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Kenya



# The Global Food Crisis in Kenya

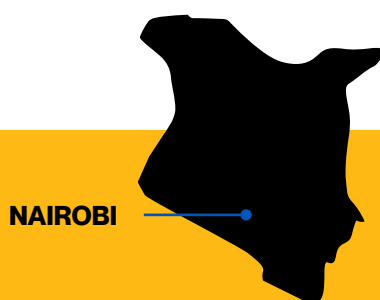
 Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name



# Kenya

Kenya encompasses wild safaris, lakes and mountain highlands. The nomadic Maasai community live in rural southern Kenya and are easily recognised by their red clothing and beaded jewellery.

In urban areas, Kenya is a leader in technology and innovation in Africa. Yet, **poverty remains pronounced and drought and vast inequality are partly to blame**. Inadequate medical care is an issue in many rural areas, and families are often forced to walk long distances to find help.



## 1980

**PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN**

## Over 460

**LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS**

## Over 135,000

**CHILDREN SUPPORTED**

## Primary Diet

**INCLUDES MAIZE, RICE, BEANS AND POTATO**



**Kenya 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



**Kenya**



**81.1% OF POPULATION**  
cannot afford a healthy diet

**19% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 have stunted growth\*

**14 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*



## Unpredictable rain

Dark clouds hang above Kitui, signalling the advent of the wet season. Yet the rain doesn't fall. And so it has been for the past three rainy seasons in eastern and northern Kenya, where drought has been declared a national disaster. Local families live in desperation. Catherine and her three children are no exception.

**“Rain used to be predictable,” says Catherine. “It rained constantly, and I knew when to plant and harvest.”**

As a single mother, Catherine collects and sells firewood to provide for her children. She also farms millet, cowpeas and mung beans every year, but the prolonged drought and a devastating locust invasion in 2021 have destroyed her crops. That's when the local church stepped in.

Stella, Catherine's 8-year-old daughter, is sponsored through Compassion. This support helps the local church to deliver extra food baskets to the family as the drought continues.

“The food we received from the church came as a relief,” says Catherine. “I had been considering leaving my mother with the children so I could look for work elsewhere.”

With support from her church, Catherine can focus on paying school fees, knowing there is food at home for her children. Benedict, a local worker at Stella's Compassion centre, knows that the biggest need of food insecure families is water.

**“The land is fertile, but without water, food cannot grow,”** says Benedict. “As a church, we're working to educate parents on new agricultural practices and more sustainable methods of food production without relying on rain.”



# 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.

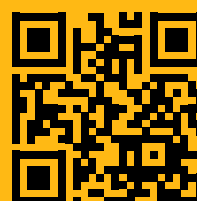


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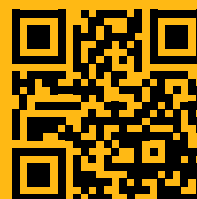


## 02

### 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.



## 03

### GET INVOLVED

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

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