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# SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER

**INFORMATION GUIDE**

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# Introduction

The United Arab Emirates is actively engaged in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a global framework aiming to address critical challenges like poverty and hunger. SDG 2: Zero Hunger specifically focuses on ensuring access to safe, nutritious food for all by 2030.

## Why SDG 2 Matters:

**Global Impact** While the UAE enjoys a high standard of living, hunger remains a global concern, highlighting the need for collective action.

**A Vicious Cycle** Hunger weakens individuals and communities, hindering physical and mental health. It perpetuates poverty and limits the potential for a brighter future.

**Building a Sustainable Future** Achieving food security is crucial for fostering a healthy and stable society. It ensures everyone has the opportunity to contribute and thrive.



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# About Leading Lady Empire



Since 2022

According to UN, 22.8 million children are out of school in Pakistan. Pakistan holds the second highest ranking globally for the most out-of-school children. At Leading Lady Empire, we are dedicated to uplifting and empowering girls and women from all walks of life in Pakistan. Our tight-knit community is built on the foundation of supporting gender equality, women empowerment, and women's rights. Through raising awareness about education in Pakistan and recognizing exceptional talent, we strive to create a more inclusive and equitable society for women and girls to ensure no one is left behind.



Since our establishment and humble beginnings in 2022, we have been committed to being a beacon of hope and change in Pakistan's education community. With our growing impact, we envision significant progress in Pakistan's education development, hoping to witness every girl and woman's chance at life.



# Facts and Figures



Goal 2 is about creating a world free of hunger by 2030. The global issue of hunger and food insecurity has shown an alarming increase since 2015, a trend exacerbated by a combination of factors including the pandemic, conflict, climate change, and deepening inequalities.

By 2022, approximately 735 million people – or 9.2% of the world’s population – found themselves in a state of chronic hunger – a staggering rise compared to 2019. This data underscores the severity of the situation, revealing a growing crisis.

In addition, an estimated 2.4 billion people faced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2022. This classification signifies their lack of access to sufficient nourishment. This number escalated by an alarming 391 million people compared to 2019.

The persistent surge in hunger and food insecurity, fueled by a complex interplay of factors, demands immediate attention and coordinated global efforts to alleviate this critical humanitarian challenge.

Extreme hunger and malnutrition remains a barrier to sustainable development and creates a trap from which people cannot easily escape. Hunger and malnutrition mean less productive individuals, who are more prone to disease and thus often unable to earn more and improve their livelihoods.

2 billion people in the world do not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. In 2022, 148 million children had stunted growth and 45 million children under the age of 5 were affected by wasting.

# SDG 2 Targets

- 01.** By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.
- 02.** By 2030, end all forms of malnutrition, including achieving, by 2025, the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons.
- 03.** By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- 04.** By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.





# UAE's Hunger-Fighting Heroes

Several organizations in the UAE play a vital role in achieving SDG 2



## 01.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Supports the UAE government in developing sustainable food systems and agricultural practices.

## 02.

The Khalifa International Award for Date Palm and Agricultural Innovation Recognizes and encourages global innovation in sustainable food production.

## 03.

Emirates Red Crescent (ERC) Provides food assistance to vulnerable communities both locally and internationally.



# Our Role

## Our Role in Building a Brighter Future:

### Individuals

- Support local farmers' markets Choose fresh, locally produced food to reduce the environmental footprint and support the local economy.
- Reduce food waste Plan meals effectively, store food properly, and consider composting food scraps.
- Donate to food banks or volunteer at food distribution centers.

### Corporations

- Adopt sustainable sourcing practices Partner with local farmers and prioritize environmentally friendly agricultural methods.
- Invest in food waste reduction initiatives Implement strategies to minimize food waste throughout the supply chain.
- Support community food programs Partner with NGOs and government agencies to address food insecurity in vulnerable communities.





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