

# TOPIC: Hunger is not an issue of Charity but of Justice

## OUTLINE

### 1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Food is a basic necessity of every human being. However, world has been facing wave of starvation in many areas. Hunger, a serious global issue, is not a issue of charity but a issue of justice, social, political and human justice. Hence, effective policies and empowerment of all gender is required to solve issue of Hunger.

### 2. Hunger an issue of charity or justice

### 3. Why Hunger is not a issue of charity but of justice

- a) Charity can not improve purchasing power of people
- b) Charity after natural disaster can not feed affected people yearly
- c) Price hike make food out of reach for people

d) Wastage of food contribute never consumed food.

e) War and displacement pushing people towards food scarcity

f) Gender inequality affect food consumption

g) Politics in agriculture and food production promote injustice.

4. How Hunger effect justice if treated as issue of charity

a) Hunger increased infant-mortality rates among poor and middle class people.

b) Hunger increased common illness in people

c) Poor and middle class children malnourished.

d) Hunger impeded economic growth and development

e) Hunger cause unemployment

5. Solution for Hunger as a issue of justice

a) Politics over agriculture and food production has to stop.

b) Empower women to get food.

c) Reduce food waste in restaurants

d) Impliment effective government policies to solve issue of hunger

6. Conclusion

A family, lives in a village, Khandu, near to District Matiari, Sindh, Pakistan, is belong to those poor class of people who survive on charities, such as Benezee Income Support program. The Family consist of 6 members (Father, Mother, their three sons, under age seven, and one daughter). According to them they get Benezee program support two times in a year with maximum twenty five thousands Pakistani Rupees. The Father, who is labor in a shop and Mother, who is house cleaner, both contributed six thousand monthly to their expenses. Their children are malnourished and all parents are unable to provide them healthy food and none of the children goes to school as the poor family does not afford school expenditure. Hence, this case study is a prove that charity can not solve the issue of hunger. Because, any type of charity can not improve the purchasing power of the people and increasing price like justice make good out of reach for people. which resulted in to the malnutrition in poor people and weak health cause unemployment. Thus, Hunger is connected to the multiple problem directly or indirectly, so, government should make effective policies.

which will positively affect on all causes related to hunger. Undoubtedly, Food is a basic necessity of every human being. However, world has been facing wave of hunger. which is a issue of justice but not issue of charity. Hence, effective measures are required to solve the global issue of justice.

Responsibility of world leaders - Many of the leaders trying to control the food crisis. But the problem is there an insufficient availability and when they try to generate national income from the people through tax how they can pay that because already they exist poverty in the country due to uneven distribution of income, food and so on. To generate agriculture to reduce to food crisis there is need to have availability of water, fertilizer and etc. But many of states there is unavailability of such resources. And, when states try to import food and export surplus from a country food for this need is needed but again all countries do not possess it much. Thus, whenever leaders try to solve the issue of hunger they face multiple problems and to overcome they releases support programs

which temporarily help needy people. However, Only long term policies can solve the issue of hunger and other issues related to hunger. Hence, leaders and policy makers should make an effective policies to spread justice and prosperity as charity can not solve the problem of food crisis.

Following are the key points which presents that hunger is not an issue of charity but of justice.

First of all, charity can not improve purchasing power of people. Charity is a temporary help by the state and private organizations, it can not help regularly. Most of the charities are released only once or twice in a year with minimum support. Such as Benzon Income Support Program and Ehsas Program, they come with only minimum support, they offer (Rs. 2K-30K) two thousand to thirty thousand Pakistani Rupees, which can not fulfill yearly expenditure and purchasing power of people remain the same. Thus, the programs of charity can not change the purchasing power of people.

Secondly, These charities which only release after natural disasters are affectable. As these charities can not feed affected people until they overcome with their loss. The natural disasters cause multiple problems which left people with no-home, and no-income, Thus, after seeing such issue state announces programs of charities that can feed people in that situation but announced program just offer temporary relief. This temporary relief also offered in Pakistan when its people faced catastrophic flood 2022 consequences, the funds provide shelter and food to affected people but these things are not equal to the loss of the people. Hence, charities are not affectable for the people.

Thirdly, Inflation is the key factor for the increase in rate of hunger. Like like make food out of reach for people. Almost in every states financial support are provided to needy people in any circumstances, but, like in other issues like price hike, increases hunger.

One of the reason of rise of inflation is Ukraine war since 2022, almost all Europe and some Asian countries face the consequences of the war in form of

Inflation in Russia and Ukraine are both  
are trade partners with many countries. Hence,  
Inflation also causes hunger.

Likewise, wastage of food also  
the reason to cause injustice in society.  
As this waste food is contributed ~~has~~ never  
consumed food. There are the multiple  
sources from where large amount of  
waste produced such as Restaurants,  
Marriages Hall, and any other festival.  
According to INFP report, One third of  
food produced never consumed. Thus,  
the waste of food goes to dustbin and  
poor slept in his home hungry, a very  
feature of Unjustice society.

Similarly, War and displacement  
pushing people towards food  
scarcity. War and any conflict occurs  
when there is lack of social justice.  
When people do not get their rights in  
~~the~~ war like situation, they migrate,  
thus, they faced hunger issues. According to  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Hunger  
is a violation of rights. Thus, war like  
situation spread injustice in society and  
result into a hunger issues.

Sequentially, Gender inequality affect food consumption. Gender inequality is one of the feature of injustice society. Female are <sup>most</sup> affected candidate of food crisis. Women faced serious health issues when they do not get healthy food As compare to men, women are more mal-nutrient. Hence, Gender inequality cause hunger.

Additionally, Politics in agriculture affect food consumption promote injustice. The one who is more powerful get more food. The world is interconnected, non can survive independently. According to Dependency theory, flawed international system promotes dependency, Hence, who has more power on any field, agriculture or food produce, get more benefit from it and make other it dependent. Thus, this dependency scheme of powerful promote inequality in society and keep poor hungry.

Hunger is not a issue of Charity but of justice, However if any circumstance Hunger is considered as issue of charity then it will affect justice. Following.



are the reasons which prove his point.

Firstly, Hunger increased infant-mortality rates among poor and middle class people. In any situation of food shortage, a rich person can survive, however, the middle class and poor class has affected most. Any feature of injustice; war, emergency, and political instability poor are more affected by it. According to United Nation countries which are facing any type of conflict has more infant-mortality rate than other countries who do not have conflict. Hence, Hunger affected most to poor people.

Secondly, Hunger increases common illness in people. People faced multiple health problems as they do not eat properly. Food is a basic need of life to survive. It has been proven by scientists that man can live only 3 weeks without eating food. and less consumption cause many health problem like headache, feeling lazy, and less productive. Hence, absence of food cause illness.

Thirdly, Poor and middle

class people get malnourished. From above mentioned points it is so far clear that hunger more affected to lower class of people. And, absence of good cause shown in health. In South Asian countries where hunger rate is higher than any other region of the world, the children of this region is most malnourished as well. Hence, Despite having charity programs, hunger exist.

In addition, hunger impedes economic growth and development. Hunger is a root cause of many other problems. These other problems as mentioned in above paragraphs are become obstacle to the economic growth and development. For suppose, in any circumstances, the rate of hunger increased, in order to overcome, officials release charity programs, but for many states it not easy to release charity programs as they are facing economic instability, however, they compromise and announce the programs. Hence, it becomes barrier to development of economic growth of the country.

Further, another aspect to injustice is that Hunger causes Unemployment. As, if people are not healthy then they are not productive. In many cases when inflation is at its peak so labor has to face its consequences. According to some statistics the people who worked on industries and lived in urban areas are not as healthy as in rural areas, hence, where less productive people because of health issues contributed to unemployment rate.

From above mentioned points it has been clear that hunger is an issue of justice. Following are the viewpoints which can help to remove injustice in society and help to solve the issue of hunger.

First of all, policies on agriculture and food production has to stop. It will help to spread inequality. And, also make possible to reach food towards very needy ones. For which World Trade Organization has to play key role to ensure trade regime which is not detrimental for developing states which

has higher hunger rate. Thus, justice can remove hunger.

Further, Women should be empower in every field from every where. Women has a nature to feed her all children equality. So, if women should get participated she may solve many issues. In WFP report said if women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungry reduced upto 150 million in world. Hence, empowering women can reduce hunger.

Furthermore, wastage of food must be end. As most of the food waste in the restaurants. There must be an organization for it who collect that food and distribute to the nearest needy people instantly. Hence, human development organization/program can work to reduce hunger.

Last but not the least, Effective policies could remove hunger. State must make and implement policies which effectively remove the issue of hunger as in last it is the state.

responsibility to look after the citizens.  
Hence, responsible state through making  
effective policies and then by perfectly  
implementing them can solve the issue of  
justice.

In conclusion, Hunger is a global  
issue, it is not a issue of ~~justice~~ charity  
as many countries instantly provide  
social welfare programs for their needy  
people. It is an issue of justice as  
any provided charity is not enough  
for the need of needy people. Hunger is  
an issue of justice as powerful dominated  
the food production areas and producer of  
food, poor, suppressed by them. Therefore,  
wealthy left poor with no food is a reason  
of some powerful interest. However, it is imperative  
that food is a basic right of human as  
per UN so measures should be made through  
state policies or human development programs to  
create order to spread justice and resolve  
the issue of hunger.