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## UN Climate Change Conference: Strengthening Global Co-operation to Prevent Hunger

### **Welthungerhilfe Calls for Financial Commitments to Be Met**

**Bonn/Berlin, 20 November 2023.** The UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai is taking place under especially difficult circumstances. For one, the host country is the strongest proponent of fossil-fuel interests yet to play this role; for another, wars and conflicts are currently driving the international community apart. In spite of these obstacles, multilateral co-operation is urgently needed at COP28 to support the people who have contributed the least to climate change but are suffering the most from it.

“No country can solve the climate crisis on its own. Any solution will require global co-operation. To begin with, industrialised countries must keep their 2015 promise to provide USD 100 billion in annual climate funding by 2025, and this amount should increase after that target is met. The current flooding in the Horn of Africa demonstrates the drastic impact of increasingly extreme weather, as a years-long drought, which created hunger and destroyed the livelihoods of millions of people, was followed by torrential rainfall that caused flooding. Instead of fulfilling people’s hopes, the long-awaited rain is now washing them away,” says Michael Kühn, a climate expert for Welthungerhilfe. In Kenya, many internally displaced people lost their seeds and livestock to the floods, and a cholera outbreak is in the making. In Somalia, more than one million people in Welthungerhilfe project regions are affected. Their access to food is under threat, and local market prices have already risen by 20 percent.

Welthungerhilfe expects the German government to use its platform at COP28 to increase climate funding and to advocate for gaps in current climate policy to be closed, for instance through ambitious new national climate protection plans and by doubling funding to support the most affected countries in adapting to climate change. The new fund, which is intended to compensate for the climate-induced losses and damages, must be structured in a way that simplifies access for the most vulnerable countries.

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## Note to editors:

The 28th UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) is taking place in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) from 30 November to 12 December 2023 ([website](#)). Welthungerhilfe representatives are attending in person and will join in the debate at side events.

- Participation in three side events on 5 December at the Madagascar Pavilion: “Climate change impact & reduction measures in the waste management sector”, “National governance of waste management in Madagascar”, and “Financial strategy of a sustainable waste management system”
- Side event with ADRA and World Vision: “Food Security and Climate Resilience” in the German Pavilion on 10 December, from 16:30 to 18:00
- Participation in Alliance 2015 side event: “The Power of Youth in Shaping Food Systems to Accelerate Climate Action and the Realization of the Right to Food” on 10 December, from 16:25 to 16:55

We have summarised Welthungerhilfe’s expectations of the Dubai climate conference in a German-language position paper, [“Klimapolitik am Scheidepunkt?”](#).

The following Welthungerhilfe staff members are available for interviews at COP28 in Dubai as well as in the run-up to the conference:

- Mathias Mogge, Secretary General of Welthungerhilfe (in Dubai from 8 to 11 December)
- Michael Kühn, Senior Policy Advisor and Climate Expert at Welthungerhilfe (in Dubai from 5 to 13 December)
- Virginia Careri, Welthungerhilfe Madagascar, in English (in Dubai from 30 November to 6 December)

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