



# NGO Partnerships

Strengthening National Capacity



**World Food Programme**

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WFP works with a wide range of national and local first responders, including community based organizations, NGOs, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies. 75 percent of WFP's food assistance is delivered together with NGOs. Around 800 of WFP's more than 1,000 NGO partners are national and local NGOs. These organizations are often the first to respond to crises and remain in the communities they serve before, after and during emergencies.

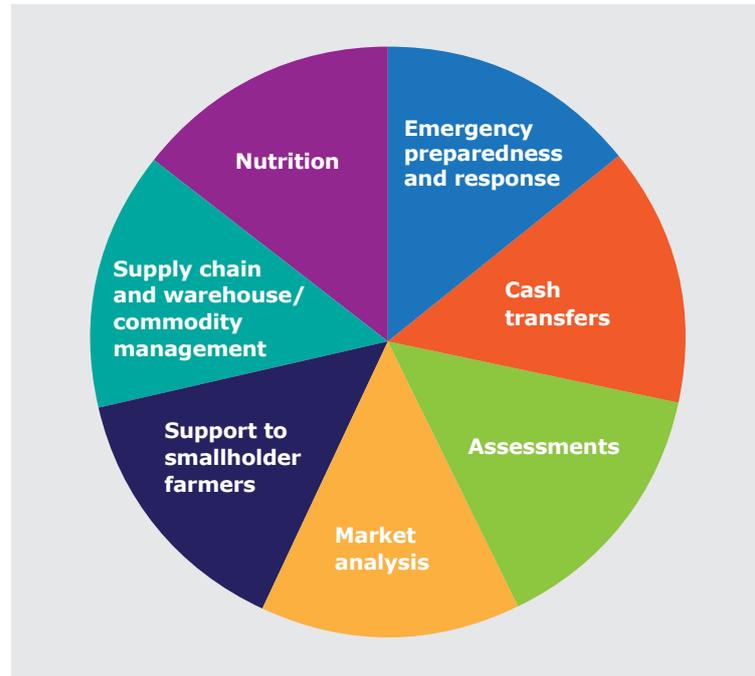
WFP's collaboration with NGOs allows beneficiaries to access assistance at speed and scale, brings cost efficiencies, strengthens our accountability to affected populations, and supports innovative approaches to programming.

# Capacity Strengthening: the WFP Approach

**WFP prioritizes capacity strengthening activities with national and local NGOs. Strengthening their capacity ensures a more sustainable impact of WFP interventions by empowering communities to address their own food challenges and is key to achieving sustainable development.**

WFP's partnerships with NGOs have evolved significantly in recent years, with regular consultations and earlier involvement in programme design, drawing on the close understanding of the local context by national NGOs. WFP aims to work in strategic, qualitative partnership with NGOs throughout the programme cycle.

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-based transfers; mapping food insecurity and reporting market trends; the empowerment of smallholder farmers; financial and administrative procedures; and supply chain management. These capacity strengthening initiatives are delivered directly by WFP, as well as through experienced international NGO partners with expertise and close local relationships.



## Examples of NGO Capacity Strengthening

### Bangladesh

WFP partnered 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 were equipped with knowledge and skills related to health and nutrition awareness, communication strategies, community outreach, monitoring and evaluation. SARPV passes this knowledge to the beneficiaries regularly for a sustained impact.

### Côte d'Ivoire

In the area of nutrition, including assistance to people affected by HIV/AIDS, WFP partners with Alliance Côte D'Ivoire. WFP is 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.

**"The strength of the Lao Women's Union 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

### Democratic Republic of Congo

As part of WFP's Purchase for Progress (P4P) initiative, BUCODED, a local NGO in the Democratic Republic of Congo's Kabalo territory, has played a critical role in providing women farmers with literacy training in Swahili and Lingala. The programme also provided 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.

## LAO PDR

Representatives from the Lao Women’s Union (LWU) received training in nutritional awareness and give trainings on diet, hygiene and cooking techniques in several villages. From September 2015, WFP moved from providing snacks to providing school lunches, and LWU will play a vital role, including doing nutrition-related advocacy work. Based on the successful partnership in place since 2002, LWU now oversees the implementation of the school feeding programme.

## 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 at least 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.

## 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 in terms of systems and staffing, and has partnered with different UN agencies and INGOs in various sectors.

## South Sudan

In 2014, WFP organized a Seasonal Livelihood Programming training for government and cooperating partners to provide skills and knowledge on participatory planning methodologies. National organizations are now carrying out their own planning processes and also training others. They are able to supervise projects such as dyke construction, road design, and agricultural enhancements. Wunngap Agricultural Development Agency (WADA), which was trained through a WFP partner, has since grown to be one of the best performing NGOs implementing Food for Assets programmes in the country.

## Tanzania

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



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