

# Be a Hero for a Better World



"Because the suffering of any human being diminishes all of us, it's our responsibility to try to ease that suffering. It is not a matter of titles, but of responsibilities."  
-- Khaled

## Khaled (1960- )

Khaled Hadj Brahim, popularly known as Khaled, is the most internationally famous Algerian singer/songwriter. He is recognized as the "King of Raï" -- a type of Algerian folk music that he helped modernize in the 1980s with western instruments and recording techniques. Khaled and other raï artists were forced to flee Algeria to live in France when Algerian Islamic fundamentalists made death threats, claiming raï music is irreverent because it includes lyrics about taboo topics like romance and alcohol. By 1992 his self-titled album, *Khaled*, made him a superstar in France. His popularity grew throughout the 1990s and spread throughout the Arabic world. Many of his lyrics are political, speaking about issues like democracy and women's rights.

Khaled has become a sort of unofficial ambassador of the Arabic minority in France. Recognizing his gift to bridge cultures, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) named Khaled as a FAO Ambassador in 2003. He has worked to rally his fans and other artists in the campaign to end world hunger.

Khaled was born on February 29, 1960 in Sidi-El-Houri, Olan, Algeria

### Be A Hero For A Better World!

1. Find out more about this hero
2. Pledge to help end hunger (iaahp.net)
3. Hold an event to raise awareness about the problem of world hunger
4. Contribute to an organization working to end hunger

### Organizations Helping End Hunger

- Alliance To End Hunger (alliancetoendhunger.org)
- America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org)
- End Hunger Network (endhunger.com)
- Food For All (foodforall.org)
- Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org)
- World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org)
- The Hunger Site (hungersite.org)

Free Online: EndHungerBook.com

For more information: [www.betterworldheroes.com/khaled.htm](http://www.betterworldheroes.com/khaled.htm)

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