May 28, 2020 is the 10th Annual World Hunger Day and we’re bringing awareness to the more than 820 million people living in chronic hunger during an unprecedented global crisis. On World Hunger Day – and every day – we ask the world to come together with a shared goal of realizing healthy, fulfilling lives of self-reliance and dignity for all people. Current events have illustrated that we are all linked – our individual and collective actions affect each other and our shared planet. We’re seeing, in real time, that the solutions to our greatest challenges lie within each of us and our communities.

The UN World Food Programme Executive Director, David Beasley announced that, at the same time that we are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are also on the brink of a hunger pandemic. Influences such as this pandemic, climate change or economic turbulence affect millions of people on the cusp of food insecurity because of price hikes or breaks in the food supply chain. The reality is, COVID-19’s impact is taking us further and further away from the Sustainable Development Goal of ending all forms of hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

This global challenge calls for a global response. As we face this together, it is critical that the very people in crisis are empowered to address it powerfully in their communities – no matter where they live.

Facts and Figures
(Source: FAO/UN/SOFI 2019 unless otherwise indicated)

- In 2019, 183 million people were classified in Stressed condition – at the cusp of acute hunger and at risk of slipping into Crisis or worse if faced with a shock or stressor, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Leading up to the coronavirus pandemic, more than 820 million people were living in chronic hunger, including 110 million people who were living in acute food insecurity.
- Every major outbreak in recent memory — Ebola, SARS, MERS — has had both direct and indirect negative impacts on food security.
- COVID-19 poses a great threat to nations lacking robust social safety nets. Safety-net systems are critical lifelines to help stem the negative economic and nutritional impacts of COVID-19. Many developing countries, however, lack safety-net systems to fill that void. In fact, less than 20% of people living in low-income countries have access to social protections of any kind, and even fewer have access to food-based safety nets.
Hashtags: #WorldHungerDay, #WHD, #WHD2020, #endhunger #zerohunger
Please also tag the official @WorldHungerDay Twitter in your posts where possible and we will re-tweet!

General

● On #WorldHungerDay we’re bringing awareness to the fact that #hunger is a Global Issue requiring a Global Response. www.worldhungerday.org

● After steadily declining for a decade, chronic hunger has increased due to global conflicts, climate change and now we’re facing the impact of a global pandemic. But long-term sustainable interventions *are* working and together we can find new ways to build inclusive, cohesive and resilient communities. #WorldHungerDay! www.worldhungerday.org

● Ending chronic hunger sustainably is about lifting up and celebrating human dignity. Learn how you can empower women and men to become the agents of their own development this #WorldHungerDay at http://www.worldhungerday.org/

● It’s #WorldHungerDay on May 28th! The sustainable end of hunger can only happen when communities who are living in poverty are empowered to become agents of their own development and change their future.

● What actions do you take in your community as part of your commitment to ending hunger? This #WorldHungerDay share your message and be part of the movement for the sustainable end of world hunger.

Empowering Communities

● Community-Led Development places decision-making power and resources in the hands of local communities. This is vital for the sustainable end of hunger. Join us to celebrate #WorldHungerDay on May 28th, and help spread awareness by sharing this post! #WHD2020 www.worldhungerday.org
Empowering Women

- 60% of the world’s hungry are women. This #WorldHungerDay, let their voices be heard. Let’s empower women to unleash their leadership in their communities, and have access to training and skills to improve their lives and support their families.
  www.worldhungerday.org

Empowering Girls

- #WorldHungerDay on May 28th highlights solutions to hunger and poverty. #ChildMarriage harms a girl’s development and perpetuates the “Cycle of Malnutrition.” Help us end child marriage to end hunger. (Full image available here)

Education

- Did you know education & literacy are crucial to breaking the cycle of poverty that results in hunger? Empowering communities with educational initiatives for all ages, from preschools to adult literacy classes is critical to ending hunger. Help us spread awareness of this #WorldHungerDay, May 28! Learn more, and SHARE THIS POST.

Environment and Climate Change

- #Climatechange increases the frequency of droughts, floods and natural disasters. Support communities as they become resilient to climate change through #sustainable agricultural solutions. #WorldHungerDay

Additional Links and Resources

- World Hunger Day Website: http://worldhungerday.org/
- World Hunger Day Twitter: https://twitter.com/worldhungerday
- FAO Global Report on Food Crises reveals scope of food crises in the face of COVID-19
- World Food Programme: Women and Hunger
- World Food Programme: The Power of Gender Equality for Food Security
- Global Network Against Food Crisis + FSIN 2020 Global Report on Food Crisis
- FAO’s The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (2019)
- UNICEF’s Progress for Every Child in the SDG Era (2019)

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