



World Food Programme



What is WFP's Environmental Policy?

WFP recognizes that care for the environment is essential to achieving food security and sustainable development as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals.

WFP's [Environmental Policy](#) commits WFP to systematically **identify, avoid and manage risks** to the environment from its work. The policy, approved in February 2017 by WFP's Executive Board, also recognizes that WFP's food assistance activities can generate environmental benefits and it commits WFP to pursuing them as it seeks to avoid harm.

Guiding principles

- Systematic consideration and protection of the environment to progressively enhance the sustainability of WFP activities
- Alignment with compliance obligations, international good practice and environmental standards
- Application of the mitigation hierarchy, sustainable consumption, the precautionary approach and life-cycle thinking to increase resource efficiency and reduce our environmental footprint
- Continuous improvement through strengthened capacity of WFP's partners to plan and implement environmentally sound activities for food security and nutrition

Three tools

- Environmental standards that lay out essential protection measures and minimum expectations
- A screening and categorization process for identifying and managing environmental risks
- An environmental management system consistent with the international standard ISO 14001



These tools will strengthen the sustainability of WFP's work and will be applied in a flexible way to improve results from emergencies, longer-term assistance and support operations. Environmental accountability will be incorporated into WFP's monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms to track our progress. By implementing this policy, WFP will produce more environmentally sustainable results for beneficiaries, staff, host governments and donors.