



1 in 4 Children Face Food Poverty *Together, We're Changing That*

According to UNICEF, 1 in 4 children globally live in severe food poverty, meaning they consume just two or fewer of the major food groups each day.

Malnutrition, especially in the first two years of a child's life, can cause lasting damage to brain development, leading to impaired cognitive function, developmental delays and behavioral problems. Malnutrition also compromises the immune system, making children more susceptible to illnesses and increasing the risk of childhood mortality.

The Survival program helps to reduce malnutrition by providing a range of nutritional, medical and educational support to mothers and their babies from the prenatal period through the first year of life. The program ensures that infants survive and thrive, helping them reach important developmental milestones and avoiding the long-term, often irreversible, damage caused by chronic hunger and undernourishment. Continue reading to learn about some of the ways the Survival program supports families.



Regular Monitoring

Monthly growth monitoring for infants allows staff to identify and address early signs of malnutrition immediately.



Nutritional Support

Food supplies, milk and vitamin supplements are regularly provided to families to address immediate hunger and nutrient deficiencies.



Education

One-on-one mentorship and group workshops teach mothers about good nutrition, breastfeeding and preparing healthy foods for their families.

Our Results

Improved Birth Weight: Babies born in the Survival program have up to a 30% better chance of having a normal birth weight, a crucial factor in preventing future malnutrition and health issues.

Better Lifetime Health: By addressing malnutrition early, the Survival program helps prevent its severe, irreversible effects such as stunted growth, developmental delays and a heightened risk of disease.

Long-term Food Stability: By offering parenting workshops and income-generating skills training, the Survival program helps families build sustainable livelihoods, improving their ability to afford food and maintain a nutritious diet for their children even beyond the program's duration.

From January to June 2025



7,600+ babies

were diagnosed with malnutrition and are now receiving treatment to meet their growth milestones.



Lucienne, Burkina Faso

When her daughter, Felicite, was born, Lucienne was not able to breastfeed due to medical complications, and Felicite quickly became undernourished. In desperation, Lucienne sought help at her church's Survival program, and the program began supporting Felicite with milk and medical assistance that put Felicite back on a path toward health.



Yesenia, Mexico

Yesenia was living alone with her four children after her partner left her at the news of her latest pregnancy. And to make matters worse, she had recently lost her job. When she registered for the Survival program, she was in her first trimester and in a severe state of malnutrition. But thanks to the supplements, vitamins and food provided by the Survival program, Yesenia's nutrition improved, and her son, Gadbiel, was born in good health.



Serli, Indonesia

Serli joined the Survival program at her local church when Nara, her fourth child, was four months old. Her husband was employed in the rice fields as a farm laborer, and the family rarely had enough money to provide adequate meals for the household. Through the Survival program, Serli and her family received monthly food baskets which improved their health and nutrition and helped Nara meet her developmental milestones.