



World Food  
Programme

SAVING  
LIVES  
CHANGING  
LIVES

# WFP at a Glance

A guide to the facts, figures and frontline work of the World Food Programme

## ABOUT WFP

The World Food Programme (WFP) has a presence in over 120 countries and territories. We provide food and other assistance to people affected by sudden and ongoing emergencies. At the same time, we provide governments with the support and skills to manage [food security](#) in the long term. WFP won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020 in recognition of our strong advocacy for the critical role of peace in ending hunger, and for the use of food as a tool for peace.

## QUICK FACTS



WFP is funded entirely by voluntary donations, with  
**US\$9.8 B** raised in 2024.



We provided assistance to  
**124.4 M** people in 2024.



We delivered  
**16.1 B** daily rations in 2024.

July 2025



## A GLOBAL HUNGER CRISIS

The year 2025 is one of [unrelenting humanitarian needs](#), mainly driven by **escalating conflicts and weather-related and economic shocks**. This means extreme jeopardy for millions of people around the world struggling to feed their families.

## FUNDING SHORTFALL AND RATION CUTS

While global humanitarian needs are skyrocketing, **funding is failing to keep pace**. This has forced WFP – and other organizations – to **scale back assistance and refocus on the most severe needs**.

It is also getting harder for our teams to do their work, with **humanitarian access restricted by conflict**.

We need **US\$5.7 billion to reach 98 million vulnerable people in 2025**, as detailed in the [WFP 2025 Global Outlook](#).

## Main areas of work

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

We respond to emergencies caused by **conflict, climate shocks, economic slumps, pandemics and other disasters**. We coordinate responses to large-scale emergencies on behalf of the wider humanitarian community, as lead agency of the [Logistics Cluster](#) and the [Emergency Telecommunications Cluster](#). We work with partners to provide **early warning and help communities lessen the impact of looming disasters**. [Learn more here about the emergencies we are currently tackling](#).

**Each day WFP has up to 6,500 trucks, 140 aircraft and 20 ships on the move, delivering food and other assistance.**

### CLIMATE ACTION

WFP works with governments and humanitarian partners to respond to an increasing number of weather-related disasters, which **wipe out**



**crops, disrupt markets and destroy infrastructure such as roads and bridges.** At the same time, we take **pre-emptive action** – including restoring degraded ecosystems that serve as shields against disasters. **Anticipatory Action programmes** allow families to buy food, reinforce their homes and take other steps to build resilience ahead of disasters.

**WFP aims to empower 23 million people to build resilience against weather-related and other shocks in 2025.**

## **ENDING MALNUTRITION**

Sustainable development is only possible in communities where malnutrition is eradicated. WFP's work goes beyond emergency interventions to address all forms of malnutrition, including **vitamin and mineral deficiencies, and overweight and obesity.** We address malnutrition from the earliest stages, targeting the first 1,000 days from conception to a child's second birthday. We provide access to healthy diets, with a focus on young children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people living with HIV.

**WFP supported 27.6 million people through nutrition treatment and prevention programmes in 2025.**

## **SCHOOL-MEAL PROGRAMMES**

WFP is the largest humanitarian organization implementing school-meal programmes, which **improve children's nutrition and health, while also increasing access to a potentially life-changing education.** Home-grown school feeding sources food from millions of smallholder farmers, increasing their incomes and boosting local economies. WFP is secretariat of the [School Meals Coalition](#), with over 100 governments and more than 140 organizations working for every child to receive a **healthy, nutritious school meal by 2030.**

**WFP provided nutritious school meals, take-home rations or cash transfers to 20 million schoolchildren in 61 countries in 2024.**

## **SUPPORTING SMALLHOLDER FARMERS**

Smallholder farmers **produce most of the world's food and are critical in achieving a zero-hunger world.** WFP's support ranges from business-skills training to post-harvest management, from increasing access to finance to improving the roads leading to markets.

**With WFP's support, smallholder farmers' groups sold over 212,200 metric tons of food worth US\$127 million in 2024.**

## **RESILIENCE BUILDING**

WFP's **early-warning and preparedness systems** allow governments to prevent or respond quickly to crises. We help develop national capacities to manage disaster risk through approaches such as weather insurance. Our work includes **vulnerability analysis and mapping**, as well as support to governments' social protection systems such as cash transfers. WFP's [Food Assistance for Assets](#) programme sees people receive food or cash to meet immediate food needs, which frees up their time for work on community assets and livelihood resources.

**WFP plans to support the rehabilitation of 3 million hectares of degraded land by 2030, under the [Climate and Resilience Investment Pipeline](#).**

## **CASH ASSISTANCE**

Financial support provides **increased choices and diet diversity for people**, while boosting smallholder production, retail and the financial sector through increased spending and trade. It is also an effective means of giving more economic power to food-insecure women.

**WFP delivered US\$2.2 billion in cash-based transfers and commodity vouchers to the most vulnerable people in 2024.**

## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

WFP shares **skills and knowledge with public, private and civil society organizations**, who are pivotal to sustaining national policies and programmes. We are building governments' and other partners' capacities to **manage disaster risk and improve food security**, while also investing in the aforementioned **early-warning and preparedness systems**.

**In 2024, WFP helped 70 countries strengthen their national systems for emergency preparedness and response.**





# Digital innovation

[Innovation and technology](#) help drive WFP's work to achieve zero hunger. WFP's Munich-based Innovation Accelerator sources new ideas, pilots projects and implements high-impact innovations, by connecting them with WFP's global network and field operations.

**The Innovation Accelerator reached 61 million people across 90 countries and territories in 2024, working with a network of WFP country offices and regional bureaux, innovation hubs and partners.**

# UNHAS

WFP Aviation manages the only UN-mandated air transport service, the [United Nations Humanitarian Air Service \(UNHAS\)](#), which allows humanitarian staff and cargo to reach the world's most remote and challenging locations.

**UNHAS transported 355,000 passengers and almost 5,000 metric tons of light humanitarian cargo to and from 394 remote destinations in 2024.**



Further information: [History](#) / [Who we are](#) / [Our work](#) / [Where we work](#) / [Governance and leadership](#)

## World Food Programme

Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68/70,  
00148 Rome, Italy - T +39 06 65131  
[wfp.org](#)

Photo page 1: WFP/Michael Tewelde

Photo page 2: WFP/Diego Fernandez

Photo page 4: WFP/Asma Achahboun

Photo page 5: WFP/Desire Joseph Ouedraogo