



# *Working together to end hunger*

Did you know that 15 churches and church-based agencies, representing 32 denominations, all work together to end hunger through Canadian Foodgrains Bank?

There are lots of differences in these churches, yet they agree on one fundamental thing... **people should not go hungry.** They set aside their differences, come together around a common table, draw in the wisdom and efforts of international partners, and develop programs that have helped a lot of people in the world move from hunger to fullness.

How does it work? Canadian Foodgrains operates as a central agency, mobilizing funds and grain for its member churches and agencies. There are 16 accounts at the Foodgrains Bank (one for each member plus a general account) towards which donors can designate their funds. Each member works with their international partners to develop suitable programs to respond to hunger in a particular country. Their proposed plan is reviewed by staff at the Foodgrains Bank who provide advice and logistical support, and monitor how funds are spent. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provides additional funds for many projects at a matching rate of 4:1.

These programs may take the form of food aid (ensuring people have immediate access to food when needed), food security (supporting the efforts of communities to grow or purchase the food they need), nutrition (ensuring people are able to derive a full nutritional benefit from the food available), or food justice (ensuring that systems and policies which provide access to food are functioning appropriately), depending on the needs of the community.

Nearly 20,000 churches across Canada are connected to this important work! That's an incredible Christian (and Canadian) witness! Consider how you can be a part of it by making a donation or getting involved in the work of food justice. Visit [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca) to learn more.

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