

# Hunger

## District 6-SE Cabinet Meeting

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People suffer from hunger and poor diet around the world, in the United States, in Colorado and in local communities. Hunger issues are everywhere.

Worldwide, 18.2 % of the population struggle with hunger issues according to the Global Hunger Index. The good news is that the percentage is down from 19.1% in 2014.

In the United States, the hunger rate was 12.4% in 2022. That means around 44 million people face hunger each day which includes 1 in 5 children.

The hunger index in Colorado was 15% in 2022. Roughly, 130,000 children did not have enough food to eat.

The real issue is not just food to eat, the issue is a variety of nutritious foods to eat. There is enough food in the world to feed everyone but the problem is getting the food distributed.

The Lions Club International Foundation is the best way to help with hunger issues worldwide. Donations can be designated for hunger relief.

Individual clubs may want to address hunger concerns in their own community. If so, the first thing to do is see what is available in the local town and county.

If there is help available for the hunger, join in. If there is no help available, adopt a hunger relief program as a club project. Clubs will find that there is a lot of support for food banks, pantries and meal programs. I suggest partnering with other organizations to tackle hunger problems locally.

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