

Stop Hunger, 30 years fighting for a hunger-free world

Issy-les-Moulineaux, May 6, 2026 – **Stop Hunger, Sodexo’s unique philanthropic cause, celebrates three decades of collective action against hunger - reaching the landmark milestone of over 100 million people since 2015 and calling for greater private sector mobilization.**

Thirty years ago, a group of Sodexo US employees decided their company had a role to play in the fight against hunger. What began as a shared conviction has since grown into one of the most far-reaching non-profit movements in the fight against hunger. In May 2026, Stop Hunger marks its 30th anniversary - and with it, a defining milestone: more than 100 million people supported since 2015.

The anniversary comes at a critical moment. Today, nearly 735 million people still face hunger worldwide, while more than 2 billion experience food insecurity - including in developed countries, where inflation and economic instability leave entire communities increasingly vulnerable. The scale of the challenge has never been greater. So has the urgency to act.

Delivering impact through collective action for 30 years

Over the past decade alone, Stop Hunger has significantly expanded its reach. Working alongside more than 400 NGO partners, the foundation has distributed 30 million meals and mobilized more than 71 million dollars in funding, deploying a further 7 million dollars in emergency aid to communities in crisis.

“Stop Hunger was founded on a simple yet essential conviction: no one should suffer from hunger. For 30 years, the commitment of Sodexo employees, alongside NGOs and partners around the world, has demonstrated the power of collective action to create meaningful and lasting impact. As we look ahead, our responsibility is clear: to continue mobilizing our entire ecosystem to scale solutions, empower communities and move closer to a world without hunger.” said **Sophie Bellon, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, Sodexo and Stop Hunger.**

Stop Hunger’s model - bringing together companies, NGOs, and volunteers around shared goals - has proven both durable and scalable. A long-standing partnership with the World Food Program (WFP) exemplifies this approach, combining on-the-ground expertise with the support of the private sector.

“Ending hunger requires both immediate action and long-term solutions. Through our partnership with Stop Hunger, which began more than 10 years ago, we are able to support communities where it matters most - empowering women, strengthening local food systems, and responding rapidly in times of crisis.” said **Chloe Gallagher, Head of Global Partnership Management, WFP.**

Mobilizing Business as a Force for Good

As public funding faces growing constraints and social challenges intensify, Stop Hunger is stepping up its call to the private sector. Convinced that businesses can be a powerful force for good, Stop Hunger is mobilizing companies to go beyond financial support and become active drivers of change.

Through the newly launched **Impacters Coalition**, Stop Hunger is turning corporate commitment into measurable, real-world impact - connecting companies to a global network of 400+ NGOs across 65 countries, and transforming the energy of thousands of employees into a force that fights hunger at its roots.



"Stop Hunger aligns with our values, which are all about giving back to our communities. I would encourage everybody to get involved - it's a really brilliant opportunity for your teams." said **Fiona Gallagher, CEO, Wells Fargo Bank International, UK.**

"The company has a real societal role. A real role in supporting the transformation of society. It's important for all our employees that the company participates in this immense challenge which is that of poverty and hunger." said **Raphaël Appert, CEO, Crédit Agricole Centre-Est, France**

Looking ahead: accelerating the movement

As it enters its fourth decade, Stop Hunger's ambition is to accelerate and to scale impact by reaching more partners and engaging more communities. A key priority will be to further engage the private sector - unlocking its full potential as a driver of social impact.

"This anniversary is both a celebration and a call to action. We have proven that businesses, NGOs and individuals can come together to make a real difference - 100 million beneficiaries are proof of that. Now we must go further, faster, and bring more of the private sector with us." said **Mouna Fassi Daoudi, CEO of Stop Hunger and Sodexo Chief Sustainability Officer.**

For more information, please read [Stop Hunger's 2025 Impact Report](#).

A gala to celebrate 30 years and raise awareness

The 30th anniversary will be marked by a flagship event: the annual Stop Hunger dinner taking place on May 27, at the Seine Musicale, bringing together key partners, grand patrons, NGOs and Sodexo clients to raise awareness around a key global issue.

In 2026, the focus will be on **water and food insecurity**. Water scarcity, pollution, and climate shocks are disrupting agricultural production and increasing food insecurity worldwide. As agriculture depends on most global freshwater resources and billions still lack access to safe drinking water, protecting water resources is essential to strengthening food security.

The event will also recognize NGOs demonstrating outstanding impact in addressing water-related challenges.

About Stop Hunger

Stop Hunger, Sodexo's unique philanthropic cause, is a global non-profit network working towards a world without hunger. Initiated in the United States in 1996 by Sodexo employees, its founding partner, the movement has expanded. By 2024, it has operated in 58 countries, working hand in hand with over 330 NGOs. Stop Hunger fights against food insecurity, firmly believing that empowering women and younger generations is at the heart of the solutions for a better future."

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About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the leader in Food and Services, shaping better everyday experiences at every moment in life: work, heal, learn and play. The Group stands out for its independence, its founding family shareholding and its responsible business model. With its services, Sodexo meets all the challenges of everyday



life with a dual goal: to improve the quality of life of our employees and those we serve, and contribute to the economic, social and environmental progress in the communities where we operate. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

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