



## Progress against hunger, but still more work to do

- Worldwide, extreme poverty, has been cut in half over the past 30 years
- Nearly 800 million people in the world are still hungry
- In the U.S., 1 in 6 children lives in a family that struggles with hunger



# Why are domestic nutrition programs important?



# Can't foodbank our way out of hunger!



## SNAP

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest domestic anti-hunger program
- 43 Million Americans use SNAP, including close to 20 million children
- Close to 900,000 veterans live at risk of hunger

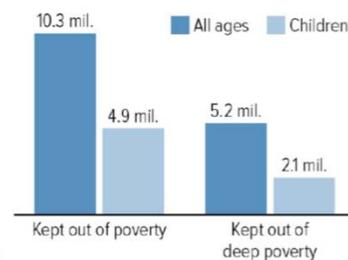


## SNAP

- SNAP benefits free up other income and lift more than 10 million people out of poverty
- SNAP lifts more children out of deep poverty than any other government assistance program

### SNAP Kept Millions Out of Poverty and "Deep Poverty" in 2012

People kept above poverty line or half of poverty line in 2012



Source: Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, cbpp.org



## Child Nutrition Programs

- School lunch
- School breakfast
- Summer Food Service Program
- Child care and afterschool meals
- WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)



## School Meals



- **30.3 million** students participated in NSLP
- **22 million** received a free or reduced-price lunch
- **14.5 million** students participated in SBP
- **12.3 million** received a free or reduced-price breakfast



## Mother and Child Nutrition



- The first 1,000 days
- WIC provides monthly package of nutritious foods, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care
- 8 million women and young children participated in WIC in 2016



## Federal Budget



## Federal Budget Cuts

- All nutrition programs, in particular SNAP, are at risk of budget cuts
- Block Grants
  - Offer “flexibility”, “local control”, “states rights”
  - Result in spending cuts and/or program restrictions



## Cuts Have Consequences

- 57,000 children were turned away from Head Start
- 100,000 low-income Americans lost rental assistance.
- Meals serving poor seniors were cut.



# A Budget to End Hunger



## More than a Financial Document

- It's a moral document
- The national funding decisions of 2017 will have far-reaching effects
- Millions of families in the United States will struggle with food insecurity and poverty



## Our goal:

In 2017, Congress must invest in key programs that have a proven track record and improve the lives of hungry men, women, and children.



# Doing Your Part



## Write to Congress!

- Make it personal. What motivates you to write?
- Make your request clear.
- Include *your* address in the letter.



## Dear Congress:

As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030.

I urge you to adequately invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low-income workers, and international development assistance. These programs are helping millions of people escape from hunger.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[Your City, State, Zip]



## Meet Your Members of Congress

- Meet with your members of Congress either in D.C. or at home
- Go to a Town Hall Meeting
- Ask them to visit your church, workplace, or school



# Call Your Members of Congress

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# Thank you!

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