



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

Annual Report

2025





RICK KEARNEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DEAR

hunger champions,

In 2025, Rise Against Hunger served **7,389,552 people** in 41 countries. I don't round this number because each person matters. It's something I've said before and will continue to emphasize: **every single digit represents a life reached.** A child nourished. A future strengthened.

7,389,552 people didn't just receive meals — our work last year met immediate needs while building long-term resilience through nutrition, education and economic empowerment. In-country partners produced and procured 3,988 metric tons of food locally, strengthening economies while ensuring families had access to nutritious meals. 282,028 students received Rise Against Hunger meals through feeding programs at 2,532 schools across the globe. With reliable access to food, attendance improved, focus sharpened and hope grew. Alongside that, 13,050 farmers received training to improve yields and incomes.

This impact ripples through entire communities. I saw it firsthand in 2025. Every year, I visit some of the programs we implement alongside our in-country partners. These trips are always meaningful to me, but last year's visits to South Africa, India and Kenya were especially powerful. Each person I met reminded me why I — and all of Rise Against Hunger's staff — do this work. In South Africa, I met smiling children who are nourished through feeding programs at early childhood development centers. In India, I spoke with families whose resilience and determination inspired me beyond words. And in Kenya, I met with some of the partners and local leaders we work alongside, discussing ways we can deepen our programs and make meaningful changes together.

I carry these people with me every day. They're why I remain so committed to our mission. Because every person we serve has a unique story, and Rise Against Hunger is honored to be part of it.

You're part of their stories, too. I'm incredibly grateful for our volunteers, partners and donors who make our impact possible — you are the heartbeat of our mission. 260,732 volunteers packaged meals with us last year, and thousands of individuals, faith institutions and corporate partners fueled our work through financial contributions.

While we celebrate the milestones we reached in 2025, the work is far from finished. 673 million people worldwide still face hunger — but I truly believe that together, we can change that.

Let's keep going.

Rick Kearney



Who We Are

WHAT

our mission

We help underserved people worldwide achieve food security and resilience through nutrition, education and economic empowerment, fueled by a global movement of volunteers and partners.

WHY

our vision

A world without hunger

HOW

our focus areas

It Starts With a Meal® – and grows into a movement that transforms communities to be self-reliant. For over 20 years, Rise Against Hunger has mobilized volunteers to package nutritious meals that meet immediate needs and change lives. But hunger doesn't end with one meal.

Our layered, integrated approach to food security combines:

- Addressing immediate needs through meals and nutrition support – strengthening communities with the nutrients they need to grow healthy.
- Advancing long-term solutions through education and economic empowerment – helping families build resilience and self-sufficiency.

By combining immediate relief with sustainable development, we turn every dollar, volunteer hour and partnership into lasting impact to advance food security through three focus areas: nutrition, education and economic empowerment.



the *journey* of a meal

For the last 25 years and counting, volunteers have helped us package millions of nutritious meals around the world that meet immediate needs and transform lives. What begins as a simple act of service becomes the nourishment that strengthens families, fuels learning, supports economic empowerment and plants seeds of long-term community resilience.

Each meal travels an extraordinary path before it ever reaches the hands of the people who need it most. But hunger doesn't end with one meal — and neither does our work. Here's how the journey of a meal catalyzes the transformation of entire communities.

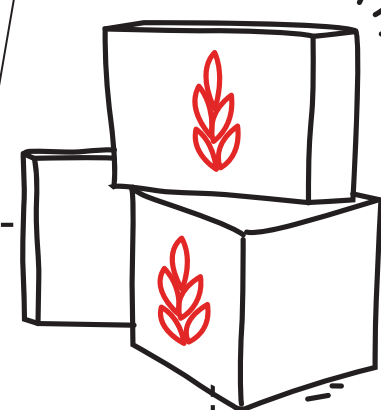
1 Purposefully Sourced Ingredients

Ingredients like fortified soy protein, rice and micronutrient sachets are carefully selected to deliver critical nutrients to people who are undernourished.



2 Packaged by Volunteers

Hundreds of thousands of volunteers prepare meal packages across the globe every year.



40 MILLION+ MEALS
PACKAGED ANNUALLY

Each box contains enough meals to feed a child for an entire school year.

Crossing Seas and Borders

Meals travel thousands of miles across air, land and sea — whatever it takes to serve the hardest-to-reach communities.



3 MILES

Did you know that students travel an average of three miles to receive these meals at school? Meals incentivize students to attend school who otherwise may not have an opportunity to learn in the classroom.

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Meals Arrive at Partner Organizations

Once meals arrive in-country, they travel many more miles to trusted in-country partners who are deeply rooted in underserved communities.



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Served With Care

Meals are prepared at schools, health clinics and training centers with local ingredients, turning each package into a familiar, comforting dish to nourish people experiencing hunger.



BUT IT DOESN'T END THERE

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Resilience Takes Root

Short-Term Relief

Nourishment provides immediate relief. Children grow. Students learn. Farmers work. Parents rest easier. And as relief sets in, communities become positioned for long-term, lasting solutions to take root.

Long-Term Transformation

We continue investing in sustained programs that address the root causes of hunger through our three focus areas: nutrition, education and economic empowerment. Students begin to thrive. Families become food-secure. Communities stabilize. And generational transformation begins.



2025 GLOBAL *impact*



68,924,671

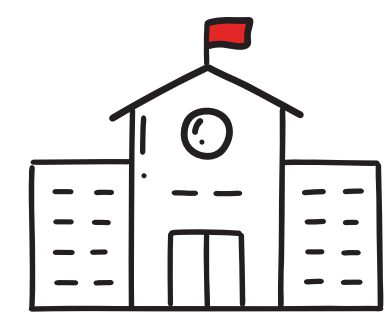
MEALS PACKAGED

3,002
MEAL PACKAGING
EVENTS

260,732
VOLUNTEERS

41 *countries served*

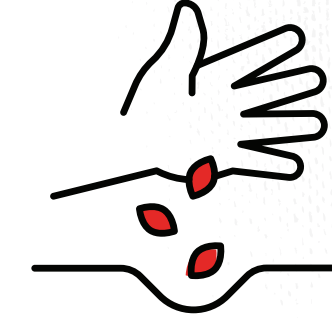
Angola	Dominican Republic	Malawi	Singapore	Ukraine
Australia	El Salvador	Malaysia	Slovakia	United States
Benin	Guatemala	Mali	Somaliland	Vietnam
Bulgaria	Haiti	Moldova	South Africa	Zambia
Burkina Faso	Honduras	Myanmar	South Sudan	Zimbabwe
Burundi	India	Niger	Tanzania	
Cambodia	Indonesia	Philippines	Thailand	
Cuba	Jamaica	Romania	Timor-Leste	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kenya	Sierra Leone	Uganda	



2,532
SCHOOLS SUPPORTED
GLOBALLY



282,028
STUDENTS FED DAILY



13,050
FARMERS TRAINED



3,988
METRIC TONS OF
FOOD PRODUCED
AND/OR PROCURED

7,389,552 *lives impacted*

Nutrition

COMMUNITY FEEDING PROGRAM

COUNTRY:	Philippines	PARTNER:	International Care Ministries
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Imelda, a wife and mother of four, lives in Cagayan de Oro, a growing city in northern Mindanao, Philippines. Many families there do not have reliable access to food, healthcare or livelihood opportunities. Imelda's husband works at a construction site, but his income has often not been enough to cover all of the family's basic needs and care for their child with Down syndrome.

Rise Against Hunger partners with International Care Ministries to implement the Transform program to holistically address poverty and hunger across six communities in the city. The 15-week program provides participants with training on nutrition, livelihood skills for income generation and more, supporting families on their journeys out of poverty. Transform participants like Imelda receive nutritious Rise Against Hunger meals through a community feeding program.

With Imelda's family's health and nutrition supported, she has hope for her future. The program has eased her family's financial burdens and ensures their nutritional needs are met. Thanks to the training received through the Transform program, Imelda is interested in starting a small business.

THE IMPACT

- 15-week program provides participants with nutrition training, livelihood skills for income generation and more
- Hundreds of weekly nutritious meals served to families facing ultra-poverty and children diagnosed with moderate and severe malnutrition
- 71.5 million meals distributed globally by Rise Against Hunger in 2025



Photo Credit: International Care Ministries



“I might start a small business with the recipes I learned.”
– Imelda, mother of four

Education

SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

COUNTRY:

Honduras

PARTNER:

Central American Relief Efforts

Hunger is one of the biggest barriers to education. When children know a nutritious meal is waiting for them at school, attendance improves, focus increases and learning takes root.

Rise Against Hunger supports education programs that create stability, opportunity and hope for the next generation. In Honduras, we partner with Central American Relief Efforts to provide school meals that help pave the way for brighter futures.

Allisson, age 11, attends José San Martín School in the municipality of Pespire. She shares that the Rise Against Hunger meals help her and her classmates concentrate in class, boost their energy and motivate them to complete their homework. Now in sixth grade, Allisson has emerged as a leader among her peers, serving as student body president. Her mother supports the program, joining other parents to prepare school meals and grind corn for fresh tortillas.

Looking ahead, Allisson dreams big. “For my classmates, I wish for them to have a happy family and the jobs they desire,” she said. “When I grow up, I want to be a police officer.”

THE IMPACT

- 2,532 schools supported globally with critical nourishment
- 282,028 students received nutritious daily school meals
- 11 education microgrants deployed to partners in eight countries



“Eating at school has helped a lot. It has helped me be stronger. I have improved my grades. And thanks to that, I’m here in sixth grade, and next year I’m going to middle school.”

— Allisson, student

Economic Empowerment

EMPOWERING LEADERS THROUGH NUTRITION-SMART AGRICULTURE

COUNTRY:

South Sudan

PARTNER:

Lift Up the Vulnerable

Economic empowerment is essential to long-term food security – which is why Rise Against Hunger works with local partners to implement sustainable agriculture and livelihood initiatives that increase incomes and strengthen food systems.

In Torit County, South Sudan, crop yields were historically insufficient to meet the community’s nutritional needs. Since 2020, the Empowering Leaders Through Nutrition-Smart Agriculture project addressed this challenge through skills training, animal husbandry and a focus on diverse crop production at Hope for South Sudan, a residential school, and in the community.

Joyce, a farmer and mother of five, previously faced economic and food insecurity. Through the project, she received seeds and learned conservation agriculture techniques. After adopting these practices, she harvested abundant sorghum, maize and groundnuts – enough to feed her family three meals a day and sell surplus for profit. Joyce now has steady income, improved nutrition and renewed confidence, building a more resilient future for her family.

The five-year project concluded at the end of 2025 after achieving target outcomes in food security, nutrition and economic empowerment.

THE IMPACT

- 232 acres cultivated using conservation agriculture
- 30 community members graduated from the Farmer Field School, strengthening local capacity
- Livestock expanded to 161 animals, increasing asset value and community access to milk and meat



“I have improved my agricultural knowledge and skills. I am able to diversify my farm and prepare a nutritious diet for my family... I am very happy because I am no longer stressed since I can afford my needs.”

– Joyce, farmer

Growing the Movement

MILLIONS OF MOMENTS OF IMPACT WITH ZAMBRERO

COUNTRIES: Australia, Ireland and United Kingdom

Volunteers, donors and partners made our 2025 impact possible. Hunger Champions like you power our programs, lifting up communities across the globe.

In October 2025, longtime partner Zambrero rallied its employees and supporters for Plate 4 Plate Day. Through its Plate 4 Plate initiative, Zambrero donates a Rise Against Hunger meal for each burrito or bowl purchased in its stores. On Plate 4 Plate Day 2025, Zambrero took that initiative further with a day of action, as thousands of volunteers across 10 meal packaging events in Australia, Ireland and the UK packaged over 1 million meals for people facing hunger worldwide.

Just months later, in December, Zambrero celebrated another milestone, donating its 100 millionth meal to Rise Against Hunger through Plate 4 Plate!

Zambrero's partnership shows what's possible when purpose and partnership align. The meals donated and packaged since 2014 have supported nutrition, education and economic empowerment for millions of people. Together, we are growing the movement to end world hunger — one meal at a time.

THE IMPACT

- 1,039,392 meals packaged on Plate 4 Plate Day 2025
- 100+ million meals donated through Zambrero's partnership
- 355 corporate partners, including Zambrero, were part of the global movement to end hunger in 2025



Photo Credit: Zambrero



“Not only do Plate 4 Plate meals help children thrive with reliable nutrition, the money saved goes into improving facilities and... organic farming, teacher training and classroom resources.”
— Emily Teh, CEO of Zambrero UK

Financials

**\$155.1
million**

Total consolidated revenue
in the past fiscal year

**\$156.4
million**

Total consolidated expense
in the past fiscal year

EXPENSES BY TYPE

- 96.8% Program expense
- 2.6% Administrative expense
- 0.6% Fundraising expense



Rise Against Hunger's 2025 audited financial statement and Form 990 will be available on our website this summer.

riseagainsthunger.org/financials



Thank you.

Organizations Fueling the Mission

Hunger Champions are the heartbeat of this movement. Volunteers package millions of meals worldwide every year, fueling immediate relief and momentum for long-term change. It all begins with a meal, and donors make the journey possible. Their support fuels our work – agriculture training, school feeding, livelihood programs and more. They refuse to accept hunger as a reality and give boldly to end it.

Our Hunger Champions

355

CORPORATE PARTNERS

937

FAITH PARTNERS

plus civic, school and community partners
who packaged meals across 43 U.S. states
and around the world.

\$1,000,000+

The Kraft Heinz Company Foundation
Zambrero
Catholic Medical Mission Board
Heart to Heart International
MAP International

\$400,000 - 999,999

BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company)
FedEx Cares
Liquid Church
PwC
The Pfizer Foundation
United Airlines
Western Digital

\$100,000 - 399,999

ADP
AMD
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Capital One
Christ Fellowship Church
Cross Community Church
Decker Brands
Dunwoody United
Methodist Church
EisnerAmper
Elevation Church
Grace Family Church
Grace Lutheran Church,
Bowie, MD
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Menlo Church
Northrop Grumman
Prologis
ServiceNow
The Walt Disney Company
Unifi Service



Thank you.

Individual Donors Investing in Change

Turning compassion into action, individual donors are a driving force behind every life changed. Their generosity fuels the journey of a meal. They believe a hunger-free world is possible and invest in that vision with unwavering commitment.

\$100,000+

Ann & Carl Evans

\$20,000+

Jay & Nimisha Patel

Barbara Reid

\$10,000+

Dan & Susan Askins

Mariquita & Matt Blumberg

Ralph Jerome

Reena Joshi

Richard Kearney

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The 372 members of our Global Influence Society – each giving \$1,000+ in 2025 – are crucial sustainers of our mission. Thank you for your generous contributions!



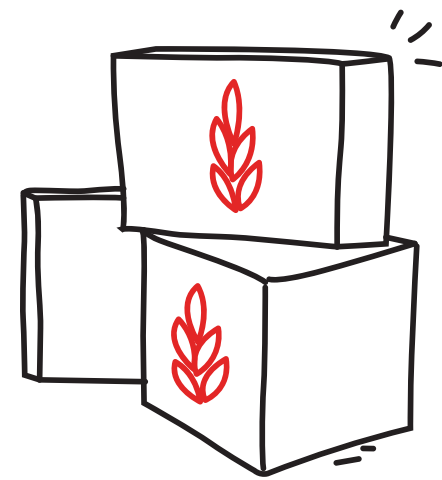
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WITH A *meal*[®]



**NUTRITION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT – ALL MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!**

Thank you for being part of the journey of a meal in 2025. Every meal packaged provided more than just nourishment; it fostered learning, stability and opportunity for communities worldwide.

Your donations enabled this progress toward food-secure futures!



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You're invited to keep the journey going in 2026. Help families grow stronger – today, and for the long term.

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