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COMMITTEE OVERVIEW FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

READ TO DISCOVER:

1. What is the purpose of the World Food Program?
2. What is the difference between the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization?
3. What groups of people need food aid the most

It is only once people's hunger has been satisfied that [they] can think about studying, working and contributing to the society in which they live.

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The **World Food Program**, or **WFP**, is a UN agency that helps combat global hunger. Famine and starvation are problems that affect many of the world's poorest countries, even though there is enough food in the world today for every human to live a healthy life. The World Food Program's goal is to help distribute this food to the needy and improve their level of nutrition. Poverty and hunger almost always go hand-in-hand

The WFP helps with three kinds of immediate emergency food aid. *Natural disasters* like tsunamis and earthquakes leave people without many basic supplies, including food. Areas that have *droughts* and *famines* that cause long-lasting hunger are another focus for the WFP. Also, people who have been *displaced because of war* or other types of conflict are in great need of help.

The **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** is a UN organization that helps countries develop long-term sustainable agriculture strategies. In 1961, the FAO established the World Food Program as a temporary agency to help countries with immediate food emergencies. The United Nations quickly realized that there will always be a need for short-term food aid, and the WFP was established as a permanent body in 1963. The FAO and the WFP work together to help solve the problem of world hunger, both on an immediate and permanent level.



The World Food Program solely relies upon donations of money and food from many different places. The three different sources that help provide aid are governments, companies, and individual donations. This means that countries that have access to a diverse amount of resources give to the WFP so that they can give these to the more needy people. Corporations that donate money or supplies to the WFP play an active role in sharing the wealth with the less fortunate.

The WFP is run by a 36-member **executive board**. These nations each serve three-year terms. Their job is to oversee the WFP's humanitarian and development food aid activities. The members meet four times a year in the WFP headquarters in Rome, Italy.