854 million people – one in seven of the world’s population – lack access to sufficient food. In some countries, more than one third of the population suffer from hunger.

Hunger in the World

Prevalence of hunger in 2001–03

Progress and setbacks in hunger reduction since 1990–92

Halving, by no later than 2015, the number of undernourished people in the world was the goal set by the World Food Summit (WFS) in 1996. Ten years on, there has been almost no progress in reducing global hunger.

The existence of hunger in a world of plenty is unacceptable. Taking action to eradicate hunger is the responsibility of all. It can be done.