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**FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS,  
ACROSS NEARLY 50  
COUNTRIES, WE HAVE  
LED THE GLOBAL FIGHT  
AGAINST HUNGER.**

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT,  
WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP  
UNTIL THE WORLD IS FREE  
FROM HUNGER.**



## OUR CORE PRINCIPLES

Action Against Hunger's International Charter affirms six core principles that we pledge to uphold in carrying out our work.

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**INDEPENDENCE**

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**NEUTRALITY**

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**NON-DISCRIMINATION**

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**FREE & DIRECT ACCESS  
TO PEOPLE IN NEED**

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

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**TRANSPARENCY**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back, 2017 was certainly a year full of crises: from the cholera epidemic in Yemen, to the devastating hurricanes in the Caribbean.

Thankfully, when Canadians come together we can change the world, like we did in South Sudan last year. Your commitment to our cause resulted in ending famine (the most severe form of food crisis) in the world's newest country.

Indeed, thanks to your support, Action Against Hunger reached more than 20 million people in need in 46 countries in 2017.

In Bangladesh, you helped us provide food, water, shelter and psychosocial support to tens of thousands of Rohingya refugees fleeing violence in Myanmar.

When a flood and landslide in Colombia left hundreds dead and thousands more displaced, you ensured we had the resources to provide food kits and safe water to survivors.

Closer to home, your commitment to tackling poor nutrition in Canada helped us launch a new food literacy and gardening project in several marginalized communities.

But while we can point to many successes over the past year in reducing hunger and saving lives, the job is not done yet.

Malnutrition remains the single greatest threat to child survival: more than three million children still die because of it each year. Yet as one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations whose work is based on medical fundamentals, we have shown that we have the skills and solutions to tackle this challenge.

Your continued support for our work will ensure we can reduce that number.

We'd like to thank our existing donors, including individual Canadians, Global Affairs Canada, and the many other agencies profiled in this report that support our life-saving work year-round.

We are proud that our team remain committed to operational excellence and maximizing the impact of every donor dollar.

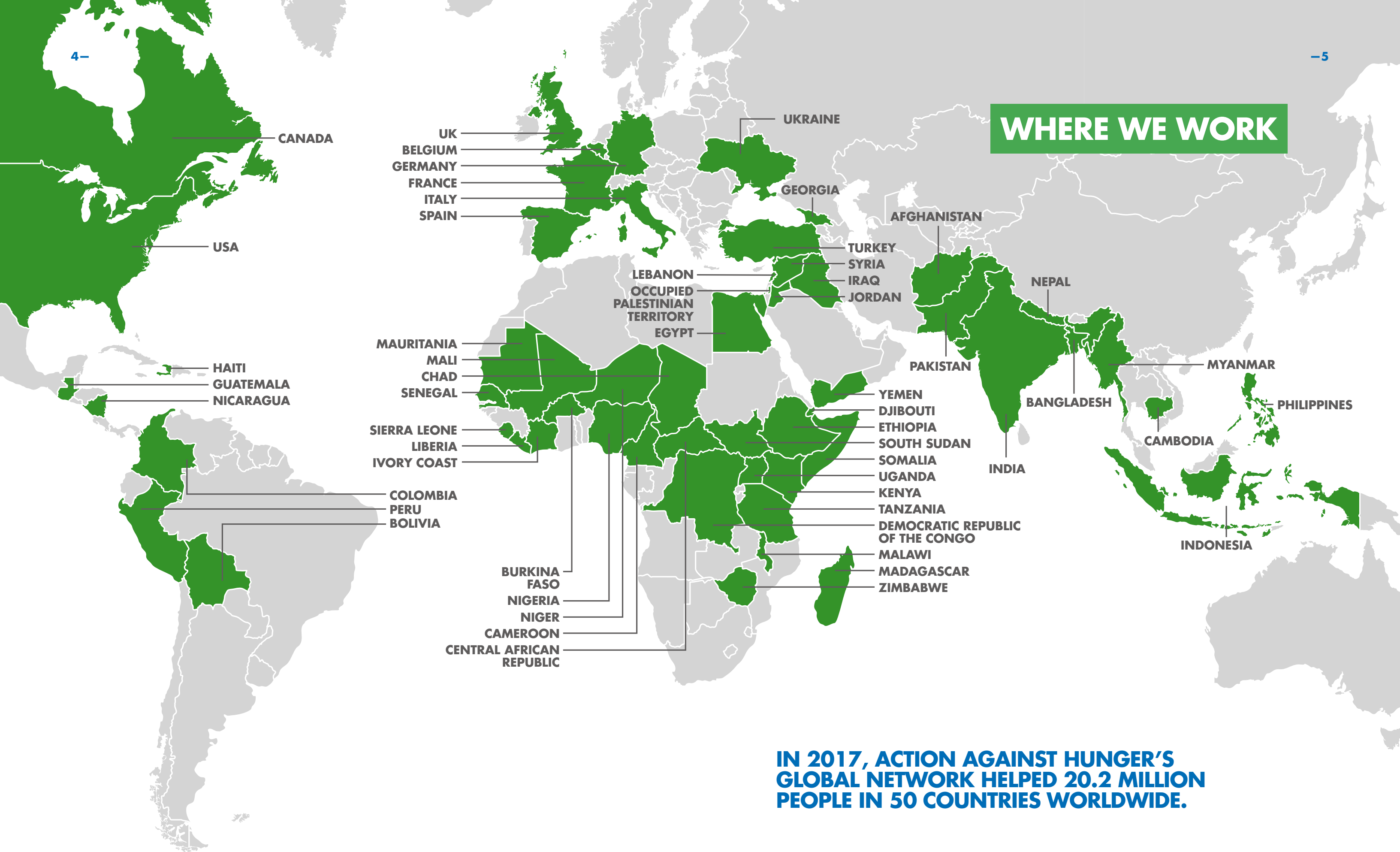
Thank you,



**VICTORIA DAVIES**  
Board Chair, Action Against Hunger Canada



**DANNY GLENWRIGHT**  
Executive Director, Action Against Hunger Canada



**IN 2017, ACTION AGAINST HUNGER'S GLOBAL NETWORK HELPED 20.2 MILLION PEOPLE IN 50 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.**

# BY THE NUMBERS:

## TOGETHER, WE REACHED MORE THAN 20 MILLION PEOPLE IN 2017

29%

### NUTRITION & HEALTH



9.9M people reached

559,492 people treated for severe acute malnutrition



240,743 people treated for moderate acute malnutrition



5 MILLION people received reproductive, maternal, new-born and child health services



33,583 health and nutrition education training sessions held

24%

### WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



6.2M people reached



329,105 hygiene kits distributed



12,831 water points improved



2 MILLION cubic meters of water delivered

22%

### FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS



2.3M people reached



545,724 people received unrestricted cash



170,311 livelihood kits delivered



148,669 metric tons of food assistance delivered

12%

### MENTAL HEALTH & CARE PRACTICES



1.5M people reached



1,425,154 people received support for infant and young child feeding



275,675 people received mental health support

5% FOOD ASSISTANCE

4% DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

3% OTHER

# HOW WE DO IT

Action Against Hunger's vision of a world free from hunger compels us to take decisive action to combat malnutrition worldwide, and to work with the global community to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Our International Strategic Plan 2016-2020 provides a strategic framework for our operations throughout the Action Against Hunger Network until 2020, and has three major aims: to mitigate the consequences of hunger; to address the causes of hunger; and to change the way hunger is viewed and addressed. These aims contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, including the goals on zero hunger; good health and well-being; gender equality; and clean water and sanitation.

Our aims are framed by the Network's theory of change, the overarching guide for how we contribute to a world without hunger. The theory of change outlines four cross-cutting approaches which we believe are at the forefront of making change in the lives of those affected by hunger:

- TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND INNOVATION
- OPERATIONAL CAPACITY
- POWERFUL AND LEGITIMATE VOICE
- TRANSFER OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

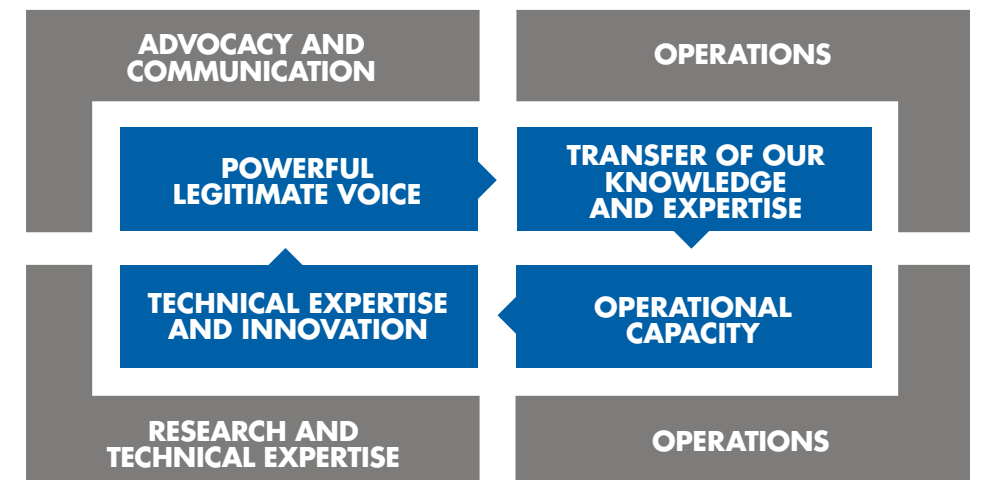
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## KENYA

**LOCATIONS**  
Western Kenya

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Nutrition/Health,  
Food Security/Livelihoods

**NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES**  
1.5 million over  
three years



The Systems Enhancement for Transformative Health (SETH) project is focused on improving maternal, adolescent, and child nutrition by promoting local feeding and care practices, nutritious foods and supplements, while simultaneously strengthening the effectiveness and access to care of existing health services. In doing so, the program aims to reduce the rates of maternal and child mortality. The project will achieve this by improving the delivery of essential health and nutrition services, and by improving health and nutrition practices for women of reproductive age and children. In addition, SETH will increase the inclusion of maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition services within local and national policies and programs.

This work was enabled by the help of three implementing partners, The Association of Research and Social Studies (ASIES), Helen Keller International, and Medicos del Mundo, as well as numerous local partners in Kenya, including the Ministry of Health.

In 2017, the first stages of the project were implemented, and a range of studies were carried out to identify barriers to optimal demand and uptake of health and nutrition services and practices by women of reproductive age, fathers, caregivers and key decision-makers.

In Western Kenya, the SETH project has focused on strengthening relations between health facilities and community groups by implementing social behaviour change and communication interventions in order to address key barriers affecting awareness of and access to Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) services.

In the past year the SETH project has made significant progress, streamlining operations and fast-tracking implementation of project activities.

Across the five counties, a mapping of local health and gender stakeholders has been formalised, in order to identify gaps in MNCHN service delivery and to explore opportunities of establishing organizational synergies.

Additionally, workshops were organized for Community Health Management Teams, providing a localized MNCHN understanding within each county and plan for SETH baseline survey and gender analysis, and its implementation strategy, thus paving the way for project activities from the end of March 2017.



**“As a mother of two under-five children, I appreciate the importance of good maternal and child health care. This inspires me to work towards empowering families to have both the awareness and willingness to seek care when needed as well as ensuring the existing health facilities are empowered to offer these services.”**

Caroline Chebet Odhiambo, SETH Project Officer

# NIGERIA

## LOCATIONS

Yobe & Borno States

## PROGRAM TYPE

Water, Sanitation  
and Hygiene

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

91,000



Since 2009, northeastern Nigeria has experienced increasing levels of violence, resulting in a humanitarian crisis affecting over 14.8 million people. At present, 1.8 million people have been forced to flee their homes, and seven million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, specifically regarding access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

An estimated 900,000 remain out of reach for humanitarians, but some areas became accessible in 2017. We prioritized aid for the most vulnerable.

Action Against Hunger focused on two communities in the region, Yobe and Borno states, where the lack of safe water has led to outbreaks of waterborne diseases, including cholera. In these areas, very few people have consistent access to safe water sources, such as boreholes.

The majority of individuals must rely on accessing water from open wells, which are not protected, or using contaminated surface water

from rivers, ponds or rain water. In these circumstances, most of these communities do not have access to the resources or training to treat the water before using it.

In 2017, with the support of Global Affairs Canada, we worked to improve access to safe water by repairing broken down water access points and constructing new boreholes.

We trained community members on how to upkeep the maintenance and operation of the water access points as well as conduct regular water quality testing to ensure its safety.

To improve sanitation and hygiene in the communities, we constructed latrines and waste management facilities, and distributed hygiene kits to community members in addition to coordinating informational hygiene promotion sessions.

Overall, the project is helping over 91,000 people across Yobe and Borno states.



**“Nigeria continues to be one of the most extreme and challenging contexts in which Action Against Hunger works, yet we were able to expand our operations in 2017 – doubling our lifesaving assistance to meet the needs of over 2.8 million people – thanks to the support of Canadians.”**

Paula Tenaglia, Operations Director for Action Against Hunger Canada.

# SOMALIA

**LOCATIONS**  
Hudur District

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Nutrition/Health,  
Food Security/Livelihoods,  
Water/Sanitation/Hygiene

**NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**  
28,000



Food insecurity in Somalia has continued to rise in the past year due to ongoing conflict, trade disruptions and rain failures.

The lack of rainfall has resulted in lower crop yields which, combined with the disruption of trade routes by insurgent groups, has caused a dramatic increase in food prices, making most goods unaffordable for lower income households.

In such circumstances, households led by women are the most vulnerable and have the lowest food consumption.

Acute food insecurity, in conjunction with an already poor health infrastructure, limited access to safe water, poor sanitation and hygiene practices, and very limited coping capacities, has led to prevalent rates of malnutrition and disease outbreaks across the country.

In Hudur district, 89% of households are severely food insecure, with 73% of adults and 32% of children only eating once a day. Waterborne diseases are responsible for nearly one in five deaths

of children under five. Just 20% of the population has access to safe water sources, and 39% has access to proper sanitation. To help the people in Hudur district, Action Against Hunger, with support from Global Affairs Canada, has implemented a nutrition, health, livelihoods, water and sanitation program.

Over the last year, we have been able to successfully treat severely undernourished children, train health workers, provide antenatal and post-natal services to women, immunize children, and conduct local health and hygiene promotion sessions.

We also provided cash assistance to the most vulnerable households to enable them to meet their basic needs.

Water access points have been repaired or constructed, along with latrines and hand washing stations, and local government technicians were trained on their maintenance and management.

Overall, the project is helping 28,000 people in Hudur district.



**“I gained a lot from the hygiene and sanitation sessions. They helped people understand the importance of hand washing, properly disposing of trash, but also about latrines and how to keep them clean.”**

Asha Ali participated in hygiene and sanitation trainings to prevent cholera, a bacterial disease that often spreads when people are forced to live in crowded conditions without adequate hygiene or sanitation.



# SOUTH SUDAN

**LOCATIONS**  
Warrap State

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Nutrition/Health,  
Water/Sanitation/Hygiene

**NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**  
100,000



It is estimated that 7.6 million people, well over half the population of South Sudan, currently need humanitarian assistance. Food production and distribution have become difficult due to poor economic conditions and ongoing violence. To make matters worse, the country suffers from recurring droughts, leading to severe food insecurity and even famine.

Women are particularly vulnerable due to their cultural and social roles as caregivers of children and the elderly. Generally speaking, they are expected to eat last and are often left with little to no food in times of scarcity. The situation is particularly dire in northern states, such as Warrap, where, in addition to being chronically food insecure, many communities lack access to safe water, proper sanitation and hygiene.

Only half of Warrap has water supply coverage, while 30% of the state's water points are non-functional. Lack of safe water has led to an increase in waterborne diseases like diarrhea, further worsening malnutrition.

In 2017, with the support of Global Affairs Canada, Action Against Hunger implemented nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene programming

in Warrap. We provided therapeutic treatment to acutely malnourished girls and boys, as well as pregnant and lactating women.

Thanks to the generosity of Canadians who gave during our Care for Mom campaign, mom-to-mom support groups were established and informational healthcare sessions were conducted to promote proper nutrition for infants and young children. We also repaired water points and constructed latrines in several villages, in addition to running hygiene promotion sessions. Overall, the project is providing relief to over 80,000 people in the state.

In Juba, our work focused on addressing malaria among children under five who were suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM). With the support of the Pathy Family Foundation, a mobile health team was trained to provide workshops on malaria prevention and care, and on-site treatment. They conducted sensitization activities for over 14,000 individuals and treated 95% of children with malaria in-field, transferring the remaining cases to the regional hospital. In this way, the on-site treatment has led to a significant reduction in the prevalence of health complications and benefited over 20,000 individuals in the region.

**“When you eat cassava it gives you energy and these greens and mangoes can give you vitamins.”**

Agnes Namadi, 29, on what she has learned about avoiding illness and malnutrition through one of our mother-to-mother support groups. In each group, we train an elected mother like Agnes to teach the others about nutrition, infant feeding, hygiene and health.



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# AFGHANISTAN

## LOCATIONS

Ghor & Helmand Provinces

## PROGRAM TYPE

Nutrition/Health, Water/Sanitation/Hygiene

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

48,000



Afghanistan has one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the world, in large part due to high rates of undernutrition and water-borne diseases among children. In fact, almost half of all under-five deaths in the country are linked to undernutrition, while more than 80% of neonatal deaths can be linked to the poor nutritional state of pregnant and lactating women.

The country has been plagued by conflict for decades and suffers from major underdevelopment, resulting in a lack of basic services like access to food, safe water and sanitation. Increasing violence has also led to the displacement of a large number of people, particularly women and children, further worsening an already dire situation.

Two of the provinces most affected by malnutrition in the country are Helmand and Ghor, where rising political insecurity, harsh geological conditions, and remote living conditions cause considerable challenges.

As a result, people in these provinces are unable to access proper nutrition

services or maintain proper nutrition practices. They also lack access to safe water and proper sanitation, which further contributes to the effects of malnutrition.

With the support of Global Affairs Canada, Action Against Hunger has implemented projects in both provinces.

These projects focused on promoting proper nutrition practices within local communities as well as training and supporting healthcare workers to effectively manage cases of malnutrition. Water points were built while paying particular attention to the safety needs of women, who are often responsible for the collection of water. Water filtration systems were distributed to families to ensure that the water they accessed was safe. Sanitation facilities were built, hygiene kits were distributed and hygiene promotion campaigns were conducted within local communities.

Overall, our efforts are directly supporting more than 48,000 people across the two provinces.

**“During the day it is okay to travel, but in the evenings or at night we cannot. As we live in a contested area, there are more security threats and it is difficult to navigate for fear of landmines.”**

The ongoing conflict makes it very difficult for many caregivers like Orzala to bring their children to health facilities. Orzala has had 8 children – but because of a lack of access to quality healthcare, 6 of them have died when they were just 2 or 3 months old.



# BANGLADESH

**LOCATIONS**  
Cox's Bazaar

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Nutrition/Health,  
Water/Sanitation/Hygiene

**NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**  
115,000



In August 2017, the conflict in Rakhine State, Myanmar, triggered one of the largest population displacements in world history, with more than 509,000 members of the Rohingya community fleeing to Bangladesh over a period of two months.

However, escaping to Cox's Bazaar has provided little relief, as the refugee camp has one of the highest concentrations of refugees, with a population now exceeding 900,000.

A disproportionately high number of the refugees are women and children. Malnutrition was already a rampant issue amongst Rohingya settlements prior to the most recent displacements, yet such a large-scale increase in refugee population has put further pressure on already limited resources.

With the need for food, water, sanitation and hygiene more urgent than ever before, Action Against

Hunger has been able to provide assistance to the most vulnerable of the Rohingya population in Cox's Bazaar.

Recognizing the stress and trauma that has been experienced in such circumstances, we ensured the provision of psychosocial support to children under the age of 16, in addition to organizing information sessions on health and sanitation for all community members.

Expectant mothers received healthcare services, and children suffering from severe malnourishment received direct treatment. In order to increase access to safe water and improve living conditions within the settlements, we dug tubewells, repaired sanitation facilities and distributed hygiene kits.

With your support, and that of Global Affairs Canada, this project has directly benefited over 115,00 people affected by the conflict.

**“I fled with my mother. My father was killed by the military, they cut his throat. I already had some food from Action Against Hunger this morning so I am not hungry anymore. We didn't have anything to eat when we were walking here but I feel better now. I had to leave everything behind. My home was burned down.”**

Muk collected bags of biryani for his family every day at an Action Against Hunger food distribution centre. Our biryani was also the first meal they ate after they crossed the border as they fled Myanmar.



# SYRIA

## LOCATIONS

Eight governorates

## PROGRAM TYPE

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

830,000



The conflict and fighting inside Syria continues well into its seventh year with no trace of a cessation of hostilities, while the humanitarian needs continue to rise.

Civilians continue to bear the consequences of a conflict marked by unparalleled suffering, destruction and disregard for human life.

Currently, over 10 million people are unable to meet their food needs and over 14 million are in need of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) assistance.

Access to safe water remains limited for much of the population, as water infrastructure has been destroyed in many parts of the country. In areas where water supply is still available, it is expensive, leaving poor and vulnerable families with few options.

To increase access to safe water for people affected by the conflict in Syria, Action Against Hunger is working in eight governorates.

In the past year, we have provided immediate relief to families by trucking in water, distributing water tanks and jerry cans, as well as distributing hygiene items. To sustain longer-term support, water systems and sanitation facilities have been repaired and maintained, and we have also trained communities to manage their own water supply systems.

Additionally, we have installed home-based water systems for domestic needs, with a particular focus on households headed by women.

Overall, our work in the eight governorates is directly helping over 830,000 individuals.

**“We cannot afford to lose the potential of an entire generation of young Syrians to war. By working with trusted partners, we are making a real difference by providing communities in need with better access to education, health care, food assistance and other basic services.”**

Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.



**LOCATIONS**  
Abyan & Lahj  
Governorates

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Food Security/Livelihoods,  
Water/Sanitation/Hygiene

**NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**  
10,000



Before the escalation of conflict in March 2015, Yemen was already one of the poorest countries in the world, with chronic food insecurity and malnutrition affecting a significant portion of the population.

Restrictions on commercial imports, including fuel, food, and medicines, have further crippled a country that was already importing 90% of its food and all of its medicine prior to the escalation of violence.

Now, ports, airports, and roads are being closed by the conflicting parties, leaving people in need with little to no access to basic services like food, water, fuel and medicine.

All of this has led to food insecurity for 17.8 million Yemenis, almost half of whom are facing severe insecurity and starvation. Two of the regions most affected by the crisis, are Lahj and Abyan governorates.

**“Today, if bombs don’t kill you, it’s illness, lack of food and healthcare or the exorbitant costs of necessities which will. This war is claiming the lives of countless indirect victims. People are exhausted. Hundreds of thousands do not know where their next meal or paycheque is coming from, or if their children will be cared for. This must stop.”**

Lapo Samigli, Action Against Hunger Country Director, Yemen.

In 2017, with the support of Global Affairs Canada, Action Against Hunger implemented cash and voucher distribution programming to assist vulnerable households, particularly those headed by women. This allowed individual households to access basic services based on their specific needs.

We also rehabilitated water points, and trained both male and female members of the communities on their operation and maintenance. To ensure improved hygiene and sanitation, latrines have been constructed and hygiene promotion sessions have been conducted within local communities.

Hygiene kits have also been distributed, with a particular focus on the needs of women and girls.

Through this program, we are directly helping more than 10,000 people.



# THE AMERICAS

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## CANADA

**LOCATIONS**  
Toronto, Ontario

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Nutrition/Health,  
Food Security/Livelihoods

**NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**  
1,335



Action Against Hunger Canada recognizes the inequities that exist in our own country that prevent families from assured food and nutrition security. Nearly 13% of Canadian households experience some level of food insecurity, and some populations are more affected than others.

This situation is likely to worsen with constant cost of living increases, which outpace increases in income and social assistance. Acknowledging that food and nutrition insecurity stem from systemic issues, we aim to address both short- and long-term solutions by improving the food literacy of Canadian youth.

In 2017, we piloted a project in two under-resourced schools in Ontario, with plans to scale up based on learnings and available funding.

Each school received 40 garden boxes: mobile, sub-irrigated systems which allow fruit and vegetables to flourish even without constant expert supervision.

Students learned how to plant and

grow their own food, and participated in an experiential workshop on nutrition and taste. They then took their harvest to a professional kitchen where a chef taught them to make a delicious, healthy meal.

Families 'adopted' the garden boxes over the summer, ensuring their success, allowing them to benefit from fresh food during the school break, and empowering students to teach their parents how easy it can be to grow nutritious produce.

The schools then began engaging with learnings about global food systems, food access inequality, and environmental stewardship-courses which have been turned into curriculum pieces for future programming.

Moving forward, we are excited to work with students across geographic and demographic lines in growing food and learning lifelong skills to improve their health, knowledge of food systems, and leadership skills which allow them to create sustainable change in their communities.



**“Generation Nutrition was a most rewarding experience. Along with the planting materials for the garden, they also provided resources on the topic of hunger and guided us through each step of our journey. The learning was invaluable to our continued understanding of the role food plays in our lives.”**

Carmen Oliveira, Special Education Resource Teacher and Primary Division Chairperson, Burrows Hall Public School, Scarborough, Ontario



# COLOMBIA

**LOCATIONS**  
Mocoa, Putumayo

**PROGRAM TYPE**  
Emergency Response

**NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES**  
20,000



In April 2017, flooding and a landslide took between 350 and 550 lives and affected more than 37,000 people. Over half of them lost their homes and livelihoods.

In the immediate aftermath, hospitals and health centres were overwhelmed by the emergency, and survivors were left without electricity or access to clean drinking water due to the destruction of water networks.

Action Against Hunger was the first organization to get help to the 2,300 people who were evacuated to temporary shelters.

Our emergency response team was there to address the need for water and sanitation, shelter and food security, and was able to deliver urgent relief supplies such as blankets, hygiene kits, water filters and water tanks.

Additional shelters were quickly set up, improving the living conditions for families, mitigating risks of sexual violence due to the overcrowding of informal shelters and spontaneous concentration points.

Action Against Hunger's team included experts in logistics, water, sanitation and hygiene, and a psychologist. The local team also coordinated with the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare to launch emergency programs for children under five.

Thanks to the generous support of the Sprott Foundation, Action Against Hunger was able to provide aid to approximately 20,000 of those affected.

**“We already had emergency supplies in stock and quickly secured additional stocks to supply emergency shelters in Mocoa with urgent relief items.” - José Luis Barreiro, Country Director**

Action Against Hunger immediately mobilized its 16 people strong emergency response team based in Puerto Asis, two hours from Mocoa, providing urgent relief supplies such as blankets, hygiene kits, water filters and water tanks.



# GUATEMALA

## LOCATIONS

Chiquimula, Guatemala

## PROGRAM TYPE

Nutrition/Health,  
Food Security/Livelihoods

## NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

100,000 over  
three years



The Systems Enhancement for Transformative Health (SETH) project is focused on improving maternal, adolescent, and child nutrition by promoting local feeding and care practices, nutritious foods and supplements, while simultaneously strengthening the effectiveness and access to care of existing health services. In doing so, the program aims to reduce the rates of maternal and child mortality. The project will achieve this by improving the delivery of essential health and nutrition services, and by improving health and nutrition practices for women of reproductive age and children. In addition, SETH will increase the inclusion of maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition services within local and national policies and programs.

In 2017, the first stages of the project were implemented, and a range of studies were carried out to identify barriers to optimal demand and uptake of health and nutrition services and practices by women of reproductive age, fathers, caregivers and key decision-makers. The cultural and commercial barriers to the consumption of foods and supplements with high nutritional value were also assessed, and the outcomes have led to solid foundations for the next phases of SETH.

This work was enabled by the help of three implementing partners, The Association of Research and Social Studies (ASIES), Helen Keller International, and Medicos del Mundo, as well as numerous local partners in Guatemala, including the Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Agriculture.

Over the past year, the project has successfully carried out research, training, presentations and awareness sessions across the five target municipalities within the Chiquimula region. By collaborating with the Association of Research and Social Studies (AISES), ongoing studies are examining cultural causes related to malnutrition, with a specific focus on gender analysis, in order to improve the health and nutrition of the local population.

Training was conducted for the rural extension staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA), and supplies and technical assistance provided to the Learning Center for Rural Development (CADER). SETH also provided training workshops for the health services staff at Nutritional Recovery Centers, supporting the Food and Nutritional Security Program (PROSAN) of the Ministry of Health in identifying their technological and resource needs.

During the meetings of the Municipal Commissions of Food and Nutritional Security (COMUSAN), presentations regarding the aims and achievements of the SETH project were shared with authorities at departmental levels of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance (MSPAS), the Secretariat of Food and Nutritional Security (SESAN), and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (MAGA).



# GENDER

## MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Action Against Hunger Canada is leading our international network in strengthening our accountability to gender equality in the fight against hunger. Because of your support, Action Against Hunger Canada has taken steps to ensure our programs address the different needs of women, men, girls and boys to fight against hunger and ensure long-term recovery.

To help us better understand and act upon the different needs of women and men of all ages, Action Against Hunger developed a set of Gender Minimum Standards. These standards are the core requirements we hold all offices accountable to when it comes to considering and addressing gender issues.

In 2017, the Gender Unit, based in Toronto, provided technical leadership to the Action Against Hunger International network by organizing over 135 hours of support meetings on the Gender Minimum Standards and their implementation with staff from over 44 country offices.

Building off this momentum, and looking deeper at our role to consider and respond to gender issues, we have also launched a two-year project looking at how Action Against Hunger and our nutrition partners can integrate gender and gender-based violence considerations in the fight against hunger.

### 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

# 30

Gender Champions, direct focal point for gender issues in our country offices.

# 44

country offices took steps to achieve the Gender Minimum Standards in 2017.

# 135

hours have been spent supporting offices to implement the Gender Minimum Standards in 2017.

# SMART

## BRINGING QUALITY DATA TO THE TABLE SINCE 2009.

SMART Methodology is the reference and standard tool amongst organizations and governments collecting nutrition assessment data, both during emergencies and in developing contexts. The availability of high quality nutrition data is essential in understanding the extent of nutritional needs of a given population. Over the past 10 years, the support of our donors has allowed us to employ SMART to ensure the availability of timely and credible nutrition and mortality data, presented in accessible ways at national and subnational levels. The data from SMART is used in national nutrition and health programming to address needs and guide the response of governments and other actors. Action Against Hunger Canada has been the inter-agency project convener for the SMART Methodology (Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions) since 2009.

**“SMART has witnessed remarkable success in uptake and has established a positive reputation in the last decade mainly due to the tangible improvements in quality that the methodology has introduced to the nutrition data collection process. Throughout the years, SMART has proven that its results reflect the reality on the ground and capture the gravity of the nutrition situation.**

**This ability to produce accurate, reliable, and timely evidence has been recognized by numerous governments, nutrition stakeholders, policymakers, and donor organizations who continue to base their programming and financial decisions on SMART data.”**

*Hassan Ali*

*SMART Senior Program Manager.*

### 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

# 155

Participants trained on the SMART methodology (139 Survey Managers and 16 Master Trainers): 62 women and 93 men were trained in 2017.

# 8

Countries in which trainings were offered in 2017: Canada, France, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Thailand, Uganda, Yemen.

# 51

Days of SMART Survey Manager training and Master Trainer level training were delivered in 2017.

# FOCUS ON FOOD FOR ACTION

## LOCATION

George Brown College  
Toronto, Ontario

## AMOUNT RAISED

\$85,000

## NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

+300



Action Against Hunger Canada is lucky to have its office in a city with such a vibrant food scene. 2017 was the second year that we hosted Food for Action. Our annual event is part fundraising dinner, part food festival, full party.

The second annual Food for Action dinner and Nightcap on October 25, 2017, was an exclusive evening of food, philanthropy, and a reflection of our strong relationships with Toronto's food and chef community. Food for Action featured not one, but 19 chefs from some of Toronto's best restaurants. Each chef prepared a unique three-course meal for a table of hungry attendees. Following dinner, guests were invited to indulge in the Nightcap after-party, together with 150 additional guests for unlimited nibbles, drinks, and fun in support of Action Against Hunger.

The more than 300 guests at Food for Action helped us raise more than \$85,000 for our programs, including Generation Nutrition.

**“As a chef, I feel that it’s very important for me to lend my voice and my knowledge to the cause because it is not a privilege, it is a birthright of everyone who comes into this world to have access to clean, nutritious food. Always. Period.”**

Chef Donna Ashley, Toronto, Ontario

In 2017, Canada ranked a shameful 37th out of the 41 richest countries in terms of household food insecurity and child obesity. In response, we launched Generation Nutrition.

Generation Nutrition is a mobile food garden education project that teaches Canadian youth how to grow and cook their own nutritious food, and equips them with life skills to create sustainable change for themselves and their communities.

Thanks to our generous Food for Action patrons, Action Against Hunger will be able to bring the project to North Spirit Lake, a remote fly-in/ice road community in Northern Ontario. The kids in the community's youth group are so excited to get their hands dirty! The compassion of our patrons will allow us to increase access to education and nutritious food for the citizens of North Spirit Lake.



CANADIANS  
ARE SAVING LIVES.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Patron Circle is a group of individuals who demonstrate compassion for, and commitment to, Action Against Hunger and our goal of eliminating malnutrition through generous annual contributions of \$1,000 or more.

A gift of \$5,000 provides a four week-long training and mentorship workshop for eight health care staff in Kenya and Guatemala.

Action Against Hunger training and mentorship focuses on improving access to, and delivery of, essential health services. This work improves maternal, adolescent, child and infant malnutrition through the promotion of nutritious foods and supplements, including breastfeeding.

We would like to thank our 2017 Patron Circle for their tremendous generosity:

## EXECUTIVE CHEF: \$5,000+

- Anonymous
- Victoria Davies\*
- Chris Fenton
- Puneet Jain
- Susan Manwaring
- Chad Rogers\*
- Philippe Sarlieve

## SOUS CHEF: \$2,500+

- Kyriakos Alexopoulos
- Alister Campbell & Colleen Mahoney\*
- Leslie Carter\*
- Tom Cosentino
- Antonio Di Schiavi
- France Doucet
- Louise Girouard
- Martin McCombie
- Barbara Sheng\*
- David Simmonds\*
- Cathy Spoel
- Ryan Walker

## CHEF-DE-PARTIE: \$1,000+

- Anonymous
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE,  
TOGETHER.

# OUR PARTNERS

## RESTAURANT, FOOD AND BEVERAGE PARTNERS

- 360 - CN Tower Restaurant
- Adamo Wineries
- AGO Bistro
- Anatolia
- Ascari Enoteca
- BARQUE
- Beau's Beers
- BOLT Fresh Bar
- Boralia
- Bunnie's
- Cafe Cancan
- Calamus Wines
- Chef Life Canada
- Closson Chase Vineyard
- Coca Cola
- Colio Wine
- Cote de Boeuf
- CSI Cafe
- Diamond Estates Wines
- Drake Devonshire Inn
- Duff's Famous Wings
- FiveElevenWest Restaurant
- Food & Liquor
- Foods & wines of Spain
- Gare de L'Est Brasserie
- George Brown Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts
- Get Skewered
- Goose Island IPA
- Grange of Prince Edward
- Gushi Chicken
- Hemingway's
- Hidden Bench Winery
- High Park Brewery
- Jackpot Chicken Rice
- Karelia Kitchen
- Kiin
- Labatt Brewing Company Limited
- Laylow Brewery & Bar
- Levetto
- Lindt Canada
- Loch & Quay
- Maple Leaf Foods Inc.
- Marc Sultanti Catering
- Pai
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- Pantry
- Pasta Locale
- Peller Estates
- Penny Candy Jam
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- Provisions TO Catering
- Revel Foods
- Richmond Station
- Rose Hall Run
- Rosen's Cinnamon Buns
- Rosewood Estates Winery
- San Cosme Inc
- SOOS
- Southbrook Winery
- Sublime Catering
- Tacos El Asador
- The Carbon Bar
- The Citizen
- The Pie Commission
- Trail Estate
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- Zast Foods Corporation

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- Anonymous
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- Pathy Family Foundation
- Sprott Foundation
- The Kiwanis Club of Toronto Foundation
- The MacDonald Griffin Charitable Foundation
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## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

- Government of Canada, through Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM)

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

Visit [actionagainsthunger.ca/financials](http://actionagainsthunger.ca/financials) for a full audited financial statement.

## Statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash	1,394,784	956,629
Restricted Cash	351,250	360,834
Grants and other receivables	171,829	52,942
Sales taxes recoverable	52,227	71,110
Deposits and prepaid expenses	12,315	14,281
Receivables and grant advances - other Action Against Hunger agencies	402,588	26,168
	2,384,993	1,481,964
Capital assets	15,281	15,842
	2,400,274	1,497,806
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	97,737	127,395
Deferred grants	726,048	360,834
Loans and other payables (Action Against Hunger agencies and other)		821,416
	823,785	1,309,645
Non-current liabilities		
Loans and other payables to Action Against Hunger agencies	1,394,400	272,904
	2,218,185	1,582,549
<b>Net assets</b>		
Invested in capital assets	15,281	15,842
Unrestricted	166,808	(100,585)
	182,089	(84,743)
	2,400,274	1,497,806

## Statement of revenue and expenses year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Programme Revenue (Note 1)	1,375,049	6,885,933
Revenue received from Action Against Hunger International	426,296	207,898
Donations	410,644	276,993
Management fee and other	123,530	97,206
Gain on foreign exchange		34,815
	2,335,519	7,502,845

### Note 1

**Funding agreements:** In 2016, GAC changed its method of funding certain programs. Programs that were previously funded through the Organization are now funded directly to the Organization's implementing partners. This has resulted in a decrease in the amount of funding received during the year. Programme revenue would have been \$20,286,664 (2016 \$10,932,108) had this change not occurred.

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