

Latest Stop Hunger Foundation report reveals 11 million people positively impacted over two decades

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The [2025 Stop Hunger Foundation report](#) not only lays out the charity's work over the last 12 months it also celebrates two decades of positive impact. Since it was founded in 2005 the Foundation has supported almost 11 million people, raised over £10 million of funds, supported 470 charities and recorded over 54,000 volunteer hours by Sodexo colleagues, clients and supply partners providing both hands-on and skills based support.

The Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation is an independent and UK-registered charity with a mission to sustainably break the cycle of food insecurity in communities across the UK and Ireland. It does this through offering grants, hands-on volunteering and skills transfer to a network of charity partners who direct support to where it's needed most.

In addition to celebrating the 20th anniversary the Foundation's 2025 impact report lays out the support and impact its efforts have had over the last twelve months (to 31 Aug 2025). This has included:

- positively impacting 1.3 million beneficiaries in 61 communities
- launched a new community fund to enable hyperlocal microgrants
- the appointment of Asma Khan as the Foundation's first patron
- providing £529,000 in support to 37 partners through grant-giving schemes
- around 200 volunteers recorded more than 1,000 volunteering hours during National Volunteers' Week in June 2025

- empowering women is central to the Foundation's mission to tackle food insecurity at its roots and in 2025 alone the Foundation enabled support for around 672,000 women

Research shows that women often prioritise investing resources in their families and communities, so targeting its support in this way helps the Foundation build resilience and maximise the benefits. One example is Sodexo's SheWorks mentoring programme. Last year through the programme the Foundation engaged two of its partners – The Bread and Butter Thing and Tent UK Partnership for Refugees – and hosted a workshop for female jobseekers within their communities. 25 women from disadvantaged backgrounds received one-on-one career guidance from Sodexo HR volunteers, covering CV writing, interview techniques and workplace skills, helping to build their confidence and creating real pathways to employment for women furthest from the workforce.

Patrick Forbes, chair of the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation and business support director, Sodexo UK & Ireland said: "Over the last two decades the relationships we have built with our charity partners have become more than transactional, what may have started with grant-giving has often transformed into multifaceted, multi-year agreements involving layers of hands-on or skills-based volunteering delivered with genuine enthusiasm. This evolution reflects the persistence and complexity of food insecurity, an issue driven by overlapping challenges like economic pressures, rising costs, housing instability and inconsistent access to support.

"In this special year we have positively impacted 1.3 million beneficiaries across 61 communities supported by our first-ever patron, Asma Khan, and raised an amazing amount at our annual fundraising dinner – we thank everyone who took part and helped achieve this.

"We also saw a record number of volunteer hours recorded during National Volunteers' Week, a testament to the power of working together. Our colleagues volunteering, alongside our supply partners and clients, continue to be the cornerstone of the Foundation's work and we are grateful to every one of our volunteers for their commitment to making a difference, every day."

The 2025 impact report also outlines the Foundation's national and localised reach. In Wales the Foundation has formed a strategic partnership with Mon Community Forward, a community-based charity on the Isle of Anglesey. With high levels of deprivation, low social mobility, and poor post-16 progression, Anglesey faces deep-rooted challenges. The Foundation awarded a £30,000 grant to help launch the Achieve More Together project – a preventative programme targeting 40 young people aged 14+ identified by local schools. Delivered in partnership with Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi and Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern, the initiative offers vocational training, mentoring, and work placements in sectors like hospitality, construction and retail.

Sodexo employees based in the area have also volunteered, helping deliver breakfasts, mentoring sessions, and guest speaking opportunities, giving students real-world insights and role models from their own communities.

A spokesperson for Mon Community Forward said: "Volunteers didn't just show up; they came prepared to share their own journeys into employment and into Sodexo's site, which is just a few miles from the school. That proximity and relevance made a huge difference. It motivated our students to engage, to ask questions, and to see a future for themselves. The impact was real and deeply felt."

In Scotland Sodexo's Energy & Resources team, which is based in Aberdeen, has built strong partnerships with local charities including Abernecessities a charity focused on empowering children in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire by providing the resources they need to start each day positively. A grant from the Foundation for the charity's Bright Future Project is helping ensure they have access to essential items, so they feel prepared, confident, and ready to engage fully in their education, giving them the tools to improve their academic performance and unlock their full potential.

The Foundation's work is strategically aligned with Sodexo's Social Impact Pledge 2030, focusing on tackling the root causes of food insecurity – such as social mobility – by mobilising colleagues, clients, and partners to create local impact. For the second consecutive year, Sodexo has been recognised in the Social Mobility Foundation's Top 75 employer index, reaffirming its commitment to providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and demonstrating sustained progress.

The work of the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation supports the delivery of the 'places' pathway of Sodexo's Social Impact Pledge 2030 which was launched earlier this year. This strategic alignment recognises Stop Hunger's unique ability to mobilise Sodexo colleagues, clients, and partners in support of local impact.

The Foundation's work also supports the 'people' pathway of Sodexo's pledge by targeting the root causes of food insecurity, such as social mobility, with greater precision and purpose, helping to build further resilience in our communities. For the second year Sodexo has been named in the Social Mobility Foundation's Top 75 employer index, reaffirming its long-standing commitment to creating opportunities for people from all walks of life and reflecting Sodexo's sustained progress and impact in this space.

Read the 2025 Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation impact report here: <https://sodexouki.info/4neX28u>