

# Be a Hero for a Better World

## Gro Harlem Brundtland (1939-)



"You cannot tackle hunger, disease, and poverty unless you can also provide people with a healthy ecosystem in which their economies can grow."

"A safe and nutritionally adequate diet is a basic individual right and an essential condition for sustainable development..."

Gro Harlem Brundtland is a Norwegian politician, physician, and a global leader in public health and sustainable development. After working as a doctor in Norway's public health system, she was appointed as the Minister for Environmental Affairs. In 1981, she became Norway's first female Prime Minister, and served 10 years over 3 separate terms. Dr. Brundtland chaired the World Commission on Environment and Development in 1983, which produced a report that helped to bring international attention to the importance of sustainable development as a key to solving global environmental problems. This led to the 1992 Earth Summit and Agenda 21, which defines specific steps governments agreed to take to promote sustainable development.

In 1998, Dr. Brundtland was elected as Director-General of the World Health Organization. During her five years in this role, she addressed the importance of health and nutrition as cornerstones for sustainable development, as well as a key for reducing poverty and violence. In 2007, Dr. Brundtland was named as a Special Envoy for Climate Change at the United Nations. That year, Gro Brundtland was also one of the founding members of a new global group called The Elders, that brings together some of the world's most influential social leaders to address the planet's most pressing issues.

**Gro Harlem Brundtland was born on April 20, 1939 in Oslo, Norway**

### Be A Hero For A Better World!

1. Find out more about this hero
2. Pledge to help end hunger (iaahp.net)
3. Hold an event to raise awareness about the problem of world hunger
4. Contribute to an organization working to end hunger

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### Organizations Helping End Hunger

- Alliance To End Hunger (alliancetoendhunger.org)
- America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org)
- End Hunger Network (endhunger.com)
- Food For All (foodforall.org)
- The Hunger Site (hungersite.org)
- Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org)
- World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org)
- UN Food & Agriculture Organization (fao.org)
- UN World Food Programme (wfp.org)

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