



**one human family,
food for all** ✝

“We are in front of a global scandal of around one billion – one billion people who still suffer from hunger today. We cannot look the other way and pretend this does not exist.”
– Pope Francis, 9 December 2013

THE CAMPAIGN

Caritas believes that it is a scandal that nearly a billion people are hungry today in a world that has enough resources to feed everyone. Launched in December 2013, the **One Human Family, Food for All** campaign is the first global campaign of the Caritas confederation. The goals of the campaign have been to:

- Raise awareness of the hunger crises
- Explore how Caritas programmes are helping families feed themselves
- Encourage people to learn more about hunger and ways to solve it
- Call on governments around the world to guarantee a right to food for all
- End systemic hunger by 2025

What has the campaign achieved?

Supporting dialogue with government

Through the advocacy support and momentum of a global campaign, Caritas staff from around the world have been able to lobby their leaders on food laws that hurt the poor and marginalised. This has included putting pressure on leaders to think of the poor when drafting new laws about food and farming, promoting the rights of women to own land, and lobbying political leaders to recognise access to food as a basic human right.

Sharing what works best

Caritas members have worked for many decades with farmers empowering them to grow enough to provide for their families. The campaign encouraged and enhanced the sharing of expert information and initiatives on what works best to help struggling families. The campaign also celebrated the incredible work people around the world have done in feeding their families and communities. It especially recognised the important role that women play in food security through the ‘Women, Sowers of Development’ award.

Increased awareness

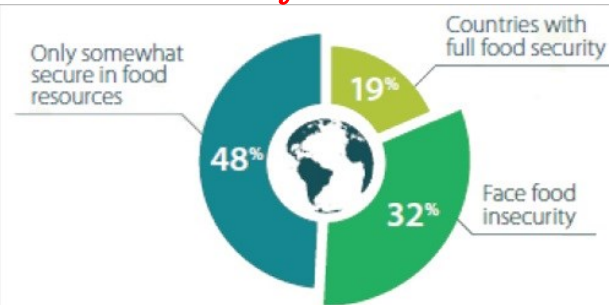
Commencing with a global wave of prayer to launch the campaign, Caritas members have held countless community events and activities for the campaign. These have been to highlight the issue of hunger, pray in solidarity with all people who live in hunger, and educate about what needs to be done to combat this crisis. Several Caritas members have valuable developed educational resources for families, students and community groups about food and hunger.

Caritas Internationalis Food Security Study

Highlighting voices from around the world

As a key campaign output, Caritas conducted a survey on food insecurity, which highlighted the voices of those who work on the frontline of this crisis. 98 Caritas organisations took part in the survey – the national Catholic charities in countries comprising 83 percent of the world’s population. The report highlighted the necessity of supporting small-scale family farmers, especially as they respond to the impacts of climate change.

Level of Food Security



“Small scale farmers are now migrating to cities because they face floods or droughts; they are more vulnerable to such disasters.”

“Begin with education, empowerment of women, assistance to marginal and small farmers, redistribution of land and resources and controlling corruption.”

Where to from here?

The *One Human Family, Food for All* campaign has planted the seeds of our work in ending hunger. Together, let’s continue this vital work together to bring an end to the suffering of millions of hungry people.

ON A GLOBAL LEVEL	As part of the campaign, Caritas members from around the world have called for a special session on the Right to Food at the next UN General Assembly in 2016 to follow up on the first new Sustainable Development Goal, which is about ending hunger and achieving food security.
ON A NATIONAL LEVEL	Caritas has produced an adapted version of the Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Guidelines on the Right to Food. Caritas members are invited to use this practical resource to help focus on areas which they can work on to end hunger and ensure the right to food in their community or country.
ON A PERSONAL LEVEL	The campaign has raised awareness of the impact that each of us have in our daily lives on food systems. We encourage you to continue to make changes in your daily life to enable all brothers and sisters the opportunity to have enough food on their table – from sharing your food with your hungry neighbours, growing your own foods, reducing food waste, and continuing in prayer – for people who do not have enough food, and in gratitude for any food that we have.

“One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.”

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 227



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