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(Name of Volunteer Organization) Helps Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now Fight World Hunger

(Name of Volunteer Organization) will hold a Helping Hands meal-packaging event to send emergency food to Burkina Faso in West Africa in support of CRS’ long-term programming to eliminate world hunger. Guided by hunger relief organization Stop Hunger Now, teams of volunteers will package meals of fortified rice and soy for community homes, orphanages and other CRS programs in Burkina Faso that serve children, young girls who have run away from arranged marriages, widows, and elderly, or sick people or people with disabilities.

Who:

(Name of Volunteer Organization) has set a goal to package (number) meals to feed the hungry in Burkina Faso, West Africa. More than (number) of volunteers, between the ages of X and X are participating in this lively, hands-on, educational event for the community.

What:

Before the Helping Hands meal-packaging event, volunteers will receive training from Stop Hunger Now on how to package the meals at their stations. The packaging lasts approximately 2 hours, and every packaging milestone is celebrated throughout the event. Stop Hunger Now will truck in food and supplies, and will set up and run the event. CRS will deliver the meals to warehouses in Burkina Faso, where they will be distributed to local partners serving the most vulnerable populations. In addition to the meals, CRS will bring long-term solutions to hunger through programs that will improve the livelihoods and resources of the communities in Burkina Faso.
Engaging Local Media

If applicable add:

Information about any special speakers or educational programming and activities, including fundraising, tied to the event.

**When:** DATE AND TIME

**Where:** LOCATION

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**Background:** *(Statement about the sponsoring volunteer organization).* In the heart of the Sahel in West Africa, Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, enduring cycles of drought and flooding that adversely affect farming and lead to widespread food shortages. The Helping Hands program supports the CRS mission of preserving and upholding the sacredness and dignity of all human life by offering food and long-term programming to strengthen people so they can lift themselves out of poverty. CRS and Stop Hunger Now are partners in the movement to end hunger. # # #

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