# Be a Hero for a Better World



"When food becomes scarce, refugees often turn to desperate measures to feed themselves and their families. We are particularly worried about the health of the refugee population, domestic violence and refugees resorting to illegal employment or even to prostitution, just to put enough food on the table."

# António Guterres (1949-)

António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres is a Portuguese politician and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. After a brief academic career as an assistant professor, he became involved in politics in 1972, just before the end of the fascist regime in Portugal. He held a number of political party positions before he was elected Prime Minister from 1996 to 2002. During his time as Prime Minister, he helped raise Portugal's profile in the international community; Portugal hosted the successful Expo'98 and Prime Minister Guterres played a major role in the international effort to resolve the conflict in East Timor and co-chaired the first European-African Summit. While Prime Minister, he also served as the President of the European Council in 2000.

In 2005, António Guterres was elected by the General Assembly of the UN as the 10th UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is one of the world's most important humanitarian agencies, providing assistance and protection to more than 32 million refugees in over 100 countries. As UNHCR's chief, António Guterres has called for new strategies to tackle 21st Century challenges that are causing refugee crises, and has helped to bring many of these crises to the attention of the global community.

#### António Guterres was born on April 30, 1949 in Lisbon, Portugal Be A Hero For A Better World! **Organizations Helping End Hunger** - Alliance To End Hunger 1. Find out more about this hero (alliancetoendhunger.org) 2. Pledge to help end hunger - America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org) (iaahp.net) End Hunger Network (endhunger.com) 3. Hold an event to raise Food For All (foodforall.org) awareness about the problem The Hunger Site (hungersite.org) of world hunger Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org) 4. Contribute to an organization World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org) working to end hunger UN Food & Agriculture Organization (fao.org) UN World Food Programme (wfp.org) EndHungerBook.com

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