



World Hunger Fighters Foundation

FOR A HUNGER FREE WORLD

OUR PEOPLE



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OUR VISION

The vision of the World Hunger Fighters Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation, is to develop a new generation of young food and agribusiness entrepreneurs to help end global hunger and promote agriculture as a business that unleashes wealth for poor farmers.

While food demand will continue to far exceed global food supplies, the fast pace of Africa's population growth and a rapidly aging population of farmers on the continent, means that the agriculture potential of Africa may be stymied by an acute lack of young people in the food and agriculture business.

The size of the food and agribusiness market in Africa is estimated to be \$1 trillion by 2030. Africa has 65% of all the available uncultivated arable land left in the world to feed the world's estimated 9 billion people by 2050.

In less than 30 years, Africa will also have the largest population of youth in the world. Therefore, what Africa does with agriculture will determine the future of food in the world. Conversely, what it's youth do in food and agriculture, will also determine Africa's competitiveness globally.

As Dr. Adesina has always said:

“ the future millionaires and billionaires of Africa will come out of the agriculture sector ”.

For now however, in spite of abundance, the continent continues to face challenges feeding itself. High levels of poverty are unacceptable. Lifting the quality of life of the rural poor must therefore start with the responsible transformation of agriculture from a subsistence activity into a wealth-creating sector that lifts millions out of poverty and ends hunger and malnutrition.

Growing and sustaining Africa's food and agribusiness sector must start by attracting a new generation of youthful 'agropreneurs.' This will include young leaders who will champion public policy and new technologies, and develop viable businesses.

These young leaders must be exposed to the world of global agriculture. They will be driven by values of entrepreneurship, honesty, integrity, service and dedication to a hunger-free world.

Dr Norman Borlaug

The late Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Dr. Norman Borlaug, whose work helped feed one billion people, showed the way. He used his Nobel Peace Prize award to set up the World Food Prize Foundation, which annually awards the prestigious World Food Prize, which is otherwise known as the 'Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.'

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, is the 2017 recipient of the World Food Prize; the 2019 SunHak Peace Prize; and the 2007 YARA Prize Laureate.

He is a globally acclaimed leader on development, and internationally recognized for driving efforts to transform agriculture and food security in Africa, for more than thirty years.

Just like his mentor, Dr. Norman Borlaug, Dr. Adesina has committed his life to ending global hunger and lifting millions of people out of poverty. He has devoted the entirety of his World Food Prize, and SunHak Peace prize monetary awards, to endow and establish The World Hunger Fighters Foundation.



Known as 'Africa's Norman Borlaug,' Dr. Adesina's goal is to develop an army of youth who will take to agriculture as a business and become champions for ending global hunger.

PROGRAMS AND APPROACH:

The World Hunger Fighters Foundation, in partnership with the World Food Prize Foundation, USA, is establishing the 'Borlaug-Adesina Fellowships'.

The Borlaug-Adesina Fellows will be selected and announced at the annual World Food Prize Dialogues in Iowa, USA. The Fellows will be provided with opportunities to gain exposure and experience at any of the International Agricultural Research Centers around the world, or with a select number of global food and agribusiness companies.

The World Hunger Fighters Foundation will support a small-grants program for a cohort of young food and agribusiness entrepreneurs to develop and grow their businesses and create jobs.

To advance this cause, the World Hunger Fighters Foundation is establishing the Africa Youth Institute, in collaboration with the World Food Prize Foundation, to develop young leaders who will become global hunger fighters.

The World Hunger Fighters Foundation will award the World Youth Hunger Fighters Prize to recognize innovative entrepreneurial work of global youth who are engaged in ending hunger in the world. Awardees, who can be nominated from any part of the world, will be between the age of 15 - 25.

Ultimately, the vision of the World Hunger Fighters Foundation is a hunger-free world in our time.





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