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A MESSAGE FROM ONOME AKO, CEO

There's no question that 2022 was a challenging year, marked by conflict, climate emergencies, and rising global inflation that dramatically accelerated global hunger. With humanitarian needs reaching record levels and 783 million people facing hunger, the need for innovation and bold action was clear.

Action Against Hunger heard this call and answered. With the support of our donors and partners, our teams ramped up our efforts in the fight against hunger and helped more people than ever before. In 2022, we reached over 28 million people through our programs, an increase of 3.5 million over the previous year.

From the conflict in Ukraine to floods in Pakistan to drought in the Horn of Africa, Action Against Hunger was there to support those who needed it most. Our response efforts were extensive, spanning 55 countries and 856 projects across the world.

Throughout it all, we were continually inspired by the incredible strength and resilience of the people we worked with. Their never-ending resolve to support their families and communities is truly remarkable and reminds us that – despite everything – hope is always possible.

I had the privilege of witnessing this firsthand when I visited Ethiopia last year. Severe drought and ongoing conflict forced millions of Ethiopians to leave their homes in search of food, clean water, and safety. I was invited to Ethiopia to see the impact of Action Against Hunger's programs that provided essential healthcare, nutrition, shelter, and psychosocial to those who had fled.

While I was incredibly proud to see what our teams had accomplished, I was particularly taken by the stories of unimaginable hardship, strength, and hope I heard from the families that had been displaced.

Though it's Action Against Hunger's mission to end hunger, it's the unbelievable resilience and determination of the people we serve that make our vision a reality.

Through this report, we'll share some of the life-changing work made possible by our program participants, dedicated staff, incredible local partners, and experienced regional teams.

Of course, our work depends on the support of our generous donors, who are an invaluable part of our team.

At a time when humanitarian needs are growing, we are immensely grateful to have you all by our side, working together against hunger.

With gratitude,



ONOME AKO
Chief Executive Officer
Action Against Hunger
Canada



OUR VISION

A world free from hunger.



OUR MISSION

We take action to end hunger and its root causes worldwide. We respond to crises and partner with local communities to prevent, detect and treat malnutrition. We promote change to policies, practices and inequalities that perpetuate hunger.



OUR PRINCIPLES

INDEPENDENCE

Action Against Hunger acts according to its own principles in order to maintain its moral and financial independence. Action Against Hunger's actions are not defined in terms of domestic or foreign policies, nor does the organization act in the interest of any government.

NEUTRALITY

Action Against Hunger maintains a strict political and religious neutrality. Nevertheless, Action Against Hunger can denounce human rights violations it witnesses as well as obstacles put in the way of its humanitarian activities.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

A victim is a victim. Action Against Hunger rejects all discrimination based on ethnicity, nationality, opinion, race, religion, sex, or social class.

PROFESSIONALISM

To maximize its efficiency and use of resources, Action Against Hunger bases the assessment, conception, management, and realization of its programs on the highest professional standards and its years of experience.

FREE AND DIRECT ACCESS

Action Against Hunger demands free access to victims and direct control of its programs. Action Against Hunger uses all means available to achieve this goal and will denounce and act against obstacles that prevent the organization from doing so.

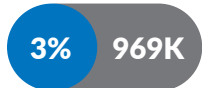
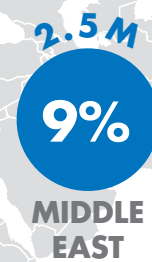
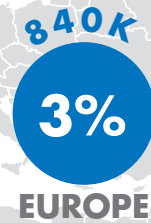
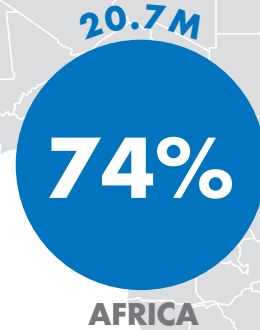
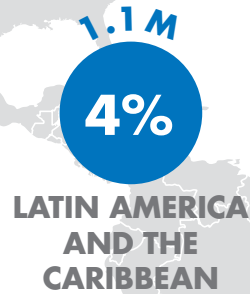
Action Against Hunger also verifies the allocation of its resources to ensure that they reach those individuals for whom they are destined. Under no circumstances can partners working together with or alongside Action Against Hunger become the ultimate beneficiaries of Action Against Hunger's aid programs.

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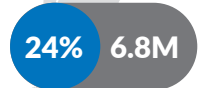
Action Against Hunger is committed to respecting a policy of transparency and disclosure for its beneficiaries, donors, and partners by making available all information on the allocation and management of its funds, and by providing independent verification of its good management.

OUR IMPACT

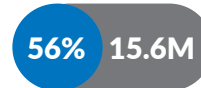
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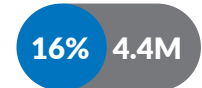
Mental Health, Psychological Support, and Care Practices



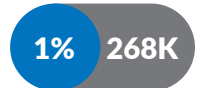
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Health and Nutrition



Food Security and Livelihood (FSL)



Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

WHERE WE WORKED IN 2022

- COUNTRY OFFICE ONLY. NO ACTIVE PROGRAMS
- COUNTRY OFFICE WITH ACTIVE PROGRAMS.



SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATION'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals are 17 goals set by the United Nations (UN) to bring peace and prosperity to people and the planet. The UN aims to achieve these goals by 2030.

Our work at Action Against Hunger helps achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals:

ZERO HUNGER

At Action Against Hunger, we work with communities to address the root causes of hunger, which impacts nearly 1 in 3 people worldwide. Our technical expertise detects, treats, and prevents malnutrition, ensuring communities receive immediate support during crises.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Through our local partnerships, we train health workers and strengthen the capacity of communities. Our projects in health, nutrition, food security, psychological support, and mental health support help the most vulnerable to achieve good health and wellbeing.

GENDER EQUALITY

We recognize that gender inequality and gender-based violence are drivers of hunger — and that emergencies heighten risks for women and girls. Because of this, we ensure our programming is gender-responsive, which means we understand the gender context where we operate and plan accordingly so everyone can benefit.

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Our programs ensure communities have access to water through water storage tanks, new and rehabilitated wells, hand pumps, and piped water connections. We promote sanitation and hygiene practices, which are crucial to health and well-being.

CLIMATE ACTION

We work with communities to combat climate change by implementing sustainable agricultural practices. These include crops that survive extreme weather conditions, vegetable gardens that use less water, and information systems that help livestock herders find grazing lands.



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OUR WORK IN 2022

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

When emergencies strike, Action Against Hunger is there to provide life-saving aid. We collaborate closely with local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders to deliver efficient and effective relief to communities devastated by disasters.

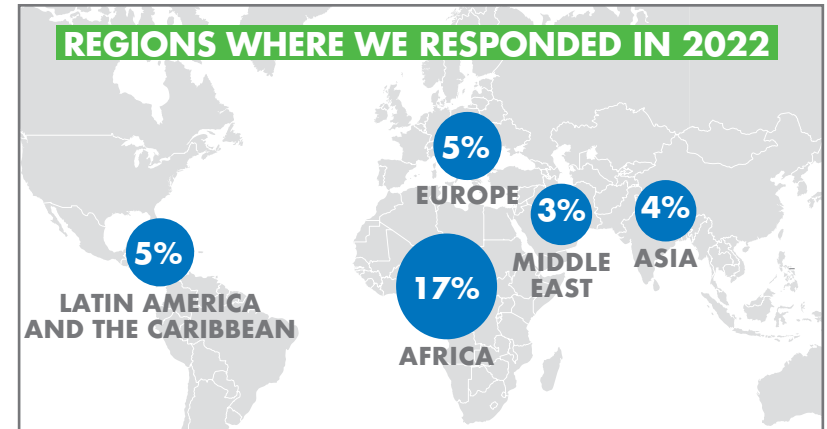
Our reach extends across South Asia, the Middle East, and South America, often operating in areas inaccessible to many other organizations. Whether people are fleeing from conflict or facing the effects of the climate crisis, our mission remains steadfast: to offer essential nutrition, health, water, shelter, and mental health support.

In the past year, violent conflicts and extreme weather events have led to major humanitarian crises, pushing millions of people into hunger.



Throughout 2022, our response efforts were extensive, spanning 45 emergencies across 33 countries worldwide.

From the conflict in Ukraine to the floods in Pakistan and the droughts in East Africa, we swiftly assessed emergency needs and provided essential care.



There were multiple categorizations of emergencies that we responded to this year, most of which were considered either 'rapid onset' or 'slow onset.' Rapid onset emergencies strike suddenly, such as earthquakes, storms, or outbreaks of violence.

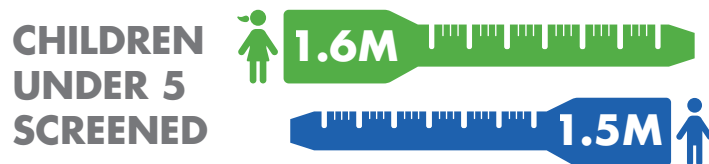
On the other hand, slow-onset disasters develop gradually over time and may be linked to factors like drought, desertification, and epidemic diseases. Last year, we addressed numerous slow-onset crises, including the conflict in Ethiopia, a cholera outbreak in Lebanon, and the prolonged drought in Kenya.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Malnutrition is the underlying cause of nearly half of all child deaths. Action Against Hunger's expertise in saving malnourished children's lives is internationally renowned, thanks to our more than four decades of experience working where hunger is most severe and entrenched.

At the core of our nutrition work is screening children under five to detect malnutrition early so that they can be treated more easily.

This screening happens at several levels in hospitals, health centres and communities but also in the households themselves as we are training parents and caregivers to identify malnutrition in their own children.



In 2022, we screened 3.1 million children under five globally.

Of these children, 787,435 were admitted into severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment. Over 560,000 children were discharged as treated.



STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS

Everyone deserves access to the essential healthcare they need to live healthy, nourished lives. That's why we lend our support and technical expertise to strengthen health systems and nutrition services around the world.

Central to our approach is collaborating with local health organizations and community health workers to better understand their needs and build local capacity. Through our partnerships, we work to ensure equitable, effective, and efficient health services can reach the most vulnerable, particularly women and children.

In times of crisis, we strengthen and rebuild critical health infrastructure that may have been damaged or destroyed. As stability returns, we work with our local partners to adapt our programs to existing public health systems and train community health workers and volunteers. That way, when Action Against Hunger departs, local staff are empowered to sustain health and nutrition services for long-term impact.

In 2022, our health and nutrition programs trained over 227,000 individuals, amplifying our reach and enabling us to provide essential healthcare services to 15.6 million people.

THE SMART INITIATIVE

In many regions facing severe malnutrition, obtaining timely and dependable data on nutrition and mortality rates is a significant challenge. The primary reason behind this is the slow pace of data collection. By the time data is fully gathered and analyzed, it becomes outdated, sometimes by several months.

Through our nutritional survey methodology, The Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transitions (SMART), we gather public health information that predicts and detects malnutrition, providing decision-makers with quality data to better understand nutritional needs and effectively develop a humanitarian response.

In 2022, the SMART Initiative, led by Action Against Hunger Canada, helped local governments and partners in 18 countries predict and respond to hunger crises, prioritize resources, and monitor relief responses.

In Afghanistan, the SMART team supported the Ministry of Health in implementing a National SMART Survey covering 35 key areas. These surveys were critical in understanding the nutritional situation across the country and planning targeted interventions for mothers and children under five.

This year also saw the first pilots of the SMART+, a revolutionary digital infrastructure that helps aid workers easily collect household data to identify areas with high levels of malnutrition. The pilots, launched in South Sudan and Kenya, helped our teams assess nearly 1000 children under the age of 5 for malnutrition and determine the prevalence rate of acute malnutrition in both locations.



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WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

We can't fight life-threatening hunger and malnutrition without tackling the waterborne diseases that contribute to it. Safe, clean, and accessible drinking water is crucial to human health and well-being. However, the effects of climate change, conflict, and chronic inequality are creating a global water and sanitation crisis.

Unsafe water sources, poor sanitation and hygiene expose billions of people, particularly children and the vulnerable, to a wide range of preventable diseases that are major contributors to global malnutrition and mortality rates. According to the United Nations, a staggering 2 billion people lack basic access to safely managed drinking water, and 4.2 billion lack adequate sanitation.

This results in millions of deaths each year, which can easily be prevented through proven, cost-effective measures.

Action Against Hunger has developed its water and sanitation expertise over three decades, advancing solutions for populations at risk from water insecurity. Our ability to deliver clean water is central to our comprehensive solutions to hunger and malnutrition.

This year we helped over 6.8 million people through our various water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs.

We responded as droughts became more frequent and severe, floods contaminated water sources, and conflicts destroyed WASH-related Infrastructure and prevented farmers from accessing local markets.

DEVELOPING LASTING SOLUTIONS

Liberia remained in a difficult socioeconomic situation throughout 2022, food insecurity continued to worsen, and almost 375,000 people were in crisis.

To address these issues, Action Against Hunger initiated the third phase of the Liberia WASH Consortium, a program to reduce chronic malnutrition by improving access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene practices. Private donors contributed to our efforts by supporting the construction and rehabilitation of 43 water points in Montserrado County and training of new waterpoint management committees. These committees, consisting of elected community members, independently oversee water and sanitation infrastructure and promote good hygiene practices within their communities even after the completion of new water points.



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FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

While Action Against Hunger works to treat children experiencing severe malnutrition and provide support in humanitarian disasters and conflicts, we also look to find sustainable ways to build strength and resilience in communities so that they can support themselves indefinitely. It is this motivation and this philosophy that means we focus on supporting livelihoods to tackle life-threatening hunger.

Last year, more than two billion people woke up each morning unsure if they would have enough to eat that day. Even though the world produces enough food to feed the entire population, three out of eight people across the globe could not access a healthy diet. Having 'access' to a healthy diet means more than just having nutritious food available; it also means having enough money to buy that food and safely get to the food supply – be that in a market or on your own land.

In 2022, conflict and violence prevented millions of people from accessing food, while climate change and natural disasters reduced the availability and increased the cost of many food supplies.

That is why Action Against Hunger's food security and livelihood programs created tailor-made solutions for communities struggling to meet their basic needs. Throughout the year, we implemented hundreds of programs designed to boost families' income so they can make money, live well, and buy what they need to survive and thrive.

TEACHING CLIMATE-SMART FARMING METHODS FOR FOOD SECURITY

Prolonged drought in Kenya has driven an increasingly severe food and nutrition crisis.

Five consecutive failed rainy seasons have depleted pasture, reduced water and food availability, and increased resource-based conflicts.

To prevent hunger in areas hit hard by the drought, we provided food assistance, cash vouchers, and protected livelihoods by supporting livestock health and treating sick animals.

Our teams also trained more than 5,200 women in climate-smart agricultural techniques to produce nutritious crops at home to feed their families and earn more income.



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MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

We conduct our work in very hostile and challenging contexts, which can often affect the mental well-being of local people. Over the last few years, it has been clear that supporting people affected by poverty, conflict or climate impacts requires a holistic approach that supports physical and mental well-being.

For this reason, mental health and care remain an important component of our support to people and communities.

A significant part of this work in 2022 was the provision of focused mental health and psychosocial support to 192,912 individuals. This was a significant increase from 110,300 in 2021.

ADULTS



YOUTH



CHILDREN



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA

Action Against Hunger Canada works in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide vital humanitarian assistance during times of crisis. Whether in response to major international emergencies or smaller disasters, we work together to deliver crucial nutrition, healthcare, clean water, and mental health support to those in need.

This year, thanks to the Government of Canada's invaluable support, our humanitarian response included screening over 540,000 women and children for malnutrition, supplying clean water to nearly 35,000 people, and providing aid to over 1,000,000 individuals.

In addition to our humanitarian work, we partner with the Government of Canada to implement various long-term projects that promote gender equality and empower women and girls with the resources they need to thrive. Because we know that when crises strike, gender inequalities are often exacerbated, leaving women and girls particularly vulnerable to food insecurity, gender-based violence, and poverty.

Together, we work to improve the health and wellness of the most vulnerable women and children by expanding equitable access to quality health, water, and nutrition services.



In partnership with
Canada

ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

With the support of Global Affairs Canada, we are leading a five-year-long initiative named ACT-FEMME to advocate for women's rights and combat the harmful gender-norms that contribute to gender-based violence in Côte d'Ivoire.

Together, we are empowering communities to include women in decision-making at all levels, while advancing access to healthcare services for survivors of gender-based violence. Over the past year, we have made substantial progress, providing essential gender-responsive sexual, reproductive, and maternal health services to over 4,000 adolescent girls and women.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS - CURRENT		
Cash	1,216,697	2,152,381
Short-term investment	621,100	200,000
Grants and other receivables	1,106,045	701,556
Sales taxes recoverable	166,532	71,520
Prepaid expenses and deposits	164,601	175,705
Receivables, grant advances - other Action Against Hunger agencies	4,757,685	11,791,036
	8,032,660	15,092,198
Tangible capital assets	41,878	39,313
Intangible assets	1,331,331	83
	9,405,869	15,131,594

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
LIABILITIES - CURRENT		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	627,562	574,598
Deferred grants	6,834,261	13,150,687
Accounts payable - other Action Against Hunger agencies		2,439
	7,461,823	13,727,724
Loans and other payables - other Action Against Hunger agencies	538,485	702,568
Deferred contributions related to intangible asset	737,333	
	8,737,641	14,430,292
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	635,876	39,395
Unrestricted	-577,723	51,832
Internally restricted	610,075	610,075
	668,228	701,302
	9,405,869	15,131,594

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Program revenue	39,207,323	24,308,383
Professional services	1,436,946	859,003
Donations	665,778	408,500
Revenue from Action Against Hunger International	596,529	697,199
Management fees and other	495,627	80,478
Government assistance	-	90,704
	42,402,203	26,444,267

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Programs	38,317,656	23,209,225
Salaries and benefits	3,356,437	2,857,185
Fundraising	398,148	169,357
General and administration	220,993	166,098
Rent	64,888	76,994
Travel	63,408	6,031
Telecommunications and information technology	34,222	39,781
Interest and bank charges	13,296	7,412
Advertising	7,141	41,208
Amortization	26,360	9,588
	42,502,549	26,582,879
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	-100,346	-138,612
Other items		
Foreign exchange gain	67,272	26,635
Excess of expenses over revenue	-33,074	-111,977

THANK YOU

Over the last year, we've been energized by our donors, patrons, partners, and teammates. Thanks to you, we have provided nutrient-rich food to children across East Africa, supplied clean water amid the Pakistan floods, and deployed mobile health and nutrition teams to hard-to-reach communities in the Middle East.

These efforts are saving lives, including the lives of the most vulnerable. In just one year, we doubled the number of malnutrition cases we treated in children younger than 5, from 225,000 cases in 2021 to 563,000 in 2022.

To our institutional and foundation donors, thank you for entrusting us to turn your funds into high-quality, on-the-ground support where it is most needed.

To our growing number of private donors, thank you for taking the time to learn about the unique work of Action Against Hunger and for supporting us, even at a time when life is getting more expensive for everyone.

Finally, to our Action Against Hunger colleagues and humanitarian partners worldwide, thank you for your tireless work to grow our organization and deliver life-saving programs.

We have set our sights on a world free from hunger, and together, we will bolster those efforts in the years to come with innovation, expertise, and teamwork.

Sincerely,

Leslie Carter
Board Chair



LAND RECOGNITION

We recognize that our work takes place on Indigenous territories across Turtle Island and pay tribute to their legacy and the legacy of all First Peoples of Canada.

Today, the traditional meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the communities that have grown in the treaty lands of the Mississaugas.

We acknowledge that we are all treaty people and accept our responsibility to honour all our relations.



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