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# GOODS AND SERVICES PROCUREMENT

Ensuring WFP's life-saving operations run smoothly and cost-effectively worldwide, whatever the operating environment

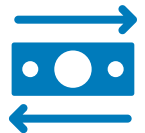
Along with food, WFP procures large quantities of non-food items and services. These range from the fuel necessary to run warehouse generators in deep field locations, to the telecommunications equipment that links our offices, to the HR software used for the recruitment of staff, to the pallets utilized to transport the food for our beneficiaries, and everything in between. These goods and services are critical for keeping WFP's operations running in the most challenging environments.

Responsible for procuring goods and services for the entire organization worldwide, not just the Supply Chain Division, the Goods and Services Procurement Unit in WFP Headquarters takes care of every stage of the procurement process, ensuring a consistent, cost effective, fair and transparent procurement process that is in the best interest of WFP, and ultimately of the people the organization assists.

IN 2018

9,425

PURCHASE ORDERS WERE  
ISSUED TO PROCURE



260

KINDS OF DIFFERENT  
GOODS AND SERVICES  
FROM



152

COUNTRIES FOR A TOTAL  
VALUE OF



US\$763 M

## END-TO-END PROCUREMENT



PLANNING



TENDERING



EVALUATION



CONTRACT  
AWARD



CONTRACT  
MANAGEMENT



CLOSE-OUT



World Food  
Programme

By keeping abreast of the latest innovations and implementing best practices, the unit enables WFP to purchase high-quality goods and services, whilst ensuring the best use of resources.

The team also provides support and guidance to country offices, when local procurement is the best option, and undertakes oversight missions to guarantee corporate standards.

## ENSURING EFFICIENCY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Apart from being a reliable partner to all of WFP, ensuring that procurement needs are effectively met, the unit also engages with external stakeholders as and when necessary. The unit carries out procurement services for the other Rome-based United Nations agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).



The unit also collaborates with other United Nations agencies to ensure that all parties can take advantage of procurement contracts created by another agency. By removing unnecessary replication and thus shortening procurement processes whenever possible, agencies can realize efficiency gains and also awareness about supplier performance.

Furthermore, the unit coordinates and cooperates with other United Nations agencies and international bodies to develop common policies and practices with respect to procurement activities and their related services.

## FOCUS ON YEMEN

In emergency operations, where the local market is severely hampered, the role of a centralised procurement unit is key to ensuring the goods and services necessary to assist the people affected by the crisis are procured in a timely manner, while respecting the procurement principles of transparency and cost effectiveness.

In Yemen, WFP procures fuel on behalf of other United Nations agencies and other humanitarian players. In 2018, WFP procured 36 million litres of diesel and petrol in support of the humanitarian response in Yemen. This fuel has enabled WFP and its partners to run their operations and provide crucial assistance to the vulnerable.

The unit has also supported the Yemen Country Office by managing the entire contracting process of US\$70 million's worth of commodity voucher contracts, which allow WFP to work with the local market. Apart from enabling beneficiaries to obtain essential commodities directly from local traders, these vouchers also act as an economic injection of much-needed liquidity into the local economy.