



World Food Day 2025

Theme: Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future

About World Food Day¹



Established by the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** in 1979



Celebrated every **16 October**



The aim: **To raise awareness about food security and hunger**



Theme for 2025: Emphasizes fostering sustainable food systems that are resilient to global challenges, aiming to achieve long-term food security for all

Facts and Figures



Global Hunger & Food Insecurity² (statistics for the year 2024)

- **8.2%** of the global population is undernourished
- **638–720 million** people faced hunger
- **28%** of the world population (**2.3 billion** people) were moderately or severely food insecure



Child Malnutrition²

- Out of **150 million** stunted children worldwide, **86.8%** live in low- and lower-middle-income countries
- Statistics from 2024:



Boys: 24.4% stunted



Girls: 21.9% stunted



Less Earning & Production Among Small-Scale Food Producers²

- Annual income: Less than **\$1,500** in most countries (some under \$500)
- Small-scale food producer headed by men typically generate higher incomes than those headed by women (in most countries with available data)



Investment in Global Agriculture²

- The volume aid for agriculture to developing countries increased by **43.5%** from **\$12.9 billion** (2015) to **\$18.5 billion** (2023) (constant 2023 prices)



Food Waste²

- **1.05 billion metric** tons of food wasted in 2022 (**132 kg per person**)
- Enough food discarded daily to provide over **1 billion** meals
- **1 in 11** people worldwide go hungry
- **1 in 3** cannot afford a healthy diet



Climate Change and Food²

- **2024** was hottest year on record (**1.55°C** above pre-industrial levels)
- **Extreme weather:** Highest climate-related displacement in **16 years**
- Worsening **food insecurity, economic losses, and instability**

Small Actions, Big Impact: Reduce Food Waste and Protect the Planet



Reduce food waste at home³

- ✓ Don't waste food – freeze leftovers and fresh produce.
- ✓ Buy “funny” or imperfect fruit and vegetables.



Share and donate⁴

- ✓ Use food-sharing applications to donate extra food.



Recycle and reuse⁵

- ✓ Compost food scraps to recycle nutrients and reduce climate impact.



Sustainable consumption⁵

- ✓ Buy eco-friendly products and check packaging if products are produced in an eco-friendly way.

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