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## Welthungerhilfe on the Climate Strike and the UN Summit Marathon in New York: “Climate Change Is Increasing Hunger Worldwide”

Bonn / Berlin, 2019-09-08 Welthungerhilfe supports the global climate strike on Friday and demands a clear change in direction by the German government at the upcoming UN summits, to achieve the global goals for sustainable development. Heads of state and government leaders are meeting at the UN General Assembly in New York for a special climate summit and a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) summit, for the first interim analysis of progress since 2015.

“It is already clear that without a decisive change in direction, the world community is in danger of failing to reach the sustainability goals jointly agreed for 2030. The number of people going hungry has increased this year for the third time in a row. Climate change is also radically changing the life of many poor people in the global South, and it is proving to be an additional driver of hunger. In our partner countries, we can see how extreme weather events are exacerbating hunger and malnutrition. The people suffering most are the poorest, mainly women and small-scale farming families, who did not cause climate change, and whose very existence is threatened. By 2017, 95 million people could no longer feed themselves sufficiently due to climate crises. That is why we support the demands of the Fridays for Future movement. Climate change is a question of justice. We expect the German government to send a strong signal internationally and in Germany. We need a comprehensive climate protection law and fast and effective CO2 pricing. Also, poorer countries need financial and logistical support for fighting poverty, and disaster risk reduction”, demands Mathias Mogge, Secretary General of Welthungerhilfe.

For further information and our current publication, “Climate change causes hunger”, see [www.welthungerhilfe.org/media/](http://www.welthungerhilfe.org/media/)

*Welthungerhilfe is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany; politically independent and non-denominational. It is fighting for “Zero Hunger by 2030”. Since it was founded in 1962, more than 9,300 overseas projects in 70 countries have been supported with 3.71 billion euros. Welthungerhilfe works on the principle of help for self-help: from fast disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organisations.*

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