



# The Stop Hunger Goodness Platform

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is Stop Hunger?

Stop Hunger is a global non-profit network working at a local level for a hunger-free world. Our activities go beyond food aid with one priority: empowering women to effectively and sustainably eliminate hunger in the most disadvantaged local communities.

Stop Hunger relies on local and international partnerships with more than 1,200 NGOs, as well as the unique ecosystem of Sodexo, its founding partner. To learn more, visit [our website](#).

### Why the fight against hunger?

Today, 1 in 9 people are hungry, or 821 million people in the world. While women are the most affected by hunger, they also represent the most effective solution to eliminating it.

While chronic hunger continues in countries across the world, the most developed countries are also affected by food insecurity. Hunger affects more than 8 million people in the U.K., 40 million Americans and 4 million people in France.

Fighting hunger is the unique philanthropic cause of Sodexo.

### How did Stop Hunger start?

Stop Hunger was created in 1996 by Sodexo colleagues in the United States who saw that disadvantaged children did not have enough to eat when school food programs stopped during the summer holidays – sometimes their only meal

being the one provided at school.

Together, these co-workers worked together to take over and serve free meals during school holidays. Thus, Stop Hunger was born.

### What is the Goodness Platform?

The Goodness Platform has been created to support one of Stop Hunger’s main strengths: volunteering. To help Stop Hunger and Sodexo support those most in need, we must connect our network of volunteers and partners. The Goodness Platform does exactly that – it is an online resource that helps you as a Sodexo employee to research volunteering opportunities in your local area.

You can register for any opportunity directly on the site, and it automatically adds the event to your calendar, sending a reminder and updates. The platform gives you access to quickly and easily volunteer and track your time with a single click.

### Why did we create the Goodness Platform?

In 2016, Sodexo made a move to encourage volunteering by giving all 470,000 employees across the globe a day of volunteering per year to support Stop Hunger. In the UK and Ireland, we went one step further offering every employee three paid days each holiday year. This can be divided into:





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- Volunteer three days with a Stop Hunger charity (a charity fighting hunger and malnutrition)
- Volunteer two days with a Stop Hunger charity and one day with a charity of your choice

To make it easier to use your volunteering allowance, Stop Hunger created the Goodness Platform to help bridge the gap between Sodexo volunteers who are lacking opportunities and its charity partners who are in constant need of help for their projects.

### Why should I use this platform?

The Goodness Platform combines all the Stop Hunger volunteering opportunities in your area into one place. You will easily be able to find something that suits you, sign up, and track your time spent volunteering.

### What volunteering opportunities will I find?

Thanks to refined filters, it is easy to find a hands-on or skills-based volunteering opportunities in your area that are interesting to you and help us fight hunger. You can also favourite a cause to return to it easily the next time you volunteer.

### What's the difference between hands-on and skills-based volunteering?

Hands-on volunteering is using your time and

manpower to help, like boxing food, serving at a homeless shelter or delivering food parcels.

Skills-based volunteering is when you use your skills and talents to strengthen a charities organisation, helping them build and sustain their capacity to successfully achieve their goals. You will find both opportunities on the platform.

### What can I find on the Goodness Platform?

The Goodness Platform is an online site which provides you access to a range of volunteering opportunities near you. You can directly sign up to participate, track your volunteering time and easily come back to your favourite causes.

You will also be able to find your see the latest Stop Hunger world news and access the global activity report.

You also have the option to share an event that you signed up for with your team so that they may sign-up as well. In addition, you can reach out to the contact of the Stop Hunger opportunity and have them sign up your entire team automatically.

### How do I use the Goodness Platform?

Please visit [Sodexo Net](#) for support including a step-by-step guide to help you sign-in, sign up for an opportunity, suggest a cause, track your time, etc.



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This platform was created to make volunteering as easy as possible; just sign-in and search for what you are looking for!

#### Where can I find the platform?

You can access the Goodness Platform on [Sodexo Net](#) or directly follow this link <https://stop-hunger.benevity.org/>.

You can also access the platform on the mobile app for Apple and Android, called "Benevity". The instructions for how to connect are available in the user guide on [Sodexo Net](#).

#### How do I connect to the platform?

If you have a Sodexo email address (@sodexo.com) you will be able to use the SSO (Single Sign On). If you do not have a Sodexo email, you will be able to sign-in by using your login username and password.

Please refer to the user guide on [Sodexo Net](#) for more support with accessing the Goodness Platform.



#### What if I can't find the organisation I am looking for?

If you cannot find a charity, organisation or opportunity in your local area and you would like to suggest one to be added to the platform, click on '[Nominate a cause](#)' and fill out the information.

Please keep in mind the cause must be related to ending hunger, as this is Stop Hunger's mission. The Stop Hunger team will review and approve your nomination as appropriate.

#### Why should I record my other volunteering in the Goodness Platform?

If you have taken a day of your volunteering allowance or given your own time to a local charity or organisation, either through an opportunity not found in the platform or not linked to Stop Hunger, you can still record it in the '[Track Volunteer Time](#)' form on the site.

This helps the Stop Hunger team know how much time Sodexo colleagues are spending volunteering whilst recording all of your volunteering history in one place.

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