

# MALNUTRITION

## MALNUTRITION MEANS CHILDREN CANNOT GROW, LEARN OR REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

As chefs, we know the power of food, to nourish, to connect and to transform lives. Yet today, children are dying, because they lack access to nutritious food at a fair price. This is a global crisis.

For 2.8 billion people – over a third of the world's population – eating a healthy meal is an unattainable luxury. Severe malnutrition causes half of all young child deaths globally.

The world is facing a malnutrition crisis, the likes of which have no place in the 21st century. Undernourished children face lifelong challenges, like poor physical and mental health, difficulties at school, and limited future opportunities.

Malnutrition doesn't just stunt an individual's growth; it slows down economies. Climate change, conflict and cost of living pressures are making the situation worse across the world.

Over 6 million children are at risk of dying from malnutrition in the next decade. By working with partner countries in Africa and Asia, we can help take action to avert this crisis.

The UK government has a mission to create a world free from poverty on a liveable planet. But this is impossible without addressing the global hunger and nutrition crisis. The upcoming Nutrition For Growth Summit in March offers a pivotal moment to act.

That's why we're calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to lead with ambition and commit an additional £500 million over the next five years on nutrition specific programmes, that include providing life saving treatment for children affected by malnutrition.

This investment will transform lives, foster shared prosperity and uphold UK values of opportunity, respect and partnership.

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