The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to alleviate hunger and eliminate root causes by learning alongside grant partners, 23 presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, 85 Hunger Action Congregations, and more than 200 Earth Care Congregations.

In 2017, YOU helped PHP to support 125 partners, with $1.1 million dollars in grants, to make an impact across the United States and in 21 other countries.

Why are people hungry?
With partners on the ground, we have identified three major areas that address root causes of hunger. People are hungry because they need:

- **More and better food**
  People lack sufficient food and have insufficient access to money, seeds, land, water, equipment, or training to feed themselves and their family. Better also means everyone in the food production process was treated fairly.

- **Solidarity**
  The solidarity work we do with vulnerable communities includes changing unfair structures and passage of more just policies—around wages, labor, trade and job opportunities.

- **A more livable environment**
  A healthy environment is a necessity to ending hunger and poverty and the reverse also is true: the pollution, extraction, and harm done to the environment significantly worsens social and economic conditions for people who are hungry.

“to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke…then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall go before you” Isaiah 58:6-7
**More and Better Food**

- **380,000 students** now have access to healthy, regionally-sourced and fair food—due to partner work that passed the Good Food Purchasing Policies in Chicago.
- **126,610 pounds of local, organically-grown food** distributed across the U.S.
- **19 granaries and peasant homes** built internationally.
- Nearly **2,000 pounds of native, quality seeds** distributed to farmers.
- **289 animals** provided to vulnerable communities.
- **4,648 American families fed** throughout the growing season by grant partners.
- Small change adds up! $39,744 raised in Cents-ability for local and national hunger in 2017.

**Solidarity with People**

- Congregation-Based Community Organizing (CBCO) groups helped to **generate $20 million** in Louisville and Knoxville for affordable housing.
- In Ohio and D.C., nearly **2,000 housing units** built for homeless veterans and low-income citizens.
- **52,000 daily riders** saved $13 million through reduced fares and free transfers in North Nashville, a historically-Black community.
- **5,316 clergy, wage theft monitors, human rights trainees, organizers, policy advocates, and indigenous leaders** attended intensive trainings in the U.S.
- **200,000 people**—in 487 training and capacity building sessions globally—developed skills in nutrition, agroecology, pest and water management, collective voice, land rights, and more.
- **5,600 loans** distributed for income generating projects and cooperatives.
- **66 radio shows and media events** on key poverty and hunger concerns.
- **27,000 signatures** collected for international campaigns.

**More Livable Environment**

- **94,804 trees and seedlings** planted around the world.
- **51 water pumps, wells, and water catchment systems** for food production and food security.
- **30 toilets** built for sanitation, health, and safety.
- **165 acres of land released** back to communities—with 77 more acres scheduled to be returned in 2018.
- **47 open field farms and gardens** created by international grant partners.
- **Over 200 certified PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations** helped care for the environment with green buildings, worship, outreach, and education.
- **More than 1,000 congregations used Eco-Palms** and 834 Presbyterian congregations purchased nearly $150,000 of Fairly Traded coffee.

**How Can You Get Involved?**

Go to [www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger) to:

- Learn more and educate others about root causes of hunger.
- Act and advocate in solidarity with people.
- Give generously to PHP (H999999) and One Great Hour of Sharing (OG999999).