

The UK hunger crisis is going to arrive, very soon

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As I [predicted on March 24](#), people in the UK are beginning to go hungry as a result of the coronavirus crisis. As Felicity Lawrence has [noted in the Guardian](#):

A hunger crisis is rapidly developing among British people in lockdown, as millions report having to go without meals, food charities and local government have warned.

Just three weeks into the lockdown, the Food Foundation said that 1.5 million Britons reported not eating for a whole day because they had no money or access to food. Some 3 million people in total were in households where someone had been forced to skip some meals. More than 1 million people reported losing all their income because of the pandemic, with over a third of them believing they would not be entitled to any government help.

As I said on March 24:

It is known that [40% of UK non-pensioner households have too little saved to pay even a month's worth of household bill](#). But they're going to be asked, in many cases, to last for at least two months.

They cannot do that. It is not possible. And if the government does not appreciate that fact then the reality of it will hit home very soon. That is because mothers (in particular) who cannot feed their children first of all steal and then they riot.

Unless the UK government can get cash to people — employed, self-employed and unemployed — very, very soon then social order in this country is going to break down. I give us a fortnight at most, and literally nothing the government is doing right now is even close to preventing this happening.

And if it happens there are no resources to deal with it, including beds for the casualties.

The time for emergency cash injections has arrived. They may not need to be big — but something has to happen, and very, very soon because no one in their right minds

should let this breakdown happen, and yet the chance of it occurring is growing by the day.

All that has happened since then is ... nothing.

The crisis is coming.