TOGETHER, WE HELPED FIGHT HUNGER IN 2018.
2018 wasn't your average year; it was world-changing. That's because you, along with our community of 1,299,667 people from 182 countries, joined together to help fight hunger.

From all corners of the globe, together you collectively shared 11,321,483 meals with people in need. That's more than 1 meal every 3 seconds.

Last year, we made sharing more transparent and innovative with the launch of The Table. 9,059 subscribers joined our monthly giving community, and SCOPE, a data management platform, enabled us to virtually match members with real families. Exclusive stories and personalised updates gave members of The Table insight into what families were able to purchase because of their contributions.

We didn't just share meals last year, we also encouraged our friends, families and followers to join us in fighting hunger. Teams from previous years continued to make challenges, and 2,849 new teams were created. Couples made teams to inspire wedding guests to share meals, running groups made teams as a way to give back and bloggers asked their communities to share too.
TOGETHER, WE HELPED COUNTRIES IN CRISIS.

As the rate of hunger continues to increase - with 821 million people hungry worldwide - your shared meals mean even more. Together with the World Food Programme, we’re ensuring people receive food in crises, but we’re also investing in the future of people and communities. Last year we reached people in more than 12 countries, providing school meals, in-kind food, e-vouchers and cash assistance.

Together, we responded quickly to emergencies.

As YEMEN faced the world’s largest hunger crisis, we first launched a goal to provide 1,250 families with food for 3 months. We then launched a second goal to continue to support families who relied on humanitarian aid to eat.

In September 2018, a devastating earthquake and tsunami hit the Palu region of INDONESIA. We provided technical support in the aftermath of these extreme weather events.

Together, we provided relief to refugees.

An outbreak of violence in August 2017 forced over 900,000 Rohingya people to flee to BANGLADESH. As they arrived in Cox’s Bazar, the world’s largest refugee camp, we shared meals to help ensure they received life-saving nutrition. We continued to share meals over the span of 2018, providing in-kind food such as rice, lentils and vegetable oil. We also scaled up the use of e-vouchers so that these refugees could be empowered to purchase their own food.

The largest refugee population in Africa resides in UGANDA, due to large numbers of South Sudanese people fleeing ongoing violence in their home country. Together, we shared meals by providing 9,000 South Sudanese refugees with food for 1 month.

Together, we helped strengthen communities.

With the Syrian crisis in its eighth year, we have continued to share meals with those who are most vulnerable. In LEBANON, where the crisis has affected both Syrian and Lebanese people, we worked towards our goal of providing 7,000 Syrian and Lebanese children with school meals for 1 year.

As the humanitarian situation further deteriorated in PALESTINE throughout last year, we shared meals to help the most vulnerable Palestinian children. We then extended this goal, aiming to feed 1,600 children for 1 year in Gaza, where food insecurity is the highest. Shared meals provided families with in-kind food and e-vouchers so they could shop for their own food.
TOGETHER, WE CHANGED THE WORLD IN 2018. THIS YEAR, LET’S DO EVEN MORE.

Our efforts took shape in so many ways – from a ShareTheMeal billboard in Times Square to virtually connecting members with families through The Table. Everything we did, big and small, was to reach our vision of a world without hunger. And this year, we’re ready to do even more. Together, we can end hunger.