

Sodexo Fights Global Hunger and Malnutrition

CEO's call to action engages 355,000 Employees in worldwide Servathon to fight hunger

Paris- April 2, 2009 — With the global problem of hunger and malnutrition now afflicting more than a billion people, Sodexo CEO Michel Landel has called upon the 355,000 Sodexo employees across the globe to join forces beginning April for a month long "Servathon" to donate food, serve meals and raise money for needy people in local communities.

Sodexo, a leading Food and Facilities Management services company, has an ongoing commitment to help people who face hunger and malnutrition in the communities it serves. The company's various programs are coordinated under its "STOP Hunger" initiative, which now operates in 25 countries. Sodexo employees have contributed to more than 223 hunger-related NGOs and community-based groups since STOP Hunger's inception more than ten years ago.

Last April, during the Sodexo Servathon, eight countries participated with more than 35,000 employees joining forces to donate more than 90,000 kilos of food to hunger relief organizations and served 50,000 meals to hungry men, women and children.

"Sodexo's mission is improving quality of life through serving others and STOP Hunger is a natural extension of this focus," said Sodexo CEO, Michel Landel. "Sodexo employees touch the daily lives of 50 million people in communities around the world and this culture of service is one of the core values that defines our organization. We are proud of the commitment demonstrated by our employees to combat hunger and malnutrition worldwide through STOP Hunger."

In the past year, Sodexo employees have been engaged in a wide range of hunger relief efforts in various countries as part of STOP Hunger, including:

- In Belgium, a team of Sodexo volunteers prepared three balanced meals for each day of a summer camp for needy children. Along with creating a healthy and varied menu, the staff visited with the children and taught healthy eating with materials involving cartoon characters.
- In the UK, senior management participated alongside their teams to volunteer at their local food depots, helping to sort and package food to be delivered to community centers.
- Teams in Romania conducted fundraising through sports competitions to support hunger relief in three villages and increased awareness about hunger and poverty.
- Efforts in Australia included activities from volunteer days spent preparing and serving meals to food drives, food safety training sessions and fundraising.
- In Mexico, employees in four different regions collected more than 2,000 kilos of food for hunger relief organizations and personally distributed the food to families in need. Families received boxes of nutritional food, helping to offset high food costs and the costs involved in traveling long distances to obtain nutritional food items.



About Sodexo

SODEXO, founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, a world leader in Food and Facilities Management services, with more than 355,000 employees on 30,600 sites in 80 countries, as of August 31, 2008. For Fiscal 2008, which closed August 31, 2008, SODEXO had revenues of 13.6 billion euro. Listed on Euronext Paris, the Group has a current market capitalization of 5.6 billion euro.

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