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## Canada announces support for Action Against Hunger's life-saving programs for the severe food crises in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen

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Thanks to recently announced support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Action Against Hunger/ Action contre la Faim will be able to provide humanitarian support to more than 130,000 people (including more than 70,000 women and girls) in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen over the next 12 months.

Action Against Hunger's projects in these countries will respond to the immediate needs of women, girls, boys and men who have been affected by conflict and the effects of drought. Emergency nutrition, water and sanitation are essential to ensure that lives, particularly those of infants and children, can be saved. Action Against Hunger will specifically:

- Provide treatment to children and infants with severe acute malnutrition through therapeutic and supplementary feeding programs in Somalia and South Sudan.
- Ensure access to safe water and improve sanitation and hygiene through the construction of water points and sanitation facilities like community and school latrines in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen.
- Provide emergency cash transfers to vulnerable populations to meet their basic needs in Somalia and Yemen.
- Provide supplies and materials for the maintenance of basic maternal and child health services in Somalia.

"We are in the midst of a far-reaching and complex humanitarian crisis that is having a devastating impact on children and families. Despite the challenge of getting aid to people who need it the most, we have evidence that when we have access to the mothers, fathers and children affected by the food crisis, we are able to save lives," said Paula Tenaglia, Action Against Hunger's Director of Operations.

Action Against Hunger is a globally recognized international humanitarian organization working in more than 45 countries. Action Against Hunger staff provide emergency relief and focus on severe malnutrition, while also tackling the underlying causes of hunger and working with local institutions to transform short-term interventions into sustainable, long-term solutions.

"The situation in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen is a priority for Action Against Hunger," said Danny Glenwright, Action Against Hunger's Executive Director. "Millions of people are facing deplorable levels of food insecurity and the levels of child undernutrition is unacceptable. We want to thank the Government of Canada for their continued commitment to humanitarian action and ending child malnutrition. Through this support, thousands of people will have immediate access to lifesaving nutritional treatment and safe water."

See below for a full list of those programs supported by Global Affairs Canada.

**Nigeria:** Addressing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene needs (WASH) of vulnerable populations in Yobe State.

**Somalia:** Integrated emergency Nutrition, Health, WASH and Cash Assistance for most vulnerable displaced populations and host communities.

**South Sudan:** Integrated Nutrition and WASH response in Gogrial West and Warrap States.

**Yemen:** Emergency Cash Assistance and WASH response for conflict-affected populations.

### **About Action Against Hunger**

Action Against Hunger saves the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its vision of a world without hunger for more than three decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disaster, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 7,000 staff in over 45 countries, our innovative programs in nutrition, food security and livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene, reach more than 13 million people each year, restoring self-sufficiency to vulnerable populations throughout the world.

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