

EXTREME HUNGER APPEAL

Millions of people at risk of starvation in parts of Africa and the Middle East

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Extreme hunger and starvation in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen have reached grave levels. More than 20 million people are at risk for starvation, while millions more suffer from drought and food shortages.

The UN is calling this the largest humanitarian crisis since 1945.

United Church partners the World Council of Churches (WCC) and All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) have this message for people of faith around the world:

More people face famine today than any time in modern history.

We are not only called to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in dire situations in a compassionate, timely, and sufficient manner. We are also commanded to see the divine in those who are suffering and to appreciate their resilience, opinions, and solutions—and to respect their dignity as we respond.

May our prayers invoke the grace of God, and mobilize people to bring about peace and an end to hunger and violence!

—General Secretaries Olav Tveit (WCC) and Andre Karamaga (AACC)

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”*

—Matthew 25:35



A girl carries water in a camp for over 5,000 internally displaced persons in an Episcopal Church compound in Wau, South Sudan. Credit: Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

A child cooks over a fire in a camp for over 5,000 internally displaced persons in an Episcopal Church compound in Wau, South Sudan. Credit: Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance



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What You Can Do

- ➔ **PRAY** for an end to global hunger.
- ➔ **DONATE** to the United Church's Extreme Hunger Appeal at www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal.
- ➔ **ACT** to address the climate change that affects farming in these regions.
- ➔ **SUPPORT** political leaders seeking peace, the resolution of conflict, and just food systems.

Prayer for Extreme Hunger

Creator,
We pray, with others around the world,
for those facing extreme hunger and starvation in
South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya, and Yemen.

Redeemer,
Let us be part of a world response
that cares for all people in need with love.

Sustainer,
Help us, with others, answer the call to end famine
and eradicate poverty.

Amen.

—Alydia Smith

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