



World Food
Program USA

2025 STATEMENT OF IMPACT

Introduction

Today, 318 million people are experiencing extreme hunger – more than double pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Conflict, climate shocks and economic instability have left millions of people uncertain of where their next meal will come from.

For the first time this century, two famines happened at the same time. In Sudan, ongoing violence has displaced millions and forced countless families to seek refuge in neighboring countries like South Sudan and the Central African Republic. Famine has been confirmed in El Fasher and Kadugli – conflict-hit towns largely cut off from humanitarian assistance.

In Gaza, the October ceasefire allowed for a massive influx of aid that offset famine conditions. However, the situation remains highly fragile with ongoing conflict, access constraints and import restrictions. Without sustained, large-scale expansion of humanitarian assistance, famine could rapidly return.

2025 brought many extreme weather events, which drove up rates of hunger.

In South Asia, flooding and heavy rains submerged homes, destroyed crops and disrupted livelihoods, pushing millions of people into hunger and displacement. In the Caribbean, Hurricane Melissa created a humanitarian disaster, leaving homes and economies shattered.

World Food Program USA's 2025 Statement of Impact highlights these crises and how the World Food Programme (WFP) responded with lifesaving food and nutrition assistance for more than 100 million people across the globe. While the year brought immense challenges, it showed the power of collective action and the profound impact of delivering assistance where it was needed most.

This work was made possible through the compassion and generosity of our supporters. Together, we can continue to deliver on our shared vision of a world without hunger.

Front Cover: Monica and her community in Oldonyiro work on land restoration activities such as digging trenches and embankments to improve food systems and reduce the impact of extreme weather. Photo: WFP/Isaac Onyango/Kenya/2025

The urgency of WFP's mission has never been clearer.

Funding shortfalls have forced WFP to make difficult decisions, including cutting rations and scaling back programs to prioritize those most in need. While the full impact of funding cuts is still unfolding, evidence already shows worsening food insecurity and rising malnutrition.

In 2026, WFP aims to reach 110 million people with lifesaving food and long-lasting solutions to hunger.

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It's satisfying to know that as a grandfather, I produce the very foods that will nourish my granddaughter,” shares Pedro, a small-scale farmer in Honduras. Through the homegrown school meals program, WFP sources local crops from farmers like Pedro.

Photo: WFP/Giulio d'Adamo/Honduras/2025



Afghanistan

HUNGER CRISIS DEEPENS, AID SHRINKS

Hunger is worsening in Afghanistan, with more than 17 million people in urgent need of food assistance. In 2025, the country experienced its highest spike in acute malnutrition ever recorded, with more than 4.9 million women and children in need of treatment. While this crisis deepens, humanitarian aid is shrinking.

By fall of 2025, WFP faced a critical funding shortfall for its school meals program. In response, World Food Program USA granted \$3.9 million from our Emergency Hunger Relief Fund to supply fortified biscuits for 590,000 students through the end of 2025.

\$3.9M granted to support 590,000 students

Packed with protein and vitamins like iron, calcium and magnesium, these fortified biscuits ensure children stay nourished and focused throughout the day. Three factories across Afghanistan produce the biscuits using locally sourced ingredients, strengthening the local economy.

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Your grant arrived at a pivotal moment, just as the school meals program was running out of funding. Without this support, school meals would have been interrupted, risking not only children’s health but also their education,” said WFP Afghanistan Country Director John Aylieff.

Support cannot stop here. Funding for fortified biscuits in Afghanistan is expected to run out as early as March 2026, and for the first time in decades, WFP cannot launch a full winter response. With immediate funding and humanitarian relief, this hunger crisis can be stopped.

Photo: WFP/Abdul Basit Safi/Afghanistan/2025





Bangladesh

EXTREME WEATHER DRIVES HUNGER

In late May, Bangladesh faced unusually early monsoon flooding and heavy rains. The floods overwhelmed parts of the eastern regions, including Sylhet, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar. Extreme weather events like these only worsen hunger crises by destroying homes, land and livelihoods.

6,500 people received cash assistance before the floods hit

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I was worried about how to live and repair the house,” says Nurul, a mother in Bangladesh whose house was severely damaged by the floods. With a low monthly income, providing for her two children is already difficult.

Just before the floods hit, WFP transferred cash assistance to 6,500 people including Nurul. This support allowed families to brace for the storm by stocking up on food and protecting their homes and livelihoods. “We thank WFP for their help,” Nurul expresses. This is the first time she has received aid from any organization.

More than 16 million people are facing extreme hunger in Bangladesh. The monsoon seasons layer hardship on these families already struggling to find enough food. Through anticipatory action, WFP equips communities with the resources they need to prepare for and recover from extreme weather.

Photo: WFP/Saikat Mojumder/Bangladesh/2025

Central African Republic (CAR)

CLIMATE SHOCKS, DISPLACEMENT AND HUNGER

The spillover effects of the crisis in Sudan have led to a massive influx of 38,000 refugees into the Central African Republic (CAR), exacerbating an already dire hunger crisis in the country.

One in three people are experiencing extreme hunger, and nearly 40% of children are malnourished. This hunger crisis is primarily driven by climate shocks such as drought, flooding and desertification that limit agricultural production and wipe out crops.

44,000+ pounds of food delivered in 2025

WFP supports refugees and host communities with emergency food assistance. In the first half of 2025, WFP delivered more than 44,000 pounds of food supplies to more than 170,000 refugees in coordination with local partners. Due to funding shortfalls, WFP prioritized aid for refugees, internally displaced persons and people living in areas facing emergency levels of hunger.

WFP delivered high-energy biscuits to more than 11,000 people in the CAR during the week of November 17, 2025 to fight malnutrition among infants and young children. Photo: WFP/Aurore Vinot/CAR/2025



Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

CRISIS-LEVEL HUNGER, AID AT RISK

An estimated 26.6 million people are expected to face crisis levels of hunger across the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) this year. Hunger is primarily driven by conflict, displacement and economic shocks, with high malnutrition rates reported in the eastern provinces of Ituri, South Kivu, and Tanganyika. Health emergencies such as cholera, malaria and Mpox outbreaks and climate shocks further undermine food security.

From January to September 2025, WFP reached 4.5 million people in the DRC with cash and food assistance. More than 1 million children and pregnant or breastfeeding women and girls received nutritional support to prevent and treat malnutrition.

4.5 million people reached with food and cash assistance in 2025

Funding shortfalls have forced WFP to reduce the number of people it can support, reducing its assistance from 2.3 million people to 600,000 people in October. A complete pipeline break is approaching in February 2026 without additional funding.

Rachel received a food basket from WFP full of rice, split peas, salt and vegetable oil, enough food to feed her family for one month. Photo: WFP/Benjamin Anguandia/DRC/2025



Gaza

FOOD IS HOPE

Since this WFP-supported kitchen opened in Khan Younis, Yasmin and her grandfather Saleem have waited in line, sometimes for hours, to receive hot meals.

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We come early so we don't miss the food. I help my grandfather carry the pots,” Yasmin shares. These hot meals are more than just food: They are a symbol of hope and perseverance during a time of immense hardship.

1 million people reached with emergency food since October

The October ceasefire was the first step towards scaling up humanitarian assistance, restoring food security and beginning the decades-long process of rebuilding.

Since the ceasefire, WFP has scaled up to reach 1 million people with emergency food packages. WFP has also provided support to bakeries, helping them to reopen and distribute over 150,000 bundles of bread daily, and reached nearly 200,000 people in October alone with digital cash payments.

Despite extraordinary progress, funding shortfalls and continued restrictions on humanitarian access hinder operations in Gaza.

As harsh winter conditions begin, additional support is essential to stave off famine. Since many families are living in makeshift camps vulnerable to the elements, even just a few days of rain and strong winds can destroy possessions, from mattresses and children's clothes to tents and food supplies.

Photo: WFP/Maxime Le Lijour/Gaza/2025





Hurricane Melissa Response

EARLY ACTION WORKS

Across the Caribbean region, low-lying coastal zones are particularly exposed to the impacts of extreme weather events like Hurricane Melissa.

Acting early is acting effectively. That is why WFP sent early warning messages, pre-positioned emergency food stocks in critical locations and provided cash distributions to families in the path of the storm. This support allowed them to take shelter and purchase food.

500,000+ people supported across the region

Jamaica was hit hardest by Hurricane Melissa, with 182 communities impacted and 30,000 households displaced. Haiti also saw extreme damages, affecting 1.25 million people, more than half of whom were already facing extreme hunger.

In the aftermath of the storm, WFP supported more than half a million people across the region with food and cash assistance, including more than 108,000 people in Jamaica and 139,000 people in Haiti. Each food kit can support a household of three people for one week and includes essential items such as rice, canned beef, cooking oil, beans, crackers, sugar and flour.

WFP's logistics and operational support transformed the broader humanitarian response. With partners, WFP deployed warehouses and logistic equipment – including forklifts, containers, and pallets – to strategic coastal and inland locations. Additionally, WFP set up nine Mobile Storage Units across strategic locations in Jamaica to strengthen the supply chain and ensure quick delivery of aid.

In Jamaica, Dian's house was largely destroyed by the storm. A food package from WFP allowed her to feed herself and her son who has a disability.

Photo: WFP/Alexis Masciarelli/Jamaica/2025

A brighter future *begins* at the community level

Photos: WFP/Irshad Khan/Haiti/2025



Nigeria

ANTICIPATING FLOOD IMPACTS

Amid significant funding constraints, WFP was only able to provide partial rations to 900,000 people across Nigeria in 2025. Needs continue to rise and outpace available resources. This year, more than 35 million people are projected to face extreme food insecurity, the highest number ever recorded in Nigeria.

In September and October, floodwaters rose across parts of Nigeria, affecting an estimated 315,000 people in 25 states. The floods triggered displacement and washed away more than 113,000 acres of productive farmland, marking the second consecutive year of severe flooding in Nigeria.

In early September, WFP launched an anticipatory action program, reaching 76,000 people with cash assistance before the floods hit. Cash assistance enables families to prepare, relocate and meet urgent needs with agency. To promote financial inclusion, WFP supported over 2,700 households to open bank accounts which allows them to securely access cash assistance.

2,700+ households supported to open bank accounts

Jummai lives with her daughter near a riverbank in Fufore State, an area prone to recurring floods. Each year, she is forced to relocate to a nearby town for safety. Jummai and her family were among the 76,000 people in the region who received WFP's anticipatory cash transfers.

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I wasn't expecting any support until WFP identified my house for intervention. With the cash assistance I received, I built a protective fence to shield my compound from floodwaters. When the rains came, the barrier held and my home remained safe.”

Photo: WFP/Oluwashina Oni/Nigeria/2025





South Sudan

DISPLACEMENT DRIVES HUNGER

Mary brings her 6-month-old child Daniel to the WFP-funded nutrition site at the Renk Transit Camp in South Sudan. It took a week for Mary, her husband and their four children to make the 300-mile trek from Khartoum to the transit camp. They have been there for two months, and Mary says there is no food in the camp.

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Right now, we don't eat every day. We might eat every other day, but nothing more.” There is no milk for the children to drink, and Daniel has been surviving on peanut nutritional supplements from WFP.

Conflict in neighboring Sudan has forced 1.2 million people like Mary and Daniel into South Sudan. People living in displacement and refugee camps are often entirely reliant on humanitarian assistance, yet available resources to support them are limited.

\$1.2 million in cash transfers provided to Sudanese refugees

WFP provides Sudanese refugees with food and nutrition assistance at border entry points, during transit and once they have reached refugee camps. In October alone, WFP delivered more than 328,000 pounds of food and \$1.2 million in cash transfers to Sudanese refugees in South Sudan.

Photo: WFP/Samantha Reinders/South Sudan/2025

Sudan

FAMINE AND FLIGHT

Sudan's hunger crisis has left 21.2 million people facing acute hunger and two areas confirmed in famine, El Fasher and Kadugli. People continue to flee escalating violence in El Fasher and other conflict-affected areas, with many arriving in places like Tawila with little or no belongings.

4+ million people supported each month

Due to the immense needs on the ground, WFP scaled up in Sudan in 2025 and helped reverse famine in nine areas through consistent and frequent aid deliveries.

WFP has supported more than 4 million people across the country per month with emergency food, cash and nutrition assistance. Assistance has been prioritized in areas where famine conditions have been confirmed, tripling the number of people reached in these places. To sustain these gains and maintain a consistent flow of aid throughout the country, WFP needs additional support.

Photo: WFP/Mohamed Galal/Sudan/2025



Uganda

SCHOOL MEALS MATTER

Caleb dreams of becoming a lung doctor one day. During nutrition class, he learned the importance of a balanced diet. His school meal that day allowed him to focus on his lesson.

255,000 schoolchildren in Karamoja received daily hot meals

In 2025, WFP's school meals program in Uganda provided a daily hot meal to 255,000 schoolchildren like Caleb in 320 primary schools in Karamoja, allowing them to stay in school and focus on their education.

Last year, WFP also launched the NutriSchool-Bus Campaign in Karamoja, which enhances nutrition awareness and community engagement across the region. The bus visited schools and delivered interactive and engaging lessons about nutrition to thousands of teachers, caregivers and local leaders. Through this innovative approach, participants were more equipped to promote knowledge about healthy diets in their communities.

Photo: WFP/Daisy Masembe/Uganda/2025





Ukraine

RESTORING FOOD ACCESS

Lyubov has lived in Snihurivka her entire life. She grows leafy greens and potatoes, sells her produce at the local market and manages a modest household. Everything changed in February 2022 when four air bombs struck the town, damaging her home and forcing her family to live without electricity, food, water or income.

Once Ukrainian forces retook Snihurivka, WFP was among the first to bring help.

“We were given food, hygiene items and basic supplies. We are very grateful.” Lyubov’s family also received backlogged pension payments, and slowly, the local economy began to revive. Shops reopened, and people began to buy what they needed. “It became easier for us,” she said. “We could finally buy bread.”

690,000+ people reached with food and cash assistance

Lydia was able to obtain a greenhouse through a WFP livelihoods program. She planted green onions, dill, lettuce and tomatoes and once again sells her food at the local market.

By equipping people with the right tools, WFP helps communities in hunger crises to access food, create economic opportunities and break cycles of hunger. WFP reached more than 690,000 people with food and cash assistance in 2025.

Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025

Yemen

RESILIENCE AT RISK

Yemen is among the most food insecure countries globally, with 17 million people affected by a hunger crisis. WFP plays an important role in delivering lifesaving assistance in Yemen. In 2025, WFP reached more than 2.9 million people with food, cash and nutrition assistance.

13,100 people reached through farming and resilience projects

For millions of Yemenis, particularly in rural areas, farming remains a vital source of food and income but is increasingly undermined by insecurity, climate shocks, and declining water availability.

Through WFP's Food to Resilience (FuTuRe) project, communities in Yemen boost agricultural production by rehabilitating farmland and repairing irrigation systems and canals. In total, WFP reached 13,100 people through small-scale farming and resilience projects like these in November.

Due to funding shortfalls, WFP will be forced to significantly reduce the number of people receiving food assistance in 2026 from 3.4 to 1.6 million. Its school meals program has already felt the effects of this massive shortfall, with only 22 out of previously supported 118 districts receiving school meals in November. Similarly, nutrition and resilience programs will be scaled back.

Photo: WFP/Sayaf Al-Nahari/Yemen/2025





Thank You

Your generous support enables WFP to continue delivering lifesaving assistance to more than 100 million people facing extreme hunger around the world. Your commitment helps us fight hunger, save lives and create a brighter future for communities in crisis.

Left: WFP provides school meals to more than 210,000 students in Venezuela, delivering fresh and dry food items to be prepared and served to students. Photo: WFP/Gustavo Vera/2025



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