



World Food
Programme

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Introduction to WFP

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WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization working to both save and change lives.

WFP delivers assistance in emergencies. At the same time, we focus on sustainable development, promoting long-term change by working in partnership with national governments and communities.

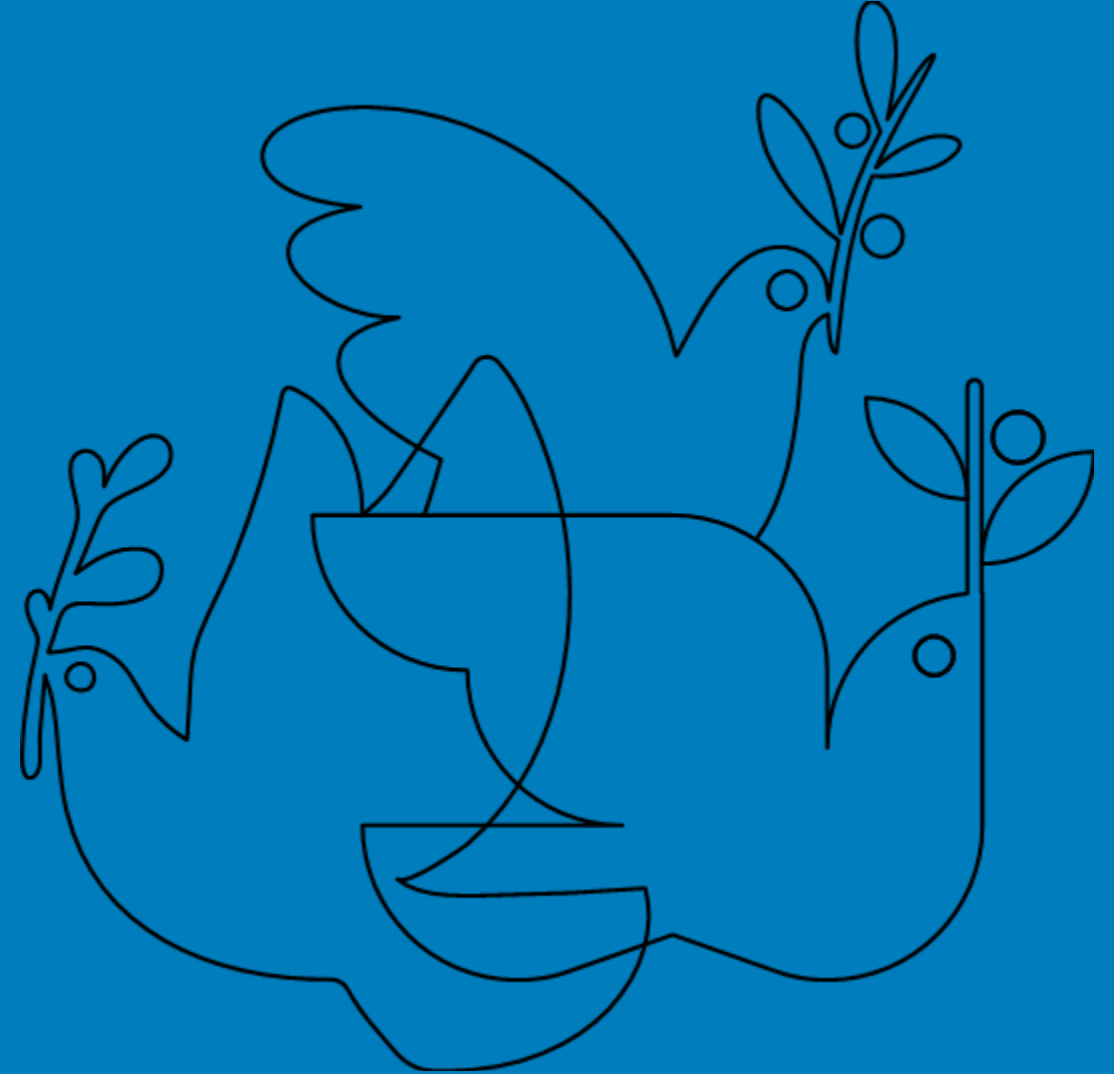
WFP is funded entirely by donations from governments, companies and private individuals.

Nobel Peace Prize

The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to WFP in 2020 was recognition that food security, peace and stability go together.

Conflict and insecurity are key drivers of hunger. Many of the people WFP supports are fleeing conflict and have been forced to abandon their land, homes and jobs.

The award has increased WFP's opportunity to provide a voice to the millions of hungry people in the world and to mobilize support for the food assistance they need.



Four connected pathways to zero hunger

The **Strategic Plan (2022-2025)**

is grounded within renewed global commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its associated Sustainable Development Goals.

The **Corporate Results Framework**

lays out the results and indicators WFP will use to monitor and report on its programmes and its management performance.

A **Country Strategic Plan**

defines WFP's entire portfolio of assistance within a country.

A **Country Portfolio Budget**

provides a comprehensive view of WFP's work at the country level and ensures the best use of resources.

WFP across the world



Headquarters in Rome

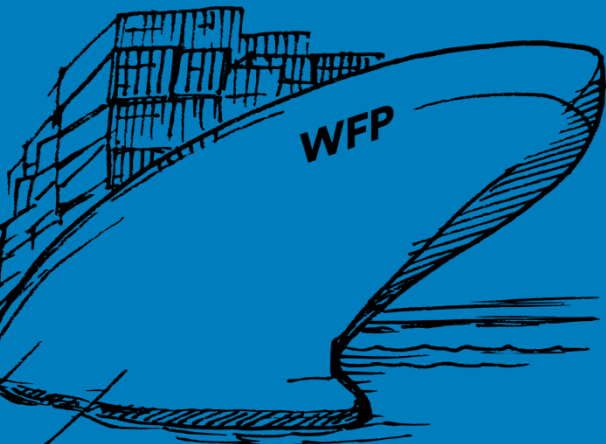
5 Regional Offices (Bangkok, Cairo, Dakar, Nairobi and Panama)

Working in **over 120 countries & territories**

Over **21,500 employees, with 87% field-based.**
Most are locally recruited

A vast supply chain network enabling rapid,
life-saving food assistance throughout the world

Specialist centres for **innovation and development
of hunger solutions**





What we do

Emergency response

WFP is a first responder to emergencies caused by conflict, climate shocks, economic slumps, pandemics and other factors.

Our response can include a combination of food, cash, nutrition supplements and school meals.

WFP provided 90 million people with emergency assistance in 2024.



Emergency preparedness

A large focus of our work is on countering the effects of looming emergencies.

We work with governments on expanding and managing early-warning systems.

These systems allow us to take preemptive action such as pre-positioning of food.

Geospatial analyses show the impact of disasters and enable a faster response.



Coordinating response

WFP coordinates responses to large-scale emergencies on behalf of the wider humanitarian community.

We lead the Logistics Cluster, which stores and transports urgent relief items to disaster zones.

We lead the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster, which sets up or restores connectivity in remote areas.

We deploy WFP staff via our Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team.

We manage the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service and the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot, ensuring staff and supplies from across agencies and NGOs can reach the areas where they are most needed.



Ending malnutrition

WFP's primary focus is to reach people at greatest risk of malnutrition.

We address all forms of malnutrition, including vitamin and mineral deficiencies, and overweight and obesity.

WFP provides access to healthy diets, targeting young children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people living with HIV.

We address child malnutrition from the earliest stages, through programmes targeting the first 1,000 days from pregnancy to a child's second birthday.



School meals

WFP supports governments in ensuring children have access to school meals, which improve nutrition and health while increasing access to a potentially life-changing education.

WFP's home-grown school feeding involves buying food locally, which increases smallholder farmers' incomes and boosts local economies.

The global School Meals Coalition – led by governments and supported by partners, with WFP as secretariat – develops political commitment and resources to strengthen and scale national programmes.



Supply chain

WFP's vast supply chain network allows the organization to deliver assistance across the world.

It includes end-to-end planning, procurement of food and of goods and services, food safety and quality, logistics, in-house shipping, aviation and markets.

WFP bought 59 percent of the food used in our operations in local and regional markets in 2024, worth US\$1.4 billion.



Disaster risk reduction

Extreme weather events drive hunger. WFP supports governments in integrating climate risk management and adaptation into country strategies and programmes.

The Anticipatory Action (AA) for climate shocks programme sees communities alerted to disasters in advance and given cash to take preparatory measures.

Index insurance uses remote sensing and data to determine when crop losses occur, to trigger insurance payments to smallholder farmers.

WFP has helped governments mobilize millions of dollars from bilateral and other sources, such as the Adaptation Fund and Green Climate Fund.



Strengthening communities

Food, cash and weather insurance are provided to people working on projects that build communities' resilience, under Food Assistance for Assets.

This approach can help smallholder farmers prepare for, and cope with, the effects of climate change, for example by restoring land or building wells and access roads.

Training is provided in areas including management of cereal banks and grain reserves, and skills such as beekeeping and compost making.



Working in partnership

Effective partnerships are essential for a hunger-free world.

WFP works with governments, other UN agencies, the private sector and civil society.

In this way, partners combine their mutual skills, reduce duplication and cut costs.

WFP's Country Strategic Plans are aligned to national priorities and support governments' efforts to eliminate hunger through sustainable development.

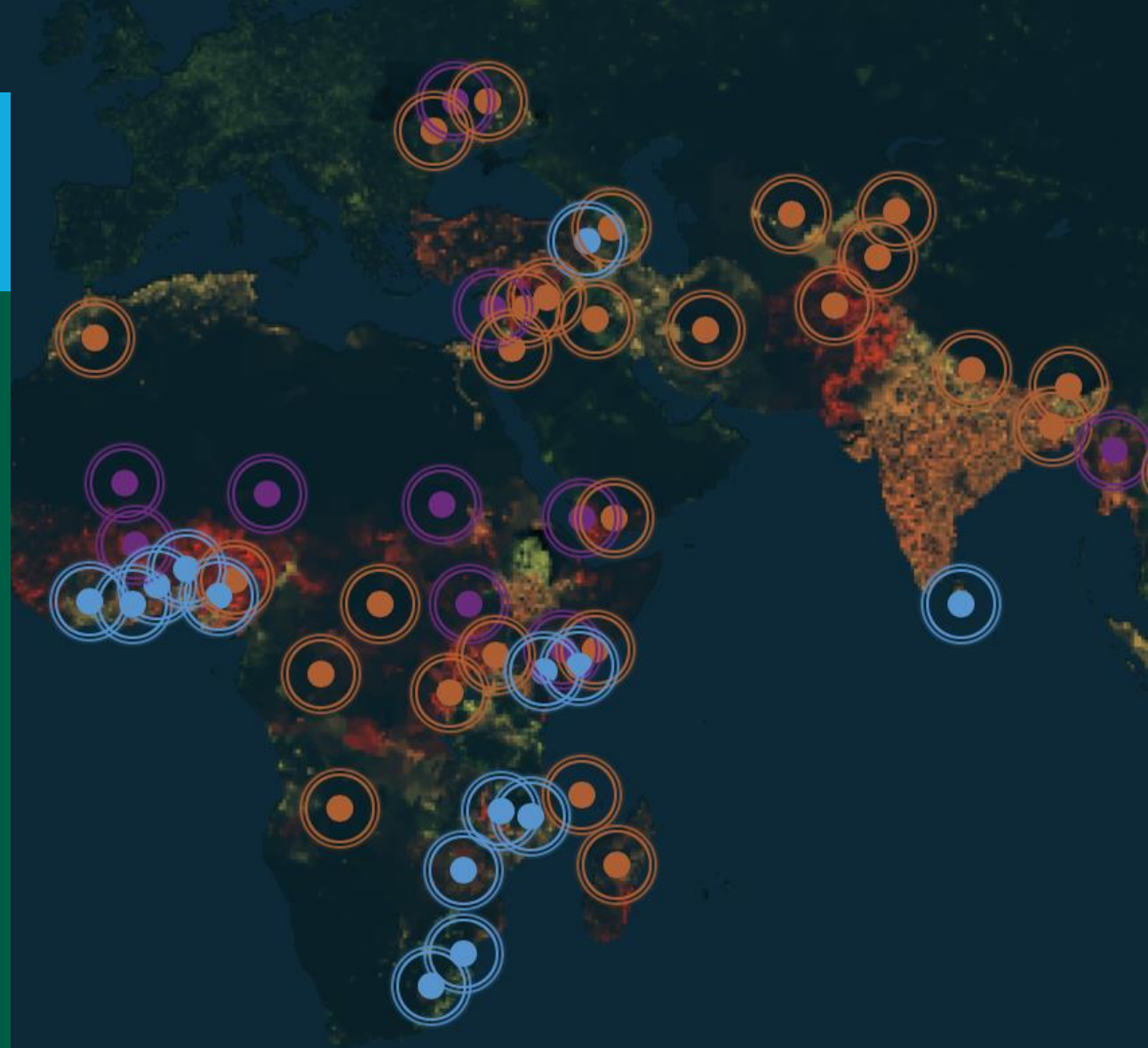


Tracking hunger

WFP provides near-real time data and analysis to track food security in over 90 countries via HungerMap LIVE. Data is collected every day by a network of call centres, then automatically processed, analysed and visualized.

Where there is limited data, HungerMap LIVE uses artificial intelligence to supply “nowcasts” – near real-time, granular estimates of the food security situation.

WFP also manages the world's largest food price database, covering over 1,500 markets in more than 100 currencies. This allows WFP to track price trends, detect market signals that might affect people's food security, and adjust our operations.



WFP governance

WFP is governed by an Executive Board, comprising 36 Member States.

The Board provides intergovernmental support, direction and supervision of WFP's activities.

WFP is headed by an Executive Director, appointed jointly by the UN Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Executive Director is appointed for five-year terms.



Funding

WFP IS 100 PERCENT VOLUNTARILY
FUNDED, LARGELY BY GOVERNMENTS.

IN 2024

Total contributions received
US\$9.8 billion

Of which flexible funding
US\$1.1 billion

Funding gap
US\$8.4 billion



Funding shortfalls

WFP funding in 2024 accounted for just 54 percent of operational needs.

Severe shortfalls are leading to reduced rations and the scaling back of programmes across critical operations in dozens of countries.

WFP has implemented a range of efficiency measures to ensure that every available resource goes towards delivering assistance to people most in need.



Donor governments

In 2024, the top five donors to WFP were:

- USA
- Germany
- United Kingdom
- European Commission
- Private donors

The top five contributors of flexible funding were:

- Germany
- Sweden
- Netherlands
- United Kingdom
- Norway





Engaging
the public in
what we do

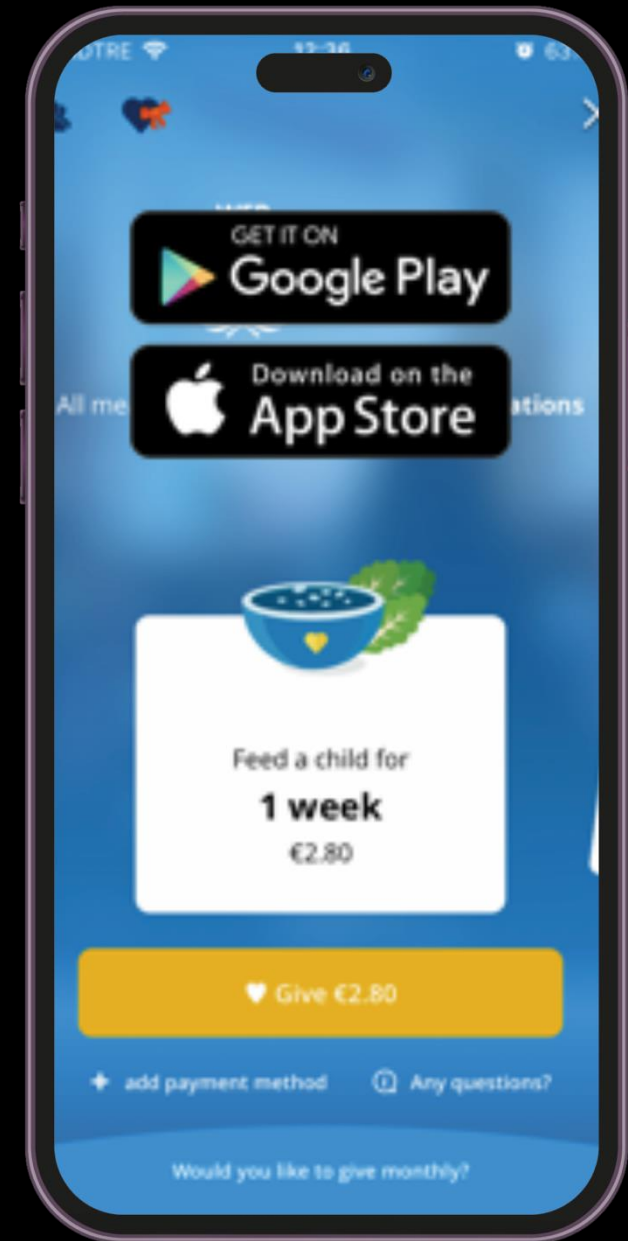
ShareTheMeal

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WFP's award-winning ShareTheMeal app means users can provide children with vital nutrition through a simple tap on their phones. The app is a way for WFP to engage a new generation of individuals in our mission.

A donation of around US\$0.85 provides a child in need with food for a day.

More than 282 million meals have been donated. Users can follow the progress of fundraising efforts through the app and see where we have already helped.





FREE RICE

Freerice is a trivia game and online community, featuring millions of users across 135 countries helping to end hunger.

Every correct answer sees private sponsors donating the cash equivalent of 10 grains of rice to support WFP's work in ongoing emergencies.

Since 2010, Freerice has raised more than 225 billion grains of rice for people in need.

Freerice is available at freerice.com as well as iOS and Android devices. It's free to download.



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