



WFP ENGINEERING: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITARIAN IMPACT WORLDWIDE

Exhibit on the margins of the second regular session of the Executive Board
Multimedia exhibition: 18-22 November
Launch Ceremony: Tuesday, 19 November 2024, 8:45-9:30
Blue Foyer, and a coffee break by the Peace Garden, WFP Headquarters

Context

WFP's global operations and presence within the humanitarian nexus is fortified by engineering expertise (Management Services Division). According to WFP's strategic plan (2022–2025), protecting, restoring, creating, and enhancing basic infrastructure is crucial to support food-insecure communities. The plan also recognizes WFP's role as a system-wide service provider, including for engineering projects, in collaboration with the wider humanitarian community.

WFP's global community of more than 200 in-house engineers and technicians works on infrastructure projects stationed in more than 45 countries worldwide, supported by a qualified and experienced team of specialist engineering professionals based in our global headquarters.

WFP Engineering provides cost-effective, high-quality, timely, and sustainable infrastructure to help both WFP and other humanitarian and development actors reach those in need. We have extensive experience partnering with other United Nations agencies, governments, and NGOs and the broader humanitarian and development community to provide an efficient response in emergency situations, as well as in longer-term development programmes. From quality storage facilities, feeder roads and bridges, culverts, dams and river infrastructure, these projects connect communities to markets, providing easier access to food and lowering the risk of devastating food insecurity.

Through the vision "Building for a Sustainable Future", WFP's Engineering team brings to life the belief that bold infrastructure paves the way for reaching global humanitarian objectives and ensures a better and more sustainable future for the people we serve.

The Management Services Engineering Branch aims to raise awareness of the critical role of infrastructure in addressing food security and fostering sustainable development during the upcoming second regular session of the Executive Board (18–21 November).

Objectives

The exhibition will showcase success stories from various countries and regions, working with other WFP areas such as Supply Chain and Programme in support of WFP operations, highlighting the key role that infrastructure plays in the fight against global hunger.

This exhibition is presented as a key tool to position WFP as a leading provider of engineering solutions in humanitarian and development contexts, building upon the previous communications and visibility efforts carried out in the last years to meet the mentioned goal.

Exhibition focus

- **Success stories:** Present case studies and success stories from various countries and regions, illustrating the impact of infrastructure projects.
- **Collaborative efforts:** Highlight the collaboration between WFP's Supply Chain, Programme, and Engineering teams in supporting WFP operations.
- **Positioning WFP:** Reinforce WFP's position as a leading provider of engineering solutions in humanitarian and development contexts, building on previous communications and visibility efforts.

Participants

- Mr Stephen Omollo, Assistant Executive Director, Workplace and Management Department
- Ms Rania Dagash-Kamara, Assistant Executive Director, Partnerships and Innovation Department
- Ms Sara Adam, Director, Management Services Division
- Mr Jean-Luc Kohler, Chief Engineer