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Action Against Hunger | ACF-International saves lives by eliminating hunger through the prevention, detection and treatment of malnutrition, especially during and after emergency situations of conflict, war and natural disaster. From crisis to sustainability, ACF tackles the underlying causes of malnutrition and its effects. By integrating our programs with local and national systems, and through advocacy and research, ACF further ensures that short-term interventions become long-term solutions. With 30 years of experience in conflict and emergency situations, ACF runs programs in more than 40 countries.

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## Selected Food Security Publications

Free publications can be downloaded from Action Against Hunger's website at [www.actionagainsthunger.org](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org)

### SEASONS OF HUNGER: BRIEFING PAPER

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/seasons-hunger-briefing-paper](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/seasons-hunger-briefing-paper)*

This Action Against Hunger briefing paper argues that planning for seasonality is an important, though often ignored, principle of smart development. Most of the world's poor live in rural areas and work in agricultural and livestock economies. For these households, poverty, hunger and illness are a highly dynamic phenomena, changing dramatically over the course of a year in response to production, price and climatic cycles. As a result, most of the world's acute hunger occurs not in conflicts and natural disasters but in that annually recurring time of the year called the "hunger season," the period when the previous year's harvest stocks have dwindled and little food is available on the market, causing prices to shoot upward.

### ACUTE MALNUTRITION: A PREVENTABLE PANDEMIC

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/acute-malnutrition-preventable-pandemic](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/acute-malnutrition-preventable-pandemic)*

Acute malnutrition, a devastating disease of epidemic proportions, affects some 55 million children with moderate acute malnutrition; 19 million are afflicted with severe acute malnutrition—the most dangerous type of hunger. Each year, between 3.5 and 5 million of these children die because they lack access to treatment—even though these deaths are entirely preventable. Read more about this disease and Action Against Hunger's proven approach to addressing its symptoms and underlying causes.

### IMPLEMENTING CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS: A GUIDELINE FOR AID WORKERS

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/implementing-cash-based-interventions-guideline-for-aid-workers](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/implementing-cash-based-interventions-guideline-for-aid-workers)*

The response to humanitarian crises or emergency situations has, in most cases, taken the form of commodity (food, shelter, seeds and tools and a variety of other necessary goods, classed collectively by humanitarian agencies as 'non-food items') distributions to affected populations. However, a growing body of experience and literature shows an interest in alternatives to in-kind distributions, where people are given cash or vouchers instead, which they use to acquire the items they need. This manual provides aid workers with a practical guide for implementing these "cash-based interventions."

### FEEDING HUNGER & INSECURITY: FIELD ANALYSIS OF VOLATILE GLOBAL COMMODITY FOOD PRICES, FOOD SECURITY & CHILDHOOD MALNUTRITION

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/feeding-hunger-insecurity-field-analysis-volatile-global-commodity-food-price](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/feeding-hunger-insecurity-field-analysis-volatile-global-commodity-food-price)*

Rapid price increases in early 2008 led to riots in over 30 countries that sparked international calls for action and repositioned as global priorities the need to combat hunger and reinvigorate local agriculture. Action Against Hunger's in-depth field study, *Feeding Hunger & Insecurity*, reminds us the crisis is far from over and that urgent funding is needed to translate global policy into effective, targeted responses addressing the needs of those most affected.

### SUBSISTENCE FISHFARMING IN AFRICA: A TECHNICAL MANUAL

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/subsistence-fishfarming-africa-technical-manual](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/subsistence-fishfarming-africa-technical-manual)*

This Action Against Hunger manual describes the elements necessary to install working fish farms, bearing in mind costs, time constraints, and resources. The handbook provides managers in the field and in headquarters with a step-by-step guide to make consumable fish available to communities in Africa.

### IMPLEMENTING CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

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This Action Against Hunger report is a compilation of case studies and lessons learned from cash-based interventions by ACF and other NGOs. Presented as a guide to implementing such interventions, this detailed document covers both theory and practice.

### INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SECURITY INTERVENTION PRINCIPLES

*Link: <http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/introduction-food-security-intervention-principles>*

From understanding the concept of food security and analyzing it, to providing impoverished communities with the means to achieve long-term security, this booklet covers many facets of the food security activities Action Against Hunger implements around the world.

### AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS: FROM INITIAL ASSESSMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/agricultural-programmes-from-initial-assessment-programmes-implementation](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/agricultural-programmes-from-initial-assessment-programmes-implementation)*

This Action Against Hunger booklet is a comprehensive resources for those implementing food security programs. The guide provides methodological, technical, and practical tools for a broad range of agricultural activities, from community gardens to livestock and crop production.

### ONE CRISES MAY HIDE ANOTHER: FOOD PRICE CRISES MASKED DEADLY CHILD MALNUTRITION

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/one-crisis-may-hide-another-food-price-crisis-masked-deadly-child-malnutrition](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/one-crisis-may-hide-another-food-price-crisis-masked-deadly-child-malnutrition)*

A Briefing Paper by Action Against Hunger and Doctors Without Borders on the occasion of the UN High Level Meeting on Food Security For All in Madrid, this briefing paper lays out the commitments that government representatives, UN leaders, and institutional donors must make in Madrid if we are to have an impact on global malnutrition.

### THE JUSTICE OF EATING: THE STRUGGLE FOR FOOD AND DIGNITY IN RECENT HUMANITARIAN CRISES

*Link: [www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/the-justice-eating-the-struggle-food-dignity-recent-humanitarian-crisis](http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/resources/publications/the-justice-eating-the-struggle-food-dignity-recent-humanitarian-crisis)*

Combining thorough analysis with personal testimonies from struggling families, this report assesses the underlying causes of hunger in several African countries. A powerful indictment of local institutions, national governments, international agencies, and the socioeconomic forces complicit in the persistence of world hunger, this report argues that an end to malnutrition is fully possible with sufficient political will.

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### CRISES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS: GLOBAL FOOD CRISES AND LOCAL HUNGER

BY SAMUEL HAUENSTEIN SWAN, SIERD HADLEY AND BERNARDETTE CICHON.

Abstract: The high and volatile food prices in 2007-08 triggered estimates of massive increases in poverty and hunger. However, hunger and volatile food prices have long been a feature of developing economies. This paper examines the impact of high global food prices on domestic terms-of-trade, food consumption and child undernutrition in the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Liberia and Sierra Leone, comparing findings with the impacts of 'seasonality'.

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