



# FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMING GLOBAL CAPACITY STATEMENT

## GLOBAL CONTEXT AND NEED

Food insecurity continues to affect hundreds of millions globally, driven by compounding challenges such as armed conflicts, economic instability, climate change, and disruptions to agricultural systems. In 2024, [343 million people faced acute hunger](#). 733 million people globally suffered from malnutrition in 2023 alone. [Over 32 million people in South Sudan and Sudan](#) and [27.7 million in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#) face food insecurity, including 4 million in emergency conditions, with other hotspots such as Gaza, Haiti, Lebanon, and Yemen also affected by ongoing conflicts disrupting food supply chains and livelihoods. In Myanmar, [15 million people are facing acute food insecurity](#), and this was exacerbated by the March 2025 Earthquake amidst other existing key drivers such as conflict.

With funding from diverse funding streams and strong partnerships, World Vision International (WVI) is committed to combating hunger and improving food security for vulnerable populations, with a strong focus on children – those most affected by food insecurity. **In 2024, World Vision provided life-saving food assistance to 12.6 million people across 28 countries**, demonstrating our global reach and unwavering commitment to addressing hunger at scale. Our integrated approach combines immediate food assistance with long-term resilience-building in fragile contexts affected by conflict, climate change, and economic instability. We focus on sustainable, community-driven solutions to restore livelihoods and strengthen local food systems.

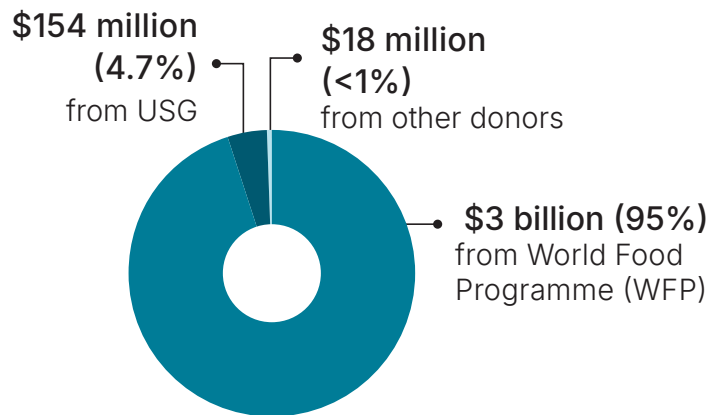
We bring technical, operational, administrative, and innovative expertise to address food security challenges across diverse countries and regions. In alignment with evolving U.S. Government (USG) and other country foreign aid priorities, our work not only supports vulnerable populations abroad but also advances strategic interests of donor countries to maintain global stability, open new markets, and promote economic growth.



## GLOBAL REACH AND IMPACT

Over the past decade, WVI has demonstrated unwavering commitment and capacity in delivering large-scale food assistance across some of the world's most fragile and crisis-affected regions.

Since 2017, we have implemented **\$3.2 billion** worth food assistance programmes.



## TOTAL REACH IN 2024



**20 million people** reached with life-saving food assistance.



**2.7 billion USD** worth of food commodities distributed (over 4 million metric tonnages) from 2012-2023.



**10 million children** across **20 countries** provided with school meals in the last 5 years.



**8.6 million people** were reached with direct food assistance in across **33 countries**.



**796 million USD** was spent globally on food assistance (500 million USD via in-kind assistance and 296 million USD via cash assistance).

79% was from WFP while 20% from USG and 1% from other donors.



**405,323 metric tonnages** of food, worth **402.6 million USD**, distributed.



## World Vision operational areas reached through food assistance



## EXCELLENCE IN LIFE-SAVING FOOD ASSISTANCE

World Vision International is a global leader in delivering large-scale, life-saving food assistance in some of the world's most fragile and crisis-affected contexts. Our decades-long implementation of Food for Peace (FFP) Title II, Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) programmes showcase our unmatched capacity to manage food assistance with precision, accountability, and measurable impact.

From fortified staples and locally sourced nutritious foods to Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) for children, we consistently reach those most at risk—especially during emergencies and periods of acute hunger.







We complement our in-kind expertise with Cash and Voucher Programming (CVP), our impactful market-based approach that empowers recipients with choice, promotes dignity, stimulates local economies, and enhances the sustainability and efficiency of aid delivery. This dual-modality approach allows us to tailor responses to context-specific needs while maximising impact. **In 2024, alone 13,6 million were reached with food assistance via cash and voucher programming across 33 countries.**

In partnership with the U.S. Government, World Food Programme (WFP), UN-OCHA, and other key donors, we implement a portfolio of high-impact interventions, including:

- Lean Season Assistance (LSA) – Preventing malnutrition during hunger gaps
- Food for Assets (FFA) – Linking food aid to community resilience



- General Food Distribution (GFD) – Rapid response in emergencies
- CVP for Food – Flexible, dignified, and market-sensitive support

- Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) – Life-saving treatment for severely malnourished children
- School Feeding for learning and Nutrition



- Nutrition-Sensitive Programming – Integrating food with health and WASH
- Resilience Food Security Activities, or RFSAs)

These interventions reflect our unwavering commitment to delivering timely, accountable, and context-appropriate food assistance that not only saves lives but also builds pathways to recovery and long-term resilience.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



4,9 million people with cash and voucher programming (CVP) across a total of 33 countries



888,988 children receiving school meals through school feeding programmes in over 40 Field Offices across 7 regions, spanning both fragile and stable contexts.



Under USG funding, [the SPIR II programme](#) distributed 30,121 metric tons of food, reaching 454,213 people across Ethiopia with life-saving assistance.

## TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL READINESS

World Vision International's food assistance programming is grounded in strong technical expertise, operational agility, a commitment to evidence-based, scalable solutions as well advocating for resources for school feeding interventions. Our integrated approach bridges humanitarian relief and long-term development, enabling us to respond rapidly to crises while building resilience in vulnerable communities. We embed research into our programmes to generate evidence that informs design, enhances effectiveness, and supports sustainable outcomes tailored to diverse contexts.



### Rapid Deployment and Skilled Workforce

We maintain the capacity to deploy technical experts and field teams within 24–48 hours of a crisis. Our global, field-based, and surge-ready staff are trained to operate in complex, high-risk environments—including conflict zones and hard-to-reach areas—ensuring timely and effective food assistance delivery.





## Relief and development – Humanitarian and Development Nexus

Our approach to food assistance seamlessly integrates the humanitarian and development nexus, emphasising multisectoral integration, sustainability, community engagement, localisation, and resilience building.

### Key Strategies

- Climate-resilient agriculture techniques for shock-affected farmers
- Natural Resources Management and DRR
- Community-led programme design for ownership and relevance
- Partnerships with private sector and local organisations to strengthen capacities
- Livelihood diversification to reduce vulnerability
- Integration of Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) in our food assistance interventions



### 2024 Livelihoods Impacts:



**46.7 million trees planted in Ethiopia under the US Government (USG) funded SPIR II**



**112,152 smallholder farmers trained in improved and sustainable agricultural and natural resource management techniques.**



## Child Protection and Safeguarding

We embed child protection and safeguarding principles across all food assistance activities. **In 2024, over 286,000 individuals were reached through integrated food security and protection programming**, helping prevent harmful coping mechanisms such as child labor and early marriage.

## Policy frameworks and Guidelines

Our food assistance operations are guided by the WVI Food Assistance Management Policy, and comprehensive operational manuals. These frameworks are fully aligned with donor standards—including those of the U.S. Government, DG the European Union, and WFP—ensuring quality, safety, and accountability across all programmes.



World Vision operates across a broad geographic footprint, including Africa, Asia, Middle and Eastern Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Our flexible operational model allows us to adapt to diverse contexts—from protracted crises to sudden-onset disasters—ensuring aid reaches those most in need, wherever they are.



## Financial Integrity and Risk Management in Food Assistance

Our food assistance programmes are underpinned by robust financial systems and risk management frameworks that ensure transparency, compliance, and resilience. Key features include:

- Real-time budgeting and expenditure tracking
- Alignment with international financial standards
- Regular internal and external audit
- Proactive risk mitigation for fraud, looting, and diversion
- Use of tools like Block Party Screening to avoid transacting with individuals or entities that are prohibited from certain types of business activities.



## Supply Chain and Digital Tracking Systems

WVI remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering accountable, efficient, and impactful food assistance by optimising resources and leveraging innovation. By harnessing innovation, strategic partnerships, and digital tools, we ensure food assistance is delivered efficiently, accountably, and with maximum reach to those who need it most. Through a centralised supply chain, real-time tracking systems, and collaboration with local organisations, we reduce wastage, enhance transparency, and respond swiftly—even in the most challenging environments.



### Strategic Supply Chain

- Regional hubs for rapid deployment
- Long-term supplier agreements
- Proactive stock monitoring & forecasting



### Digital Innovation Technology-Driven Tools

- LMMS: 10M+ people reached, 30+ countries used by over 20 INGOs
- ITS: Real-time commodity tracking
- QR/Barcode Scanning: Deployed in Malawi & Tanzania



### Maximising Reach

- Collaboration with local organisations
- Innovative logistics for last-mile delivery
- Swift, reliable access to vulnerable communities



## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND ADVOCACY



### Partnerships

World Vision cultivates robust partnerships across global, national, and local levels—including with governments and international agencies—to enhance impact through advocacy and empower locally led responses.



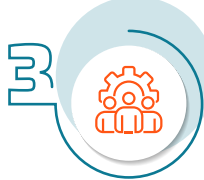
#### Global Partners

- Governments
- International Agencies WFP, FAO
- School Meals Coalition



#### Strategic Engagement at Various Levels

- Local partners / International NGOs
- Research institutions
- Private sector
- Communities



#### Strategic Technical Working Groups and Task Force Teams

- National & Global Food Security Clusters

### Our strengths in partnerships



External Global Presence



Proven Expertise in Community Engagement



Ability To Forge and Maintain Strategic Partnerships: The Grand Bargain, School Meals Coalition



Ability to rapidly manage large volumes of in-kind food commodities.



Efficient and well-coordinated operations to ensure timely and precise distribution in diverse contexts.







## Advocacy

Our advocacy efforts, exemplified by Global and National Campaigns like the [Enough Campaign](#), our ongoing work on developing an Advocacy Plan for Advancing Food Security in Humanitarian Settings and our role and contribution to the [Coalition against Conflict & Hunger](#) - working on the prohibition of starvation as a weapon of war, the protection of civilians and the humanitarian space in conflict contexts. These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to mobilising resources, influencing policy, ensuring that children's voices are amplified, empowering local actors to address food insecurity and hunger whilst achieving sustainable impact at scale.



Through the [ENOUGH campaign](#) 125 million children were reached through hunger, nutrition and food security related policy changes. Also, 6 million children benefiting from World Vision nutrition programmes.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

### MEAL Framework

Our Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning (MEAL) framework and approaches enable us to promptly identify and address gaps, ensuring that food assistance meets quality standards and effectively reaches those in need.

- Utilise real-time mobile data collection tools such as Kobo Toolbox , LMMS, CommCare , and digital dashboards Power BI for continuous visualisation of programme performance, facilitating swift decision-making.
- Effective complaint and feedback mechanisms are established across all areas of work to capture recipients' insights on food quality, distribution fairness, and overall satisfaction.
- Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) employs mobile technology platforms to conduct surveys that assess immediate outcomes, recipient utilisation, and satisfaction with the food assistance provided.
- Routine monitoring incorporates standardised tools such as the Food Consumption Score (FCS), Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS), and Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screenings to evaluate nutrition and food security outcomes.

To uphold accountability in our food assistance programmes, **World Vision is committed to Core Humanitarian Standards 4 and 5, focusing on community engagement and effective complaint mechanisms.** Our accountability framework, based on the [Pillars of the Programme Accountability Framework \(PAF\)](#). The integrated approaches in this framework ensure transparent, inclusive, and responsive food assistance delivery tailored to community needs.





## Innovative Solutions in Humanitarian Food Assistance

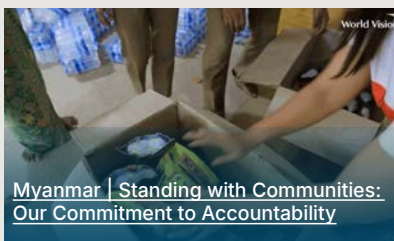
At World Vision, we are committed to fostering innovation in food assistance interventions to effectively address the evolving needs of vulnerable communities. Our capacity to develop and implement innovative solutions includes **leveraging digital technologies for real-time food distribution monitoring**, **utilising mobile platforms to enhance community engagement and feedback**, and **adopting climate-smart agricultural practices to promote sustainable food security**. Through strategic partnerships, continuous staff training, and a focus on evidence-based approaches, we are able to design and scale innovative interventions that improve food access, resilience, and nutritional outcomes for children and families in need.

Digital Food Distribution Tracking	Home grown school feeding programmes	Mobile Money and Digital Payment Platforms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QR codes and biometric verification are used to track food distribution and prevent duplication in Malawi and Tanzania.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In one school in Mozambique, 30% of harvest is used to reinforce school meals.  This is an agreement with the Educating Children Together – Phase III (ECT-3) project, implemented by World Vision-Mozambique and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile money platforms such as EcoCash and Mukuru were used to deliver cash-based food assistance in WFP-funded projects in Zimbabwe."</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Impact:</b> Improved transparency, accountability, and efficiency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Impact:</b> Incorporated locally sourced foods, boosting local farmers and markets.</li> <li>Stimulated local economies and sustainable food systems.</li> <li>Addressed nutrition and improved school attendance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Impact:</b> Ensured secure, transparent, and efficient delivery of aid.</li> <li>Reduced risks of theft or loss.</li> <li>Empowered recipients with control over their food choices.</li> <li>Accelerated aid distribution, reaching more people faster.</li> </ul>



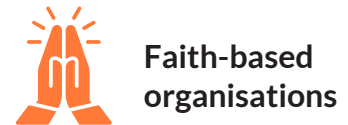


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