



HOW TO GUIDE



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Timor Leste; Severiana preparing to plant corn seeds. Rodney Dekker/OxfamAUS.
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CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT IN 2018



ONE IN NINE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD GO HUNGRY EVERY DAY?

For many of us, food is something we gulp down on the bus, in front of the telly, messaging our friends ...

We often take food for granted.

But amid all the rush of our lives, how much do we really know about our food? Where does it come from? Who produced it? Did the food producer get a decent wage? And was this wage enough to feed their family?

Holy guacamole! That's a lot to think about with every mouthful of corn chips.

What we do know is that we can all play an important part in the fight against hunger, poverty and injustice, especially here in Australia.

This Oxfam Hunger Banquet "How to" guide is designed for you, the school or uni student who's looking for a hands-on way to make sure everyone gets enough to eat.

World Food Day is on Sunday 16 October. It's a day when thousands of people around the world take action to reduce global hunger. But for us, one day just isn't enough! You're invited to hold a Hunger Banquet anytime throughout Term 3 and 4 (July to December) at your school or uni campus.

Get involved and make sure young people are at the forefront of the movement to end hunger.

Whether you're going it solo or as part of a group, you'll find everything you need to know right here. This includes step-by-step instructions on hosting your own Hunger Banquet.

Join us and thousands of others who are getting involved. Register your involvement (oxfam.org.au/hungerbanquets). And if you already have, let's get started.



Mozambique; Marta's children. Abbie Trayler-Smith/OxfamAUS.



SO WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HUNGER?

In September 2015 World Leaders committed to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. 17 goals to achieve 3 extraordinary things in the next 15 years. End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. One of the goals to achieve these 3 extraordinary things is reaching 'zero hunger' by 2030. This means an end to hunger, achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.

We are aiming for zero hunger by 2030 thanks, in part, to the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs, 2000-2015). The United Nations (UN) has heralded the MDGs as the most successful global anti-poverty push in history.

We know that the world produces enough food to feed everyone. But there's still a lot of work to be done so that everyone can get their share.

That is, they grow or collect food for others, but go hungry themselves. Our global

food production system is failing too many people. Why? There is no single cause. It's a combination of things including poverty, climate change, conflict, lack of access to food and more. And it's resulting in 795 million — that's 1 in 9 people around the world — going hungry every day.

But while there's no single cause, it's climate change that's the most worrying.

HOW DOES CLIMATE CHANGE CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL HUNGER?

Well for starters, human-made climate change is one of the biggest threats to food security the world has ever seen. Scientists warn that human-made greenhouse gas pollution is causing sea levels to rise and changing long-standing weather patterns. This means the intensity of extreme weather events is increasing — things like storms, floods, drought and changing seasons are playing havoc with farmers' crops.



80%

OF PEOPLE WHO GO HUNGRY ARE INVOLVED IN FOOD PRODUCTION



BY HOLDING A HUNGER BANQUET, YOU WILL GET FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF THE INEQUALITIES INHERENT IN OUR FOOD SYSTEM.

HOW DOES HOLDING A HUNGER BANQUET HELP?

You will also learn about food security and raise awareness about the role we can all play in stopping hunger.

You will take action for a safer, fairer climate. You will also learn about simple things you can do in your every day life, that together, can make a big difference in helping to end hunger.

You can also raise money to support Oxfam's lifesaving work in places like South Sudan, Yemen, the Horn of Africa and the Lake Chad Basin, where one of the worst food crises in modern history is unfolding.

So let's get to it!



Hunger Banquet held at Peninsula School, Mt Eliza. Photo: OxfamAUS.



Student from Lyndhurst Secondary College. Photo: Andrew Gooden/OxfamAUS.

South Sudan; Tabitha with her daughter. Photo: Bruno Bierrenbach Feder/Oxfam.



HUNGER IN A WORLD OF PLENTY

THE WORLD STANDS ON THE BRINK OF FOUR FAMINES IN 2018 – SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN MODERN HISTORY.

An extreme lack of food is causing severe hunger, malnutrition and death across Africa and the Middle East.

30 million people – more than the number of people who live in Australia – were experiencing severe food insecurity in northeast Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. 10 million of these people face emergency and famine conditions.

These are just four of the many countries that are facing high levels of food insecurity this year.

WHAT IS FAMINE?

Famines are actually man-made crises. Severe weather events such as persistent drought made worse, conflict and poverty can lead to food shortages. But famine is different to hunger – it's only declared after a large number of people have already died from lack of food, despite

lots of warnings being given. That's why it's considered man-made – if a famine has occurred it's always because people have let it happen, either through bad decisions or not taking action when food shortages start happening.

"Famine does not arrive suddenly or unexpectedly, it comes after months of procrastination and ignored warnings," said Nigel Timmins, Oxfam International's Humanitarian Director. "It is a slow, agonising process, driven by callous national politics and international indifference."

Famine is a serious term that doesn't get used lightly, because it means the world hasn't acted in time to save people's lives – it's the most serious call for help you can get.

Photo: Bruno Bierrenbach Feder/Oxfam



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GABRIAL, SOUTH SUDAN

WHO ARE THE HUNGRY?

While Vanuatu experiences many cyclones, Cyclone Pam was an exception — the worst in living memory. The ocean’s surface temperature was unusually high, which increased the cyclone’s size and strength.

In South Sudan, Tabitha Nyawich Kong (pictured above) and her daughter were chased out of their home after fighting began again in their hometown. When Oxfam met them, were in the town of Garbek in Unity State, Tabitha’s daughter was sucking on a dry palm tree seed, usually eaten as a sign of nothing to eat.

The Garbek community is generously sharing all the food it has with new arrivals - although there isn’t much to go around.

“We feed on water lilies... fish, and anything we could find in the river,” Tabitha said.

“We need food, medication... The more time it takes the worse it shall be for us.”

You might not think canoes would be useful in a hunger crisis, but in another part of

Unity State, Oxfam has employed canoe operators help hungry people on inland islands get access to food .

One of these boat operators is Gabriel.

“I have been transporting the vulnerable people since I started working with Oxfam,” he said.

“My main motivation is the fact that I am doing this to help my people during this crisis in South Sudan.

“I feel some sense of achievement when I carry a sick person to the hospital in the mainland and they get treated, or when I get some food to an elderly person who could have died of hunger.

“There are children who have been separated with their parents since the conflict and without this little assistance it would have been hard for them to do anything.

“This is what motivates me, doing this job.”



H.E. Womtelo Rev. Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, believes climate change is a serious issue that is affecting the Pacific. He would like the leaders of the world to join hands to combat climate change. Photo: Arlene Bax/OxfamAUS.

THE PRESIDENT

With the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) projecting temperatures continuing to rise, this is a terrifying prospect for Vanuatu's people and its President, Baldwin Lonsdale.

"Climate change is contributing to disasters in Vanuatu ... We see the level of sea rise ... The cyclone seasons, the warm, the rain — all this is affected. This year, we have more than in any other year," he said.

Climate change isn't just destroying lives and leaving people hungry, it's also wiping out all the hard work that has been done to improve the lives of people in Vanuatu

that people and governments have been building together. It's wiping the slate clean, but in the worst possible way.

"After all the development that has taken place, all this development has been wiped out," President Lonsdale said. "So it means we will have to start anew again."

Since Cyclone Pam, Oxfam has worked together with the people of Vanuatu to provide emergency shelter, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, vouchers to help people rebuild their livelihoods and grow food, and more.

FIND OUT MORE

Oxfam has created a presentation and video called *Hunger in a World of Plenty*. It goes into more detail about the current hunger crisis, what food security and famine means, and how people decide when hunger becomes something more serious. There's also more stories of people Oxfam is supporting, and how you can join us to do more.

Get it [HERE](#).



SO ... WHAT'S A HUNGER BANQUET?

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You put on a lunchtime or dinner event for students and friends.

When the guests arrive, they draw a random ticket that assigns them to a high-wealth, middle-wealth or low-wealth tier. The number of tickets for each tier is based on an OECD report from 2015 on who owns the world's wealth.

You can find the report, called In It Together: Why Less Inequality Benefits All here: <http://www.oecd.org/social/in-it-together-why-less-inequality-benefits-all-9789264235120-en.htm>

Each tier receives a meal corresponding to their income group. A few people will leave with full stomachs, but everyone will leave with a greater understanding of hunger and poverty.

WHY SHOULD I HOLD A HUNGER BANQUET?

We've found that it's not just the big things that create change. You don't have to donate your life savings, study development or build an orphanage. It's also the common stuff — our routines and everyday decisions — that have far-reaching effects. How we travel to work, the products we buy, the food we eat and what we throw out — all these things can change the world for better or worse.

The best way of learning about things is often to experience them ourselves. And for your friends and other students to get a small taste of life for many people in developing countries, it can inspire understanding and change. Plus, a Hunger Banquet helps you and your friends make a difference, by raising funds for Oxfam Australia to support our food security programs.

TOP 10%
(HIGH WEALTH)
ARE SERVED A
SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL

NEXT 50%
(MIDDLE WEALTH)
EAT A SIMPLE MEAL

BOTTOM 40%
(LOW WEALTH)
JUST GET SMALL
PORTIONS OF RICE
AND WATER

Hunger Banquet held at The Australian Youth Climate Coalition during their Climate Justice Summit 2015.



TURNING YOUR HUNGER BANQUET INTO A FUNDRAISER!



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IT'S EASY, JUST TRY THESE IDEAS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED:



Charge a ticket for the event. Once you've covered costs, anything left over goes towards your Hunger Banquet donation.



When you register, you'll get money boxes which you can put around your canteen or university cafés during the week of your event.



Get people to donate their lunch or dinner money as an entry fee.



"Pass the hat" at the end of the event and ask people to contribute to the cause.



Ask local companies or organisations to cover your costs, so every dollar raised goes to Oxfam.

For more about fundraising and banking donations, check out the Donation Record Form later on in this pack.

A woman with a baby in a sling is holding a metal cup. The background is a clear blue sky.

\$85

**DRINKING, COOKING
AND WASHING FOR
SIX FAMILIES,
BY BUILDING AND
REPAIRING WATER
SOURCES.**

Photo: Kieran Doherty/Oxfam

A woman wearing a yellow headscarf is sitting on the ground, preparing food in a bowl. She is surrounded by various items, including a yellow container and some green vegetables.

\$152

**GIVES SIX PEOPLE THE
MONEY THEY NEED TO
BUY FOOD AND OTHER
ESSENTIALS FOR THE
NEXT THREE MONTHS.**

Photo: Petterik Wiggers/Oxfam

Two women wearing headscarves are sitting on the ground. One is wearing a yellow headscarf and the other is wearing a green headscarf. They appear to be in a dry, outdoor setting.

\$208

**WILL PROVIDE
A FOOD SURVIVAL
PACK TO FEED TWO
FAMILIES OF SIX
FOR FOUR MONTHS.**

Photo: Tina Hillier/Oxfam



OUR NINE STEP GUIDE TO HUNGER BANQUET SUCCESS!

STEP 1: REGISTER YOUR EVENT

Register your Hunger Banquet via oxfam.org.au/hungerbanquets This is really important. Then download heaps of freebies to help you organise and make your event look awesome.

STEP 2: GET PEOPLE ON BOARD

Get a bunch of volunteers to help with the planning and logistics. Contact potential sponsors for food and drinks, as well as local media outlets who might want to publicise your event.

STEP 3: GET ORGANISING

Book the space. Confirm your menu. Make a budget. Get an MC. Put flyers, posters and door-knob signs up around your school or campus. Get food donations. Get decorations and all the other stuff you might need.

STEP 4: THE MENU

A typical Hunger Banquet has three different meals and three different ways to eat. You can tailor this to your audience and type of event but they should be distinctive enough to see (and feel!) the difference between the three sets of menus.

We've based the following information on an event for 100 people, so you'll need to adjust the numbers according to the size of your own event.

HIGH WEALTH (10 people): A hot meal like pasta, with salad and a bread roll (or even a sumptuous three-course meal!). Serve juice in glasses. They eat at a table with a table cloth, proper crockery and glasses. Have a volunteer act as their "waiter" for the meal.

MIDDLE WEALTH (50 people): Half-a-cup of rice and a spoonful of beans, or a salad sandwich, served on a paper plate with water in a paper cup. Also give them a spoon or a fork, and a napkin. If you're feeling generous, they could sit on chairs during their meal. Cups are often filled with water ahead of time and placed on a buffet table so they can take their water as they go through the line.

LOW WEALTH (40 people): Half a cup of rice in a lettuce leaf with no plate. Guests sit on the floor and serve themselves water ladled out of a bucket into a paper cup.

Make sure you order less rather than more food for this event. It's very important that there's no food wasted, as having leftovers at an event that focuses on hunger is definitely not sending the right message.

STEP 5: TALK, WATCH AND TAKE ACTION

Oxfam has a lot of great resources for you to share during your meal. Check the email sent to your organiser, or the Hunger Banquet Term Project page on www.oxfam.org.au/education

STEP 6: MORE ACTIONS

Get your guests to take action for a fairer, safer climate. Ask everyone to go to www.oxfam.org.au/hungerbanquets to sign the petition, then share it online.

STEP 7: TELL THE WORLD!

Tell everyone what you got up to, what inspired you, what you talked about and how much money you raised! Share images through social media, your school newsletter, campus paper, class blog and more. **#hungerbanquet**

Remember to tell us about your event, too! We'd love to hear how you went, see your pictures and spread the word about your hard work. Just email schools@oxfam.org.au

STEP 8: REMEMBER THE MONEY YOU'VE RAISED

All the cash donations you get on the day can be banked through your online fundraising page, or by using the banking instructions provided with this guide. Don't send us the cash!

If you've collected donations through your online fundraising page, it would be great to send your guests a thank you email.

STEP 9: CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS SOME MORE

You've just held your Hunger Banquet — congratulations! Now it's time to celebrate all your hard work.

Thank everyone who helped organise, everyone who came along, and everyone who supported you. If anyone's gone above and beyond or sponsored your event, write them a letter (or post it on social media, if it's appropriate) to tell them how incredible they are.

And remember to give yourself a pat on the back!

FEEDING DOZENS — EVEN HUNDREDS — OF PEOPLE MIGHT SEEM DAUNTING, BUT WITH JUST A LITTLE COORDINATION, YOU CAN GET ALL YOUR FOOD COOKED AND EVEN DONATED! REMEMBER, YOU AREN'T COOKING FULL MEALS FOR EACH PERSON!



First, approach your regular food service provider, like your school canteen or uni cafés. They may be willing to supply most, if not all, the food you'll need.



Spread the menu out among the organisers, asking each one to cook or buy some of the food.



Ask local restaurants or shops to supply some of the food. They'll be much more likely to donate if you describe it as a big pot of rice rather than lunch for 50.



If you have hospitality students studying with you, see if they'll get involved too!

HOW TO:

MAKE IT SMALLER

Are you short on time? Or just want to hold a small event? Here's some ideas for running a down-sized version of a Hunger Banquet:



Pizza party! Get a mix of original cheese, vegetarian and pizza with the lot for each income tier.



Have a relaxed picnic in the park or oval. Give everyone a plate to cook and bring, based on their level of income (for example, \$1, \$2 or \$10 plates of food).



Get your school canteen on board and ask them to serve different meals for the day — can they do simple rice dishes?



HOW TO:

MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER

Are you as excited as we are? Want to reach as many people as you can in a meaningful way? Try these on for size!



Get your whole school involved and hold it on the school oval or hall.



Ring a bell every 3.6 seconds throughout your meal, to mark how often the UN estimates someone dies of starvation.



Get a speaker or distinguished person from your community to MC (see suggestions at right).



Get a big screen/projector and play our YouTube videos.



Ask the girls to go to the back of the line and wait until all the boys have been fed before they can get their food, to represent the gender inequalities that exist across the globe



After the event, use the chatterboxes and reflection questions provided in the kit for more in-depth discussions.



POTENTIAL SPEAKERS/MCS:



Local MPs



A professor or teacher



Community leaders



Local celebrities or media personalities



Local chefs, café owners or someone who's sponsored the event



Your student leaders

Photo: Ballarat Courier/Lachlan Bence



Ballarat Grammar School.
Photo: Ballarat Courier/Lachlan Bence.

HOW WE DID IT

CHECK OUT HOW STUDENTS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA HAVE ROCKED THEIR HUNGER BANQUET.

Ballarat Grammar School kicked off the 2017 school year by hosting an epic Hunger Banquet in February, to raise awareness and funds for those affected by global hunger.

“The best part is it is organised by the students for the students, and that is a really powerful tool,” teacher Matt Hanlon told the Ballarat Courier.

The event was led by students from the school’s Round Square Committee, who invited the entire school from Grade 3 to Year 12! Each student made a \$3 donation to Oxfam.

Students created a microcosm of global food inequity at lunchtime. 16 students were fed a three-course meal, 32 students

were fed a “middle-class meal”, while the rest of the school ate a handful of rice in a lettuce leaf. Students also sounded a gong every five seconds to symbolise the death of a child due to starvation.

“In the end the people that have the best experience will be the people eating the lettuce leaf with rice because the others feel really guilty,” student Will Keech said.

“Because malnutrition is so far away from us, we forget that it exists but it’s a huge issue and this really visualises it for us a lot better,” he said.

“The big thing we’re trying to get across to the kids is empathy and this helps us to get an understanding of that, even if it is just for one meal time,” Mr Hanlon said.



THE BIG DAY

THE DAY'S ARRIVED! HERE'S A SUGGESTED TIMELINE FOR HOW YOUR HUNGER BANQUET COULD BE RUN. WE'VE ALLOWED FOR 45 MINUTES (PLUS PREPARATION AND PACK UP TIME), BUT FEEL FREE TO MAKE YOURS LONGER OR SHORTER.

BUMP IN (1 HOUR)

Volunteers arrive.

Volunteer coordinator assigns volunteers to specific tasks. Volunteers set up and decorate site, designating an area for sign-ins and information.

ENTRANCE (15 MIN)

Volunteers greet guests and have them draw tickets. Volunteers direct guests to their income groups and where they can get their meal.

WELCOME (10 MIN)

Attendees are seated.

MC welcomes everyone, introducing the idea of the Hunger Banquet and the issues at large. Attendees start eating. Host acknowledges sponsors and people who made the event possible.

THE BIG DAY

DURING THE MEAL (15 MINS)

Play videos.

MC asks for a moment of silence to reflect on the Hunger Banquet event. MC leads sharing period or reflection — use the chatterboxes in your kit!

CALL TO ACTION (5 MINS)

MC concludes and invites attendees to take action: signing the petition, contacting your local MP or helping to raise money for Oxfam.

BUMP OUT (1 HOUR)

Volunteers help with cleaning and packing up, making sure all rubbish and recycling is disposed of properly.



Efate Island, Vanuatu; Anny holds a watermelon from her garden.
Photo: Arlene Bax/OxfamAUS.



THE MC

The role of MC can be central to the success of the event and it must be someone who can take on this responsibility. This includes spending time preparing for the role, familiarising themselves with the script and understanding the intention behind the event.

Sponsors, whether individuals or organisations, should be shown how their support contributed to the event. If they attend the event, they should be thanked, both in person and by the MC.

Try to have the MC walk around the guests and be a part of the banquet. And remember — have fun! An Oxfam Hunger Banquet isn't about making people feel depressed, we want to inspire people to create change!

We've provided a sample script for your MC later on in this guide! Feel free to change it up however you like.

TOP TIPS FOR INVITING YOUR LOCAL MP

Invite your local MP to your event to show young people care about the impact of climate change, especially on the world's most vulnerable people.

- Find your local Federal MP by visiting http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members
- Write them a letter or email, outlining who you are, where you're from and some info about your Hunger Banquet. Don't make it too long!
- Make it clear you're from their electorate, and tell them there are many young people keen to meet them and share their views. If you've invited any local media, share that too.
- Follow up with a quick phone call, to make sure their office has received your request.
- Be persistent! If you haven't received a response within ten days, call and email again. Be friendly, polite and respectful — and don't give up!
- Even if they can't make it, send them an email after the event that includes photos, a few sentences about what happened, and tell them what you would like them to do on the issue of global hunger and climate change. Don't forget to leave your contact details so they can reply!

GETTING READY FOR YOUR EVENT — WEEKLY PLANNING LIST

FIVE TO EIGHT WEEKS TO GO

KEY THINGS TO DO	WHO'S IN CHARGE?	DONE BY WHEN?	DONE? (Y/N)
Get permission to hold a Hunger Banquet.			
Register at oxfam.org.au/hungerbanquets			
Form organising committee			
Set a date.			
Organise volunteers to do key tasks, like: Setting-up the tables, the decorations and the venue beforehand. Welcoming and handing out character tickets on the door. Serving food and drinks. General logistics like sound management, assisting VIP attendees and clean-up.			
Brainstorm and reserve your venue.			
Make sure microphones and any AV equipment you need are available.			
Choose an MC and/or speaker.			
Look for food donations.			
Set up a Facebook event (if applicable).			
Create your invitation list. Think about the broader community too: are there any local celebrities, distinguished guests or other relevant people you could invite?			
Print invitations and flyers (if applicable).			

TOP TIPS

Print the character tickets in three distinct colours, in the appropriate quantities (15 high wealth tickets, 35 middle wealth tickets and 50 low wealth tickets — see page 24 for printable tickets).

FOUR WEEKS TO GO

KEY THINGS TO DO	WHO'S IN CHARGE?	DONE BY WHEN?	DONE? (Y/N)
Put up posters around your school/uni. (If it's a public event, include your local cafés/restaurants/supporters.)			
Contact local media and uni/school magazines to cover your event.			
Send out invitations (if applicable).			
Promote your event on social media (blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).			
Buy or make decorations.			
Create a running sheet for the day.			
Review the script for the MC (see our sample script on the following pages).			

ONE WEEK TO GO

KEY THINGS TO DO	WHO'S IN CHARGE?	DONE BY WHEN?	DONE? (Y/N)
Confirm all guests, speakers and volunteers for the day.			
Finalise running sheet.			
Confirm seating arrangements for the event, and where and how the food will be served.			
Make tickets for all income groups.			
Finalise any decorations and table settings.			
Finalise menus, what time the food needs to be ready, when it will arrive and who's going to cook.			
Final calls to media and any press invited.			
Final RSVPs from attendees (if it's a public event).			

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Answer these 12 questions individually or in small groups based on income group on your character ticket. Then share your answers with others in your class. They can be used to form a class discussion.

What did you have to eat during the Hunger Banquet? Describe your meal.

Did you enjoy your meal, and feel full and satisfied afterwards? Why or why not?

Were there other students who you think had a better time at the Hunger Banquet than you? Who do you think they were, and why?

Were there students who you think had a worse time than you? Who do you think they were and why?

Do you think the Hunger Banquet was fair? Why or why not?

What inequalities did you notice during the meal? How did they make you feel?

Do you think it's fair that some people in the world get more to eat than others? Why or why not?

What will the rest of your day be like after the meal you had? Will it be easy to concentrate or be active? Why or why not?

Who did you have on your character ticket? What do you think life might be like for them, especially if they eat like this every day?

Why is having enough good healthy food to eat important for people to have happy, dignified lives?

Did you enjoy Hunger Banquet? Why or why not?

CHARACTER TICKETS

WE'VE CREATED THESE CHARACTER TICKETS, TO MAKE THINGS MORE INTERESTING FOR YOUR GUESTS. THESE ARE BASED ON REAL PEOPLE, LIVING IN DIFFERENT INCOME GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD. PRINT THEM ONTO COLOURED PAPER AND GET PEOPLE TO DRAW THEM RANDOMLY AS THEY ARRIVE. USE A DIFFERENT COLOUR FOR EACH INCOME GROUP.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

My name's Nicole. I'm a student, and I live in Adelaide. I noticed that many students my age don't know much about global poverty and hunger issues, so I helped organise an Oxfam Australia Hunger Banquet last spring. We used social media to promote our event and had a great turnout.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

My name's Manuel. I'm a man in my 40s from San Martin Alao in northern Peru, where I'm the mayor. I live a comfortable lifestyle. I'm often frustrated by the limited city budget, which makes it difficult to help the less fortunate.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

I'm Emiliana. I'm a mother of nine from Karagwe, Tanzania. I'm a former teacher, and I know the value of hard work. As well as having access to food and water, I managed to put all my children through university. I'm now the co-founder of a small coffee and bean company.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

My name's Svetlana. I'm from Russia, and I'm a mother and a wife. I own and operate a small business, where I sell coloured teakettles and other household things. I have access to clean water, food and housing. Unlike many people in Russia, I also have access to basic social services, like healthcare.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

I'm Taha. I'm a 25-year-old man living in the Guéra region of Chad. I work as a vet, and my job is vaccinating animals to stop them contracting diseases and dying. I help people by doing this because animals are important in the lives of many families in the surrounding nomadic communities, as they can be sold for money or used for things like milk, eggs and manure.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

I'm Faiumu. I live in Samoa with my four sons and husband. We own an organic farm where we produce coconut oil for export. We recently rebuilt our house, and two of my sons who were living overseas have come home to help with the family business. Our business earns about \$256 each week, and we need this income for our livelihood and security.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

My name's Farah. I'm a 27-year-old female engineer from Jordan. I recently quit my job at a private company to work in a refugee camp in my country. Thousands of families have fled here to escape the conflict in nearby Syria. I now help Oxfam build toilets, showers, and water taps for the refugees, many of whom are kids.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET HIGH WEALTH

My name's Ranjani. I'm a 40-year-old woman living in India with my husband and two children. I'm a doctor and my husband is a businessman. We live in a very big house with servants. My children go to one of India's best private schools. They're hoping to go to universities in the United States.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

My name's Ilfide. I'm a single mother living in Artibonite, Haiti. Nearly half our population struggle get enough to eat. I sell rice in the Pont Sonde Market in Artibonite and make just enough to run my business and support my family.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Jacqueline. I'm a 41-year-old woman from Haiti, where I live and farm with my husband and two children. We've been able to provide our kids with a stable life. On the side, I work to help others in central Haiti grow food and process it for sale. It's my way of giving back to my community.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

My name's Net. I'm a 54-year-old man from Toul Char, Cambodia, and I'm one of the most experienced farmers in the village. Massive amounts of water come down from the Cardamom Mountains, and there are lots of floods. I remember the last one destroying about 20 percent of the rice crop. It's difficult, depending on the Earth and its natural cycles.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Vo. I live with my wife and two daughters in Laos. I support my family by growing and selling chili seeds. Recently, harvests have been good, so we could buy a goat. We sold two of the goat's babies so we could send my girls to school and have enough rice to eat.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

My name's Ruqia. I live in Yemen and, although I'm still a teenager, I've already got two boys. It's very common to be forced into early marriage, here. It's hard to care for my children when my husband is off trying to make money. Although we struggle sometimes, we're comfortable and have a roof over our heads and enough to eat.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Tafue. I live on Tuvalu where rising sea levels are literally sinking my home. I became the chairman of a local climate action network to address the major problems that climate change is bringing to our island.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Chheng. I'm a 38-year-old woman from Toul Char, Cambodia. I work on a farm, and my husband has a job as a construction worker. Both incomes provide a stable life for our 11-year-old daughter and, as a result, we can afford to send her to school. I couldn't go to school myself, so I'd love to see her get a good education.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

My name's Tufa. I'm a middle-aged married woman from Kenter, Ethiopia. I live with my husband and children in a small house with a metal roof. We've got access to a hand pump, which provides water for our onion harvest. The last two harvests have been successful, so we had enough money to buy a cow, which gives us milk. For the very first time, we're looking forward to the future and can give our children everything they need.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Tirivashe. I'm a farmer in Zimbabwe, and make enough to support my family. I have a wife and 10 children and, with three able-bodied workers, we can buy food and sustain a good lifestyle. I'm hoping to use the money from this crop to buy more cattle and a new house next year.

OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET MIDDLE WEALTH

I'm Sukrit. I'm a 55-year-old man from Thailand. I work on traditional paddy fields, but I recently started farming fish and poultry as well. From there, I was able to expand into growing fruits and vegetables alongside my fields. Times can be tough or prosperous, depending on the climate in my village, which is getting increasingly unpredictable.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Deranie. I'm a 40-year-old rice farmer in the Artibonite Valley. Rice is a staple, in Haiti, so I've got lots of competition. I'm trying to learn how to produce rice more efficiently, so I can compete in the global marketplace

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

I'm Miguel. I'm from the Dominican Republic. I'm a sugar farmer on a small plantation. I work 11 hour days and, although the work's steady, I don't make much money. I dream of having my own farm, but I never seem to be able to save money.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

I'm Amuria. I'm a 28-year-old woman living in the Turkana district, Kenya. Weather's a huge factor in my survival because drought's been damaging large areas of land. It's difficult to live in these conditions when I'm trying to care for my daughter, because food and water prices have spiked. If I can't work the land, how am I supposed to support myself?

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

I'm Sadio. I live in rural Senegal and my husband passed away last year. Instead of sitting home alone, I wanted to help other people in my community, so I started volunteering for a local organisation that's funded by Oxfam. We don't have running water here, so they distribute hygiene kits that make water safe for washing and drinking.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Adis. I live in the Rift Valley in Ethiopia. My husband died and I've got seven children to care for. It's difficult to get food and water here, because of the drought. My kids fall sick constantly. Recently, I had to sell my last three goats. I hope things get better because I've got nothing left to sell.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Sabina. I'm a mother of four and we live in Lima, Peru, in one of the poorest neighborhoods. We had to build our house on the side of a steep hill, in an area that's at high risk of earthquakes. I joined a local civil protection committee, for the sake of my family. Now, we train people in what to do in case of an earthquake.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Demitu. I'm 45 years old and live in Jello Dida, Ethiopia. I'm a farmer and mother to nine children. Because the weather's become unpredictable, I joined a farmers' group. We get resources to improve production, and I've been able to buy better seeds, so hopefully we'll have a good harvest.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Kim. I'm a mother of three living in Pom Tom village in the Kratie province of Cambodia. We don't have water taps or toilets, so it's common for people to get sick. Just this week, my 8-month-old was rushed to the hospital with diarrhoea. All we can do is hope he'll survive.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Korsaga. I'm 28 years old, and I've had to move around a lot to escape the Côte d'Ivoire civil war. Last time, I moved because they attacked our village. Right now I feel like I'm in a safe haven, even though we don't have food or cooking supplies. Health is an issue for some people. I'm really hoping the authorities will help us recover our abandoned plantations.

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA HUNGER BANQUET
LOW WEALTH**

My name's Sartosia. I'm a farmer living in the Baliem Valley in the Central Highlands of Papua. The cool climate is perfect for growing sweet potato, which is my only income. My husband passed away a few years back, and I've got four kids to feed. It's hard when you depend on a crop to survive. Hopefully, this year will be a good one.



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SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET MC - 2017 VERSION

- Welcome to our Oxfam Hunger Banquet. My name is [name] and I will be your MC for today's event, to tell you a bit about what we are doing here and explain what this Hunger Banquet is.
- Before I begin, I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are gathered on today, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging. [Please research whose lands you are on!]
- We are here today because more than 2.5 billion people in the world currently live in poverty. Nearly 795 million people around the world suffer from chronic hunger.
- You may think hunger is about too many people and too little food, but that is not the case. Our rich and bountiful planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man and child on earth.
- Hunger is about power. Its roots lie in inequalities in access to resources. The results are illiteracy, poverty, war, and the inability of families to grow or buy food.
- Hunger affects everyone, in countries rich and poor, in urban and rural areas. But some of us face greater challenges than others.
- Every day, resources like land and water are becoming more scarce, making it harder for farmers to feed their families. Global shifts in weather are adding to the problem, making it harder for people to sow and harvest crops. In fact, climate change is one of the biggest threats to food security the world has ever seen.

- Scientists warn that human-made greenhouse gas pollution is causing sea levels to rise and changing weather patterns. This means the intensity of extreme weather events is increasing — things like storms, floods, drought and changing seasons are playing havoc with farmers’ crops and people’s lives.
- Today, we are all joining Oxfam Australia in the fight against global hunger.
- Oxfam believes human rights don’t depend on what country we’re from, our gender, our ethnicity or the money we have or need. Rather, human rights are fundamental and non-negotiable.
- Since Oxfam began more than 70 years ago, millions of dollars have been raised to support human rights and an end to poverty. Efforts like yours have helped to decrease the proportion of the world’s population living in hunger, which is a wonderful thing. There’s no one cause of hunger - it’s often caused by a mix of issues like severe weather events such as persistent drought made worse by climate change, conflict, chronic poverty, lack of trade, insecurity supply and lack of access to food.
- Your presence here today shows that you are concerned. You want to learn more. You want to make a difference, which is fantastic.
- The way Oxfam sees it, poverty is solvable—a problem rooted in injustice. Eliminate injustice and you can eliminate poverty. We’re not saying it will be quick or easy, but together, it can be done.
- Around the world, Oxfam works in more than 90 countries to save lives, develop long-term solutions to poverty, and campaign for social change.
- While Oxfam does a lot of fantastic work in Australia and overseas, Oxfam also works to educate Australians about the issues surrounding hunger and poverty, which is what this Hunger Banquet is all about.
- This event aims to show you how food and other resources are inequitably distributed in the world. Our Hunger Banquet today will touch on some of the issues. Poverty is complex, and includes a wide range of problems such as lack of access to health care, education, and employment opportunities, and the realities of struggling day-to-day to survive.
- The one thing I would like you to remember is this: some of us are born into relative prosperity and security, while millions — through no choice of our own — are born into poverty. But everyone on earth has the same basic needs; it is only our circumstances that differ.
- As you walked in the door here today, you drew a ticket at random. If you look around, you can see that what we are eating and how we are sitting is not equal or balanced.
- You might not have realised it, but each group represents a segment of this world. We have divided you up into high wealth, middle wealth and low wealth groups.
- It’s really important to note that money alone doesn’t mean everything, there can be big social and political reasons that impact on a person’s ability to be safe and access the things they need to survive. Also, no one section of this room represents a single country. While there are inequalities within our own countries, this is an example of inequality on a global scale.

[MOVE NEAR, OR POINT TOWARDS, HIGH WEALTH GROUP.]

- If you are sitting over here, you represent the 15 percent of the world's population with the highest per capita income.
- To be a member of this very fortunate group, you need to earn a minimum income of just \$6,300 a year. That's right, earning \$6,300 a year makes you comparatively rich on a global scale.
- Most of you are lucky enough to be able to afford a nutritious daily diet. Because some of you even exceed your daily requirement of calories and can buy processed foods, you are likely to face health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.
- The good news is that many of you have access to the best medical care in the world. It's a given that your children will attend school; the only uncertainty is how many years they will study after high school. You and your family probably live in a reasonably comfortable and secure home, with heating, cooling and a secure roof to protect you from the weather. You may even own at least one car and two televisions. You might be able to take annual holidays with your family. You have access to virtually everything you need and the security to enjoy it.

[MOVE NEAR, OR POINT TOWARDS, MIDDLE WEALTH GROUP]

- If you are sitting here, you present half the people who live on Earth. You own almost the whole other half of the world's wealth - or 47 per cent. The levels of access and security you enjoy vary greatly. You live on the edge. For many, it would only take a serious illness or accident, or losing a harvest to drought to throw you into serious poverty.
- You probably own no land and may work as a day labourer, a job that pays a paltry amount, but it's better than nothing. Your small income allows for some use of electricity and a few years of schooling for your children—especially if they are boys. Alternatively, you may have left your family to go work in the city. You hope that the money you earn from your less-than-minimum-wage job as domestic help or sweatshop worker will eventually allow you to move back home and make a better life for your family.

[MOVE NEAR OR POINT TOWARDS, LOW WEALTH GROUP.]

- If you are sitting on the floor, you represent the final 40 per cent of the world's population. Although there are so many of you, together you all own just 3 per cent of the world's wealth.
- Every day is a struggle to meet your family's basic needs. Finding food, water, and shelter can consume your entire day.
- For many of you women, it would not be uncommon to have to walk 10 to 15km every day to get water, then spend several hours working in the fields, and of course, take care of the children. When food is scarce, you often eat less so that other family members will have enough.
- Many of you, both women and men, are frequently hungry. It is quite likely that you don't get the minimum number of calories your hardworking life requires. Some of you are homeless or living in structures so flimsy that a hard rain or strong wind could cause a major catastrophe.
- And this is an increasing problem — many of you live in countries where climate change is hitting you first and worst. Weather patterns are changing, and droughts, floods and cyclones are becoming more severe — often leaving communities like yours at risk of becoming more hungry, and sometimes even homeless.
- Even though education is the single most powerful weapon against poverty, school is a luxury few of your children will ever experience. Most girls don't even bother to dream about school.
- Adequate healthcare is out of the question. For most of you, early death is all too familiar, with many mothers expecting to lose one or two children before they turn 5. If you are lucky enough to work, you are probably a farmer that rents land, and have to give 75 percent of your harvest to the landowner as payment. Or you may get occasional work as a day laborer at a large plantation growing bananas, sugar, or coffee for export. You get few benefits from these crops — you'd prefer to grow food your children could eat.
- Take a moment to look around you now. 90 percent of you are not seated at the table. 90 percent of you do not share in the bounty of our planet.
- Those of you in the high wealth group have been served a nutritional meal [tell everyone exactly what the meal is, don't leave any tasty details out!]. The middle wealth group are eating rice and beans [if this is the case]. People in the low wealth group seated on the floor, help yourselves to rice and water. Girls in the middle and low wealth groups have been asked to the end of the line and let the boys serve themselves first.
- Just like no one can choose the circumstances into which they are born, none of you were able to choose what meal you are being served today. The Hunger Banquet shows that while some people have good fortune to change their lives for the better, for most, the circumstances of life are determined by factors outside of their control.
- Please read your ticket to learn more about people who live this experience every day, and enjoy your meals. We'll now play some videos [if this is the case] and I'll be back to close the event soon.

AFTER EVERYONE HAS EATEN:

- I hope you have all enjoyed your meal. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors [X, Y, Z, if appropriate] for helping us host our event today.
- By attending this Hunger Banquet, you have deepened your awareness of world hunger and poverty. The test is how you put this knowledge to use. Our event ends here, but this is just the beginning for each of you. As I look around today, I can see that this experience has had an impact on many of you. If what you've learned or experienced has stirred something in you, take action today.
- [If you have a petition or other action you would like your participants to complete or do, mention it here.]
- Together with Oxfam, we join millions of other people across the globe working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger and injustice.
- I want to leave you with the words of someone whom many have found inspiring, in large part because he was able to bring about changes that few believed possible, in the face of what seemed like insurmountable obstacles. I quote from a speech he made to a group of people like you, at an event organised by Oxfam some years ago. I am honoured to close with his words:
- "Massive poverty and obscene inequality ... rank alongside slavery and apartheid as social evils. In this new century, millions of people ... remain imprisoned, enslaved, and in chains. They are trapped in the prison of poverty. It is time to set them free. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome ... Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. We thank you for coming here today. Sometimes it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom. Of course the task will not be easy. But to not do this would be a crime against humanity, against which I ask all humanity now to rise up."
- The speaker was Nelson Mandela. And the message was: together, we can change the world. Thank you so much for coming today.



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