



12 things you may not know about WFP

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WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace. We work in over **120 countries and territories**, and assisted around 158 million people in 2022.



Each day we can have **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 **over 20 countries or regions**, the majority fuelled by conflict.



We provide school meals to **nearly 20 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 feeding programmes.



We received a record **US\$14.2 billion** in contributions in 2022. The gap between needs and resources available was the largest in WFP's six-decade history however, and we need to bridge this in order to meet the challenges of a global food crisis.



WFP procured **100,000 mt worth (US\$80 million) of food** from smallholder farmers **in 25 countries in 2022**.



In 2021, nearly **159,000 hectares of land** was developed and **1,609 hectares of forest** was planted under WFP's Food Assistance for Assets initiative, which meets people's immediate food needs while improving their ability to offset the worst effects of climate-related and other disasters.



We delivered **4.4 million metric tons of food** in 2021, reaching nearly **68 million women and girls** and more than **60 million men and boys**.



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, increasing consumer choice and strengthening local markets. In 2022, WFP transferred **US\$3.3 billion in cash and vouchers** in 72 countries, up 42 percent from 2022.



During 2022, we supported **15.2 million people** in preparing for, responding to and recovering from **climate shocks**, across more than 40 countries.



WFP programmes for the treatment or prevention of **malnutrition reached 23.5 million people** in 2021, primarily children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls – a 36 percent increase on 2020. This included distributing over 1.47 million metric tons of fortified foods.