Cover: Conflict in South Sudan has spread to formerly peaceful areas, and over half the population relies on assistance for survival. Here, pregnant and nursing women and children wait in line for nutrition screening in Mboro. (©WFP/Lara Atanasijevic)

Right: Unending drought forced Sacdiya Noor and her children to leave their home. In a makeshift kitchen, she cooks WFP-provided cereal for her youngest son at a camp for displaced people in Somalia. (©WFP/Georgina Goodwin)
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2018 was a year of alarming records. There was a rise in the number of chronically hungry people for the third consecutive year to 821 million. Over 68 million people were displaced from their homes because of violence, conflict and persecution—more than any other time in recorded history. Extreme weather, such as droughts and floods, increased in frequency and severity—a key driver behind the rise in hunger affecting 95 million people.

Two-thirds of the World Food Programme’s work is in conflict zones or extreme weather-affected countries where people are three times more likely to be undernourished than those living in countries without conflict or climate shocks.

In Yemen, a four-year civil war has driven more than half its population to crisis levels of food insecurity; it has the highest rates of child malnutrition in the world. Thanks to the help of organizations like WFP, famine has been narrowly averted—but WFP must work hard to provide 12 million of the most vulnerable Yemenis with the food they need to survive.

Syria has suffered a similar fate. Seven years of war have uprooted more than half its population, with 6.8 million people displaced by conflict, and there’s no end in sight. In Syria and refugee camps across its borders, WFP is providing food and supplies to help the millions who are in urgent need.

Similar efforts are taking place in emergency zones across the globe—including South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo—where the urgency, scale and complexity of the crisis requires significant resources and attention by the humanitarian community. In these places and others, WFP breaks through barriers and overcomes obstacles to reach critically hungry people, even in the most isolated places and desperate situations.

In the face of these challenges, the U.S. continues to lead the way in the fight against world hunger. Americans’ efforts have fed families and saved lives, but in a world with increasing need, there is still so much more to be done. None of it would be possible without the dedication of supporters like you.

At World Food Program USA, we are committed to maximizing your generosity by maintaining the longstanding bi–partisan legacy of U.S. leadership.

From Syria to South Sudan—thank you for your commitment to saving and changing lives across the globe. Together, we can reverse recent trends and end hunger for all, for good.

Sincerely,

Rick Leach
President and CEO

Randy Russell
Board Chair
Global Impact in Numbers

86.7M people were reached across 83 countries.
62% of beneficiaries were children; 52% were women and girls.
$31M worth of food was bought from small-scale farmers.
16.4M children in 61 countries received school meals, snacks or take-home rations.
15.8M women and children received malnutrition treatment or prevention services.
5,000 trucks, 600 warehouses and 100 airplanes stored and delivered 3.9M metric tons of food.
3,000 ponds, wells, reservoirs, livestock operations and fisheries were built.
6,000 miles of roads were constructed or repaired and 470 square miles of land was rehabilitated.

All of this happened in a world where 821 million people—1 in 9—don’t know where their next meal is coming from. More than 60% of them live in conflict zones.

80% of WFP’s resources are allocated to conflict zones. These are the top 6.
IN SOUTH SUDAN:  
5M people received lifesaving assistance.  
100,000 households received food in exchange for rebuilding community assets.

IN THE DRC:  
The number of people suffering from severe hunger doubled in 2018 to 13.1M. WFP scaled up to reach a record 5.2M of them.

IN SYRIA:  
WFP reached 4.8M people inside Syria and another 2.5M Syrian refugees in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

IN YEMEN:  
WFP reached 7.9M people on average each month by importing more than 1M tons of food, including fortified vegetable oil, wheat and beans.

IN BANGLADESH:  
WFP reached 880,000 people with food assistance each month and reduced child malnutrition by 13%.

IN NIGERIA:  
1.3M people were reached, and 350,000 women and children were treated for malnutrition.
Solutions in Action

**YOU HELPED SEND SHIPS FULL OF HOPE**

Seven cargo ships carrying grain from Oregon and other Pacific Northwest farms traveled 40 days and 11,000 nautical miles to deliver 176,000 metric tons of wheat—enough to feed 6 million Yemenis.

**IN YEMEN:**
- 1.8M people received cash vouchers to buy food of their choosing;
- 176,000 newly internally displaced families assisted in the last half of 2018;
- 1.5M pregnant women, new mothers and young children received malnutrition treatment or prevention services.

**YOU HELPED FAMILIES BUY FOOD WITH DIGNITY**

WFP rolled out cutting edge iris-scan technology in Jordan, virtually depositing $28 into 100,000 Syrian families’ accounts every month so they can buy fresh, local food with just the blink of an eye.

**IN SYRIA:**
- 1.2M additional people were internally displaced in the first half of 2018;
- 400,000 people benefitted from WFP vocational training since 2016;
- 600,000 children received meals at school.

**YOU HELPED STOCK WAREHOUSES WITH LIFESAVING NUTRITION**

Before rains made 60% of unpaved roads disappear in South Sudan, more than 70 trucks loaded 50 warehouses with 140,000 tons of grains, beans and oil to carry families through the stormy weather.

**IN SOUTH SUDAN:**
- 756,000 pounds of food delivered;
- 51 convoys and 80 canoes carried food to hard-to-reach communities;
- 12,500 people enrolled in SCOPE, WFP's biometric registration.
YOU HELPED FILL CLASSROOMS WITH DREAMS

In Cox’s Bazaar, the world’s largest refugee camp, fortified biscuits containing 15 grams of protein and 12 daily vitamins helped over 185,000 children in 1,800 learning centers continue their education.

IN BANGLADESH:
728,000 refugees arrived from Myanmar’s Rakhine State;
214,000 children received fortified biscuits or cooked meals at school;
1 vital 150-foot supply bridge was built to withstand monsoon season.

YOU HELPED FARMERS HARVEST RESILIENCE

Africa’s subsistence farmers lost up to 40% of their harvest before WFP silos enabled 320,000 farming families across 16 countries to cut their losses to less than 2% and make it through the lean season.

IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:
3M people in the Sahel reached with emergency food and nutrition assistance;
545,000 people protected against the risk of drought;
330-gallon silos hold enough food to feed a family of four for more than two months.

YOU HELPED SET MOMS AND BABIES UP FOR SUCCESS

WFP’s nutrition program began with just 800 mothers, then grew to more than 7,000 in just two years, leading to a 13% increase in the number of children who get the full range of nutrients they need.

IN EL SALVADOR:
12,000 people reached with lifesaving food assistance;
52% of beneficiaries are women;
86 communities participated in a nutrition program for vulnerable populations.
Enhancing International Food Security Policy

In 2018, World Food Program USA continued to work in a non-partisan fashion in the United States Congress to fund key global food security programs and shape legislation that supports WFP’s vision of Zero Hunger. Through Congressional testimony, Hill meetings and advocacy efforts with partner organizations, we served as a crucial bridge of information between WFP and Congress. These efforts helped secure robust funding last year for key programs that support U.S. humanitarian assistance, including Food for Peace and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Every five years, Congress renews its commitment to America’s farmers and vulnerable, food-insecure populations both at home and abroad. In December 2018, a new Farm Bill was signed into law. WFP USA worked with Members of Congress and their staff, key committees and the broader advocacy community to incorporate provisions in the Farm Bill that improve WFP’s ability to save lives and change lives through American support.

These improvements included key amendments to the McGovern-Dole program and new authorities for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance for the development of food-based safety nets—like our SNAP and WIC programs here at home—in places around the world where these programs do not yet exist. Social protections like this are a key pillar of global food security.

With rising hunger and protracted conflict, WFP USA led efforts to explain how food assistance saves lives, spreads American ideals and builds foundations for economic development worldwide. We continued to roll out Winning the Peace, a groundbreaking report that expands the case for robust humanitarian assistance beyond moral and economic grounds by providing fresh insight into the relationship between hunger and global instability and its implications for U.S. national security.

In 2018, WFP USA testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on this topic, and the Winning the Peace report was entered into the Committee Record. Winning the Peace was included in the curriculum of several Washington D.C.-based universities for courses related to global food security and the report was cited in official communications from WFP related to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2417 condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and acknowledging the bi-directional relationship between conflict and hunger.
WFP USA is proud to partner with the ISTAT Foundation, which uses the power of aviation to help save lives, promote human welfare and alleviate suffering.

Delivering food to almost 5 million people is a massive effort on a good day. The task is infinitely harder when conflict and heavy rain converge, making it nearly impossible to reach families with humanitarian aid.

In South Sudan, food security has worsened after more than five years of civil war, putting the lives of millions of people in jeopardy. One in three people have been forced from their homes by civil war, many of whom are small-scale farmers who relied on their gardens for food. The latest harvest produced the lowest amount of the country’s staple grains since the conflict began in 2013, and many parts of the country are now almost entirely dependent on food aid.

The imminent rainy season threatens to make most of the country’s unpaved roads impassable. Delivery of food by air is, quite literally, a lifesaving necessity. Last year, the International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading (ISTAT) answered the call.

Airdrops are a critical last resort for families trapped in dangerous and inaccessible areas of South Sudan. Cargo planes allow WFP to quickly reach these areas with emergency food supplies.

In Spring 2018, ISTAT funded an airdrop that transported 44,000 pounds of a highly nutritious paste made of fortified corn and soya that is specifically formulated to treat and prevent malnutrition among children from six months to two years old. The airdrop provided enough nutritious food for 2,000 children for an entire month.

“WFP does whatever it takes to get the job done,” says Tomson Phiri, WFP’s Communications Officer in South Sudan. “We rely on airdrops to reach families in the country’s most dangerous and hard-to-reach areas. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like ISTAT, we’re preventing famine and saving lives.”
OUR PARTNERS

WFP USA is proud to partner with U.S. companies and foundations that believe in WFP’s mission. By providing financial resources, in-kind services and technical expertise, America’s private sector is helping WFP continually improve the way it delivers food across the globe.

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Thomson Reuters
cuddle+kind
Cargill
Mastercard Worldwide
Nielsen Foundation

Archer Daniels Midland
Sealed Air
Soylent
International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading Foundation
Latham & Watkins LLP
Buddhist Global Relief

Damask Capital Limited
Bloomberg
Adobe Systems
Student Loan Hero
Agtegra Cooperative
Falafel Inc.
C&S Wholesale Grocers
Conflict in Syria has caused the world’s largest displacement crisis, with nearly 12M people displaced or living as refugees. WFP assisted 7.3M of them.

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How You Can Help

With a gift to World Food Program USA, you do more than provide nourishing food—you deliver hope for a better future. Your support helps children, families and entire nations withstand conflict and rebuild their lives.

**Cash**
A cash gift is one of the easiest ways to support our mission. You can mail a check or money order made payable to World Food Program USA, call us, or donate online by credit card, debit card or PayPal at wfpusa.org.

**Monthly Giving**
Join our group of ZeroHunger Heroes. Automatic, monthly contributions can easily be made from your credit card or checking account, and you can adjust the amount or frequency any time you like.

**Mobile Giving**
The ShareTheMeal app lets you share a meal with children in need via your smartphone. The app’s newsfeed offers real-time updates from the field and stories about the children receiving meals thanks to your support. You can download the app through iTunes, Google Play or Amazon.

**Matching Gifts**
Employers sometimes double or even triple their employees’ charitable donations. Ask your employer if they will match your contribution—it’s a free way to send more meals to people in need.

**Gifts of Stock**
Make an investment in feeding families and saving lives. If you own stock or other financial assets that have increased in value, you may be able to take advantage of additional tax deductions by donating part of the profits to WFP USA.

**Wills and Other Planned Gifts**
When you leave a legacy or bequest for WFP USA in your will, your gift will help save the lives of countless hungry families. Help us build a future free of hunger and malnutrition.

Please contact us to learn more about:
- Donating unneeded life insurance
- Donating IRAs or other retirement assets
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For details on all the ways you can give, visit [www.wfpusa.org/give](http://www.wfpusa.org/give).

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Two-year-old Rouida Rahman is evaluated for malnutrition at a health facility in Yemen. (©WFP/Annabel Symington)
Every day, millions of men and women around the world struggle to feed their children. These families do not have enough to eat, and their children do not get the nutrients they need to reach their full potential. Because they do not have enough food, families cannot withstand the effects of extreme weather and conflict and all too often cannot stay in their homes. They are not able to work and send their children to school. When people do not know where their next meal is coming from, they need food assistance to survive and it becomes nearly impossible to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.