

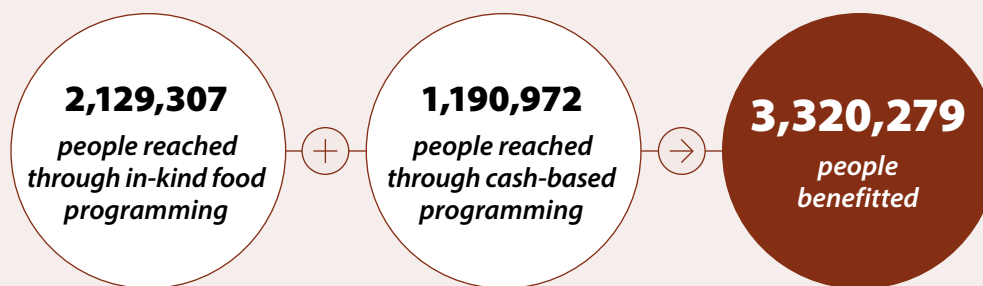
2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: PARTNERING WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

One of World Vision’s most vital partners is the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)—the leading humanitarian organization fighting hunger worldwide. The global World Vision Partnership is WFP’s largest non-governmental partner and has been for 16 years, delivering food assistance to people most in need. In cooperation with WFP, we provide food assistance, particularly in fragile contexts, and work with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.

In fiscal year 2021, we provided \$140 million in food and cash-based programming. In partnership with WFP*:

- We delivered 87,019 metric tons of food to 2,129,307 people.
- We distributed \$67 million through cash-based programming, reaching another 1,190,972 people.

In 2022, we anticipate providing \$135 million in food and cash-based programming to meet the basic needs of vulnerable families.



While WFP conducts their work using several different food assistance approaches, World Vision partners with them through **five main programming types**. On the pages that follow, learn more about these approaches and the number of people World Vision reached through them in 2021.

* Because we work with WFP through our World Vision Partnership, the values presented are proportionate to World Vision Canada’s contribution.

PROGRAMMING TYPES

1 General food distribution

General food distribution has been the historic cornerstone of WFP's approach and remains a fundamental aspect, particularly in fragile contexts or humanitarian crises.

In-kind food assistance helps families to continue eating in the wake of disasters, displacement, during lean seasons or when food supplies are cut off. The foods we distribute are chosen for their ability to prevent malnutrition and provide energy. Distributions may happen across geographical areas or be given to specific groups that are particularly vulnerable.

This approach phases out when communities can meet their needs in other ways.

People reached by World Vision	444,259 girls	409,343 boys	323,488 women	263,281 men
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2 Cash and voucher-based programming

Cash and voucher-based programming is an effective way to improve food security and nutrition in settings where the local market and financial sector is functioning.

Cash transfers—provided in forms ranging from physical bank notes to mobile money or vouchers—[empower people to prioritize their needs and make purchases accordingly in their own local markets](#). This upholds their dignity and respects the fact that not all families have the same food needs.

Findings show that when vulnerable households are empowered to choose, they make decisions that improve their food security and wellbeing—as seen in Lebanon, where 91% of families receiving multipurpose cash in 2018 prioritized food, followed by rent and medical fees.

Because they permit people to purchase their needs locally, cash transfers help to maintain existing supply chains and strengthen local markets. Between 2009 and 2019, WFP cash transfers injected approximately \$6.8 billion US into national economies.

People reached by World Vision	318,716 girls	316,566 boys	294,070 women	261,620 men
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3 Food or cash for assets

The food or cash for assets approach considers the fact that the world's most vulnerable, food-insecure people often live in fragile contexts prone to disaster, where resources are scarce, and infrastructure or environments may be compromised.

People are provided with cash or food-based transfers that help them to cover their immediate food needs while they work on projects that develop or restore their local assets—this might include constructing roads, rehabilitating land or participating in skills training to manage and maintain the assets.

The goal is improving communities' long-term food security and resilience through healthier environments and increased agricultural productivity.

People reached by World Vision	43,223 girls	42,011 boys	38,601 women	34,568 men
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4 Targeted vulnerable group feeding

Through targeted vulnerable group feeding programs, we go beyond the undernutrition addressed through other interventions and focus on all forms of malnutrition.

This approach integrates projects that treat and prevent direct causes of malnutrition—inadequate and insufficient diets—with projects that address root issues—like knowledge gaps in feeding practices or unsafe drinking water.

Targeted feeding programs focus on the most vulnerable people, particularly young girls and boys, pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and those living with HIV.

People reached by World Vision	112,276 girls	100,050 boys	85,046 women	18,656 men
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5 Integrated school feeding

Integrated school feeding programs form an important safety net for girls and boys, improving their access to education, health and nutrition.

The barriers to a complete education are many—but a daily meal at school combats malnutrition while supporting students’ development and cognitive abilities, allowing them to focus on learning. Feeding programs also lessen the burden of vulnerable families.

When out of school, girls become more susceptible to early and forced marriage, early pregnancy and gender-based violence, but the assurance of a meal during the school day provides an incentive for families to keep their children, especially their girls, attending—studies have shown that feeding programs can increase enrolment by an average of 9%.

Improvements in children’s education provide significant advantages for society. Homegrown feeding programs support local economies, with food purchased directly from local farmers and traders. More broadly, WFP cites that every \$1 US invested in school feeding yields up to \$9 in economic return, because of the health, education and productivity benefits.

People reached by World Vision	98,269 girls	109,115 boys	3,733 women	3,388 men
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FOOD THAT FUELS THE FUTURE

Sara has lived as a refugee for as long as she can remember. “Home” is a camp in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. She was carried here as a baby, as her family fled their war-torn region of Syria. Eight birthdays have come and gone for Sara in this refugee camp.

Her mother yearns for more for her four children than this crowded, makeshift community. “I want them to live in a nice place,” she says. “Wherever they go will be better for them.” But for that, the family must wait.

Her whole life, Sara’s family has been waiting. Waiting for the conflict in Syria to end. Waiting for peace and prosperity. Waiting for medical care for her sister, who struggles to walk without pain.

But there are some things Sara hasn’t had to wait for—including nutritious food. She and her family benefit from a food assistance project thanks to donors in Canada, World Vision and the World Food Programme.

The program helps parents purchase necessities for their children—like sustaining ingredients for meals that bring the family together. This food is helping Sara and others in the camp to grow and develop in healthy ways. Well-nourished children are better able to focus on their lessons, more likely to succeed in school. This lays a strong foundation for future opportunities. Because there will be life after this refugee camp.

Today, Sara attends Grade 4 at a local primary school and her favorite subject is Kurdish. She yearns to become a teacher. She believes that education is important for all children, so she’s happy that her two brothers will be joining her at school within the year.

Even in a place where so much has been lost, there is reason to hope. Whether Sara’s family returns to Syria, remains in Iraq or emigrates elsewhere, she and her peers stand to form the next generation of leaders, creators and problem-solvers.

With sustaining food, World Vision is helping keep children on track for the futures they were born to live.



Because of World Vision’s partnership with the World Food Programme, Sara and her family have support to purchase necessities like food.