NGO Partnerships

WFP works with more than 1,100 NGOs who play a crucial role in the delivery of assistance. WFP’s collaboration with NGOs allow beneficiaries to access assistance at speed and scale. It also brings cost saving and efficiencies. Working in partnership with civil society organizations also strengthens the accountability to affected populations, and supports innovative approaches and programming.

WFP’s partnerships with NGOs have evolved significantly in recent years, with regular consultations and early involvement in programme design, drawing on the close understanding of the local context by national NGOs to enhance our effectiveness.
Capacity Development: the WFP Approach

WFP prioritises capacity development activities among national humanitarian and development actors, and increasingly with NGOs and community-based organizations. Developing the capacity of national and local NGOs ensures a more sustainable impact of WFP interventions by empowering the NGOs and their communities to address their own food security challenges.

Key areas in which WFP is working with NGOs include emergency response and preparedness; identifying, treating and monitoring malnutrition; the design of specialized nutritious foods; cash transfers; carrying out emergency needs assessments, mapping food insecurity and reporting market trends; the empowerment of smallholder farmers; and supply chain and warehouse/commodity management.

These capacity development efforts are provided directly by WFP, as well as in partnership with experienced international NGO partners with expertise, strong local relationships and an understanding of local context and needs.

Examples of NGO Capacity Development

**Bangladesh**

WFP partners with Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV) to enhance its capacity to implement the “Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition” (CMAM) approach in accordance with national guidelines. SARPV staff are equipped with knowledge and skills related to health and nutrition awareness, communication strategies, community outreach, monitoring and evaluation. SARPV passes this knowledge on to the beneficiaries for a sustained impact.

**Philippines**

Under its Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR) Programme, WFP provides training for NGOs on hazard analysis and early warning to boost disaster preparedness, prevention and response of vulnerable and disaster-prone communities. Since 2011, WFP has conducted over 15 geographic information system (GIS) trainings to NGOs in the country, enabling them to develop hazard maps, highlighting the vulnerable areas at risk from natural disasters.

**LAO PDR**

Representatives from the Lao Women’s Union (LWU) receives training in nutritional awareness and give trainings on diet, hygiene and cooking techniques in several villages. Based on the successful partnership in place since 2002, LWU now oversees the implementation of the school feeding programme. From September 2015, WFP and LWU will provide not only snacks but also school lunches.

“The strength of LWU is in its deep field presence, covering all villages in WFP’s operations, with intimate knowledge of local languages and cultural practices. It is unique that WFP’s messages are transmitted by so many women throughout the country. Through the capacity building, not only do we empower Lao women, but we also now have a strong and reliable partner, for a greater and more sustainable impact on people in need of food assistance.”

Sarah Gordon-Gibson, Country Director WFP LAO PDR
Sudan
WFP partners with ARIBO (Social and Charity Organization) to implement the School Feeding Programme in 34 schools within the Zalingei locality. ARIBO has become one of the strongest and most reliable community based organizations in Zalingei, and partners with different UN agencies and INGOs in various sectors.

Côte d’Ivoire
In the area of nutrition and HIV, WFP partners with Alliance Côte D’Ivoire, an NGO responsible for HIV activities. WFP and Alliance Côte D’Ivoire are providing onsite training and updates on different aspects of the management of malnutrition. Since January 2014, nearly 40 NGOs received such capacity building. Most of these organizations are now able to address malnutrition, and coordinate food distributions in their geographical areas of work. This has increased beneficiaries’ adherence to Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) treatment, estimated at 99 percent, and improved their nutritional recovery from Moderate Acute Malnutrition to 85 percent.

Democratic Republic of Congo
As part of WFP’s Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative, BUCODED, a local NGO in Kabalo, has played a critical role in providing women farmers with literacy training in Swahili and Lingala. The programme also provides training in basic calculation skills and information on child-raising, sanitation, family planning, women’s rights and HIV/AIDS prevention to further improve the lives of women and their families.

Tanzania
WFP collaborates with Childreach Tanzania, a local organization working at community, household and school levels on children’s rights issues including a child’s right to food. All WFP’s village-level activities have been delegated to Childreach as part of WFP’s efforts to build the capacity of local NGOs in Tanzania.

South Sudan
In 2014, WFP organised a Seasonal Livelihood Programming training for government and cooperating partners to provide skills and knowledge on participatory planning methodologies. National organizations are undertaking their own planning processes and also training others. NGOs are demonstrating skills such as dyke construction, road design, and replication of crop growing. Wunngap Agricultural Development Agency (WADA), which was trained through a WFP partner, has since grown to be one of the best performing NGOs implementing WFP’s Food for Assets programmes in South Sudan.