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Ghana



The Global Food Crisis in Ghana



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Along the Gulf of Guinea lies the vibrant West African country of Ghana. The local population are relaxed and hospitable, and they deeply respect family values and honouring elders.

Poverty remains widespread and is concentrated in rural regions of northern Ghana.

Trafficking and forced labour are serious threats for Ghanaian children in poverty, alongside their vastly inadequate access to clean water and sanitation facilities.



ACCRA

2004

PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN

Over 400

LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS

Over 97,500

CHILDREN SUPPORTED

Primary Diet

INCLUDES CASSAVA, PLANTAINS, MAIZE AND FISH



Ghana 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



Ghana



61.2% OF POPULATION
cannot afford a healthy diet

14% OF CHILDREN
under 5 have stunted growth*

1.8 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*



Baking: a welcome relief

Ivy is the project director of a Compassion centre on the outskirts of Accra, Ghana's capital city. She knows firsthand that **one of the best ways to care for children is to empower their parents.**

“If we pay school fees and hospital bills but there's no food to eat at home, then we haven't done our job thoroughly,” says Ivy.

Food prices in Ghana are jumping higher each month. Caregivers are burdened with this expense—a significant financial toll but a much more serious cost on the lives and wellbeing of their children.

That's why Ivy and her local church launched a new initiative to train caregivers with income-generating skills. With support from Compassion, the centre purchased an industrial oven. They engaged a local chef to run a two-month intensive course teaching parents how to bake bread and other foods.

Cordelia, a mother of two, was one of the caregivers who attended. She's keenly put her knowledge to use and started a small business selling kebabs.

“I wake up with a sense of fulfilment because I can do something to support my family. It makes me proud,” says Cordelia. “Things are tough and goods are expensive, but at least we have a way out. We aren't stranded.”



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.



01

GIVE TODAY

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

To give, visit cmprsn.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 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 or scan the QR code.





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