LIVES CONNECTED

ONE IN THREE PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUFFERS FROM VITAMIN AND MINERAL DEFICIENCIES. BY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER, WE CAN STIMULATE RELIEF AND LONGER-TERM SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS A RANGE OF INTERCONNECTED HUMANITARIAN NEEDS.



HARVESTED

Next to maize, rice is the most important grain with regard to human nutrition and caloric intake. Along with soy or lentil proteins, vegetables and vitamins; rice is the fourth and final ingredient in our meals that provide help and healing to those suffering from hunger around the world.



TRANSPORTED

The rice we use is sourced locally, whenever possible, and transported to one of our warehouse or program locations around the world. From there, staff store and inventory the rice along with the other meal ingredients, until they are needed for a packaging event.



PACKAGED

Volunteers from the community, churches, corporations and civic groups come together to package meals and serve those in need. They combine the rice with three other dry ingredients into a meal bag that, with water, becomes a highly nutritious vegetarian meal.



Meals are packed into boxes at volunteer events. Boxes are returned to the warehouses and stored. When enough meals have been packaged they are ready to ship internationally to programs that serve the hungry.



The boxes of completed meals, packed inside a shipping container, leave a program location and make their way across the sea to one of the countries where our Impact Partners operate their programs.

DISTRIBUTED

From the ports, our Impact Partners transport the meals and ensure they have safe passage to their program sites. This can involve a combination of transportation methods and the meals can travel thousands of miles before they reach their final destination. Whether the meals are delivered to a school, orphanage, feeding or vocational center, our Impact Partners provide fair distribution of these precious meals.

STORED

Depending on the country and program; Stop Hunger Now meals can be stored for over 12 months to feed anywhere from 40 to 1,000 people and will sometimes be the only daily meal they receive. We work with our Impact Partners to determine the number of meal shipments they will need each year enabling them to allocate resources to support their program, their teachers or their facility.

COOKED

When we provide meals to our Impact Partners, we include instructions on hygiene and safe cooking practices. Most locations customize the meals into local dishes that are suited to the regional palate. Meals are often accompanied by local vegetables or protein, depending on availability.

SERVED

Often meals are served in schools where it may be the only meal a child will eat all day. Parents will send their children to school knowing there is food for them. Girls are encouraged to attend school when there is food. Our Impact Partners apply to receive meals, and report annually on the impact these meals have on recipients. This builds a strong partnership, as we both witness transformational change in their communities.

LIVES CHANGED

Powerful change takes place when children are fed and ready to learn. With nutritious and consistent daily meals, children can grow into healthy, educated adults who are able to create sustainable communities. As they lead their villages and cities, their reality is shifting from hunger and poverty to sustenance and security.

