

Context and Impacts

- COVID-19 pandemic is the **worst crisis** the world has faced since WWII. To fight it we need a coordinated global response.
- As of 6 April 2020, over 1,270,000 cases have been confirmed worldwide. Almost all countries where WFP has operations have been affected.
- 12 million children are no longer receiving WFP school meals due to school closures in 51 countries where WFP implements school feeding programmes.
- Humanitarian supply chains at risk as: Food exports are blocked; Borders closed; Staple food prices rise; Manufacturing industries disrupted; Reduced availability of labour, Special Nutritious Foods Supplies.
- Food insecurity situation critical in some countries as many countries enter their annual lean season and the hurricane and monsoon season approaches.



WFP Global COVID-19 Response Plan

- Objective 1: Sustain WFP Operations
- > **Objective 2:** Enable the Global Health and Humanitarian Response
- Objective 3: Track Impacts and Inform Decision-Making

In order to pre-position food and cash supplies and sustain all global operations, WFP urgently requires **USD 1.9 billion** to be frontloaded against WFP's existing plan of work. This will not be an additional cost, but rather an anticipation of planned contributions.

In alignment with the **Global Humanitarian Response Plan**, an initial **USD 350 million** is urgently required to:

- Rapidly scale-up the common services
- Ensure real-time monitoring of the global situation
- Provide critical investments required to safely deliver operations and services worldwide.



Focus Countries



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Sustain WFP Operations

Mitigating risks to supply corridors

- Forward purchasing three-month stocks of food and cash
- Positioning resources in or near the most fragile countries
- Reinforcing critical corridors to ensure continued flow of resources
- Local procurement and leveraging existing relationships with local suppliers and the private sector



Adapting delivery mechanisms

- Providing alternative means of food assistance eg. take-home rations in lieu of in-school meals
- Reducing congestion at distribution sites and retail shops
- Putting health mitigation measures in place eg. Handwashing stations and awareness-raising campaigns



Adapting market-based approaches

- Shifting between modalities (food, cash vouchers), amending ration baskets and allowing double distributions
- Working with partners to secure inventory
- Expanding online platforms (e-shop) and exploring other delivery options

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Responding to emerging needs

- Prioritizing interventions
- Working with governments and partners to step-in when needed
- Preparing to support new population groups who may become food insecure
- Providing a real-time platform to track changes in food security, health indicators and market functionality in priority vulnerable countries.

Food Security and Economic Outlook



Covid-19 Risk Factors and Monitoring



Programme Priorities

Sustaining essential food and nutrition assistance

- People's ability to meet their essential needs, enjoy their rights and manage future risks are of concern
- Consider do-no harm, innovative delivery and social assistance measures, with existing and future safety nets
- Adjustments to ensure continuity of care to and adjusting implementation to reduce the risk of transmission

Supporting children during school closures

- Take-home rations in lieu of in-school meals, home delivery of food and provision of cash or vouchers
- When schools reopen, providing comprehensive support to the health and nutrition status of students

Responding to emerging needs

• New population groups who may become food insecure (people in quarantine, urban populations, migrant workers, seasonal laborers, service workers)

Taking a systems approach to scaling up urban interventions and social protection

- Technical advice
- Delivery for and in partnership with government
- Supporting an enabling environment



Enable the Global Health and Humanitarian Response

- Hubs and Staging Areas: WFP will establish four international strategic consolidation hubs in Shanghai, Liege, Dubai and Atlanta. These international hubs will be connected to regional staging areas over the world.
- Air and Sea Cargo Services: WFP will set up air transport links between international consolidation hubs and regional staging areas and onwards to final destinations when required.
- **Passenger Air Services:** WFP will strategically position five medium-sized passenger aircraft (150-180-seater) to transport humanitarian and medical staff between international and regional hubs to critical countries of operation.
- **MEDEVAC Services**: WFP will set-up MEDEVAC services for the humanitarian and health community based out of 7 regional hubs serving field operations across the globe.





- Landside goods transport - Goods and services procurement
- Fuel provision

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- Engineering and light construction
- Common booking and management services for light passenger vehicles
- *Not all downstream services might be offered in all countries and services offered will be based on available capacity.

- UNHAS

- Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- Logistics Cluster

- UNHRD (leveraging existing hubs/network)

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Our Funding Situation

- **ED USD 1.9 billion appeal** (not part of HRP) reflects requirements under WFP's existing plan of work and corresponds to 70% of **three-month needs-based plan** for countries in prioritization categories P1 and P2
- **USD 3.6 billion** required for **next six months** for prioritized countries to implement current activities (Needs-Based Plan)
- To date, COVID-19 specific support received from Japan and Private Sector Donors, with pledges from Denmark, Norway, United Kingdom
- **UN CERF** allocation to WFP Special Account for COVID-19 Response (USD 20 million) under Global Humanitarian Response Plan



Resourcing Needs in Priority Operations



- Most critical P1/P2 operations
- Figures based on 2020 Needs Based Plans and do not incorporate potential COVID-19-related adjustment in requirements

Our Approach and Solution: Speed– Scale - Access

- Anticipate confirmation of funding for critical operations by providing early and specific indications of support so internal advance financing mechanisms can potentially be utilized.
- Adapt funding to allow programming and utilization of funding to address priority operational needs.
- **Simplify** funding-related processes for agreements and disbursement of funding, along with procedures related to due diligence, budgeting, reporting, evaluation and audits
- We will need **additional funding** to scale-up the COVID-19 response at some point in the future.



Optimizing Funding with Available Financial Instruments

Multilateral funding

- USD 10 million allocated to COVID-19 Special Account for WFP global preparedness & response
- USD 4 million allocated to COVID-19 Trust Fund for global humanitarian preparedness & response

Internal Project Lending

USD 10 million allocated to COVID-19 Trust Fund (pending CERF contribution)

Global Commodity Management Facility

- Additional Purchase Requisitions for 216,000 mt, bringing total available GCMF inventory to 770,000 mt
- Resulting GCMF inventory estimated to cover 100% of COs cash purchases until the end of Q3



Optimizing Funding with Available Financial Instruments

Immediate Response Account

Requests beginning to come in - proposal for a USD 5 million IRA allocation to Palestine

PSA savings and Wellness Fund

- USD 2.5 million advanced from PSA savings for office hygiene items
- Additional requirement for global telecom services, HQ infrastructure, video conferences
- Allocations from the Wellness Fund for purchase of office hygiene items

Additional requests and adjustments

Constantly under review

