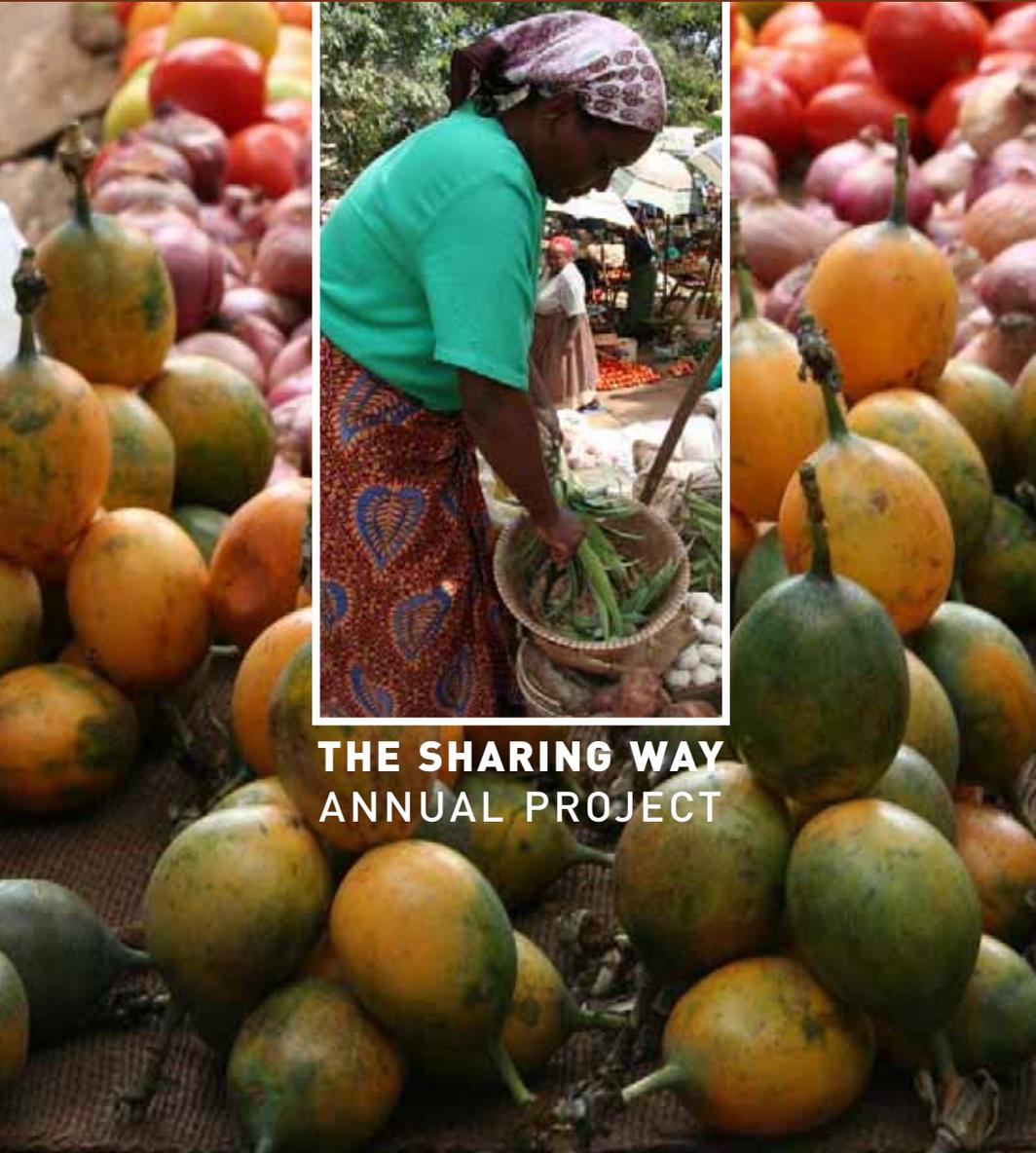




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**THE SHARING WAY
ANNUAL PROJECT**



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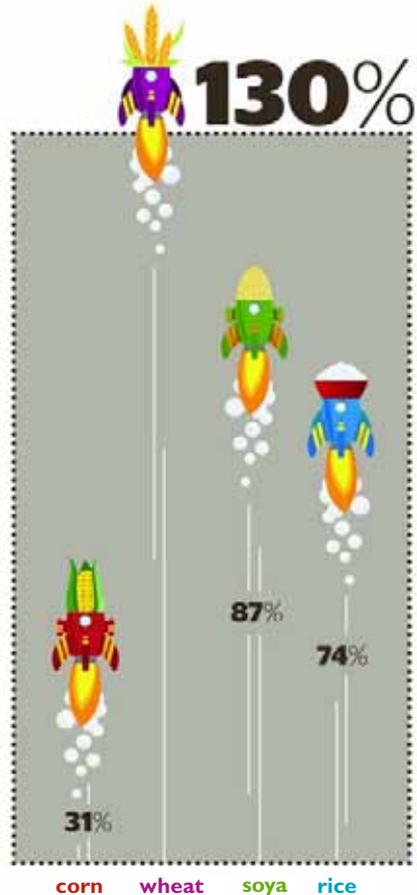
HUNGER ON THE RISE

Rising food and fuel prices will push more than one billion people into famine or malnutrition this year, with the risk of further riots and instability in affected nations.

Current prices mean that the world's poorest people have to spend a larger proportion of their income on food. This may mean they will buy less food, or food that is less nutritious, or they may have to rely on outside help to fulfill their nutritional needs.

Microcredit plays an important role in reducing poverty. Income from small businesses goes to buy food and keep children in school.

Many of the world's poorest people have entrepreneurial instincts and work long hours with few resources. Their ideas for small businesses are impossible dreams. They are unable to borrow money because they have no collateral and the loans are too small to be worth the paperwork in a commercial bank.



From March 2007 to March 2008 the prices of staple foods skyrocketed.

The Sharing Way, as part of Canadian Baptist Ministries, has developed a variety of models to encourage small business creation for the poor. You can get involved today!



Elena Lourdes makes “salteñas” or meat pies. She employs two other people and supports her family, but dreams of expanding her business to provide jobs for the youth in her church. She received a microcredit loan for a small oven and more baking supplies. Small loans are making her dreams come true and benefiting her community.

LEARN!

Go online to download a presentation about the global food crisis, and how microcredit works within The Sharing Way—giving dignity and opportunity to the entrepreneurial poor. You’ll also find lessons to inspire and motivate young minds.

CHANGE!

As followers of Jesus, we are called to a life of integral discipleship—to proclaim and demonstrate God’s love and justice in every area of our lives. Go online to find “Live It Out”—a resource to help you put together an action plan to Live Simply, Live Justly and Live Faithfully.

REFLECT!

Go online for biblical reflections and spiritual food for thought about how we can live faithfully in a world full of want and need. You’ll find materials for sermons or small group studies.

GIVE!

We’ve set an ambitious goal to raise \$250,000 this year to support our field partners with their microcredit work. Join us. Go online to find fundraising ideas and activities.

Go to www.cbmin.org for more ways to get involved in *Hunger for Change*.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The great thing about microcredit loans is they are repaid and reloaned constantly, increasing the number of people being assisted.

This year The Sharing Way has set an ambitious goal of \$250,000 to support small business entrepreneurs in Kenya, Angola, India and Bolivia who have the drive and desire but not the resources to support themselves, their families and their communities.

With hunger on the rise, the time is now to show our support in a very tangible way from the blessings we have received.

Yes! I want to help reduce poverty

- \$100 will provide one loan
- \$150 will provide vocational training, technical support and monitoring of projects
- \$500 will support community microcredit
- \$_____ to use where most needed

Name of Church _____

Name of Individual _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Phone number _____

Email _____

Canadian Baptist Ministries occasionally sends out updates and information to its donors regarding global ministries. If you do not wish to receive this information from CBM, check here.

Visit www.cbmin.org to learn more about the global food crisis and how microcredit works within The Sharing Way – giving dignity and opportunity to the entrepreneurial poor.

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