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FAO, WFP & IFAD Aid-Funded Business Factfile



Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

Established: 1945

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Head: José Graziano da Silva



Overview

The FAO exists to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives.

Their mandate is to improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living in rural populations and contribute to global economic growth.

They invest in aquaculture, trade, agriculture, livestock and the environment and South-South co-operation. For more information on each of these, please click [here](#).

Five Strategic Objectives

The FAO has five strategic objectives:

- [Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition](#)
- [Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable](#)
- [Reduce rural poverty](#)
- [Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems](#)
- [Increase the resilience of livelihoods from disasters](#)

Reports

Click [here](#) for the FAO Food Outlook biannual report

Click [here](#) for other FAO publications

Click [here](#) for the FAO Strategic Framework 2010-19

Source: <http://www.fao.org>

World Food Programme (WFP)

Established: 1961

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Head: Ertharin Cousin



Overview

The World Food Programme is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide.

In emergencies, they get food to where it is needed, saving the lives of victims of war, civil conflict and natural disasters. After the cause of an emergency has passed, they use food to help communities rebuild.

WFP is part of the United Nations system and is voluntarily funded. On average, WFP reaches more than 90 million people with food assistance in 80 countries each year. About 13,500 people work for the organisation, most of them in remote areas, directly serving the hungry poor.

Strategic Plan

1. Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies;
2. Support food security and nutrition and rebuild livelihoods in fragile settings and following emergencies;
3. Reduce risk and enable people, communities and countries to meet their own food and nutrition needs;
4. Reduce undernutrition and break the intergenerational cycle of hunger.

Reports

Click [here](#) for the WFP Strategic Plan 2014-17

Click [here](#) for the WFP Annual Report 2012

Source: <http://www.wfp.org>



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International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Established: 1977

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Head: Kanayo Nwanze



Overview

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialized agency of the United Nations, was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference.

IFAD's unique mandate is improving rural food security and nutrition, and enabling rural women and men to overcome poverty.

Reports

Click [here](#) for the IFAD Strategic Framework 2011-15

Click [here](#) for the IFAD Annual Report 2012

Source: <http://www.ifad.org>

5 Strategic Objectives

- A natural resource and economic asset base for poor rural women and men that is more resilient to climate change, environmental degradation and market transformation;
- Access for poor rural women and men to services to reduce poverty, improve nutrition, raise incomes and build resilience in a changing environment;
- Poor rural women and men and their organisations able to manage profitable, sustainable and resilient farm and non-farm enterprises or take advantage of decent work opportunities;
- Poor rural women and men and their organisations able to influence policies and institutions that affect their livelihoods; and
- Enabling institutional and policy environments to support agricultural production and the full range of related non-farm activities.


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