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Uganda



# The Global Food Crisis in Uganda

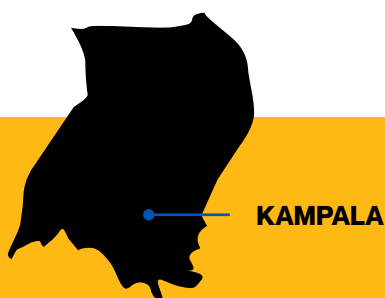
Releasing children from poverty  
**Compassion**  
in Jesus' name



# Uganda

Uganda has one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the world. **Poverty affects close to half of all local children.** The highest rates are in rural areas and girls are disproportionately affected.

Many Ugandans continue to deal with the aftermath of the brutal two-decade long civil war which terrorised the country's north until 2006 and created a severe humanitarian crisis.



## 1980

**PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION BEGAN**

## Over 470

**LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERS**

## Over 137,000

**CHILDREN SUPPORTED**

## Primary Diet

**INCLUDES CASSAVA, BANANAS, BEANS AND RICE**



**Uganda 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



**Uganda**



**82.2% OF POPULATION**  
cannot afford a healthy diet

**28% OF CHILDREN**  
under 5 have stunted growth\*

**10.6 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*





## Raiders in the night

On the night Eli's family were robbed, he ran for his life. Raiders in Karamoja, Uganda are known to steal cattle and food before killing any males in the family to prevent retaliation. So when Eli heard his gate creak open, he rushed outside and threw himself behind a bush to hide.

When dawn broke, Eli crept back inside to see if anything could be salvaged. The raiders stole 57 chickens, his family's clothing, food and other household items. But the most significant loss was Eli's savings of \$158 from his business.

**“The shop was growing and helping the family, but the enemy came and took everything. Now my business has collapsed,”**  
**Eli says.**

Raiders aren't the only reason Eli and his neighbours lose sleep. They worry about inflation and the rising cost of food. They worry about increasingly unpredictable weather. They worry about the lack of water and shrinking sorghum harvests.

Eli's 5-year-old daughter Alice is registered in Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program at their local church. Because of this support, their family was provided with 20 kilograms of flour and 13 kilograms of beans after the robbery.

While immediate food relief is essential at this point, the church is exploring long-term solutions to fight hunger—like irrigation—so people can farm all year round. **Through his struggle, Eli says he is grateful to the local church for making a difference for his family.-**



# 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.

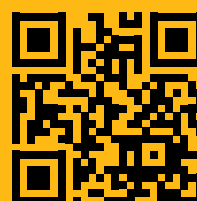


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## **GIVE TODAY**

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

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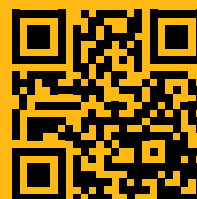


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## **EXPLORE MORE**

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

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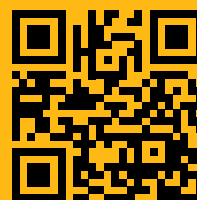


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## **GET INVOLVED**

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

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