
ANNEX IX: 2021 COLLABORATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

In 2021, in 69 countries around the world, WFP worked with a total of 977 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) – of which 14 percent were international NGOs and 86 percent locals – and Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. WFP is proud of the work it does with cooperating partners, ranging from local NGOs and small community-based organizations to large international aid agencies and Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. The activities involved range from food distribution in emergencies to longer-term initiatives such as school feeding and asset creation.

In 2021, WFP's capacity strengthening activities were supported by 104 NGOs, 84 of which were local. WFP also worked closely with local cooperating partners, increasingly in climate adaptation and risk management activities (with 40 cooperating partners) and in smallholder agricultural market support activities (with 64 cooperating partners)

Between May and October 2021, local cooperating partners and WFP jointly hosted consultations to gather inputs for the development of WFP's new strategic plan. During those consultations, WFP and partners discussed ways of collaborating further on ensuring that people and communities have access to nutritious, healthy and sustainable diets, strengthening country and nation-wide programmes in food security and nutrition, and enhancing coordination in response to several partners' requests for collective advocacy.¹ In 2021, the annual partnership consultation saw WFP and partners launch the famine prevention and mitigation compact, an initiative that allows local and international NGOs and WFP to implement advocacy actions in a more coordinated manner, develop joint outreach strategies and maximize the impact of communication campaigns designed to tackle the global hunger and nutrition crisis.

In June 2021, WFP hosted a consultation with its Executive Board and its local and international NGO partners. This was the first time that an official Board event was dedicated to direct dialogue between the Board membership and WFP's cooperating partners. The event included an intervention by several local NGOs focused on peacebuilding and recommendations on the role that WFP and its partners need to play to help break the cycle of hunger and conflict, foster peace and advocate the unconditional application of [United Nations Security Council resolution 2417](#) on the links between conflict and food insecurity.

WFP's adoption of the United Nations Partner Portal is providing local and national NGOs with easy access to a wide range of partnership opportunities posted by all participating United Nations agencies (the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Secretariat and WFP).

Revised methodology for classifying collaboration with cooperating partners²

In 2021, WFP's NGO Partnerships Unit developed and applied a new methodology to produce this annex using WFP data platforms. Compared with the 2020 report, some categories in the programme activity column have been renamed and/or expanded to provide more details on the type of collaboration involved.

¹ Based on recommendations from WFP's annual partnership consultation 2021.

² The methodology will be reviewed based on findings and recommendations in the Joint Inspection Unit report [Review of the management of implementing partners in United Nations system organizations](#) (JIU/REP/2021/4).

The total number of partners displayed in the table below is higher than the total number of partners WFP worked with in 2021 because individual partners may collaborate with WFP in a variety of programme activities, providing various services. For example, an NGO providing multiple services will count as one in the total number of 2021 partners while each service it provides will be recorded separately in the table below.

| WFP'S COLLABORATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Programme activity | International partners | National partners | Total no. of partners |
| Analysis, assessment and monitoring activities | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Asset creation and livelihood support activities | 50 | 217 | 267 |
| Climate adaptation and risk management activities | 2 | 40 | 42 |
| Emergency preparedness activities | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Individual capacity strengthening activities | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Institutional capacity strengthening activities | 18 | 71 | 89 |
| Malnutrition prevention activities | 52 | 177 | 229 |
| Nutrition treatment activities | 59 | 123 | 182 |
| School meal activities | 23 | 81 | 104 |
| Service provision and platforms activities | 0 | 11 | 11 |
| Smallholder agricultural market support activities | 9 | 64 | 73 |
| Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food | 101 | 508 | 609 |
| Other | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Services | International partners | National partners | Total no. of partners |
| Assessment | 54 | 40 | 94 |
| Evaluation | 38 | 68 | 106 |
| Implementation | 142 | 729 | 871 |
| Monitoring | 80 | 301 | 381 |
| Project design | 40 | 88 | 128 |
| Storage | 54 | 181 | 235 |
| Transport | 45 | 102 | 147 |
| Other | 13 | 34 | 47 |