Enis is a pastor at the local Compassion child development centre where Marina's 10-year-old son Santiago is registered. "When children come here, we can provide them at least one meal for that day," says Enis. "If they don't have food at home, they will at least have a nutritious lunch at the centre."

With help from Compassion, the church also delivers food baskets to children's homes so their families don't miss out. **"Thank you for helping children who ask God for food—and hope for Him to respond**," says Enis.

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.

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**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.
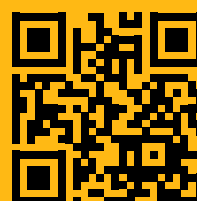
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01 GIVE TODAY

Your tax-deductible donation will help provide short-term aid and long-term solutions.
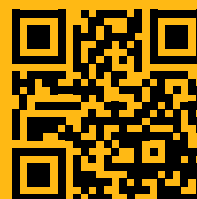
To give, visit **cmpsn.co/stophunger** or scan the QR code.

02 EXPLORE MORE

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

To learn more, visit **cmpsn.co/explore** or scan the QR code.

03 GET INVOLVED

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

To sign-up, visit **cmpsn.co/challenge** or scan the QR code.

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