



Advancing the UN80 agenda: WFP's contribution to deliver as one UN Supply Chain

Side event on the margins of the second regular session of the Executive Board, 2025
Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 13:30–14:30
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Context

The UN80 initiative sets out the Secretary-General's vision for a more coherent, efficient and accountable United Nations – one capable to deliver real impact at scale amid record needs and fewer resources.

Across the system, agencies are being called upon to do better with less. Member States have urged reform that strengthens collaboration, reduces duplication and ensures measurable value for money. Among the most powerful levers for achieving this transformation are supply chains, which account for nearly 70 percent of all humanitarian spend¹ and determine what, how and when assistance reaches people in need.

In response, a group of agencies – convened by WFP, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Secretariat's Department of Operational Support – has come together to develop a more integrated approach to United Nations supply chain operations. The aim is to harness the United Nations' collective strengths and scale to serve the system as a whole – and move from today's fragmented supply chains to a streamlined, collaborative framework that delivers faster, more reliably and at lower cost.

Still in its early design phase, the UN80 Integrated Supply Chain Model envisions a system in which agencies plan, source and deliver together – and draws on the capacities of those best equipped to provide a range of services across the end-to-end supply chain. It represents one of the most practical and potentially high-impact reforms under the UN80 agenda: a concrete step toward translating the principle of “delivering as one” into operational reality.

While the concept of integration marks a new level of ambition, inter-agency supply chain collaboration is not new. For decades, WFP has supported collective delivery on behalf of the United Nations system and its partners through on-demand service provision arrangements and mandated shared platforms, including the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) network and the global logistics cluster. Together, these mechanisms have demonstrated that system-wide efficiency can be achieved through practical collaboration.

As UNHRD marks its 25th anniversary and the logistics cluster celebrates 20 years, this side event will honour that legacy while looking ahead to one of the most promising UN80 reforms. Through visual storytelling, expert presentation and interactive dialogue, it will explore how the United Nations can deliver better together, building on decades of collective experience.

¹ J. Stumpf, M. Besiou and T. Wakolbinger. 2022. “Assessing the value of supply chain management in the humanitarian context – an evidence-based research approach” in *Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management*.

Objectives

This side event to the Executive Board aims to:

- **Present the emerging design of the UN80 Integrated Supply Chain Model** – outlining its vision, rationale, and expected core service streams, and explain how greater alignment in planning, sourcing and delivery will enable United Nations agencies to operate as one coherent system while supporting their individual mandates and accountability.
- **Demonstrate how WFP's supply chain capabilities and inter-agency mandate already embody the principles of integration and efficiency envisioned under UN80** – drawing on decades of experience in service provision and shared platforms to show what a more connected and collaborative delivery system can achieve.
- **Clarify the implications for Member States and partners** – highlighting how continued engagement, policy alignment and support will be essential to sustaining the efficiencies and collective performance gains that this reform seeks to deliver across the United Nations system.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks

- Mr Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, WFP

2. Video feature: “Delivering Better Together”

3. Presentation: The UN80 Integrated Supply Chain Model

- Ms Corinne Fleischer, Director, Supply Chain and Delivery Division, WFP
- Mr Alex Marianelli, Chief, Inter-Agency Services, Supply Chain and Delivery Division, WFP

4. Audience dialogue and Q&A

- Moderator: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France

5. Closing

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations Department (TBC)