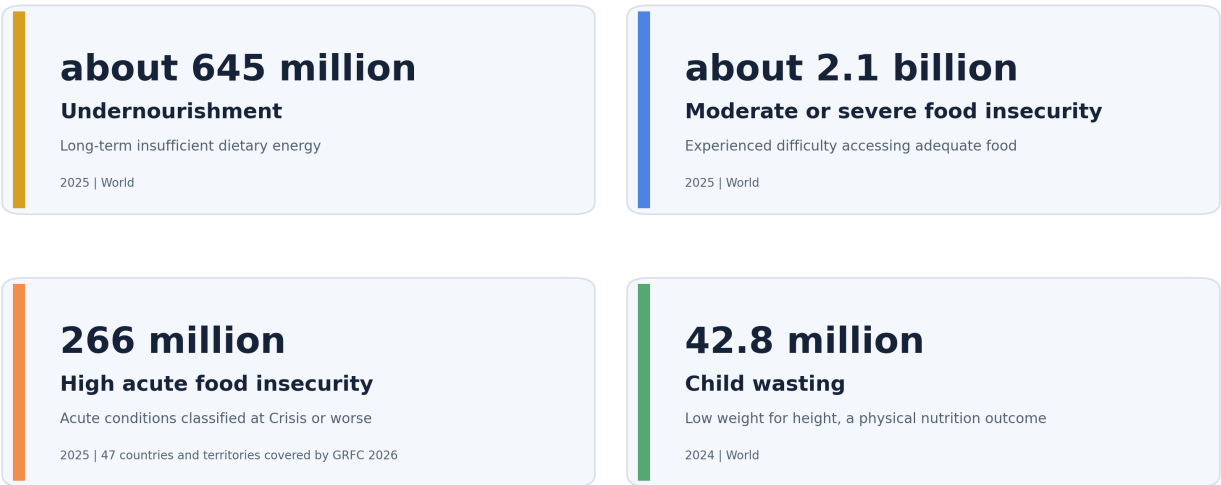


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Sources: SOFI 2026; GRFC 2026; UNICEF/WHO/World Bank JME 2025 edition. Do not add the figures together.

News angle. Hunger statistics often appear to conflict because they describe different populations and outcomes. The figures can all be accurate - and cannot be added together.

Key distinctions

Undernourishment: long-term insufficient dietary energy.

FIES: reported difficulty accessing adequate food.

IPC/CH and GRFC: urgent acute food insecurity in analysed crisis settings.

Wasting: a physical nutrition outcome among children under five.

Available assets

Seven-page Visual Brief, six redesigned charts in wide PNG, mobile PNG, and font-safe SVG, chart-data CSVs, and a source and methods note.

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