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Supporting exports of Ukrainian food

WFP IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE EXPORT OF GRAIN AND OTHER FOODS FROM UKRAINE - A VITAL SOURCE OF FOOD FOR MUCH OF THE WORLD.

Ukraine’s agricultural exports are a vital source of food for countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Before the war, its food exports fed 400 million people each year. Due to the competitive pricing of its food products, as well as its strategic location for WFP operations, Ukraine has long been one of WFP’s largest suppliers of wheat, vegetable oil and peas.

Since the onset of the full-scale war, Ukraine’s food exports have suffered significant setbacks. The closure of Black Sea ports in 2022 severely limited Ukraine’s export capacity, sending a shockwave through global food markets and contributing to a sudden rise in global food prices. In 2024, attacks on Black Sea ports and grain storage facilities continue to disrupt the flow of food commodities and pose a threat to global food security.

Since July 2022, WFP has directly supported Ukrainian food exports to food-insecure countries by chartering vessels under the now-expired Black Sea Grain Initiative and under the Grain from Ukraine initiative.

IN NUMBERS

30 VESSELS

chartered by WFP to export Ukrainian grain and other food commodities since 2022

1.35 MILLION

metric tons of Ukrainian food exported with WFP-chartered vessels since 2022

US\$ 441.2M

Injected in the Ukrainian economy through food exports since 2022

THE “GRAIN FROM UKRAINE” INITIATIVE

Announced by President Zelensky in November 2022, the Grain from Ukraine initiative aims to facilitate the export of Ukrainian agricultural products to the world’s most food insecure countries. WFP is a partner of the initiative and has received support from international donors to procure and transport food commodities of Ukrainian origin. Destination countries are chosen in consultation with the Government of Ukraine and donors to the Initiative.

Achievements

To date, ten WFP vessels have set sail from Black Sea Ports under the Initiative, transporting over 273,000 metric tons of commodities to critical WFP operations in Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Yemen, Nigeria, Sudan, Mozambique, Malawi, Afghanistan, Palestine, Mauritania, Djibouti, DRC, Syria, Tanzania and Zambia, feeding over 8 million people.



Way forward

The initiative is now expanding to include new recipient countries and food products. WFP is moving commodities such as maize, yellow split peas, sunflower oil and wheat flour to its operations in Africa, while leveraging its knowledge of the Ukrainian agricultural sector to connect medium and small-scale food actors to global markets.