



2015 European Year for Development

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EYD2015

## FOOD SECURITY

2015 is a landmark year for international aid and development cooperation as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) come to their conclusion. Based on these, the world is coming together to agree a new set of Global Goals to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and justice and fix climate change by 2030.

Each month, the EYD2015 is focusing on a different development theme, to raise awareness of the benefits of the EU's development cooperation in that field and encourage direct involvement, critical thinking and active interest of EU citizens. October is the month of Food Security.

Worldwide, one person in nine goes hungry every day – mostly in fragile countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Food security is about having access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food for an active and healthy life. It is one of most compelling global challenges, as the rapid growth of the world's population and climate change are putting great pressure on agricultural production.

Food insecurity and hunger are not necessarily caused by the unavailability of food. Food prices can be too high for poor households and food quality may be insufficient for good nutrition. Nutrition is vital for children to lead healthier and more productive lives.

Substantial investments in agriculture and in rural areas of developing countries are needed to reduce poverty and hunger and promote inclusive growth. Most poor and undernourished people live in rural areas, where small-scale agriculture forms the backbone of the economy. Well planned and targeted investment can help a country feed itself and reduce dependence on outside assistance. This investment should help farmers cope with both environmental and man-made crises.



Justina of the Mzuzu Coffee Planters Co-operative Union in Malawi. The EU has provided assistance to transform the smallholder coffee cooperative and ensure the sustainability of this rural community. Read the story on [europa.eu/eyd2015](http://europa.eu/eyd2015)

### THE EU'S COOPERATION IN ACTION

More than **60 EU partner countries** have chosen food and nutrition security as a key focus of their development policy.

Over **100 million people** facing acute food insecurity **have been supported** since 2010.

**Ethiopia** – The Productive Safety Nets Programme (PSNP), a core component of Ethiopia's food security strategy, has provided **7.6 million people** with the means to ensure they can access food.

**Myanmar** – The Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT) has increased food availability and income generation for more than **1.8 million vulnerable people**. Some **53 660 households** have been helped to improve their agricultural yields.

**Nepal & Bangladesh** – The Agriculture and Nutrition Extension Project (ANEP) has adopted a successful market-oriented approach to transfer technologies to smallholders. It is helping **20 000 poor farmer households** in Nepal and **40 000 households** in Bangladesh.

**Sudan** – The Food Security Thematic Programme is supporting the recovery of nearly **100 000 vulnerable families** suffering from chronic food insecurity and poor nutrition in East Sudan and Darfur.

### EYD2015 AND FOOD SECURITY

Visit the official EYD2015 website and find stories, infographics and other information on 'Food security'. Also find out more about events, initiatives and activities organised by EYD partners!



The EU is supporting the promotion of sustainable fisheries in Madagascar. Julienne, a crab farmer, has been able to increase production, contributing to higher revenues and better food security for the community. Read the story on [europa.eu/eyd2015](http://europa.eu/eyd2015)

## EU and Food Security

The EU is playing a major role in addressing hunger and is one of the biggest development actors in sustainable agriculture and food security. It is at the forefront of international efforts, working with partner countries, the UN, civil society and the private sector. The EU recognises that while its development policy is important to address hunger and support sustainable agriculture worldwide, it also needs to ensure that its internal policies, such as on agriculture, fisheries and trade, are supportive of development objectives.

The EU is supporting global efforts to eradicate hunger and under-nutrition, contributing towards longer-term development, building resilience to food crises and responding to humanitarian emergencies.

The EU invests in small-scale and family farming and nutrition. This benefits food and nutrition security, while also making it possible for farmers to earn money, find jobs and sell their produce. Investing in helping poorer families grow healthier and more nutritious food and enhancing maternal and child nutrition enables them to climb out of poverty and ensures that no one is left hungry.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- **84% of EU citizens** consider that the EU should help other countries improve their food security.
- Worldwide **800 million people** do not have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food.
- Hidden hunger, also called micronutrient deficiency, affects some **2 billion people** around the world.
- Worldwide **161 million children** suffer from stunting as a result of chronic undernutrition. Of these children, some **3.1 million** die each year.
- Food production will need to **rise by 70%** to feed the almost **10 billion** people living in the world by **2050**.
- The importance of addressing **food security** in the new **Global Goals for Sustainable Development** has been recognised with a specific goal, **SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**.

## THEMATIC MONTHS

Each month during the campaign will focus on a different theme involved in development around the world:

- January:* **EUROPE IN THE WORLD**
- February:* **EDUCATION**
- March:* **WOMEN AND GIRLS**
- April:* **HEALTH**
- May:* **PEACE AND SECURITY**
- June:* **SUSTAINABLE GREEN GROWTH, DECENT JOBS, BUSINESSES**
- July:* **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
- August:* **HUMANITARIAN AID**
- September:* **DEMOGRAPHY AND MIGRATION**
- October:* **FOOD SECURITY**
- November:* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION**
- December:* **HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE**



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Infographics, online banners, campaign trailers and more materials can be downloaded from the EYD2015 website. You can also join the group "European Year for Development 2015" on [capacity4dev.eu](http://capacity4dev.eu) to join the debate and get the latest news.

To get more involved, you can join us at events across the EU, and spread the impact of the campaign by co-branding with the EYD2015.

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