



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES

# 12 things you did not know about WFP



WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency, assisting **115.5 million people** in **84 countries** in 2020.



Each day we have up to **5,600 trucks, 30 ships and 100 planes** on the move, delivering food and other assistance in some of the most remote and challenging parts of the world.



WFP is the frontline agency responding to emergencies caused by conflict, climate shocks, pandemics and other disasters. We are tackling ongoing emergencies in **17 countries or regions**, the majority fuelled by conflict.



We provide school meals to **15 million children**, improving both their nutrition and their access to a potentially life-changing education. Since 1990 we have built the capacity of national governments, with **more than 40** taking over school meal programmes.



Contributions to WFP have increased in recent years, and in 2020 we reached a **record level of US\$8.4bn** – still more than **5 billion short of requirements**. Rising needs aligned to the high cost of assisting people amidst drawn-out conflicts, climate-related disasters and the coronavirus pandemic mean we need increased financial support more than ever.



WFP connects smallholder farmers to markets in **35 countries**. In 2020, we bought **110,486 metric tons** of food from smallholders, who produce most of the world's food.



In 2020, **159,000 hectares of land** was developed and **1,800 hectares of forest** was planted under WFP's Food Assistance for Assets initiative, which improves people's long-term food security and resilience to climate change.



WFP delivered **4.2 million metric tons of food** in 2020, the equivalent weight of 840,000 Asian elephants.



More than **three quarters** of the food we buy comes from developing countries, saving time and money on transport costs and helping sustain and grow local economies.



WFP is the largest cash provider in the humanitarian community. **US\$2.1bn of assistance** was provided this way in **67 countries** in 2020. Cash increases consumer choice and strengthens local markets.



WFP is helping **19 countries** to **forecast extreme climate events and trigger preventive action** before vulnerable families are hit by disasters. Cash transfers ahead of floods, droughts and storms allow people in harm's way to evacuate assets and livestock, reinforce homesteads and buy food, seeds and emergency items so they are better prepared to deal with a food crisis.



**More than 50%** of the people WFP serves are **women and girls**.