

## Advocate for Food Aid

**Dear Mr. President and Members of Congress,**

**852 million people across the world are hungry.** Chronic poverty is a root cause of hunger. Food aid is a key tool in addressing chronic hunger and food insecurity. In conjunction with other programs, food aid can help eliminate poverty and lessen the impact of global hunger. Food aid serves a wider role than just providing relief during emergencies. It helps to lessen chronic food insecurity resulting from poor economies and structural injustices compounded by corruption, meets the nutritional requirements of those affected by HIV/AIDS, and saves millions of people who are barely meeting their daily food needs.

**Please support \$2 billion in funding for food aid (PL-480, title II)** in the 2008 budget cycle and designate that a portion of the funding be flexible for the local cash purchase of food. The United States can help the world's hungry realize the fundamental right to freedom from hunger. Thank you for your faithful public service.

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**We challenge your campus to get 6,000 signatures from students and community members by World AIDS Day, December 1. Please send completed petitions to World Vision's Acting on AIDS, MS 333, Federal Way, WA, 98063. Visit [www.actingtonaids.org](http://www.actingtonaids.org).**

