

Our Vision

One in nine people in the world do not have enough food to eat. This is not inevitable. Through true empowerment, women and men can end their own hunger and poverty.

The Hunger Project is a global, non-profit, strategic organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty by pioneering sustainable, grassroots, women-centered strategies and advocating for their widespread adoption in countries throughout the world. Our vision is a world where every woman, man and child leads a healthy, fulfilling life of self-reliance and dignity.

Our Three Pillars

THP carries out its mission with strategies that are affordable, effective, replicable and sustainable, based on three fundamental pillars:

1. Start by empowering women as key change agents
2. Mobilizing entire communities into self-reliant action
3. Forging effective partnerships to engage local government

What We Do

- In eight African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Senegal and Uganda) THP mobilizes 121 clusters of villages (called *epicenters*) to work together to establish and manage their own programs for microfinance, health, education, food security, income generation and gender equality. >> **1.4 million people in rural Africa have access to epicenter facilities and programs.**
- In six states of India, THP trains and empowers women leaders who have been elected to village councils to be the key change agents for ending hunger and poverty in their villages. >> **More than 183,000 elected women have been trained in partnership with local organizations.**
- Across Bangladesh, THP trains and empowers volunteer leaders, called *animators*, to mobilize their villages and strengthen the institutions of local democracy so people can meet basic needs. >> **More than 109,000 trained village-level leaders are initiating projects such as education campaigns for safe drinking water and sanitation.**
- In Mexico and Peru, THP focuses on the people who are most marginalized, particularly indigenous women, and carries out strategies to end their marginalization and empower them to work in partnership with local government. >> **Self-Reliant communities are defined as resilient and organized communities that have a shared vision, transformative leadership and equality, which is shown through improved quality of living, an active citizenry and a vibrant solidarity economy.**
- THP is sustained by a global movement of **11,800 individuals and 210+ institutions** – these *investors*, as we call them, are not simply donors, but involved partners and stakeholders in the fulfillment of our mission.

Hunger Stats (2018)

- **821 million** people are hungry
- **More than 60%** are women
- **Every ten seconds** a child dies from hunger-related diseases.

THP At a Glance (2018)

- **\$13.5 million USD investment to program**
- **346 employees** worldwide
- **259,000 trained volunteer leaders** taking actions in their communities
- **15.9 million people in 12,908 villages** reached worldwide

THP Hero in Action

Ndéye Loum
(center)

coordinates a literacy class for 36 women in her village, who now

know how to read and write in Wolof, Senegal's primary local language. The class also serves as a forum for women to share about their challenges.



After being trained as a Hunger Project Women's Empowerment Program trainer, Ndéye carried out 30 sessions on reducing violence against women and early marriages throughout all the villages near the epicenter.

Her community members describe her as an **"ever-present, tireless and committed individual dedicated to the development of her village and its surroundings."**