

# Food Emergency Appeal

**“50 million people are facing emergency levels of hunger... starvation is knocking on their door.”**

This headline from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is an alarm call for all of us in the global village. It is the global impact of the war in Ukraine, a shock wave that is critically cutting short the supply of wheat and other cereals, as well as cooking oils. Transportation of whatever little is being produced is next to impossible, and prices of these commodities have soared sky-high. Adding these factors to year-long droughts, floods, and the impact of the pandemic creates a global humanitarian catastrophe.

**Already, it's estimated that one person is dying every 48 seconds in East Africa. A death a minute. A cost breaking the heart of the God we serve.**

But you can make a difference.

Twelve leading Canadian aid agencies are joining forces as the Humanitarian Coalition to raise funds and rush assistance to people on the edge of famine. **PWRDF** is participating in this appeal through its membership in the Foodgrains Bank.

The Canadian Government has committed \$250 million to address the global food crisis, and announced last week that it will **match donations** to the Humanitarian Coalition's member charities **1:1, up to \$5 million**. Donations made by July 17, 2022 are eligible.

Please consider making a special donation to St. John's, earmarked to:

**PWRDF - Humanitarian Coalition**

before July 15. (This will give our treasurer enough time to transfer your donation to PWRDF before the July 17 deadline.) A gift of \$50 will double with the matching of the Government of Canada.