

The Hunger Project – Switzerland

Christmas Campaign



Are you still looking for a gift idea? Are you thinking of a meaningful present with a great impact? Please support our work in the epicenters in Africa. Thanks to the activities of The Hunger Project 1.8 million people in rural Africa have so far gained access to the facilities and programs, which were established by the local population in the epicenters (such as seeds, crop storage, health center, literacy, microfinance). With your contribution you will enable more and more people who suffer from chronic hunger to develop their full potential. What would be a better gift for Christmas?

You can make a donation to the Hunger Project in the name of the person to whom you want to make a present:

- Please let us know the amount of your donation and the address of the person to whom you would like to offer the present by December 17 (incoming mail) by e-mail, letter or phone (see information below). We will send a personal, handwritten thank-you card to the recipient of your gift naming you as the donor on the card. Or:
- You ask us for the thank-you card filled in by us by e-mail, letter or phone. Please indicate the name of the person who is to receive the gift.

We assure you that The Hunger Project will not add the name of the recipient to its database.

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Initiatives against EBOLA in the Africa program countries



Although none of the THP Program Countries have been affected by Ebola, with the exception of Senegal that experienced one single case that was quickly treated, all Program Countries in West Africa, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Senegal, are taking action to raise awareness among staff and epicenter communities about Ebola. Health animators at epicenters in these 4 countries have been trained by government health workers to educate epicenter communities about the history of the Ebola virus, its modes of transmission, and signs and symptoms to look for, and attitudes to adopt in order to avoid contracting the virus.

In addition to information about transmission and symptoms of Ebola, the following efforts to control the spread of the Ebola virus are implemented in the epicenters:

1. Recommendation to frequently wash one's hands
2. Reduction or discontinuation of greetings that involve hand-to-hand contact
3. Postings and images aimed at raising awareness about Ebola in the Epicenters
4. Surveillance of suspected cases and directing to the health centers for further assessment and/or treatment

At a larger scale, governments of Benin, Burkina, Ghana and Senegal are taking additional measures including check points at their borders to help stop people showing Ebola symptoms from entering their countries and health posts distributed throughout their territories to rapidly treat any declared case of Ebola.

Partner Story from India



Laxmi Devi is the Up Mukhiya (principal ward member) of the Gram Panchayat West Ramnath Dhamauli in Bihar since 2011. She says, «I have contested for two posts over 10 years – Ward Member and Up Mukhiya. I am strictly against the dirty game of money and power in politics. I have been told by some people that had I spent money and bought liquor for people during the time of election, I would have won the post of a Mukhiya. This is against my values and I am happy to be the Up Mukhiya.»

Establishing her political identity has not been easy for young Laxmi Devi. Her decision to step out and work out of home led to family conflicts. She worked for increasing women's participation in Gram Sabhas. Strongly voicing her objection when women have not been allowed to participate in Gram Sabha, Laxmi Devi visited each and every house and mobilized women. Laxmi was aware that the Panchayat would be governed by those who participated and she wanted to have women a say in the issues that mattered to them. Laxmi Devi is committed towards working against corruption. She has sought justice for the people by highlighting the corruption in the distribution of flood relief materials. During her previous tenure, she focused her work on health, education and enrolling girls in school, stopping child marriage and monitoring of Anganwadi centers, where children can get basic health care. Currently, she is taking care of women so that they can avail health services. She holds camps on awareness on Reproductive Health and encourages institutional delivery. Laxmi says, «When I got married, the elderly people of this Panchayat advised me to remain in veil and consider it as my legacy like other social norms. At that time I accepted it. But today, when I have been re-elected as ward member and Up Mukhiya, the same elderly people do not see anything wrong in me not being in veil; they respect me as leader. Social norms can be challenged when women start to play a critical role in the public domain.»

