



820 million people+ don't have enough to eat<sup>1</sup>

**FEEDING THE HUNGER SOLUTION**



“What’s for dinner?” “I’m starving.” “There’s nothing here to eat.” They’re common phrases often uttered without thinking. The fact is, for many, “What’s for dinner” implies a choice of nutritious

food. “I’m starving” translates to “I haven’t eaten in a few hours.” And while we may not have all ingredients to make tonight’s meal, our refrigerators and pantries are, by all accounts, well-stocked. Those are the good facts.

For some, these are the harsh realities: “What’s for dinner?” really means “Will there be any dinner?” And “I’m starving” means exactly that. Someone is starving.

“LCIF’s Hunger grants help communities become stronger and healthier.”

Chronic hunger and undernutrition affect many in Australia, impacting children’s ability to focus in school; workers’ productivity and contributions to economic growth<sup>2</sup>; and senior citizens’ fight of infection, due to weakened immune systems<sup>3</sup>.

Now, with Hunger grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions can be an even greater part of the solution. “Hunger is pervasive worldwide,” said Eveline Chandra, past council chair in Indonesia. “LCIF’s Hunger grants will support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centres, and similar facilities. We’re helping communities become stronger and healthier.”

Hunger



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# Hunger... a Complicated Challenge

Despite global production sufficient to feed the entire population, chronic hunger remains a chronic problem. Political and economic instability, rising food and energy prices, and climate change all contribute to this sad truth: Hunger-related challenges are urgent – even in Australia.

**>1 in 5**

Australians have run out of food and been unable to buy more<sup>4</sup>

**1 in 3**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children doesn't get enough fresh fruits and vegetables<sup>6</sup>



**% rise in people seeking food relief**

since 2018:

- Northern Territory 27
- Western Australia 20
- Queensland 24
- New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory 23
- South Australia 15
- Victoria 25
- Tasmania 18<sup>5</sup>

## THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, HUNGER LOOKS LIKE THIS:

**1 in 9**

people is chronically hungry<sup>7</sup>

Chances of food insecurity ~10% higher for women<sup>8</sup>

At least

**50% of children**

under age 5 have hidden hunger

lack of essential nutrients<sup>9</sup>

**2 billion**

people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food<sup>10</sup>

25% of children are stunted due to lack of nutritious food<sup>11</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

[lcif.org/hunger](http://lcif.org/hunger)

## Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Hunger is increasing steadily. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

**HUNGER GRANTS**  
support school feeding programs, food banks, feeding centres, etc.

US\$10,000 - US\$100,000

**MATCHING GRANTS**  
fund construction and equipment costs

US\$10,000 - US\$100,000

**DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**  
apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

**LEO SERVICE GRANTS**  
fund Leo-led projects

US\$1,500 - US\$5,000

SOURCES/NOTE: <sup>1</sup>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; <sup>2</sup>The World Bank; <sup>3</sup>Mayo Clinic; <sup>4</sup>Foodbank; <sup>5</sup>Dietitians Association of Australia; <sup>6</sup>World Health Organization; <sup>7</sup>WhyHunger; <sup>8</sup>UNICEF; <sup>9</sup>United Nations: grant limits subject to change



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LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Hunger is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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