

## Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation receives Grand Prix accolade

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Sodexo [Stop Hunger Foundation](#) not only won the Foundation of the Year award but walked away with the coveted Grand Prix accolade at the 2025 Corporate Engagement Awards which recognise organisations elevating corporate responsibility beyond the expected.

The Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, a UK registered charity, was recognised for its commitment to extending its support beyond food aid through fundraising, grant-giving, volunteering and partnering with national and hyper-local charities to ensure funds reach those with the greatest need and bringing a positive social impact to local communities.

On presenting the award the judges said: “A deeply embedded, long-standing foundation that’s grown from direct aid to tackling structural causes of hunger and inequality. High-impact partnerships, scale and internal engagement make this a sector leader”.

2025 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stop Hunger Foundation. Over the last two decades, the Foundation has supported more than 9.6 million beneficiaries through 230 charity partners across over 56 cities and regions, distributing more than £6.4 million in grants. Thanks to Sodexo’s financial support, 100% of the donations made to Stop Hunger are directed towards charitable partners.

In January 2025 the Foundation announced Asma Khan as its first patron. Owner of the Darjeeling Express restaurant in London, Asma is also the chef advocate for the UN World Food Programme. As patron, Asma brings valuable support and inspiration to the Foundation’s work. Asma and the Foundation are committed to championing initiatives that address the root causes of food insecurity, including skills development, resource accessibility, and community empowerment.

Patrick Forbes, Stop Hunger Foundation chair and business services director at Sodexo UK & Ireland said: "Winning both Foundation of the year and the overall Grand Prix as we celebrate the Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is truly special. The work the Foundation supports through our many charity partners is changing lives, creating stronger communities, and laying the groundwork for sustainable solutions to food insecurity.

"Corporate charitable foundations are emerging as powerful engines of social impact and brand integrity, they are reshaping how organisations engage with communities, support causes, and demonstrate long-term commitment to societal wellbeing.

The Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation is a great example of a corporate foundation making a meaningful and tangible difference. With two decades of experience, it has led a transformative philanthropic movement since 2005 to combat food insecurity and its root causes."

The Stop Hunger Foundation's work sits within Sodexo's Social Impact Pledge 2030 and is focused on empowering the most disadvantaged communities across the UK and Ireland to tackle the root causes of food insecurity, going beyond providing immediate food aid. Find out more here: <https://sodexouki.info/4pGOBFn>