

From Food Aid to Food Assistance

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Purposes and Functions of WFP

From the General Regulations and
Rules of WFP

The “Blue Book”

Purposes

- To use food aid to support economic and social development
- To meet refugee and other emergency and protracted relief food needs
- To promote world food security in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations and FAO

Functions

- **To aid in economic and social development**
 - concentrating on the neediest people and countries;
- **To assist in the continuum from emergency relief to development**
 - Supporting disaster prevention, preparedness and mitigation and post-disaster rehabilitation activities;
- **To assist in meeting refugee and other emergency and protracted relief food needs**
 - Serving both relief and development purposes;
- **To provide services to bilateral donors, United Nations agencies and NGOs**
 - Consistent with the purposes of WFP and which complement WFP's operations.

Recent Challenges and Opportunities

No more food surpluses...
... but more cash donations

Deepening vulnerability

- high and volatile food prices
 - high energy costs
 - financial crisis
 - climate change
 - civil strife
 - etc ...

WFP's Strategic Plan 2008-13

Strategic Objective 1

**Save Lives and Protect Livelihoods in
Emergencies**

Strategic Objective 2

**Prevent Acute Hunger and Invest in
Disaster Preparedness and
Mitigation Measures**

Strategic Objective 3

Restore and Rebuild Lives and Livelihoods in Post-Conflict, Post-Disaster or Transition Situations

Strategic Objective 4

**Reduce Chronic Hunger and
Undernutrition**

Strategic Objective 5

**Strengthen the Capacities of Countries
to Reduce Hunger, Including Through
Hand-over Strategies and Local
Purchase**