

# Biography

**Valerie Guarnieri**  
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As WFP's Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations, Ms. Valerie Guarnieri oversees WFP's global analytics, programme policy, and supply chain operations, steering and supporting work to provide food, cash and technical assistance that helps people and nations to meet urgent needs and build food security. Her remit covers global partnerships to empower women, support refugees and displaced populations, combat malnutrition and ensure that all hungry children benefit from a nutritious meal in school.

Prior to her appointment in January 2018, Ms. Guarnieri served as WFP Regional Director for East and Central Africa providing supervision, strategic guidance and support for some of WFP's largest and most complex country operations. She also served as WFP's Global Programme Director, and in a variety of country office, regional and headquarter positions.

Prior to joining WFP in 2000, she worked at the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the National Security Council, and she holds a Master of Arts from the School of International Service of American University in Washington DC. She is married and has three children.