



World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES


## Annual Review 2024

### Staying and delivering amid multiple crises

In 2024, there was no slowdown in the relentless demand for humanitarian support as new and protracted conflicts, more frequent disasters, economic volatility and persistent inflation fuelled surging rates of hunger. WFP led the global response to these urgent needs amid the most testing conditions, staying and delivering for those who depend on our support.

### WFP in numbers

 **124.4 million**  
people supported (66.8 million female/57.6 million male)

 **90 million**  
of these people provided with emergency assistance

 **16.1 billion**  
daily rations delivered

 **27.6 million**  
reached through nutrition treatment and prevention programmes

 **2.5 million**  
metric tons of food distributed

 **US\$ 9.8 billion**  
in contributions (54% of requirements)

## A FIRST RESPONDER

In **Sudan**, WFP scaled up in areas where famine had already been confirmed or was threatened, to prevent its further spread. We reached over 800,000 people with food assistance in these areas, despite them seeing the highest levels of fighting in the country.

Across the **State of Palestine**, we stayed and delivered despite intense conflict and severe access restrictions. We reached 2.1 million people, including 1.9 million in Gaza.

WFP sourced nearly 2 million metric tons of food, 59 percent procured within the distribution region

In **Haiti**, WFP was one of the few agencies with the capacity and access to deliver at scale, reaching 2 million of the most vulnerable people. We also secured unprecedented access to several areas controlled by armed groups. We vastly expanded emergency operations in the eastern part of the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, as conflict and weather extremes drove food insecurity and displacement, reaching 1.3 million people.

## PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

WFP sought to reduce the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities and the scale and cost of humanitarian response. Communities facing El Niño-related drought received Disaster-Risk Financing. In **Zimbabwe, Zambia** and **Madagascar**, over US\$6.1 million in payouts helped 577,000 people to rebuild their livelihoods and homes.

When Tropical Cyclone Gamane hit **Madagascar** in March 2024, advanced financing meant fast, life-saving assistance to over 72,000 people in remote and previously inaccessible areas, and quicker distributions.

WFP helped 20.4 million people build more resilient livelihoods, and 1.9 million smallholder farmers in 51 countries, with post-harvest management and market integration.

## NUTRITION A PRIMARY FOCUS

WFP kept a laser-focus on young children and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, who have the highest nutritional needs. We provided life-saving



WFP and partners deliver food to Croix-des-Bouquets, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after securing critical access to the area, which is controlled by armed groups.

malnutrition prevention and treatment to 21.4 million women and children in 20 crisis-affected countries.

We also laid out plans to use our food distribution, school meals and social protection programmes as a channel to reach the most nutritionally vulnerable people. This builds on our comparative advantage as the world's largest provider of food assistance, and recognizes good nutrition as key to saving lives, empowering children to learn, and adults to live healthy and productive lives.

## LEADING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In a time of searing demand against ever-diminishing resources, WFP enabled a collective effort that pooled expertise and reduced the risk of duplication. We provided on-demand supply chain services to 145 clients and managed 456,583 metric tons of cargo in support of other humanitarian organizations and governments.

As lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, we ensured delivery of over 64,500 metric tons of relief items in high-risk areas such as **Burkina Faso, South Sudan** and **Ukraine**. The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Response Depot increased access and coverage, and cut costs, by switching from air to land deliveries in locations such as **Gaza** and **Chad**.

## COALITION TACKLES ROOT CAUSES OF HUNGER

The School Meals Coalition, with WFP as secretariat, mobilized domestic investments from governments, unlocked partnerships and amplified global advocacy for school meals. At the G20 Summit of Heads of State and Government in Brazil, 14 governments and 11 partners pledged to double the number of children reached in low- and lower-middle-income countries, to support 150 million more pupils by 2030.

WFP indirectly reached 119 million children by supporting governments in establishing or expanding their national school meal programmes, compared with 107 million in 2023. With WFP's support, **Benin** completed the transition of the

Integrated National School Meals Programme to the Government.

WFP directly provided 20 million children with school meals, take-home rations and cash-based transfers in 61 countries.



Children enjoy their meals at an underground school in Kharkiv, Ukraine. WFP works with the Ministry of Education and Science and with local authorities to support these school meals.

## HARNESSING INNOVATION

WFP continued to unleash the vast potential of technology and innovation to deliver quickly and efficiently – especially during emergencies – stretching every dollar as far as possible. In **Ukraine**, between 2022 and 2024, more than 4.8 million families were uploaded to [WFP's Building Blocks](#) – saving over US\$200 million.

We further saved US\$3 million through planning tools including [SCOUT](#), which uses AI for global food sourcing and delivery planning. SCOUT is projected to generate over US\$50 million in savings in the coming years.

## **PARTNERSHIPS TO POOL SKILLS AND INCREASE IMPACT**

WFP teamed up with new partners and strengthened collaborations with UN agencies, NGOs, companies, foundations and individual supporters in 2024.

WFP worked with 927 NGOs, whose understanding of communities helps us empower people through more responsive support. Of these, 85 percent were national organizations. We allocated US\$707 million to them for services including targeting, distribution and monitoring. A total 62 percent of WFP aid is channelled through NGOs.

The private sector also offers a prime example of how WFP works with partners for greater impact. As an example, a new partnership with CMA CGM Foundation saw the French logistics company providing WFP with containers to transport food and other assistance in Kenya, Mauritania, Somalia, Sudan and Togo, in addition to support for emergency operations in Lebanon.

## **OUR FUNDING**

While WFP received its second-highest level of funding on record in 2024, at US\$9.8 billion, this accounted for only 54 percent of US\$18.2 billion operational needs. This meant severe trade-offs, including ration reductions and the scaling back of programmes in key operations. The private sector was WFP's fifth-largest contributor, providing US\$336 million. Of this, US\$37 million was received as flexible funds – which is not earmarked by a donor to a specific activity, country or operation – and US\$157 million was for emergency response.

In total, WFP received over US\$1 billion in flexible funding in 2024, which was instrumental to our planning and response.

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In **Afghanistan**, flexible funding helped us procure and pre-position more than one-fifth of the 60,000 metric tons of wheat supplied to 1.5 million Afghans before winter cut them off from assistance.

We signed 108 agreements with international financial institutions and countries where we operate, for a total of US\$947 million, to support governments' development and humanitarian priorities. At the G7 development ministers' meetings, WFP proposed debt swaps to finance sustainable development and resilience building. This was included in the final communiqué.

**Flexible funding, from 37 government donors and the private sector, included US\$196 million that was disbursed via the Immediate Response Account.**

## **AGILITY TO MEET CHALLENGES**

There is no sign of a let-up to the immense challenges facing the world in 2025. Events are moving at a rapid pace, meaning WFP must continue to be agile and innovative in adapting. WFP's great advantage is that our mission is clear: to help as many hungry people as we can and to support them in building a better future. Our dedicated staff stay and deliver in the most challenging of environments.

We continue to embrace innovation and to pursue every efficiency saving, every viable funding option and every advantage so we can deliver full value for money for our trusted donors. Working in lockstep with our partners, we continue to support countries in breaking free from the shackles of hunger and building futures where the need for humanitarian support is consigned to the past.

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