



CALL FOR ACTION

WORLD FOOD DAY 2022

Leave NO ONE behind

“Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life”

The World Food Day 2022 focus on the theme **“Leave NO ONE behind - “Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life”**..On the occasion of this World Food Day, FIMARC is calling along with FAO on countries and other stakeholders to implement concrete initiatives to create a world without hunger. The World Food Day is celebrated on October 16, which marks the creation of FAO in 1945.

Importance of the theme

Although some progress have made towards building a better world, too many people have been left behind. People who are unable to benefit from human development, innovation or economic growth. In fact, millions of people around the world cannot afford a healthy diet, putting them at high risk of food insecurity and malnutrition. But ending hunger isn't only about supply. Enough food is produced today to feed everyone on the planet. The problem is access and availability of nutritious food, which is increasingly impeded by multiple challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, climate change, inequality, rising prices and international tensions

Better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life.

Our globalized world is one where our economies, cultures, and populations are becoming increasingly interconnected. Some of us are vulnerable because of who we are or where we live, but the reality is that we are all fragile. When someone is left behind, a chain is broken. This impacts not only the life of that person, but also ours.

In the face of global crises, global solutions are needed more than ever. By aiming for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, we can transform agrifood systems and build forward better by implementing sustainable and holistic solutions that consider development in the long term, inclusive economic growth, and greater resilience.

Collective action across countries worldwide is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. WFD promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all, leaving no one behind.

World Food Day 2022 is being marked in a year with multiple global challenges including the ongoing pandemic, conflict, climate change, rising prices and international tensions. All of this is affecting global food security. It's time to work together and create a better, more sustainable future for all.

Three years into the pandemic, two things have come into sharp relief. One is how interconnected our economies and lives are. The other is that on the road to recovery, too many people are being left behind and are unable to benefit equally from innovation and prosperity. Battered by conflict, economic crises, inequality, the climate crisis and rising food prices, today, 3.1 billion people around the world still cannot afford a healthy diet. Paradoxically, two out of three people living in extreme poverty live in rural settings and mostly rely on agriculture for their livelihood. In the face

of a global hunger crisis, we need to harness the power of solidarity and collective action to build a sustainable world where everyone has regular access to enough nutritious food.

Global hunger at a new high

Hunger is still on the rise and affected as many as 828 million people in 2021 and 2022 is likely to prove worse. Some 750 000 people are living in famine conditions in five countries (Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen). In some parts of the world, people are dying from starvation and children are losing their chance of a healthy future due to severe malnutrition. Conflict, economic slowdowns and downturns, the climate emergency and environmental degradation are major drivers of food insecurity and global hunger. So are the knock-on effects of COVID-19, which have disrupted supply chains and limited people's ability to earn a living. The war in Ukraine has further exacerbated the situation by preventing access to staple grains from that region, one of the world's major breadbaskets, for major importing countries, and by increasing the cost of inputs, especially fertilizers, making them less affordable for farmers and affecting the planting of staple food crops and other nutritious foods for the next season. As a result, prices have increased even more and could tip millions more over the edge into hunger and malnutrition. Hunger, malnutrition and poverty are harder to overcome when you live in war, conflict or an area prone to natural hazards. In recent decades, an increasing number of crises have evolved from catastrophic, short-term events to longer-term protracted crises where many kinds of shocks combine and, over time, leave an increasing number of people behind.

What governments can do

- Use people-centred data to identify who is being left behind and why, and design policies that close the gap.
- Use early warning information to alert communities to upcoming threats and link these to anticipatory action to protect lives and livelihoods ahead of a crisis.
- Make institutions inclusive, transparent and accountable, and ensure investments and policies recognize links between economic, social and environmental challenges.
- Ensure equal access to social protection.
- Invest in data decision-making, science, technology and innovation.
- Make healthy diets affordable and promote them..
- Create more resilient, sustainable and diverse supply chains, including by growing a variety of nutritious foods domestically.
- Make food reserves available to countries vulnerable to famine and hunger and work with international financial institutions to provide financial liquidity.
- Give a voice, tools and training to those on the margins, to ensure active participation of all in agrifood systems.
- Prevent food loss and waste, and promote responsible consumption.

What businesses, NGOs and research institutions can do

- Pioneer responsible production practices, source sustainably produced ingredients, reduce waste and opt for more sustainable packaging.
- Produce and promote affordable, nutritious foods, including as a core part of humanitarian response.
- Prioritize human rights and accountability.
- Support international and local organizations when working in developing countries.

- Improve access to finance for agrifood system actors and make markets more inclusive, involving smallholders, women, young people and Indigenous Peoples.
- Offer skills-based training, encourage knowledge sharing and improve local infrastructure.
- Invest in small scale family farming

FAST FACTS

- ✚ 3.1 billion people – almost 40% of the world’s population – cannot afford a healthy diet.
- ✚ Some 193 million people required humanitarian assistance for their survival in 2021.
- ✚ Conflict was the main driver of high acute food insecurity for 139 million people across 24 countries and territories in 2021.
- ✚ While as many as 828 million go hungry, 1 in 8 adults is obese, a problem on the rise in all regions of the world.
- ✚ More than 80% of the extreme poor live in rural areas.
- ✚ Two-thirds of those experiencing high acute food insecurity are rural food producers.
- ✚ Globally, women are 15% more likely than men to be moderately or severely food insecure.
- ✚ Indigenous Peoples are guardians of 80% of the world’s terrestrial biodiversity on 22% of the Earth’s surface. Yet, they suffer higher rates of poverty, malnutrition and internal displacement.
- ✚ 160 million children are engaged in child labour. The agriculture sector accounts for more than 70% of child labour worldwide.

FIMARC CALLS TO ACTION

This World Food Day is an occasion to focus our attention for the realization of Zero Hunger World through healthy diets. Run up to the World Food day 2022, We would like to call upon all our member movements around the world to take up concrete actions in your movements in relation to the theme of the year. We thank all the movements that were involved in various actions last year.

Some proposals of actions in line with the theme of the World Food Day 2022 are mentioned below. But each movement can organise activities based on their own reality.

What we all can do

- Keep informed on global threats to food security and nutrition and the solutions at hand.
- Call on local decision-makers to take action to support the most vulnerable.
- Donate time, and resources to development and relief organizations and causes in

your community.

- Buy only what we need and avoid waste with proper storage and creative meal planning. • Choose local foods, cut down on resource intensive products including excessive packaging and eat seasonal produce.
- Support smallholder producers by shopping at farmers' markets and looking out for labels indicating support for smallholders.
- *Growing food at home is fun and a way to learn about plants and appreciate them, while improving your diet!*

❖ **Other General actions**

- *Organise Recreation and sports activities such as a run, a march, a walk or even a marathon against hunger and malnutrition.*
- *Organize conferences, debates and public round tables with political leaders, educators, scientists and farmers*
- *Organise Corner meetings ,press conference , press release or demonstrations on the topic to raise the awareness of the society*
- *Organise one day volunteer work to save money and to support hunger eradication projects in your own places or send to the FIMARC World Food Day fund to support other people who are in need around the world*
- *Make awareness raising activities and campaiings on WFD theme 2022*

During this world food day of 2022, FIMARC requests all its member movements to have deep reflections, actions on **“.Leave NO ONE behind Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life ”**and to Lobby the governments for the same. We urge all the members to organise a common action day to raise awareness on this topic and send us the news about your activities. We need to build a sustainable world where everyone, everywhere has regular access to enough nutritious food. No one should be left behind.

Wish you all the best for your world food day actions of 2022

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