

World Food Day



What can we do?

Emergency food aid can be effective in crisis situations, but it is not the only answer. Promoting self-reliance by assisting countries in need to acquire the means of feeding their populations is the long-term answer.

Increasing the world's productivity and distributing its yields equitably requires investment in capital works and research. It requires people to pass on technology and skills to others. But most of all, it requires the awareness and willpower of everyone, if we are to overcome the habits and traditions of production and trade, of labor and land distribution, that prevent access to food.

What is Canada doing?

This country is now involved through voluntary contributions and government funding, in assistance programs for agriculture, contributing both money and personnel for developmental projects as well as supporting efforts of Third World countries to meet their own food needs.

For instance, Canada is assisting with dryland farming projects in Pakistan and India, land resource mapping in Nepal, fish processing in Southeast Asia and the training of qualified personnel in Senegal and Thailand.

This country also has ongoing programs of food aid, including agreements with individual countries and contributions to projects that use food as a development tool, for example, as payment for labor on irrigation projects.

Has there been any progress?

Many countries have increased their food production. India, for example, has recently achieved self-sufficiency in cereals. The Philippines has stopped importing rice.

The world has the money, the resources, and the technology to feed its hungry millions. All it needs is the commitment to make these accessible everywhere. With that commitment will come FOOD FOR ALL.



What you can do

Canadians, of all ages, levels, and walks of life, can promote informed public debate on issues affecting the world food supply. We can look at how food is produced at home and abroad and how it is distributed, identify the problems, and support those people and organizations devoted to overcoming them.

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