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## WORLD FOOD DAY 2010 : UNITED AGAINST FOOD HUNGER

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*On World Food Day, I am proud to join President Obama, Secretary Clinton and this growing global consensus in calling attention to the urgent need for comprehensive, sustainable action on global food security."*

-- [Statement by Ambassador Susan E. Rice](#), U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on World Food Day 2010



For the first time in history, there are more than 1 billion undernourished people in the world — increasing the urgency of tackling food insecurity and improving agriculture. In honor of [World Food Day](#) on October 16, 2010, the United Nations urges people to make eliminating hunger a top priority. The theme of this year's observance is United against Hunger, chosen to recognize the efforts made in the fight against world hunger at national, regional and international levels.

In the United States, some 450 organizations sponsor projects to mark the day. The United States, with its abundant agricultural resources, remains the world's largest food donor. From 2007 to 2008, the U.S. government provided more than 2.6 million metric tons of food valued at more than \$2.6 billion to feed people in 49 countries on four continents.



[World Food Day Marks Its 30th Year of Fighting Hunger](#) (October 8, 2010) - The 30th observance of World Food Day is especially significant because in 2009 the world reached a tragic threshold: A record number — 1 billion people, almost one-sixth of the human race — were living in hunger in 2009. (In an encouraging trend, the number dipped just under a billion in 2010.) U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)'s goal is to cut the toll in half by 2015.

[U.S. Announces Aggressive Approach to Reduce World Hunger](#) (May 21, 2010) - The United States plans to take an aggressive approach to reducing world hunger and malnutrition by investing in countries that have made plans to produce more food, create strong markets and spur private-sector investment in their agricultural sectors.



**[Two Who Battle Hunger Win 2010 World Food Prize](#)** (June 16, 2010) - Two leaders of grass-roots organizations fighting global hunger and poverty have been named winners of the 2010 World Food Prize.

**[Better Nutrition to Improve Lives in the Developing World](#)** (May 11, 2010) - The United States is trying to make global nutrition the intersection of economic development efforts to strengthen health systems of partner countries and to improve agricultural programs from farms to markets.

**[21st Century Agriculture](#)** (March 2010) - Humanity's longest struggle has been to feed itself. This eJournal USA explores how 21st-century technical prowess and agricultural skill hold the key to feeding the growing populations of the future.

## PHOTO GALLERY



**[Responding to World Hunger](#)** - For the first time in history, there are more than 1 billion undernourished people in the world. One in six people in the world goes hungry every day. Find out more about how the international community and the United States are taking action to address food insecurity and the challenges of improving agriculture.

**[Water and Food Security](#)** - Managing water to achieve food security for all and a healthy environment will require massive efforts. Adapting to climate change will become a priority everywhere. In industrialized nations, the emphasis will be on curbing water pollution and reviving water ecosystems. In developing nations, food security for all requires a focus on opportunities for the poor, particularly initiatives that help people grow food and generate income while managing scarce water resources. Tackling food security in the 21st century is a global endeavor.

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