

Support for people facing hunger

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There are a large number of reasons why people around the world may be facing the threat of hunger and starvation. Some of the situations are immediate and require emergency measures, while others require a long-term approach.

Examine the list of reasons for hunger presented below:

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| Lack of cooking equipment | Unable to farm due to illness | Poor food storage equipment | |
| Escaping violence in home country | Poor road access to markets | Crops destroyed by tropical cyclone | |
| Conflict in home country | Fewer crops this year | Destruction of crops by pests | Not enough rain |
| Gender inequality | Unable to afford food | Major earthquake | Loss of land to government |

1. a. Suggest two reasons requiring immediate support:

Major earthquake and destruction of crops by pests

b. What type of aid would be of most use to these people?

Cash assistance would assist to rebuild after an earthquake, to purchase seed to sow next
year's crop and to purchase netting to help reduce the risk of losing next year's crops to pests.
Emergency food supplies would also assist.

c. Why do you say that?

After an unexpected event such as an earthquake or pest invasion, people will need to survive in
the short term. They will then need assistance to help 'get back on their feet'.

2. a. Suggest two reasons requiring long-term support:

Conflict in home country and prolonged drought

b. What type of aid would be of most use to these people?

Relief food aid and project food aid would assist.

c. Why do you say that?

The immediate need for food must be addressed; however, if the drought continues, for instance,
aid will need to be provided for an extended period of time. During times of conflict, people might
be in refugee camps and therefore are unable to meet their food needs as they seek to escape the
conflict.

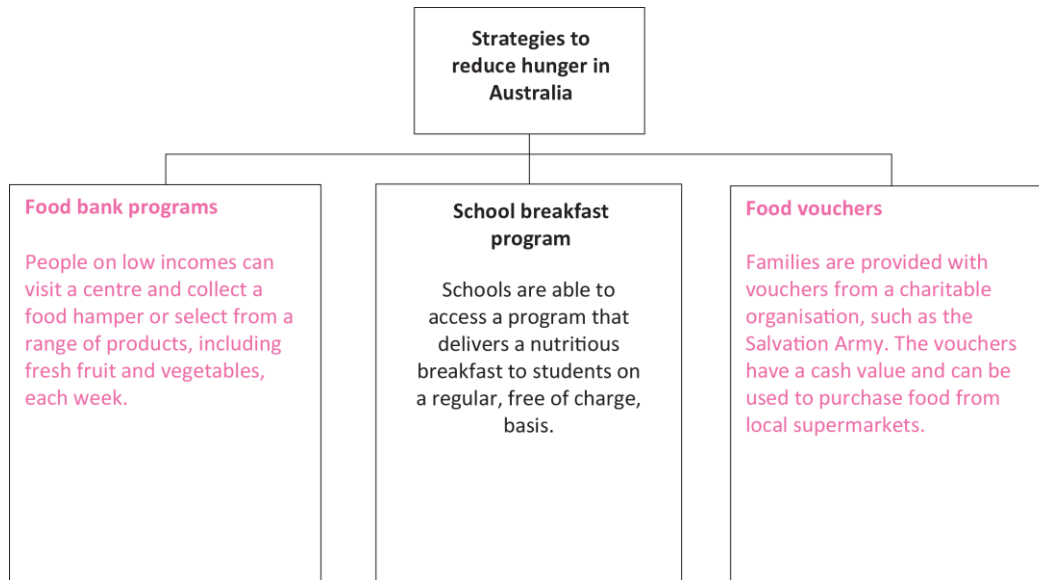
Local food aid

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1. Define the term 'food aid'.

Food aid refers to food, money, goods and services given by wealthier, more developed nations to less developed nations with the specific purpose of helping the poor.

2. Name two types of food aid available in your local community and add them to the diagram below:



3. It is reported that Australians throw away 20 per cent of the food that they buy. List three reasons why people might throw away food.

- It might be spoilt, past its use-by date or, in the case of fresh produce, it might no longer be suitable to eat.
- They prepared more than was needed for a meal and the surplus is discarded.
- They do not use something that they purchased for a party or event, for example cake, fresh bread.

4. How does your school support those 'in need' in your local community?

- School breakfast program
- Donated goods to make hampers
- Lending textbooks, supplying uniforms and basic stationery
- Waiving fees for excursions
- Putting families in touch with local support networks