Now seeking nominations!

2018 Women Stop Hunger Award

**THE LINK BETWEEN WOMEN AND HUNGER**

Women are too often victims of hunger. 60% of the world’s hungry are women. When a crisis hits, women are generally the first to sacrifice their food consumption in order to protect the food consumption of their families.

At the same time, women can be the key to fighting hunger in communities around the globe. Systemic solutions to hunger that engage women can often provide even more impactful results than those that seek to provide greater food access. For example, one study showed that women's education contributed 43 percent of the reduction in child malnutrition over time, while improving food availability accounted for 26 percent. Giving women farmers more resources could bring the number of hungry people in the world down by 100 - 150 million people and increasing family income by engaging women is shown to improve children’s health and nutrition.

**THE WOMEN STOP HUNGER AWARD**

To highlight the role of women in addressing hunger and to encourage greater adoption of initiatives that get women durably out of hunger, Stop Hunger is launching the second edition of global “Women Stop Hunger Award.”

The award will be presented on March 13, 2018 at our annual Stop Hunger Fundraising Dinner in Paris, France. The recipient will receive travel expenses to attend the dinner and a grant of up to 10 Thousand Euro to enhance their Stop Hunger initiative. Recipient must be available to attend the award ceremony.

**Award Criteria**

Stop Hunger will use the following criteria to select a woman or group of women on the front lines of fighting hunger in their community. The recipient(s) will have implemented an innovative and impactful solution that links empowerment of women to a measurable reduction of hunger in their community. The initiative will be led by women, for women. The following criteria will be considered:

* **Targeted**. The initiative is helping a community with the greatest need, greatest resource constraints, and greatest rates of hunger.
* **Systemic**: The initiative addresses the root causes of hunger, by leveraging the role of women as mothers, farmers, teachers, entrepreneurs and/or community leaders.
* **Impactful**: The initiative has had a measurable impact on beneficiaries in the community.
* **Innovative**: The approach introduces a new idea or approach that has not yet been widely implemented, but holds great promise for future impact.
* **Scalable**: The initiative provides a model that could be implemented in other communities.

**How to Nominate**

* Complete the attached nomination form to propose a candidate for consideration. You can submit up to 5 pages of supporting documentation.
* Send nomination to WomenStopHunger@stop-hunger.org
* All nominations are due by October 31, 2017.

**ABOUT STOP HUNGER**

Stop Hunger is an international non-profit organization that has been working for a hunger-free world for more than 20 years and shares with its founding partner Sodexo the same aspiration for quality of life for all.

Stop Hunger relies on the commitment and strength of a unique ecosystem – Sodexo’s 425,000 employees, 75 million daily consumers worldwide, thousands of clients, shareholders and suppliers - mobilized through three complementary means: volunteering, fundraising and advocacy.

Thanks to the financial support of Sodexo, **100% of the donations** made to Stop Hunger go directly to financing activities in **three fields**:

1. Local community support for those most in need,

2. Women empowerment, in knowing that they are the most effective means of eliminating hunger within communities,

3. Emergency assistance, in the event of climate and humanitarian disasters, building on international partnerships such as the World Food Programme and the **875 local NGOs** it supports.

While food aid remains vital to addressing hunger and saving lives on a daily basis, Stop Hunger also wants **to enable those most in need to permanently escape hunger**:

1. by developing **food self-sufficiency**,
2. by facilitating **access to training, education and employment**,

in order to be able to produce sustainably, to eat healthily and thus have an income with an active life.

**Empowering women** is a Stop Hunger priority because providing women with resources is the most direct way to end hunger. Two figures that support this: women could feed 100 to 150 million more people if they had the same access to means of production as men. And, according to some studies, money invested in women would be 17 times more productive than if invested in men.

Thus, in 2016-2017, nearly one million euros were invested by Stop Hunger in programs designed to support women or groups of women.

**2016 figures**

Stop Hunger mobilizes 113,000 volunteers in 44 countries,  
offers close to 5.7 million meals and collects more than USD 4.6 million to finance and co-develop long-term, local and innovative programs, whether educational, agricultural or economic.