

International Hunger Relief



Need - Long-term hunger relief is critical for regions where food production is affected by a changing climate and struggling economy.

Strategy - OBI is providing food security for impoverished communities through the construction of food banks in Africa, garden projects and fish farms in Burkina Faso and Senegal, goat projects in Bulgaria, and community farm projects in countries like Peru, Niger, and Indonesia.

International Hunger Relief Facts and Points of Interest

1. Six million children under the age of 5 die every year as a result of hunger.
2. In any given year, between 5 and 10 percent of hunger relief needs happen because of droughts or floods; armed conflict; political, social and economic disruptions.
3. Fifty-four countries cannot produce enough food for their current population or have the resources to purchase the needed food.



There in Time of Need

Stomping out Starvation

Latin America

Mexico – Fighting malnutrition
Peru – Family farms
Guatemala – Family farms

Asia

Indonesia – Community farm
Philippines – Nutritional feeding

Europe and Middle East

Angola & Ukraine – Food distribution
Romania – Soup kitchen
India – Holiday of Hope
Ukraine – Free café for the poor
India – Campaign against hunger

Africa

Senegal – Fish farming
South Africa – Tunnel farms
Niger – Food banks for famine relief and family farms
Burundi – Rice distribution

Food Crisis In Haiti

Haiti – Triple hurricanes, food riots and inflation have all added to a growing hunger crisis in Haiti.

But thanks to a partnership between World Concern and Operation Blessing, a little rice will go a long way in helping hungry families.

The small island produces less than half of its own food and imports the rest. Then when drought hit the region last year followed by three hurricanes, crops were destroyed, creating a widespread food shortage.

OBI linked up with World Concern to ship two 40-foot containers filled with soy-enriched rice to the country – enough to provide more than half a million meals to residents.

The distribution was done by partners of the AERDO HIV/AIDS Alliance in Haiti with the goal of providing nutritional support to those who are most vulnerable and at-risk.

“People often go to bed without eating,” said Christon Domond, World Concern’s country director in Haiti. “Haitian radio is reporting that some even resort to eating dirt mixed with salt that is made into a ‘pizza.’”

The rice was particularly helpful for one grandmother who is the sole caregiver for her nine grandchildren after their mother died of AIDS. She sells charcoal to buy



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what little rice she can to feed the children, usually amounting to just one meal a day.

“Hopefully God will always find a little bit of something to give the children,” she said. “I am very happy to receive the rice.”

The food was distributed in allotments of 12 bags, or 72 servings, per family. Families were also given instructions on how to cook and preserve the food.

OBI and World Concern recently shipped a third container of soy-enriched rice, adding another 135,000 meals for distribution.



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Call to Action

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