



World Food  
Program USA



# STATEMENT OF IMPACT

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*Malak, 2, eats bread with her mother, Rawan, after the family fled Gaza City amid intensified attacks. Months of limited food have left Malak moderately malnourished. Photo: WFP/Maxime Le Lijour/Gaza/2025*

# INTRODUCTION

**Global hunger remains at alarming levels.**

**319 M** At least 319 million people face acute hunger in the countries where the World Food Programme (WFP) operates.

Famine conditions have been confirmed in Gaza and Sudan. Around the world, more than 40 million children under the age of 5 are acutely malnourished. Each day, people struggle to survive amid increasingly catastrophic circumstances.

Significant cuts to humanitarian funding have affected WFP's lifesaving food assistance programs, which are often the last lifeline for people facing extreme hunger. Without this support, millions of people face a heightened risk of starvation and malnutrition. Parents are already skipping meals and stretching rations to provide for their children.

This stark reality underscores the urgent need for continued engagement with our mission. **The Fall 2025 Impact Report provides critical updates from crisis zones and shows how you** enable WFP to deliver food, cash and nutrition assistance where it is needed most. You'll also learn about the new initiatives we launched this year to raise awareness and mobilize resources in support of WFP's lifesaving work. We invite you to explore these updates and learn how you can help people facing hunger. Each contribution helps communities address their immediate needs and unlocks resources that can break cycles of hunger and poverty.

## COUNTRY UPDATES



**Conflict remains the primary driver of hunger.** Ongoing violence has triggered famines in Gaza and Sudan and pushed two counties in South Sudan to the brink.

Famine is entirely preventable but when it does strike, WFP scales up operations to move food where it's needed most. With enough resources and safe access, we can stop famine and eliminate its threat entirely.

*Conflict-affected Sudanese are escaping to other parts of the country and to adjacent nations. Photo: WFP/Mohamed Galal/Sudan/2025*



# AFGHANISTAN

A 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan on August 31, killing more than 800 people and injuring 2,500. WFP delivered High Energy Biscuits to survivors and scaled up its emergency response to reach isolated communities.

Women and girls in Afghanistan are most affected by the country's hunger crisis as they are pushed to the fringes of society and erased from public life. Severe restrictions limit their access to education, employment and public spaces. Girls are barred from attending school past the sixth grade. Two-thirds of households led by women cannot afford basic nutrition.

WFP is doing everything in its power to support women and children in Afghanistan. In July, WFP reached 1.7 million people with food and cash assistance, 80% of whom were women with children. WFP also provides school meals to nearly 380,000 children across the country. More than 132,000 pounds of food have been transformed into nutritious meals.

Funding shortfalls hinder WFP's operations in Afghanistan. WFP can only provide 11% of Afghans returning from Iran with cash assistance, turning away more than 120,000 people. In October, WFP will be forced to suspend the school meals program and leave children without their only reliable daily meal.



*Through WFP's embroidery and tailoring program in Khost, women improve their skills and earn income for their families. Photo: WFP/Danijela Milic/Afghanistan/2025*

# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

In the Central African Republic (CAR), 31% of the population faces acute hunger due to insecurity, inflation and low food production. The regional displacement crisis caused by the conflict in Sudan has further strained resources, with over 45,000 refugees and returnees fleeing to CAR's Wakae region.

WFP saves lives in CAR through emergency food and nutrition assistance. This year, WFP has provided more than 400,000 people with food assistance, including 30,000 refugees from Sudan and Chad. WFP also supports small-scale farmers with the tools and training they need to reduce post-harvest losses, improve production and provide enough food for their families and communities to survive hunger crises. WFP also encourages farmers to form cooperatives to strengthen their access to market opportunities and stable income sources.

With ongoing funding shortfalls, WFP has been forced to prioritize the most urgent needs and leave many without assistance.



*Cyrano is a member of WFP-supported cooperative in Mbres that received training and equipment from WFP. Photo: WFP/Aurore Vinot/Central African Republic/2025*

# GAZA

Conflict, aid restrictions and frequent displacement have pushed communities in Gaza into extreme hunger and deprivation. Famine is confirmed in Gaza Governorate, with at least 500,000 people facing starvation. The confirmation of famine signals clear evidence of widespread starvation, illness and death. By the end of September, famine is expected to spread to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip.

Markets are empty, and food prices have skyrocketed. Families are scraping by on limited food supplies. The number of malnourished children in Gaza Governorate has tripled since March. Pregnant and breastfeeding women are among the hardest hit by this crisis: Over 40% of them are malnourished. In these conditions, infants are at grave risk of stunted development with potentially lifelong or deadly consequences. Without an immediate ceasefire and urgent humanitarian interventions, conditions are only expected to further deteriorate.

Despite access issues, WFP brings food into Gaza every day. At border areas, WFP and partners have prepositioned supplies that can feed Gaza's 2.1 million people for nearly three months. Humanitarian organizations must be granted full access, and commercial cargo must be allowed to flow into Gaza to restore food security.

*This is the latest information related to the crisis in Gaza at the time of writing: September 16, 2025*



All 25 WFP-supported bakeries across the Gaza Strip were shut down on March 31 after exhausting all available wheat flour and fuel stocks within Gaza. Photo: WFP/Photo Library/Gaza/2025

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# GUATEMALA

Malnutrition affects nearly half of Guatemala's children under the age of 5, the highest rate in Latin America and Caribbean.

**2.4M** With support from WFP, about 2.4 million children in Guatemala receive a monthly take home ration and another 700,000 receive a daily meal at school.

Rations cover the needs of a child for 20 days and include cereals and root vegetables, flour to prepare *atole* (a traditional corn flour drink), oil, legumes, eggs, and fruits. Daily meals served at school include a beverage, a protein source such as meat or eggs, cereals, legumes and vegetables. These nutritious meals help students stay focused in the classroom and improve attendance rates.

The impact of school meals extends beyond the classroom. In Sebolito, the women's group "El Girasol" prepares a school meal of pork, rice and horchata. With training from WFP, they are working to become official providers in the school meals program, using locally sourced ingredients and traditional recipes to improve children's nutrition. Prioritizing local goods and seasonal produce keeps meals fresher, more nutritious and cost effective.



The Empowering Them to Nourish Everyone project supports Indigenous women through entrepreneurship training and professional development so they can lead and provide for their communities. Photo: WFP/Nelson Pacheco/Guatemala/2025



# HAITI

Luckmane and her three children have endured many hardships, and they are often unsure of where their next meal will come from. Her family is not alone. Nearly 5.4 million people, half the country's population, are facing acute hunger. Conflict between armed groups is driving mass displacement and economic hardship, disrupting food systems, and pushing more people into hunger.

WFP provides food, nutrition assistance and school meals to alleviate this hunger crisis.

**1.7M** Since January, WFP has reached over 1.7 million people across the country with food and cash assistance, including 112,000 recently displaced people who received 740,000 hot meals.

Through the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), WFP has transported humanitarian workers and aid cargo to hard-to-reach communities such as Croix-des-Bouquets and Cité Soleil under the control of armed groups.

For Luckmane, WFP's school meals program has been a lifeline by keeping her children nourished and in school where they can learn and grow.

*School meals allow Luckmane's children to count on a hot, nutritious meal every day. Photo: WFP/Luc Junior Segur/Haiti/2025*



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There are times  
when I have  
nothing to give  
them to eat,  
neither in the  
morning nor in  
the evening.”

-LUCKMANE



# LAOS

Sekong province has the highest rates of hunger in Laos: One in three people are experiencing extreme hunger and half of children under the age of 5 are experiencing malnutrition. One of the main drivers of this hunger crisis is extreme weather as seasonal droughts and floods destroy farmland and crops.

To bolster local food production, WFP provides small-scale farmers with agriculture trainings and grants for home gardens.

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**Our garden is just behind our house, so I can tend to it while taking care of my daughter.”**

-CHANSOUK

Chansouk can harvest more vegetables thanks to support from WFP. “My husband can also focus on his work in the field without worrying as much about our family’s food.”

Across the country, WFP provides communities with lifesaving food and nutrition assistance with a focus on school meals. In 2024, we reached more than 360,000 people in Laos including 245,000 schoolchildren.



*Thanks to WFP, Chansouk is one of many small-scale farmers learning how to boost production of nutritious foods such as leafy green vegetables. Photo: WFP/Vilakhone Sipaseuth/Laos/2025*

# SOUTH SUDAN

Conflict, economic challenges and extreme weather have pushed more than 7.7 million people into acute hunger including 32,000 people already facing famine conditions. Since March, a surge in violence has displaced thousands of families. The crisis in neighboring Sudan has placed additional strain on communities, as more than 1.2 million people have crossed into South Sudan seeking safety. Humanitarian needs are greatest in border areas, where food security worsens the longer families remain displaced.

So far this year, WFP provided 3.5 million people in South Sudan with food or cash assistance. WFP leveraged its supply chain expertise to airdrop food to isolated communities at risk of famine. While airdrops are used as a last resort, they remain a lifeline for thousands of people cut off from regular assistance.

*A WFP helicopter flying over Nyueny, Upper Nile State airdropping emergency food assistance to thousands of families. Photo: WFP/Peter Louis/South Sudan/2025*



# SUDAN



**I decided to stay behind in Sudan, to support our team and the people of Sudan.” -ABRAHAM**

For Abraham, WFP’s head of programs in Sudan, remaining in the country was a commitment to families who cannot leave. Across Sudan, humanitarian organizations navigate immense challenges as the country faces one of the world’s most severe crises. In June, five members of a United Nations convoy delivering aid to El-Fasher were killed in an attack. In August, a drone strike destroyed three trucks carrying lifesaving assistance into hunger-stricken areas.

Nearly 25 million people face acute hunger and require immediate support. More than a year ago, famine conditions were confirmed at Zamzam camp in North Darfur, and conditions there have deteriorated even further. Famine is now confirmed in 10 locations - eight in North Darfur (including Zamzam Camp in August 2024) and two in the Western Nuba Mountains. Displacement is widespread, with over 12.5 million people uprooted from their homes, including 3.4 million seeking refuge in neighboring countries.

WFP provides lifesaving food and nutrition assistance to 4 million people across Sudan each month. In areas where conflict has waned, WFP has scaled assistance, helping reduce the risk of famine. A lasting recovery that allows families to rebuild after a devastating crisis will require not only resources but peace.



*Community members carry bags of lentils provided by WFP. Their work ensures displaced families gain access to necessary food supplies. Photo: WFP/Abubakar Garelnabel/Sudan/2025*

# UKRAINE

Lisyans’kyy’s grandfather started their family farm in Mykolaiv. Following in his grandfather’s footsteps, he works the land alongside his uncles while his mother manages the books. Farming is his purpose:



**The thought that somewhere, someone who cannot grow food at all is eating bread made from our wheat. That gives me hope.” -LISYANS’KYY**

Since the war began, Russian shelling has hit within six miles of their home. Explosives destroyed the roof of their family warehouse and nearby equipment and even injured the family dog. Like thousands of other farmers, Lisyans’kyy faces the daily threat of explosives and mines. Ukraine was once the breadbasket of the world, but its agricultural sector has been devastated by the war. It is now the most heavily mined country in the world after three years of war with about 6 million acres of agricultural land potentially affected. WFP and its partners have worked toward making Ukraine’s agricultural land safe and fruitful again. This year, more than 3,000 acres of land have been cleared for safe use for more than 27,000 people.

Since launching its emergency response in March 2022, WFP has partnered with Ukrainian farmers and businesses to source food locally. More than 80% of the food WFP distributes is bought locally in Ukraine. This approach helps WFP reach families in need while boosting the local economy.



*Lisyans’kyy remains hopeful, even after mines and explosives destroyed his warehouse and extreme weather wiped out nearly 70% of his family’s crops. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*



# BOLD ACTIONS TO END HUNGER

This year, World Food Program USA launched three new initiatives to raise awareness of and mobilize resources in support of our mission to end hunger. From providing flexible resources for WFP operations in crisis zones to reshaping public narratives about the people we serve to empowering the next generation of changemakers, these initiatives show how coming together with purpose make a difference.

## EMERGENCY HUNGER RELIEF FUND

World Food Program USA launched the Emergency Hunger Relief Fund to help sustain WFP's operations in 28 crisis zones facing massive funding cuts. With humanitarian budgets under severe strain, the fund provides flexible resources for lifesaving operations. The campaign has raised more than \$7.9 million, enabling WFP to respond rapidly to emergencies in some of the world's most challenging environments.

## FILL THE SILENCE CAMPAIGN

"Dire photos and desperate pleas — nothing seems to shock or move us anymore. The world's hunger crisis is blurred in our minds and getting tuned out," said Brandon Rochon, award-winning advertising executive and World Food Program USA Board Member. "Fill the Silence will disrupt conventions and use art to forge connection and inspire action. It celebrates the inherent power, resilience and unlimited potential of the children, mothers, fathers and grandparents facing hunger. Without food, they are starved of potential. Access to food can dramatically change the trajectory of their lives, propelling them to fulfill dreams, transitioning off food assistance to become entrepreneurs, doctors, teachers and scientists — building a better world for us all."

Through this national marketing campaign, World Food Program USA spotlights the resilience, humanity and strength of the people WFP supports. Partnering with award-winning artists Indie184 and Brandon Breaux, the campaign celebrates the lived experiences of individuals and communities and showcases how food fuels futures. Learn more about this campaign at [wfpusa.org/get-involved/campaigns/fill-the-silence](https://wfpusa.org/get-involved/campaigns/fill-the-silence).

*Primary school students eat fortified biscuits provided through the World Food Program's school feeding program. The initiative supports thousands of children with nutritious snacks to help them learn. Photo: WFP/Sayed Abidullah Sadat/Afghanistan/2024*







*In Sudan, a child is tested for malnutrition in Khartoum. Photo: WFP/Abubakar Garelnabei/Sudan/2025*

## ZERO HUNGER YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

World Food Program USA launched the Zero Hunger Generation (ZHG) to empower young people to take action against global hunger. The movement gives people in the U.S. ways to support World Food Program USA's mission by utilizing their time, voice and network while gaining skills and resume-building experience.

Since its launch, ZHG members have already volunteered, organized events and advocated for change in their communities. They are building leadership and advocacy skills, while contributing to a hunger-free future.



**Being born in a refugee camp, I know what it feels like to be hungry. It's part of the reason I signed up to support ending world hunger. I don't think any human being should have to experience that feeling of emptiness and helplessness, especially as a child."**

-ZERO HUNGER GENERATION MEMBER,  
NORTH CAROLINA

"WFP USA and the Zero Hunger Generation have reminded me that my experiences can fuel change. I want to be part of building a future where children don't have to wonder if they will eat tomorrow, and where families can thrive without the constant fear of not having enough."

**Young Americans can sign up, explore opportunities, and track their progress in real time at [wfpusa.org/ZHG](https://wfpusa.org/ZHG).**



# THANK YOU

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Thank you for supporting our mission to end hunger worldwide. Your impact on saving lives is more crucial than ever.



*In Bangladesh, WFP helps protect people like Parul from devastating monsoon floods. Photo: WFP/Samantha Reinders/Bangladesh/2024*

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