

# HarvestPlus Key Metrics 2024

Over 3 billion people worldwide, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, lack access to a nutritious, diverse diets rich in essential vitamins and minerals. Approximately 2 billion people suffer from “hidden hunger,” the pervasive form of malnutrition caused by insufficient vitamins and minerals, and often without visible signs.

In 2024, HarvestPlus and partners continued to advance global nutrition by developing and scaling up nutrient-enriched, climate-smart biofortified crops rich in essential vitamins and minerals. This work aims to sustainably transform food systems and tackle the persistent challenge of micronutrient malnutrition.

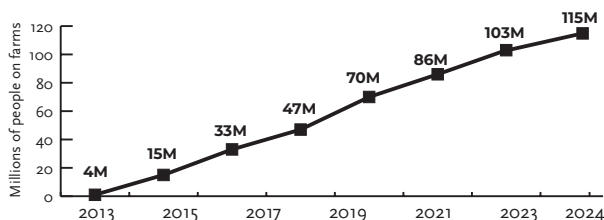


## People Benefiting

Biofortified foods were enough to feed an estimated **360 million** people, including **115 million** who consumed what they grew on their farms. The number of people in farming households eating biofortified foods increased by 12% from 2023, marking significant progress toward enriching the diets of 1 billion people by the next decade.

Globally, **over 23 million smallholder farm households were growing biofortified crops**, 11 percent more than in 2023.

## People Benefiting from Biofortified Crops in Farm Households\*



\*Through HarvestPlus facilitated efforts. Does not include people who purchase biofortified foods from markets.

## Capacity Building

Over 881,000 farmers and value chain actors received in-person training and technical support to strengthen their capacity to grow and market biofortified crops and foods.

## Seeds and Crops

458 varieties of 13 biofortified staple crops are available for farmers in 40 countries to grow

- 273,000 metric tons of biofortified seed produced and distributed
- 5.7 million bundles of vitamin A cassava stems produced



HarvestPlus and partners are leading a global movement to scale up nutrient-enriched crops, empowering others to embed biofortification sustainably into food systems. This work contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating all forms of malnutrition. Notably, the number of vulnerable rural families and communities benefiting from nutrient-enriched crops has grown significantly year over year, reflecting our progress as of the end of 2024.

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