



THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA

Food Security



The Issue

'Food security' means people have access to enough safe and nutritious food to live healthy, active lives. When this isn't the case, it's called 'food insecurity'.

Unfortunately, food insecurity currently affects many people around the world. The World Food Programme (WFP) estimates that in the 68 countries where data is available, 318 million people are facing acute hunger.¹ This matters because ensuring that people have enough to eat is both a fundamental act of compassion and an issue of justice. Where there is food insecurity, there's often a ripple effect: families can be displaced within or across countries, and displaced people are among the most vulnerable groups in the world.

The main causes of food insecurity are conflict, extreme weather, and economic shocks such as inflation or price surges. Children are especially vulnerable, as malnutrition can seriously hinder their growth and development.

¹ World Food Program. (2026). <https://www.wfp.org/global-hunger-crisis>



How can I get involved?

- Pray for communities facing hunger and malnutrition.
- Reduce food waste in your own home.
- Give to international development programs. You can donate [here](#).
- Make an intentional effort to [learn](#) about global food security, and share what you learn with others.

For more information...

- [Goal 2 - United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [World Food Program](#)
- [Hunger Map - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#)
- [The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission - Goal 2 Overview](#)
- [The Salvation Army Australia - Food Insecurity in Australia Report 2025](#)