

Hello.

My name is Brian Merrett and I am the A & P Champion with Presbyterian World Service & Development, the development, relief, and refugee sponsorship agency of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

I want to share with you some information about a crisis many people around the world are facing, and let you know how you can help.

Right now, 50 million people living across 45 countries are facing emergency levels of hunger. Stress on global food systems could lead to 323 million people facing acute hunger in 2022.

The effects of climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a situation where action is essential. **World hunger rose by an unprecedented 18% last year.** Progress made to reduce world hunger in recent decades has largely evaporated.

PWS&D is already responding with Canadian Foodgrains Bank in places like South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia, where hunger needs are worsening every day. **Today, as food prices continue to rise, more resources are required to feed the same number of people.** Your contribution will help us reach so many more people.

Through membership in [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), **donations to PWS&D are eligible to be matched** through the Humanitarian Coalition [Hunger Crisis](#) appeal. Now is a great time to support this response, because donations made until July 17 will be matched.

Visit [WeRespond.ca](https://www.werespond.ca) to support PWS&D's response to this pressing need.