Malnutrition is the world’s leading cause of poor health.¹

1 in 3 people suffer from at least one of the following forms:
- chronic undernourishment from lack of calories
- vitamin and mineral deficiencies
- overweight and obesity

Based on current trends, malnutrition is expected to rise to affect one in two people by 2030.²

As recently as the 1960s, one in three people worldwide was chronically undernourished due to insufficient calories. Today, this global hunger rate is about 10 percent.³

Bread for the World believes that every human being, created in the image of God, has inherent dignity and should have access to sufficient nutritious food.

Ensuring food and nutrition security for everyone will mean carrying out thorough initiatives to end these inequities.

Food systems depend on natural resources to meet current and future demand for food. Every year, about one-third of all the food produced in the United States goes to waste.⁴

Future generations will have no choice but to rely, for their food security, on how we choose to produce our food today.

Food security and environmental sustainability are always interconnected. Farm bill reauthorization is an ideal opportunity for progress on both.

To learn more, see our Farm Bill Policy Platform at bread.org.

¹ www.thelancet.com/commissions/global-syndemic
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