



WhyHunger



MAKING AN
IMPACT

WITH WhyHunger

**RAPID
RESPONSE**



FOOD IS LIFE

Food is our most basic human right, and a fundamental building block of a healthy, dignified life. Around the globe, WhyHunger works to end hunger by investing in solutions that nourish people long-term. We're helping to scale urban and rural farming, agroecology training, community-run markets and food co-ops, and more.

Natural and human-made disasters are a major threat to food access and security. To effectively do their work to end hunger, communities must be able to weather emergencies and recover from crises.



[We] would like to thank WhyHunger for your immediate response after Hurricane María and direct support to our base of farmers, farmworkers and food sovereignty activists on the island. Hurricane María gave a strong hit to Puerto Rico and its agriculture....but we already have seeds in the ground and have been able to harvest plants.

Jesús Vázquez, National Coordination, Organization Boricúa of Ecological Agriculture of Puerto Rico

When disaster strikes, there's an overwhelming desire to help.

Amid chaos and bureaucracy, though, it can be hard to know if resources are getting to the people and places that need them most. Our grassroots partners, already living, working and growing food in their communities, are the true first responders when crisis strikes. Before international aid arrives, they're digging out roads, delivering food and water, cleaning up homes and farms, and searching for the missing. And their work continues long after media attention moves on.

Founded in 2017, WhyHunger's Rapid Response Fund supports people worldwide who are impacted by natural disasters, climate events, and economic and political upheaval. Our funds go directly to trusted partners, providing immediate resources for recovery and a long-term commitment to accompany them as they rebuild.

WhyHunger's crisis intervention efforts and Rapid Response Fund include:

- Our **Hunger Hotline & online Find Food services** that connect millions of people each year to healthy, local food and essential services.
- Funding to distribute **food, water, clothes, medication, and hygiene supplies** to impacted communities.
- Support for urban and rural farmers to **scale up sustainable food production, rebuild farms, and expand local distribution infrastructure.**
- Funding to **repair homes and communities** and invest in infrastructure to **prevent and mitigate the impact of future crises.**

Post-Hurricane IOTA, Honduras



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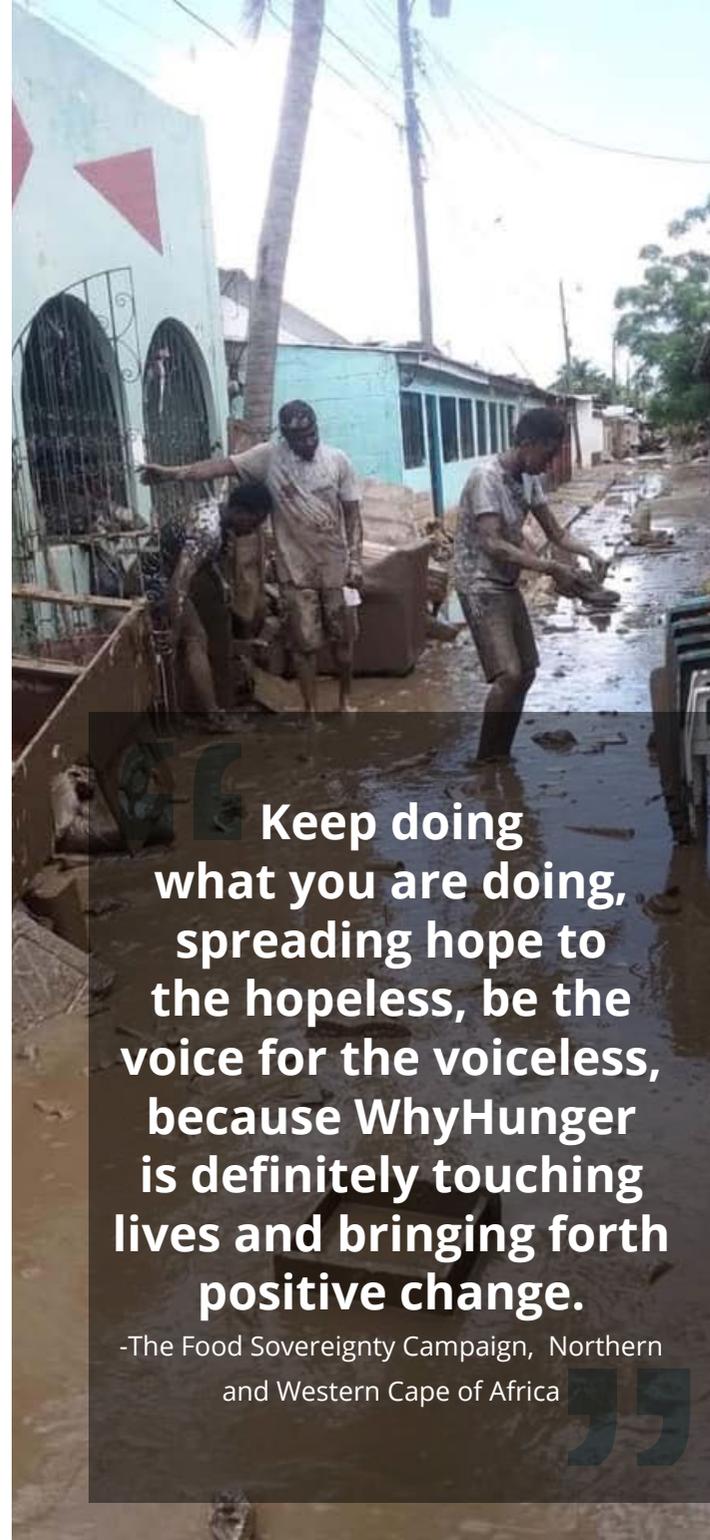
THE NEED IS URGENT & GROWING.

Our Rapid Response Fund mobilizes quickly when disaster strikes. In the last quarter of 2022 alone, we've already supported partners in devastating situations from drought-induced famine in Somalia to the water crisis in Mississippi, flooding in Pakistan to hurricane damage in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Florida, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Each year, WhyHunger receives far more requests for emergency support than we can meet. As climate change advances, storms are getting stronger, flood and droughts longer, and food producers are being displaced from their land and waterways. Add the ravages of war, inflation, and economic instability, and the need grows further.

WhyHunger is expanding our Rapid Response Fund to better protect the health, safety, and food security of our partners worldwide.

[Will you join us?](#)



Keep doing what you are doing, spreading hope to the hopeless, be the voice for the voiceless, because WhyHunger is definitely touching lives and bringing forth positive change.

-The Food Sovereignty Campaign, Northern and Western Cape of Africa

HEALTHY FOOD, HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE.

WhyHunger envisions a world without hunger. Where communities can nourish themselves and have the land, resources, and freedom to grow food sustainably. With nearly 50 years of experience, we know our grassroots partners have the knowledge and strategies to make that vision a reality. And we're here every step of the way help them get there.

Our crisis intervention isn't about parachuting in or putting Band-Aids on bad situations. Investing in WhyHunger's Rapid Response Fund means showing up for communities in moments of crisis, so they can rebuild and return to the work of solving hunger for good.

Click [here](#) to learn more.





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WHEN IN DOUBT,
DO SOMETHING.

— Harry Chapin | Artist, Activist & WhyHunger Co-founder

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