

Dear Global Leaders and the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty,

We would like to begin this petition letter by recalling an important phrase regarding food: "A good government does not give food to the poor but creates the conditions so that they do not have to ask for it."

We are a group of children and adolescents who wish to express our concerns and hopes regarding the problem of hunger and malnutrition. The worst enemy of hunger is indifference, which is why we say, 'Enough is Enough'.

We know that good nutrition in schools is essential for our growth and development. However, we have noticed that the meals provided to us are not always nutritious, varied, or tasty, resulting in a great deal of food waste.

We want happy and healthy children since a country that feeds its people cultivates its own future. Thus, here we are presenting our proposals in order to urgently implement concrete actions to address fundamental issues affecting the quality of life of millions of children and adolescents worldwide. These proposals include:

1. **Eradicate poverty:** We request the implementation of effective public policies to combat poverty, create employment opportunities for our parents, expand access to essential services for us, and promote social inclusion.
2. **Guarantee quality food in schools:** We ask that healthy, nutritious and balanced food be provided in public schools, providing not only sufficient meals but also the necessary quality so that students have adequate nutritional support to secure our school performance.
3. **Include nutritional education programmes in schools:** We believe in the need to implement programmes that educate and raise awareness among students and education staff about the importance of healthy food choices and their impact on academic performance and long-term health.
4. **Strengthen children and adolescents' networks for monitoring public policies:** We strongly request that the active participation of children and adolescents in monitoring public policies be promoted to ensure that their implementation responds to our needs and respects our rights.

In conclusion, it is of utmost importance to be concerned about school meals in low-income communities. This is a very recurrent problem throughout the whole world, which is why we invite you to reflect on this issue and, thus, raise awareness in society about how we can change things. We want your support in eradicating poverty and implementing school feeding programmes so that all children and adolescents can have a healthy meal daily. We also ask for your support so that our voices are heard and considered regarding policy decisions that directly affect us.

Anais, Chile

Angel, Mexico

Bianca, Brazil

Bruno, Brazil

Camila, Mexico

Colette, Canada

Dayana, Mexico

Diego, Chile

Emmanuella, Ghana

Fernanda, Mexico

Francisco, Brazil

Giselle, Brazil

Havenna, Brazil

Jeimy, Mexico

Josy, Brazil

Karina, Brazil

Liandro, Brazil

Maite, Mexico

Mateo, Mexico

Matheus, Brazil

Ryan, Brazil

Sabrina, Canada

Sebastian, Mexico

Talyson, Brazil

Valentina, Mexico