The World Food Programme: Gender Balance

Number of people directly assisted by WFP in 2016

- 25.4 million girls
- 24.7 million boys
- 17.6 million women
- 14.5 million men

School meals

- 8.2 million girls received school meals
- 8.2 million boys received school meals
- 1.2 million girls received both school meals and take-home rations
- 0.9 million boys received both school meals and take-home rations

Includes schoolchildren assisted under Trust Food projects

Nutrition

- 1.5 million girls took part in programmes to prevent malnutrition
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- 2.5 million girls were treated for malnutrition
- 2.4 million boys were treated for malnutrition
- 4.1 million pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls received nutritious food

Emergencies

- 3.3 million women and 3.1 million men received WFP assistance
- 7.2 million women and 6.8 million men received WFP assistance
- 7.9 million women and 7.2 million men received WFP assistance

In 2016, WFP operations reported that women’s decision-making in households increased, including in some of the lowest ranked countries in the gender equality index. Globally, there was substantial progress in joint decision-making over the use of food and cash. These positive trends confirm the value of the gender-transformative approach adopted by WFP.