

War on Hunger **Fight Hunger – Eat Out**

Students Without Borders are fighting world hunger by preparing a sumptuous 3 course meal to help raise funds for the UN's World Food Program (WFP). At 7.30pm on Friday November 2009, we will be serving up homemade, traditional Indian fare at Walter's Café in the Murdoch University library. For less than US\$1, the WFP can feed 4 people, so by supporting this event, from which all profits will go directly to the WFP, you can help make a real difference.

Tickets are just \$15 and will entitle you to 3 courses of fantastic food (vegan options available). The meal will be accompanied by terrific entertainment, and there will be a licensed bar if you wish to buy alcohol (ID required).

Why?

1 in 6 people do not have enough food to be healthy. That means that 1.02 billion people worldwide are undernourished. Among the Millennium Development Goals, halving the proportion of hunger people in the world is top of the list. During the 1980s and early 1990s, good progress was made in reducing chronic hunger, but for the past decade hunger has been slowly but steadily rising once again. Natural disasters, conflict, poverty, poor agricultural infrastructure and over-exploitation of the environment, as well as the recent financial and economical crises, all play key roles in the rising hunger figures.

There is enough food in the world today for everyone to be properly nourished, yet there are over 1 billion hungry people in the world. They are of all ages, from babies whose mothers cannot produce enough milk to the elderly with no relatives to care for them. They are the unemployed, the landless farmers, the orphans of AIDS and the sick, who need special or increased food intake to survive. Children, women and rural communities are the most often affected by hunger.

World Food Program

WFP has 5 main goals –

- Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies
- Prepare for emergencies
- Restore and rebuild lives after emergencies
- Reduce chronic hunger and under-nutrition everywhere
- Strengthen the capacity of countries to reduce hunger

WFP is the United Nations frontline agency in the fight against hunger. They save lives by getting food to the hungry fast after an emergency. They also work to help prevent hunger by implementing programmes that help communities to break the cycle of poverty and to become more food secure. WFP provided food assistance to just over 102 million people in 78 countries in 2008.

WFP runs a programme to provide school meals to children. This not only ensures that the children receive at least one nutritious meal a day, but it also helps to boost the number of children who attend school. WFP have found that in the poorest parts of the world, a school meal programme can double primary school enrolment in one year. Girls are especially likely to benefit from this, as often in extremely poor countries they do not have the opportunity to attend school. To feed 66 million hungry schoolchildren it would cost the world just \$3.2 billion a year.

Hunger facts:

- The number of undernourished people in the world increased by 75 million in 2007 and 40 million in 2008, largely due to higher food prices. (Source: [FAO news release](#), 9 Dec 2008)
- Asia and the Pacific region is home to over half the world's population and nearly two thirds of the world's hungry people. (Source: [The State of Food Insecurity in the World](#), FAO, 2008)
- 65 percent of the world's hungry live in only seven countries: India, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Ethiopia. (Source: [The State of Food Insecurity in the World](#), FAO, 2008)
- Every six seconds a child dies because of hunger and related causes. (Source: [State of Food Insecurity in the World](#), FAO, 2004)
- 10.9 million children under five die in developing countries each year. Malnutrition and hunger-related diseases cause 60 percent of the deaths. (Source: [The State of the World's Children](#), UNICEF, 2007)
- Every year WFP feeds more than 20 million children in school feeding programmes in some 70 countries. In 2008, WFP fed a record 23 million children. (Source: WFP School Feeding Unit)

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