



## CATHERINE BERTINI

Catherine Bertini is a voice of inspiration to many people who are starving in the world. Catherine was the head of the World Food Programme (WFP) and served to prevent hunger and starvation across the world. She has worked with countries around the world that have starving people. She believes strongly that if you get the food to women, then children and all others will be fed. Her goal is to end hunger.

Catherine wasn't always helping the poor and hungry. At one time she wanted to be a music teacher. She was raised in Cortland, New York. Later her interests turned to government service. She felt that she could make more of a difference helping others this way. And what a difference she has made! She has seen 25 countries go from receiving emergency money to being able to provide food for people in their countries.

Catherine Bertini has very high goals. She works to see that 80% of the food goes to women. She knows that women will feed the people. In the past, most of the food has gone to men. She has another goal, and that is to help girls go to school. She sees to it that there are meals available for the girls at school. This has encouraged families to send their girls to school. Catherine Bertini is making a difference in the lives of millions.



### STORY QUESTIONS

1. What position did Catherine Bertini hold?
  - a. She was delegate to the U.N.
  - b. She was volunteer.
  - c. She was Ambassador to Africa.
  - d. She was head of the World Food Programme.
2. What can be inferred about Catherine Bertini's beliefs of women and their care of children?
  - a. She believes women will feed children and others.
  - b. She believes that women are dying.
  - c. She believes that men aren't as hungry as women.
  - d. She believes that women are stronger.
3. What does the passage say about how Catherine Bertini's encourages girls to attend school?
  - a. She teaches them the importance of learning to read.
  - b. She makes sure that meals are provided for girls at school.
  - c. She sets a good example by sharing her own school experiences.
  - d. She gives presentations on the importance of getting an education.