

#### **Immediate Response Account** WFP's immediate, life-saving, and last-resort funding mechanism

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## Today's Agenda

- 1. The IRA amidst a time of unprecedented needs
- 2. IRA evidence, challenges, and impact: operational case studies
- 3. The IRA in the context of WFP's financial architecture
- 4. The revitalized IRA
- 5. EB Member perspectives; Questions and Answers





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## A time of unprecedented needs

# Use of the IRA in 2021



IRA allocations in 2021 totaled **US\$ 218.5 million** across 49 Country Strategic Plans.



**Over US\$ 67 million** direct contributions to the IRA



**Top donors in 2021:** Belgium, Switzerland, USA and Germany

TOP IRA ALLOCATIONS 2021 (US\$ MILLIONS)





Mozambique. WFP Food distribution. 2021



RECORD FOOD INSECURITY

#### **345 MILLION**

people are estimated to be acutely food insecure or at high risk across **82 countries** with WFP operational presence and where data is available.



A RECORD WFP RESPONSE

#### **152 MILLION**

people are targeted to receive WFP assistance in 2022 – **a record high**, and significant increase from the 128 million people who received assistance in

2021.

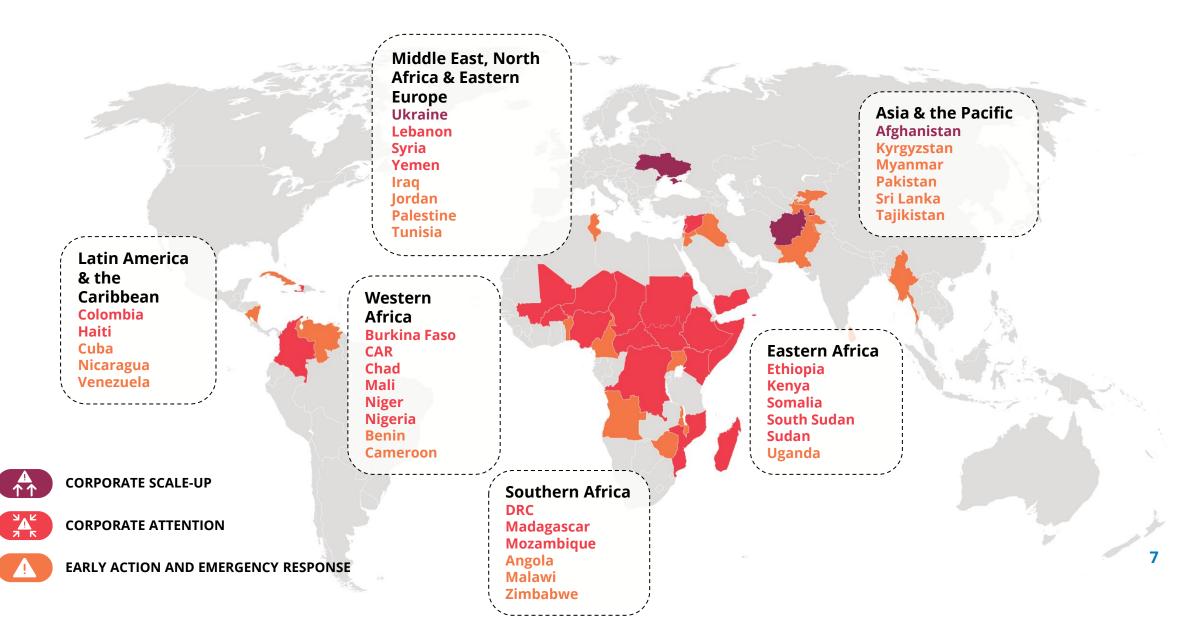
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RECORD FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

#### **US\$ 22.2 BILLION**

projected operational requirements for 2022 – an **all-time high**, mostly due to massive corporate scale-ups in **Ukraine** and **Afghanistan.** 

## **OPERATIONS OF CORPORATE CONCERN**



Evidence, challenges, and impact: operational case studies from the IRA in Afghanistan, DRC, and Somalia

# The IRA in the context of WFP's financial architecture

## **The revitalized IRA**

## The Revitalized IRA

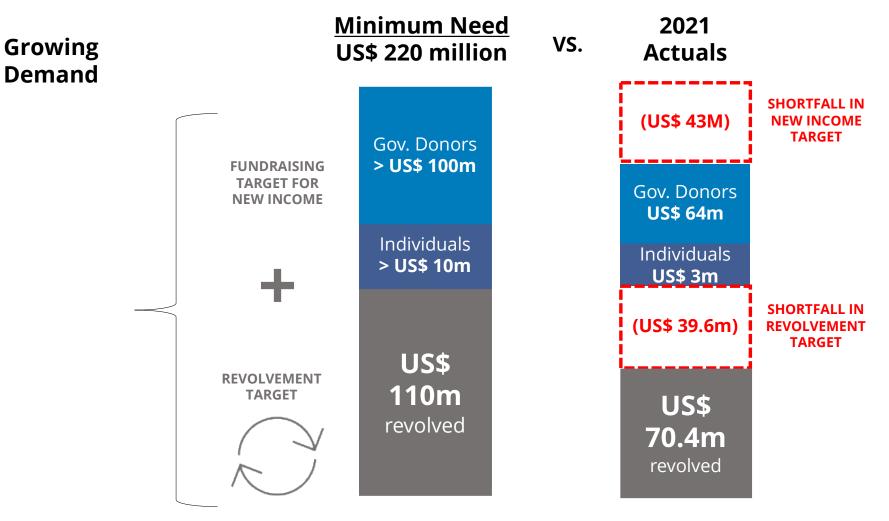
- **Immediately available** to save lives and prevent famine
- 'Last resort' source of funding for emergencies
- **Expanded criteria**, covering preparedness, early (anticipatory) actions and relief
- Renewed focus on funding continuity direct and revolvement
- **Empowered Field Leadership** decisions made closest to operations





## What is the minimum need?

#### To financially sustain the IRA on an annual basis



**EB Member perspectives; Questions and Answers** 

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