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## Global Hunger Report

- Global Hunger Report and Index is an annual report jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.
- It was first produced in 2006. It is published every October. The 2024 edition marks the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the GHI.
- Though the GHI is an annual report, the rankings are not comparable across different years. The GHI score for 2024 can only be compared with scores for 2000, 2008 and 2016. This is because each set of GHI scores uses data from a 5-year period.
- Aim of the index is to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional and country levels.
- The GHI scores are calculated each year to assess progress and setbacks in combating hunger.

It is calculated on the basis of four indicators:

- **Undernourishment:** Share of the population with **insufficient caloric intake**.
- **Child Wasting:** Share of **children under age five who have low weight for their height**, reflecting acute undernutrition.
- **Child Stunting:** Share of **children under age five who have low height for their age**, reflecting chronic undernutrition.
- **Child Mortality:** The **mortality rate of children under the age of five**.

## Scoring

- Based on the values of the four indicators, the GHI determines hunger on a 100-point scale where **0 is the best possible score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst**.
- Countries are **divided into five categories** of hunger on the basis of their score, which are **'low', 'moderate', 'serious', 'alarming' and 'extremely alarming'**.

## Key Points – GHI 2024

- The **2024 GHI score for the world is 18.3**, a slight improvement from 18.8 in 2016, and is considered **"moderate"**.
- **22 countries jointly were awarded the first rank** as there is minimal difference in score among each other.

- India scored 27.3 in 2024 report indicating a slight progress from 28.7 in 2023, still being in the “serious” category.
- India is ranked 105<sup>th</sup> out of 127 economies evaluated.
- The 18.7 % of wasted children in India is the worst across the global.
- South Asian neighbours like Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka perform better, ranking in the "moderate" category.