

10 point

**ACTION PLAN**

to end  
hunger

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**HungerFREE**   
food crisis action

As many as 1.7bn people, or 25 percent of the world's population may now lack of basic food security as food prices soar. ❶ Every year that hunger continues at present levels costs more than five million children their lives and costs developing countries billions of dollars in lost productivity and earnings. ❷ Despite doing the bulk of the work to grow food and feed their families, women go hungry the most, accounting for 60 per cent of the world's hungry people.

Hunger is a political choice, not a natural phenomenon. Political leaders make choices that result in increasing levels of hunger and food insecurity. This can be stopped. There are solutions to the current food crisis. Based on work with poor and hungry communities in over forty countries, ActionAid has set out the following 10 point plan for urgent action by leaders:

▶ **Make sure no one goes hungry**

- 1. Back the right to food in law**
- 2. Provide universal social protection**

*2.1 A free school meal for every child.*

*2.2 Direct cash transfer for vulnerable groups*

*2.3 Universal access to HIV treatment, care and prevention*

*2.4 Emergency food aid procured locally or regionally*

- 3. Enhance the status and incomes of women**

▶ **Increase local production of food for local use**

- 4. Massively increase investment in small-scale sustainable agriculture to boost production and incomes**

*4.1 More government and donor support for small farmers*

*4.2 Reject unsustainable GM and Green Revolution technologies.*

- 5. Unleash the productive power of women farmers.**
- 6. Cut greenhouse gas emissions and fund the costs of adaptation to climate change**

▶ **Fix the global food system**

- 7. Regulate agribusiness**
- 8. Say no to unfair trade deals pushed by the WTO and EU**
- 9. End targets and subsidies for biofuels**
- 10. Stop speculation in international commodities future markets**

❶ ActionAid HungerFREE, 'Cereal offenders', July 2008. [http://www.actionaid.org/assets/pdf/Japan\\_G8.pdf](http://www.actionaid.org/assets/pdf/Japan_G8.pdf)

❷ UN Food & Agriculture Organisation, 'The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2004: Monitoring progress towards the World Food Summit and the Millennium Development Goals'. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/007/y5650e/y5650e00.htm>

**TAKE ACTION: SUPPORT HUNGERFREE CAMPAIGN AND ACTIONAID CALL ON WORLD LEADERS TO STOP THE CURRENT FOOD CRISIS AND TO FIND LASTING SOLUTIONS TO HUNGER**

**Act now and add your name to the petition at:**

**[www.actionaid.org/hungerfree](http://www.actionaid.org/hungerfree)**

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