

# HELP END HUNGER

**Poverty. Famine. War. Disease. Just another day for millions of Ethiopians. Here's what you can do about it.**

➔ **Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest countries. It's also drought stricken, which has caused massive livestock losses and water shortages, resulting in a food crisis for the Ethiopian people.**

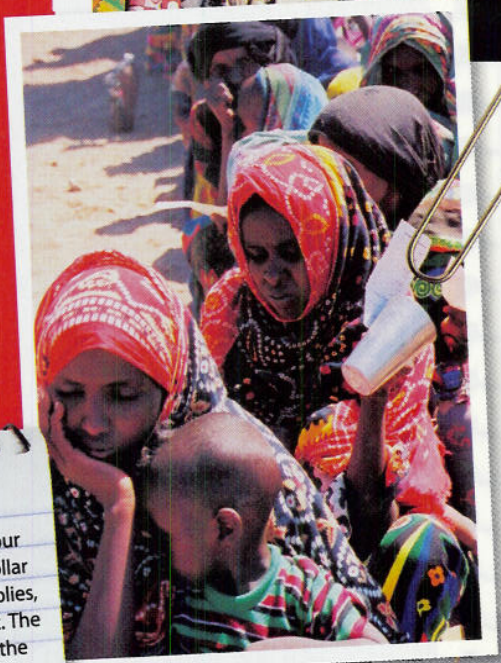
Chloe Maxwell, this year's 40 Hour Famine ambassador, recently flew to Ethiopia to help raise public awareness and was shocked at what she saw. "I visited several regions across Ethiopia, including the Afar region that is currently devastated by drought and famine," she says. "Afar is incredibly sad, particularly the food distribution centre we visited. These people had walked miles for food, they were literally starving. World Vision provides emergency food provisions to people, and special high protein biscuits to provide energy.

"The saddest part was the tiny, malnourished children. I couldn't hold back my tears as I looked at these children and realised many would not live to their fifth birthday. I was also really taken by the sadness of the mothers who had lost children to hunger. It's hard for us to imagine. No child, no person, should have to live like that."



## ETHIOPIA: THE FACTS

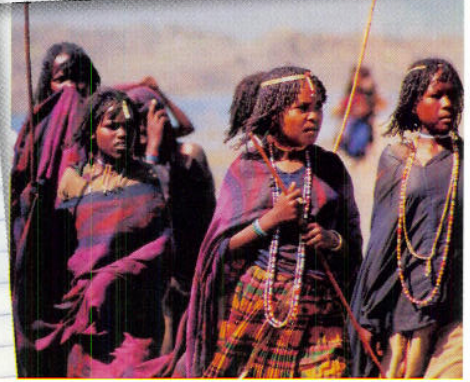
- In 2003, more than 11 million Ethiopians will need food aid, with another three million likely to face food shortages throughout the year. That's a total of 14.3 million people – one fifth of Ethiopia's total population.
- Four consecutive years of drought have caused a major water shortage; some people have to walk up to 10 kilometres to find fresh water.
- Drought-hit farmers and herders are often forced to sell their possessions so they can buy food.
- Ethiopia has one of the world's highest rates of malnutrition, especially among children under five years old.
- Every \$50 you raise can provide food for six malnourished children for a month.



## what to do

The proceeds from the 2003 World Vision 40 Hour Famine will help save lives in Ethiopia. Every dollar you raise will go towards emergency food supplies, and providing a long-term solution to drought. The target amount for this year is \$5 million. Since the first 40 Hour Famine in 1975, fasters have raised more than \$132 million.

The 40 Hour Famine starts at 8pm on Friday, May 16 and ends at noon on Sunday, May 18. You can go without food, or nominate something else to give up, like going without talking or television. Try getting a group of friends together to encourage each other. All you need to do is register online at [www.worldvision.com.au](http://www.worldvision.com.au) or call 13 32 40 to get your Famine kit, then start collecting sponsors.



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