

World Food Day

World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945.

The day is celebrated widely by many other organisations concerned with food security, including the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Across the globe, many different events are organized to raise awareness of problems in food supply and distribution and to raise money to support projects to aid in the cultivation of food plants and the distribution of food.

A World Food Day official symbol consists of three abstract human figures harvesting, distributing and sharing food. The figures are depicted in a bluish-grey color and the food in an orange shade. This draws attention to the food. The whole image aims to bring attention to the necessity and joy of growing, harvesting and distributing food.

2018 theme: Zero Hunger

World Food Day is about Zero Hunger – a Global Goal for the world to achieve together.

We have 15 years to end hunger for every child, women and man around the world. Reaching it will save countless lives and build brighter futures for us all. Help us ensure the world does not forget the promise it has made by sharing [#ZeroHunger](#) in your community.



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8 Reasons Why Zero Hunger Changes the World

- 1) Zero hunger could save the lives of **3.1 million children a year**
- 2) Well-nourished mothers have **healthier babies** with stronger immune systems
- 3) Ending child undernutrition could increase a developing country's **GDP by 16.5 percent**
- 4) A dollar invested in hunger prevention could return **between \$15 and \$139 in benefits**
- 5) Proper nutrition early in life could mean **46 percent more in lifetime earnings**
- 6) Eliminating iron deficiency in a population could **boost workplace productivity by 20 percent**
- 7) Ending nutrition-related child mortality could **increase a workforce by 9.4 percent**
- 8) Zero hunger can help build a **safer, more prosperous world** for everyone

