



Ensuring safe and dignified access to food: WFP's protection from sexual exploitation and abuse journey

Exhibit on the margins of the annual session of the Executive Board, 2025

Tuesday, 24 June 2025, 08:45–09:30

Red Foyer, WFP headquarters

Context

This exhibition is held alongside the 2025 annual session of the WFP Executive Board to spotlight WFP's ongoing commitment to preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). This work is not peripheral, it is central to WFP's mandate. Ensuring that communities, especially the most vulnerable, can access assistance safely and with dignity lies at the heart of our mission. This exhibition illustrates WFP's progress in embedding protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) across our systems, operations and organizational culture, guided by the 2023 PSEA strategic evaluation. With the Executive Director currently serving as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Champion on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Harassment (2024–2025), this moment also provides a timely opportunity to reflect on WFP's leadership in driving system-wide change and accountability on this agenda. The exhibition features visuals from the field, compelling front-line staff testimonies and practical examples of how WFP is operationalizing its commitment to protect those we serve.

Objectives

- **Underscore that PSEA is integral** to WFP's mission and essential for delivering assistance safely and with dignity.
- **Demonstrate progress** in how WFP prevents and responds to SEA.
- **Showcase field-level testimonies** and good practices that exemplify WFP's leadership.
- **Foster informal engagement** among Executive Board members and WFP on PSEA priorities, challenges and opportunities to further strengthen PSEA efforts.
- **Reaffirm the importance of sustained leadership, oversight and employees' engagement** to ensure PSEA remains fully embedded in WFP's operations, values and culture.

We invite Executive Board members and all participants to **engage, reflect and reaffirm their support** for WFP's PSEA agenda, championing the values that uphold the **dignity, safety and trust** of the communities we serve.

Agenda

8:45:	Exhibit opening starts
8:45–8:48:	Ms Isabella Castrogiovanni, Director, WFP PSEA Unit, to introduce the Executive Director
8:48–8:53:	Ms Cindy McCain, WFP Executive Director, to deliver introductory remarks
8:53–8:56:	Ms Isabella Castrogiovanni, Director, WFP PSEA Unit, introduces exhibition and invites visitors to tour it
8:56–9:30:	Visitors explore the exhibition, and engage with the PSEA team for Q&A
9:30:	Back to the Executive Board session

Interactive exhibition (drop-in format)

- Field videos and testimonials.
- Listening station with audio messages from PSEA focal points and partners.
- Posters, banners, interactive quiz and photos highlighting field-level progress, tools and partnerships.
- Information desk with materials on WFP's PSEA policies, training and global initiatives.

PSEA team available on-site

- PSEA team members will be present throughout the event to guide visitors, respond to questions and engage in informal discussion.