



There is enough food in the world for everyone. But because of poor access and distribution, extreme weather, conflict and political instability, many don't have enough to survive. Even with all the progress the world has made in the last decades, people are still suffering from extreme hunger in four countries where famine was declared in 2017: Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan, and Nigeria.

Nyakiw said that when they were dependent on food aid, they went hungry if it didn't arrive, and they received only starchy foods, not nutritious vegetables. Now she sells okra in the market. "This project has reduced our trauma as you can see, I am here smiling and sharing stories with other women. After this I have some food to take home."

(Hope Restoration South Sudan)

An official declaration of famine means that at least 20% of households face an extreme lack of food, and people are dying every day due to hunger. Conflicts, war, natural disasters, and climate change are often the causes. In many other places where famine hasn't been declared, families and communities are suffering from extreme hunger. These places include Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Chad.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, supports partners around the world who are working in their communities to identify reasons *why* people are hungry and to work toward long term solutions. Together, we work so that people have more and better food, stand in solidarity and speak up for justice, and support those who are working toward a healthier environment so that people can live sustainably.

In the fall of 2018, the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) Advisory Committee voted to begin supporting the work of a partner in each of the four countries where famine had been most recently declared.



Somalia has been affected by conflict, cyclic drought, and historic floods. The response of our partner, *Kaalmo Relief and Development*, has included emergency food distribution and irrigation canals & rain-water catchments to support farmer and agro-pastoral households.



In **Yemen**, war has left more than 8.4 million people at risk of starvation. The response of our partner, *Generations Without Qat*, has included the distribution of fishing kits, goats to provide milk, support for income generating activities, and skills or capacity building trainings.



South Sudan has been affected by flooding, civil war, food insecurity, and gender-based violence. The response of our partner, *Hope Restoration South Sudan*, has included seeds, tools, and agricultural training for women and girls, as well as case management support for women survivors of gender-based violence and awareness training for men and women.



In northeast **Nigeria**, the violence of Boko Haram has caused death, destruction, and displacement. Our partner, *Civil Society for Poverty Eradication*, has provided support for families returning home to places where their houses and farms had been destroyed, and for host communities whose resources were stretched thin. The response has included agricultural training, seeds, water pumps, agricultural processing equipment, and support for community-based savings and loans groups.

The need is immense, and we want to continue this work.

Our partners around the world are working to address the underlying causes of hunger, and when necessary, to also provide emergency assistance. PHP continues to support this work, and we invite you to join us. You can learn more, give, and find resources at www.pcusa.org/phpfamine.

Please note that your gift is for "extreme hunger and famine," whether giving online, or by mailing a check to:

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