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Prevention always, development wherever possible, humanitarian action when necessary”

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SAVING
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WFP's Nexus Approach in Palestine

The role of WFP

WFP's **dual mandate**, strategic alignment with the 2030 Agenda and recent award of the Nobel Peace Prize are a testament of the organization's ability to holistically contribute across humanitarian, development, and peace outcomes.

WFP's **experience** in both humanitarian and development work has allowed it to establish unique strengths and capacities to support food security, nutrition, resilience, climate action and social protection in protracted crises such as Palestine. As WFP focuses on its core business of **saving lives**, it is committed to **changing lives** as well by promoting productive opportunities for vulnerable communities over the longer term while leveraging its presence, tools and partnerships to enhance contribution to development and peace.

WFP provides **food assistance** to the most vulnerable Palestinians to address their basic food security needs and in doing so guarantees a degree of stability in a highly volatile context. These interventions are complemented by nutrition-sensitive activities tailored to needs of pregnant and lactating women and mothers of children under 5 years of age to prevent undernutrition which can have lasting impact on a child's growth and learning, and consequently on national economic development. Recognizing the vital role of women in promoting lasting solutions for food insecurity, WFP is prioritizing women-headed households for the assistance it provides and in doing so supports **gender equality and women empowerment**.

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The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020 to the World Food Programme for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.

Maintaining **people at the center** is paramount to WFP's work. Selection of assistance modality is geared towards expanding people's choices and ability to decide how to redeem them. Recognizing that cash enables greater dignity for families in need, WFP has been gradually shifting from in-kind to CBT assistance.



426,000 poor and severely food insecure people reached with Cash Based Transfers and in-kind food assistance in 2020.



CBT beneficiaries in Palestine grew 10-fold over the last 10 years - from 32,000 in 2011 to 355,000 in 2020.

WFP's cash-based transfer assistance **bolsters small businesses and stimulates local markets**. CBT assistance is optimal catalyst of support to small-scale food processors, including women-headed businesses seeking



Over USD 350 million injected into Palestinian economy through local food purchases over the last 10 years.

**300
SHOPS**

Shops across Palestine where families can redeem their food vouchers, bolstering small businesses and incentivizing markets.

to increase income-generation.

Effective and equitable service delivery improves the accountability of government and builds **social cohesion**. To ensure greater inclusivity, WFP supports national authorities in modernizing its beneficiary database to equally benefit women and man, and national Social Protection Floor (SPF) to be more accessible to elderly people and persons with disabilities.



Over 32 tons of fruit and vegetables and 2,000 liters of milk produced as part of climate resilient agricultural activities, with 39% of households earning additional income.

Diversifying livelihoods reduces aid dependency. Since 2019, WFP has been providing **climate resilient agricultural** assets and training to poor families enabling them to grow food or animal fodder at home, improve nutritious intake, generate income by selling the surplus produce or reduce vulnerability to shocks and stressors by storing the food for later use.

Climate resilience activities have proven particularly beneficial for women within the male headed households in boosting their potential to become the economic and cultural agents for change as they tend to engage all family members thus demonstrating how gender equality enhances the overall household productivity and entrepreneurship.



8 organizations utilizing WFP CBT platform to meet essential needs of the people beyond food.



WFP partnered with UN Women, ILO and UNICEF in a range of joint programmes to enhance collective outcomes.

WFP leveraging its expertise and innovative approaches to **enable others fulfill their mandate**. Availing its CBT platform to partners for multi-sector assistance and the Government for its social protection transfers is one such example. At the same time WFP is forging partnerships for strengthening social protection, nutrition and gender transformative outcomes.



Successfully coordinated the approval of 119 requests for movement of humanitarian assistance on behalf of 16 organizations in 2020

WFP supports collective humanitarian efforts through its cluster coordination platforms as was the case during cessation of coordination between Israeli and Palestinian governments in 2020, where WFP-led logistics cluster assumed the liaison role on behalf of the humanitarian community to ensure continuity of humanitarian assistance.

Be it food consumers or producers, people are the driving force behind the functioning food production systems in their communities. To address this fundamental need for a strong, collective voice to share experiences, inform strategies and influence change, WFP in Palestine created a number of **people-to-people communication platforms** that enables its beneficiaries to interact in real-time in order to share information and tips or simply seek advice about their climate resilient agricultural activities. WFP's long-term vision is to expand this communication channels to include private sector and help boost a direct, producer-to-market exchange.



WAY AHEAD

As a frontline agency with dual mandate, WFP strongly supports linking efforts towards humanitarian, development, and peace objectives as an opportunity for addressing the root causes of socio-economic vulnerability and humanitarian needs in Palestine more effectively. Several initiatives are under way for WFP in Palestine to better integrate its own portfolio to increase the impact such as inclusion of youth in ongoing activities or linking resilience beneficiaries and their produce with 300 shops already existing in our network.

Building on major global commitments, WFP in Palestine will continue adjusting its operational approaches in saving and changing lives, promoting pathways to peace and

WFP HAS A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT OF CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE

2013	WFP issues the policy on how to work in peace-building settings
2016	WFP signed up to the 'Peace Promise', a set of commitments for collective action across the humanitarian, development, and peace spheres
2018	WFP contributed to Security Council Resolution 2417 which is particularly important for recognizing the direct link between conflict and hunger
2020	WFP awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

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