

Fighting Hunger Worldwide

- WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. Each year, on average, WFP feeds more than 90 million people in more than 70 countries.
- WFP is also the UN logistics lifeline, saving lives through fast, efficient and effective emergency response. At any given time, WFP has 40 ships at sea, 60 aircraft in the sky and 5,000 trucks on the ground, moving food and other assistance to where it is needed most.
- WFP has developed sophisticated early warning techniques to assess the need for food and nutritional support, meaning that its assistance is targeted to the poorest and most malnourished people.
- WFP is funded entirely by voluntary donations. In 2011, WFP raised almost US\$3.8 billion.
- WFP is scaling up the use of cash and vouchers that allow hungry people to purchase food themselves. Cash and vouchers are particularly useful where food is available in the marketplace, but people lack the resources to buy it. The number of these projects has increased from five in 2008 to 51 in 2011, reaching 4.4 million people. WFP is currently implementing cash and voucher programmes in 38 countries.
- In 2011, WFP procured over 2.4 million metric tons of food valued at US\$1.2 billion from 87 nations. About 71 per cent of this food was purchased in developing countries.
- WFP is forging innovative partnerships to deliver and manage food assistance, including the use of debit cards, mobile phones and online facilities.
- WFP partners with more than 2,100 non-governmental organizations to distribute food.

