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2018 was a year of unprecedented famines worldwide. The worst levels of malnutrition were in north-eastern Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan, where nearly 32 million people were food-insecure and in need of urgent assistance. Edesia's team of 100 helped reach over 1.8 million malnourished children in these countries and across the globe, helping bring resilience to children, families, and communities in crisis.



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Edesia's Mission

Edesia's mission is to help treat and prevent malnutrition in the world's most vulnerable populations.

Edesia's Mandates

MANUFACTURE: Supply humanitarian actors with the highest quality ready-to-use therapeutic and supplementary foods.

INNOVATE: Research and develop new nutritional solutions and ideas that further reduce global malnutrition rates.

PARTICIPATE: Advocate for policies that specifically target malnutrition; promote the power of the social enterprise business model to solve global health challenges.

COLLABORATE: Ensure sustainability of ready-to-use food production worldwide by lending support to manufacturers in developing countries.

For more information, please visit: www.edesianutrition.org

Mothers in Venezuela at a Caritas nutrition clinic.



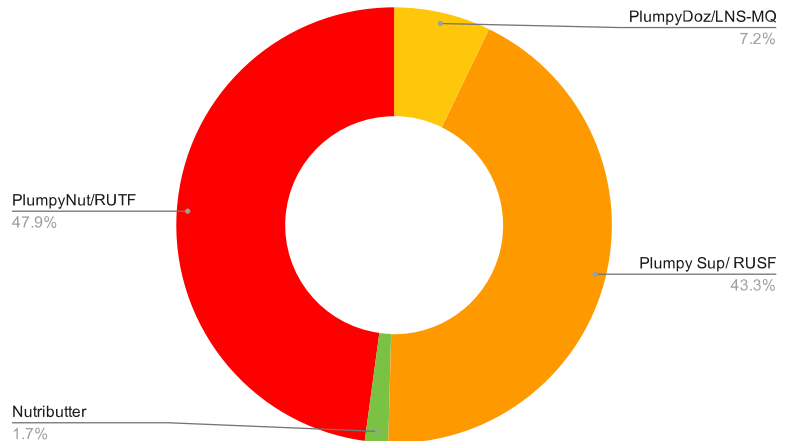
In 2018, Edesia shipped its full range of ready-to-use foods to the following 30 countries:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Uganda, Venezuela, Yemen.

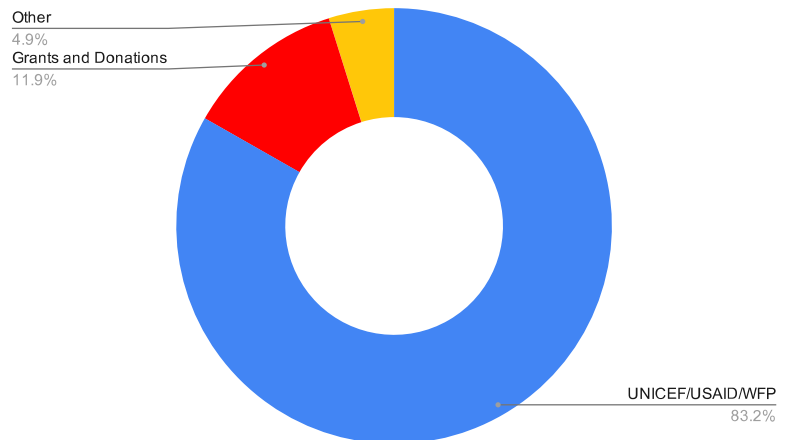
2018 Highlights:

- Long-term agreement with WFP awarded to Edesia.
- Team grew to 100 to keep up with growing demand.
- Multi-year grant from a family foundation allowed us to send aid to Caritas in Venezuela ahead of UN agencies.
- A family foundation helped resupply the hospital in the Nuba mountains, one of the most dangerous zones and difficult places to reach.
- Edesia team successfully launched consumer-facing brand to help sustain humanitarian efforts; Little Nut became MeWe.

Breakdown of Shipments by Product



Funding Sources





NY Times photograph of Amal, 7 years old, Yemen, days before her death in a refugee camp.

Bearing Witness

by Navyn Salem, Founder and CEO
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Perhaps you too saw the images from Yemen that the New York Times published recently in an article entitled "The Tragedy of Saudi Arabia's War." Images even I can't clear from my head. I don't know how to process the sadness when things have gone too far. Over the last decade, I have seen a lot. But nothing like this. I try to always see the hope, try to find the light. But instead, I find myself with nothing but tears in my eyes.

Her name is Amal. She is 7. Well, she was 7. She died a few days after her photo was taken and placed on the newspaper's front page. With skin draped over her bones. Haunting. Lifeless, but alive. She is one of the millions of children at immediate risk of starvation as a result of war and man-made famine. I try to understand the politics. But I don't. I only see her eyes. I see her bones and I can't sleep.

The journalists debated whether or not to publish the photos and decided this:

"This is our job as journalists: to bear witness, to give voice to those who are otherwise abandoned, victimized and forgotten. And our correspondents and

photographers will go to great lengths, often putting themselves in harm's way, to do so".

I can't help but ask, well if it's your job to bear witness, whose job is it to bear responsibility?

As someone who has been in this position many times, I can't help but wonder, what did this photographer do to help? Did he just take this photo and walk away? A follow-up story reported that she died because her mother could not afford the cost of transporting Amal to the hospital just 4 miles away. Why didn't anyone offer her a ride? Was it to get the dramatic story? Will her tragic story spark action and make a change? I hope the answer is yes but in response to the journalists I have this to say:

It is my job to bear responsibility. To give aid to those who are otherwise abandoned, victimized and forgotten. And I will go to great lengths to do so. My team at Edesia works 24 hours a day to supply our humanitarian partners with the food that is necessary to give life. Over the last 6 months, Edesia has shipped enough fortified foods to give 200,000 Yemeni children this chance at life.

Now, tell me, who else is willing to bear this responsibility? Don't close your eyes, don't look away, take action, and help us make this suffering end.