

Canada announces support for Action Against Hunger's life-saving programs in eight countries



Thanks to recently announced support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Action Against Hunger/ Action contre la Faim will be able to provide humanitarian support to more than 205,000 people in eight countries over the next 12 months.

The support varies depending on the humanitarian needs – from providing treatment to children and infants with severe acute malnutrition in the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to support for livelihoods and economic recovery in the Philippines and Yemen.

Additional funding will go toward improving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in Afghanistan, Colombia and Nigeria, and to the provision of mental health and psychosocial services in Iraq.

“Global Affairs Canada and Action Against Hunger Canada have a strong track record of working together successfully to address humanitarian emergencies around the world,” said Danny Glenwright, Action Against Hunger’s Executive Director. “This is increasingly important considering that overall humanitarian needs have become both more acute and difficult to treat where they are occurring: two challenges we’re working to mitigate with this generous funding from the Canadian government.”

Action Against Hunger is a globally recognized international humanitarian organization with a presence in more than 45 countries. Action Against Hunger staff provide emergency relief and focus on severe malnutrition, while also tackling the underlying causes of hunger and working with local systems to transform short-term interventions into sustainable, long-term solutions.

“Here at Action Against Hunger, we have put ending hunger at the forefront of our agenda and now, more than ever, malnutrition must be addressed as a top priority,” said Glenwright. “We want to thank the Government of Canada for continuing to be a strong partner in the fight against hunger, allowing us to address the needs of thousands of people around the world who are suffering from the impacts of conflicts and natural disasters.

See below for a full list of those programs supported by Global Affairs Canada.

Afghanistan: Integrated emergency nutrition and WASH response to reduce excess child morbidity and mortality in Helmand province of Afghanistan.

Central African Republic: Integrated response to severe acute malnutrition in Bangui and surrounding areas in the post-crisis period.

Colombia: Emergency WASH response to men, women, boys, and girls affected by armed conflict in the departments of Putumayo and Nariño, Colombia.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Multi-sectoral response to meet the essential needs of the most vulnerable populations in North Kivu.

Nigeria: Emergency assistance for insurgency-affected populations in Yobe state, North Eastern Nigeria.

Philippines: Quick impact livelihood support to armed conflict and natural disaster-affected population in Southcentral Mindanao, Philippines.

Yemen: Emergency food security and livelihoods support for the crisis-affected population of Yemen – governorates of Al Hudaydah, Lahj and Abyan.

Iraq: Emergency response to meet immediate mental health and care practice and livelihoods needs of Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities affected by the ongoing conflict in Iraq.

About Action Against Hunger

Action Against Hunger saves the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its vision of a world without hunger for more than three decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disaster, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 7,000 staff in more than 45 countries, our innovative programs in nutrition, food security and livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene, reach more than 13 million people each year, restoring self-sufficiency to vulnerable populations throughout the world.

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