

World Vision response to today's G-20 Agricultural Ministers' Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture

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World Vision's food security policy adviser Sheri Arnott said:

"As we near a full-blown global food crisis, World Vision is encouraged to see G-20 agricultural ministers halting export bans on food for humanitarian response. Meeting the immediate food needs of those in crisis is a Canadian and global responsibility."

"The G-20 can reach those who are most vulnerable by supporting smallholder farmers—the majority of whom are women. Women play a critical role growing and preparing food, but are often the most food insecure and malnourished. By targeting small-holder farmers—especially women—the G-20 can reach the people who are most vulnerable."

"The announced pilot project on emergency food reserves is a critical step in the right direction and must be implemented rapidly. Canada has been a leader on child and maternal health, but all of this work is at risk if the children and mothers we're trying to save don't have access to food to stave off malnutrition."

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