



THE HUNGER WARS

WORLD HUNGER IS INCREASING!



The world's industrialized food systems are currently feeding the majority of an ever increasing world population. However, to accomplish this and consequently, an increasing number of people are not only hungry but are being excluded from being able to access enough food either by growing or purchasing it. More people are fighting 'the hunger wars' than ever before.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimates that the number of hungry people in our world has increased by 78 million since 2003 climbing to almost one billion people. These 'bottom billion' people, who live on \$1 or \$2 a day, may spend as much as 80% of their income on food purchases.

Two billion more have lack of food security intermittently due to their poverty. This increase is due primarily to the recent rise in world food prices making many more of the poor vulnerable to undernourishment.

The many variables that affect food prices are here to stay - weather shocks, demand for biofuels, international trade, population growth and the financialization of food commodities. The resulting increase in food prices has profound consequences for the health of families when meals are missed and already meager dietary protein is reduced. In Latin America, where

Agriculture inputs and training are funded in SHARE projects to enable the poorest families to improve their food production.

SHARE has many projects, the poorest families get by eating one meal a day, surviving solely on corn tortillas, not affording servings of beans, their staple protein. Men and women lack adequate energy to do their daily work and undernourished children suffer long term reduced capacity. Families may have to sell meager assets such as land or livestock thereby perpetuating this poverty trap.

The rural poor who lack land and employment opportunities are particularly vulnerable to hunger. For the desperate and enterprising, even roadside ditches and public lands such as old

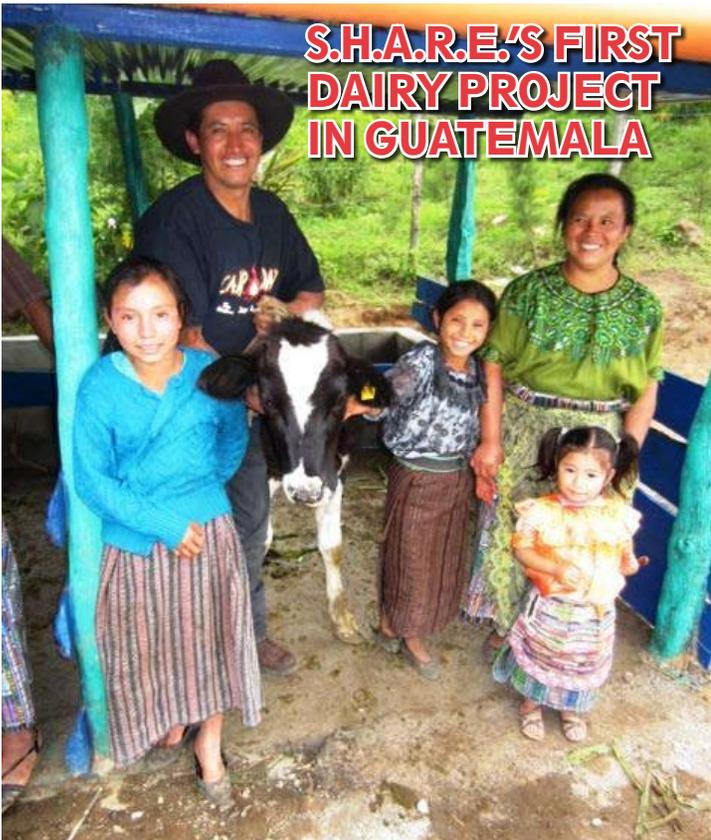
railroad tracks are often used to grow beans and corn for family food.

SHARE's projects address the food security problem at the community level, supplying agriculture inputs and agriculture extension services to train small holder farmers, men, women and youth, to grow their families' food and produce for small local markets.

SHARE's projects are critical to many families for sustainable long-term food security.

"75% OF THE WORLD'S UNDERNOURISHED AND ABSOLUTE POOR LIVE IN RURAL AREAS, WHERE MOST OF THEM ARE INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE. INVESTING IN SMALL SCALE FARMERS WILL DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE WORLD'S HUNGER PROBLEM."

— FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS



S.H.A.R.E.'S FIRST DAIRY PROJECT IN GUATEMALA

highest in Latin America, twice what it is in Haiti, where income per person is much lower. (The Economist, Aug. 2009) Improved nutrition is vital to break the cycle of poverty.

The first SHARE funded dairy project in Guatemala is therefore much needed. In the small agriculture community of Parrojas near Antigua, ten families are excited to learn dairy cattle management from a local agriculture technician in a

Mayan families living in rural areas of the western highlands of Guatemala face the many challenges of living in grinding poverty with lack of infrastructure, adequate schooling, health care, access to clean water and food security. According to UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) the incidence of child malnutrition in these rural Mayan areas is very high – among the worst in the world.

The incidence of stunting - a common indicator of chronic malnutrition - is the

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 BELOW RIGHT The new dairy project is managed by local partner Brazos Amorosos and will provide income generation and improved nutrition for families.

BELOW LEFT Vegetable waste sourced from a food export company will be brought to the dairy cattle to supplement grazing.

project that will result in a steady income and improved nutrition. Holstein heifers were purchased locally and pens built under the guidance of the local project manager of SHARE's partner Brazos Amorosos, Loving Arms. The cattle will be led out to small grazing pastures each day and brought back to the newly constructed pens for safety in the evening.

The ten participating families will work as a cooperative, taking turns with feeding, care of the heifers and daily milking duties. Milk and fresh cheese will be consumed by the families and sold.

This dairy project will provide a sustainable small enterprise and valuable assets for impoverished families and better future for their children in the western highlands of Guatemala.



Half of all Guatemalan children under 5 are stunted and in the Western Highlands, it's seven out of 10. According to the United Nations Children's Fund, only Afghanistan and Yemen fare worse. Mayan children raised in the United States are 6 inches taller than those raised in the Guatemalan highlands (ABC News, Dec. 14, 2010)

THANK YOU! ALL DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Thanks to all who responded to the Mark Cullen Challenge. Mark and Mary Cullen will match funds newly pledged in 2012 and donated annually until 2016 (up to \$10,000 each year). This initiative provides long term support for SHARE. A huge thank you to Mark and Mary Cullen. (See details on SHARE's web site.)

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers our fund raising events were very successful! A special thank you to the following: Caledon West Rotary who raised funds for water filters at two fun filled nights of entertainment, "SHARE on Broadway", to Ellen and Ray Thomson who hosted the Annual Corn Roast for the scholarship fund, to all who donated to our golf tournament, plant sale, card night and concert and to our gold sponsors, RBC Dominion Securities, Steve Robinson & Associates and Green Tractor, Barb & Karl Davis.

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ACCOMPLISHING MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

Generous donations in 2012 have enabled SHARE to support the following projects that are having a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of impoverished rural families in 8 countries.

-  **Water tanks and irrigation lines for small scale farmers in Bolivia (phase two)**
-  **Irrigation equipment for a farm community in Bolivia**
-  **Support to agriculture technicians in Brazil, El Salvador and Haiti**
-  **A loan for equipment for a shrimp food pelletizer and a larvae lab for 668 shrimp farmers in El Salvador**
-  **Support for a dairy enterprise at a training school in Bolivia**
-  **A new micro credit fund in Ceara Brazil to fund women and youth farmer projects**
-  **Year one of a 2 year project in 7 Mayan communities in eastern Guatemala (corn grinders, chicken project, stove building, reforestation and capacity building components)**
-  **Expansion of swine facilities and water distribution system for agriculture training a Mayan residential school for 400 in eastern Guatemala**
-  **Supplies and sewing machines for women's sewing initiatives in El Salvador, Belize and Guatemala**
-  **Funding for wells in Cambodia**
-  **Organic Growers' Conference with 140 attendees in northern Brazil**
-  **Improved eco stove and water filter building and training programs**
-  **First dairy project in Guatemala for a cooperative of 10 families**
-  **Start of the new CIDA project in Honduras and El Salvador with 4 components**
-  **Support to 45 high school students for tuition fees in Belize and for 5 agriculture students in Brazil**
-  **Support for organic certification to an indigenous coffee cooperative in Chiapas southern Mexico with Horizons of Friendship**
-  **Funds to complete a community centre in a land settlement in northern Brazil**
-  **Increasing a micro credit fund for small scale farmers at Santa Luz, Brazil**



A WISH LIST FOR SHARE

SHARE has **THE CAPACITY** to continue to expand our projects with trusted reliable partners. SHARE has **THE VISION** and our partners have **THE STRENGTH** to assist thousands more rural families.

--- Your donation can be matched 3 to 1 in the CIDA project ---

(See www.shareagfoundation.org for details.)



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Poultry \$10-\$30

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St. Paul's United Church, 30 Main street South, Brampton, ON.
Contact 1-888-337-4273.

JAN. 19, 2013 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 1:15pm, Mayfield
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(includes bylaw changes to conform with new Federal act)

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