

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

Last year, more people died because they were hungry and malnourished than from AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. That is not exactly a well-known fact.



The World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency. It is active on the frontline in more than 80 countries, feeding some 90 million people each year.

Hunger and Children

An estimated 17 million babies born every year are underweight, inheriting hunger from their mothers who are themselves undernourished.

One of these children dies every five seconds. Who knows how many potential scientists, statesmen, artists and sports stars we have already lost?

Feeding the Hungry

For the past 40 years, WFP has been moving food to the people who need it. Fast. The agency's logistics capacity spans the technological spectrum – from loading donkeys and yaks to airlifts, to setting up satellite communications networks to monitor deliveries.

There are over 800 million chronically hungry people in the world today: women, children, the sick and the old. More than nine out of ten of those who die are simply trapped by poverty in remote rural areas or urban slums. They do not make the news. They just die. In fact hunger and poverty claim 25,000 lives every day.

Our school feeding projects feed more than 15 million school children with each meal costing just 19 US cents a day.

It's a start, but we could do more. We are still not reaching hundreds of millions of people living with hunger. Our goal is to help halve the number of these people in the world by 2015. With your help, we can achieve it.

For more information, please visit: www.wfp.org

WFP Statistics

BENEFICIARIES: 81 million people worldwide

60 million people through short- and long-term emergency operations. Among these were internally displaced people, refugees, AIDS orphans, and victims of natural disasters such as floods and drought.

21 million people through development projects. They received aid through health, nutrition and school feeding projects, as well as food-for-work projects to promote agriculture and improve the environment.

FOOD DELIVERED¹: 5.1 million tons

COUNTRIES SERVED: 80 countries

TOTAL EXPENDITURE²: US\$3.1 billion

STAFF ³: 10,906
(90 % of WFP staff serve in the field)

- 1 Non-food costs include costs of milling and cooking utensils.
- 2 Administrative expenditure ranges from 4 to 9 percent of total expenditure, with an average of 7 percent over the last 10 years.
- 3 Figure includes staff with short-term contracts.

