Global Hunger Index 2026

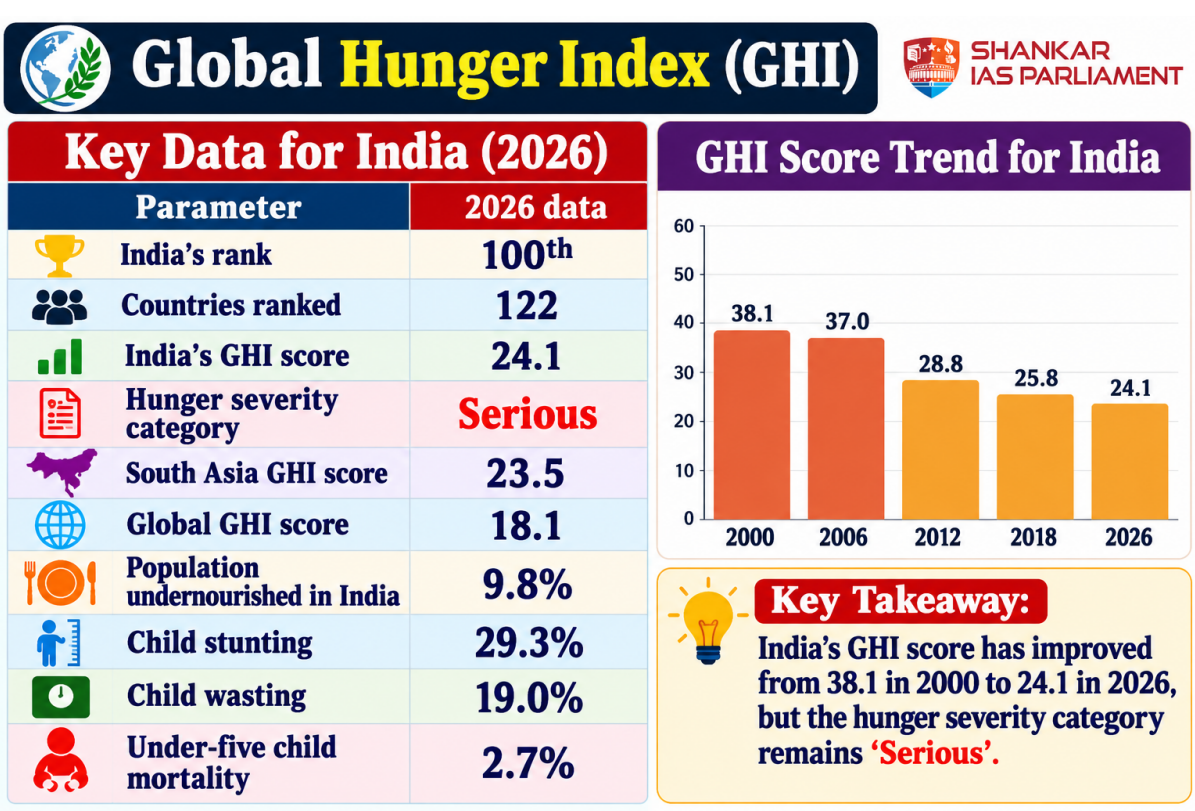
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Recently, the GHI 2026 data indicate that India experiences serious hunger.

The Global Hunger Index data for 2026 indicate the following:

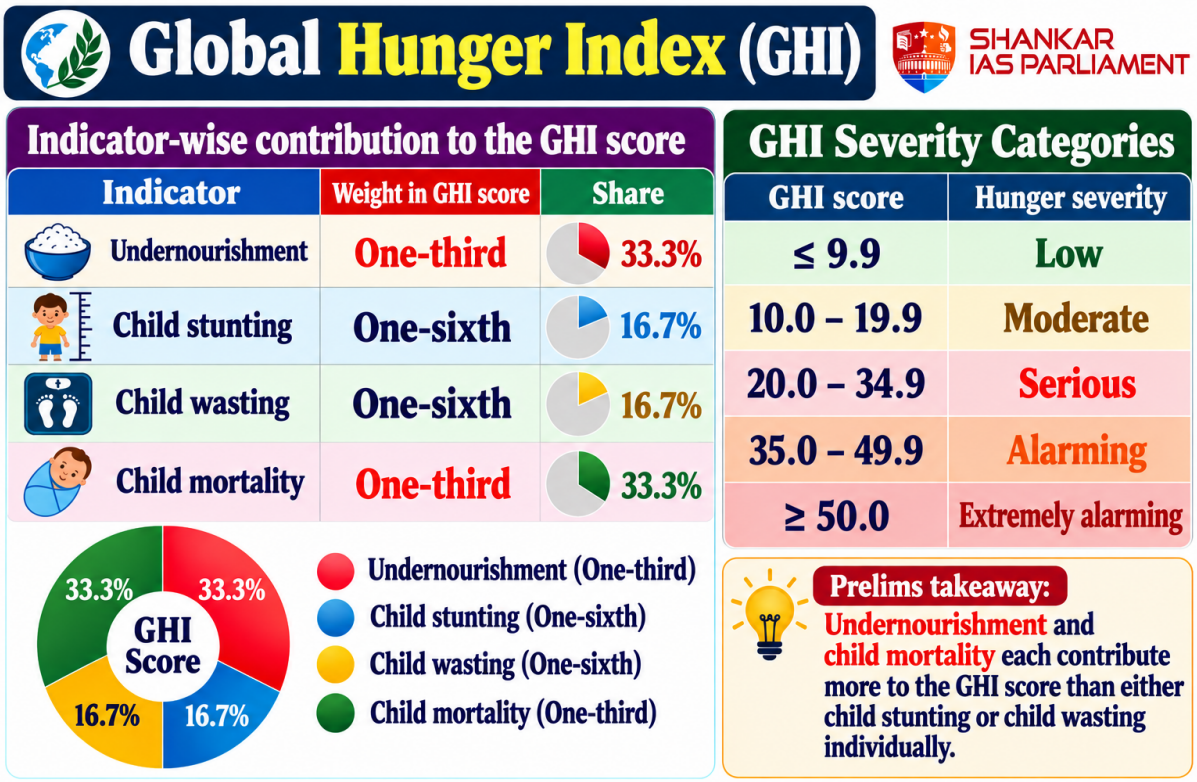
- India ranks **100th among 122 countries** with sufficient data to calculate Global Hunger Index (GHI) scores.
- India's GHI score is 24.1, which categorises the country as experiencing serious hunger.
- South Asia's GHI score is 23.5, in contrast to the global average of 18.1.
- India's child stunting rate decreased from 50.0% in 2000 to 29.3% in 2026, representing a reduction of 20.7 percentage points.



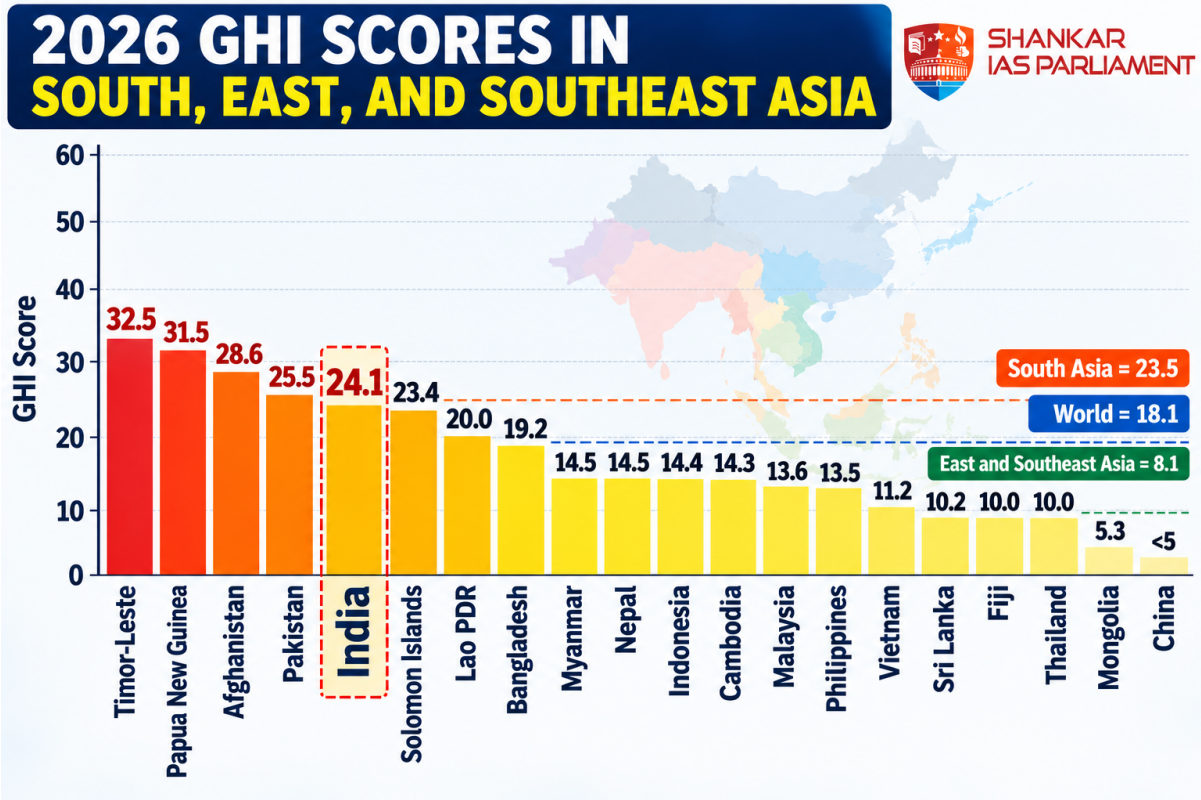
Global Hunger Index

- **GHI –** It is an annual tool designed to measure and track hunger at global, regional and national levels.

- It is published jointly by:
    - Concern Worldwide
    - Welthungerhilfe
    - Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)
- **Score** – It is measured on a 0–100 scale:
    - 0 represents the best possible outcome (no hunger).
    - 100 represents the worst possible outcome.
- **Four Indicators & its weightage**



- GHI scores are calculated using the most recent available data for each of the four indicators; however, these **data may not correspond to the same year.**
- For the 2026 edition, the data sources specify the following timeframes:
    - Undernourishment data – 2023 to 2025.
    - Child wasting data – 2021 to 2025.
    - Child stunting and child mortality data – 2024.
- The index incorporates data from international agencies, including
    - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),
    - World Health Organization (WHO),
    - UNICEF, and
    - United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation.



Reference

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